

## REAPER SECOND BEST TO STORK

### Therefore Illinois Has Good Health Record

Births outnumbered deaths in Illinois last year by nearly two to one according to provisional figures made public today by the state health department. A total of 137,117 births were registered against 77,145 deaths. The birth rate per 1000 population stood at 20.14 while the mortality rate was 11.2. The excess of births over deaths was 59,972, making a net increase in population from this source sufficient to people a city the size of Springfield or the seven counties of Brown, Calhoun, Edwards, Hardin, Henderson, Kendall and Putnam.

#### Health Conditions Good

The favorable difference between the birth and death rate per 1000 population last year was 8.8. Only twice before in the last decade has this ratio been exceeded, once in 1922 when it was 8.9 and once in 1921 when it was ten. The highest favorable ratio ever recorded in Illinois occurred in 1921 when the number of births per 1000 population exceeded the death rate by ten; the lowest was in 1918 when the births numbered but 2.6 greater per 1000 people than deaths.

"As reflected in the mortality statistics, health conditions in the state during the last four years have been better than in any previous period since records have been kept," declared Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, state health director. "For the four years ended with 1924 the average death rate was 11.4. For the quadrennial immediately preceding it was 13.8. This difference in rate means that deaths have averaged more than one less per hour or 30 fewer per day, a total saving of nearly 45,000 lives in four years.

#### Chicago Rate Lower

"The mortality rate in Chicago was slightly lower than that for the remainder of the state. This is the fourth successive year that Chicago has been able to report a lower death rate than down-state, conditions exactly the reverse having prevailed during all the years that went before.

"The showing in Chicago is a distinct tribute to preventive medicine and demonstrates what may be confidently expected wherever public health service is developed sufficiently to reasonably meet the public needs. Congested population in Chicago puts a premium on healthful living conditions while the open country down-state gives the people there a decided advantage from the standpoint of health. In spite of this fact the people in Chicago enjoy a lower mortality rate because they spend \$1.00 per year per capita for public health service whereas the down-state people spend but a few pennies per capita per year. Statistics like these completely justify the campaign looking toward the creation of full time county health service that has been championed by the state health director for four years."

### BLIND STUDENT BEARS HEAVY LOAD OF STUDY

Carl Bostrom, blind student at Northwestern university, now in his junior year in Liberal Arts and journalism, during the semester just closed received three A's and one B which means three marks of 90 or better and one of about 85. He took as heavy a load of work as any member of his class and his mother, who acts as Carl's eyes, was consequently given many extra duties. Carl's highest marks were in the difficult courses of the psychology of the abnormal mind and the history of psychology. His journalism course in reporting and editing also brought him an A and Carl, incidentally, was the first student this year to obtain his "string" of original clippings.

During the current semester, just opened, Bostrom will be admitted to a special seminar to discuss "The Need For Making A Separate Study for the Prevention of War." This seminar group consists of graduate students as it is the custom at Northwestern to limit seminars to graduate students, but Carl has been welcomed although a junior. His studies this semester will consist of reporting, editing, newspaper problems, the community newspaper, labor problems and historical geology. Last semester he took 16 hours of work a week, the average being 15, but this semester his program calls for 17 hours. He will also take swimming lessons from Coach Tom Robinson.

Caskets with gold doubloons, pieces of eight, duros, Napoleons, rubies, pearls, bracelets of hammered gold, rare silks sewn with seed pearls, now faded and tarnished, antiquated weapons and chains of silver were dug up in one grand discovery of buried treasure recently upon lonely Santa Cruz island which lies 40 miles off the coast of California.

The treasure hunters knew exactly where to dig for the caskets which had been placed there only a few days previously by grips connected with the company filming J. M. Barrie's "Peter Pan" which Herbert Brenon produced for Paramount.

### COMING TO THE COMMUNITY HOUSE



Thomas Meighan in  
the Paramount Picture  
"Tongues of Flame"

#### BAD NEWS FOR R. H. L!

Blondes, you're facing extinction. What do you say to that?

At least George Fitzmaurice claims you are and he predicated his assertion on years of study of thousands of girls for his screen productions.

"Brunettes already outnumber their blonde sisters three to one," Fitzmaurice contends. "I attribute the passing of fair-haired women to the predominance of immigration from Southern Europe, where brunettes are the rule."

Fitzmaurice recently had to select from 600 Hollywood beauties for scenes in his new Goldwyn-Fitzmaurice National picture, "A Thief in Paradise." His purpose was to organize opposing teams of girl polo players, to stage a game in one-piece bathing suits for one of the high-lights in this picture.

"But," he continues, "while I found one hundred brunettes at once who could qualify as to beauty of form and face, it was well-nigh impossible to find enough blondes to make up an opposing team of four."

#### INSURANCE MEN AS ACTORS

The insurance business seems to be a prolific field for motion picture actors.

Victor Varconi and Charles de Roche already have been chronicled as former vendors of life, fire and accident policies. It now develops that Warner Baxter, the good-looking young leading man whose latest part is in Cecil B. DeMille's new Paramount picture, "The Golden Bed," was Philadelphia agent for one of America's largest accident insurance companies before he turned his attention to thespian enterprises.

"The Golden Bed," in which Mr. Baxter is making his latest appearance, is a screen play by Jeanie Macpherson founded on Wallace Irwin's novel.

Thomas Lynch has been confined to his home at 1131 Green Bay road with pleurisy.

Mrs. Omri Hibbard, mother of Mrs. C. Heath Bannard, returns to her home in Brooklyn next Monday.

## POOL & PIPER

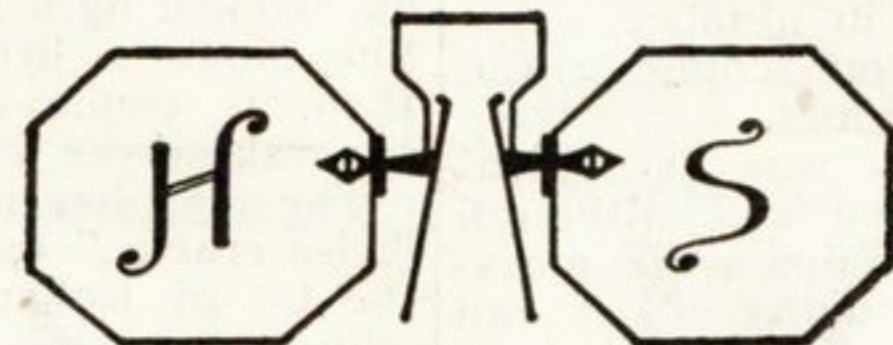
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