

Schools Are Opened With Forced Integration

Board Has Meeting On Situation

Meeting in special session late Tuesday, the Hillsboro board of education deferred any specific action on the forced integration of colored pupils in the Washington and Webster Schools.

A total of 50 colored children—33 at Webster School and 17 at Washington—reported Tuesday morning when classes opened. Seventeen Negro children reported to the Lincoln School.

On Wednesday, 33 again reported to Webster, 18 at Washington and 15 at Lincoln. At Webster Wednesday, parents of the colored youngsters were permitted to stay in the classrooms.

School officials had been apprised that the move would be made by state representatives of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People. It came in the face of a request by the board of education that the colored children continue to use Lincoln School until two new elementary buildings are completed, when integration would be "easily and more logically" accomplished.

SEVERAL adult colored people appeared at the school with the children, many of them parents of the youngsters.

Several out-of-town newspapers were represented by photographers and reporters when doors of the schools opened Tuesday. Among them were the Cleveland Plain

71 Witnesses Are Called for Jury

The September term grand jury, drawn here last week, faces a 3-day session when it convenes on Monday, September 13, to review evidence in criminal cases now on the docket in Common Pleas Court.

Court officials reported that 71 witnesses have been subpoenaed to give testimony in the cases on the bulging criminal file. A portion of the group has been called for Monday morning and the other witness-

es for Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

To date, 30 charges, involving 20 persons, have been placed on the criminal docket after transcripts of the cases were made and forwarded to the court by mayor courts and justices throughout the county.

AMONG the cases to be reviewed are four counts of arson, three of grand larceny and breaking and entering; two involuntary manslaughter, two rape, two auto thefts, one forgery and one assault.

Harold Mason, county clerk of courts, said other cases would probably be added before the jury finally convenes, since, many times, weeks pass before the judges or mayors file the transcript of some cases.

Present plans call for all those indicted by the grand jury to be arraigned before Common Pleas Judge George W. McDowell on Saturday, Sept. 18. Those pleading guilty to their indictments will be sentenced immediately. Trials for those who plead innocent will be set down in the near future, it was said, probably starting during the week of September 27.

Following are the cases now on the docket, the date the case was filed in the higher court, the charge, the mayor or JP holding the preliminary hearing and the

SCS Is Seeking Equipment Bids

Want Bulldozers To Start Watershed Job

Bids are being sought by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service here on the rental of bulldozers to be used in projects in the Clear Creek Watershed, north and east of Hillsboro.

Sealed bids will be received until 2 P. M., on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at the local SCS office on South West Street.

Bids are to be submitted for rental of the equipment, with operator, on an hourly basis. In addition to the operator, the owner

A release given this paper states that the Hillsboro NAACP has been reorganized with 63 members. Officers are as follows: President, Rita E. H. Lee; vice president, Imogene Curtis; secretary, Norma Rollins; treasurer, Orval Curtis.

Dealer, Cleveland Call and Post, a colored newspaper, Scripps-Howard chain and the Cincinnati Post. They apparently had been expecting some sort of protest or demonstration over the entry of the colored children into the other schools but none was made.

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A newsreel cameraman from WLW television was in Hillsboro Wednesday to take some pictures showing the overcrowded conditions in the local schools. The film was shown on "Three City Final," Wednesday night.

The board, at its meeting, discussed several facets of the problem. They indicated that some re-distribution of the pupils between Washington and Webster Schools would have to be made in order to find seats for the youngsters. Benches will be needed in some rooms.

Board members indicated they were gravely concerned over the forced integration. "We still believe we made a reasonable request in asking them to use Lincoln School for two more years," one member said. "They interpret this to mean that we're against integration and that definitely is not true."

Board members charged that Hillsboro was being used as a testing ground by the state NAACP. They pointed out that in publicity in other papers it has never been emphasized that the upper six grades, grades 7 to 12, are integrated and have been for many years.

They pointed out that not all colored residents favor the integration at this time or "17 pupils wouldn't have reported to Lincoln School."

Total pupil count at Washington School Tuesday was 417. At Webster it was 453. Other pupils are expected to come in when full sessions get underway.

Meanwhile, this newspaper has received a letter from the "Citizens Committee of Hillsboro," which is comprised of colored residents. It reads as follows:

"Last week an erroneous statement was published in several papers regarding the situation existing in the public schools of Hillsboro, Ohio, on segregation. The statement was that the schools had already been integrated is false. No report whatsoever has been made by the superintendent of schools or the board to the Citizens Committee. Please publish this true statement in your paper."

No such statement has appeared in the Hillsboro papers.