

## SOUTH PROVES POOR PRODUCER OF LEADERSHIP

Faculty Member at I. U. Reports on Survey of Nation.

*By Times Special*  
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., June 20.—In proportion to population at birth, New England has produced about twice as many leaders of a score of types as has the middle Atlantic or north central states, about six times as many as the south Atlantic states, and about ten times as many as the south central states, according to a report issued by Dr. S. S. Visher of the Indiana University geology faculty. He bases his figures on starred scientists in Cattell's American Men of Science, members of the National Academy of Science, and American Men of Science, and those listed in "Who's Who in America."

The north surpasses the south in practically every item studied, and there is a steady decline southward in every rank," Visher says. "With in each of the geographic regions there is, with few exceptions, a progressive southward decline. The similar rank of any state in its yield of numerous types of leaders and in various other criteria of merit warrants the generalization that a region which excels in producing important types of leaders also excels in producing other sorts of leaders, and in other significant evidences of merit. There has been a progressive decline since about 1860 in the pre-eminence of New England in the production of notables in proportion to population and a lesser decline of New York and other seaboard states."

### Increase in North

Visher's charts show that there has been a relative increase in the north central states and, to a lesser degree, in the western states. Within the north central states, and in several other groups of states, there has been systematic change in productivity, decade to decade, he points out. "These changes suggest that the relative yield of leaders often depends largely on the social and population conditions in the area," he says.

Variation among the individual states is, of course, far greater than among the groups of states. No other populous state closely approaches Massachusetts' productivity in proportion to population of any of the groups except the members of the National Academy and the men starred in 1921, in which groups Connecticut leads."

His figures indicate that populous states which have done conspicuously poorly in the production of starred scientists include Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia.

Visher closes his report by saying that in the United States there is a strong tendency for a southward decline in the production of almost all types of leaders in proportion to population, and in most other evidences of social merit.

### Decline in New England

"It also is apparent that New England and the middle Atlantic states have failed to retain the predominance of leadership in regard to various conditions which they formerly held, and that now they are being surpassed in important respects by the north central states, or even by the Pacific states," Visher says. "The facts here presented reveal a progressive decline, at least since about 1860 in the pre-eminence of New England in the production of notables in proportion to population and a lesser decline of New York and other seaboard states. In contrast, there has been a relative increase in the north central states and, to a lesser degree, in the western states. Similarly, within the north central states, and in several other groups of states, there has been systematic change in productivity, decade to decade."

"These evidences as to the changed rank of the states indicate that changes in the quality of the population and in the social conditions are relatively important in determining the rank of an area. The comparatively constant geographic influence such as climate and soil, are of fundamental importance, but not necessarily predominant."

### Architect Not Chosen

*By United Press*  
WASHINGTON, June 20.—Acting Secretary of Treasury Ogden L. Mills issued a statement Friday saying a treasury announcement naming Harry E. Boyle & Co., Evansville, Ind., as architect for additional buildings at the Evansville Marine hospital, was premature. Mills said the matter is still under advisement.

### Aged Negro Dies

*By Times Special*  
COLUMBUS, Ind., June 20.—Wallace Clark, 77, Negro, died at his home here following a three-year illness. He was born in Kentucky and came here about twenty-six years ago. He was an active member of Second Baptist church. He leaves three sons, Jesse Clark, Columbus; L. D. Clark, Louisville, and Autrey Clark, New Albany.

### Barbers' Ordinance Opposed

*By Times Special*  
ANDERSON, Ind., June 20.—Petitions signed by several thousand persons were presented to the city council asking defeat of an ordinance regulating barber shops. The ordinance, which was tabled by the council, had support of the barbers union. It proposed to license barber shops and barbers, establish uniform hours of opening and closing and provide for regular inspections as to sanitation.

### Mad Dog Bites Two

*By Times Special*  
CROWN POINT, Ind., June 20.—Two children are receiving treatment as a result of being bitten by a dog belonging to Otto G. Fife, former secretary of state, which is dying of rabies. The children bitten are a 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John DeWitt, and a 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Griesel.

### Bank President Dies

*By United Press*  
DUNKIRK, Ind., June 20.—Frank W. Merry, 57, former Republican state representative, and president of the Indiana Glass factory and First State bank of Dunkirk, died suddenly at his home here, a victim of heart disease.

## Doctor, 97, Drives 90-Horsepower Auto

*By Times Special*  
FRANKLIN, Ind., June 20.—Dr. William A. Allen, 97, Rochester, Minn., who is visiting here following conferring of an honorary degree at Franklin college, was opposed to his son becoming a physician. However, the son was persistent, even carrying books to fields of his father's farm where he worked in his youth.

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Allen, and the latter's wife, Dr. Allen's grand niece, Mrs. Wendell C. Loy, resides at Plainfield, and a niece, Mrs. Ida M. Comer, at Danville.

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## ESTATE OF WIDOW INVOLVED IN SUIT

Transfer of Securities With Value of \$22,000 Causes Action.



### Delegates

*By Times Special*  
ANDERSON, Ind., June 20.—Several days will be required to hear evidence in Madison circuit court in the suit of Harvey Childress, guardian of Mrs. Nancy Smith, 35-year-old widow, against Mrs. Wilmeth Thomas and her husband, Grover Thomas, of Pendleton. The suit, which is an action in replevin, involves Liberty bonds valued at \$9,600 and eighty-two shares of stock in the Lawrence State bank, valued at \$13,900.

Mrs. Smith, who lives on a 200-acre farm near Oaklondon, inherits the securities from her husband, Benjamin Smith, who died twelve years ago.

Recently Illinois relatives of the widow learned that Mrs. Smith was threatening to give away some of her property to other kin and they filed suit asking a guardianship, which was ordered.

