

# Takes School Segregation Case Under Advisement

The fate of the Hillsboro school case brought in U. S. District Court at Cincinnati, after a second hearing in three months, rested today in the hands of the court's jurist, Judge John H. Druffel. Nothing but speculation surrounded the next move in the case.

The second hearing in the case was held Wednesday in Druffel's court, exactly three months from the initial proceedings on Sept. 29. Hillsboro school officials again appeared as witnesses.

After testimony by the witnesses, which covered much of the same ground as in the previous trial, and brief arguments by both plaintiffs and defendants, the judge recessed the court "until you hear from me."

The Sixth District Court of Appeals, several weeks ago, had ordered Druffel to 'show cause by Jan. 1 why he should not rule immediately on the suit, filed by five

in election campaigns, including \$5,500 by hospital bond group; swimming pool planned at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp.

Nov. 19—Fire insurance rates slated for reduction in area; men arrested here for old Kentucky murder are re-indicted at Pikeville, Ky.

Nov. 23—Suit is filed in option election in Dodson Township; new addition planned at local hospital; record high budget request of \$328,320 set by commissioners; Mrs. Nora Meredith resigns as home agent.

Dec. 10—County brings action for recovery of funds from state for care of feeble-minded; Arlin Howard, Air Force veteran, of Sinking Spring, killed near base in New Jersey.

Dec. 14—Hearing set for Dec. 29 in school segregation case; hospital given refrigerator by Lynchburg Twig; three inches of snow falls in area, heaviest up to that time; Farm Bureau wins several regional honors.

Dec. 17—Tax duplicate listed at \$33,871,840; Dr. Sigel Roush, dentist, writer, lecturer, physician, claimed; David Carroll, polio victim, graduates with honors at Ohio State University; tax rates announced; Stanley Kibler re-elected president of fair board.

Dec. 24—Total of 943 persons given free chest X-Rays here; Jaycees plan Christmas party for youngsters.

Dec. 24—Total tax charge is \$756,588; total of \$6,211.30 paid to exhibitors at county fair, annual report shows; Santa makes visit to Pin Hook Hollow, swamped with gifts from throughout state; Christmas mail volume climbs over previous year.

## Membership Rules Of Junior Fair Board Revised

Negro mothers here, charging school segregation.

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**WHETHER DRUFFEL** would meet the Jan. 1 deadline was also speculative. The jurist did not indicate publicly when he might act on the appeals court's order. However, there was some basis for the assumption that he wished to study the written record of Wednesday's hearing when he asked the court reporter when the transcript would be completed. The reporter replied "in about three weeks."

At the September hearing, the judge said he would not issue a ruling until the Supreme Court handed down a desegregation order spelling out how the problem should be solved. Attorneys for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said the court should rule immediately because of differences between the Hillsboro situation and the South. They petitioned the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals to make Druffel issue the ruling. The Wednesday hearing, apparently to elaborate earlier points of testimony, resulted.

Druffel gave no definite impression as to how he might act in the case. However, at one point in the litigation, he fired a barrage of questions on his own about the fire set by Philip Partridge at the Lincoln school, concluding with the statement that he wanted it on the record for the benefit "of the court of appeals."

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**WHILE THIS** might be open to varied interpretation, some observers thought it might presage—and it is merely assumption—Druffel setting another continuance as he did after the previous hearing. Others were predicting that he would render a decision along these lines: Ordering the board to integrate the pupils but either setting no time limit or giving them a period up to the completion of new buildings to complete integration.

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**THE PROCEEDINGS** opened Wednesday at 10 A. M., in Druffel's court with a statement from the NAACP's chief attorney, Mrs. Constance B. Motley, of New York City. She re-defined that side of the case, saying that the rezoning action of the board back on Sept. 13, sent the children involved to a racially-segregated school (Lincoln); that the zoning was on the basis of race and that alone. Druffel asked if testimony would supplement previous evidence and she replied that it would.

Marvel Wilkin, president of the Hillsboro board of education, was summoned first. A map showing the rezoning was submitted in evidence and most of the questioning of Wilkin by Mrs. Motley centered on the Lincoln school zone with

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