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SCHOOL CENSUS OF COUNTY SHOWS LOSS

Considerable Reduction in Some
Localities; Annual Guessing
Game Inaccurate

The annual school census, unflattering, to say the least, shows that Lake county had dropped in population of those of 21 years and under by almost 2,000 people in the last year, according to the Waukegan Sun, which says:

County Superintendent of Schools T. A. Simpson, who makes the report on a compilation of reports from every township, refuses to take the figures seriously.

In one instance he found a district showed almost as many parents as children and in the neighboring district, which is the same in almost every respect, disclosed that the children outnumbered the parents by a sizable figure.

Puzzle in Shields

Shields township, in which part of North Chicago, Lake Bluff and Lake Forest are located, revealed that while there were 2,442 under the age of 21 living there a year ago only 1,324 or 1,118 less remained today. The report does not show whether this half of the population was wiped off the planet by an earthquake or an epidemic.

Waukegan's figures remain the same as last year, the year before, and the year before that.

Law Makes Change

Failure of an accurate census has dated back six years when the state changed its method of appropriating for school needs. When a census was not needed by the state, according to John Reardon, the city schools stopped making one.

Wauconda township has failed to report at all, the records showed.

The population of those under 21 for the year reached 28,702 against 30,751 for 1928.

Funds Earn Interest

Two townships turned in large sums for interest collected on school money. Frank Kern, of Libertyville, on a salary of \$1,000 annually as treasurer, turned in \$3,015 in interest and William Dooley, of Highland Park, who receives \$1,200 collected in excess of \$9,000 on interest.

Educational Bills Approved are Noted

Among the educational bills approved at the last general assembly were those which called for an eight months' school year; higher qualifications for teachers; increase in Chicago school tax levy; more liberal provisions for retirement of teachers in Chicago and more generous appropriations for the University of Illinois. This announcement was made by Robert C. Moore, Carlinville, secretary of the Illinois State Teachers association.

Examples of various minerals, frequently mistaken for gold, with often disastrous results to the interested persons, are shown in an exhibit in the department of geology at Field Museum of Natural History. Contrasted with them are examples of genuine gold from a variety of occurrences.

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