County Commissioners Appoint New Engineer At Meeting Saturday

September Jurys Drawn Here Monday

50 Persons Are Named to Grand, Petit Panels

Names of persons who will serve as grand and petit jurors during the September term of Highland County Common Pleas Court were drawn from the jury wheel, Monday morning.

The names of 50 Highland County residents were drawn from the wheel, with the first 15 names being placed on the grand jury list and the remaining 35 being named as petit jurors to sit in individual cases during the term.

Making the drawing Monday morning were Judge George W. McDevill; Harold Mason, county clerk of courts; Sheriff F. P. Guin- tlin and C. H. Stevenson and B. W. Fenner, county jury commission-
ers.

The grand jury is scheduled to convene on Monday, Sept., 13, the first day of the fall term. At that time they will be presented evidence in any criminal cases on the docket at that date. The petit jurors will be called at a later date, as cases are assigned for trial.

Those named to serve on the grand jury during the fall term and the township in which they reside are: Elmer Tissot, White- oak; Bertha Fender, Cornwell; Henry Neff, Fairfield; Melvin Parker...

School Money Is Distributed

Third Distribution Of Fund

Distribution of school funds that have been received from the state and distribution made to various schools in the county, W. G. Wil- liams, county superintendent, reports.

The 15 school districts in the county shared a total of $48,450.72. As usual, the largest amounts went to Lynchburg and Leesburg High- land districts.

Hillsboro Schools have also received their third quarterly allotment, amounting to $30,450.99.

Distribution to the county schools was as follows:

   Belleville, $7,500.00; Buffalo, $7,680.61; Cannel, $2,991.08; Cons Ford, $4,738.72; Leesburg-Highland, $14,061.84; Lynchburg, $14,017.06; Marshall, $3,960.37; New Market, $2,208.69; New Petersburg, $2,048.30; Rainsboro, $2,230.10; Boston, $1,052.70; Sevices, $3,020.61; Salem, $4,000.50; Sink-
spring, $1,625.94; Whiteoak, $1,582.52.

Vacancy Is Declared In County Post

In one of the most surprising legal moves seen here for several years, a vacancy was declared in the office of county engineer Saturday, and the county commissioners immediately appointed Clinton M. Ross, county official, to the post.

The move came after the commissioners received a letter from T. Vincent Martin, deputy inspec-
tor and supervisor, in the office of State Auditor James A. Rhodes.

Martin, who local officials had conferred with on their visit to Columbus earlier last week, declared that, since the bond on Philip H. Partridge, condemned, was had been filed by the bonding firm, the county was legally without an engineer.

The commissioners and Prosecut- or Richard L. Davis knew of the impending action after their visit to Columbus last week. They had refused comment on the engineer's case, however, saying that they expected further word from the state capital later in the week.

Actually, the prosecutor had gone to Columbus to see whether or not Partridge could be ousted on misconduct charges drafted by the commissioners earlier. An ap- pointment of Martin made at this time to fill those engagements could be worked out whereby county engineers in the engineer's department could be paid. They missed the last payroll period, due to the fact that Partridge was not qualified to sign the payroll.

It was during this visit that Martin told them that such charges against the engineer were unneces-
sary, since there was already a vacan-
y in the office. This cleared the way for the appointment of a new engineer by the commissioners.

In the letter to the commission-
ers Martin said:

"In order to entitle a person to receive the emoluments of office, he must meet the requirements of the qualifications for said office. The right to compensation rests entirely upon statutory enactment. A duly elected public official is...

Commissions (CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE) entitled to be paid as provided by the statutes of the State.

"Section 315.13 of the Revised Code reads in part as follows: "The County Engineer, be- fore entering upon the duties of his office, shall give bond," Section 315.07 of the Revised Code, also, reads as follows: "Any person injured by the misconduct or neglect of the County Engineer or his Deputy may bring action of the official- bond of such engineer or deputy and receive judgment for any loss or damage stood by reason of such miscon- duct or neglect."

"From the statutory language herein quoted there can be no question but what the law requires that a County Engineer give bond for faithful performance before being qualified for the office of Engineer. The language of Section 315.07 makes it mandatory that such bond be continued throughout the tenure of office."

"From the information contained in your letter of August 25, 1954, it is our conclusion that the performance bond of the County Engineer has been cancelled by the surety company which had provided the bond. We further con- clude that the County Engineer is of this date without an official bond which is required by statute."

"Therefore, in specific answer to the inquiry in your letter of August 25, it is our judgment it will be illegal to pay to the Engi- neer any compensation in that he does not at this time meet the qualifications required of a County Engineer, and from a strict inter- pretation of the statutes there is no person in Highland County..."

Two Drivers Held In Hit-Skip Accidents; Five Investigated By City Police Over Week-End

After enjoying eight accident- free days, city police investigated a total of five accidents over the weekend, two of which resulted in the drivers being charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol and leaving the scene of an accident.

Warren Lee Patton, 23, 208 East Beech Street, city, was arrested by city police early Sunday morning after his auto tumbled the center of West Walnut Street, and struck a parked car owned by Hugh Shaffer, 39, 208 West Walnut. After hitting the Shaffer car, Patton was taken to the hospital and charged...

Johnston (CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE) branch exchange repairman. In 1949 he transferred back to the commercial department and worked up through various positions unil he became a commercial service engineer handling the accounts of large business subscribers. It is the latter position that he leaves to becom...