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## THE CENSUS OF OCCUPATIONS

Enumerators' Questions Will Apply to Everybody in the United States

The "occupation" question in the United States census population schedule to be carried by the enumerators during the thirteenth decennial census, beginning April 15 next, applies to everybody living in the United States on the date mentioned, which is "census day," and all the population schedule questions relate to it only.

In its printed instructions to enumerators the census bureau holds that the occupation followed by a child or a woman is just as important, for census purposes, as the occupation of a man. Therefore the enumerators are told never to take it for granted without inquiry that a woman or child old enough to work has no gainful occupation.

It is pointed out, however, that only gainful occupations are to be reported. By this is meant any employment, work, profession or vocation by which the person working regularly earns money or its equivalent. The fact that a person has no gainful occupation is to be noted on the schedule. If a person has no gainful occupation is to be noted on the schedule. If a person is only temporarily unemployed on account of lack of work or sickness or other temporary reason, the occupation which that person usually follows is to be reported.

If a person has two occupations, the enumerator must return only the more important one—that is, the one from which the person gets the most money. If that cannot be learned, then he is to return the one at which the person spends the most time. As an illustration, the enumerators are told to return a man as a farmer if he gets most of his income from farming, although he may also follow the occupation of a clergyman or preacher; but must return him as a "clergyman" if he gets more of his income from that occupation.

In the case of a woman doing housework in her own home, without salary or wages, and having no other employment, the entry is to be that she has no occupation. If any child, of whatever age, is regularly earning money, the employment which he or she follows should be returned as an occupation.

Children who work for their parents at home merely on general household work or at odd times on other work are to be reported as having no occupation. But children who materially assist their parents in the performance of work other than household work should be reported as having the occupation in which they are so employed, even though they receive no wages.

The census bureau instructs the census takers that an employer is one who employs helpers, other than domestic servants, in transacting his own business. The term employer does not include a superintendent, agent, manager, foreman, etc., or any officer of a corporation.

An employee is defined as any person who works for wages or a salary and is subject to the control and direction of an employer. The deciding test is whether a person receives a wage or salary and is subject to another's directions.

Persons who have a gainful occupation and are neither

employers nor employees are considered to be working on their own account. They are the independent workers. They neither pay nor receive salaries or regular wages. Examples of this class are farmers and the owners of small establishments who do not employ helpers; professional men who work for fees and employ no helpers; newsboys; and generally speaking, hucksters, peddlers, bootblacks, etc.

It is stated in the instructions that the purpose of the schedule inquiries as to unemployment is to ascertain the measure of enforced unemployment—that is, the extent to which men want work and can not find it.

The schedule question, "home rented or owned," is defined as meaning whether a family owns the house in which it is living or rents it. If a dwelling is occupied by more than one family it is the home of each of them, and the question should be answered with reference to each family.

A home is to be classed as owned if it is owned wholly or in part by the head of the family living in the home or by the wife of the head, or by a son, or a daughter, or other relative living in the same house with the head of the family. It is not necessary that full payment for the property should have been made or that the family should be the sole owner.

Every home not owned, either wholly or in part, by the family living in it or by some member of that family should be classed as rented, whether rent is actually paid or not.

All owned homes which are not fully paid for, or upon which there is an incumbrance in the form either of a mortgage or of a lien upon which judgment has been had in a court, are to be reported as mortgaged.

The inquiry as to blindness applies only when a person is either totally or partially blind in both eyes, so as to be unable to read even with the help of glasses. Only persons who are both deaf and dumb are to be reported under the question "whether deaf and dumb." The question concerning school attendance any time since September 1, 1909, relates only to persons of school age, between 5 and 21 years old. In case any person outside that age limit actually attended school, the fact is to be noted on the schedule.

### Resolutions of Respect

The following resolutions were adopted by the bar of Linn county in Brookfield last week:

Whereas, since this court last convened, it has pleased the supreme judge of the universe to remove from among us by death our beloved brother, Marshall Eugene Burke; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Bar of Linn county, That in the death of Brother Burke we feel that we have each sustained a personal loss, the Bar of Linn county one of its most upright, able young members and Linn county one of its most noble, honorable and useful citizens. Be it further

Resolved, That our sympathy is hereby extended to his sorrowing wife, family and relatives in this, their irreparable loss.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread at large upon the records of this court to perpetuate the memory of our departed brother, and that a certified copy thereof, under the seal of this court, be forwarded to his family and furnished to the press of Linn county for publication.

C. C. BIGGER,  
T. M. BRESNEHEN,  
C. M. KENDRICK,  
Committee.

### Death of Robert E. Matsell

Robert E. Matsell was born in Illinois October 11, 1828, and died at the home of his adopted son, W. L. Matsell, in Laclede Sunday, Feb. 27, 1910, aged 81 years, 4 months and 16 days. He was married to Catherine Coe at Davenport, Iowa, Oct. 27, 1856. Since her death a few months ago he had made his home with his adopted son in Laclede. He was stricken with paralysis a few weeks ago and steadily grew weaker, though medical skill and loving care did what they could to make his last days comfortable.

In 1862 he enlisted in an Iowa regiment and served three years. His record as a soldier was an honorable one, as was his whole life. His life was spent in the service of the church and in doing good to his fellow men.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church by the pastor, who used the text, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." His body was laid to rest in Laclede cemetery. The relatives and friends have the sympathy of all.

### Enfield-Wilson

George W. Enfield of Purdin and Miss Tillie Wilson of Laclede were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Duckworth in Brookfield on Wednesday of last week, Rev. W. C. Atwood officiating. They will reside in Purdin. Mr. Enfield was a citizen of Laclede a number of years ago and is well known here. The bride is a charming lady and the many friends of both extend congratulations and best wishes.

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### Here and There

The Aurora Advertiser is making a plea for a revival of the tobacco growing industry in the Ozarks. And a Monett paper suggested a law prohibiting the chewing of tobacco. Here seems to be a wide split on the tobacco question.

The barber shop at Burlington Junction proposes to put in a bath tub. One citizen promised his support, saying he usually took a bath once a year. The Post declares that the man was not joking, that he meant it. Now who is to guarantee that the Post isn't joking?

"His death was a public benefaction." This is what the news-

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