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Decreasing Birth Rate Held Cause of Less Attendance in Schools

SACRAMENTO (UP)—California's decreasing birth rate has already "made itself" felt in public schools and there are now fewer children being educated in this state in proportion to the population than there were in 1920.

This fact was brought out by Walter E. Morgan, chief of the division of research and statistics in the state department of education. When he compared his estimate of the population of California in 1930 with the 1920 census figures, Morgan found that in Los Angeles county he had estimated a population for 1930 of 2,388,222 while the census takers found there were actually 2,201,926 persons there.

How it works out. These may be only numbers to the average citizen, but to statisticians they reveal an interesting situation regarding births in California. Here is the basic fact: Morgan's estimate was based on the 1920 ratio of elementary school average daily attendance to the total population, as reported in the 1920 census. Morgan then took this 1920 ratio, divided it into the average daily attendance for 1930 and so got his result.

Assume for example that the ratio in 1920 was 12 children for each 100 of population. The ratio then would be 12 per cent. Morgan divided that into the average daily attendance for 1930 and has a population estimate for the state of 5,341,351.

This, however, is higher than the actual official count, which was 2,201,926. Morgan tells us, it is apparent that his ratio is too high now, and that there are for example, but 10 children for each 100 population, instead of 12 as in 1920.

"That Little Game" Inter-nat'l Cartoon Co., N.Y.—By B. Link
YOU PLAY WHEN YOU'VE GOT 'EM AND PLAY WHEN YOU HAVEN'T, YOU MIGHT AS WELL PLAY WITH THE BACKS TOWARD YOU.

EIGHT YEARS AGO IN TORRANCE

As Told by the Files of This Paper
A large committee was working to get the Supervisors to aid in the "proposed completion" of Western avenue.

The grading of the half-mile strip of highway on South Arlington avenue between Torrance and Lomita was progressing rapidly.

Col. Dan'l Morgan Smith, said to have been the commander of the Battalion of Death in the World War, was to speak on his experiences at the Old American Legion Hall.

Considerable space was given in the Herald in 1922 at this same time to the primary election. L. J. Hunter, Lomita, and James L. King, Torrance, were rivals for the Justice job.

Enlarged Sheriff's Substation Opened at 108th Monday
Attended by a large number of citizens of the southwestern part of the county, dedication exercises were held Monday at the enlarged quarters of the Vermont avenue Sheriff's substation.

Boy Scouts Will Tour L. A. Harbor
Lomita and Torrance Boy Scouts will participate with other Boy Scouts of the Harbor District in a day of sightseeing at the Harbor Saturday, August 30.

News of Lomita

Townsend's Given Radio at Party

Housewarming Held at New Home on Allene Street

LOMITA.—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Townsend who recently moved into their beautiful new home on Allene street were given a housewarming party last Saturday evening.

Divisions of the evening were dancing in the garage, and bridge in the living room. At cards honors went to Mrs. Merle Gasser, Mrs. Clarence Small, and A. E. Cook and Merle Gasser.

Guests included: Mrs. Mabel Brewer and daughter of Omaha, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pitcher and sons of Long Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Don Tolers of Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hazenow of San Pedro; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wren, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. Orla Pedersen, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Small, Mr. and Mrs. Norman F. Herr, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Washburn, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Gasser, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eubank, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Carville, Mr. and Mrs. Matt A. Kerber, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stock, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laski, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Walker, Miss Mildred Vetter, Ronhly C. Harvey, William Bong, Len Sanders, Ed Montgomery, W. J. Kulper and Hubert Thompson.

Family Reunion Held at Lomita Residence

LOMITA.—An enjoyable family reunion, the first in 30 years was held last week at the home of Mrs. Eva Kelly, when she entertained a group of cousins from Texas.

Mrs. Kelly is that pleasant voice that draws "number please" after 10 p.m. at the local office. Her guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Higgs, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gamble of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson of Paris, Texas.

