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## Virginia to Improve Negro Schools

By Carter Jewel

**RICHMOND — (ANP) —** Several localities in Virginia have already begun construction on new Negro schools and additions to schools or have let contracts or will soon let contracts for school construction to cost more than \$15,000,000. These extensive plans were disclosed here last week in a check on local school board plans over the state. Work is progressing on the new Negro high school here in the Churchill section which will cost about \$2,000,000. Around 1,600 new schools are planned across the state, but must wait until next year being built because of the shortage of steel.

Contract was recently awarded for the construction of a \$500,000 new Negro high school in Emporia. The old Negro high school will be converted into an elementary school.

Work on additions to Abraham Lincoln school in Norfolk is in its advanced stage. Other school expansion plans in Norfolk include a new school at Roberts Park and new Negro schools in Lindenwood and Campostella sections.

South Norfolk is planning a new high school to replace overcrowded Providence high. The new structure, expected to be ready some time next year, will cost between \$700,000 and \$800,000. It will be constructed on an 16-acre tract, and will have 18 classrooms, rooms for special courses, and all modern conveniences.

Work began last month on the construction of one unit on the now Princess Anne County Training school, expected to cost \$900,000. The construction is proceeding by units because the school board was unable to get more than \$425,000 from the Battle School fund.

Two schools will be constructed

for Negroes in Norfolk county. The schools, Southeastern and Oakwood, will have 14 classrooms each and other facilities to accommodate 500 pupils each.

The Bedford county school board, after some delay because of school suits pending in the courts to end Virginia's segregated school system, decided last week to go ahead with its plans for a new Negro high school.

## Dodgers to Play Series in Brooklyn

**BROOKLYN (ANP) —** The Brooklyn Dodgers, apparently on the road to the 1951 pennant of the National league race, have definitely decided to hold their end of the World Series at Ebbets field in Brooklyn.

It has been reported that the management had considered moving their home games to Yankee Stadium in order to accommodate more fans.

In the meantime, however, the Brooklyn management decided it would be fairer to the ball players to play on a familiar field, and also to the working crew that has maintained Ebbets field during the year. All this is assuming that the Dodgers successfully repel the drive of the New York Giants for the top rung.

## Richmond Gets Housing Project

**RICHMOND (ANP) —** Construction has begun on Creighton court, a 504-unit housing project for low income Richmond families.

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by **JAMES C. OLSON**, Superintendent  
 STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

An important industry in territorial Nebraska was flour and grist milling. Flour brought in from a distance by steamboat was expensive at best, and as soon as the territory's farms began to produce wheat and corn, enterprising men set up little mills to grind these products into flour.

The streams of eastern Nebraska provided many suitable locations for water powered mills. Using what nature provided, the early miller would build a dam across the stream at the site of his choice, housing his imported stone burrs and reels in a small building on the bank.

Town promoters were well aware of the importance of a mill to the growth of a community—it was a definite attraction for farmers of the surrounding area—and sometimes inducements were held out by the town fathers to encourage a miller to locate in their particular community. Occasionally, a mill served as the nucleus around which a town developed.

By 1860, there were 17 flour and grist mills doing sufficient business in Nebraska territory to be recognized in the U.S. census reports of that year. The two leading counties were Cass and Nemaha, with four each. Next came Otoe, Pawnee and Washington, with two each. Boasting one mill each were Clay, Richardson and Sarpy. (It should be mentioned that the Clay county appearing in 1860 was not the present one, but a county which has been absorbed by Lancaster and Gage.)

These 17 mills represented a capital investment of \$72,500, and furnished employment for 36 men. The annual value of their products was placed at \$110,191, which was approximately one-sixth of the total value of manufactures in Nebraska territory.

By 1870, the number of milling establishments in Nebraska had

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## Private Schools In South Voluntarily Open Doors

**WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. — (ANP) —** Many white private institutions in the south are not waiting for a court order to force them to break down segregation in their schools; they have voluntarily opened their doors to Negroes.

According to a survey conducted by a local newspaper, more than 20 private schools in southern states have admitted Negro students to their classes. Some restrict Negroes to study

on the graduate level, while others admit them freely to all departments.

The Catholic University of Washington, D. C., and St. Louis university have been admitting Negroes for years, giving them equal opportunities with white students in all college facilities.

A total of 351 colored students were enrolled last year and five Negro teachers were on the faculty of St. Louis university, a university official said.

Some denominations in the south have adopted the non-segregated practice on the graduate level only. Among them are the four theological seminaries of the Presbyterian church, located in Richmond, Va., Decatur, Ga., Austin, Tex., and Louisville.

A Presbyterian spokesman said, "Our denomination is sensing the need of a more definite contact between the Christian leadership of the Negro race and the white race . . ."

Louisville Theological Seminary makes all its facilities available to Negroes, but the other three operate dormitories and dining rooms for whites only.

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