

BIRMINGHAM'S POPULATION IS GIVEN AS 9,690

U. S. Census Report Shows
Almost 200 Per Cent
Increase Since 1920

ALL DISTRICTS ADDED

The Village of Birmingham, with a population of 9,690, according to the official preliminary figures, has shown an increased growth of almost 200 per cent since 1920 when the population was 3,694. It was announced today by D. D. Fisher, director of the fourteenth United States census district of Michigan.

Most of this growth, Mr. Fisher reports, has been made in areas annexed to the village during the past 10 years. Subdivisions in the southeast and northwest sections showing the greatest increase. Charles J. Shain, former village president, whose interest in the village both as a native of the Quanton Lakes Estate and as the most prominent citizens of the village, says that the greatest growth in the village has been in the past five years.

"Since the World War," he said, "the growth of the village has been regular and after the war there were only three houses on what is known as the Quanton Lakes Estate and three others on the Birmingham estates. There were no homes north of Mohegan Road, east of Hill and the rest of that section. The village originally a small town, now has a population of four and a half miles square with an irregular boundary.

"The business growth of the village has been rapid. Today there are more stores than there were 10 years ago. There were only two or three drug stores, a couple of grocery stores and a few grocery stores. Many houses have been built in the sections between Hill and the Quanton Lakes Estate, and in the neighborhood surrounding Hanna Road. The village has been built up and remodeled in the past 10 years and there has been a marked change in the village's architecture. The village is losing a good deal of the atmosphere of a village it has for so many years.

The village population, according to the districts laid out by the census enumerators, is as follows: No. 6—That part of Bloomfield Township annexed after the boundary of Quanton road, Pilgrim, Oak Lake Park, Quanton road, Woodward avenue, Maple street, west of the village limits—1,518.

No. 7—That part of Bloomfield Township bounded by the village limits, Adams, Forest, village limits, Adams (township line) (Turn to Page 2, No. 1)

Rally Fails: Maples Lose To Port Huron

Defeat, 7 To 6, In First Of Season
Empire's Official Decisions
Are Boomed

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Village Gold Star Mother Will Visit Son's Grave In France; Other Mourns At Home

When the S. S. Harding sets sail from New York for Cherbourg June 14, with the Michigan Gold Star mothers, one of the passengers will be Mrs. Thorn Smith, of Cranbrook road, who will visit the grave of her son Robert, buried in the Aisne-Marne cemetery in France.

"Robert was only 18 when he enlisted," Mrs. Smith explained. "He was still a schoolboy in Detroit. He didn't need to go, and we all tried to discourage him, especially since President Wilson announced that the younger boys should stay at home. But he belonged to the national guard and felt it his duty to go over. He wrote such cheerful letters all the time he was there."

Smith was with the Detroit Thirty-second Division, sailing in January, 1918. In France, he was a "runner," it being his duty to carry messages from one company to another. He was killed Aug. 4 during the Aisne-Marne Offensive, acting as one of a volunteer rescue party. Ditching as a result of a shell shock, "I wish now we had him brought back," Mrs. Smith said.

Is Youngest Mother—Mrs. Smith believes she is one of the youngest of the Gold Star mothers, being only 54. "Robert was the eldest of six children. Her husband, John, died of pneumonia in 1910. She has three sons, all of whom are living at home, and employed in a library in Detroit. Robert, a senior at Michigan State college, and Dorothy, a senior at Baldwin High School. They have resided in Birmingham to which they came from Detroit, for several years.

Accompanying Mrs. Smith on her travels will be Mrs. Ethel Stitt of Detroit, Michigan, chairman of Gold Star Mothers. They will be partners on the voyage, leaving for Europe June 14.

Returning to Paris, members of the party will spend the next five days seeing the historical points of interest in that city and in the cemeteries and the daily schedule while at the cemeteries have been carried so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some of the battlefields where American troops were engaged.

Europe 14 Days—Mrs. Smith will be in Paris for the first time in 12 years. Two days will be spent in Paris, the first in resting. On the second, the women will place a wreath on the tomb of the French unknown soldier, and be guests of honor in the afternoon at a reception tendered by the French war mothers, government officials and prominent civilians. The following day, Mrs. Smith with 24 other women and an army officer in charge, will depart by bus for the Aisne-Marne region, where the cemetery is located in which her son lies buried. The cemetery is one of the cemeteries and the daily schedule while at the cemeteries have been carried so as to take in points of historical interest as well as some of the battlefields where American troops were engaged.

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