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CENSUS REVEALS LESS ILLITERACY

Decrease of From 22.9 to 16.1 Per Cent in Ten Years Shown in Alabama.

DECLINE IN OTHER STATES

Marked Improvement is Shown in the Education of the Negro Population in the Southern States—Funds Are Limited.

Washington.—That illiteracy is decreasing in this country is indicated by a survey of early reports from the census office by Sara L. Doran for the Bureau of Education of the United States. The figures for Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware and the District of Columbia have been published and all of them show substantial improvement since 1910.

In Alabama the proportion of persons ten years old and more who cannot write in any language has dropped from 22.9 per cent to 16.1 per cent; in Arkansas from 12.6 per cent to 9.4 per cent, in Delaware from 8.1 per cent to 5.9 per cent, in the District of Columbia from 4.9 per cent to 2.8 per cent.

"The condition is even more encouraging than the figures that relate to the total population seem to indicate," continues the investigator, "for it is evident that the coming generation of native Americans will be practically free from illiteracy in nearly every part of the country."

"Alabamians have been constantly mindful of the evils of illiteracy during the last 20 years. The census of 1900 showed a marked increase in the actual number of illiterates in the previous decade. The figures were published widely throughout the state and the people awakened to the fact that the public school system was not holding its own. The result was shown in the census returns of 1910. The tendency to increase in numbers which had appeared previously was entirely overcome, the illiterates were reduced by 81,880 and the proportion of illiterates in the total population was cut from 34 per cent to 22.9 per cent."

Government Helps.
"These numbers were recognized as much too high, and the agitation for universal education continued. This culminated in a survey of educational conditions throughout the state under the direction of the United States commissioner of education and a general revision of the laws in consonance with the recommendations of the survey commission. Alabama's first compulsory education law was passed in 1915, and an illiteracy commission was established in the same year. It has since been engaged in direct efforts to educate illiterates."

"The money available for these purposes has been limited, however, for the finances of the state have not been in an entirely satisfactory condition, and the efforts of education have been hampered by that fact. No state money has yet been appropriated for the illiteracy commission, although it was established by legislative action; and the commission has had to depend on private sources."

"It is well known that the greater part of the illiteracy that exists in the southern states is among the negroes. In 1890, seven negroes in every ten in Alabama were unable to write. This proportion has been reduced at every census since that time, and in 1920 it was three in every ten. Nearly 211,000 Alabama negroes were reported illiterate in that year. A similar lack of education prevails to an undue extent among the native white people of the state; 67,287 of them cannot write. That number is 6.4 per cent of the native white population over ten years of age."

"With a much smaller proportion of negroes in her population, Arkansas may be expected to excel the showing made by Alabama in the education of her citizens. The number of taxpayers among negroes is relatively small in all the southern states and the amount they pay in school taxes is not enough to maintain their own schools. The whites, therefore, must educate not only their own children, but those of the negroes as well."

"Arkansas, within her borders 221,887 ten years old or over who can read; 40,753 of them are native whites and 79,245 are negroes. The percentages of the corresponding total population are 4.6 per cent, and 21.6 per cent, respectively. Clearly, Arkansas is better off educationally than Alabama."

"Like Alabama, and presumably many other states, Arkansas has much less of illiteracy in the cities than in the rural portions of the state."

"Negroes constitute only 13.6 per cent of the population of Delaware, and the proportion is decreasing."

TINY PLOT; \$3,500,000 RENT

Manhattan Was Bought for \$24; Now Thirty-One Feet Bring Huge Rental.

New York.—Manhattan island, once sold by an Indian for \$24 and a few drinks of firewater, has become so valuable that a tiny plot stretching only 31 feet along Broadway recently was leased for an annual rental of about \$133 a square foot. Real estate men said this was the highest figure for which land was ever rented here.

The site is at Broadway and Thirty-fourth street and extends about fifty feet along the latter. Several years ago a department store wished to buy the corner plot, having procured the land on both sides as the site of a skyscraper. But the owner would not sell, even for \$1,000,000, and the big store had to erect its home around the small building.

A four-story structure, housing on the ground floor a busy cigar store, remains on the valuable corner lot. On all sides lofty buildings rear their bulks of steel and stone. The new lessee, who will pay \$3,500,000 for rent, taxes and other expenses over a 21-year period, plans to erect a narrow skyscraper on the triangular plot. A candy-making corporation will occupy the building.

Notice of Sale Under Deed of Trust.

