

New School 63 Dedicated Here

Farrington Makes Presentation Speech

Dedication ceremonies of Wenzell 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 Steinbaugh, 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 Crispin Attacks 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 thefts 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. That, alone, means more people. 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—show record numbers of babies born.

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.

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 as far as it can go.

Plan Military Rites for Veteran

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 Mathews. 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 Litzinger, both of Marion, and three nieces, Miss Anna Bell Trook and Mrs. Kathleen Show 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 Dickens, buyer of shoes on that day.

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.

Mackenzie King Ailing

OTTAWA, Nov. 9 (UPI)—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.

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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.

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 hitched to a shooting star while ours is hitched to a slow 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.

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, we may well 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?

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