

New School 63 Dedicated Here

Farrington Makes Presentation Speech

Dedication ceremonies of Wendell Phillips School 63, 1115 Traub Ave., were held last night at the school.

Clarence L. Farrington, president of the Board of School Commissioners, made the presentation speech and the acceptance was by Virgil Stinebaugh, superintendent of the Indianapolis schools.

Mrs. Harriet Kelley, principal, presided at the program which included selections by the school's special choir, the Modernettes, and the Crispus Attucks High School Orchestra.

Conduct Visitors
Preceding the program, visitors were conducted through the building.

The 13-classroom building is the first complete school to be erected here since before World War II and cost \$432,161, exclusive of equipment and furnishings.

The structure replaces one destroyed by fire Jan. 8, 1946. School 55, at 1675 Sheldon St., was reconditioned and used for the school's pupils until the opening of the present fall term, Sept. 7.

Officer Pleads Guilty To Theft Conspiracy

A 39-year-old Army lieutenant accused of conspiracy in the theft of \$20,000 worth of government property pleaded guilty to the charges in Federal Court yesterday.

First Lt. John J. Ward Jr., former post engineer for Camp Atterbury, changed an earlier plea of not guilty to conspiracy in theft with Abraham Levi, 67, Elwood junk dealer, and his brother, Bernard J. Ward, 40, Calumet City, Ill.

He had pleaded guilty to other indictments charging him with receiving a \$560 bribe from Levi and actual theft of camp goods.

The Race for Survival—

Russia Found Challenge to U. S. As Its Births Rise, Deaths Drop

Soviet Population Soaring Faster Than Western World

By RICHARD KLEINER, NEA Staff Correspondent
OXFORD, O., Nov. 9—Before too many years go by, America may be forced into a birth-rate race, in order to survive as a first-rate power.

The United States and the Soviet Union are competing for world leadership, but the population of Russia is now soaring at a rate greater than ours.

Dr. Warren S. Thompson, one of the world's top population experts, says that "behind the Iron Curtain, it is highly probable that the rate of population increase is greater than in any other large population in the world."

Director of the Scripps Foundation for Research in Population Problems at Miami University here, Dr. Thompson is closely watching the changing population picture of the world.

May Decline
What he sees for the future is a western world that is now barely reproducing itself and that may even decline in population within 50 years.

Meanwhile, a large part of the remainder of the world is becoming so overpopulated that widespread famine and accompanying epidemics may again and again kill millions whenever there is a poor crop.

Russia's high rate of growth is chiefly caused by two factors. First, their death rate is down. Second, their birth rate is still high. Plenty of new babies each year.

In America, the death rate is even lower than in Russia. But our birth rate, throttled by big cities and strangled by industrialization, is on the downgrade.

This lowered birth rate is a long-term factor, and holds true even though some years—like those immediately following the war—saw record numbers of babies born.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Does Russia menace America in a vast international "birth-rate race"? Is our civilization sterilizing itself by not producing enough babies? These and other vital questions are being studied by scientists at the Scripps Foundation for Population Research at Oxford, O. This is the first of three stories on a problem engaging increasing attention from top scientific thinkers.

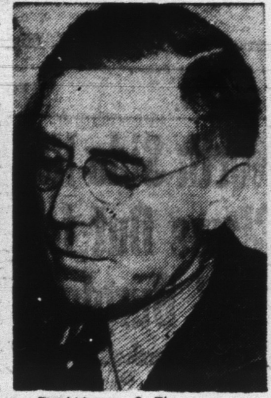
The gap between the two nations will widen with each future census. In 1940, Russia outnumbered the United States by only about 40 million people. By 1970, if present trends continue, there will be about 70 million more Russians than Americans.

And, along about 1985, America's population will level off at a figure somewhere between 165 and 170 million. It's now about 146 million. The United States, which most of us still think of as a young, growing country, will grow no more—and will even begin to decrease about that date.

