

Census Takers Were Pretty Nosey Several Decades Ago. Marion County Data Reveals

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Noses of federal census takers are not getting much longer — it only seems that way.

It is a safe bet that most of the questions to be asked in the 1950 census next summer are those which have been asked of the citizenry in one form or another for a long time.

The government started counting American noses in 1790. Since then, every 10 years, it has conducted a survey of the population that has become increasingly bulky and more nose-y.

Those who have raised a cry recently over the census bureau's proposal to pry into private incomes should scan the old records. Both private and business lives are bared in the earliest census.

The first federal census in 1790 listed only the number of inhabitants, free, white and slave. By 1810 the inquiry had become more detailed, listing the citizens according to age groups.

First in 1850

First federal census in Marion county was taken in 1850 by W. H. Rees, proprietor of the town of Butteville. This was the seventh federal population count. Already the number of questions had grown to include a list of family deaths in the past year and a breakdown in agriculture and business production and profits.

Questions in this seventh survey concerned such population classifications as age, color, birth, marriages, dwellings, families and school attendance.

The government wanted to know how many adults could not read or write, and how many could not speak English, and how many were "deaf, dumb, blind, insane or idiots." The census taker listed such things as newspapers, periodicals, libraries (not private), churches and church property values and congregations.

In the mortality lists filled out by the census taker the number and cause of family deaths were recounted. An agriculture census listed the number of acres and their value for each farmer. It listed the amount and value of crops and livestock.

The industrial census of 1850 wanted to know of each industry in Marion county, the amount of capital invested in real and personal property, cost of raw materials used, source of power (all water in Marion county), number of workers, their monthly cost and the quantity and value of products turned out.

6 Industries

Marion county's six listed industries (all grist and saw mills) totaled \$48,000 in capital investments, they used \$118,800 of raw materials that year, had 42 male workers (no women), produced annually \$285,400 in goods and listed the average monthly scale of male labor at \$50 per month.

A "social statistics" section of the census that year showed one school in the county (an academy at Salem with 90 pupils and three teachers) three churches (all Catholic) with 733 parishioners. The labor scale then was \$4 per day for a day-laborer without board, \$3 with board; \$5 per day for a carpenter, and female domestic, \$6 per day.

Oregon entered statehood in 1859 and in 1865 the state undertook a census of its own. This was a combination population count and tax roll and so was a public record. This nose-count only listed names of family heads and merely gave the number of the rest of the family.

Placed Evaluations

It listed how much land each individual owned (rural and urban) and its value, the value of the individual's personal property, the amount and value of agricultural and industrial products, the amount of county and state taxes paid and whether the one being gridded paid a poll and a state military tax.

The Marion county census that year began with the name of Jesse Adams, 640 acres, \$1,700, and ended with Henry J. Zumwalt, 310 acres, \$1,400.

By 1870 the federal census taker wanted to know the value of both real and personal property of citizens. This census was taken locally by J. Henry Brown, local historian. The census then was taken by voting precincts. The Salem precinct took in a wide area reaching nearly to Turner as its southern boundary.

Immigration Figures

Census questions that year showed the government's budding interest in two facets of American life — immigration of the foreign-born and civil rights.

As this nation later formulated its immigration laws the questions concerning the number of Americans of foreign birth, and the foreign ancestry of others were to become more detailed and numerous in future censuses.

The civil rights provisions had been added recently to the American constitution as a result of the civil war, and in 1870 the government indicated an interest in seeking abridgments of those rights. One question of the 1870 census asked if the individual questioned had ever been denied suffrage, except for reason of rebellion against the government (southerners) or for being convicted of a crime.

Several Volumes

As contrasted to the slim report of the 1790 census the official report of the 1870 survey covered several bulky volumes crammed from front to back and from Oregon to New York with facts and figures concerning the nation's wealth, taxation, public indebtedness of the states, agriculture, manufacturing, mining, fisheries, wages, value of home manufactures, value of animals slaughtered or sold for slaughter, crops and livestock values, and other items of the nation's life.

