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Population in Chicago Metropolitan District Shows Six Months' Gain

Population figures in the Chicago Metropolitan district showed an increase of 67,500 persons in the six months ended June 30, according to the Chicago Association of Commerce. Present estimates by the big trade group show the six counties making up the metropolitan area now boasting a collective family of 4,594,000 inhabitants against the 4,526,500 reported on January 1st this year.

The growth of the communities has been almost equally divided between the City of Chicago and its surrounding suburbs. This sixmonth increase in Chicago is figured at 35,000 with the country towns of Cook county and the other counties making up the metropolitan zone adding 32,500 other new citizens. The number of persons now residing within the city limits is placed at 3,250,000.

Outside of Cook county, which boasted a gain of 53,400 inhabitants during the past half year, the next largest gain was recorded in Lake county, Indiana, just beyond the city's southern boundaries, where the rapidly booming towns making up

the steel district, show a composite gain of 6,100 residents.

The other counties adjoining Chicago and their respective population increases since January 1 are: DuPage county, 2,700; Kane county, 2,300; Lake county, Ill., 2,000 and Will county 1,000.

According to the Association of Commerce, the thirteen fastest growing cities in the Metropolitan area, not including Chicago, are Gary, Oak Park, Evanston, Berwyn, Hammond, Cicero, East Chicago, Aurora, Waukegan, Maywood, Elmhurst, Harvey and Chicago Heights.

Wins First Place at Central States Fair

In the livestock show of the Central States Fair at Aurora last week, Sir Fobes Hengefeld of the Elmwood farm at Deerfield was crowned anew as the grand champion Holstein bull.

Miss Ruth Meyer of Crystal Lake nominated for queen of the air meet in conjunction with the fair, flew to the Aurora airport with an escort of six soldiers and laid a wreath on the second plane built by the Wright Brothers, one of the exhibits at the show.



JUST PARAGRAPHS

Sheiby Little's biography of George Washington seems to be a notable piece of work. It is an attempt and apparently a successful one to rescue the true Washington from the morass of legend and eulogy or belittlement into which more than most great figures he was engulfed.

Sarah Gertrude Millin's new novel "The Fiddler" is a love story—the story of a man of poetic temperament who feels he has a poetic need of women.

"EAGLES FLY HIGH"

by E. B. Dewing
Frederick A. Stokes Co.

"Eagles Fly High" by E. B. Dewing has the one indisputable merit of holding one's interest. It starts out a little dubiously with the rather garrulous paragraph, "The history, or rather the tragedy, of Selina Martin is the inevitable tragedy of circumstance. And yet the importance of character—the importance of her being as she was—cannot be for a moment forgotten." All of which we are ready to grant so that we may get on with it.

Which we do, and more interestingly than we started out. Selina is a talented little dressmaker without much brains outside of her talent and with absolutely no experience of life. But her talent gives her a vitality which makes her rise, above her old life and above the common level. She marries a stupid man but fate fortunately sets her free. She returns to her work and attains high pinnacles. At last at the height

of her fame she becomes a person—or an eagle in the simile of the author, no longer a feather blown by the wind. She makes a decision and a sacrifice.

It is not a remarkable story but it has the reality which demands one's interest.

"NIGHT CLUB"

by Katherine Brush
Minton Balch & Co.

Gathered together under the title "Night Club" are a number of stories by Katharine Brush, an author who has achieved a reputation for "brilliant" writing. They are amusing stories, very much the type that we find in our magazines daily, about modern, bobbed haired, slim legged girls—you know the type, you could draw the picture in your sleep. The situations are possible but they are developed in an improbable way, everything is falsified a little, slightly sentimental.

For example, in "The Young Dreams" the best man and bride might fall in love at first sight, but would she sigh to him with almost her first breath "But most brides are happy." And they might plan to elope the night before the wedding but having planned it then deciding against it wouldn't the best man meet the girl and face it out with her frankly instead of getting out of it in that back-handed way?

You could take each story in that way and question the action, if you look upon them as representations of life they don't fully pass muster. But as clever stories with amusing dialogue and amusing plots they are worth reading.

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