

State By State Integration Picture Shows Progress

3,000 School Districts Remain To Be Integrated, Survey Shows

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Racial integration in public schools and events surrounding desegregation for the month of November have been released through a survey by the Southern Education Reporting Service, publishers of the Southern School News, a publication issued each month by a board of southern editors and educators.

The states concerned in the report are 17 southern and border territories which resistance to integration ranges from mild criticism to wholesale racial violence in some instances.

In nothing that these 17 states had a heavy switch-over of Negro voters from the Democratic party to the Republican party, the report stipulates the month of November found the school districts desegregated.

A state by state summary of major developments during November are as follows:

ALABAMA—A U. S. Supreme Court ruling in the Montgomery bus boycott case, linked to the public school decisions, revived discussion of race relations. Meanwhile a federal judge ordered University of Alabama trustees to

show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court for refusing to readmit Mrs. Autherine Lucy Foster, a former student there, who was driven from the university campus last February, when late whites staged violent racial demonstrations against her.

ARKANSAS—Voters approved a constitutional amendment, an initiative act and a resolution of integration designed to prevent segregation. A survey of education turned up one more school district (the fifth which had been desegregated) which had been desegregated.

DELAWARE—A majority of the eight school segregation suits now pending in federal court will come to trial early in 1957. There all white and one all Negro districts were disclosed to have announced that they would accept students of both races.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Four of our three District pupils are Negroes according to a recent school population survey.

FLORIDA—Dade County's Miami Little White House Conference on Education voted in favor of "integration in principle" while in St. Petersburg, the Florida PTA urged school authorities to carry out recently enacted laws to preserve school segregation.

GEORGIA—Governor Mervin Griffin considered a "segregation strategy meeting" for December at U. S. district attorneys in Washington. The meeting reportedly

was to seek ways of countering recent pro-segregation court rulings.

KENTUCKY—Louisville School Superintendent Omar Carmichael reiterated before Negro leaders his earlier statement questioning the competency of Negro teachers as compared with white teachers.

LOUISIANA—Voters approved a constitutional amendment designed to block suits against school boards, but rejected a second amendment designed to restrict delay voter registration.

MARYLAND—A survey showed that more than 40 schools (29 of them in Baltimore) now have mixed staffs of white and Negro faculty members.

MISSISSIPPI—The State Education Finance Commission approved a phase of the public school

equalization program calling for construction of 322 new classrooms for Negroes and 86 for whites.

MISSOURI—St. Louis County was said to have virtually completed desegregation with a minimum of friction. Meeting in St. Louis, the National Council of Teachers of English defeated a resolution supporting school integration.

NORTH CAROLINA—In the long-standing McDowell County case, the Fourth circuit court of Appeals ruled in Baltimore that Negroes still must exhaust administrative remedies for school entry, singly, and not as a group—but that appeal can be taken directly to federal courts without going through state courts as the 1955 Pupil Assignment Act directs.

OKLAHOMA—Two-thirds of the state's colleges, 22 of 33, with 96 percent of the enrollment, now have racially integrated classes, according to a survey.

SOUTH CAROLINA—The school segregation issue figured in the third major election with a sizeable split in the Negro vote, formerly heavily Democratic.

TENNESSEE—A strong segregation tide was reported running with state officials ready for a legislative showdown on the issue in

January. A White Citizens Council leader, John Kasper, was acquitted of violation of sedition and incitement to riot laws in Clinton where Negroes absented themselves from the high school of which they had gained admittance through court order, because of an upsurge of racial disorders. A white minister was brutally beaten when he escorted a group of Negro students to the Clinton high school.

TEXAS—Several plaintiffs have dropped out of the Dallas school integration case. The NAACP has urged a quick trial of the state's

plea for a permanent injunction against its activity in the state.

VIRGINIA—Legal battles over three suits involving school segregation were underway as school districts reported concern over the marketing of bonds for new construction.

WEST VIRGINIA—A Republican sweep brought in a new governor and a new superintendent of schools in a state where desegregation is accomplished or under way in 52 of 55 counties. No changes, however, are anticipated in state policy.



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Timely Tips On Christmas Tree Buying

Now that so many Christmas trees are grown for market, farmers in the business need to know what today's families want in Christmas trees and how they buy. A survey reported by the Indiana Experiment Station, had brought out the fact that there are still some 3,000 districts in these states that are still practicing segregation of the races.

On the average, 8 out of 10 families bought trees, and 9 out of 10 in the professional, business management and skilled labor groups. Over 50 percent selected the traditional cut evergreen; only a few reported artificial trees, living trees or sprayed and painted trees. Most families bought trees between December 10 and 20. About 8 percent bought trees a day or so before Christmas; only 6 percent were the very early shoppers.

About 80 percent of the families bought from retailers in the city, and 20 percent from growers, nurseries or elsewhere beyond city limits. About half bought trees from food stores having Christmas tree sales lots. Very few buyers shopped around for their trees. Most bought at the first stop.

Nearly 7 out of 10 families purchased the same variety of tree as they had the Christmas before. Balsam fir led in preference with Scotch pine second. Only 25 percent group trees by species or tree they bought. The report suggests grouping trees by species or identity the groups. Apparently few customers read small tags on trees.

Most families purchased trees between 4 and 7 feet high. Most didn't know whether their tree was locally grown or imported but 45 percent indicated that they would be willing to pay more for a locally grown tree.

Most shoppers want a perfectly shaped tree - symmetrical and fully branched on all sides, and 47 percent of these families bought such trees. But observation in homes showed that most trees were placed in front of windows or in the corner of a room where flat-sided trees would fit better. Displays of trees in such locations might help sell these trees which often are less expensive than fully

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