

Local News

Mrs. Jack Baker and house guest, Miss Beryl Dunlap, visited the Indian Reservation and the Great Smokies last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blagg and family are visiting Mr. Blagg's home in Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. C. D. Mayfield is visiting her mother in Barnesville, Ga.

Mrs. Frank Dickey has received word from her daughter, Mrs. S. K. Denny, who is vacationing in Tenn. that her boy is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Elliott spent the past week in Atlanta.

Mrs. R. E. Barclay and children of Copperhill, spent several days last week with their parents and grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson. Mr. Barclay came up for Sunday and accompanied his family home.

Mrs. E. M. Dunning of Atlanta, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Candler, was in Atlanta several days last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Woods of Knoxville, were visitors in Murphy Sunday, the guests of Mrs. G. W. Ellis.

Miss Nancy Rogers, on the staff of the Petrie hospital, returned Sunday after visiting her family in Waxhaw, N. C.

Jimmie Ward returned Tuesday from a business trip in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Mrs. Elizabeth Studstill, on the faculty of Murphy school, is in New York for the summer, attending Columbia University where she will win her Masters degree Sept. 19th. Before going to New York she visited her parents in Reidsville for ten days.

Mr. William ("Bill") Owenby, sweet singer and erstwhile Don Juan of Murphy was a brief visitor to the old town over the week-end. Bill is now in the movie business, employed as a "checker". He was in Tate, Ga. checking attendance at the movie "Jessie James", and said he couldn't resist the temptation to come back to the town he always regards as "home." Bill added that he liked his job—but that he had been forced to see "Jessie James" 17 times—and that he was "about fed up."

Friends of Mrs. Jimmie Ward will be glad to learn she is rapidly recovering from a minor operation in Petrie hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Wright, of Atlanta and Birmingham, spent the past week with Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Howard.

Miss Fannie Deweese has been back in her home town visiting her mother, Mrs. Bessie Deweese. Miss Deweese is now living in Knoxville, Tenn. where she is employed as a beauty operator.

Mrs. Frank Crawford, from Copperhill, spent last Thursday with Mrs. Bessie Deweese.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hancock and Mrs. Noah Deweese, accompanied Miss Fannie Deweese here from Knoxville to visit Mrs. Bessie Deweese.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer, and son Bobbie, Mrs. McManus and daughter, Mary, of Youngstown, Ohio were week-end guests of Mr. Palmer's mother, Mrs. Dixie Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Queener returned home Monday, after a visit with their parents at Norris Lake, Tenn.

Mr. Neil Davidson has as a guest his brother, Quince, from Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Palmer, of Canton, and Mr. Robert Davis, of Oxford were guests Sunday of their mother and grand-mother, Mrs. Dixie Palmer.

Messrs Hayden McClure and Jeff Russell were week-end visitors in Gastonia.

Miss Dair McCracken, of Hayesville spent the week-end with Miss Sara Ruth Posey.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer and son, Bobbie, Mrs. Dixie Palmer and Mrs. McManus and daughter, Mary motored to the Indian Reservation at Cherokee, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Holt left Tuesday to visit friends and relatives in Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., Decatur, Ala., and Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny are on a month's vacation in LaFolotte, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Brumby, Sr., of Marietta, Ga., were in Murphy Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Brumby, Jr.

Mrs. W. G. Darnell entertained informally, at her home Saturday night at two tables of bridge. Those playing were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gas, Mrs. Richard Parker, Miss Mary King Mallonee and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Darnell.

Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Whitfield entertained for breakfast Thursday morning, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Smith and daughter, Sherrie, of Boston, Mass. Dr. and Mrs. Whitfield's friends were enroute to Alabama.

Miss Ruby Reece, of Augusta, Ga. spent a few days at the Regal hotel, as guest of Mr. Robert Morris.

Miss Annie Ruth Kestler, of Atlanta has been visiting Miss Sarah Witherspoon for the past two weeks.

Rae Moore and Richard Howell drove over to Atlanta Sunday, while there Mr. Moore brought his total certified flying time, to date, to 291

ANY QUESTIONS?

This information service on education is brought to you by special arrangement with Teachers College Columbia University, New York City. Questions on education may be submitted through this newspaper.

QUESTION: Should pre-school age children be sent to kindergarten? What is the value of a kindergarten to a child?

REPLY: Studies have shown that children who have had kindergarten training generally do better in school than children without such training. Not only do they make more satisfactory progress in school work, but also they adjust themselves more easily to school conditions.

The main values that kindergarten affords a child, are of three types—physical, mental, and social. The child is taught to get along with other people, to be responsible for his possessions and his acts, to plan his activities and carry them out independently, to cooperate with his playmates, and to lead and follow intelligently instead of blindly. He has the right sort of play to develop him physically. He is trained to think out his own problems and to solve them. He is taught to express his own ideas and appreciate the ideas of others.

QUESTION: What is the definition of illiteracy? What are the figures on illiteracy in the United States and in the world in general? What country has the highest rate of literacy?

REPLY: According to the definition used by the United States Government, "An illiterate is a person 10 years of age or over who cannot write

hours and fifteen minutes, Mr. Howell was a passenger during the flight.

Mrs. O. K. Earhart, Mrs. B. W. Whitfield and Miss Lena Nelson left Monday with Mr. H. Bueck for Carolina Beach, where they will visit for about a week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck at their summer cottage.

Mrs. R. E. Barclay, of Copperhill has been the guest of Mrs. Harry Bishop for the past few days.

in any language."

In 1930, the last year for which figures are available, there were 4,283,753 illiterates in the U. S. or 4.3% of the population over 10 years of age. For negroes the illiteracy rate in 1930 was 16.3%, for foreign born whites 9.9%, for native whites 1.5%.

The states with the highest illiteracy rate in 1930 were South Carolina with 14.9%, Louisiana with 15.5%, New Mexico with 13.3%, and Mississippi with 13.1%.

According to recent estimates over 60% of the world's population is wholly illiterate. This is a rough estimate. Africa is the most illiterate, Finland and Denmark are 100% literate.

QUESTION: Should a high school military training corps be instituted as a part of the high school curriculum? Besides its purely military purpose does it serve any definite educational purpose? Does it not take up time better for other things?

REPLY: The arguments for including military training in the high school curriculum usually are based on the claims that: 1—such training aids the national defense; 2—It develops the student physically, creates endurance and physical fitness; 3—It develops habits of obedience, discipline, and alertness, and makes the student a better citizen.

On the other hand, published findings of the numerous State and local groups indicate that there is little evidence to support these claims. It has been found that the sort of military training received in high school is likely to be of slight practical use in case of war, that the physical exercise is of a type often detrimental to the well-being of high school boys, and that habits of obedience, alertness, and discipline are not developed in such a way as to remain as permanent characteristics.

QUESTION: What is the proportion of men to women teachers in the U. S.

REPLY: Of the 870,963 teachers in public elementary and secondary schools in the U. S. in 1936, 479,073 or 55% were men as compared to 691,890 women. In 1934 19.1% of school teachers were men and in 1932 17.7%.

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