### Allege Advantage Taken

The suit was pending when Mrs. Smith assigned the Liberty bonds and the bank stock to Mrs. Thomas and her husband. Mrs. Thomas is a third cousin of Mrs. Smith and spent much of her time with the aged woman. The Illinois relatives are challenging the transaction, alleging Mr. and Mrs. Thomas took advantage of the aged widow's enfeebled condition to obtain possession of the securities, while Mrs. Thomas says the bonds and the stock were given to her in carrying out wishes of the aged woman in distribution of her property.

Mrs. Smith was one of the first witnesses called to the stand. She exhibited a faulty memory concerning the events that occurred a few months ago. She recalled having assigned the bonds to Mrs. Thomas, but when questioned as to the bank stock, insisted that it was still in her possession, although she gave it to Mrs. Thomas.

### Medical Expert to Testify

Attorneys for the guardian will call Dr. Larue Carter, Indianapolis expert on neurology. He is expected to testify that the aged widow was not competent to transact business affairs when she gave away the bonds and stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had no children. Many years ago they took into their home a baby girl which grew into womanhood and married. She had two daughters, Wilmeth and Jessie, who spent many hours of their childhood at the Smith home. Mrs. Thomas recalls Mrs. Smith having said many times following the death of her husband that she intended to give all of her property to the two girls, Wilmeth and Jessie. The latter died three years ago.

### Legion Picnic Sunday

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### Many to Seek Position

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MUNCIE, Ind., June 20.—Approximately 100 applications are expected to be filed for the city school superintendency, made vacant by the resignation of Frank E. Allen, who will go to South Bend. Among out-of-towners seeking the place are Merle Abbott, Bedford; Floyd Miner, Pendleton; O. J. Neighbors, Wabash; P. W. Wieshart, Union City, and L. P. Turpin, Illinois county.

### Eloping Pair Parts

*By Times Special*  
DANVILLE, Ind., June 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Brewer, principals in an elopement following the 1928 senior class play of Danville high school in which she had a role, are principals in a divorce suit on file in Hendricks circuit court. The suit was filed by the wife, who alleges failure to provide.

### Court Bailiff Appointed

*By Times Special*  
MARTINSVILLE, Ind., June 20.—Frank B. Adams, dismissed as a deputy by Morton V. Keller, Morgan county sheriff, due to lack of funds to pay his salary, has been appointed a riding bailiff of Morgan circuit court at a salary of \$100 a month.

### Farmer Found Dead

*By Times Special*  
RUSHVILLE, Ind., June 20.—The body of Clemmie Duke, 50, Cartage, was found in his room at a farm near here today, with the throat slashed. A suicide verdict is expected by Coroner L. M. Green.

### State De Molay Meeting

*By Times Special*

MUNCIE, Ind., June 20.—Delegates from all parts of Indiana are expected here for the annual state convention of the Order of De Molay. The convention will be in session Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Attendance of 500 is expected.

### Worms Fall Tree

*By Times Special*

PORTLAND, Ind., June 20.—Albin Bicknell, Jefferson township farmer, says cut worms have brought a young peach tree down at his farm.

### For the Bride

*By Times Special*

Our Washington bureau has ready for brides a packet of ten of its helpful bulletins, particularly interesting and valuable to the June bride. The titles are:

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## 'BIRD AND BEE' MAN'S GRAVE TO BE MARKED

Tablet Will Be Unveiled at Rochester Sunday Afternoon.

*By Times Special*

ROCHESTER, Ind., June 20.—Seventeen years after his death, Isaac Washington Brown, known as "the bird and bee man," due to his crusade for bird protection, will be honored here Sunday when a bronze tablet will be unveiled at his grave in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

The Indiana Audubon Society, of which Dr. Earl Brooks is president, will have charge of an unveiling program which will begin at 2 p. m. and will be assisted by the Rochester Kiwanis Club.

"I have never taken a drink of whiskey or smoked an entire cigar in my life," Dr. Allen said in commenting on his long life. "Exercise and keeping busy are important factors in long life."

Dr. Allen is a lover of dancing. He took his first dancing lessons at the age of 12 and when 74 took what he terms a review. He calls modern dancing "mere jiggling." The waltz, two-step and three-step are his favorite dances.

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## Bull Dog Pal of Bandit

ANDERSON, Ind., June 20.—A bandit riding in an automobile with a white bulldog as a companion held up and robbed occupants of two automobiles near Anderson.

Harper Rector, farmer, was robbed of \$7, his driver's license and keys and left stranded on a road when the bandit locked the motor of his car.

Three couples were riding in the

second automobile. They lost a diamond ring, three purses, two wrist watches and about \$2.50. The victims of the robbery were Juanita Alexander, 18; Elizabeth Young, 18; Betty Durham, 20; James Elmore, 21, Elwood, and Chester Breece, 25, and Herbert Smith, Anderson. The bandit disabled Breece's automobile by severing ignition wires.

## MANY SEEKERS FOR POASTMASTER PLACE

Two Women and Several Men Candidates for Richmond Job.

*By Times Special*

RICHMOND, Ind., June 20.—Edward Conwell, 75, has appointed himself the "official hitch post remover of Richmond."

For years Conwell has gone about removing posts from public and private places. He hired Clarence Voss as his assistant.

"I don't get any pay out of the work, I just trying to do away with things which are no longer useful," Conwell explained.

Conwell and his helper also have taken down many unused lamp posts. At present he is starting a movement to remove stepping stones, and to get residents to trim their trees and keep their lawns in shape.

"Most people haven't noticed the number of objects which Voss and I have gotten rid of, but they sure would complain if we put them back," Conwell says.

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