

More Children Born on the Farms Than in Urban Districts

NEW YORK, (AP)—The birth rate in the farming areas of the United States is 21 percent greater than in the cities and 24 percent greater than in the urban districts, according to a report published today by the Institute of Social and Demographic Research, of the City of New York.

The report, "A Census of American Villages," is the result of the first tabulation ever made of the United States census data for villages. The villages in question are those having from 250 to 2,500 inhabitants.

The figures in the report show that in the farming areas the average number of children to each 100 married women between 15 and 45 years of age is 22.7 in the cities, 27.5 in the villages and 29.5 in the farming areas. The average number is 19.5.

More Men on Farms
The population in the villages is shown by the report to be very different in its composition and characteristics from the population in the nearby farming areas. The analysis shows, for example, that in the farming areas the population there are 165 men to every 100 women, while in the villages there are only 95 men to every 100 women.

Under his direction, on them and other differences. Dr. C. S. Fisher, the author of the report, questions the validity of the census procedure, which makes no distinction between the cities, the villages and data for the rest of the rural population.

The report states that the census data for 1920, percent of 10, 10,225 villages in the United States having populations between 250 and 2,500 were tabulated and analyzed in the study, and that this sample was carefully selected to include representative villages in the middle Atlantic region, the

Berlin's New Chief of Police to Clean City

BERLIN (AP)—Berlin has a new chief of police, and everybody knows it. His name is Dr. Friedenberg, and he succeeds Herr Richter who was swept out of office because of his friendship with the Tammany brothers, involved in one of the largest of post-war financial scandals.

Dr. Friedenberg has a far wider view than one usually associates with a Prussian official. He has spent six years in foreign countries, chiefly in the United States and Great Britain, and is keenly appreciative of the horror that the foreigner has of official red tape and bureaucracy. He therefore seems best equipped to sweep these bureaucratic evils from Berlin.

One task confronting him is that of fighting corruption and loose morals in the "German Capital." During the inflation period all sorts of vices, such as gambling, drinking, and even murder, spread in Berlin to an alarming degree.

The new chief of police seems determined to clean up the city. He conducts most raids personally, and already his name is feared among the element that stuns the light of day.

The new chief of police is much interested in the international aspects of the control of crime. He is of the opinion that the modern criminal has so many technical devices at his disposal, such as the airplane, the radio, the fast automobile, etc., that an ever closer cooperation between the police forces of the different countries is essential.

HUNGRY RATS REBEL AT DIET OF VITAMINS
BERKELEY, Cal. (AP)—Some white rats, under observation for the effects of a newly discovered vitamin, recently tipped over their cages in search of food and, seeing nothing else handy, started in to devour the record book of their activities made in the household science department of the University of California.

When the class conducting the experiments gathered next day, the record book was found in bad shape. Several valuable pages had been chewed out. The rats were still rattling around looking for something more edible.

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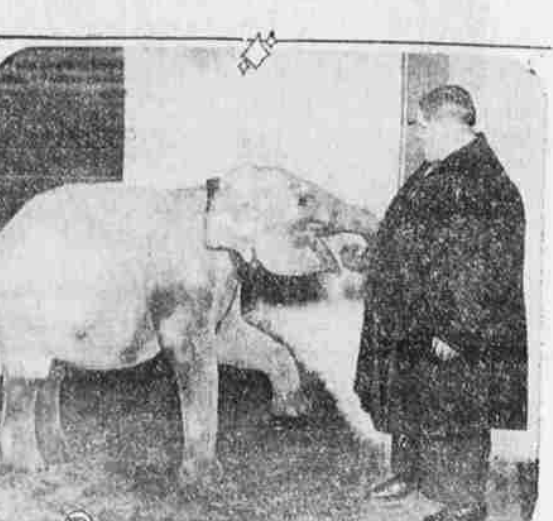
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SPRING IS HERE and it will soon be planting time. So this Dalhousie woman of British Columbia, Calif., hitched old Dolly to the plow and begins making ready for seed bed.



END OF A CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLE HERE. Two buck deer began a fight to death for the supremacy of the herd near Klamath Falls, Ore. Their horns got locked and, when found several days later, one was dead from exhaustion and starvation and the other was so weak he could hardly stand.



HE'S BIGGER THAN AN ELEPHANT. Emil Hoehne, 21, five feet and three inches tall, weighs 585 pounds. Just arrived from Bremen, Germany, Emil went over in New York to meet Dolly, the circus elephant. Dolly weighs but 300 pounds. Here the cameraman caught him.



IN JUST 45 MINUTES five amateur fishermen caught a truck-load of smelt in the Sandy River, near Portland, Ore. When the smelt take a notion that it is time to run up to the spawning grounds, the river is literally filled with them. Then the entire countryside goes fishing.



A CHANCE TO BE A REAL SHERIFF, and James C. Belden, New York City, student at the University of Pennsylvania, grabbed it. He is posing the part of "Ramon" in the university's Mask and Wig Club show.



WALTER S. KAY, fingerprint expert of the U. S. army, examining the flesh of fingers from the body of a soldier washed up at Galveston. From the test he was able to identify the body.

AUTO DIVES INTO RIVER
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — Five athletes had a narrow escape from death near Bonanza when the machine they were riding plunged off the highway and catapulted into the river, according to word received here.

With extreme difficulty the men were able to extricate themselves from beneath the heavy touring car and swim to safety. The machine was almost completely demolished. It was driven by Peter Simmons, but authorities did not learn the names of his companions.

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