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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 31,880 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 work has had to be carried on from private sources.

"It is well known that the greater part of the illiteracy that exists in the southern states is among the negroes. In 1900, 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 has within her borders 121,837 persons ten years old or over who cannot 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 11.8 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 13.5 per cent of the population of Delaware, and the proportion is decreasing.

State News Items

W. C. Hall, of Johnston county, has raised an ear of corn with six different colors of kernels on it. The colors are red, white, blue, gray, pink and yellow.

A Jersey cow belonging to Mrs. J. R. Matthews, of Raleigh, gave birth to twin calves July 2. It being the day of the Dempsey-Carpentier battle, the calves were named after the pugilists. Ought to make fine cattle when they grow up.

A. C. Huneycutt, an experienced newspaper man of Albemarle, has bought the Mocksville Enterprise and will continue the paper as a Democratic weekly.

Walnut Cove puts out the word that it has the oldest man in the country in the person of "Uncle" Ludlow Joyce, colored. Joyce says he is 126 years old and can see to thread a needle without glasses. He says he expects to live a hundred years longer.

A Ford automobile driven by G. L. McKnight near Mooresville was struck by lightning during an electric storm a few days ago. The two men in the car escaped injury.

"Cyclone Mack" the noted evangelist, will begin a revival at North Wilkesboro Sunday.

Otto Clanton, aged 16 years, son of Rev. Mr. Clanton, of Hiddenite, was drowned in the Catawba river last Friday. He was with a fishing party and got into deep water.

Frank H. Fleer, the millionaire chewing gum manufacturer of Philadelphia, was married in Gastonia Saturday to Miss Willis Jenkins, of that city.

Editor Wade H. Harris, of the Charlotte Observer, has been named president of the North Carolina Railroad, Editor Archibald Johnson, of Charity and Children, secretary and treasurer.

James Fagg, general manager of the Spray cotton mills, was seriously injured Sunday afternoon when his automobile went over an embankment near Spray. A young lady riding with him was also painfully injured.

O'Quinn, prominent citizen and business man of Raleigh, was run-down and killed by a train near Raleigh Tuesday afternoon.

The Statesville Lumber Company's sawmill at Elmwood was destroyed by fire Friday night. About 200,000 feet of lumber was destroyed. Loss about \$1,000 with no insurance.

Mrs. Clarence Johnson, of Raleigh, has been elected commissioner of public welfare of North Carolina. She succeeds R. F. Peadley who resigned a few months ago.

Miss Ethel Terrell, superintendent of public instruction in Burcombe county, has resigned to get married. She is to marry Guy Weaver, an Asheville attorney.

Baby Cab a Rum Cache.

Port Huron, Mich.—John Hammond of Sarnia was arrested by customs officials while wheeling a baby cab from a ferry boat. In the cab on which the baby rested was a quilt containing 12 pockets in each of which reposed a bottle of liquor. With Hammond was his wife and two children. He stated he was buying a house on the contract plan, and took up booze smuggling to raise money. He is employed by the Grand Trunk in Sarnia. Hammond was placed in jail.

Special Term Civil Court Comes to End

The special term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases begun Tuesday morning and ended Saturday afternoon. Only a few cases were disposed of during the week. Below is a list of cases and their disposition.

H. M. Prim vs Cora Prim, compromised out of court. W. M. Storey vs D. E. Dobbins, mistrial ordered.

Brown-Grier Iron Works vs Barringer Garage Co., judgment for plaintiff for \$56.14.

Wachovia Bank, executor of Cicero Tise, vs Furman Carter and Laura Gadberry, compromised.

J. H. Mackie vs J. W. Mackie and John Harrison, non-suit.

Woodbury Whip Co. vs Messick, judgement for plaintiff for \$12.40.

Frank Bryant vs Booker and Kelley, mistrial ordered.

Messick vs Evans, compromised.

W. H. Robertson vs P. H. Norman, judge ordered mistrial after certain parties were seen talking to one of the jurors.

D. G. Wagoner vs S. R. Blevins, verdict for defendant but verdict set aside and new trial ordered.

Twin-City Motor Co. vs E. G. Dixon, judgement for plaintiff for \$1,047.30 with \$200 credit.

Dixon vs Motor Co. judgement for Dixon for \$300.

Deposit & Savings Bank vs J. H. Mackie and J. D. Bowman judgement for plaintiff for \$10,000.

