

CENSUS TAKERS READY TO BEGIN

Appointments of Enumerators for Griggs County Have Not Been Announced.

The men and women appointed to serve as enumerators of the fourteenth Decennial Census are charged by law with the collection of all facts necessary to fill out properly the printed census schedule which each enumerator will carry when making the house-to-house canvas of the territory assigned to him. Each enumerator must visit personally each house in his district and make his inquiries of the family who is competent to answer the census questions.

The Act of Congress providing for the Census gives each enumerator the right to enter every dwelling in his district for the purpose of obtaining the information required. Enumerators will carry with them at all times their identification cards and also their written commissions from the Government which they will show whenever requested to do so. They are instructed to be always courteous and considerate, but in those rare instances where information necessary to fill out the questions is denied them, they are empowered by law to insist on correct answers. There are legal penalties for refusing to answer the census questions or wilfully given answers that are false.

Each enumerator is prohibited by law from publishing or communicating any information obtained thru the census regarding any individual or his affairs. This obligation to secrecy, likewise applies to all persons connected with the Census. After the schedules are all filled out they are sealed up and sent to Washington, where the information is tabulated by means of machinery, names being discarded entirely. No person, therefore, need fear that his personal affairs will be disclosed or that the information given will be used to harm him in any way.

It is expected that the work of enumerating urban districts will be completed in two weeks and of rural districts in one month, except where severe weather makes it necessary to postpone activities.