

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LOWER WHERE PUBLIC ROADS ARE BAD SHOWS U. S. CENSUS REPORT

Washington, D. C., April 14.— Census reports show that in 1909 there were 24,000,000 children in the United States of school age, but that only 17,500,000 were enrolled in the public schools. This would indicate that there are several million children who are deprived, for one reason or another, from obtaining an education, and there is no doubt that a large number of those are prevented from attending school on account of bad roads. Furthermore, many schools in the country districts are closed for varying periods on account of the impassable condition of the roads, and many of the schools which are not closed have a nominal percentage of attendance.

While it is true that various factors contribute to increase or decrease the attendance at schools in given sections of the country, it is worthy of comment that in the states having a high percentage of improved roads, a much larger percentage of the students enrolled, regularly attend the schools than in the states having a small percentage of improved roads. In five Eastern and Western States which have a large mileage of improved roads, the average attendance of enrolled pupils in 1908-9 was 80 per cent; while in four Southern states and one northwestern state which are noted for bad roads, the average attendance for the same year was 64 per cent— 80 per cent in the good roads states as against 64 per cent in the bad road states. In the states first named, 35 per cent of the roads have been improved while in the latter group of states there are only 11.3 per cent of the roads improved.

That improved roads would benefit our country school system, there would seem to be no doubt. Improved roads make it possible to consolidate or centralize the schools and to establish graded schools in the rural districts. Such schools centrally located will accommodate all of the children within a radius of from four to five miles. In many communities having the advantage of improved roads, commodious build-

ings have been provided, more competent teachers have been employed, and modern facilities for teaching having been supplied at a minimum cost. For instance, since the improvement of the main highways in Durham county, North Carolina, the number of school houses have been reduced from 65 to 42, of which 17 are graded and have two or more rooms, and employ two or more teachers.

There are at the present time about 3,000 consolidated rural schools in the United States. It appears that Massachusetts, Ohio and Indiana have made the greatest progress along these lines, and it is rather significant to note that in these states about one-third of the roads have been improved. According to statistics of the Agricultural Department, there was expended in 1909, \$22,116 in Massachusetts for the conveyance of pupils to consolidated schools, but in 1908 the expenditure for this purpose amounted to \$295,213. In Indiana, the expenditure for this purpose in 1904 amounted to \$86,000, while in 1908, \$290,000 was expended. This expenditure for transportation reflects, in a general way, the extent and progress of this new educational movement. It must not be understood that this is an additional burden, as the expenditure thus made saved in other directions—that is by the decrease in the number of schools and economy in their operation.

In Indiana, Massachusetts, Ohio and other states, the one-room, one-teacher schools are being replaced by central school houses, with a half-dozen rooms and as many teachers. Wagons are sent out every day to gather up the children and to take them home again in the evening. All of the children within a radius of several miles are thus provided with the most modern school facilities. In some of these schools, courses in manual training, agriculture and home economics have been introduced, scientific apparatus utilized, and teachers having special qualifications and training employed.

THE HALCYON CLUB EASTER DANCE WED.

The Halcyon Club will give its regular Easter dance at the Elks' Home tomorrow evening. Dancing is expected to begin promptly at 9:30 o'clock and will be directed by the leader of the club, Mr. Edmund Harding. The music will be furnished by Forber's Orchestra. The Easter dances given by this well-known club are always anticipated with pleasure by those who tip the light fantastic and this year there will be no exception. Several visiting ladies and gentlemen are expected to grace the occasion with their presence.

GREAT SHOW THE MIKADO HERE TONIGHT

The dress rehearsal for the Mikado at the Armory last night was a complete success and insures a fine performance tonight. Miss Rhodes as the disconsolate Katisha, is going to be a distinct success and the "Three Little Maids from School" by Misses Joyner, Carter and Carrow are the personification of grace and melody and all the parts are well taken. The sale of seats is large, but there are still some good seats left, which doubtless will be sold today. The curtain will go up promptly at 8:30 and the opera closes at 10:45.

