

Partridge Will Face Petit Jury in Trial Starting Wednesday

School Officials Are Subpoenaed

May Testify in District
Court Wednesday

Six Hillsboro School officials have been subpoenaed to appear at the hearing in U. S. District Court at Cincinnati Wednesday morning.

They include the superintendent, Paul L. Upp, and the five members of the board. They were presented subpoenas for their appearance here Thursday by a U. S. marshal.

The hearing will get underway at 11 A. M. Judge John H. Druffel, in a telephone interview, said he could not determine beforehand how long the hearing would take or exactly what steps would be taken.

He was of the opinion that opening arguments would be presented by both sides and then, possibly, witnesses might be subpoenaed to testify for both sides.

Questioned concerning post-hearing action, he said that possibly briefs might be filed by opposing attorneys and if this was done, he would have to grant them a period of time to prepare these papers.

The Hillsboro board was scheduled to meet Monday night to discuss the impending hearing and also to dispatch some other routine school business.

The hearing was set by Judge Druffel last Wednesday after he had denied a petition by attorneys for the National Association of Colored People for a restraining

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Two Are Cited As Result Of Crash Sunday

Both drivers were cited as the result of an accident on the intersection of South East and Muntz Streets, about 12:15 A. M., Sunday, city police reported.

Officers said John R. Musser, 19,

20 Additional Jurors Drawn Here Saturday

The trial of Philip H. Partridge, former county engineer, indicted by the grand jury recently for burning a school building and burglary of a school, is scheduled to get underway in Common Pleas Court here Wednesday morning, before Judge George W. McDowell and a Highland County petit jury.

Meanwhile, 20 additional petit jurors were drawn from the jury wheel here Friday morning.

Court officials said the additional jurors were drawn due to the large number of jurors who were on the original jury list but who were excused due to illness, overage, etc. The large number of criminal trials to be held for those pleading not guilty to indictments returned by the grand jury also made it necessary to call additional jurors, officials said.

The drawing Friday was made by C. H. Stevenson and B. W. Fenner, jury commissioners; Judge McDowell; Sheriff F. F. Gustin and Harold Mason, county clerk of courts.

NAMES TAKEN from the wheel included:

M. J. Pulliam, Salem Township; Lloyd Holladay, Liberty; Elmer Hedges, Liberty; Charles Bohl, Penn; Heber Woods, Brushcreek; Clarence Vance, Liberty; Elmer McQuitty, Whiteoak; Theodore Shaffer, Salem; Kenneth George, Madison; Elsie Spicer, Liberty; Louis O'Dell, Madison; Clifford Hoggatt, Salem; Rodney Burton, Liberty; Bert Sellers, Madison; Wilfred Wilkin, New Market; Myrl Johnson, Penn; Harry Mallow, Madison; Marie Brooks, Liberty; Glenn Wood, Madison, and M. J. Lyon, Clay.

The clerk of courts said the new jurors drawn from the list will be summoned for duty Wednesday morning at 9:30 A. M.

Attorney Charles (Bud) Wilson, West Union, defense counsel, entered pleas of not guilty and not

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Partridge Will

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guilty by reason of insanity for Partridge when the engineer was arraigned before Judge McDowell on Saturday, Sept. 18. After Judge McDowell set the date at Sept. 29, the attorney indicated that he might try for a continuance until after Oct. 4, but no such request had been received by the court up to Monday morning.

PARTRIDGE is specifically charged with forcing his way into the Lincoln School building here on the morning of July 5, during a severe electrical storm, and setting fire to the building, using two cans of fuel. The fire was extinguished by local firemen before the building could be destroyed, but damage amounting to \$5000 was incurred.

At his preliminary hearing on July 7, shortly after he admitted to Police Chief Walter Reffitt that he had set fire to the building, Partridge entered a plea of guilty to the arson charge. The second count, that of burglary, was returned by the grand jury.

Following his preliminary hearing, the engineer was sent to the Lima State Hospital for a 30-day observation period, after which Dr. R. E. Bushong, superintendent of the hospital, reported that he was legally sane.

The engineer was freed under \$2000 bond following his preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace David Boothby, but Judge McDowell called for bond of \$3000 on each of the two charges following Partridge's arraignment.