P. H. Norman vs Universal Auto Co., judgement for \$375, defendant appealed to Supreme court.

A Double Wedding at Oak Ridge Church

—Miss Ruth Moxley and Richard Brown and Miss Cora Shugart and Ray Craunill were happily united in marriage at Oak Ridge church last Saturday evening in the presence of a large crowd of friends. Rev. Billie Brown performed the ceremonies. These are some of county's best people. The Ripple joins their many friends in wishing them a long and happy life.

Wild Airplane Plays Havoc

A big bombing airplane at Legion field, near Moundsville, W. Va., became uncontrollable last Sunday and crashed into a line of automobiles parked near the field, killing five persons and seriously wounding twenty.

The bomber was being piloted by officers from the Langley (Va.) Field, who were taking the machine from Cleveland to the Virginia field. The exact cause of the accident is not known.

The wounded, many of them badly injured by the exploding gasoline tanks on the cars, were removed to a hospital where it is said little hope is held out for their recovery.

Goes to Hospital

Mr. E. C. Mayberry, of Cycle, has gone to St. Leo's Hospital, Richmond, Va., where he will undergo a serious operation.

Mr. Mayberry is one of the county's best citizens and we wish for him a speedy recovery.

SWINDLERS NET NEAR MILLION

Atlanta. Long Mecca for Slippery Gang of Crooks, Starts a Cleanup.

MURDER IS PART OF GAME

Bankers and Business Men Among the Victims Lured From Many States—Raid Reveals Bogus Brokerage Offices—Police Accused.

Atlanta, Ga.—That a dupe is born every minute and that no scheme is so fantastic that it does not find some one—hard-headed business man in many cases—to fall for it, has been proved to the satisfaction of everybody in Atlanta through revelations made during the hearing by a council committee of the activities here of a million dollar bunco gang, who operated, it is charged, either with the connivance or through the colossal ignorance of the police department.

The hearing also has proved that no section or locality is exempt from its crop of dupes. Men with money to contribute to the support of the gang that operated in Atlanta have come to this city to be fleeced from Reading and Philadelphia, from Maryland, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana, Florida, Ohio, Indiana and Texas. Indeed, Texas was very good to the Atlanta seekers for easy money. Especially was one W. R. Manning, a dapper young man of Dallas, Tex., kindly disposed to the con men.

And it has been shown that when money is at stake even murder is not too high a price to pay in order to keep it and retain liberty. Here is the death roll of Atlanta's bunco gang:

Doctor Blanchard, son of a former governor of Louisiana, who committed suicide in Memphis after losing his roll.

W. C. Dukes, banker of Milan, Ga., who came to Atlanta to confer with the gang on an easy money proposal and mysteriously disappeared.

Ed Mills, member of the gang, roommate of Floyd P. Woodward, alleged leader, who was shot and killed by Woodward because, it is alleged, Mills was tipping the police off to the operations of the gang.

Charles Dorsey, taxicab driver, who, it is said, knew too much about the Mills killing.

Ruth Gobel, another witness, was disposed of when Woodward married her.

Left Their Rosy Hopes Behind. Here is a partial list of the men who came to Atlanta with rosy hopes and who left—if they were able to get away—heartbroken and pockets empty:

W. D. Hill, an aged Confederate veteran, former ordinary of his county at Clarksville, Ga., who lost about \$2,000.

J. A. Nations of Asworth, Ga., who lost \$3,500 at the Cecil hotel here in a game that was framed by Mark Tillery, recently captured in Texas, brought back to Atlanta and turned over to John A. Boykin.

Tillery was reputed boss of the local game at one time.

W. R. Manning, from Dallas, Tex., lost \$7,000.

George W. Wiley of Whitehall, Va., lost \$10,000.

D. R. and W. M. Bland of Drew, Miss., who contributed \$10,000 to the game.

M. E. Holley of Alken, S. C., lost \$11,000 and would have lost more had he been able to get checks cashed, but a banker friend tipped him off just in time to keep him from losing \$50,000 more. This was a stock deal, in which his supposed winnings had run up in the hundred thousands.

C. T. Madeira of Reading Pa., who lost \$27,000, at one time had a big apparent winning, but in the end the paper profit disappeared and he went back to Pennsylvania sadder but maybe wiser. In this deal one of Atlanta's best-known citizens aided the operating gang.

