

Negro Delegation At School Board Meeting Monday Night

School Boy Patrol Receives Equipment



HILLSBORO JUNIOR Chamber of Commerce officials this week presented the elementary schools in Hillsboro with additional equipment for school safety patrols. The Jaycees are providing safety belts, hand signs, badges, and rules for carrying out a safety program. Shown presenting the material to a group of schoolboy patrolmen at Webster Schools are John Anderson, extreme left, chairman of the Jaycees' safety committee and Tom Vance, extreme right, president of the Jaycees. The boys are, left to right, Larry Kisling, Kent Matthews, Mike Collins and Dean Cornelius. At rear are the principals, Wesley Roush (left) and Harold Henry. (Staff Photo)



THE JAYCEES also provided materials for a schoolboy safety patrol at Lincoln School. Shown outfitting two patrolmen, Perry Allen Harewood (left) and Daryl Lee Woody, are, from the left, John Anderson, Tom Vance and Mrs. Helen Ash, principal of the school. (Staff Photo)

Integration Is Again Asked By Local Parents

A delegation of five Negro mothers and one father whose children are currently being withheld from school appeared at an adjourned meeting of the Hillsboro board of education Monday night to ask immediate integration of colored youngsters in the white schools.

During a lengthy discussion, the board indicated that it is standing by a previous decision, recorded in the minutes of the board on Aug. 9, 1954, to integrate all Negro youngsters when the building program is completed.

Appearing in the protest group were Mrs. Glenn Speach, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Curtis, Mrs. Gertrude Clemons, Mrs. Norma Rawlins and Mrs. Louis Peale.

VARIOUS changes and denials were made during the discussion, which was highly voluble but without any harsh show of temper on either side.

The delegation charged that they had no assurance that Lincoln will be abandoned when Washington is completed; that the zoning carried out by the board last year was a deliberate move to continue segregation; that the other schools are not so crowded that they couldn't integrate the colored youngsters now.

One of the major demands of the group during the evening was for the board to integrate Lincoln School—that is, send white children there—this year. This, they claimed, would relieve overcrowded conditions in the other buildings, if that is the case. "If Lincoln is not good enough for your children, it is not good enough for ours . . . if you integrate Lincoln, our children will go back tomorrow . . ."

Superintendent Paul L. Upp reiterated that back in 1953, before the Supreme Court decision, school officials had indicated that Lincoln pupils would be integrated when the building program was completed.

MRS. CURTIS told the board that if the children involved, in the course of law, become juvenile de-

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Study Driver Safety Plan

School Board Backs New Program Here

The Highland County Board of Education is initiating a special safety project for school bus drivers in the county system, W. G. Williamson, county superintendent, announced today.

Bus drivers in the system, under the Ohio State Safety Council, may enroll in a "School Bus Safety Campaign." There is no charge to the local boards of education or to the bus drivers; the cost of the safety project will be borne by the county board of education.

Each month the Ohio State Safety Council will send to the county superintendent's office enough copies of the magazine, "Safe Drivers," and the monthly "Safety

Indians to Play At Waverly High On Friday Night

The Hillsboro High School Indians will take their first road trip of the season Friday night when they travel to Waverly for a contest with the Tigers. The game is set for 8 P. M. at Raidiger Field.

In their last outing, the Tigers dropped a 12-7 "mud battle" to a tough Grove City eleven. Prior to that Carroll Hawhee men had opened their campaign with an 18-6 Southern Ohio Conference victory over New Boston.

Two of the Tigers' regulars, Wade Cormany, co-captain and all-conference fullback, and regular left end, Dave Bond, are doubtful starters Friday night, according to Hawhee. Cormany suffered a shoulder separation in last week's battle and Bond has been sidelined with a leg injury.

With or without these two men, the Tigers shape up as a formidable foe for the Indians. They have 18 men back from last year's squad. On a dry field, they should be that much stronger.

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linquents, the burden will rest on the board.

Board members denied charges that facilities at Lincoln School were unequal—that the same textbooks, tests and curriculum are offered there as elsewhere. The delegation charged that two teachers were not enough to handle the full complement of Negro children in town in the first six grades, said to total, in all, 78; that the furnace is inadequate; that the school gets "leftover things."

Others of the group said that the

seats or buildings were not involved but what they were seeking was "equal education." "Segregated education is the same as no education. . . Separate schools are not equal schools. . . if you put white children in Lincoln, then the board would see to it that all the children have equal education. . . ."

Thirty-six children are now enrolled in Lincoln. The group said that "about 30" children are being withheld from school. They indicated that they would continue to withhold them unless there is immediate integration. They denied that the "children were suffering" from not attending school. "They respect their parents for standing up for their rights," Mrs. Curtis said.

MRS. CLEMONS volunteered the comment that Philip Partridge had nothing to do with the protesting group's actions.

Several board members were asked if they believed in segregation. In general, their reply was that it was a condition that had existed for many years and which they hoped would be completely solved next year.

"Zoning may be used after the new schools are completed," delegates said. "Are you sure it won't be?" they asked. "I am," Supt. Upp, replied quietly, but added that it was a decision of the board and that he is only an executive.

One board member pointed out that there will be, if the building program continues on schedule, nine extra elementary classrooms next fall, making integration more feasible. Another board member urged that the group abide by the board's decision to integrate next year—Washington is slated for completion by September, 1956,—and then "find out if we broke our word."

IN OTHER actions taken during the meeting, Harry Tolle was employed as attendance officer for the Hillsboro Schools. His pay will be \$70 a month, plus travel.

A bid of Swonger's Dairy on fur-

nishing milk for school children was accepted unanimously by the board. The bid was 6 cents for one-half pints of white milk and 6¼ cents for chocolate milk. The other bid, with the same prices, was from Med-O-Pure of Washington C. H.

The board appeared in general agreement that the price of the milk charged the youngsters be boosted to three cents this year. Last year, it was two cents. The price of milk itself has been boosted since last year. The state reimburses the school three cents on each pint.

Pay raises for bus drivers were discussed briefly. During the summer the board had granted them a five percent monthly boost, based on last year's schedule.

Complaints on the fact that the cafeteria was not serving as much meat as it should was countered with the report that not as much meat is included in the surplus commodities received from the government. To serve it too often would put the cafeteria in the "red," it was indicated.

List Student

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25, Beverly Brown, president; Judy Barney, vice president. Room 21, Sonora Dean, president; James Gray, vice president; Jasper Oppy, president; John Murphy, vice president.

Room 14, Bill Swisshelm, president; Nick Rogers, vice president. Room 24, Charlotte Bloom, president; Ronald Bohrer, vice president. Room 26, David Mallory, president; Danny Lucas, vice president. Room 27, Jon Whisler, president; Barbara Shafer, vice president. Room 34, James Louderback, president; James Jordon, vice president.

Room 26, Mary J. Fling, president; Sharon Holliday, vice president. Room 37, Randy McKenzie, president; Donald Sams, vice president. Room 39, Bonnie Ruggles, president; Sharon Shannon, vice president. Room 31, Stuart Davis, president; David Cole, vice president. Room 33, Judy Blankenship, president; Carol Kay Burns, vice