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Predicts Lake County Population Tripled in Thirty Years; Figures

During the next 30 years, Lake county's population will almost triple itself, giving the entire county a total population of 263,000 according to figures released by the Chicago regional planning association.

The population predictions, based on surveys made from 1930 census figures, is subject to revision in localities, but has been accepted for the Chicago area.

Chicago will have a population of 5,100,000 in 1960, the forecast revealed, while the Chicago area will have 8,873,000 inhabitants. In 1940, 10 years hence, the area will have a population of 6,305,000, and in 1950, a population of 7,613,000.

The forecast also gives Cook county a 1960 population of 6,450,000; DuPage county, 317,000; Grundy county, 24,000; Kane, 222,000; McHenry county, 49,000; Kendall, 14,000, and Will county, 178,000.

Warns Against Warming Up Autos in Garages

Following reports of several deaths due to monoxide gas poisoning in north shore cities the National Safety council has turned its attention to the situation in this district and is warning motorists against starting of cars in closed garages.

Many of the deaths are due to the practice of the motorist in warming up his machine in the warmth of the garage before opening the doors.

Carbon monoxide gas kills without warning and the victims are usually overcome before they realize that they are in danger.

However, according to the bulletin monoxide gas can also develop in the home through the improper installation of gas ranges or water heaters. Such imperfect installations constitute a serious menace.

Don't Drive Car Into Indiana Without New License Plates, Warning

Illinois car owners who drive into Indiana after Jan. 1 without 1931 license plates attached to their cars are liable to a fine ranging from \$5 to \$25 and costs approximating \$8.25, according to a warning issued by the legal department of the Chicago Motor club.

"In previous years, many Illinoisans were arrested and fined on this charge," the motor club legal department declared in a statement. "Those motorists were unaware that the Indiana motor vehicle law differs from that of Illinois in this respect.

"The Indiana law provides that no car shall be driven in that state unless plates for the current year are attached. The fact that one has applied for a license but not received it is immaterial."

The Illinois law provides that application shall be made on or before Jan. 1 for new plates, and that the car may be driven until the plates arrive if the owner shall carry proof that he has made such application."

Italy is said to be making overtures to Soviet Russia and our advice to Mussolini is "quit your stallin."

FINAL FIGURES ON ILLINOIS POPULATION

Total Given by Census Bureau
Is 7,630,654; Was 55,211
in 1820; Details

Final population figures for Illinois have just been issued by the Census Bureau in bulletin form. The population of the State on April 1, 1930, according to the Fifteenth Census, was 7,630,654, which represents an increase of 1,145,374, or 17.7 per cent, since 1920. The numerical increase was the largest in the history of the State, and the rate of increase was the largest since the decade 1890 to 1900. Illinois ranks as the third State in the Union in point of population, New York and Pennsylvania ranking first and second, respectively.

In 1809, Illinois was organized as a territory, and in 1818 was admitted to the Union as the twenty-first State. The population in 1820 was 55,211. During the next 30 years the State grew rapidly, reaching in 1850 a population of 851,470. This figure was more than doubled in the next 10 years. By 1880, the State had over three million inhabitants, and with an average gain of over 800,000 during each succeeding decade, the population reached almost six and a half millions in 1920. The total land area is 56,043 square miles, and the average number of inhabitants per square mile in 1930 was 136.2, as compared with 115.7 in 1920.

Forty Counties Show Gains

There are 102 counties in Illinois, of which 40 increased in population between 1920 and 1930, and 62 decreased. Most of the counties showing increases are located in the northern part of the State. Of the eight which increased more than 25 per cent, four are located wholly or in part within the industrial area of which Chicago is the center. The remaining four all include important cities. The population increase in these eight counties is nearly as great as the total increase for the entire State. Cook county, including the city of Chicago, has a population of 3,982,123, which represents an increase of 929,106, or 30.4 per cent, as compared with its population in 1920. The highest rate of increase was shown by Du Page county, which adjoins Cook county. Lake county, also adjoining Cook county, had the second highest rate of increase. The most densely settled county is Cook with 4,268.1 inhabitants to the square mile. Pope county is the most sparsely settled, with an average of 20.8 persons to the square mile.

There are 58 cities, towns, and villages in the State which had a population of 10,000 or more in 1930. Chicago, the largest city in Illinois, ranks second in the United States, and fourth in the world, only London, New York, and Berlin having more inhabitants.

Or Backgammon

United States birth rate for 1929 was the lowest since 1915. Maybe the stork is taking up bridge or miniature.—Dallas News.

We watched pretty closely during the rainy days of last week, but didn't see a single person singing in the rain, though we did see plenty of grouches.—Cincinnati Enquirer.