How come?
Those two population factors—death and birth rates—are responsible. Here in America, science and sanitation have teamed up to lower the death rate about as far as it can go.

Statistical Trick
It's now at about 10, meaning that each year 10 out of every 1000 die. If that rate continues, the average person will live to be 100. But that's still a scientific impossibility.

So our death rate is down at



Dr. Warren S. Thompson... sees a western world now barely reproducing itself.

that 10 figure by a statistical trick. We're still catching up with the increases in life expectancy brought on by scientific discoveries. People are living now—and so lowering our death rate—who would have died years ago, were it not for modern medical and sanitary achievements.

But when we do catch up—when life expectancy increases no further—then the death rate also will decline no further. So we can't expect much population help from that source.

As for the birth rate, it's dropped so far that it scares the population experts.

Which is why our population will stop growing in about 40 years.

Problem Not Crushing
Given a world of peace, the problem of an underpopulated America is not a crushing one. We can adequately feed and clothe the population we'll have in 1985. We could probably take care of 200 million in decency and comfort, says Dr. Thompson, although there'll be more to go around if the figure is about 170 million.

But, should the worst happen, and we find ourselves in a war with a country like Russia, whose population is hatched to a shooting star while ours is hatched to a plow horse, how will that affect us?

Lots of people are now saying, so what? Numbers don't mean anything, they say, when it only takes one bombardier to drop an atom bomb.

To the statement that future wars, fought as they will be by "advanced" weapons like that bomb, require smaller armies, Dr. Thompson points out the need for a tremendous labor force to make such weapons.

Based on Numbers
Given equal resources and equal technical knowledge, Dr. Thompson says, future wars will still be decided by the numerical strength of the competing nations.

And Russia has plenty of resources. Besides, Dr. Thompson points out, "a Russian soldier can travel and fight on far less rations and with far less shelter than an American soldier needs."

From the standpoint of technical knowledge, Russia may or may not be able to produce an atom bomb now. But no scientist doubts that it will be able to do that, and more, long before 1985.

So numbers do matter. And there we're running a bad second to the Soviet Union, and steadily losing ground.

While he doesn't like the idea of a birth-rate race, feeling that it can be a bad thing for the people, Dr. Thompson sums up the problem of the population difference this way:

"If a showdown comes with Russia, maybe we'll have to compete, or resign ourselves to becoming a second-rate power like France or Britain."

TOMORROW: Will the U. S. follow ancient Rome and Greece?

Democrats to Plan Assembly Agenda Nov. 18

1949 Legislature Will Have Few Holdovers

By United Press
Indiana's 82 Democratic state legislators-elect likely will be led by a little band of men with previous experience in the General Assembly, it was indicated today.

When the Democrats who won seats in the House and Senate last Tuesday get together for an organization session, only a handful of them will be in a position to offer advice on a legislative program on the basis of experience in previous sessions.

That organization session has been set for Thursday, Nov. 18, in Indianapolis, according to Democratic state headquarters.

There, the bulk of the 82 Democrats will gather to talk over their legislative problems and draft some sort of a skeleton agenda as a program for the 1949 session of the Assembly beginning early in January.

24 Are Old Timers
But only 24 of the 82 ever have served in the Assembly before. There are three holdover Senators, three re-elected Senators, two former Senators, six re-elected Representatives, and 10 former Representatives.

The other 58 are newcomers, some of whom were not even on the primary ballot last spring—there were persuaded later to run so the party could fill its ticket.

State Chairman Ira L. Haymaker and Gov.-Elect Henry F. Schricker were expected to meet with the contingent to help outline the legislative program. Mr. Haymaker is a newcomer to state-level politics. But Mr. Schricker has been in state government for years. He first was a state Senator, before he became Lieutenant-Governor and later Governor, and so he has legislative experience from which to draw in advising the newcomers.

Heller Vermillion Stand Out
Now that the Democrats control the House by a 61-33 margin and have the over-all advantage in both Houses of 82 Democrats to 67 Republicans, Rep. Robert H. Heller, Decatur, and Sen. Walter Vermillion, Anderson, are standouts in their party's delegations.

