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Dear Sir:

Replying now to your letter of the 21st, in regards to the law of
Florida prohibiting negroes from teaching whites and whites from
teaching negroes, will state that there are two such statutes in
this state, one being Section 8107 Compiled General Laws of Florida, 1927,
which reads as follows:

> "WHITE CHILDREN AND NEGRO CHILDREN ARE NOT TO BE TAUGHT
> IN SAME SCHOOL.-It shall be a penal offense for any
> individual, body of individuals, corporation or associa-
> tion to conduct within this State any school of any grade,
> public, private or parochial, wherein white persons and
> negroes shall be instructed or boarded within the same
> building, or taught in the same class, or at the same time
> by the same teachers. Any person or persons violating the
> provisions of this section by patronizing or teaching in
> such school shall be fined in a sum not less than one
> hundred and fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars,
> or imprisoned not less than three months, nor more than six
> months for every such offense."

and, Section 8112 which reads:

> "UNLAWFUL FOR WHITE TEACHERS TO TEACH NEGRO SCHOOLS AND
> FOR NEGRO TEACHERS TO TEACH IN WHITE SCHOOLS.-It shall be
> unlawful in this State for white teachers to teach negroes
> in negro schools, and for negro teachers to teach in white
> schools. Any person or persons violating the provisions
> of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed
> five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail
> not exceeding six months."

The Boylan Haven School for girls is conducted precisely as stated in
your letter. No other schools in Florida have white teachers teaching
negro children. I do not know of any similar laws in other southern
states but I am quite sure every one of them has such laws.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

S. D. McGILL

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