The population report was a

Census Books Depict Growth



There is a lot of difference between the 1850 notes of the census taker in Marion county and the numerous bound volumes of information about Marion county and Oregon resulting from the 1940 census. Above looking through the Journal of the seventh U. S. census, 1850, is Eloise Ebert, new administrative assistant at the state library. The journal was compiled by hand and contained statistics about population, business and agriculture. The volumes at the left are about population, labor force, characteristics of population and characteristics by age, and agriculture statistics for counties, all compiled during the 1940 census. There are more than 150 separate large volumes of census statistics besides scores of separate published reports, bulletins and articles. (Statesman photo).

J. H. Nickerson, 67, Dies; Was Confined to Hospital Since 1922

James H. Nickerson, 67, died Sunday at Salem Memorial hospital where he had been confined with arthritis since 1922. Death followed a serious illness of six weeks.

Nickerson was a member of IOOF lodge, attending the annual homecomings at Salem lodge in a wheel chair for many years after he was hospitalized. He joined Samaritan lodge, Portland, in 1905. Members of both lodges took an interest in his welfare during his long confinement.

Born in Franklin, Pa., Apr. 20, 1882, Nickerson moved to Portland at the turn of the century. He was a Spanish American war veteran.

Before moving to Salem in 1912 Nickerson was a teamster and a cub reporter for the Portland Oregonian. He came here as a reporter for the city and later farmed in this area before he was stricken. During World War I he was a secret reporter for federal agents.

Nickerson married Ella Hoffman at Yamhill. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Ethel Snyder of Canby, Thelma Winona and Sarah Nickerson, all of Portland; and a sister, Mrs. R. C. Williamson of Millville, N.J.

Services will be announced later by Howell-Edwards chapel.

3 Injured by Bullets Used To Celebrate New Year

CHICAGO, Jan. 1—(AP)—Three persons were wounded by stray bullets when live ammunition was used to celebrate the new year's arrival early today.

John J. Linneman, 54, a driver for the Chicago Motor Coach company, was struck in the shoulder as he stood in the doorway of his home on the west side. Two men were wounded superficially on south side streets.

Measles Save Life of Young Oklahoma Boy

TULSA, Okla.—(INS)—Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Broach, of Tulsa, prayed for days their son David would catch the measles.

He did and his life was saved. Last Dec. 16 the 18-month-old boy was stricken with nephritis, which infections the kidneys, taking the protein from the blood. About 50 per cent of the children who contract the disease die.

Mrs. Broach wrote to a noted Boston child specialist and he told them not to try the measles cure, an experiment with nephritis at Barnes hospital in St. Louis. He said he felt David was too young.

After David had undergone 10 blood transfusions the couple decided to try the experiment. David was put in the same bed with a youngster who had the measles.

He finally caught the measles, lost much of his puffiness in 10 days and recovered almost magically.

"Measles are wonderful," Mrs. Broach said.

Townpeople Express Faith In Dr. Sander

CANDIA, N.H., Jan. 1—(AP)—Neighbors, fellow physicians and Protestant clergymen today expressed "continued faith in the integrity" of Dr. Hermann N. Sander, 40, charged with murder in the so-called mercy killing of a dying cancer patient.

Dr. Sander was accused of injecting a total of 40 cubic centimeters of air into the veins of Mrs. Abbie Borroto, 59, whose death from cancer of the large bowel appeared imminent.

He is free under \$25,000 bond awaiting grand jury deliberation of the case Tuesday.

Praise for Doctor

A petition signed by 605 of this town's 650 voters praised Dr. Sander as "devoted to the highest interests of human welfare at all times."

A delegation of his neighbors presented the document to the physician in the doorway of his home.

"Use this as you see fit," they told him.

"Thank you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart," the doctor replied in a voice barely above a whisper.

Support for Dr. Sander also came tonight from the New Hampshire Academy of General Practice.

Reaffirm Confidence

Dr. George Brown of Concord, president of the group, said after a board meeting: "We reaffirmed our confidence in Dr. Sander."

The state's attorney general, a lifelong acquaintance of Dr. Sander, said, however, "the case will be presented forcefully and in complete detail regardless of personalities and theories involved to the end that justice may be met."

The petition began circulating from house to house in this quiet New Hampshire home town of Dr. Sander shortly after ministers supported the popular young physician from their pulpits.

The Hillsboro county grand jury will be given the case against Dr. Sander Tuesday.

Escape Attempt Ends When Thief 'Barely' Can Stand

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A passerby spotted a man pounding away on the safe in a restaurant at 4 a. m. That was the beginning of a series of frustrations for the burglar.