Annual Exhibit Public Schools Will be Held Friday, April 17

To the Editor: Please allow me space enough in your paper to announce the annual exhibit day in our city schools. We shall be glad to have patrons and friends to call Friday, April 17, from 8:30 until 3:30. Some work from each pupil in the school will be shown in the class room, and it will be a good opportunity for parents to see the kind of work their child may be doing. Regular class room work will be done and we shall endeavor to show the patrons the exact workings of their schools. We trust our patrons and friends will take advantage of this opportunity to get in closer touch with their school system. We shall be glad to

talk with anyone and answer any questions they may wish to ask. Also allow me this opportunity to call attention to the series of sermons on education now being preached by the several pastors of our city churches. It is not necessary to argue with Washington people upon such an all important question. I believe they are too cultured to need any argument to realize the importance of public education. I trust the people of the city will take advantage of these sermons, not only attending themselves, but urging their children to attend. Thanking you for your courtesy. Very truly yours, O. M. CAMPBELL, Superintendent.

A. H. PHILLIPS AND FAMILY LEFT TODAY

Return to Their Former Home—Eureka, Mont. Have Been Residents Here For Past 2 Years Their Departure Regretted.

Mr. A. H. Phillips, Mrs. Phillips and three children, left this morning via the Norfolk Southern train for Eureka, Mt., to make that town their future home. It will require five days and nights to make the journey to their far western home. Their first stop will be Norfolk and from there they take a train to Columbus, Ohio, thence to Chicago and St. Paul where the last railroad change will be made. The distance from Washington to Eureka is approximately four thousand miles.

About eight years ago Mr. Phillips and family moved to Eureka, where he engaged in farming, having a 160 acre ranch under cultivation. Upon this farm Mr. Phillips raised all kinds of crops without using fertilizer.

Two years ago Mr. Phillips and family returned to this city and since that time have resided, much to the delight and gratification of their numerous friends. Mr. Phillips has been connected with the well-known firm of G. A. Phillips & Bro.

Although this is his birthplace and his ties here are strong he feels that his interest in Montana demand his personal attention so he has decided to once again try his luck tilling the soil. The news of his determination to again cast his lot in the far west will be learned with universal regret. Genial and jolly in disposition, always smiling and urbane, his familiar face will be missed from our streets. He and family carry with them to their distant home the wish of the entire city that success and long life will ever be their portion.

Mr. Phillips is a brother of Messrs. George A. Phillips, John L. Phillips and Fenner T. Phillips and Mrs. James L. Mayo.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MEET THIS EVENING IN REGULAR MONTHLY SESSION.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular monthly meeting at the chamber in the Baughman building this evening at 8:30 o'clock. As business of importance is to be transacted all the members are urged to be present. Any interested citizen is cordially invited.

PLAYHOUSE ATTRACTION THIS WEEK

The "Playhouse" or "Floating Theater" will return to Washington this week and will give performances at the foot of Respass street on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The opening will be: "Under the Western Skies." Friday night the company will present "Miller's Son," the attraction for Saturday night will be: "Why Girls Leave Home." Mr. Adams and his company are now exhibiting at Annapolis. Mr. Adams, since the completion of his novel playhouse here, has met with great success and the news of his return here for three nights will be hailed with pleasure.

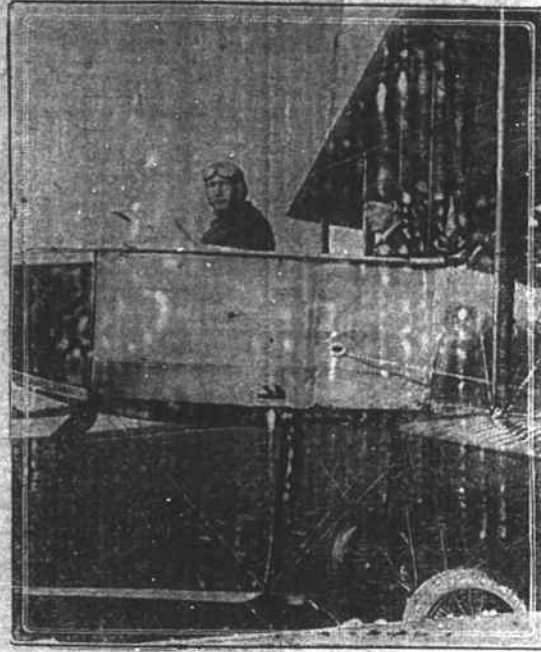
Children Love Washington Park.

