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## SIFTINGS.

Population of the United States passed the 100,000,000 mark on April 1, according to the estimate of the census bureau.

A weekly trade bulletin is now being circulated in Paris by the American government to promote "Made in U. S. A.," goods in France.

During the last ten years the number of students taking the full four year course in agricultural colleges has increased from about 2,500 to 12,500, or 500 per cent.

Typical wheat farms in Australia extend from 600 to 1,000 acres, and are usually worked single handed by the farmer and his family, labor saving machinery being used in every possible direction.

One acre contains 160 square rods, 4840 square yards, 43,560 square feet. The side of a square must measure as follows to contain: Ten acres, 660 feet; one acre, 208.71; half an acre, 147.58 third acre, 120.50; fourth acre, 104.38; eight acre, 73.79.

Sixteen thousand to eighteen thousand men will be needed in Oklahoma for the grain harvest, reports the commissioner of labor at Oklahoma City. Wages will be from \$2 to \$3 per day and board. Most of the farmers have expressed a preference for English speaking white men.

Before the outbreak of the present European war practically all the fresh fruit and much of the dried fruit imported into Goteborg, Sweden, came through Liverpool or other intermediate ports. Now Goteborg fruit agents are ordering direct from the United States.

Demands for one hundred and twenty-five thousand men to aid in harvesting the wheat crop of the middle west are already pouring into the office of the employment division of the Department of Labor in Chicago, an aggregate of one hundred and twenty-five thousand men already being asked.

At the birth of a Japanese baby in wealthy circles a tree is planted that must remain untouched until the marriage of the child. When the nuptial hour arrives the tree is cut down and the wood is transformed into furniture, which is considered by the young people as the most beautiful of all the ornaments of the house.

Thirteen descents were made in the search of the submerged submarine F-4 at Honolulu, and every one broke a former world's record. Five of the descents were made to a depth of 306 feet and eight to 275 feet. The former world's record was 274 feet. After being raised to within 24 feet of the surface, further salvaging of F-4 has had to be suspended for fear that the hulk may break in two. A new method of lifting is to be tried.

In every one of the fifty four grammar schools of Portland, O., there is a parent-teachers' association. Men as well as women are members of these associations, and three have business men as presidents. School excursions form an important feature of the work. Brick yards, lumber yards and chair factories are visited by the pupils. A committee of 16 men have special charge of this work, one of whom accompanies the children on every trip.

Agricultural department reports indicate that house and field ants are becoming very destructive in

several sections of Texas. Stored seeds and growing crops are said to have been extensively damaged already by the pests, and the department is starting a campaign for their destruction. Circulars letters are being prepared dealing with the controlling and possibly exterminating the ant and the department urges persons who are victims of the pests to write at once for advice.

A successful demonstration of the canning of peas by means of a steam pressure canner was recently by Mrs. T. P. Marshall, United States demonstration agent of Dallas County, at her home, Willowbrook Farm. About fifteen women saw the demonstration, some making a trip of 30 miles to be present at this event. Three of her visitors were men. Mrs. Marshall is enthusiastic over the method of canning she is now employing. She says it is not only a much quicker process, but also a great deal safer.

One vessel leaving New York for the eastern coast of South America a few days ago carried to Brazil \$25,000 worth of printed and advertising matter, \$3,000 worth of paper, \$13,000 worth of miscellaneous merchandise; for Montevideo, Uruguay, \$6,000 worth of agricultural implements and \$10,000 worth of malt and \$40,000 worth of miscellaneous merchandise; for Buenos Aires, \$20,000 worth of automobiles, \$11,000 worth of fertilizer, \$12,000 worth of agricultural machinery, \$17,000 worth of electric material, \$20,000 valuation of dry goods, \$25,000 valuation of shoes and \$25,000 valuation of miscellaneous machinery.

Charles M. Schwab sounded a note of business optimism at the monthly luncheon of the Merchants' Association in New York City. His remarks evoked loud applause.

"The prosperity which we experienced the last 10 to 20 years" said Mr. Schwab, "is but the beginning of an era that will bring the United States to a higher plane of success, greater prosperity and greater happiness than anything we ever dreamed of heretofore."

"As an optimist there is no man greater in the room than I. I feel that while we have gone through two or three years of a depressed period it is but a cycle and that we will go onward and upward in business for the United States."

Much has been learned about bird migration but much yet remains to be learned, and the following is one of the most curious and interesting of the unsolved is one of the best known and most abundant birds of eastern United States. With troops of fledglings catching their winged prey as they go, and lodging by night in tall chimneys, the flocks drift slowly south joining with other birds, until on the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico they become an innumerable host. When they disappear. Did they drop into the water or hibernate in the mud, as was believed of old, their obliteration could not have been more complete. In the last week in March a joyful twittering far overhead announces their return to the Gulf coast but their hiding place during the intervening five months is still the swift's secret.

