

Education Of The Acadians Found Serious Problem

Those Deported From Canada To Louisiana Are Cultured But Cannot Read.

The problem of educating descendants of the Acadians who were deported from Canada in the eighteenth century and settled in the French colony which is now Louisiana, is proving a serious problem to the school authorities of that state, according to Essae M. Culver, secretary of the Louisiana State Library Commission.

Miss Culver, who is directing a course in the organization of rural libraries at the Columbia Summer session, explained that many of the Acadians living in the bayous of Southern Louisiana have never learned to read or write, although their background of culture and wealth of tradition equals that of any of their more literate neighbors.

"We never think of these people as illiterate when we meet them," she said. "Their social life is polished, they dance well, they converse well. But through a lack of schooling their pronunciation, even of French, has become confused, and they have reached a state where, although they can converse, they cannot read or write either French or English."

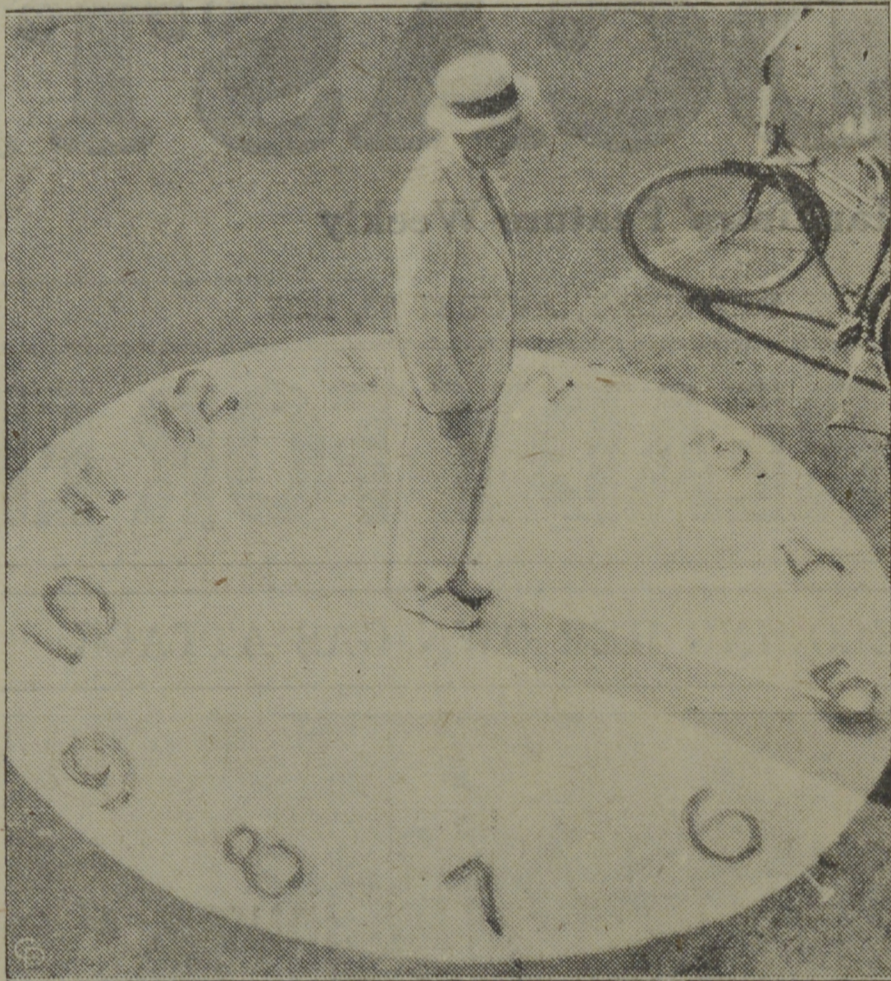
Since, however, the Acadians live in isolated communities without communication with the rest of the world, she said, they are prone to depend upon a few "educated leaders" for advice in political matters.

When the second rural library in the state was established in Abbeville, a town in the Vermillion Parish, whose population of about 2,000 is predominantly Acadian, 4,000 books were sent. The total circulation for the first year was 84,000, Miss Culver revealed.

Three-day "folkschools," resembling the old-time Chautauqua, are now held during the summer to give instruction in latest methods of farming, building, housekeeping and the more cultural subjects. In many towns, according to Miss Culver, before the advent of these schools, there was no knowledge of national affairs or of modern agricultural methods.

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