

Hillburn Negroes Win Seats in White School

Albany, Oct. 11 (P).—Both white and Negro pupils in Hillburn, N. Y., must be taught in the same classes, the State Department of Education ruled today.

Commissioner of Education

George D. Stoddard issued the order following an investigation prompted by an appeal of 22 Negro parents who charged their children were being segregated.

Brook School, where the Negro children have been taught, is "inferior and inadequate," the order stated, and "it is contrary to the educational interest of children to be required to attend" there.

There is "ample room in Main School," the order continued, and "the proper legal and educational solution is for the Board of Education to maintain that school only."

The controversy began when Ne-

gro parents refused to send their children to Brook School, which the state investigators reported "not worth repairing."

When Negroes' representatives petitioned the school board to discontinue segregation, ruled illegal by the Legislature in 1938, the Ramapo School Board said the zones would allow only 33 Negroes to attend Main School.

Parents of 22 other pupils, who the board said lived in the Brook School zone, kept their children at home. They were fined \$10 in Children's Court for failure to comply with the education law.