Mr. Heller was minority floor leader in the 1945 and 1947 sessions of the House and Mr. Vermillion was minority floor leader in the Senate during the same sessions.

From an experience standpoint, the Republicans are in much better shape. Although they lost in the services of such leaders as House Speaker Hobart Creighton, who quit the legislative race to run unsuccessfully for Governor; House Majority Leader George W. Henley of Bloomington, and Sen. Clyde R. Black of Logansport, both of whom were defeated Nov. 2, nearly 50 of the 67 Republicans in both Houses are old-timers at the game.

Plan Military Rites for Veteran

Military services for George W. Wallsmith, one of the first Indiana World War II draftees, who died yesterday in Veterans' Hospital after a prolonged illness, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow in McCord funeral home, Oaklawn.

Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery there.

A lifelong Indianapolis resident, Mr. Wallsmith, who was 36, lived on R. R. 14 in the Castleton district. After being drafted and given basic training in 1941 he was released from service, but was recalled and sent overseas immediately after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

He fought as a combat infantryman in at least five major

West Side in Mourning For 'Grandpa' Forbes

'Nice Old Man' Dies After Train Accident

A pall of gloom hangs heavily over the residents in the 3200 block of W. Michigan St. today. Especially saddened are the neighborhood children.

"Grandpa" George C. Forbes is dead. He died on the operating table in General Hospital at 2:40 this morning, six hours after his mangled body was found on the railroad tracks at W. Michigan St. and Warman Ave. He was 86.

Mr. Forbes, who was born in Goodrich, Mich., was a popular and kindly figure known to everyone in his neighborhood. He was particularly known as "the nice old man" who took his afternoon constitutional and never failed to pass a kind word to the neighbors, or to stop and chat with the children.

Yesterday he left the home of his daughter, Mrs. Neva McMorris, 3220 W. Michigan St., with whom he lived.

He was off for his afternoon walk. But when he didn't return for dinner, Mrs. McMorris began to worry. She called the police.

Last night at 8:30, Grandpa Forbes was found. He was lying still alive but with both legs severed beside the New York Central tracks. Beside him lay his cane.

Doctors at General Hospital did everything to help Grandpa Forbes, and the neighbors prayed hard when they heard of his critical condition. But the kind old man had lost too much blood to win the grim battle he was fighting.

Mr. Forbes was for 20 years agent of the Terra Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Lines at Knightstown. After the death of his wife in 1927 he retired.

Besides Mrs. McMorris, he is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. Raymond Denny, Crawfordsville, and Mrs. Gibson E.

4 State Legislators Lose Back Pay Tilt

Four of five Republican state legislators seeking \$25,000 in back pay for other state jobs appeared today to have lost the final round in their battle to collect the money.

The State Supreme Court voted against their petition for a rehearing of their case yesterday. The vote was 4-1. Head Judge James A. Emmert cast the dissenting vote.

The legislators, Sen. Clyde R. Black and Reps. Charles Miser, Elmer Weller and Beecher Conrad, recently were told they could not collect the money because dual job-holding was unconstitutional.

OES Unit to Meet

Mrs. Sonoma Woodruff, worthy grand mistress of the Indiana Grand Chapter, OES, will inspect Brookside Chapter 481, OES, Friday in the Brookside Temple, 10th and Gray Sts. Dinner at 6:30 p. m. will be followed by the inspection at 8 p. m.

Kidnap-Robbery Story Probed

Escaped by Ruse, Evansville Man Says

Police today probed the kidnapping of an Evansville trucking company official who said he escaped his captors in Indianapolis when the car they were riding in ran out of gas in the 900 block of E. Washington St.

Clarence G. Utley, 49, told police he was seized by two gunmen when he got into his car at Evansville.

Mr. Utley, assistant manager of the Lamasco Transfer Co., heavy machinery movers, said he got away on the pretext of getting gasoline for the stalled car.

