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Integrate Florida Schools

ALANTA (UPI) — Token integration came peacefully to Florida today and was extended quickly in Virginia.

Two segregationists, including a friend of race agitator John Kasper, turned up at the Orchard Villa school in Miami but were paid no attention by the few white children and the 15 Negroes who arrived for the first day of school.

Only four Negroes — those assigned to the school by the Dade County School Board — were admitted at Orchard Villa. Twenty other Negroes were due at a white school at the Homestead Air Force Base elementary school near Miami.

The first integration in a rural county in Virginia began without trouble in Front Royal.

Sixty Negroes were assigned to classes at formerly white schools in Alexandria, Front Royal, Norfolk and Charlottesville in Virginia.

Seven Negroes entered two Al-

exandria elementary schools without disturbance. It was the start of the second year of token integration in Virginia which gave in to court orders after a year of massive resistance to integration of any kind at the public school level.

The Orchard Villa school in Miami is in a changing neighborhood where the makeup of the community has turned from mostly white to mostly Negro in the past year. Only a few white pupils were left in the district to attend the school. But it signalled Florida's first acceptance of integration in public schools.

Fred Hockett, a Miami carpenter who is a friend of Kasper and a co-organizer of the local White Citizens Councils, and J.B. Stoner of Atlanta, claiming to be the imperial wizard of the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, were at Orchard Villa.

At Front Royal, in the picturesque Virginia mountains seven Negroes arrived in a group at 8:03 a.m. and went immediately up the long driveway to the school, sitting on a hill overlooking the scenic Shenandoah Valley rural town.

By the time the first bell rang at 9 a.m., a steady stream of white students, laughing and talking among themselves, had walked through the doors of the stately, white-columned building.

Eleven other Negroes were registered to enter the high school.

The integration picture was marred by three separate explosions Monday night which wrecked an unoccupied office in the Little Rock, Ark., School Board building, damaged a building housing the private offices of the mayor, and demolished the fire chief's city-owned station wagon. No one was hurt by the blasts.

County Rural Schools Opened This Morning, Others On Wednesday

Series Of Meetings On New School Act

A series of orientation meetings on the school corporation re-organization act of 1959 will be conducted throughout the county later this month, with nine sites being named by Judge Myles F. Parrish and county superintendent Gail Grabill.

Discussion at these meetings will center on the meaning of the new school law and its application possibilities in Adams county.

The meetings are a result of an earlier discussion by Dr. Merle T. Strom, of Ball State Teachers College, with school trustees, school board members, and administrative personnel.

The meeting will allow the county residents an opportunity to become acquainted with the mechanics of the law, and give them an insight as to how it can be successful in the county. County residents will also be asked to consider possible candidates for the five lay members on the proposed study committee. The nine-member committee will survey the school conditions and recommend what action should be taken to align the county school system, in keeping with state requirements, stemming from the new law. One member of the committee will be chosen from the county school superintendent's office, one from the county trustees, one from the school boards, and one from the principals and superintendents of city and consolidated schools, besides the five lay members.

Because the survey and study of existing educational facilities

are mandatory by the new law, Judge Parrish and Supt. Grabill feel that this series of meetings will go much to acquaint and orientate the county residents with the act. All persons are encouraged to attend at least one of these meetings, preferably in their own vicinity. If this is not possible, then the attendance at any of the other meetings will suffice.

The dates for the meetings and the discussion leaders are:

Sept. 11 at the Immanuel Lutheran school in Union township with Gail Grabill, county superintendent.

Sept. 14 at Hartford township school with Eugene Burry, trustee.

Sept. 15 at Pleasant Mills with Gerald Vizard, principal.

Sept. 16 at Jefferson township with Gail Grabill.

Sept. 17 at Berne-French with Supt. E. M. Webb.

Sept. 18 at Monmouth with Judge Parrish.

Sept. 21 at the Northwest school in Decatur with Supt. W. Guy Brown and Grabill.

