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THE CENSUS

The first population census in the United States was taken in 1790, and has been taken every ten years since that time with a few exceptions.

The purpose of this first census was to definitely establish population figures in order to apportion representatives to Congress, and this is still one of the primary reasons for the enumeration. After the 1950 census, for instance, it is expected that Oregon will be entitled to several more representatives.

However the basis for the census has constantly been broadened, and with the rise of the science of economics more and more questions have been added to the enumerator's list. Economic surveys and conclusions are based on figures interpreted by means of so-called "economic laws," and while it is popular to ridicule economics as an inaccurate as well as inexact science, most of the shortcomings of an economist's conclusions are due to inaccurate or insufficient figures, rather than a fault in the economic laws or his application of them.

A population census, then, furnishes a heaven-sent opportunity to gather factual information of inestimable value to business and commercial interests as well as to the government. How many people in a given area fall into a certain income bracket? What training does a person have for a position other than the job he is now holding? What trades and skills are being replaced by machinery? How many new trades and jobs are being created by the use of machinery, and in what parts of the country?

Both the government and industry are interested in housing and construction—where do the worst housing shortages exist, and are they improving or getting

worse? Does a housing shortage in one area mean that a housing surplus is growing in another area?

We spend a lot of money for education—are we getting our money's worth? Is our literacy rate rising as rapidly as our school expenses? Are educated persons working in jobs which utilize their education, or are they forced to accept positions which could be held with less training? How many people are held back from higher positions because of a lack of education?

The problem of agricultural surpluses has focused attention on farms and farmers—is the trend toward the farm or away from it? Are the large corporation farms, the "factories in the fields," crowding the smaller producer out? How large a percentage of our national income are we justified in spending on subsidies to keep farm income up?

Accurate answers to the census enumerator's queries will enable the economists to give us much better answers to these problems and many others as well—figures gathered in this census will be used to guide our economic policy for the next ten years.

The census is in no way an invasion of your privacy or a "nose in your affairs." The government is not interested in your business as an individual—to the census tabulators you are not Joe Doakes; you are just a number on the sheet, with three children, a house not paid for and a \$3,000 a year income, and you go in that column over there. But they can take the information they gather from a few million numbers like you and come up with some answers that will help toward more intelligent planning of the future. The least we as individuals can do is make the job as easy as possible.

Playing At The Ivy Sunday



Dumb but beautiful Irma (Maria Wilson) gets help from Richard (Don De Fore) and Jane (Diana Lynn) as Al (John Lund) looks on in this scene from "My Friend Irma."

SHOW REVUE

SATURDAY

Based on the exploits of the two historical outlaws, Calamity Jane and Sam Bass, the film is an exciting story of romance and action depicting the fight of Jane and Sam against the early western society that forced them into a life of lawlessness.

In the picture, Sam Bass, portrayed by Howard Duff, shoots a man who poisoned his horse and then turns outlaw with some pals and starts a series of hold-ups throughout Texas.

Yvonne De Carlo, as Calamity Jane, helps him out of numerous scrapes, including jail, until Sam and his gang walk into an ambush while holding up a bank at Round Rock.

Critically wounded, Sam gets Calamity to take him to Denton, Texas, where he reveals that he has loved Dorothy Hart, as Kathy, and Calamity realizes she never could have won his love even

though he had escaped.

"Calamity Jane and Sam Bass" is the fifth film turned out by the team of Leonard Goldstein as producer and George Sherman as director.

SUNDAY and MONDAY

"My Friend Irma," starring Marie Wilson, is an original story written especially for the screen, the only similarity between the radio and picture versions being in the characters, with the exception of the zany team of Martin and Lewis, who were written into the script. John Lund will be seen as Irma's boy friend, Al, Diana Lynn as her friend and room-mate, the ambitious Jane. Don DeFore plays the millionaire, Richard Rhineland, for whom Jane sets her cap.

The confusion that results from Irma's stupid bungling is reported to make "My Friend Irma" a riot of fun and laughs. In addition, Dean Martin sings three of the four new songs by the composers of "Buttons and Bows."

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY
"The Girl From Manhattan," is a gay comedy starring George Montgomery, Charles Laughton and Dorothy Lamour in her first sarong-less film.

The cast also features a quintet of top-drawer comedians: Ernest Truex, Hugh Herbert, William Frawley, Constance Collier and Sara Allgood.

