

# Virginia County Schools Continue Integration Refusal

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There used to be a teacher at the R. R. Moton High School for Negroes in Farmville, Va., who spent her summers along the rivers and shores of the Tidewater section of the state. Her pupils often accompanied her.

During those pleasant outings, the Negro teacher and her youngsters from the rural hill country of Prince Edward county gathered driftwood which came ashore plentifully in many shapes and sizes.

Back home, they immersed the wood in soapy water to

clean it. After it dried, they began rubbing in floor wax. After scores of hours at a tedious task that was perfected centuries ago by natives of the South seas islands, the exhibits were carried to a large glass case where they were shown to visitors as an example of the skill and perseverance of the Negro high school children of Farmville.

a local box manufacturer and with scant education knowhow, set up a private school for white children. For a while, they met in



**MATRIMONIAL JUMP**—Some folks jump into matrimony and others have to be pushed into it. Fort Benning, Ga., Paratrooper Claude Johnson, 27, left, sky-dived his way to his wedding with bride-to-be Ann Edgar, 22, right. They are shown in their "wedding finery" just before taking the plunge from 2,800 feet. They were married minutes after landing. (UPI)

church basements and private homes. Now, they have a \$400,000 one-story brick building at the edge of the town. The foundation has published periodic reports on how the venture has worked, including statements that many of the graduates went on to colleges where they competed favorably with graduates from public schools over the nation.

Several years ago, a group including a number who had set up the white school offered to help Negroes establish a private school for the estimated 1,400 Negro children who have had no schooling for five years.

Oliver W. Hill, state lawyer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, rushed to Farmville and told Negroes: "Don't let them entice you away from your rights."

This summer has brought some remedial school work for the long-deprived Negro children and a Michigan State University research team moved in to study the effects of no schools on the Negroes.

The next development in the long impasse will be action by the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals (nominally considered to be conservative) on a 1962 decision. In that case, District Judge Oren R. Lewis of Alexandria ruled that public schools in a county cannot remain closed while those elsewhere in the state remain open.

## Foreign Aid Cut Restoration Voted

Washington—(UPI)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has voted to restore \$75 million of a \$100 million cut in funds for the Alliance for Progress program for Latin America.

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Both the alliance fund slash and the loan limits actions were strongly opposed by the administration. Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) said he hoped

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## Fall Lawn Care Tips Given by Specialist

College Station, Tex.—(UPI)—Fall applications of complete fertilizer before the first expected frost has been suggested by a pasture specialist at Texas A and M college as a key to producing pretty grass lawns.

E. M. Trew says an application made 30 days before the first expected freeze will keep grass green longer in the fall and give it an earlier start the following spring.

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Today, Farmville is back in the racial picture with demonstrations, both for the reopening of schools and the desegregation of public accommodations, gaining momentum.

Prince Edward county, with an area of 359 square miles and a population of about 14,000, has remained the nation's outstanding symbol of flat refusal to desegregate schools. It was one of the original defendants in the 1954 Supreme Court ruling. It is the only community in the country that closed its schools to avoid court-ordered transition toward integration.

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