By virtue of the power contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed to the undersigned as Trustee by Daniel Huff on the 11th day of March, 1920, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book No. 21, page 270, Record of Mortgages for Yadkin county, I will offer for sale on the premises at public auction, on the 16th day of July 1921, the following tract or parcel of land in Deep Creek township, Yadkin county, and bounded as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stone Will Swain's and J. J. Caudle's corner, and runs south 84 degrees east 6 chains and 85 links to a pine; thence south 2 degrees west 2 chains to a stone; thence south 16 degrees east 2 chains and 51 links to a stone; thence east 2 degrees south 11 chains and 50 links to a stone on bank of the branch; thence southward with the branch 4 chains and 85 links on east bank of branch; thence east 2 degrees south 13 chains and 62 links to stone in old dowery line, now John Swain's line; thence north 10 degrees west with old dowery line 18 chains and 97 links to a walnut on bank of ditch; thence southward with ditch 4 chains and 25 links to three walnuts; north 47 degrees west 3 chains and 15 links to the bank of creek; thence with the creek 2 chains to a stone; thence north 4 chains to a pine; thence west 12 chains to a sourwood; thence south 76 degrees west 7 chains to a persimmon; thence north 1 chain and 40 links to a stone; thence west 10 chains and 95 links to a stone; thence north 14 degrees west 7 chains; thence west 4 chains and 25 links to a bank on branch, J. G. Johnson's corner; thence south 24 degrees west 9 chains to a stone; thence south 64 degrees east 6 chains to a stone, J. J. Caudle's corner; thence south 30 degrees east 5 chains to a stone, Caudle's corner; thence south 3 chains to the beginning, containing 65 acres more or less.

Also I will sell at the same time the following personal property: One bay mare mule, 9 years old; one black horse mule, 5 years old, and known as the Henkel Live Stock Co. team.

Sale made to satisfy note secured by said deed of trust, after default having been made in the payment of same.

This June 15, 1921.

A. W. GEORGE, Trustee
H. H. Barker, Attorney.

Meeting of Bank Directors

A meeting of the directors of the Bank of Yadkin was held in the bank building Thursday. Mr. W. J. Byerly, an expert banker, president of the Bank of Mount Airy, and also president director of the Bank of Yadkin, was present, and he, together with several others of the directors, gave the bank a thorough examination and checking up.

Their report shows the bank in the very best condition, loans all regarded first class, and found the reserve to be about four times more than the law requires to be kept on hand.

The Bank of Yadkin is one of the most conservative banks of the country and deserves the patronage of the people of the surrounding country.

Boonville News Items

Boonville, June 14.—Misses Spicer and Luther and Messrs. White and Holbrook, of the Twin-City, visited here last week.

Mr. T. L. Hayes and son, Errol spent last week in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Foard W. Dav, one of our most progressive citizens, has recently installed a water system in his residence.

Mrs. Brent Sicheloff, of High Point, visited Miss Ruth Fleming last week.

Mrs. W. R. Frye and daughters visited in Elkin last week.

Mr. Frank Poindexter, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baity, of Courtney, visited Mrs. D. H. Craver last week.

Miss Chelia Bates visited her sister, Miss Ohna, in Winston last week.

Mrs. M. V. Fleming visited relatives at Pfafftown last week.

Miss Myrl Norman, of East Bend, visited Miss Cora Woodruff last week.

Mr. C. D. Mock has begun the operation of a jitney line between here and Winston by the way of Yadkinville.

Mrs. T. W. Shore and son, Stewart, are visiting in Washington and New York.

Mr. M. M. Angell spent Friday in Yadkinville on business.

The Yadkinville Electric Light Co.

Owing to the increased demand for electric service in the homes of the village, the Yadkinville Electric Light Company at a regular meeting of its stockholders on June 6, 1921, unanimously agreed that the smaller (5 K W) outfit, as originally agreed upon, was inadequate for future demands, and the Allis-Chalmers (15 K W) plant has been purchased instead, making it possible to accommodate a greater number of patrons, and, if so desired by the citizens of the village, to light the streets and also to furnish current for industrial purposes.

Messrs. Horton & Clinard are at present on the job of wiring the residences of the stockholders, and others, and if there are other citizens who may wish their wiring done at this time Mr. Wallace will be glad to furnish an estimate of all costs and any other information you may desire.

Very Respectfully,
H. H. MACKIE, President
J. G. MABLER, Sec-Treas.
Yadkinville, June 15, 1921.

Subscription Reduced For 20 Days Only

Beginning next Monday, June 20th, and ending Monday, July 11th, The Ripple will receive new subscriptions and renewals to this paper for \$1.00 per year. After that date The Ripple will be \$1.50 per year as it is now.

This is the first offer of its kind ever given by a newspaper in this country and it is your Golden Opportunity to secure your county paper at a greatly reduced price for a few days only.

This is merely a sacrifice offer on our part to help during a reconstruction period and the paper will positively be \$1.50 a year after July 11th.

The Reason

Quite naturally you want to know why a newspaper in good standing will make such a cut in price to its patrons when each one of them is expecting to pay \$1.50 per year for the paper, and the reason is simply this: For the past several weeks there has been a cut in wages, and a reduction in the price of farm products, etc., and many of our faithful friends and subscribers have been hit hard, and although it is a big sacrifice on our part, we feel that it is our duty to help bear the burden of readjustment, hence this unparalleled offer.

We cannot discriminate in prices, however, and so will put on new subscribers at the same price of \$1.00 per year during this three weeks from June 20th to July 11th.

