

INDIANA 1-ROOM SCHOOLS DOWN 432 IN 5 YEARS

Average Term Has Increased During Period, State Office Reports.

While the average school term in Indiana has increased in the last five years there has been a reduction of 432 one-room, one-teacher schools, statistics released today by the State Department of Public Instruction showed.

There now are 1,192 one-room schools, Floyd I. McMurray, State Superintendent, reported, and within a year that total may be reduced to 1,000.

Marion County is one of 19 where school consolidation has been completed, Mr. McMurray said, while of the others, only Union and Knox Counties, are located south of the National Road.

Four Have Only One

"This shows the relationship of the number of one-room school houses and good roads and soil fertility," Mr. McMurray said.

The others having complete consolidation are Carroll, Cass, Delaware, Hancock, Hendricks, Howard, Huntington, Miami, Montgomery, Newton, Randolph, Rush, Tippecanoe, Wabash, Wayne and Wabash.

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Likes Chimpanzee's Hands Best



Nellie Simmons Meier

Palmist Discards Gypsy Dress, Writes 'Best Selling' Books Now

By JOE COLLIER

Nellie Simmons Meier, Indianapolis woman whose book of palm readings, "Lion's Paws," is a "best seller" in the East, herself has small but well-read hands. She lives at 3128 N. Pennsylvania St.

In her small but elegant study, whose walls are so lined with autographed pictures of the famous that they glitter like spangles, she went patiently, even gallantly, through the vital statistics of an interview. She had what she called an "Indians" —

Mr. McMurray said the average term length in Indiana is 173 days, while at least a dozen states have longer terms. During the last five years the number of schools maintaining 8 1/2 months terms has increased from 15 to 69; nine months, 563 to 631; 9 1/2 months, 48 to 126, and 10 months, 141 to 146.

MOORE AND MORGAN NAMED BY DOCTORS

Dr. Robert M. Moore today was the new Indianapolis Medical Society president for 1938. Dr. Herman G. Morgan, City Health Board secretary, was chosen president-elect for 1938, first time that office has been on the ballot.

Other officers elected last night were Dr. Robert M. Dearmin, vice-president; Dr. Howard B. Mettel, re-elected secretary-treasurer; Dr. Gerald E. Kempf, re-elected librarian, and Dr. John M. Whitehead, Dr. Kenneth Kohlstaedt, Dr. J. William Wright and Dr. Roy Geider, council members.

CIGARETS FOR DANCE TO GO TO VETERANS

Cigarettes received for admission to the Veterans of Foreign Wars "Cigarette Dance," Dec. 19 in Tomlinson Hall will be given to disabled veterans, Edward Hartman, chairman, said today.

Distribution will be made in Veterans' Hospital Christmas Day. The County Council and Ladies' Auxiliary of the service group are arranging for the annual event which they said drew 3,000 persons last year.

THREE CIVIL SERVICE TESTS ANNOUNCED

Competitive examinations for three governmental positions were announced today by C. P. Bernhart, U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners secretary.

The positions are Assistant Fisheries Statistical and Marketing Agent, Junior Fisheries Statistical and Marketing Agent and Dental Surgeon's Assistant at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital here.

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Read President's Hand

Mrs. Meier has read President Roosevelt's hand but will not repeat the reading so long as he is in office. She has read Mrs. Roosevelt's hand and that will be in the next book. She has read the hands of such people as Sigmund Spaeth, Deems Taylor, Roy Chapman Andrews, Rudy Vallee, Harold Lloyd, Marlene Dietrich, Walter Huston, Mary Pickford, Richard Halliburton, Amy Mollison and Margaret Sanger.

Her earnings from palm reading

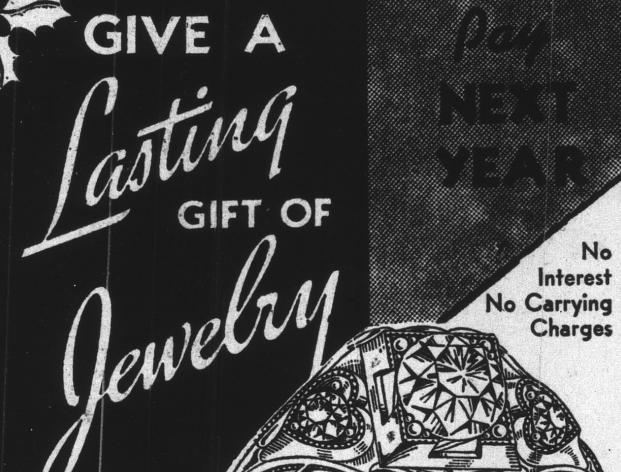
are contributed to charities among them being Pine Mountain Settlement School, National Anti-Vivisection Society, National Humane Society, and eight Indianapolis charities, including the Dog Pound, Indianapolis Star Ice Fund, Florence Crittenton Home, Juvenile Detention Home, and Colored Orphans Home.

Her husband, George Philip Meier, who died in 1933, was head foreign buyer and women's dress designer for L. S. Ayres & Co.

She estimates she has read 10,000 palms since 1893. She charges \$5 a reading.

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