—Farm and Ranch.

## WARREN COUNTY.

### Better School Houses, Equipment and Teachers.

Warren county, because of the not be a county of great school preponderance of negroes centers. The population of the different districts in a given area is so mixed in respect to the races that we must of necessity have one or two teacher schools or transport pupils over distances so great that the larger part of the day will be taken up in going and coming from school.

In spite of this fact—this handicap to the best results, we are making rapid and steady progress. This progress is along all lines of educational endeavor. We have better school houses better, equipment, better teachers. We are broader; we are reaching up from the soil and understanding things as we go upward. We are understanding that health is an essential factor in educational progress and sanitation is made secondary to the other part of the course of study. It should be first, for without sound bodies and clear minds memory is under grave handicap.

We are building better school houses, because we believe in stimulating community interest in the school, and because we believe in providing every inducement to study. We have just voted at Macon ten thousand dollars of bonds for the purpose of erecting a modern and model high school building. We have just voted at Norlina twelve thousand, five hundred dollars of bonds for the purpose of erecting a building suitable to the present and futures needs of that thriving community. We have erected in Afton special tax district a model building after the plans of the department; we have painted the buildings and improved the surroundings of other schools in the county, and it is not difficult for "him who runs" to read the signs of progress on every hilltop.

We have recently voted our sixteenth special tax district—an increase of six since my connection with the public schools—and steps are being taken in two other live communities to vote on the question of local taxation for increasing the public school term.

The question of wisely administering the affairs connected with public education in each community is one of grave responsibility. It is one which should be removed from the sphere of petty politics; it is one in which the welfare of growing childhood should be consulted and not the question of political advantage to this or that faction. In so far as the administration of the schools affairs in this county is concerned, it is and shall continue to be the chief aim of those entrusted with this grave and delicate duty to so administer the trust as to bind up the bruised places and pour the oil of healing in his wounds appearing in our body politic, and to that end shall expect the loyal support of those citizens who feel that the training of childhood is more important than the question of who gets the credit for that training.

The citizens of the county have given loyal support to the effort being made to provide the best possible education with the means at hand, and having put their shoulders to the wheel the

song of their progress is vibrant upon the morning air. No man liveth to himself, and no community can move forward without a common aim toward a common goal. The progress in the school affairs of Warren county makes glad the hearts of those interested in the cause of public education and enables me to clasp hand with the band of superintendents in other counties of our grand old North State in the effort to banish illiteracy, build up the waste places and brighten the path of our citizenship by the lamp of learning.

—HOWARD F. JONES,  
Superintendent.

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### WHAT BILL DID.

Bill Turner was a farmer, he labored all his life. He didn't have no schoolin' and neither did his wife. But Bill was built for business and made the wheels go round, and left a healthy fortune when they put him under ground. He was always taking chances, paid a hundred for a bull. His neighbors called him crazy, but he left a stable full of cows that broke the record, making butter by the ton, an' Bill had his picture printed in the Squeedunk Weekly Sun. He had newfangled notions of making farming pay. He even bought a fool machine to help him load his hay. The neighbors fairly snorted when they saw the bloomin' thing; said Bill would never make it work. It wasn't worth a ding! Bill didn't say a single word, an' didn't care a darn 'bout what they said, fer slick as grease his hay went in the barn an hour before a thunder storm came sailin' out that way and caught his neighbors in a pinch and spoiled their new mown hay. Bill's neighbors put their milk in cans, and set 'em in a tank. Bill skimmed his milk with a machine and turned it with a crank. Smith chops his firewood with an axe, Bill used some gasoline and saws a hundred cords a day with another blame machine. To-day Bill's wife rides in a car and dresses up in silk. Smith's wife rides in a wagon and keeps on skimming milk.

—Taylor Co., Ky., Enquirer.

### THE YOUNG GRADUATE.

This is the season of the young hopeful who believes he has learned how to shoot. Armed with his sheepskin, he starts forth to conquer. He never thinks, as a rule, that a sheepskin is too pliable a lever with which to turn the world from its course. However, that is well, for the superb confidence of Youth is necessary at the start, for the position with which the young man will meet later in life will gradually break down his overconfidence until the normal amount is left with which to fight the battle for success. The Japanese have some good advice for the young graduate. They say: "Keep your mouth closed; he who always has his mouth open shows that his mind is blank. Think of that at which you are looking; one whose eye is always wandering tells that his mind also is wandering. When speaking to anybody look at the person to whom you are saluting. A boy should act like a boy; avoid becoming effeminate. When it is hot, think it is cold; when it is cold, think it is hot. It is a shame to wear torn clothes without mending

## MACON.

Mrs. Wheeler, of Castalia, accompanied by her children spent last week with her sister, Mrs. S. W. Neal.