One comparatively old man came to Atlanta from Indiana, lost his money and is still here. His story was one of the many already told during the four weeks of investigation of the easy money syndicate of Atlanta.

Then there was an Ohio banker who came to this city, fell in with smooth talkers and attempted to get checks cashed for approximately \$30,000, but all the gang got him for was \$2,000.

Chicago Man Involved.

There is the case of Albert H. Thompson of Chicago. Thompson is being sought on a larceny charge and it is thought that he is in Cuba. Solicitor John Boykin refuses to divulge for the present the details.

Thompson's indictment was a surprise, for his wife was known to be wealthy. The Thompsons have a fine home in Asheville.

PROGRAM Deep Creek Township Convention

To Be Held At—
NEW HARMONY
Saturday and Sunday, July 30th and 31st

SATURDAY SESSION:
Devotional exercises 10 A. M. by N. H. Comer
Song by Harmony Grove
10:30 Ways of Increasing Sunday School attendance led by R. E. Holton.
11 Report from different schools, followed by song.
11:30 Appointment of Committee.
11:45 Program by Oak Ridge School
12 M. Dinner on the grounds. Come and bring dinner.
AFTERNOON SESSION:
1:30 P. M. Devotional exercise by Rev. W. H. Adams.
1:45 Program by Long's School.
2:30 How to hold the young people in the Sunday School, led by A. L. Speer, followed by a song.
3 P. M. Programs by Bethel Baptist, Gold Springs, Hanes, and Branon.
4 P. M. Election of officers for next year and reports of com. Adjourn until night at 8 P. M.
Devotional exercises by J. E. Roberson.
8:20 How to become a successful superintendent, led by D. J. Draughn, followed by a quartet.
8:50 Programs by Harmony and Center. Adjourn
10—SUNDAY MORNING—Devotional exercises by W. G. Edgerton.
10:45 A. M. Sunday School mass meeting.
11 A. M. Annual sermon by Prof. Z. H. Dixon.
12 M. Adjourn.
1:30 P. M. Township Singers Convention.

W. L. Mackie
J. M. Hair
S. T. Hinshaw } Committee.

Center News Items Yadkin Sunday School Convention in August

Several of the Center people attended the prayer meeting Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. Tom Driver. Services were conducted by Rev. R. L. Speers and Rev. Charlie Bryant. A large crowd attended.

Mr. John Whitehead is very sick at this writing.

Mr. Lee Sprouse went to Winston-Salem Monday on business.

There will be an ice cream supper at the home of Annie Royall next Saturday night, July 16th. Everybody invited.

Bobby Speers and Charlie Bryant had a large crowd at the prayer meeting at Center Sunday night.

We are real sorry to say Mrs. Marvin Wagoner is real sick at this writing.

Several people from here attended the funeral of Mr. F. D. Holcomb at Mt. Airy Sunday.

Entry Notice

North Carolina Entry No. — Before T. R. Eason, Entry Taker
Yadkin County

The undersigned files, and gives this notice of entry of the following free and unappropriated lands in the said county and state, bounded as follows: Beginning at the east side of the sand-clay road or Bridge street in the town of Jonesville, North Carolina, and runs eastward 55 feet to the old sidewalk on the east side of the old street, then northward with the west side of the old sidewalk on the east side of the said old street 200 feet to a stake, then westward 70 feet to the edge of the sand-clay road, then southward along said road to the beginning, containing square feet.

This April 21st, 1921.

J. S. Mayberry, Claimant.

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At a recent meeting of the Sunday School leaders of the county, officers were named for the various townships in which vacancies have occurred. Six out of seven organized townships were represented.

The work for the coming months was discussed and definite arrangements were made for holding the Yadkin County Sunday School Convention on Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28.

New Durham Mill to Manufacture Silk Hosiery

The Durham Hosiery Mills, Inc., has officially announced that the company will put its new silk hosiery mill, recently erected at Durham, in operation the middle of this month. A force of 350 workers will open the mill and additional forces will be added later as business justifies.

The mill will manufacture silk hosiery exclusively. The structure is one of the finest mill buildings in the south, being of reinforced concrete, five stories in height and handsomely decorated.

Open Season for Tattles

The plum brandy season has opened in the Dunn section and several persons down that way have been seeing snakes, or rather one and the same snake.

The operators of the plum brandy stills have "norated" it around that there is a monster moccasin snake inhabiting the swamps of that section. The monster is said to be 16 feet long and measures 18 inches around his tummy.