

Men Join Union, Then Lose Jobs

BY ROBIN REISIG
BIRMINGHAM, Ala.-- "The Teamsters Local 612 told us if we organized we'd get \$3.31 an hour. We won the election (to join the union) 23 to 3," said Robert Lee Shelton, father of five. "Two weeks later, we were fired."

"We just voted for the union, and we got fired," added Oscar McWhorter. "When you talk to the union president now, he just gives you a bunch of sweet lies. I can't feed my wife on that--I have to fill her stomach."

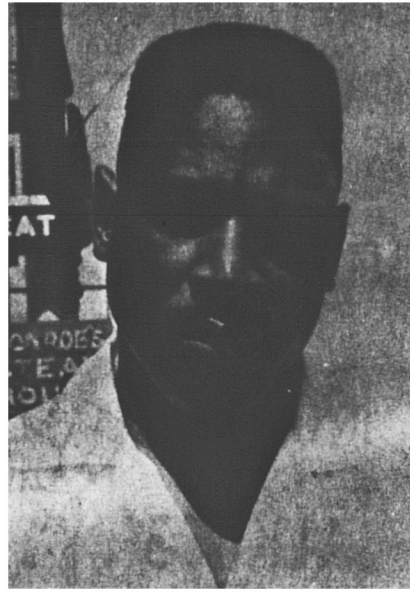
The truckers and dock workers at the Floyd and Beasley Transfer Company voted for the union last December. Shortly afterward, they said this week, they were told to take lie-detector tests about missing merchandise, or face being fired. The workers strongly distrusted the men administering the test, and they felt it was a trick to get rid of them.

"The union told us not to take it," recalled Shelton, a Negro. "They promised, 'We'll back you 100%.'" "They met with us and said if we were laid off, we'd all get jobs as much as possible," he continued. "I've been off seven, going on eight, months. I've got 13 days' work in all that time."

The place where Teamsters members went to get jobs was the Union Hall on Tenth Ave. But the Teamsters closed it last Friday.

Howard Tennyson, an official of Local 612, said the hall was closed because there were so many complaints about it from the Floyd and Beasley men. "If it's going to cause all these problems, why keep it open?" he asked. Now the names of all Teamsters, Negro and white, who are looking for work will be available to employers through lists.

Recently, said Shelton, the union officials had been leaving the key to the hall at a nearby cafe or barber shop. Some of the white Teamsters looking for jobs--but no Negroes--could get the key, open the hall, and answer the phone, said Shelton. Employers would call with day-job offers over that phone. "Say, my name's first on the list,"



ROBERT LEE SHELTON said Shelton. "The phone rings, but they don't give the job to us. They won't look at the list. They just say 'You, you, and you,' and pick the white men." Earlier in the year--when union officials ran the hall themselves--things were much fairer, Shelton said. Tennyson said there was no discrimination at the hall. "I can show you days where the colored worked more than the whites," he said. "The men from Floyd and Beasley worked more than everyone else."

Last winter, joining the union had seemed like an excellent idea to most of the 25 Negroes and one white at the shipping company. The men had been earning about \$2.05 an hour, and working 51 hours a week.

McWhorter said there was pressure put on the men not to join the union. According to McWhorter, "Bud" Haynes, who was office manager at the time, told some of the men, "You have made your decision to go with the Teamsters. When the deal goes down, half of you won't be working here, because half of you don't have the education to work here."

"If that's the game you want to play, I have a game I can play myself," Haynes, now with another company, said this charge is "untrue."

The present manager of the terminal refused to talk about the matter.

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42 Others Jailed in Boycott

Arrest Is a 'Bum Rap,' Says Forrest Candidate

BY BETTIE MANUEL
HATTIESBURG, Miss.--"I thought he was coming to ask me something, or talk to me about something."

That's what Jessie Lee Kennedy, a Negro running for constable in Forrest County, remembers thinking when a neighbor told him a Negro policeman was looking for him last Friday.

But when two Negro officers came to Kennedy's home about 11 p.m., they arrested the candidate, and charged him with assault and battery with intent to kill.

