

Engineer Ordered To Lima for Observation

Philip Partridge, county engineer, who has confessed to firing the Lincoln elementary school here, was committed to the Lima State Hospital, Friday, by order of the common pleas court.

The engineer is to remain under observation there for a period not to exceed one month.

The order committing Partridge to the institution was filed in common pleas court late Thursday and

Man Held Here In Hog Theft

Pike Countian to Be Questioned Monday

Leonard Carter, Pike County man, is being held in the county jail here today on investigation of a charge of stealing livestock.

Carter was arrested Saturday at his home in Pike County by sheriff's officers, and was expected to be questioned concerning the theft of livestock, Monday.

Sheriff Gustin said that Carter will probably be charged with stealing hogs from the farm of Paul Ryan, of near Sinking Spring. It was understood that authorities are still searching for two men who may also be implicated in the theft.

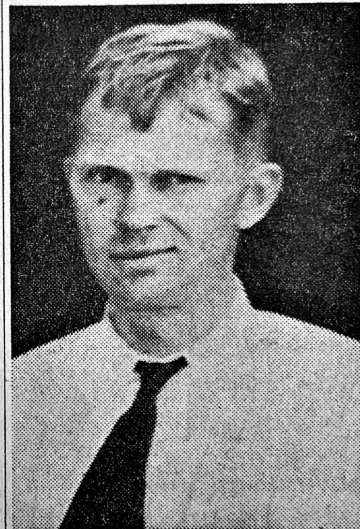
RYAN TOLD officers that eight or nine hogs in the 40-60 pound class were missing from his herd. He said the theft of hogs had apparently been going on over a period of time.

The owner of the livestock told sheriff's officers who he suspect-

signed by Judge George McDowell.

Also Thursday, the transcript of the case as heard in Justice of the Peace David Boothby's court was transferred to the common pleas court.

Sheriff F. F. Gustin and Deputy Howard Dunseith went to Partridge's residence on North High Street about 7:15 A. M. The engineer had not yet arisen. After



PHILIP PARTRIDGE

breakfast and after he had read the commitment order, he gathered his clothes, and, accompanied on the trip by his wife, a registered nurse, went along "willingly," officers said. Partridge offered little comment on the matter, they added.

PARTRIDGE is to be examined by R. E. Bushong, M. D., and superintendent of the state hospital. The commitment order states, in part, that Partridge "may not presently be sane."

Earlier, county commissioners, (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

vived by her husband, Bunk Gibson, two sons and a daughter, Lote and Ira Gibson and Miss Irma Gibson, all of Owosso, Mich., eight grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Edith Cornwall.

FAY H. SPARGUR

Fay H. Spargur, 62, Columbus, who was appointed superintendent of City Street Cleaning and Sanitation Department July 1, died at his home Friday morning.

Spargur had worked for the city of Columbus since 1938 when he became a timekeeper in the Division of Engineering. In 1948, he became a clerk in the engineering division and later became general foreman of the street cleaning division.

He became assistant superintendent of the street cleaning division in August, 1950, and was named acting superintendent last March 16.

Mr. Spargur was born in Hillsboro. He collapsed at his home, apparently from a heart attack, said a member of the family.

Surviving him are his wife, Bessie; a daughter, Jerrie Stricker, of Columbus; a son, Charles, of Dayton; a step-son, William Rapp, of Columbus; a step-daughter, Mrs. Mary MacCaughy, Los Alamos, N. M., and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at 1 P. M. Interment was in Hillsboro cemetery.

Engineer Ordered

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Charles W. Summers, Jr., Byron W. Rogers and O. A. West, announced that they had instructed County Prosecutor Richard L. Davis to prepare charges against the engineer in common pleas court to remove him from office.

This action came after Partridge, when asked orally by commission-

ers to resign, had refused to do so, saying that he had done "no wrong as engineer" and that if he resigned, it would defeat his purpose.

Davis, in a statement, said that in view of the commitment of Partridge to Lima, the charges "probably would not be filed" in court until after the engineer is returned here and the "results of the examination are made known."

IT IS understood that an elected official can be removed from office for three reasons, according to law, incapacity, misconduct in office or neglect of duty.

In the meantime, commissioners stated that the work of the county highway department and other departments in the engineer's office would continue as usual. They stated that Roy W. Young, superintendent, would temporarily be in charge of the county highway department and the road improvement program now under construction would be carried on without interruption.

In a statement to a Hillsboro newsman early Friday, Partridge said he had been active in a local branch organization of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People at Wilmington but not in Hillsboro. Earlier news account had carried a general statement to this effect, but not specifying the town.

Farmers Must

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On farms where the crop allotments call for a diverted acreage of more than 10 acres, a total acreage allotment will be established for the farm and, in that case, the farmer must stay within that total as well as individual crop allotments to be eligible for price support.

In the referendum, a year ago, tio