Every person on our books whose subscription has expired or will expire by July 11th will be mailed a statement showing when his or her subscription expired together with a self-addressed return envelope and invited to pay up for whatever time you desire at \$1.00 per year. Others who are now paid in advance can renew at the same price of \$1.00 per year if they desire.

All who desire to remain on our mailing list should come in and renew at this price. We are placing the paper within reach of all by this reduced price and at a loss to us and you surely would not ask us to carry you on further without pay. There is a limit to all things.

Peacock Found Not Guilty

"Not guilty," was the verdict of the jury in Davidson court trying Dr. J. W. Peacock for the murder of Policeman J. E. Taylor in Thomasville a few weeks ago. Insanity was the plea of Peacock's attorneys.

Peacock was taken back to jail pending commitment proceedings to be held June 28th.

Fifteen speeches were made in the case, both sides being represented by able legal counsel.

Peacock stood firm during the entire trial, never once expressing any regrets of his terrible crime. He received the verdict of the jury, which accepted the testimony of insanity, without any show of emotion.

David J. Lewis, a spectator at the trial dropped dead in his seat at the court house Thursday. Heart failure was ascribed as the cause. He was about 45 years old and a native of Thomasville.

Death of Little Girl

Died at Center on June 12th, Mary Romaine Sheek, infant daughter of N. R. and Flora Sheek, aged 2 years. She was an interesting child, the light of the home, and the entire community extends to the bereaved mother their warmest sympathy in her bereavement. She was buried at Center on the 13th after an appropriate service Rev's. R. L. Speer and T. J. Ogburn.

Mrs. Sheek desires to thank all the neighbors friends for their kindness during the illness of her child.

The R. I. Reynolds Tobacco has cut the pay of their employees 20 per cent.

State News Items

A conference of North Carolina citizens has been called by Governor Morrison to meet in Raleigh June 28. The object of the conference to promote a more friendly feeling between the races.

Elisha J. Daughtridge, former lieutenant governor of North Carolina, died at his home in Rocky Mount Sunday after a lingering illness. He was 59 years old. He was elected on the ticket with Governor Craig.

The city fathers have refused to license any more dance halls in that city for the next twelve months.

The Hanes Roller Mill at State Road was destroyed by fire recently. Loss about \$11,000 with \$6,000 insurance.

A big community picnic will be held on the Wilkes-Watauga line July 4th. It will mark the opening of the Boone Trail Highway.

Executor's Notice

Having qualified as executor of the estate of John M. Jester, deceased, late of Yadkin county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of John M. Jester, deceased, to file same with the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of May, 1922, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This May 23rd, 1921.

E. J. VESTAL,
Executor.

Williams & Reavis, Atty's.

Read the new subscription offer on this page.

Ford Producing 4,000 Cars Day

Ford is building cars at full speed. And, according to an official statement from the factory at Detroit, the demand for Ford cars and trucks still exceeds the output, despite the fact that a new high level of production has been reached.

By the first of May the figures representing daily production were in the neighborhood of 4,000 a day, so the May schedule was set at 101,125 cars and trucks, not including the output of the Ford Canadian plant or any of the foreign assembling plants. The output mounted daily; May 12th brought forth 4,091, the greatest number that they have produced in one day so far this year. Since the month has 25 working days, present indications point to a new high record.

A comparison of Ford production figures for 1920 and 1921 discloses the fact that for April, 1921, the output was greater by 34,514, than for the corresponding month of a year ago. The output for May, 1921, will probably overshadow May, 1920, by between fifteen and twenty thousand cars and trucks.

Approximately 43,000 men are at work in the Detroit plant of the Ford Motor Company. The factory is operating on full time, six days a week and three shifts a day.

"We were never in a better condition than we are right now," said Henry Ford recently.

Everette Smith Dead

Everette Smith, of Statesville, was found dead under his automobile on the Wilkesboro road about 12 miles from Statesville early Tuesday morning.

Mr. Smith, who ran a jitney, had carried two passengers to Wilkesboro the evening before and is supposed to have been returning to Statesville alone when the accident happened. It is supposed the car overturned on him.

Mr. Smith was about 40 years old and is survived by a wife and one son.

Johnston-Reynolds

Mrs. Katherine Smith Reynolds, widow of the late K. J. Reynolds, and J. Edward Johnston, of Davidson, were quietly married Saturday at Reynolds, the Reynolds country estate near Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston left for New York and will sail from there for Europe where they will spend their honeymoon.

Mrs. Reynolds is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Smith, of Mount Airy. Mr. Johnston is a son Mrs. Willis Johnston, of Davidson college. He has been connected with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company for some time.

Notice of Sale

The following described property, seized from E. C. Sparks, under warrant of distraint for the non payment of assessed taxes due, will be sold as provided by section 3190, Revised Statutes, at public auction, on Saturday, July 9, 1921, at 12 o'clock, at J. B. Mathis' store, Swan, Creek, N. C., Knobs township, Yadkin county. Adjoins the lands of R. G. Sparks, L. C. Sparks, W. W. Swain and others. Contains 78 acres, more or less.

J. W. BAILEY,
Collector.