He told a service station attendant to call police. Patrol cars rushed to the scene but failed to find the kidnapers.

Mr. Utley said his abductors had taken more than \$112 from him and had ordered him to drive to Ft. Wayne.

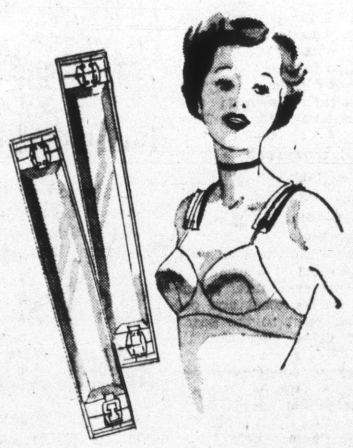
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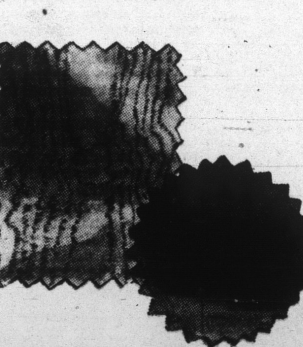
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Announcing ATLANTIC a new telephone name for Indianapolis

ATLANTIC, another new prefix name for telephone numbers in Indianapolis, will go into use shortly. The new name represents a dial unit recently installed in our Headquarters Building at 240 North Meridian Street.

Atlantic will, in the near future, furnish facilities for about 300 new telephone numbers in the downtown area. Later over 10,500 telephones will be transferred from Belmont and Cherry to Atlantic. This new unit, costing about a million dollars, will bring the total of prefix names in the city's telephone system to twenty.

Addition of Atlantic is part of the Telephone Company's \$20,000,000 three-year program to extend and improve your telephone service in Indianapolis.

Follow Usual Procedure in Dialing

To reach an ATLantic telephone, dial A, and then T, followed by the numbers in their proper sequence.



INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Rites Tomorrow For Local Lawyer

Services for Everett W. Trook, Indianapolis attorney who died Sunday at his home, 3114 College Ave., will be held at 10 a. m. tomorrow in Flanner and Buchanan mortuary. Burial will be in Converse.

Mr. Trook, who was 75, was an attorney here 50 years. A graduate of Indiana University Law School, he had offices in Fletcher Trust building.

A native of Converse, he was a member of Shriners, Columbia Club and Masonic Lodge 650, Matthews. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity in Indiana University.

While in school he was captain of the university debating team. He taught school at Roseburg two years and practiced law at Matthews three years before coming to Indianapolis.

Surviving are two nephews, Dr. Edward M. Trook and Walter Litzenberger, both of Marion, and three nieces, Ruth Anne, Bell Trook and Mrs. Kathleen Shaw, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Norman Byers, Bedford.

'Boss for a Day'

Frederick W. Feibelman, 20, of 4035 Central Ave., is one of the 125 Wharton School students of the University of Pennsylvania who will be "boss for a day" when the Gimbel Brothers New York store turns over its entire operation to the University of Pennsylvania students Nov. 17.

Mr. Feibelman, a senior majoring in marketing will replace Samuel Dicks, buyer of shoes on that day.

Mackenzie King Ailing

OTTAWA, Nov. 9 (UP)—Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King is under doctor's orders to "take it easy" for a few days, his office said today. He contracted a circulatory ailment while in London to attend the Dominion's conference.

Deny Variance to Build Mortuary on North Side

A petition for variance submitted by Flanner and Buchanan Inc., was denied at a meeting of the City Zoning Board yesterday.

The funeral directors sought the variance in order to construct a mortuary in the 1300 block of Broad Ripple Ave.

The petition was denied after arguments by John Watkins, attorney for 75 property owners, who held that the original land grant provided for construction of residences only.

FIRE CRACKER

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Nov. 9 (UP)—Fireman Virgil Fears was shot in the leg when he tried to help put out a fire. As he rushed into a burning cafe yesterday a pistol hanging on the wall discharged a bullet.

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