

CENSUS BEGINS THURSDAY

Enumerators Here To Count Populace

The big count will start Thursday.

The 1960 Census of Population and Housing, with preliminaries such as mailing the advance report forms nearly completed, will begin as enumerators take to the pavement and the door bells.

Residents of Fort Wayne and the area are already putting down the facts and figures about themselves and their homes in the first do-it-yourself phase of the census.

Blank forms to record vital statistics about some 60 million American households and possibly 180 million citizens were shipped to 35,000 post offices across the land in hopes of

spurring mass participation in the population count.

The postage bill of the Census Bureau will amount to nearly \$1,200,000, but the biggest government-sponsored direct mail campaign is expected to reap large dividends in speed and accuracy.

A printed letter to each householder asks that the blanks be filled in before the census taker arrives. But if the form should be mistaken for an advertising circular and discarded, the busy housewife can relax. The door-to-door enumerator will still get the answers.

Census takers will visit every dwelling in

the area following three training sessions. John W. Wynn, district supervisor, announced.

At every fourth household, the census taker will leave a Census Household Questionnaire which contains additional questions covering population and housing characteristics which will be asked of a 25 per cent sample of the Nation's population. Householders will be requested to fill out the household questionnaire and mail it within three days to the local census district office. A pre-addressed, postage free envelope will be provided for this purpose.

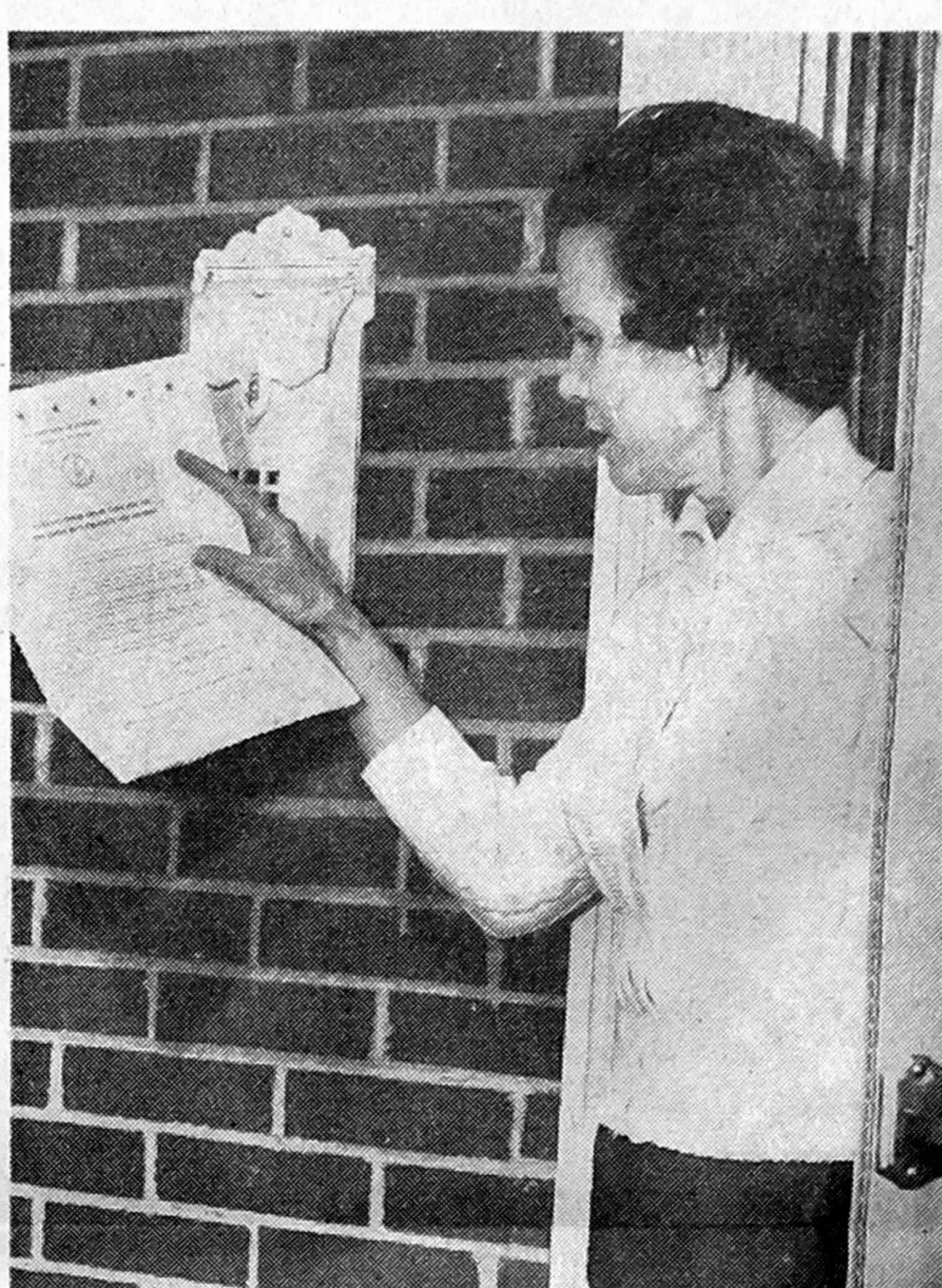
The "sample" population questions include inquiries on country of

birth, mother tongues of foreign born, schooling, employment, income and related items. The additional housing questions relate to rent or value of dwelling, heating equipment, water supply, and other facilities and equipment.

The district supervisor pointed out that information about individuals and their homes furnished to the Census Bureau is kept confidential under Federal law. Only statistical totals and averages are published. No individual person can be identified in published reports and census information cannot be used for regulation, investigation, or taxation.



WE'LL NEVER TELL!—Mrs. Wayne A. Ellis, 1120 Park Ave., New Haven, and daughter Karla Kay just aren't talking to this bell-ringer. He is Jack Howard, Census Bureau technical officer, in a trial run in preparation for the 1960 Census which will start Thursday.



ADVANCE FORM ARRIVES—Mrs. Richard Van Kirk, 805 College Ave., New Haven, finds the advance report form for the 1960 Census in her mail box. Householders are requested by the Census Bureau to have these forms filled out before the enumerator arrives.



HOUSEWIFE WITH ANSWERS—Mrs. Donald R. Maggart, left, of the Census Bureau, finds Mrs. Richard L. Federspiel, 1101 Park Ave., New Haven, a willing citizen with the answers in this test run of the census, pictured by News-Sentinel photographer Nick Longworth.



OATH OF SECRECY—Census officers are shown taking the Oath of Secrecy, required of all enumerators including the 1960 Census of Housing and Population. Left to right are: C. E. Appelman, Hometown; Mrs. Ellen C. Cooper, Kendallville, and O. D. Taylor, Bluffton, being sworn by Jack Howard, technical officer from Roanoke.