

Rural Virginia School System Reopens

FARMVILLE, Va. (AP) — The words "public schools" have been repainted on the big yellow buses that bounce along the rural roads of Prince Edward County.

Schoolyard swings and sliding boards — untouched for five years — have been repaired and once again the youngsters swarm over them at recess, shrieking and laughing.

But inside the four public schools of this rural south central Virginia county the scene could almost be 1959, the year the county abandoned public education rather than submit to a federal court's desegregation order.

Seven white children sit at public school desks. Their classmates: 1,515 Negroes.

"Truthfully, all I can say is that the public schools have been restored," says the Negro minister

who fought 13 years to bring about desegregation. "But it is a start."

The Rev. L. Francis Griffin, state president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was NAACP local president during the long struggle. He saw the schools close down in June 1959 when Prince Edward became the only locality in the nation to take this step

to avoid integration.

Last September the public schools opened again, under order of the U. S. Supreme Court. For many of the Negro children, it was—and is—a trying experience.

"Some of them are seriously handicapped. They were arbitrarily pushed up because of their age," said T. J. Mellwaine, the county school superintendent, who stayed

on the job during the educational drought.

County officials saw there are no racial restrictions either for students or for faculty. There are 10 white teachers among the 62 Negroes.

"Technically, they have a point," says the Rev. Mr. Griffin. "But in actuality, integration doesn't exist."

Mathematics Film May Be Viewed

A film "Mathematical Induction" will be shown on Thursday and Friday. The film will demonstrate useful mathematical logic and skilled teaching techniques.

The film can be viewed Thursday at 9 a.m. in Room 146 of the Physics Building; at 4 p.m. in Room 402 of the Academic Building; and at 7:30 p.m. in Room 146 of the Physics Building.

It will also be shown on Friday at 11 a.m. in Room 146, Physics Building.

The film will be available at all other times on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week for instructors to show to their classes if they so wish.

Associate professor B. C. Moore of the Department of Mathematics said that all college and advanced high school students may benefit from viewing the film. Films of a much higher mathematical level will be shown later in the spring.

Moore also said, "Though no one in the department has ever seen this film or the ones to be shown later, they are considered to be excellent films for their purpose."



Ball Retriever

Beach Balls land in strange places. Dianne Ferguson has to use a ladder to reach this one which landed in a palm tree near the beach in Corpus Christi. Braver souls have tried out the water during the sunny days of the past week. (AP Wirephoto)

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