

Partridge Trial Gets Underway Monday

Three Are Injured In Week-End Crashes

Three persons were injured, two painfully, in two highway accidents reported in this county over the week-end, the state highway patrol reported.

Two Clinton County residents were hospitalized here as the result of one of the accidents, which occurred on Route 124, 4.4 miles southeast of here, about 12 noon, Sunday.

School Segregation Ban Enforcement To Await Court Action

Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., at a Washington, D. C., news conference, said that the Justice Department cannot enforce the Supreme Court ban on racial segregation in public schools until the tribunal decides upon a program for integrating Negro and white pupils.

Brownell said, however, that the government would "move in promptly" if anti-integration outbreaks such as those which have flared in Washington, Baltimore, Milford, Dela., and other places should result in any violation of federal law.

The attorney general was asked what plans the Justice Department has for "enforcing" the Supreme Court ruling that segregated public schools are unconstitutional.

"I don't see how we can enforce it until the Supreme Court acts," he replied.

The court has scheduled for the week of Dec. 6 a series of hearings, with representatives of the affected states participating on methods of implementing the anti-segregation ruling.

Patrolman R. L. Jenkins, who investigated, said Joseph Eakins, 58, Wilmington Rt. 5, was going south on Rt. 124 when he attempted to pass a truck driven by Dwight Creek, 16, Hillsboro Rt. 2, just as Creek attempted to turn left into a private drive.

The Eakins auto hit the left front fender of the truck, the patrolman said, went off the left side of the highway, overturned once, then up-ended. The car was demolished.

EAKINS suffered a dislocated left hip and a right shoulder injury, and his wife, Nettlelee, 53, suffered shoulder injuries also. They were taken to the Highlands Community Hospital, where they were confined.

At 2 A. M., Saturday, it was reported, a car driven by Joseph Cowgill, 33, Hillsboro Rt. 1, went off the road on the New Petersburg Pike, about one and a half miles west of New Petersburg, striking a tree.

Patrolman Douglas White, Wilmington Patrol Post, said the driver told him that he went to sleep at the wheel just before the accident occurred. The car was damaged considerably.

Cowgill suffered lacerations on the left leg.

County Cage Schedule Set

First Games Will Be Played Nov. 5

The athletic committee of the county school system has announced the schedule of games for the Highland County Basketball League, which initiates play on Nov. 5.

Buford is the defending champion. Belfast and Lynchburg wound up in a tie for second place in the standings last season.

Following is the league schedule, with the first team named being the home team for that particular game:

Nov. 5—Whiteoak vs. Marshall, Belfast vs. Fairfield, Lynchburg vs. Buford.

Selection Of Jury Is Completed

The trial of Philip H. Partridge, 43, former county engineer, charged with burning a school and burglary of a school building, got underway in Common Pleas Court, Monday morning.

As soon as the court opened for the hearing, attorneys for Partridge withdrew their plea of not guilty by reason of insanity and asked that the court allow them to try the case only on a not guilty plea. The plea of not guilty by reason of insanity had been made by defense counsel at the time Partridge was arraigned on the grand jury's indictment. At that time, counsel made the reservation that the plea could be withdrawn at any time.

Selection of a jury took a majority of the morning session. A total of 21 jurors were examined before 12, including nine men and three women, were seated.

One juror was excused by the court after he told Richard L. Davis, county prosecutor, that he had formed an opinion which evidence in the case could not sway.

Two jurors, including Elmer Hedges, a member of the Hillsboro Board of Education, were excused, under examination by Charles (Bud) Wilson, co-counsel for the defendant. They said that they too, had formed an opinion which evidence would have to outweigh before they could find the defendant innocent.

Partridge was seated at the defendant's table in the court room with two attorneys, Wilson and William F. Hopkins, noted Cincinnati criminal attorney. The defendant listened closely as Wilson challenged the jurors during the selection.

The trial is expected to take at least two days, and will be carried through Columbus Day, usually a holiday for the court, officials said.

Wilson, in examining the jurors, stressed the fact that the racial segregation issue would develop during the trial. He asked all jurors if they believed in equal rights for all persons, regardless of race, creed or color, as stipulated in the Bill of Rights and the state constitution. While some jurors said they could not go along with this belief, they said that this would not sway their opinion in any way.