

School Zoning Move Made New Here Friday Morning

Meeting of the city elementary school districts was carried out on schedule, Friday morning, although some Negro groups offered 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 moved about ninety percent of colored youngsters back to the Lincoln school.

There was no violence or open demonstrations made when the order went into effect as some parents had expected. The only

Enrollment check Monday moved 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. Apparently the remainder, about 35, of the group are remaining at home.

Attendance shown was noted at the Webster School, where about 30 colored children had been attending the school term opened. The estimated 20 colored youngsters showed up at the Webster school with a smaller group of white, some of them members of the recently reactivated branch association for advancement of colored people. The group waited the walk along Walnut street until the bell sounded at 9 o'clock, then sent the youngsters streaming into the classrooms with their children.

BUT three of the youngsters were soon turned away by

school officials, since only three of the group live in the Webster 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.

At the Washington Building, officials 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 pupil count Friday was said to be between 25 and 30, a slightly higher count than had been noted there previously. A small portion of the colored population apparently 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 apparently kept at home by their parents in defiance of the new zoning rule.

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

MEANWHILE, one of the leaders 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 segregating Negro children.

Paul, who was attributed by Cincinnati newsmen as being active in the reorganization of the Hillsboro chapter of the NAACP, was in Hillsboro Friday, the day the zoning 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 developments here since Lincoln School was burned.

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

UPP TOLD Paul that in his opinion there is no intent of segregation 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 submitted 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 dispute. Paul said he might be willing 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.

Five Injured In Accidents

Four Drivers Are Cited in Crashes

Five persons were injured in four highway accidents reported in this county over the week-end, Patrolman R. L. Jenkins, who investigated the crashes, reported Monday morning.

The first accident occurred at 7 P. M., Saturday, on Route 50, .9 mile west of Hillsboro. Jenkins said Gale Smith, 17, 602 Johnson Street, city, going west, attempted to pass another westbound car when he met an eastbound vehicle driven by Thomas Wilkin, 16, Hillsboro Rt. 5.

The Wilkin youth attempted to pull off the highway to allow Smith to pass, but the Smith car struck Wilkin's station wagon broadside. Both cars were damaged extensively.

The drivers of both cars, and Albert Bick, 17, 781 West North Street, city, in Smith's car, and Marvin Gotherman, 16, Hillsboro Rt. 5, in Wilkin's car, suffered minor scratches and bruises.

SMITH was cited for passing without assured clear distance and was given a 6 months driving rights suspension in juvenile court, Monday.

At 8:50 P. M., Saturday, Earl J. Beickelman, 20, Columbus, going north on Route 62, just south of Leesburg, lost control of his car on a curve and went off the right side of the road, through a fence, back across the road and through another fence, with the car ending up in a corn field on the Hadley Huff farm. The auto was damaged extensively. The driver was cited for driving left of center and was fined \$10 and costs in mayor's court in Leesburg.

Two drivers were cited as the result of an accident on Route 50, 1.7 miles west of here, at 11:30 P. M., Saturday, Patrolman Jenkins reported.

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