

# You Don't Have To Tell Census Taker How Much You Earn: Mail Answer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—If you don't want to tell the census taker—who may be your neighbor—how much you earn, the census bureau probably will arrange for you to mail the information directly to Washington.

Bureau officials said so last night after 23 republican house members banded together to loose a blast at the bureau's 1950 questionnaire. Along with such questions as those on age and residence, etc., it would ask every fifth person over 14 years old questions about his income.

The bureau says the answers would be confidential, not even open to the tax collector or the FBI.

But the congressmen opposing the questions issued a joint statement in which they said:

"The Truman administration is perpetrating an outrageous discrimination against small-income people in the 1950 census.

"If a person earns more than \$10,000, all he has to do is say so, without giving the amount, and the census taker is to be satisfied.

"But for all people earning under \$10,000, the questionnaire stands as written. . . . This is raw injustice."

A bureau spokesman told a reporter that a similar question was asked in 1940 of wage earners making less than \$5000 a year. Only a very few refused to answer, he said. And they were permitted to mail their answers to the bureau.

Authority?

Rep. Brown (R-Ohio) has charged that the income inquiries are unlawful. He has demanded of Philip M. Hauser, director of the census, that he cite "legal authority" for the questions.

Hauser has not answered. Other bureau officials said that a census law passed in 1929 by a republican congress leaves the form of the questionnaire up to the secretary of commerce.

## New Auto Glass Cuts Light Glare

NEW YORK (NEA)—A glassmaker has come up with a new automobile windshield glass that will take some of the sting out of the glaring headlights of oncoming cars.

Since "sealed beam" headlights were developed some years back, the average car's main lights have been so dazzling they are nearly always a great annoyance to motorists and often a serious danger on the roads.

To meet this problem at least part way, the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. has produced a new glare-reducing safety plate glass for windshields. It has a slight bluish-green tint. Iron added to the raw material mixture largely does the trick.

The new glass has been road-tested and has been found to cut glare materially, whether from headlights or the sun. No claim is made, however, that the product will do too much toward protecting a driver's eyes from the direct rays of a rising or setting sun.

Drivers who have used the glass say they don't particularly care any more whether oncoming cars at night dim their headlights or not. They say the tinted windshield glass softens the glare considerably.

Regular windshield glass allows 88 per cent of available light to pass through. Libbey's new product lowers this figure to 82 per cent. That is just four per cent above the minimum demanded by state laws for safety's sake.

The new glass has a second feature—it blocks about 15 per cent of the sun's heat-producing infra-red rays.

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Connecticut found that in one year 3.5 per cent of its highway mishaps could be ascribed directly to blinding headlights. Illinois recorded a figure of around three per cent, and Minnesota and New Jersey of about two per cent. Most other states lumped these accidents with others caused by different kinds of obstructed vision.

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## HIGH SCHOOL News and Comments

By Flo Ann Perkins



As it turned out the Pep Peppers attended the last game of the 20-30 tournament in a body and were given free admission along with the band. The next basketball games will be in Pelican court Friday and Saturday of this week when the Pelicans play the Roseburg team. These are the first games on the season tickets still on sale for \$5.

Coming up on Friday, too, is the Whiskerino dance where the prizes will be awarded the best beards grown during the three-week contest. Today begins the third week.

Members of the Latin club and their guests will gather tomorrow night at the YMCA for a Christmas party. A decorations committee was appointed to carry out the holiday theme in the ewto rooms of the YMCA. Dancing will be the main

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trend of the party, beginning at 7:30. Refreshments, too, are being brought by the club members.

Some of the KUHS home rooms are already beginning to show signs of Christmas decorations, since it was announced that prizes will be given in the form of refreshments to the best-decorated home room. Some of the teams last year turned out in quite elaborate decorations with colored chalk drawings on the boards and Christmas trees. A committee from the student congress was chosen to select the best decorations and another one to decorate the front entrance to the building.

The newly-elected sophomore rally squad appeared at school Fri-

day in brand new uniforms of red sweaters and white pleated skirts. The sweaters have a megaphone and the initial, "W" on the front. The Wildcats now have their rally squad just as the Pelicans have.

**Aly, Rita Baby This Week?**  
LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Dec. 12 (AP)—Prince Aly Khan's spokesman

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says he thinks Rita Hayworth may have her baby this week.

The spokesman, Claude Payot of the Lausanne tourist office, said he hadn't been taken into the complete confidence of the expectant couple. But, said he, he thinks the birth is imminent.

Rita, who married the prince May

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27, has been awaiting the baby in Lausanne since November 5. She has been living quietly and left her hotel suite yesterday for the first time in five days, to visit Prince Aly's half-brother, Prince Sadrudin, on the outskirts of Lausanne.

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