Sept. 21 at Adams Central with Herman Franz as chairman and a discussion leader to be announced.

Sept. at Geneva with Judge Parrish.

All discussions will start at 8 p.m. on the dates listed above.

Judge Parrish also announced that the county school convention will be conducted Oct. 14 at the Adams county court room at 7:30 p.m.

Increase Is Expected In Catholic School

A reported increase of 75 pupils in the Decatur Catholic schools has been announced today by Sr. M. Almeda, C.S.A., principal of Decatur Catholic high school and St. Joseph's elementary school. All classes except the first grade will report tomorrow.

An estimated 25 additional pupils in the high school will bring the total to 175 for the 1959-60 school term, while St. Joseph's added 50 pupils to bring the total for the elementary level at 647 pupils this year.

Sr. Almeda also announced the additions to the teaching staff at the local school. In the high school, Sr. Angelina, C.S.A., will teach band instruments and piano in private lessons, while Ed Heimann will direct the band in the absence of Joseph Morin, who left for a teaching position in Ohio. Heimann will conduct rehearsals after school hours.

In the grade school, the additions are: Sr. M. Helen, C.S.A., who will teach 5B; Miss Ann Miller, 4A; Mrs. Pat Costello, 3B; Sr. Helen Marie, C.S.A., 1B, and Sr. Lillian, C.S.A., will teach the seventh grade. Sr. Angelina will also teach music in the grades.

Sr. M. Margaretta, C.S.A., who taught music; Sr. M. Vergelina, C.S.A., who taught 6A, and Sr. M. Victor, C.S.A., who taught 3B and 2C, all are now teaching in Wisconsin. The remainder of the staff is intact.

The grade school faculty conducted a meeting Monday afternoon, while the high school faculty met this afternoon to discuss policy for the coming school term.

The new starting time for the high school and third through eighth grades, this year is 8:06 a.m. while the first two grades will report to the 8:15 mass daily.

The new enrollment will be handled by the addition of two new rooms, which were built this summer by volunteer work from parishioners. The community project included re-flooring the balcony, which was made into two new rooms, including a new library. The entire renovation of the interior was done with the volunteer assistants who comprised a group of between 15 and 20 each night. The Very Rev. Sim-

All Adams county schools opened their doors this morning to an expected all-time high enrollment under clear skies and hot, sultry weather. Five high schools and 12 elementary schools, including the five Lutheran parochial schools, starting the 1959-60 school year. Adams Central, Monmouth, Geneva, Hartford and Pleasant Mills are the high schools, while the grade schools at Bobo, Jefferson township, Adams Central, Monmouth, Geneva, Hartford, and Pleasant Mills received pupils.

St. Paul, St. John, and Zion Lutheran schools in Preble township, St. Peter in Root township, and Immanuel Lutheran in Union township are the parochial schools opening today.

The Decatur school system, the Berne-French school system, the Decatur Catholic school system will all open their first day of the fall term Wednesday.

Only one school recorded an accurate total enrollment at presstime today as the others were still in the tabulating process early this afternoon.

Ed Heimann, Jefferson township principal, reported the total enrollment figure at 115; 13 in the first grade, 16 in the second, 17 in the third, 10 in the fourth, 13 in the fifth, 19 in the sixth, 15 in the seventh, 12 in the eighth.

A complete rundown on the enrollment figures will be released in tomorrow's edition from official statistics from the county superintendent's office.

Leon Schmitt, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, was the chairman of the volunteer committee. Thirteen rooms are ready for the elementary pupils.

Other additions to the school are a new roof, new paint on the exterior, and newly painted classrooms. High school pupils, their parents, and others assisted in the clean-up project of their school recently when all the walls, windows, floors, ceilings and lockers were scrubbed.

When school opens Wednesday morning the first grade will not report as they will open on Thursday. The classes will be let out at noon, allowing the pupils to return in the afternoon to adjust schedules and purchase books.

