

## 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.

With total enrollment in public schools has increased slightly more than 100 per cent in the last two and one-half years, the number of pupils entering the 12th 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 18 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 41,840 grade school pupils, a total of 54,574.

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

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. Horn to Explain Idea Over N. B. C. System.

The plan for prevention of economic depressions 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. Horn 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, Chrysler coupe, 33-177, from Shelby and Taber streets.

Harold Rodgers, 615 North Emerson avenue, Chevrolet coupe, from parking space at 19th and Harrison.

D. R. Shimer, 410 East Forty-third street, Chrysler sedan, 44-893, from 1231 Wright street.

Elo J. James, 301 North Keystone avenue, Willys-Knight sedan, from 905 Green street.

George S. 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:

N. C. Cain, 3932 Central avenue, Buick sedan, found at Stock Yards.

Capitol Motors Company, Dodge coupe, from 12th and Albion, 33-171.

Floyd White, 1519 North Alabama street, Nash sedan, found at 510 North Blackford street.

Buick sedan, 105-286, no certificate of title, found in front of 3118 North Illinois street.

Frank Maurer, 1438 North Holmes avenue, Ford coupe, 38-888 Woodland avenue, from 12th and Harrison.

Indiansapolis News, Ford roadster, found 21-125, from 12th and Harrison.

Buick sedan, 111-015, no certificate of title, found at 910 Ft. Wayne avenue.

### Edison's Son Is Inventor

By United Press

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.

### IS CASTOR OIL A BLADDER PHYSIC?

No, but juniper oil is. Use it to drive out impurities and excess acids that cause bladder irregularities. Get juniper oil in the form of Bokets, the bladder physic, also containing buchu leaves, etc. Use a 25c test box. If not satisfied your druggist will return you money. You are bound to feel better after this cleansing and you get your regular sleep. Sold by **Hook's** Dependable Drug Stores.—Advertisement.

**DIUREX**  
Eliminates the Poisons that Destroy Kidneys.  
Sold and Guaranteed  
At All  
HAAG DRUG STORES

## 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, 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-Charlie Davis amateur radio contest, and com-

pete 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 based, brush it up, and enter the contest.

Fill out the entry blank and mail it to The Times-Charlie Davis contest editor, or take it to Manager Tom Malone's office on the fifth floor of the Indiana Theater building.

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 upon 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, will be featured on that evening's broadcast from the ballroom over radio station WFBM 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's 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:

"On Yer" by Angly; "Theodore Roosevelt's Story of the State of the Environment in America Through Long Range Planning," by the National Environmental Protection Project; by Louis C. "Clearing up Confusions," by Jones; "Poverty in Plenty" by H. H. and G. B. Johnson in Cost Accounting," by Greer and Wilcox.

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