Mrs. J. M. Coleman visited relatives and friends in Louisburg last week.

Mr. J. M. Coleman went to Norfolk last Friday on business. The Farmer's Union picnic held in Mr. T. E. Powell's grove the 15th inst., was attended by a large crowd of orderly, good-natured people. The director of the band said there were the most good-looking girls present that he ever saw at one place.

Supt. Howard F. Jones and county demonstration agent, Mr. F. B. Newell, made good speeches at the picnic, while waiting for the Brunswick Stew to cook.

Miss Susie Shaw returned last week from a visit to friends in Raleigh.

The Special School committee met the 15th inst. and opened the sealed bids for the bond issue. The award was made to Powell, Garard and Co., Chicago, their bid offering a premium.

Mr. John Boyd, of River township, was on our streets last Friday.

Mr. Josh Walker informs us that he will shortly open a butcher shop here, where he will dispense fresh meat daily to a hungry public. So mote it be.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Prior Rodwell spent the day very pleasantly last Sunday in the home of Mr. H. E. Rodwell of Churchill.

Mrs. M. B. Russell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sessoms, who lives near Littleton.

Mrs. R. H. Clark, who has been ill with typhoid fever, is well on the way to recovery.

Miss Alice Britton Rodwell is spending these hot summer days down among the shifting sands of Hamlet with her sister, Mrs. Rowan.

Messrs. John and Marvin Drake, of Weldon, gladdened the hearts of their numerous kin-folks and friends by their presence here Sunday.

Miss Virginia Rodwell accompanied by her friend, Miss Horn-rine spent the past week in the home of Mr. Joe Shearin, of Churchill.

Messrs. Grover and Claude Harris, of Embro, were here last Sunday night.

Messrs. Albert Pope and Vivian Shearin of Churchill, were welcome visitors here last Sunday.

Charles Summerville, the colored sexton of the Baptist church, after a month's illness, passed into the spirit world last Wednesday night.

Mr. Henry Haithcock, the efficient Six Pound Constable, came here Monday morning and placed under arrest several bales of western hay and incarcerated them in his private lockup.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Russell paid a welcome visit Sunday to their brother, Mr. Boyd Russell on the Roanoke.

them, but to wear the torn part patched is nothing to be ashamed of. Know what shame is; he who does not know what shame is inferior to dumb animals. When in good health, train yourself to endure physical labor; when you are ill, however, obey your physicians instructions. Become a man useful to your country; whoever cannot be so is better dead.—To these admonitions of the Japan-

## OBITURARY.

At his home in Vaughan on the 5th day of June, 1915, W. K. Hunter, son of Wm. Knox and Pauline Reeks Hunter, in the full blossom of young manhood passed from life into the Great Beyond.

He was married on December 1912 to Miss Ruth Burroughs a most faithful and affectionate wife.

The hand of affliction was heavy upon him, but the patience with which he bore his sufferings was truly remarkable.

His father and mother, both dying while he was young, he was reared by his grandparent, Rev. T. B. Reeks, to whom he was a great comfort in his declining years.

He joined the M. E. Church in childhood, was a good boy, and grew up to be a good man, warm hearted, tender and true. He was a sincere Christian. Death was to him the gate of endless joy. He leaves a wife, two sisters, and one brother with many relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

The large concourse of people who gathered to honor his memory, and the beautiful floral offerings placed on his grave showed in what esteem he was held by his friends and neighbors. "One less at home!"

The charmed circle broken a dear face Missed day by day from its accustomed place But cleansed and saved and prepared by grace One more in heaven

One more at home That home where separation can not be, That home where none are missed eternally. Lord Jesus grant us all a life with thee. At home in Heaven.

—One who loved him.

### MARMADUKE ITEMS.

Rev. Mr. Bailey of the Warren circuit spent Sunday night in the home of Mr. John Powell. Misses Martha Bennett, Ruth Davis, Mabel Robertson and others visited at the same place at the same time.

M. C. Davis is spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Eliza Davis, of Grove Hill.

Mrs. Martha Johnston and son Clide, Mr. Bud Iles and Miss Myrtle Duke of Petersburg, were recent guests of the Messrs. Duke.

We cordially invite the public to attend a cream super at the home of Mrs. M. C. Davis Wednesday night, July 28th. A nice time is guaranteed and plenty of chaperones will be present. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a library for Marmaduke's book lovers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Qualls, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, all of Essex made a pop call in this town Sunday p. m.

Miss Jane Clark, of Richmond, is visiting her brother here now.

Several of our ladies and their escorts took a joy ride to Henderson Sunday p. m.

Protracted meeting begins here August 1st.

We know of no news of interest at this writing.

—MIZPAH.

we add: Do not be ashamed of your father and mother, even if they are uneducated; remember you helped to put the callouses on your father's hands and to bend your mother's back.