School Zoning Move Carried Out; Slight Resistance Is Seen

Rezoning of the city elementary school districts was carried out on schedule, Friday morning, although some Negro groups offered token resistance to the plan.

The new plan, included in a resolution drawn up and approved by the Hillsboro board of education last week, drew new school lines which, officials said, would relieve the overcrowded conditions in the Webster and Washington Buildings. The move assigned about ninety percent of the colored youngsters back to the Lincoln school.

There was no violence or open demonstrations made when the new order went into effect as some persons had expected. The only resistance shown was noted at the Webster School, where about 30 colored children had been attending since the school term opened.

An estimated 20 colored youngsters showed up at the Webster building with a smaller group of adults, some of them members of the recently reactivated branch of the association for advancement of colored people. The group waited on the walk along Walnut Street until the bell sounded at 9 A.M., then sent the youngsters scurrying into the classrooms with other children.

ALL BUT three of the youngsters were soon turned away by school officials, since only three of the group live in the Webster

Miamisburg Man Is Killed in Accident

A 39-year-old Miamisburg man was fatally wounded in a hunting accident, the first of the season in Highland County, early Saturday morning.

The victim was Gilford F. Muncy, who was a member of a party of 18 hunters from the Dayton and Miamisburg areas which had journeyed to this county on a squirrel hunting trip.

The mishap occurred about 6:20 M. near Fort Hill State Park. The scene was in a woods about 80 yards from the Ralph Freeman residence near the fort.

Dr. W. M. Hoyt, county coroner, said that Muncy was struck by a shot from a shotgun in the hands of another member of the party and said to be his uncle, Ruble Hoskins, of Dayton.

The coroner, from accounts of the hunters, pieced together a picture of how the tragedy occurred.

Muncy had shot a squirrel in a tree. The squirrel had lodged in the forks of a limb and Muncy had climbed up to retrieve it. Hoskins, because of the heavy foliage, did not see Muncy and when he saw nothing move, fired into the tree from a short distance away with a 12 gauge shotgun.

October 2 Is Fly-Free Date

Agent Says to Hold Up Wheat Planting

County Agent Lowell R. Douce said today that the fly-free date on enrollment check Monday showed three colored youngsters at Webster School and eight at Washington School. A survey of the new zoning measure indicates they belong at these schools and they have been assigned. Twenty-one youngsters were enrolled at Lincoln School Monday morning. No other colored pupils appeared at either Webster or Washington Schools Monday.

School zone under the new districting plan. Those turned away went back to the group of adults waiting outside, and, after they conversed for a short time, the youngsters were sent back into the school building in groups of four or five. About three attempts were made by the adults to get a group of youngsters into the classrooms there before the older Negroes gave up and returned to their homes.

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Tformation throughout the cont-

test.

The locals apparently have their
work cut out for them during the
next two weeks. Although they
came through the contest without
casualties, Larry Reed being the
only man who was sidelined be-
cause of the heat, the HHS squad
will face two strong clubs in their
next two games, both on the road.
Coal Grove, opponent this coming
Friday night, trampled Gallipolis
Friday night by a score of 21 to 6
and Waverly, next week’s oppo-
nent, clobbered New Boston, 28 to
0.

School Zoning
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At the Washington Building, of-
cials said 14 colored youngsters
reported to classrooms Friday
morning, but part of these reside
in the new Washington elementary
school district and will continue to
attend that school.

In the Lincoln building, the pu-
pil count Friday was said to be
between 25 and 30, a slightly
higher count than has been noted
there previously. A small portion
of the colored population appar-
ently abided by the school board’s
new ruling and sent their children
to the Lincoln School.

The remainder of the colored
grade school youngsters were ap-
parently kept at home by their
parents in defiance of the new zon-
ing rule.

Superintendent Paul L. Upp
said Friday afternoon that any
child, colored or white, not in his
proper school class Monday morn-
ing would be counted as truant
and school officials would act ac-
cordingly.

MEANWHILE, one of the lead-
erg behind the current integration
move came out in the open with
views on the matter.

Ray Paul, an executive board
member of the Cincinnati chapter
of the National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People,
said rezoning was aimed at segre-
gating Negro children.

Paul, who was attributed by Cin-
cinnati newsmen as being active
in the reorganization of the Hills-
boro chapter of the NAACP, was in
Hillsboro Friday, the day the zon-
ing was to take effect.

Paul talked with Paul L. Upp,
school superintendent, at length.
Later, he apparently talked with
newsmen in Cincinnati where he
is a reporter for the Cincinnati
Call and Post, a Negro paper. Paul
has been covering the develop-
ments here since Lincoln School
was burned.

The NAACP official claimed that
the Negro citizens of Hillsboro in-
tend to carry their case to the
courts on the grounds the zoning
ordinance is really segregation.

UPP TOLD Paul that in his op-
ion there is no intent of segre-
gation among school officials. He
pointed out that in the upper six
grades colored children have been
integrated for years. Three years
ago, seventh and eighth grades
were moved out of the Lincoln
School into the high school. Before
the bond issue proposals were sub-
mitted here, the board of education
had agreed that colored pupils
would be integrated in the new
buildings. The current board of
education is on record favoring
the same thing.

Upp put it up directly to Paul
to “stop this thing.” He told the
Cincinnati man that he had the
power to stop or continue the dis-
pute. Paul said he might be will-
ing to “go along” if he found “one
white youngster” in Lincoln School.

Later, the superintendent said it
was his understanding that the
group was seeking integration of
the colored youngsters into the
white schools, not the other way
around.

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$10 and costs in mayor’s court in
Loesburg.

Two drivers were cited as the re-
sult of an accident on Route 80,
1.7 miles west of here, at 11:30 P.
M., Saturday. Patrolman Jenkins
reported.