This warm, chuckling tale of an ex-All American fullback minister whose first assignment involves not only winning the trust and confidence of his congregation but also straightening out the incredibly tangled affairs of his landlord and a dishonest chairman of the church's building committee plus a renewed high school romance with New York's most famous model most distress of his bishop, was written by Howard Estabrook and directed by Alfred E. Green.

—and—

Action fans will be happy with Republic's latest and greatest pulse beating western show, "Death Valley Gunfighter," starring Allan "Rocky" Lane and his beautiful stallion, Black Jack.

Rocky enacts the roll of a famous lawman who brings peace to the turbulent town of Panamint Wells after rounding up a gang of the most treacherous outlaws ever to plug a man in the back. Pretty Gail Davis and handsome Bill Henry carry on the romantic interest, while Eddy Waller portrays Nugget Clar, a testy old sourdough who innocently starts all the trouble because of gosh-durned stubbornness.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

When it comes to pleasing moviegoers, there is no substitute for experience, a commodity richly represented by the topflight players of "Take One False Step," starring William Powell and Shelley Winters.

Whether Powell will lose his life, his wife and his good name is anybody's guess up to the last feet of the last reel in this speedy, dynamic comedy-melodrama.

In the cast we have Marsha Hunt, James Gleason, Dorothy Hart and Felix Bressart.

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ESTIMATES GLADLY GIVEN

Kerby Bethel Attends Meeting at Coquille

The Grand Session of the International Order of Job's Daughters at Coquille, Oregon, was attended by five members of Kerby Bethel No. 36.

The annual meeting was held on April 13, 14 and 15. Over 600 attended the opening banquet and many more attended the Saturday drills.

Honored Queen Ruth Smith, Carol Burr, Jonelle Bengie, Claire Cooper and Mae Bowerman attended from Kerby Bethel No. 36. They were accompanied by Bethel Guardian Clara Hammer, Ghardian Secretary Mary Lloyd and Associate Guardian Harold Bowerman.

Honorary Bethel officers were drawn from eligible members. Mae Bowerman was appointed as state representative from Iowa.

The meeting was highly successful. Over 200 Job's Daughters visited the Cape Blanco lighthouse Saturday morning. The people of Coquille opened their homes to the girls and were excellent hosts.

Moore's New Mill-O'Brien

By LAURA ABBEY

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Abbey and niece, Miss Darlene Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Abbey and daughters, Roberta and Maureen, drove to Crescent City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Ballard spent last week-end in Medford visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Ellis and daughter, Sharon, were guests on Easter Sunday of Wendell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Ellis.

Those calling at the Ed Abbey home Monday were Mrs. Harold Kellart and Mrs. Art Kellart, Kerby; Mrs. Al Weber, Mrs. Ervin Ellis, Mrs. Ellis Ballard and Mrs. G. E. Gordon.

Mrs. B. C. Crandall spent Easter in Quincy, Calif., with her son, Billy Crandall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Mulluly of Fulton, Calif., are in the community regarding their property

here.

