

Elementary Districts Rezoned by Board

Thursday Is Date Set By Resolution

By formal resolution, the Hillsboro board of education took legal action Monday night to rezone the city into new school districts for elementary pupils.

Under the measure, the board authorizes the superintendent to make assignment of pupils to all three elementary buildings, Washington, Webster and Lincoln.

It was thought that there would be some delay in carrying out provisions of the rezoning but minor legal details were cleared up and the program was to move forward in schedule following a check Wednesday.

The parents of all elementary students were notified Wednesday of the board's action via letters signed by school officials. The action is to become effective after Thursday of this week. The letter states:

"The failure of any parent after Sept. 16 to send his child to the proper school will result in the child being withdrawn from the school he is now attending."

Colored youngsters returned to Webster and Washington Buildings Thursday morning.

The board said it was a temporary redistricting that probably would have to be revised in the fall of 1955 when all Washington pupils are expected to be moved to Webster's old and new buildings.

It is estimated that approximately 75 percent of the colored children will be assigned to the Washington and Webster Buildings under terms of the rezoning. The exact number has not been determined.

Washington Building Sketch Is Approved

The Hillsboro board of education, in addition to taking up zoning of the city, approved preliminary sketches for rebuilding of Washington School, a project expected to get underway at the close of the 1954-55 school term.

Two representatives of the firm of the Sullivan, Isaacs & Smith met with the board to go over preliminary sketches.

Associate Agent To Leave County

Clyde Longwell To Enter Army Service

Clyde Longwell, associate agent in Highland County for the past year, will complete his duties this week, preparatory to entering Army service.

Longwell, who filled the shoes of Lowell R. Douce, county agent, for nearly a year, while the latter was on leave of absence for advanced study, will be sworn into service on Oct. 2.

He has been granted a commission as a second lieutenant and will report to Ft. Konx, Ky., for preliminary activities. From there he will be transferred to Fort Eustis, Va., and the Army's transportation school there.

LONGWELL has been granted a military leave of absence by the agricultural extension service of Ohio State University. His military service is to continue for at least

one year. The project calls for tearing down of all the present buildings except the outside walls and foundations. The outside walls will be revised into straight lines in some instances.

Three floors will be utilized in the virtually new building. The basement will include a multipurpose room, with stage, and kitchen, toilets, furnace room and storage space.

BOTH THE second and third floors will contain eight classrooms. The present entrances on the east side will be closed. New entrances will be made at the north and south end of the building. The outside walls will be covered with brick.

Architects are to start more detailed drawings and this will be turned later for further review. For the past several weeks, architects have been taking measurements at the present Washington Building.

Board members said they decided on rebuilding of Washington after considerable study. Architects advised them that no contractor could erect walls that would be any more substantial than the present ones.

PASSAGE of the resolution came after a lengthy discussion of the problem. The board said that overcrowded conditions made such action necessary. For instance, the two third grades at Webster Building have 46 and 45 pupils respectively.

Board members said that actually the colored youngsters would be in a better situation in Lincoln. "The furnace and toilets there are just as good as they are in our present elementary buildings," one member said. With the building program going on at Webster, for instance, there will be numerous inconveniences for youngsters there.

SOME SHIFTING of rural students between Washington and Webster buildings is to be effected this week in order to adjust class sizes.

Under terms of the rezoning, colored youngsters residing on Hazel, Wellston, Spring Lake Avenue, Bigelow and North West streets will be assigned to the Washington and Webster buildings.

The resolution makes the following assignments:
WEBSTER BUILDING—All pupils
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pils residing in the area west of the center line of High Street shall be assigned to and attend the Webster Elementary School with the exception of the following:

The west side of North High Street from Beech Street to Somer Street, the first block of Beech Street west of High Street, the first block of North Street, Catherine Street, Collins Ave., and Somer Street west of High Street and the east side of West Street between Beech Street and Somer Street.

WASHINGTON BUILDING—All pupils residing in the area east of the center line of High Street except as hereinafter otherwise provided shall be assigned to and attend the Washington Elementary School plus those pupils residing in the following area:

The west side of North High Street from Beech Street to Somer Street, the first block of Beech Street west of High Street, the first block of North Street, Catherine Street, Collins Ave., and Somer Street west of High Street and the east side of West Street between Beech Street and Somer Street.

LINCOLN BUILDING—All pupils residing on the following streets hereinafter named shall be assigned to and attend the Lincoln Elementary School, the streets so concerned are as follows:

East Street north of Collins Ave., Spiegel Street, Walnut St., east of Key Street, Monroe Street, Baker Street, Barry Street, Hill Street, Adams Street, and Trenton Street.