

Hearing Scheduled Dec. 29 in District Court on Local School Segregation Case

A hearing has been set in U. S. District Court on December 29 on an order issued Friday by the U. S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, in which the appeals court told Judge John H. Druffel, U. S. District Judge, that he must show cause why he shouldn't act imme-

diately on the school segregation case here.

Judge Druffel, after hearing testimony from school board members and the local school superintendent in a suit filed against the school officials by five local Negro women seeking a court order to

send their children to Washington and Webster Schools, ruled on October 1 that the action should be postponed.

His ruling provided that the case would be shelved until two weeks after the U. S. Supreme Court set up a procedure for carrying out its anti-segregation ruling passed earlier this year.

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THE SUPREME COURT had been expected to conduct hearings on segregation on December 6, but at that time, the tribunal said that it believed the cases should be handled by the lower courts. This would throw segregation cases back into the laps of the District Courts.

After Judge Druffel ruled that the case would not be decided until the Supreme Court had acted, the plaintiffs in the local segregation case filed a mandamus action in the Court of Appeals seeking to force Druffel to give an immediate ruling.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs, representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said that Judge Druffel's delay in ruling was a refusal or failure to perform a mandatory action.

The order telling Judge Druffel to "show cause by January 1" why he should not issue an immediate ruling, was signed by Judge Florence E. Allen.

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Grand, Petit Jurors Are Named for January Term

Grand and petit jurors for the January term of Highland County Common Pleas Court, which starts January 1, 1955, were drawn from the jury wheel here, Saturday morning.

Names of 15 persons to serve as grand jurors and another 30 to serve as petit jurors on individual cases during the term were drawn.

No date has been set for the grand jury to convene. Since there are very few cases now on the criminal appearance docket, the jurors will probably not be called until late January or early February.

Making the drawing Saturday were Judge George W. McDowell, Sheriff F. F. Gustin, Clerk of Courts Harold D. Mason, and C. H. Stevenson, county jury commissioner.

Liberty; Clifford Hudson, Madison, and Curtis Leininger, Hamer.

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PETIT JURORS, and the township in which they live, are:

Wallace Gossett, Madison; C. T. Maxwell, Jackson; Ralph Cloud, Union; Robert Hamilton, Jackson; Ova Lewis, Hamer; Guy Newkirk, Jackson; Mabel Skeen, Brushcreek; Cecil Barker, Dodson; Charles Hunter, Madison; George Claiborne, Jr., Liberty; W. E. Cowman, Paint; Edwin Schmidt, Madison; E. Lawhead, Fairfield; C. E. Lemon, Union; Rowena Cooper, Penn; Doris Teboe, Liberty.

Ruth E. Weinrick, Madison; Wylie C. Goddard, Madison; Paul Hiestand, Liberty; Ivan Roush, Madison; T. W. McCall, Paint; Iva K. Horner, Liberty; Lewis E. Fetro, Penn; Harry W. Shaw, Concord; Stanley Elann, Dodson; Char-