

Engineer Sent to Lima 30-Day Observation

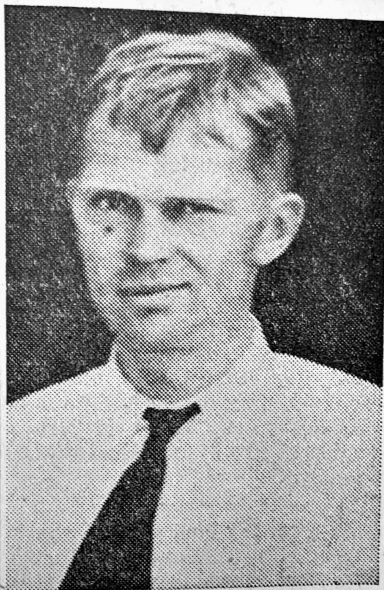
Partridge, county engineer, confessed to firing the elementary school here, committed to the Lima State Friday, by order of the pleas court.

Engineer is to remain under there for a period not one month.

Order committing Partridge institution was filed in common court late Thursday and Judge George McDowell. Thursday, the transcript of is heard in Justice of David Boothby's court was to the common pleas

F. F. Gustin and Deputy Dunseith went to Partridge residence on North High about 7:15 A. M. The engineer not yet arisen. After and after he had read commitment order, he gathered, and, accompanied on by his wife, a registered along "willingly," official Partridge offered little on the matter, they added.

Partridge is to be examined by a physician, M. D., and super-



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intendent of the state hospital. The commitment order states, in part, that Partridge "may not presently be sane."

Earlier, county commissioners, 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 commissioners 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.

Fish, Game Hearing Slated

July 22 is the date of the annual state fish and game hearings to be held in the large hearing room of the State Office Building. The fish hearing will start at 9:30 A. M., and the game hearing is scheduled to start at the conclusion of the fish

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