

## DROP IN BIRTH RATE NOTED BY SCHOOL FIGURES

Demand for Higher Plane of Education Also Revealed.

A declining birth rate, coupled with an increased demand for higher education, has placed the Indianapolis public schools in an unusual situation, Superintendent Paul C. Stetson pointed out today.

While total enrollment in public schools has increased slightly more than 100 per cent in the last twenty-one years, the number of pupils entering the 1B grade has increased only 6 per cent in twenty-five years, figures being compiled at the school board offices reveal.

### High School Rate Up

Figures on 1B enrollment are not available before 1906.

High school enrollment, based on attendance at the close of the school year, shows an increase of 23 per cent in the ten years from 1910 to 1920, and 142 per cent increase between 1920 and 1930, or more than 300 per cent in the twenty-year period.

Grade school attendance reveals an increase of 25 per cent in the last ten years and 73 per cent in the last twenty years.

Divergence between the primary enrollment and the total attendance figures is accounted for, it was pointed out, by the fact fewer children are dropping out of school in the upper grades and in high school.

In 1900 there were 1,895 high school pupils in the public schools, and 19,834 grade school pupils, a total of 21,729.

### Chicago Figures Cited

At the close of school term in 1931 there were 12,275 high school pupils and 41,849 grade school pupils, a total of 54,124.

There were 5,723 first grade pupils enrolled in the 1906-7 school year, compared with 6,072 in the 1931-32 school years.

However, even the small increase in primary enrollment compared favorably with other cities, it was pointed out.

Figures from Chicago record a 10 per cent decrease in first-grade pupils in the last decade, with 211.5 per cent increase in high school enrollment.

### RADIO TO CARRY PLAN TO END HARD TIMES

Ralph A. Horr to Explain Idea Over N. B. C. System.

The plan for prevention of economic depression which was conceived in Indiana, and is incorporated in a bill now before the national house of representatives, will be the subject of a National Broadcasting Company program at 9:30 tonight.

Frank E. Hering of South Bend, past national president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, is the author of the plan, announced for the first time at the 1930 convention of Indiana Eagles held in Anderson.

Representative Ralph A. Horr, of the First district, Washington, will be the speaker for the radio program, and will discuss the Eagles' proposal for creation of a federal commission to stabilize employment.

The bill incorporating the plan was introduced by Representative Louis Ludlow of Indianapolis.

The Eagles' national employment commission, which maintains an office in Washington termed "a lobby for all the people," is headed by Conrad H. Mann, president of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; Hering is secretary, and Otto P. Deluse, Indianapolis, a member.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:

William Stewart, 1946 Reiner street, Chicago, Ind., 23-177, from Shelby and Taylor streets.

Harold Rodgers, 615 North Emerson avenue, Chicago, Ind., 44-893, from parking space at Technical high school.

D. B. Shimer, 410 East Forty-third street, Chicago, Ind., 44-893, from 1211 Walnut street.

Leo A. James, 301 North Keystone avenue, Willva-Knight sedan, from 905 Greer street.

Eugene R. Williams, 424 North Illinois street, Nash sedan, 69-774, from Indiana avenue and New York street.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:

R. N. Cahn, 3932 Central avenue, Buick sedan, found at Stock Yards.

Capital Motors Company Dodge coupe, found on Auburn street, Speedway City.

Floyd Wiley, 1319 North Alabama street, Nash sedan, found at 510 North Blackford street.

Buick sedan, 105-286, no certificate of title, found in front of 3116 North Illinois street.

Frank Maurer, 1438 North Holmes avenue, Ford coupe, found at 818 Woodlawn avenue.

Indianapolis News, Ford roadster, found at 1247 North Holmes avenue.

Buick sedan, 111-013, no certificate of title, found at 870 P. Wayne avenue.

Edison's Son Is Inventor

WEST ORANGE, N. J., May 3.—Theodore M. Edison is following in the footsteps of his famous inventor father. He has been granted exclusive patent rights on a device for the elimination of vibration in machinery.

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## Chance Offered You to Win Fame Over Radio

Times-Indiana Ballroom Contest Is Open to Amateurs.

Would you like to be named Indianapolis amateur radio champion, be given an audition, without cost, in radio station WLW studios at Cincinnati, share in \$25 cash awards, and make a one-week appearance in the Indiana roof ballroom?

If you have a talent which even your best friend doesn't know about, and you consider it good material for an entertaining radio broadcast, enter The Times-Indiana Ballroom amateur radio contest, and compete for the championship and its accompanying rewards.

