

Census on Waffle Irons And Zebrulas Suggested

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Washington, Aug. 17—*P*—The current enthusiasm for quiz games may have something to do with it, but America is clamoring to question itself on everything from waffle irons to zebrulas.

The census bureau disclosed today that it has received hundreds of suggestions as to subjects that should be included in the 1940 census.

Some are good, some are logical but would require years of work or a million workers, and some are—as the bureau prefers to put it—“very peculiar.”

One man wrote that he thought it would be beneficial to the country

if it could be determined how many persons are over six feet tall.

A woman wanted to find out how many rooms in the United States have no windows.

An organization pleaded for a dog census. It didn't just want to know how many dogs there are, but wanted the bureau to classify them by breeds.

A group of industrialists asked for a census to determine how many railroad ties there are in America.

One citizen suggested that the census takers ask at every door—Do you have a waffle iron and a Bible?

One of the strangest letters sug-

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CENSUS IS ASKED ON WAFFLE IRONS

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gested that all farmers be asked:

1. Do you have a zebrula on your farm, and if so, how many?
2. Do you have a cataloe on your farm, and if so, how many?

A zebrula is a hybrid zebra. A cataloe is a cross between a native buffalo and a domestic cow.

A woman wanted the census takers to ask:

1. If you're not married, why aren't you?
2. If you don't have children, why not?

Color of Eyes

Another female letter writer suggested that the bureau find out the color of the eyes and hair of every American.

One man even asked that the bureau determine the credit rating and family history of every person in the nation, and then take his fingerprints.