

# Damage Suit Filed Here in Lincoln School Fire By Insurance Companies

Fourteen insurance companies which held policies on the Lincoln school building here in 1954, have filed a suit in Common Pleas Court against Philip Partridge, former county engineer, for damages caused when he set the building on fire on July 5, 1954.

The suit was filed late Friday afternoon by a Cincinnati law firm through Wilson & Wilson, local attorneys. The Cincinnati lawyers are Hayden, Head & Ritchey.

The plaintiffs in the case ask for a judgment of \$4,295.50 against Partridge, who is scheduled to be released from the state penitentiary on August 24, plus interest at

six percent from July 5, 1954, attorney fees and court costs.

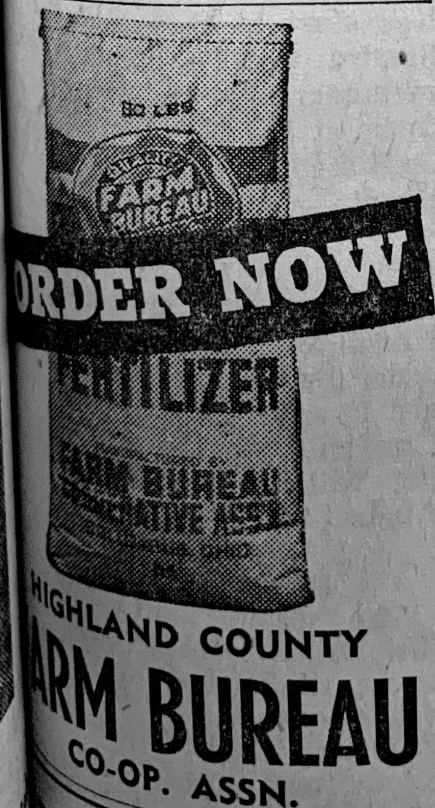
Insurance companies state that they were required to pay the amount of the judgment asked to the Hillsboro Board of Education following the fire, to cover damages to the building and its contents.

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**COMPANIES** named as plaintiffs in the action are: Aetna Insurance Company; American Insurance Company; Buckeye Union Fire Insurance Company; Columbia Fire Insurance Company; Fidelity Phoenix Fire Insurance Company; Fire Association of Philadelphia; Firemen's Fund Insurance Company; Great American Insurance Company; Hartford Fire Insurance Company; Lumberman's Mutual Fire Insurance Company; Ohio Farmers' Fire Insurance Company; St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company; Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and the West Chester Fire Insurance Company.

Attached to the petition was a precept asking that Harold D. Mason, county clerk of courts, issue summons for "Philip Partridge, inmate No. 97140 of the Ohio Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, with a copy to the warden of the Penitentiary; directed to the sheriff of Franklin County, Ohio, returnable according to law."

Mason issued the summons on the defendant through the proper channels, Friday evening.



**ORDER NOW**

FERTILIZER

HIGHLAND COUNTY  
**FARM BUREAU**  
CO-OP. ASSN.