Kennedy explained this week that he was accused of shooting a Negro man who was injured in downtown Hattiesburg last Friday afternoon.

"I feel they are trying to get me on a bum rap, to ruin my campaign," he charged. He said the shooting victim does not know who attacked him, and has signed a statement saying so.

Kennedy said some white people are afraid of him because he might get some power. He said he has been trying to win white votes, as well as Negro support, in next Tuesday's election.

Meanwhile, Hattiesburg's two-week-

old boycott was still going on this week. A spokesman for the NAACP said about 42 people were arrested July 26 while picketing the Steelman grocery store.

The spokesman said the picketers, led by the Rev. J. C. Killingsworth, were charged with disturbing the peace and assault and battery.



REV. J.C. KILLINGSWORTH (TOP) LEADS PICKET LINE

Campaigning for Tuesday's Miss. Primary He Works 15 Hours a Day

BY MERTIS RUBIN
FAYETTE, Miss.--William D. Smith has been getting up early every morning for the last couple of weeks. He has breakfast with his wife and seven children, and tells them, "See you when I get back."

For the next 12 or 15 hours, Smith is one of the busiest men in Jefferson County. He drives all over in his pickup truck, doing the things that political candidates do when it is only a matter of days until the election.

But Smith is doing these things--getting sample ballots, designing advertisements, collecting cards to pass out--for the first time. He is one of eight Negroes running for office in Jefferson County's Democratic primary election next Tuesday.

And all across Mississippi, Negro candidates like Smith are winding up their first campaign.

Smith, 43, is a broad-shouldered man with striking gray hair. He went to college for two years, used to teach school, and has worked for the state health department and U. S. Department of Agriculture in Jefferson County.

Right now, however, his only job is farming, on land near Lorman. Because he has more free time than most of the other Negro candidates, Smith has been campaigning for all of them.

Smith is a candidate for tax assessor. Although Jefferson County's 3-to-1 Negro majority could give Smith all the votes he needs, he said he thinks he'll get some white votes, too.

"They all know me, know where I am," said Smith about the county's voters. "When I say I'm going to do something, I do it."

At a mass meeting last Tuesday at the Hollywood Baptist Church, Smith said he thinks most of the Negro candidates will win. "If any of us get in office, you put us there," he told 150 voters. "If the white man gets in office, you put him in our place."

First-Person Account

Meeting on Integration

BY PATRICIA BURPO

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. -- Four ninth-graders who will be attending integrated schools for the first time this fall went to a Birmingham school board meeting last week to see what it was like. I was one of the four.

Miss Mary Lynn Buss, who directs our summer "head start on high school" program, presented a resolution on behalf of the Birmingham Council on Human Relations.

The council asked the board to desegregate facilities "in such a way that the best teachers are retained in or sent to schools in the culturally and economically deprived communities of our city--both Negro and white."

The council's resolution began by "commending" the board on its plans for desegregation.

But the council said the board might be "tempted" to send excellent Negro teachers to formerly all-white schools, "and then turn around and replace them with the poorest white teachers."

"Are you saying that we are sending poor teachers to our schools?" a board member asked. "We always try to send good teachers wherever we go, and never send any poor teachers to any school."

In a telegram to President Johnson, King recommended creation of a national agency to provide jobs for everyone who needs work.

"The Negro knows that a society that is able to plan inter-continental war and inter-planetary travel is able to plan a place for him," King said. "To do little (for Negro citizens) is as inflammatory as inciting to riot. Desperate men do desperate deeds."

Picket Ends

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--A week-long picket at the Diana Shops downtown came to an end last Monday.

Roosevelt Barnett of SCLC said the picketing began July 31, after a store official got "real nasty" when asked about hiring more Negroes.

At the time, said Barnett, the store had a Negro sales girl, but "she was doing everything--decorating windows, putting up stock, and all that."

About ten people--including Edward Rudolph, David Hunter, Henry Gosha, and Jimmie Boone--carried signs in front of the women's clothing store for a week. Both Negro and white people "stayed out real nice," Barnett said. Last Monday, he said, the store had a new Negro employee. And when he talked to the store official, he said, "her atmosphere was much better."

