

# School Integrationists Successful in Some Areas But Failure Met in Heart of Dixie

Atlanta — (UP) — Here it is almost September when Johnny goes marching off to school again and, throughout the deep South, the white boy will go to his school and the Negro to his as they have done for generations.

This September of 1956 — two autumns after the Supreme Court ruling on segregation — was to have been an historic date. People working for quick compliance with the ruling had set it as the goal for removal of racial barriers in the public schools.

Let's see how close they have come to the target. The integrationists have a solid record of accomplishment in some areas, mostly the states bordering the old South. But there is no minimizing their failure in the heart of Dixie.

### Some Districts Integrated

On May 17, 1954, when the court made its ruling, there were 21 states and the District of Columbia with segregation laws.

Almost 600 school districts in those states have integrated the past year. Don Shoemaker, ex-

ecutive secretary of the Southern Education Reporting Service, says some 300,000 negroes will attend integrated schools for the first time next month.

But two million others will return to segregated classes. A pin-studded map of the

South shows a thicket of integration in Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. That thins out to three spots in Arkansas and two in Tennessee.

But there is not yet the slightest crack at public school level

in the segregation wall in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Those are the states most likely to bear out predictions that generations of litigation over the race issue are in prospect. If

anything pro-segregation feeling there is more determined than ever.

### Laws Strengthened

Already this year Florida and North Carolina legislatures held special sessions and strengthened segregation laws. Virginia and Louisiana are in extra session this week.

### After Slump American Smokers Resume Habit

Chicago — (UP) — American smokers puffed out of a cigarette slump last year, the Federation of Tax Administrators said.

The Federation said a downward trend which began in 1953 and continued in '54 was arrested in 1955 with a 5.6 per cent tax increase over '54.

The 41 states imposing tobacco taxes at the time collected 496 million dollars, the Federation said.

The Federation is the clearing house for the National Tobacco Tax Association.

Charlottesville, Va., is under court order to integrate this fall but that is likely to be postponed by appeal. Gov. Thomas B. Stanley will ask the Assembly to permit closing of white schools forced to admit Negroes. In Tennessee, where Gov. Frank Clement's influence has held down an all-out pro-segregation drive, it is reported that the issue will hit the 1957 Legislature full force. With election year politics out of the way, Clement may go along with stronger segregation measures.

In Memphis, the old Crump organization backed a "Citizens For Progress" group that won with a segregation platform over a local Good Government League.

### FAST GREEK COURSE

Hartford, Conn. — (UP) — Mayor Joseph Cronin presented a gift on the eve of a good-will trip to Greece. The pastor of a local Greek church gave Cronin an album of "learn-Greek-yourself" records.

School integration is virtually an accomplished fact in the metropolis of St. Louis which is 20 per cent Negro.

## Multi-Million Dollar Building Boom Going on Along Columbia

Walla Walla — (UP) — The Columbia river, from its mouth to the Pasco-Kennewick area, is undergoing a multi-million dollar building boom.

Chemicals, grain and petroleum are moving in unprecedented volume on the river, and alumina and finished aluminum ingots will soon be added to the tonnage. The Inland Empire Waterways Association said today.

Barge movements this summer are reflecting the stepped-up business vice president of the association, said.

In July, downstream traffic

through McNary Dam totaled 42,967 tons of wheat and petroleum, highest since the locks were commissioned in 1953. West said.

Signs of Times Indications of the boom: In 1955, the Continental Grain Co. in Longview added a \$300,000 grain storage warehouse of two million bushel capacity, to boost the port's total storage to 5,365,000 bushels.

At Port Kelley, on the McNary Dam reservoir, the Walla Walla Grain Growers added 250,000 bushels to their elevator capacity late last year.

Near Paterson, Wash., just downstream from McNary Dam, a private operator has completed a 500,000-bushel elevator with rail and water access.

Across the river, a 270,000-bushel elevator in Morrow County, Oregon has ended its first year of operation.

New Building Also on the McNary Dam reservoir, at Kennewick, North Pacific Grain Growers this summer completed a 1,500,000-bushel grain warehouse at a cost of \$150,000 to bring the port's total storage capacity to four million bushels.

Phillips Pacific Chemical Co. is investing \$15 million in an anhydrous ammonia plant on the

Columbia near Kennewick. The plant will manufacture fertilizer for distribution to eastern Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

At Walla Walla, a \$400,000 turning basin, dock and industrial site with rail and highway access has been prepared for potential construction.

By December, Standard Oil of California plans to complete a 170,000-barrel increase in storage capacity at its Salt Lake pipeline terminus near Pasco. The addition will raise the terminal's total capacity to 610,000 barrels.

Aluminum Boom Northwest aluminum production was raised by about 21,750 tons as Reynolds Metals Co. and Alcoa expanded operations.

Alcoa has raised its Wenatchee plant capacity to 108,500 tons a year and its Vancouver, Wash. capacity to 95,000 tons. Reynolds' increase at Troutdale, Ore. makes that plant in the 85,000-ton capacity class. At Longview, Reynolds is raising its capacity five per cent over its present 52,500 ton capacity.

Ground was broken July 31 at The Dales, Ore., for a \$64 million aluminum reduction plant for Harvey Aluminum Co.

West pointed out that since 1940 traffic on the Upper Columbia has increased 225 per cent.

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