The school was open today for the pupils to obtain book lists, and other data for school opening.

Reuben J. Ringger Dies Unexpectedly

Reuben J. Ringger, 40, died suddenly of a heart attack at 12:45 o'clock Sunday afternoon at his home, three miles north and one-half mile east of Decatur.

A lifelong resident of Adams county, he was born May 27, 1919, a son of George and Leah Steffen-Ringger, who reside on Decatur route 4. He was married to Marjorie Mallers April 6, 1947.

Mr. Ringger, a farmer and veteran of World War II, was a member of the Apostolic Christian church.

Surviving in addition to his wife and parents are one son, Phillip, at home; six brothers, Raymond and Orville Ringger, both of Monroe route 1, Sylvan Ringger of Bluffton route 3, William and George Ringger, Jr., both of Bluffton route 4, and Alvin Ringger of Ossian route 2; and three sisters, Mrs. Leonard (Mary) Frauhiger of Craigville, Mrs. Robert (Ida) Aeschliman and Mrs. Richard (Lillian) Yergler, both of Bluffton. One son preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Goodwin funeral home in Bluffton, and at 2 p. m. at the Apostolic Christian church, the Rev. Sam Aeschliman officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Milford Man Dies Of Traffic Hurts

LAPORTE, Ind. (UPI) — Ralph R. Disher, 59, Milford, died in Holy Family Hospital here Sunday of injuries sustained in a traffic accident Aug. 28. State Police said Disher was injured fatally when his auto went out of control on U. S. 6 near Walkerton and overturned.

INDIANA WEATHER
Generally fair and unseasonably warm tonight and Wednesday. Lows tonight 66 to 72. Highs Wednesday 90 to 97. Sunset today 7:06 p.m. Sunrise Wednesday 6:20 a.m. Outlook for Thursday: Continued fair and very warm with chance of isolated thundershowers. Lows 68 to 74, highs in the 90s.

Security Council Overrides Red Veto

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI) — The Security Council, overriding Russia's attempted veto, voted early today to send a four-nation committee to investigate the situation in Communist-threatened Laos.

The vote in the 11-member council was 10-1 against the Russians.

The negative Soviet vote ordinarily would have killed the measure, but the council had ruled in a previous 10-1 vote that the creation of the investigating committee was a procedural matter, not subject to the veto.

The four nations making up the committee are Argentina, Italy, Japan and Tunisia, all members of the council. They scheduled a meeting at noon e.d.t. today, and it appeared likely investigators would be on the way to Laos by the end of the week.

Red Ambassador Protests
Soviet Ambassador Arkady A. Sobolev protested the council decision bitterly, charging that the majority was in effect rewriting the U.N. charter when it overrode his veto.

"The delegation of the U.S.S.R. regards this action as non-existent, illegal and not binding on anyone to whom it is addressed," Sobolev said.

U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge and other spokesmen for the Western Big Three rejected the Soviet charge, pointing out that the Charter specifically exempts procedural matters from the big-power veto.

The council debate focused on the resolution creating the investigating committee. Neither Laos' request for U.N. troops to expel Communist invaders from its territory nor the U.S. charge that Russia is cooperating with the attackers was mentioned.

The situation in Laos itself was obscure. A government spokesman in the nation's capital said Monday the Red invaders from North Viet Nam have withdrawn from northern Laos, leaving only native Communist guerrillas to face loyal troops in the area.

Tried "Double Veto"

In Bangkok, however, Laos' Foreign Minister Khampam Panya told officials of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization that "conditions are deteriorating" in his red-ravaged country.

Panya is on his way to New York to attend the meeting of the U.N. General Assembly that opens a week from today.

Sobolev used every means at his command to block council action, including the "double veto" with which Russia has prevented procedural actions in the past, but

the majority overruled all of his maneuvers.

"We have just witnessed the beginning of the revision of the U.N. Charter . . .," the Russian snapped angrily after his defeat.