When police arrived he scuttled for the rear exit but couldn't find it. He climbed to a skylight and smashed his way to the roof—but the drop to the ground was too far. He crawled into the bedroom of an adjoining apartment—but the occupant woke up and chased him downstairs. He crouched in a closet, where the officers found him. Then came the final blow.

When he stood up his pants fell down. They were weighted with \$8.10 in small change sales tax collections stolen from the restaurant.

Union Hill Farmers Meet to Sample Soils

SILVERTON—Farms of the Union Hill Group one of the Silver Creek Soil Conservation district, met in the district offices at the Washington Irving building Friday night. Sampling of soils and reports from samples taken were featured. The group also visited the Silverton Greenhouse to inspect the fertilizer test plots arranged by Harry Riches, county agent.

Attending were Maurice Heater, Dolph Heater, Henry Hanson and Robert Morrison.

HOLIDAY FOR CHURCHILL

FUNCHAL, Madeira Island, Jan. 1—(AP)—Winston Churchill arrived at this Portuguese vacation island today accompanied by his wife for a two week holiday.

JOHNNY'S SAFE

WASHINGTON—(AP)—It took firemen with an acetylene torch an hour to rescue 11-year-old Johnny Arnold from the abandoned vault he locked himself into while fleeing older boys who were teasing him.

Liquor retailers must obtain local licenses before being granted state licenses in Illinois and Georgia.

John Charles Thomas
AND
The Kings Men
Monday through Friday 9:45 A.M.
KOCO 1490 K.C.

Swim Impulse Ends in Death

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 1—(AP)—A northside youth's impulse to go for a midnight swim on New Year's eve ended in his death.

The coroner's office said Lewis F. Chambers, 21, removed his clothing and plunged into ice-crusting Hardy's lane at nearby Wildwood while four companions watched. They called state police when he failed to come to the surface.

His body was found under the ice about an hour later.

Laborite to Talk in Salem

"Political Issues in England" will be discussed at a public meeting here Tuesday by C. Colin Jackson, labor candidate for parliament from Newbury.

Mr. Jackson will be at 10 a. m. in Willamette university gymnasium.

Jackson is touring North America to study student life in preparation for writing a book, President of the England Law Society, he is serving as debate organizer for the National Union of Students.

A year ago the 27-year-old attorney spent a summer on tour of South African universities, debating and speaking, and early this year made a similar journey to India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

Vikings Play Frosh, Teds

Salem high's basketball varsity returns to action in Tuesday and Friday night games this week, and from the looks of the opponents the Vikings will face Coach Harold Hawk's crew will have to be at its very best. If not better, to break even for the week. The Viki Tuesday night play the Oregon Frosh at Eugene in a 6:15 o'clock prelim to the Oregon-Columbia game at McArthur court. On Friday night the Viki return to their home arena to play Kellie Rourke's defending state champion Roosevelt Teds of Portland, another of the potential Portland titlists right along with Jefferson and Grant.

Stitchers Club Fetes Families

Statesman News Service

VICTOR POINT — Husbands and families of the members of the McAlpin Stitches club were entertained at dinner and an evening of singing, music and dancing last week at the Waldo Hills club house.

Holiday decorations were used in the dining room, arranged by Mrs. Ward Terry, Mrs. J. C. Krenz and Margaret Doerfler. General arrangements were made by Mrs. Oswald Johnson and Mrs. J. M. Doerfler made and poured the coffee. Mrs. Eric Fisher is club president, and arranged the affair which is held annually.

No meeting of the club will be held in January. Regular meetings will be held beginning on February 2, at the home of Mrs. Herman Smith.

Barking Dog Arouses Family During Fire

PORTLAND, Jan. 1—(AP)—A barking dog was credited early today with awakening a family of three that escaped flames which gutted a market and home building here. The dog perished.

Mrs. Robert Robinson said the flames were eating into the sleeping rooms when the dog's barking awakened her. She aroused her husband and a son and they fled the fire through a rear store door.

YALE CREW WINS

PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 1—(AP)—Hitting the finish line with a terrific spurt, Yale's varsity crew won the third annual Regatta of the Palm Beaches today over Pennsylvania by a scant three feet.

