

# School Board Answer Filed In Dispute On Segregation

## Group Seeks Volunteers To Help in Fairground Project

Grounds to Be Leveled; Need Help, Equipment

A field day or series of field days is being planned for the week of October 25 to level the county fairgrounds here. Free gasoline and oil will be furnished by the oil distributors in the area. All bulldozer, highlift, earth loader, dump truck and other earth moving equipment owners and operators (a few farm tractors and breaking plows will be needed) are urged to contact members of the Highland County Fair board.

The information to be given includes type of equipment, time to be offered and preference of days to work. Any one of the following board members may be contacted: Stanley Kibler, Walter Rosselott, John Beaver, Clarence Larkin, C. C. Barrett, Pete Wallace, John Burkard, Fred Mount, C. E. Tucker, Carey Roberts, J. E. Ruppel, P. M. Holbrook, Roger McCoppin, Willard Johnson, Arthur Milner, and Maynard Surber.

Other persons who may be contacted regarding volunteer work are E. J. Cook, the county Extension agent, and vocational agriculture teachers.

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**THE MOVE** to level the grounds follows the highly successful beef barbecue which was held on the fairgrounds Saturday, Sept. 25, to raise funds for Junior Fair buildings. The Highland County banks furnished the beef for the barbecue and scores of other businesses donated food and equipment for the event. Enthusiasm shown by

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## Group Explains Hospital Board Appointment

In response to numerous inquiries, an explanation of how a county hospital would be set up and operated under state statutes was issued today by the Highland County All County Hospital Committee.

Numerous rumors have distorted the actual legal status of such an institution. The statement points out:

## Watershed Project Showing Progress

Contract work under the federal-state-local conservation program, called the Rocky Fork-Clear Creek branch watershed project, is moving forward, Tom Parry, soil conservationist, reported today.

Large diversion and large waterway layouts have been accomplished on the farms of L. G. Borden, George Shaffer, W. S. Richardson and work is now in progress on the Katie Evans farm north of here.

## Three Accidents Noted Saturday

### Two Injured in Crash In Dodson Township

Two persons were injured slightly in an accident on a township road, one mile west of Rt. 134, in Dodson Township, about 10 A. M. Saturday, the state highway patrol reported.

This was one of three accidents reported by the patrol in this county Saturday.

Patrolman Douglas White, Wilmington Patrol Post, who investigated, said Virgil Rainwater, Jr., 27, Fayetteville Rt. 1, going west, struck the side of a car driven by Roy F. Deiningner, 40, also of Fayetteville Rt. 1, who failed to stop at an intersection.

Both cars were damaged considerably, with the Deiningner car being towed from the scene of the crash.

White said Rainwater suffered a laceration on the left arm and Deiningner had a bruised left knee.

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**DEININGER** was cited to appear in mayor's court in Lynchburg, Monday night, for failure to yield the right of way, and Rainwater was to appear at same time for driving with an expired driver's license.

The other accidents were investigated by Patrolman R. L. Jenkins.

"I need a wide, flat bottom waterway between these bottom land fields like the one constructed on my neighbor, Mr. Borden's farm," was the remark made by Lawrence Lucas to Parry, when planning an outlet for two diversion ditches at the base of the slope above the bottom land fields.

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**THE WATERWAY** on Borden's farm referred to by Lucas was one established under the watershed protection project which serves as an outlet for terraces and a diversion ditch and was constructed under Government contract. The waterway is of a size not normally built by farmers in the area. Farmers who receive assistance under the watershed protection must be district cooperators and willing to put into effect the needed measures to control erosion, such as terraces, diversions, contour strip cropping, pasture improvement, etc.

By the end of the five-year watershed program, many waterways will be paved with grass and the necessary small structures at the outlet of these waterways and large diversions will serve as safe water disposal systems as part of good land use program and the name, Clear Creek will have more of a meaning in the future than the name implies.

## Postal Receipts Increase Shown

### \$7,000 Jump Is Noted Over 1953 Receipts

Postal receipts at the Hillsboro Postoffice during the third quarter ended September 30, showed an increase of \$2,224.45 over the receipts for the same period last year, W. R. Hapner, local postmaster, reported today.

Hapner said receipts for the

## Mothers Are Violating Law Board Says

The Hillsboro Board of Education, in papers filed in U. S. District Court in Cincinnati, Thursday, charged that the five colored mothers, plaintiffs in the school segregation case here, "are now and have for some time been unlawfully withholding their children from school in defiance of the laws and policy of the State of Ohio."

This charge was contained in an answer to the petition filed last month, in which the colored people sought an injunction against the school board to prevent the enforcement of the new school district zoning laws. The injunction suit, filed for the five mothers by legal representatives of the NAACP, charged that the zoning law amounted to segregation.

In the answer filed Thursday, the school board asked that the injunction suit be dismissed and set aside.

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**THE DEFENDANTS** admitted certain allegations contained in the petition, including that part stating that the children of the plaintiffs were registered in the Webster and Washington elementary schools and were temporarily assigned to the class rooms in these buildings. They further admit that on September 14, the plaintiff's children were reassigned to the Lincoln school.

The board denies, however, that the remainder of the petition is true. The defendants say that attendance in the elementary schools here by children living within the corporate limits of Hillsboro, is determined "... by the place of residence and not by race, color or national origin."

Colored parents have been taking their youngsters to the Webster and Washington buildings each day, then taking them home after they are turned away from these schools. They contend that, in this case, it is the school officials and not the parents who are keeping the children out of school.

At a hearing on the injunction suit late last month, Judge John H. Druffel refused to rule on the case, and continued the action until after the U. S. Supreme Court decides how its ban on segregation in schools can be put into effect.

His decision to continue the case has been appealed by attorneys for the NAACP in the U. S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit.