COUNTING UNCLE SAMUEL'S FAMILY

This is the Year When the Censu Man Makes His Rounds: Questions He Will Ask and Why.

By CALEB JOHNSON

Uncle Sam will begin to count his nephews and nieces on the first of April, 1930, and this year he is going to find out a lot more about them than has been known before.

Some time during the month of States Census Bureau will call at every dwelling in the nation and ask the head of the family twentyfour questions. Some of them might be considered impertinent if asked by a stranger, or even by a neigh-bor, but the Census enumerators are under oath not to disclose any facts learned by them except in 1860; by 1880 we had almost exactly their official reports. And those reports are not open anywhere to pub-lic inspection. Like the figures in with 105,710,620 persons living in ports are not open anywhere to pubyour income-tax return, they are official secrets which prying gossips have no access to. Uncle Sam is concerned, for census purposes, only with totals and averages and not at all with individuals. But a clear picture of the people of the million nephews and nieces of Un-United States as a whole can be obtained only by getting the facts about each individual inhabitant, to start with.

For example, one of the things which it is important to know, be-sides the number of persons in the United States, is the average age of our people. Is it higher or lower than it was when the last census was taken, ten years ago, and how much? This average age has been increasing steadily. But if the census of 1930 should show a decline in the average age, it would be a danger signal, a warning to speed up public health measures, a call to investigate the cause and apply all of the resources of sanitary science toward improving and guarding the

So dont think it is impertinence when the census-taker asks your age! Uncle Sam wants to know not your individual age but the average of all of the people.

Another question the enumera-tors will ask is "Who is the head of the family?" That doesn't mean what it sounds like. Uncle Sam isn't interested as to whether the wife wears the brecehes or not, but does want to know how many men are dependent upon the earnings of their children, how many women are self-supporting. The head of the family, from the census point of view, is the one who earns the

Whether you live on a farm or in a town, whether you are white, black, red or yellow, male or female married or unmarried, able to read and write, where you were born and where your parents were born, when you came to America if you are an immigrant, what your native language was and whether you can speak English are questions the reasons for which are clear enough On the totals compiled from these answers depends, among other things, the number of persons from your native country who can be admitted to the United States in the next ten years.

Everybody who is employed will be asked to give his trade or occupation and the particular industry over the week end. in which he or she works, or if working on his own account or as an emplyer, to say so. But a ques-tion on that line this year will be: "Are you employed now?" That is as of the first of April. There will be for the first time an accurate record of unemployment, figures on which heretofore have been largely

Another new question will be whether you own your home. In a general way the proportion of home-owners has been estimated in the past, but nobody has ever had exact figures. The figures have a decided bearing on the important subject of our national prosperity. And if you do not own your home, the census man will ask you how much rent you pay. That is another useful index of the size of the national bankroll. Taking the two together, the Government will be able to tell us whether home ownership is on the increase, whether there is a demand for more individually-owned dwellings, and those facts have a bearing on the lumber industry and the production of all other building supplies, as well as on the market for all sorts of house hold equipment and furnishings.

Another new census question is whether you own a radio set. Nothing could better illustrate the speed with which new inventions take hold, once they strike the public fancy. Ten years ago, when the census of 1920 was taken, there wasn't a radio set in the world except experimental ones; there was no such thing as broadcasting; no body but a few experts knew the difference between a heterodyne and a screen-grid, if any. Now look at the blamed thing! There are so many receiving sets that Uncle Sam is going to count 'em, to find out how many of his family he can talk to at once.

For the first time, the census taker will ask how old you were at your first marriage. The information will be more important ten years from now than it is now, bethe second set of answers to it, in 1940, will disclose whether the average age of marriage is getting older or younger. Our grandparents married in their teens, as a rule; today 25 is nearer the average age, in all probability. Will the young folks of the next ten years continue to postpone marriage or will they revert to the youthful marriages of

You will be asked whether you for education have been climbing and a large amount of butter and was taken. Beyond question they hot, without spoiling the texture

are still climbing, but how fast? And as a final question every one

of Uncle Sam's nephews will be asked whether he has served as a soldier, sailor or marine in any war in which his country was involved. We will know for the first time just how many veterans of each war are still living. And that will help to estimate future demands on taxpayers for pensions

The census is the oldest of all our Federal bureaus, as old as Congress and the Presidential office and the judiciary, for it was set up in the Constitution itself, which requires that the inhabitants be counted every ten years. The orginal purpose was to find out how many lived in each state in order to apportion members of Congress among April an enumerator of the United the states. That is still one of the purposes, though Congress itself has been dilatory in reapportioning its membership in proportion to popu-

> The first census, taken in 1790 showed fewer than four million inhabitants in the new nation; 3,-929,214, to be exact. We passed the 25 million mark between 1850 and 50 million, and forty years later, in Continental United States. Census Bureau experts have made estimates from year to year of the increase since that time, and give it as their belief that enumeration of 1930 will show between 121 and 122

FARM POINTERS.