The hunt for local radio talent is being staged in the Indiana roof ballroom, starting tonight, by The Indianapolis Times and Charlie Davis, who is appearing with his dance orchestra on the roof.

Any nonprofessional over 18 years of age is eligible to get out his or her best talent (recitations barred), brush it up, and enter the contest. Fill out the entry blank and mail it to The Times-Indiana Ballroom contest editor, or take it to Manager Tom Devine's office on the fifth floor of the Indiana Theater building tonight.

Who knows what path along the radio road to fame will be opened to you? The Mills Brothers, presenting one of radio's favorite programs, once were amateurs who were granted the same kind of an audition in the WLW studio which you will be given if you win the championship title.

You will not be subjected to the terrors of "mike fright" during this contest, although you will broadcast through medium of the ballroom's public address system which operates under the same principle as the radio station's equipment.

Should you be named winner of one of the preliminaries which will be held on the roof at 9:45 tonight, Wednesday and Friday nights, you will be featured on that evening's broadcast from the ballroom over radio station WFBB at 11 o'clock.

A last preliminary of The Times-Davis contest will be staged Saturday night before the finals, when the amateur champion will be chosen by a worthy group of judges, and later presented on the ballroom broadcast.

Enter the contest now.

Name—

Address—

Age..... Phone.....

Kind of Talent—

Ever paid for performance?.....

BUSINESS BOOKS OUT

Six New Volumes Placed on Downtown Branch Shelves.

Officials of the Indianapolis business branch library today announced release this week of the following books:

"Oh, Yeh," by Anny; "Theodore Roosevelt," by William H. Allen; "The Education of a Citizen," by Louis; "The Education of a Citizen," by Louis; "The Education of a Citizen," by Louis.

Pictures "H. C. L." of Profession

CHICAGO, May 3.—Attorneys for Dr. Alexander F. Stevenson contended that his membership in five exclusive clubs was a business necessity, not an expensive luxury during a hearing on his petition to reduce alimony payments to his divorced wife from \$300 to \$150 a month.

HONOR DAY PROGRAM SLATED AT BUTLER

University of Illinois Dean to Speak; Awards Scheduled.

In observance of honor day, faculty members and students of Butler university will gather at the university gymnasium at 10 Thursday for an elaborate academic program.

They will hear an address by Dr. Charles M. Thompson, dean of commerce and business school, University of Illinois. Dr. Paul L. Harworth of the faculty will preside.

President Walter Scott Athearn and deans of the university's three colleges will announce scholastic awards and honors. An academic procession will be led by Dr. Henry L. Gelston and the senior class.

Honors to be announced include membership in Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honorary; Phi Kappa Phi, university honorary; Kappa Tau Alpha, journalistic honorary, and the Alfred Marshall Society, economics honorary. Literary prizes will be given, the Woman's League scholarship cup winner will be named and keys will be awarded debating and oratory winners.

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In the effort to make ends meet, many railroads have discontinued trains, closed stations, curtailed purchases, reduced wages, laid off employees, suspended dividends.

Such economies have led some to say that the railroads are retreating under fire. That is not true.

Although forced by necessity to exercise the greatest economies, the railroads have also made numerous rate reductions, increased the safety, speed and dependability of trains, introduced new travel comforts, tried out pick-up and delivery of package freight, intensified their sales efforts to improve their earnings.

It is a struggle against odds of unequal regulation and subsidized competition, but the railroads are making that struggle with determination and resourcefulness. They ask and deserve the support of the public.

Constructive criticism and suggestions are invited.

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INDIANA U. TO HONOR FOUNDING

Celebration to Bring Back Many Alumni.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 3.—Indiana university alumni from all parts of the state and the United States will hold celebrations this month in honor of the 108th anniversary of the founding of their alma mater. Indiana university faculty and students will hold their celebration Wednesday, with Dr. John A. Miller, vice-president of Swarthmore college and world famous astronomer, as the principal speaker. Dr. Miller will speak on "An Astronomer's Universe."

Foundation day celebration here probably will be the largest of the meetings, with the Indianapolis observance the second largest. This will be held Wednesday, with Harold Buxton in charge, and will be in the form of a minstrel show.

Celebration of Foundation day on the I. U. campus will be of special significance this year, owing to the fact that on this day the university's new Union building, designed to be the center of activity, will be opened to the public for the first time. The Foundation day program will be held in the Union building auditorium. Dr. Frank M. Andrews is chairman of the local Foundation day committee.

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