Harbor City Group Nominates Officers

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Hen Surrenders Ghost—Chick Lives

LOMITA.—Five days after a hen threw up her job because of the heat a healthy little Chinese bantam chick broke through his (or her) shell, and is settling along very nicely at the home of its owners, Mr. and Mrs. George O. Harbour, 1135 20th street.

Visitors Honored at Beach Party

LOMITA.—Mr. and Mrs. L. Rowland and daughter, Miss Eva Rowland, were guests of honor Saturday at a beach party at Brighton Beach. The Rowlands will leave in a few days for their home at Coolidge, Ariz.

Miss Fanny Pirner Is Hostess To Club

LOMITA.—Miss Fanny Pirner of Oak street was hostess to the Lomita Five Hundred club, Friday afternoon.

Justice Patterson Weds S. Pedro Pair

LOMITA.—Miss Eleanor Clay of San Pedro and Harry Weaver, of L. S. Mississippi, were married Monday afternoon by Justice of the Peace S. D. Patterson.

HOUSEGUESTS HONORED AT BRIGHTON BEACH FETE

LOMITA.—Misses Marie and Sara MacMillan of Lomita, Colo., were houseguests last week of their cousin, Mrs. R. L. Knott, 1518 Cypress street. Included among social affairs for the visitor was a jolly wienner bake and marshmallow roast at Brighton Beach.

MRS. GEORGE GREEN IS GIVEN SHOWER PARTY

LOMITA.—Mrs. George Green of Redondo Beach was guest of honor at a surprise shower, Wednesday, when she with other members of her bridge club were entertained at a pink and blue luncheon by Mrs. James Dyson of Woodard avenue.

WOMAN INJURED

LOMITA.—Mrs. K. Tabata suffered concussion of the brain when thrown out of her car in an auto crash at Anaheim boulevard and Banning street, Saturday evening.

HURT IN CRASH

Missionary Tells of Work in Japan

LOMITA.—Miss Mae Burnett, a missionary on furlough from Japan, discussed her work at the meeting of the Missionary Society of the Community Presbyterian church, held Thursday at the home of Mrs. F. H. Racer of Redondo boulevard.

No Changes at Lomita School

LOMITA.—There are no changes in the faculty at the Orange street school, according to Mrs. Charles H. Clark, clerk. Mrs. W. H. Martin of Beach street, 5th and 6th grade teacher, who has spent the summer in Europe is not expected to assume her duties until the middle of September.

LOCATE VETS KIN

LOGANSPOUT, Ind. (UP)—The mother and four sisters of Simon Delachenas, World War veteran, who were located in Tougania, Lithuania, after a 10-year search, will receive the \$6,916 estate left by the soldier.

LOMITA Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. C. George Frensius of Weston street are completing plans for the erection of a six-room brick bungalow on their lot on 22nd street, between Ocean View and Monte Vista drive.

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PLAN GALA EVENT FOR NEW ROAD

Sepulveda Highway Will Be Scene of Celebration on September 26

The longest and most important caravan ever held in present-day Southern California is the goal of the committees and groups arranged for the gala celebration to be held September 26 along the route of the Sepulveda Highway.

The plan is to have horseback riders, oxcarts and old-time carriages carrying descendants and representatives of the old Spanish families through the tunnel, and it would be too far for them to follow the entire line of parade.

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Recall Move Is On at Redondo

"Taxpayers' League" Would Oust Mayor, Trustee

Charging that Mayor May B. Hopkins and J. Russel Shea, trustee, are "inefficient in many ways and have repeatedly refused to represent the will of the people in a fair and unbiased manner," an organization known as the "Taxpayers' League" has opened headquarters in Redondo for the recall of the two city officials named.

The "Taxpayers' League," according to the Redondo Reflex, stands for a breakerwater and a "real harbor; a new and efficient city attorney; an efficient fire department; a new charter immediately; fair and impartial treatment for each and every individual regardless of political affiliations and better streets and other improvements which will benefit the city as a whole."

NARBONNE TO HAVE 3 NEW INSTRUCTORS

LOMITA.—Miss Clementina de Forrest Griffin, principal of Narbonne High school, announced this week that several new teachers have been added to the faculty of the high school, which will open September 2.

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