(O. S. A. C. Experiment Station.) Generally speaking, is requires from 15 to 20 pounds of garbage to roduce one pound of pork. .

There is no known method of keeping strawberries bearing year after year without resetting. or three years is the average prof itable period. The producing life of commercial plantings is discussed in an Oregon Experiment station bulletin entitled, "Cost and Prac-tices in Strawberry Production in the Willamette Valley."

Oak is the best wood available in Oregon for the smoke house fire, but willow, or any of the fruit tree woods are good. As it is best to keep the temperature below 120 degrees Fahrenheit, is has been found a good practice to use some hard wood saw dust on the fire, says the experiment station. This will cause it to burn more slowly.

A common way to store cured pork is to wrap it in paper and put it in a bin of cats, says the Oregon Experiment station. It may also be wrapped in paper and hung in muslin sacks in a cool room.

A low bacterial count of milk is practically impossible unless all the equipment used in handling the milk, including the milk bottles, pails, strainers, coolers, and everything else is regularly sterilized with steam or something equally good says the Oregn Experiment station. A large boiler with a false bottom will serve where other equipment is not available.

ALPINE

Miss Gertrude Tichenor, a stu-dent of La Grande Normal school, is home during vacation visiting See ad. friends and relatives of Alpine. Miss Helen Doherty of Blackhorse

has been visiting Miss Ruth Bennett Everyone enjoyed the dance Frilay night at Doherty's.

Mrs. George Lambirth was t guest of Mrs. G. L. Bennett Thurs The Melville, Bennett and Lam

birth families were Christmas din ner guests of Mrs. Anna Schmidt. Claude Wade was a business vistor at the G. L. Bennett ranch on

Grover Sibley, Ruth Bennett, Helen Doherty were in Pendleton Sun lay evening.

G. L. Bennett and Arthur Schmidt vere Heppner visitors Monday. Mrs. Schmidt and son Alfred and Mrs. G. W. Lambirth and daugh er Celatha were in Pendleton from phone 1412. No job too big or too

Sunday to Tuesday. Miss Gertrude Tichenor and Willard Hawley were visiting Alpine chool Friday.

Saturday at St. Anthony's hospital be branded. Suitable reward offer in Pendleton. She leaves her bus-ed. Frank Wilkinson, Heppner. tf. and and two children.

Miss Celatha Lambirth is visiting with friends in Pendleton.

oirth children, Doris and Lester. Lawrence and Dorothy Doherty were absent part of this week be ause of the death of their sister. Mr. and Mrs Joseph Cunha, Sr. of Echo were visiting at the Bennett home last Sunday.

HOME POINTERS.

Home Economics Department, O.S.A.C Baking powder biscuits, if placed n a cool place and covered with a very thin wet cloth to prevent a crust forming, can be allowed to pany, growers agent. stand an hour or two before baking

without injury.

Too much beating is one of the most common causes of poor muffins. Baking powder biscuits, on the other hand, are often not mixed as much as would be desirable for the best texture.

A perfect fudge frosting is usually considered as one that is just stiff enough to stay where it is spread, is not sticky to handie, and cuts easily without cracking. The texture is smooth and creamy like the center in a good grade of chocolate cream, and the flavor is well

blended. Most frostings have a smoother have attended school or college grain if allowed to cool before beat-since last September. The figures ing. Those in which brown sugar teadily ever since the first census cream are used may be beaten while

HARDMAN.

Mrs. Harvey Harshman and fam ly were visiting friends and rela Victor and Alfred Lovgren were isiting in town Sunday.

and Mrs. Chas. McDaniel spent the Christmas vacation visting their daughter, Mrs. Bud Fisk, at Arlington.

Miss Cecil Stevens spent the holi lays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Buschke are visiting Mrs. Buschke's parents, Mr and Mrs. Dick Steers. Lloyd and Everett Harshman and

Miss Edna Lovgren spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mrs. Walter Farrens.