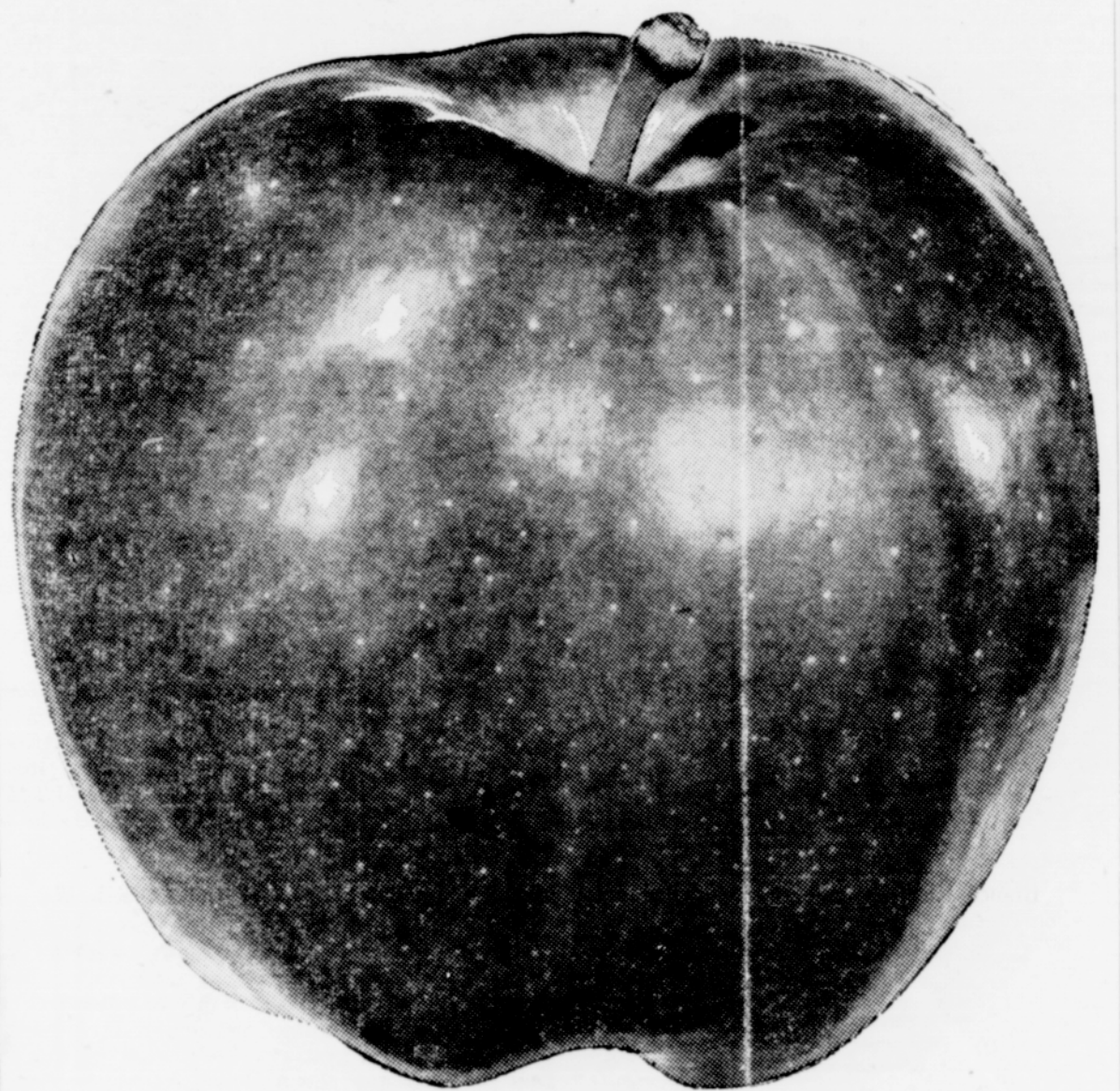
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Abbey and niece spent Friday evening in Medford where Mr. Abbey attended a lodge meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Anderson spent the week-end at Central Point visiting with relatives.

Mrs. Ed Abbey and Mrs. G. E. Anderson were callers Monday of Mrs. Maude Biglow at Kerby.

Lonesome? Like Company? Theodore May Visit You!

"Theodore" Silurdae (catfish to you) accompanied William J. McLean from Silt oos Lake, Oregon, where Mr. McLean was fishing two weeks ago. Theodore has been visiting in the bathtubs of friends around town. He has been the guest of the Abernathys, Sparks, Hamiltons, Collmans, Palmers, George Martins, Champions and Bowermans, and hopes to visit some of his other friends before he accepts a very attractive offer from Gene Brown of O'Brien to go into the fish business with him.



NO APPLE IS BIG ENOUGH!

As long as we live, we cannot express in full our debt to our teachers.

The knowledge they pass on to us — their influence on our thinking — actually become factors in determining what our lives turn out to be.

For the past few years, our teachers have worked valiantly in the face of many odds—crowded classrooms, long hours, shortages of textbooks and supplies. Today progress is being made to correct these conditions—to make teaching continually more attractive to the specially gifted men and women

who belong in this highly honored profession. Let's all help to keep our school standards worthy of the type of men and women we want to guide our children's future. Remember, better schools mean better communities and a better life for all.

For information on how citizens in many communities have joined or formed committees to work in behalf of their schools, write to: National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools, 2 West 45th St., New York 19, N. Y. Do this right away!

We urge every person in the Valley to go to the polls on Saturday, April 29, and vote approval of the Josephine County School District Budget for 1950-51. The war-time increase in school population, plus the still continuing post-war growth makes this expenditure the least sum admissible which will partially regain the ground lost and provide for minimum present requirements.



ILLINOIS VALLEY PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION