

School Board Answer Filed In Dispute on Segregation

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 repre-

sentatives 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 re-assigned 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.

Five Inductees Leave for Duty

Five Highland County men were inducted into military service last week in answer to the October draft call. Nine men were sent at the same time for pre-induction physical examinations. Induction for the five men, including Donald Lee Conley, Mt. Orab Rt. 2; Howard William Martindill, 411 Pine Street, Greenfield; Charles Winkle, Jr., Lynchburg Rt. 2; Leroy Daun Wilkin, Hillsboro Rt. 5; Dane Welden Smith, Greenfield. Smith was the volunteer.

Meanwhile, the local selective service board has received a call for five men to be sent for induction from this county in November. They will report on Nov. 15.

On Nov. 8, seven registrants of the local board are to go for pre-induction physical examinations.