Mrs. Tyndal Robison was calling on friends here Saturday. Osel Inskeep of Ione is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Add In-

skeep, this week. Funeral services were held Sun-day afternoon in the I. O. O. F. hall or the late Henry Cramer. Mrs. Ethel McDaniel took her lit-tle son to Hppner Monday to con-

suit a doctor for some trouble he has been having with his ears. Victr Johnson is quite sick at the nome of G. A. Farrens, suffering a severe attack of the flu.

No show at Star Theater next Puesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

HUMORETTES.

Chaplain: Didn't you consider our future, young man, when you embezzled that money?
Convict: Yes, sir. I put it straight

Why are you looking so fed-up "I bought a book called 'How to Make Love,' and now I don't know

what to do." "Why?" "Well, it says you take the girl's hand, look into her eyes, and say:

"I love you, Beatrice'."
"What's wrong with that?" "My girl's name is Lizzie."

Registrar: But, madam, the law equires that I shall record all previous marriages before issuing a

Film Star: Good gracious! And ve got a taxi waiting outside!

Broker: I have bought you 500 hares of common stock, madam. Mrs. Witzwalter: Well, I don't want them. What on earth would her sister. my friends say if they knew I'd got

Husband: You accuse me of reckess extravagance. When did I ever make a useless purchase?
Wife: What about that fire exinguisher you bought a year ago!

We've never used it once. arding the milk you deliver here—" Milkman (uneasily): "Yes, sir?" "I just wanted to say that I use

the milk for drinking and not for Gerald: "Jane's very romantic,

Gregory: "Yes, she wants every declaration of love to have a ring in

No show at Star Theater next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Charles Klinger of Lexington

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looking after business here today

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For Sale-Creek ranch of 810 ac res, fine for dairying or sheep. 300 Charles Hiatt and Miss Leone acres fenced sheep-tight, balance Hiatt of Echo are visiting the Lam-fairly well fenced with sheep wire; private irrigating ditch; 30 acres set to alfalfa; few fruit trees; good barn, 4-room dwelling with running water in house, out buildings; situated on Rhea creek, on good road, 13 miles from town. Address Bo 43, Heppner.

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They will return for the opening of

Harry Yarnall, who is one of our winter trappers, reports that he has sixty-four animals to his credit. Thus far he has not made sales, not being satisfied with the prices offered.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harbison of Eugene visited from Thursday night until Saturday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harbi-son at their home in Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ely and two daughters from Monmouth, spent the holiday vacation with their and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely, on the ranch near Mor-George Ely and son Francis of Ione were invited guests at the Christmas dinner.

J. H. Young of Hood River was a dinner guest at the J. W. Howk

ome Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swenson and wo children and Roland Wade, all f Walla Walla, arrived the first of ast week to help the E. J. Bristow family eat the Christmas turkey. Mrs. Wrex Hicock of Portland pent last week with her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore. The Lexington town basketball team met the Ione team on the local floor Saturday evening. The final score was 22-16 in favor of Lexing-

Christmas guests at the Blain Blackwell home were Mr. and Mrs. Brose Ford of Pendleton. When Mr. and Mrs. Ford returned to their home they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell who remained in the Umatilla county seat or a few days' visit.

Mrs. Rosa Jackson informs us that on December 15 there was born to her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. La Vern Jackson of Oak-land, Calif., a baby son, weighing six pounds and ten ounces. The little fellow has been given the name of Clinton Grover. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are well known here. Mrs. Earl Wright and children of

Baker arrived Friday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Grabill.

Mrs. Zelma Kennedy is a housguest in the C. W. Swanson home Mrs. Kennedy was a teacher in the Ione school last year and this year is teaching in Aberdeen, Washington. She came here from Helix where she had spent Christmas with

Mrs. W. E. Bullard enjoyed an over-Christmas visit with her bro-ther-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Frohn, and their daughter Alberta, from Hood River.

Through relatives of the bride we learn of the marriage on December 14 of Mrs. Mary Barlow and Mr. Harris Sowers of Clearmont, Mo

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Work was resumed last week on been a resident of Morrow county buyer for Ealfour, Guthrie company,

Last week Louis Balsiger, wheat derson, and her sister, Miss Mildred for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Sow- contracted for 2500 bushels of Hen- land.

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