

This is the Law



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Segregation in Schools

The recent momentous decision of the Supreme Court outlawing segregation of the races in the public schools of this country has excited intense speculation about practical results and will continue to do so—indefinitely.

No man can say with any degree of certainty when the actual transition to mixed classes will begin, or what course it will take once it begins.

There are a few broad facts which may be stated as definite now:

1. The five cases considered together by the Supreme Court, and to which its decision was directed, dealt with segregation in the public schools only. The opinion by Chief Justice Earl Warren and an unanimous court did not purport to deal with segregation outside the public schools. It would seem to follow—although the court in its 4,000-word opinion did not specifically say so—that other State segregation laws affecting segregation in intra-State transportation and the like remain unchanged. It should be emphasized that the decision affects public schools—those operated with State funds—only. It does not, of course, affect private or denominational schools.

A recent headline in a Durham paper, indicating that private schools are also involved, was obviously in error.

2. The 17 states now having segregation will be given a chance in arguments before the Supreme Court after next October 1 to suggest means and procedures for putting the new rule into effect. Since the 1954-55 school year will have started even before arguments begin, it is a strong bet—as a practical matter—that no actual transition to mixed classes will take place in North Carolina during the next school year, and perhaps, not for some time after that.

3. Once the new plan is put into effect, it is doubtful that anything approaching a general mixing of the

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A left turn is signalled by the left arm held out straight, a finger pointing to the left. A right turn is signalled by holding the arm straight up, elbow bent at right angles. Or by the mechanical turn signals, if you have them.

In either case, your life is in your hands—or your hand signals. Good reason to be sure your mechanical turn signals and stop lights are working properly. If not—and if you're relying on them without hand signals you really need a mind reader behind you.

Signalling, remember, is more than just a courtesy—it's a life-saving necessity.

Segregation in the classroom will occur in the near future. This is true because of the rule adopted by our State Board of Education which says that children must attend the school in the district in which they live. A child may attend a school outside his own home district only if the school heads of the two districts involved in a proposed transfer agree to the transfer, or, if the transfer is allowed by the State Board of Education. There seems to be no sound reason why these rules of the Education Board should be altered as a result of the Court decision. Since most white children live in the close vicinity of the schools which they now attend, and the same is true of Negro children, it appears, at least at the outset, that first mixing of the races would be slight.

4. There is nothing in the Federal Constitution or in the Supreme Court's segregation ruling which says that a State must operate public schools. Our North Carolina Constitution—which could be changed by amendment on vote of the people—says, in Article IX, Sec. 2 that the General Assembly shall provide by taxation "and otherwise" a uniform system of public schools, "free" to children between 6 and 21, with separate but indistinguishable schools for whites and Negroes.

The fact that "free" public schools are provided for both races, as well as Indians, is a voluntary function in State government. The fact that public schools are provided at all is a voluntary assumption of responsibility on the part of the State.

1,000,000 Affected

Approximately 1,000,000 white and Negro students and teachers will be affected by the decision in North Car-

olina, once it is put into effect. In the 1952-53 school year there were 652,622 white students (71 per cent) in our public schools. There were 276,401 Negro pupils (29 per cent). The white students had 20,885 teachers (62 per cent), the Negroes 8,031 teachers (38 per cent).

The meat of the historic court decision is found in the terse statement: "Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." Chief Justice Warren, in the choice of those words, meant simply that no matter how equal the educational facilities, if they were kept separate, then, the quality of the educational opportunities could not be equal.

(Ezekial 18:4). "... so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12). In God's sight, all men are sinners. "There is none righteous, no not one" (Romans 3:10). "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Sin is breaking God's Law. "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). The penalty for breaking the Law of God is death and hell. "For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23). "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment..." (Matthew 25:46).

Yet there is hope in **CHRIST THE CURE**, for the verse which begins "The wages of sin is death," ends with "... but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. There is hope in Christ because, though innocent, He paid the penalty for our sins by laying down His life for us. The life forfeited because of sin may be replaced by eternal life, and more abundant life, through faith in Him (John 3:16; Acts 16:31).

What must you do? Repent of your sins and confess them to God. Receive Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour, and trust Him alone

for salvation and cleansing. Remember:

Life is short,
Death is sure;
Sin the cause,
Christ the cure.

George D. Miller, 48, Dies Near Colerain

George D. Miller, 48, died Wednesday afternoon of last week at 5:30 o'clock at his home near Colerain after being ill only one week.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mattie N. Miller; two sons, Dewey Nelson Miller of Suffolk and Bobby Ray Miller, at home; two brothers, Ellis N. Miller of Colerain and Johnnie Miller of Harrellsville.

He was a member of the Colerain Baptist Church, where funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. P. T. Worrell, officiated and burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery at Colerain.

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By JAMES MACKENZIE

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LIFE IS SHORT.

Who can deny it? Though within recent years science has added a decade or so to the life expectancy of man, our little day on earth is at best a brief one. "Whereas we know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14). You may be healthy and strong, but you have no sure promise of tomorrow. You may never see the dawn of another day, for,

DEATH IS SURE.

"... it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

SIN THE CAUSE.

Why is life short and death sure? Hear the answer of God's Word: "... the soul that sinneth, it shall die"

STATESMAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO FATHERS

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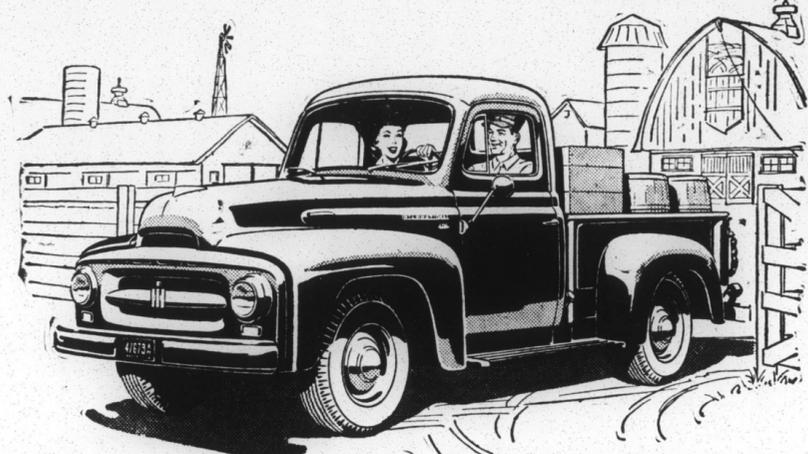
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