Miss Mildred Howard, of Belhaven, N. C., was here this morning en route to Bay Side, N. C., where she is teaching.

MOVING STOCK.

The firm of Cutler & John, who have been running a branch store at the corner of Union Alley and Main street, are today moving the stock to their main store at the corner of Main and Market streets in the Rodman building.

U. S. BIRDS OF AIR



New "Army Scout" Given A Test Before Officials

The United States army has gone into aviation much deeper than is generally known. It has a fully equipped aviation fleet, housed in a long row of hangars which resemble a barracks. This is located at the Pensacola aviation yard and presents a very formidable appearance. One of these birds-of-war is equipped with a cannon in its nose which can be trained in any direction. The

latest addition to the fleet is an aircraft built by Aviator Glenn Martin, of Los Angeles. It is referred to as the new "Army Scout" and judging from its name is to be for reconnoitering. The above photograph shows the new craft. Martin, the inventor, is shown in front of the machine. The machine has just been given a test flight before army serial officers at Pomona, Cal.

GUNMEN DIE WITHOUT ANY CONFESSION

Took Only 39 Minutes For the Electrocution. Near Collapse as They Went to Death for Murder of Rosenthal.

"BECKER INNOCENT. "So far as I know Becker had nothing to do with the case," declared "Dago Frank" before going to the electric chair in Sing Sing prison early yesterday morning for the murder of Rosenthal.

Ossining, N. Y., April 14.—The four gun men convicted of the murder of gambler Herman Rosenthal, were executed at Sing Sing prison early yesterday. It took just thirty-nine minutes from the first time the shock was given to complete the job.

"Dago Frank" Cirofici was the first to die. "Lefty Louie" Rosenberg was the last of the four pronounced dead.

"Whitey Lewis" (Jacob Seidenshner) was the only one to make a statement in the death house, and none made a confession. Seidenshner declared the witnesses against him perjured themselves and swore he wasn't guilty. He was the second to be executed.

"Gyp the Blood" (Harry Horowitz), who was the third that went to death, was terror stricken, and apparently on the verge of collapse.

"Dago Frank" went to the chair with a piece of "hoist" bread, typifying the body of Christ in his mouth, held a crucifix in each hand and didn't make a sound as he was strapped in the chair.

"Lefty Louie" was the hardest to kill. The preceding three men had been given two shocks each, but four were necessary before Rosenberg was pronounced dead.

One of the few spectacular features of the execution was provided by Rosenberg. In the death house, each of the gunmen on leaving his cell called out "good-bye" to the other prisoners and each shook the hands of Head Keeper McInery and Warden Clancy. Rosenberg, however, broke down as he passed the warden on the way to the death chair, threw his arms about Clancy

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RALEIGH WINS FIRST GAME FROM THE LOCALS

A Derailment of Freight Cars Last Night Causes a Delay

SCORE WAS TWO TO ONE IN FAVOR OF THE VISITORS

In consequence of the derailment of five freight cars on the through freight bound from Norfolk to Raleigh on the Norfolk Southern railroad this morning at 1:55 o'clock at Honey Pod siding, near this city, the passenger train bound from Norfolk to Raleigh and due to arrive here at 2:15 a. m. was delayed over four hours. All the passengers had to be transferred here. Both the Raleigh and Norfolk passenger trains due to pass here, stopped in Washington, each returning to their respective starting points. The cause of the derailment can not be accounted for. No one was injured by the accident.

Weston and Foushee Local Battery. Did Great Work. "Hard Luck" the Locals Portion.

Raleigh won the game from Washington yesterday afternoon at Fleming Park by the close score of 2 to 1. But for a wild throw in the eleventh inning a different story might be written. However, the game was spirited and hotly contested and not until the last man crossed the home bag with victory perched upon his banner did the spectators know who would be the victors. The game was an old time pitcher's battle, in which both mound artists, Weston for Washington and Weathers for Raleigh, divided honors with the honors for the home man being on his side. Weston "did the trick" to the visitors until the seventh when their first run was made and the second winning run was made in the eleventh, due to a wild throw over second, enabling the runner to cross home plate safely. Washington made her first run in the second. A large number witnessed the initial contest of the season and interest was at fever heat from start to finish. To use a rough expression, it was simply "who and who."

ORPHANS ARE BILLED FOR HERE THURS.

