

School Teachers For Census Task In 1950 Proposed

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WASHINGTON.—The Bureau of the Census has come forth with the proposal that facts for the 1950 census be collected as far as possible by school teachers willing to work as regularly paid enumerators. According to officials of the bureau the plan "frankly seeks to capitalize upon the assets of the teaching profession."

In a pamphlet issued to the profession it suggests that the teachers "by suggestion and selection are well prepared to enter quickly into the important tasks of census enumeration. If about 600,000 teachers and other qualified school employees volunteer, the work will require about one week of full-time service, plus some additional time for training, follow-up and verification," the bureau estimates.

"The teachers of America built an enviable record for effective work during the World War. No other group of public employees is more widely recognized by the public for their idealism and their interest in the general welfare."

As for the teachers themselves, it is pointed out that they would gain an opportunity to serve in an important national undertaking and their direct contact with the community in an important service capacity would add to their prestige. Other advantages would include:

"Experience in dealing with people—of gaining a comprehensive acquaintance with the area in which their school serves. Realization of the nature of many phases of American life and of the sources of statistical information which may be used later in the classroom. Satisfaction in knowing that they have contributed to the development of more exact information on our population, industries, occupations, agriculture and housing."

The 123,000 enumerators who collected the 1940 census facts were selected from all groups available for employment at the time. But the Bureau of the Census believes that procedures used in the past have resulted in errors and incompleteness in the information compiled.

School officials and boards of education are asked to consider making it possible for teachers and other qualified school personnel to serve as enumerators by adjusting the school calendar 1949-50 to allow a week of free time during the period of April 1 to 15, 1950.

Teacher's Pet?



Left at home when Alonzo Burnham went to school in Schenectady, N. Y., this pup wasn't happy at all. If he was kept inside the house he chewed the window shades; if he was tied outside he barked continuously. Finally let out, he raced to school, to be with Alonzo. Teacher says he's a model, and silent, pupil.

Mail Now For Assurance of Yule Delivery Is Urge

Last call was sounded today by Postmaster L. L. Wimberly for patrons wishing to have Christmas cards and gift parcels delivered to cities any distance by Christmas day.

Emphasizing that only five days remain until Christmas, the local postmaster warned late mailers that air mail and air parcel post facilities should be used exclusively. Otherwise, due to the unprecedented volume of mail now in transit, gifts traveling by slower methods face the probability of not reaching their destination in ample time.

He pointed out that mail going by air will reach any city in the United States overnight, and in some instances will reach overseas points in 24 hours, particularly to United States possessions and territories as well as Canada, Mexico and Cuba.

"With a modern postal system second to none, our 42,000 post offices stand prepared to expedite incoming and outgoing holiday traffic through the last minute. However, tardy patrons must take the responsibility from here on out unless they use our fastest transportation—which is air mail and air parcel post," said Wimberly.

The postmaster said that Friday, the peak of 38,000 machine cancellations of letter mail had been reached. This figure is better than 3,000 over last year's peak, he said.

A sorting station for Christmas mail has been set up in the Crosson Hotel building, in order to keep the congestion out of the

Rented Plane Crashes Line at Cave Junction

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Ed Abbey, of O'Brien, crashed an Aeronca Champion airplane rented from the Grants

Pass Air Service into a power line back of a cafe in Cave Junction Sunday afternoon, demolishing the plane. Abbey suffered cuts and bruises. He was reported in fair condition at Josephine General Hospital this morning.

According to California-Oregon power company officials, the line was broken at 2:55 p. m., cutting off all power to Cave Junction.

State police and CAA officials are investigating the case. Re-

ports of witnesses said that Abbey had "buzzed" the mill and then, in attempting to "buzz" the cafe, struck the power line and came down between the cafe and a house in the rear.

Denmark's Royal Palace Scorched by Brief Fire

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A fire broke out in the Royal Palace today and 20 fire engines

rushed to the scene. They put out the blaze in a few minutes as King Frederik watched. The blaze apparently was caused by a short circuit in a valet's room, directly below the King's apartments.

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A Superior Court jury acquitted them yesterday after more than 30 hours deliberation. The trial lasted three weeks.

The men are: Council President Charles S. Freeman, Councilmen Andrew M. Cataldo, Thomas J. Dawson, Jr., and Roland Merullo, and real estate man Benjamin Seigel.

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Soldier Romeo Flees Stockade

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Former Paratrooper Edward J. Lada, who cracked the Russian blockade for his love (or loves), has disappeared from the U. S. Army jail where he was held.

His absence from the stockade was discovered Saturday night. MP's went immediately to the homes of his two German girl friends, one of them the mother of his two-year-old daughter, Lada was not with either of them.

Lada had been held at the Army stockade on charges of illegal entry into Berlin. The 28-year-old Newark, N. J., veteran hitchhiked through the Soviet zone in November. He was arrested after he went to the U. S. consulate to try to legalize his visit.

Lada told authorities he had come to see his sweetheart. He didn't say at first there were two of them.

He said he came for Ursula Schmidt, blonde, 21-year-old actress. Then he said he wanted to marry Ruth Rieckl, 23-year-old mother of his daughter. He asked for a visa for Ruth and the baby. She already had been turned down once because of ill health.

Ursula told military police she wrote to Lada and "told him off."

Three U. P. Crewmen Die In Crash of Track Cars

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Three Union Pacific track crewmen were killed and 14 others injured Saturday night when two motor track cars collided west of here.

Dead are John Racanelli, 47, track crew foreman living at Bonneville, but formerly of Portland; Raymond J. Olson, 32, laborer, Bonneville, and Wilford E. Croshaw, 55, laborer, Cascade Locks.

Four men, including the three killed, were riding a small west bound "speeder." The second was pulling another car and the two carried 13 men traveling east to Cascade Locks.

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