Citizens Plan Outing for Hillsboro’s ‘Little Heroes’

HILLSBORO — The 23 little children who innocently fought the fight for the cause of their convictions, the stamina to withstand jibes and jeers from adults and children alike, who took it on the chin for a principle in a victorious fight to end school segregation in this hamlet and the State, are going to be honored.

These little children, all of elementary and high school age who refused to bow to being shoved off into an overburdened, inadequate separate school and walked long distances or numerous occasions, and withstood insults to present themselves for admittance to schools where they could get some semblance of the same training as other pupils were getting. They stayed out of school for long periods while their parents and interested citizens fought for their scholastic freedom.

Citizens Appreciative

Now, in gratitude for their sacrifices, the heroic youngsters and their gallant parents are going to be feted with an outing on Saturday, June 30, at Rocky Fork, near Hillsboro.

A committee has been formed under the direction of Wallace Nelson, the Rev. Maurice McCrackin of Cincinnati; Lloyd Denderson, Brookville, Ind.; Mrs. Jeanette Nelson, Ernest and Maxon Bondy, Sharonville; Charles Graham, Wilmington; and Ralph Rose, Wilmington.

This group is seeking statewide participation in an effort to make this an occasion that the victorious Hillsboro school fight children and parents will long remember.

Interested persons should make checks payable to Maurice McCrackin, 991 Findlay, Cincinnati, 14, Ohio. He should be advised as to the intention of those who wish to attend by Wednesday, June 27.

Letters of commendation to the children and their parents are invited so that they can be given proper recognition and serve as an incentive for the 23 stalwart youngsters and their parents at the outing.

Rocky Fork, where the picnic is to be held, is located 13 miles east of Hillsboro on U.S. route 50. Go through Boston, one mile east of Boston on Route 50, turn at road marked North Beach. This road will lead directly to Rocky Fork.

The outing is set to start at 11:30 a.m. and will be in progress until early evening.

Bring Own Food

Refreshments will be provided but participants are required to prepare and bring their own lunches.

Activities will consist of swimming, softball, grilling and pure, unadulterated relaxation, according to the sponsors.

The Hillsboro children who are to be honored guests are:

Joyce Marie Clemmons, 511 E. Walnut; Myra Darlene Cumberland, 120 Trenton; Dianne Zimmerman, 158 Trenton; Deborah Rollins, 422 Trenton; Michael Zimmerman, 158 Trenton; John Cumberland Jr., Edward Cumberland, Alice Bell Cumberland, and Doris Cumberland, all of 101 Hill; Evelyn Marie Stewart, Carolyn Louise Stewart, Virginia Ann Stewart, and Russell Stewart Jr., all of 682 North East St.;

Teressa Annette Williams, Peggy Ann Williams, Mary Katherine Williams and Howard Leon Williams, all of 411 E. Walnut St.; John Russell Curtis, 151 Baker St.; Glena Mae Dent, Glen Post Dent, William Dent and Lynn Dent, all of 414 E. Walnut, and Val Jean Speech, 124 Hill St.