"This resolution cannot be regarded as adopted because one of the (big five) permanent members of the council voted against it."

"The resolution does not have validity for anyone . . ." he said.

Dr. Anna W. Kenny Is Taken By Death

Dr. Anna Winans Kenny, 67, of 5800 Blackstone Ave., Chicago, Ill., prominent educator, died at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening at the home of a sister, Mrs. Jesse Niblick, 308 North Fifth street.

She had been in failing health for two years and critically ill for the past month. She had made her home with her sister since June of this year.

Dr. Kenny, a native of Adams county, graduated from the Decatur high school and received her A. B. degree in teachers training from Valparaiso University. After teaching in several Adams county schools she received her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Chicago.

For the past 11 years she had taught at the University of Illinois extension center in Chicago, and completed the 1958-59 term this year despite ill health.

She was born in Adams county July 3, 1892, a daughter of Franklin and Ella McCullough Winans. She was a member of the Methodist church in Hyde Park, Chicago, the Dale Carnegie association, and the W. C. T. U.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Niblick are two other sisters, Mrs. M. B. (Mary) Large of Kalama-zoo, Mich., and Mrs. Loris (Nell) Clark of Dayton, O., and two brothers, Quincy and Edwin Winans, both of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the Zwick funeral home, the Rev. F. Hazen Sparks officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home until time of the services.

Owen P. Gilbert Is Taken By Death

Owen P. Gilbert, 68, Adams county native and former resident of Decatur, died at 1:45 p. m. Saturday at the Veterans hospital at Marion, following a week's illness of pneumonia. He had been a patient at the hospital for eight years.

Born at Monroe April 16, 1891, he was a son of Thomas A. and Viola Sheets-Gilbert. After retiring as a railroad brakeman in Texas, he lived here with a sister, Mrs. Ralph Burnett, prior to entering the hospital. Also surviving is a brother, Prior Gilbert, Decatur.

Mr. Gilbert was a member of the Monroe Friends church. He served with Co. C, 12th Engineers, in France, during World War I.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Black funeral home, with the Rev. Vernon Riley officiating. Burial was in the Ray cemetery, with military rites conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

Win Blue Ribbons At Indiana Fair

Two more Adams county 4-H members annexed blue ribbons in judging at the state fair in Indianapolis over the weekend. Miss Gail Egly, of route 2, Berne, won a first place in the general demonstration contest, while David Swickard, of 215 Stratton Way, Decatur, took a blue ribbon in the forestry division.

Miss Egly is the county home demonstration champion and overall 4-H champion from Adams county. Swickard is a new 4-H member, belonging to the Decatur City Slickers club.

Phillip Isch, of route 1, Berne, took a pink ribbon or fourth place in the garden collection contest, and Blair Brown won a pink one in the wildlife class.

Gregg D. Liechty took a second place in the senior calf judging and Rosetta K. Liechty followed with a third place in the same contest. Both are from route 2, Berne.

In the 3-year-old cow division, Rosetta K. Liechty added a fourth place with her Holstein, Sara N. Liechty won ninth in the senior calf division of the Holstein judging.

Heart Attack Fatal To Rolla Osterman

Funeral services were held this afternoon for Rolla E. Osterman, 51, truckman for the Pennsylvania railroad, who died suddenly of a coronary occlusion at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at his home in Monroe.

He was born in Adams county April 27, 1908, a son of Enos Orville and Florence Wolfe-Osterman, and was married to Goldie Martz Jan. 4, 1934.

Mr. Osterman, a lifelong resident of Adams county, attended the Monroe Methodist church and was a member of the Brotherhood of maintenance of way employees.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one son, Walter A. Osterman of Monroe; one grandchild; four brothers, Harlan R. Osterman of Dayton, O., Robert Osterman of Fort Wayne, Ray Osterman of Decatur, and two sisters, Mrs. Raymond (Dora) Cheever of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mrs. William (Nellie) Lummer of Dayton, O.