PRACTICAL

EASTON, Pa.—(INS)—Students in Lafayette college's School of International Affairs live together so that they can discuss subjects in the curriculum and can learn and practice French and other foreign languages which are graduation requisites.

Arnall Shows New Interest in Governorship

ATLANTA, Jan. 1—(AP)—Ex-Gov. Ellis Arnall today sought an official opinion of his eligibility to run for chief executive of Georgia in 1950.

Thus, the chubby, fighting little man raised the possibility of a knock-down, drag-out fight with Gov. Herman Talmadge for political control of the state.

The question, posed by Arnall in a letter to Attorney General Eugene Cook, may well involve the eligibility of Talmadge as well.

Arnall observed in his letter that his request was motivated by a desire to spare the state another "two governor" squabble.

The "two governor" incident was a political legacy of the late Eugene Talmadge, Herman's father, who was elected, but died before taking office.

In 1946, the general assembly held that under the circumstances it had the right to name the governor and promptly named the younger Talmadge to the office.

Arnall said "nuts" to the whole proposition and maintained that he was governor until another was duly elected and qualified.

After remaining in office five days beyond the normal expiration of his term, Arnall resigned in 1947 to the then Lt. Gov. M. E. Thompson.

Meanwhile, Talmadge claimed he was governor and thus the state was for 67 days treated to the spectacle of two men claiming the high office.

Early in 1947, Cook ruled that the general assembly had exceeded its authority and the state supreme court upheld him, thus ousting Talmadge from the gubernatorial chair.

Thompson served two years and then was defeated by young Talmadge in a fight to serve the remaining two years.

Eligibility Questioned

The question of eligibility arises over a constitutional provision that a governor may not run for re-election "until after the expiration of four years from the conclusion of his term of office."

Thus the question posed is whether Arnall by remaining in office five days beyond the allotted time, automatically disqualified himself, or whether his term, because of the death of Eugene Talmadge, actually ran until January, 1951.

For Talmadge the question raised is whether he merely is acting governor, serving an unexpired term, or whether he is governor within the meaning of the constitution and thus ineligible to run again for four years.

One political observer pointed out that Cook, a man with political ambitions himself, might possibly hold that both are ineligible.

Czech Sentenced to Death as Spy for U. S.

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Jan. 1—(AP)—A former member of the Czechoslovak parliament has been sentenced to death as a spy for the United States, the Slovak newspaper Pravda said today.

It identified him as Karol Folta, former leader of the now-outlawed Slovak democratic party, and said his wife, Zuzana, got 25 years on similar charges.

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Baby Weighs Only 6 Ounces

KEOKUK, Ia., Jan. 1—(AP)—The first baby born in Keokuk in 1950 weighed only six ounces, but both mother and baby were reported doing fine.

The baby, a robust male, was born a few minutes after midnight behind a hotel. It belongs to Henry Sanders, the hotel owner.

The baby is a muntjac—a rare species of dwarf deer from Java. When full grown the deer stand only about a foot and a half high.

The parents live in a private zoo Sanders runs as a hobby. Sanders said a successful birth of one of the tiny animals in captivity is very rare.

Contract Said Biggest Taken By Salem Firm

The \$4,750,455 California highway tunnel project on which Carl M. Halvorsen, Inc., and H. Halvorsen, Inc., are low bidders is believed to be the largest ever involving a Salem firm, it was reported Saturday.

Elling Halvorsen of Salem said that he and his sons, Carl of Portland and Halvor of Spokane, will operate together as Halvorsen Contractors. The project near Santa Barbara will get underway in late January or early February, he said.

The sons were in Halvorsen Construction company here with their father until about two years ago, then formed their own firms. Working together for the past 10 years, they came to Salem in 1942 from Billings, Mont. The elder Halvorsen said they came here instead of going to Portland, at the instigation of R. L. Elstrom and worked with him on various war building contracts over the northwest.

Coal Walkout Rumor Heard

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1—(AP)—Soft coal operators considered the possibility today that John L. Lewis planned to call his miners out on strike at key companies this week.

Reports persisted in the field that the miners in scattered parts of West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio and elsewhere would not report for work on Tuesday on their three-day work week.

While the industry representatives were unable to get confirmation from union sources of any strike action, they picked up reports from the field that such major companies as Pittsburgh Consolidation and Island Creek would be singled out for Lewis' special punishment.

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