A class of orphans from the Oxford Orphan Asylum will give an entertainment in the auditorium of the Public School on Thursday night. The performance is billed to begin at 8 o'clock and the price of admission will be: Adults, 25c.; children, 15c. The class is composed of twenty-four members. They come to Washington under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity and during their stay here will be entertained by the Masons in their homes. The present tour of the orphans is one of the best in the history of the institution. It is to be hoped that the citizens will give them a crowded house. The cruise is a most worthy one.

WILL BE GALA DAY.

Memorial day in Washington this year promises to be one of the equal of former occasions. As usual the ladies will serve dinner to the veterans, in fact, the entire day program will be one of interest not only to those who wore the grey, but the visitors as well. Elaborate preparations are now going on under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

PRAYER WEEK NOW BEING CELEBRATED

The local Woman's Christian Temperance Union is conducting a week of prayer for sabbath observance. The first meeting for the week was held at the home of Mrs. E. T. Stewart, on East Second street and was well attended. The meeting was charmingly led by Mrs. M. E. Giles. The schedule for the entire week was previously published through the columns of this paper.

ANOTHER SHOW BILLED FOR WASHINGTON DURING ALL OF COMING WEEK.

Washington is without a doubt a most popular place with advance agents for traveling shows. The Shank Ten Cent Show is billed for this city the week commencing April 20. The attraction has a big company of players and it is reputed that all the members are said to be straight-forward people. The show is giving performances in Greenville this week, where they are receiving good patronage. They will exhibit on the Atlantic Coast Line property, under their own tent.

FIRST SHOW NEW THEATER LAST NIGHT

The opening performance at the New Theater last night, "Fun in a Drug Store," was all that could be asked for. The house was packed to its doors. Through some misunderstanding the play last night was produced here last week under the name of the "Pharmacy Girls." The management of the house was very sorry that this occurred, but nevertheless every one present seemed to enjoy it over again. The chorus with this troupe last night was exceptionally good. On account of the home talent play at the New Theater tonight, the Lunavale Girls Company, will go to Belhaven for a one night's engagement. For tomorrow night the management assures every one that the musical number to be produced, "Fun in a School Room," will be an entirely new program, one that has never been played here before. So everybody can attend tomorrow night without thinking that they will see something that they have seen before. Together with this class of amusement, and the excellent pictures that this house is offering their patrons, it is all that could be asked for the price of admission, 10 and 20 cents.

VISITORS TO CITY.

Among the visitors to Washington today are F. S. Windley, city clerk; S. J. Peel, merchant; Rev. Mr. Anderson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, all of Belhaven. They returned to their homes on the afternoon train. It's Restful in Washington Park.

CITY COURTS YESTERDAY INTERESTING

Recorder Sends One Violator to the Roads for Six Months. Mayor Fines Several For Being Intoxicated.

The city courts, both the mayor's and recorder's, were more than lively yesterday and the result is that the treasury of the city is better off today between 35 and 40 dollars, made so by the offenders being fined for their violations of the city ordinances while a new member was sent to the county chain gang for a term of six months.

The mayor disposed of his cases yesterday morning and Recorder Windley meted out justice in the afternoon.

The following cases were disposed of by the mayor: W. S. Thomas, drunk and disorderly conduct; guilty. Fined \$10 and cost.

W. S. Thomas, assault; bound over to the recorder.

Charles Rue, drunk; guilty. Fined \$5 and cost.

Gas Clark, drunk; guilty. Fined \$5 and cost.

Frank Allgood, drunk. Fined \$5 and cost.

Peck Clark, drunk; guilty. Fined \$5 and cost.

Henry Moore, colored, drunk. Fined \$5, and cost.

Charles Hagan, colored, drunk; guilty. Fined \$5 and cost.

Harry Harvey and Lewis Brown; larceny. Bound over to the recorder.

Rufus Morris and Henry Ward; mutual assault. Bound over to the recorder.

Yesterday afternoon the recorder tried Rufus Morris and Henry Ward and the judgment of the court was that Morris serve a term of six months on the county roads. Ward was adjudged not guilty.

The other cases bound over to the recorder by the mayor will not be disposed of until tomorrow.

WANTED—TWO CARRIER BOYS. Apply Daily News office.