Services were held this afternoon at the Zwick funeral home, with the Rev. J. O. Penrod officiating. Burial was in the Decatur cemetery.

Three Persons Hurt In One-Auto Wreck

Three persons were injured in a one-car collision Monday at 9:05 p. m. on the Winchester road, about three miles north of Decatur. All three, plus the driver who was burned at another locale prior to the accident, were treated at the Adams county hospital last night.

Injured were: Wanda Pattios, 29, of 1034 Schirmeyer street, Decatur, a broken left collarbone; Kenneth E. Richards, 33, of 297 Park Place, the owner of the car, a broken right leg and severe lacerated right ear; Rosaline Smith, 18, of 1063 Winchester street, possible internal injuries. The driver of the vehicle, John William Lough, was treated for third degree burns sustained a few minutes prior to the accident. Lough was burned on the face and neck when lighter fluid ignited in the car.

Sheriff's deputy Robert E. Meyer and state trooper Alan Coppel, who investigated, said that the vehicle was traveling south on Winchester when it failed to negotiate the curve. The car was demolished at an estimated \$1,500. It left the curve, traveling 168 feet off the road, returned for 78 feet diagonally across the road, and then 42 feet off the road again into a telephone pole.

Charges will be filed later after a complete investigation of the accident is completed.

General Election Ordered In Britain

LONDON (UPI) — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, with the odds favoring a Conservative Party victory, today ordered a general election for Oct. 8.

A statement from No. 10 Downing Street announced the dissolution of Parliament and the calling of the fifth parliamentary election in Britain since the end of World War II.

The present Parliament, which still had nine months of legal life, will be dissolved by royal decree on Sept. 18.

Guy R. Secaur Dies Suddenly Last Night

Guy R. Secaur, 43, former Decatur resident, died suddenly of a coronary occlusion at 9:30 o'clock Monday night at his home, 647 East North street in Kendallville. He had not been ill and died about two hours after suffering the attack.

He was born in Wilshire, O., Jan. 16, 1916, a son of Grover Cleveland and Goldie Miller-Secaur. He moved seven years ago to Kendallville, where he has been machinist foreman at Al Products Co.

Mr. Secaur was a member of the First Missionary church in Decatur, and active in the reserve police unit at Kendallville. He served for two years in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Esther, whom he married Aug. 29, 1936; a daughter, Judith Ann, and a son, Michael, both at home; his mother, Mrs. Goldie Haley of Decatur; a brother, Kenneth Secaur of Decatur; a sister, Mrs. Gaynel Hart of Decatur; a half-brother, Robert Haley of Defiance, O., and two half-sisters, Mrs. Betty Runkel of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Maxine Lovelady of Arisville, O. One brother and one sister are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Hite funeral home in Kendallville, with burial in Lakeview cemetery at Kendallville. Friends may call at the funeral home after noon Wednesday.

Adams County Native Dies At Fort Wayne

Mrs. Erma R. Bender, 45, a native of Adams county, died Saturday at Parkview memorial hospital in Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient three days. A resident of Fort Wayne for 23 years, she was a member of St. John's Lutheran church.

Surviving are the husband, Lewis A.; two brothers, Guy Falk of Parma, O., and Harold Falk of Ironton, O., and two sisters, Mrs. Mildred Saxton of Blissfield, Mich., and Miss Helen Falk, Fort Wayne. Services were held at 1 p. m. today at the D. O. McComb & Sons funeral home, with burial in the IOOF cemetery at New Haven.



WHOSE LITTLE GIRL ARE YOU?—They all look alike to 18-month-old Cindy Lou Herfurth, who appears bewildered as she looks for her brother, who plays a fife for the Mount Vernon Guards. The uniformed Guards performed at a celebration of the 154th anniversary of the completion of Woodlawn Plantation, near Mount Vernon, Ga. Cindy Lou is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Herfurth of Alexandria, Va.