Barnett said he told her, "We're not here just to put up picket lines. We're interested in Negroes getting equal jobs."

Asked about the settlement, a Diana Shops spokesman said, "I don't care to discuss it at all."



ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Black and White Take Same Stand--Almost

BY GAIL FALK

CARTHAGE, Miss.--L. C. ("Cleo") Hudson--Leake County's first Negro candidate since Reconstruction--has a short and simple campaign platform. "I'm just telling people I'll give justice to black and white alike," said the

farmer from the Harmony community. Hudson is running for constable from beat 5--an area which includes Freeny, Standing Pine, Walnut Grove, Madden, and Rosebud, as well as Harmony.

His opponent--J. H. Adams a white man who owns a fruit stand in Carthage, is running on almost the same platform. Adams said he is standing on his record of eight years as justice of the peace. "I treat 'em all fair--nigger and white," he said.

Hudson said he didn't know too much about the job of constable, but he said he did know one thing he would do differently from the way it's done now: "If I see a man's been drinking--not so he's drunk, but just so you smell it--I'll ask him to go home."

Ordinarily, Hudson claimed, whites are sent home if they've been drinking, but Negroes are carried to jail and fined.

Adams said he isn't making any campaign promises.

Like the rest of Leake County, beat 5 has a majority of white voters, Hudson said he has been handing out his cards at white-owned grocery stores, and promising to give poor whites fairer law enforcement than they have been getting.

But Adams said he does "not intend to ask a one of the niggers" for a vote. In fact, he said, he isn't voting for any of the white Leake County candidates who have been soliciting Negro votes.

A third candidate for the constable post--Leon Thaggard, a white farmer who lives alone (with an old dog) just outside Freeny--was not available for comment.

Rev. Frank Smith Attacks Program

Poverty Fight in Wilcox

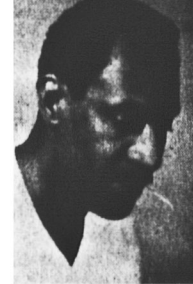
BY BETH WILCOX
MILLERS FERRY, Ala.--Since last January, the Rev. Frank Smith has been unhappy with the Wilcox County anti-poverty program.

Now Smith's accusations have reached the federal Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) in Washington, and OEO has sent an investigator to Wilcox County.

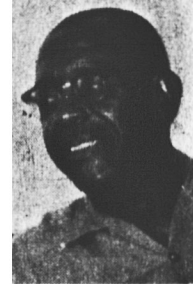
"(Smith) accused us of taking bread from his children's mouths," said the Rev. Thomas Threadgill, director of the anti-poverty program. "We are not here for that--we are interested in giving people something for their stomachs, their hearts, and all parts of themselves."

Last January, there was a dispute about the salaries received by some of the program's supervisors. But, Threadgill said, "Albert Gordon got up in a board meeting and offered part of his salary to Rev. Smith."

Then in March, Smith attended an OEO training program at the University of Wisconsin. "I left my job with the poverty program thinking that I would have a job when I returned," Smith said this week. But when he applied, he said, he was told "there were not enough funds."



THREADGILL



SMITH

Smith also protested the quality of the instruction and the food in the day care program. Threadgill defended the teaching staff, and explained why he thought there were complaints about the food:

"Many parents complained about the powdered milk used in the programs. We used it because we had no refrigeration in some places. We made carrot and cabbage salads which some of the kids had never had, so they did not want to eat them right away."

After he started writing letters, Smith said, he refused a job with the program. "They offered me a job paying \$75 a week," he said. "It was not a job that I wanted."

Now, said Smith, he would take a job, because he wants to be able to send his son to college.

"Rev. Smith might have objections to some of the jobs," said Threadgill. "But I can think of at least one job I would recommend him for right now." But Smith also said the county needs a program that goes beyond the present adult-education classes. "We need a counselor to inform people of their rights," he said, "property rights, welfare and Medicare rights, things like that."

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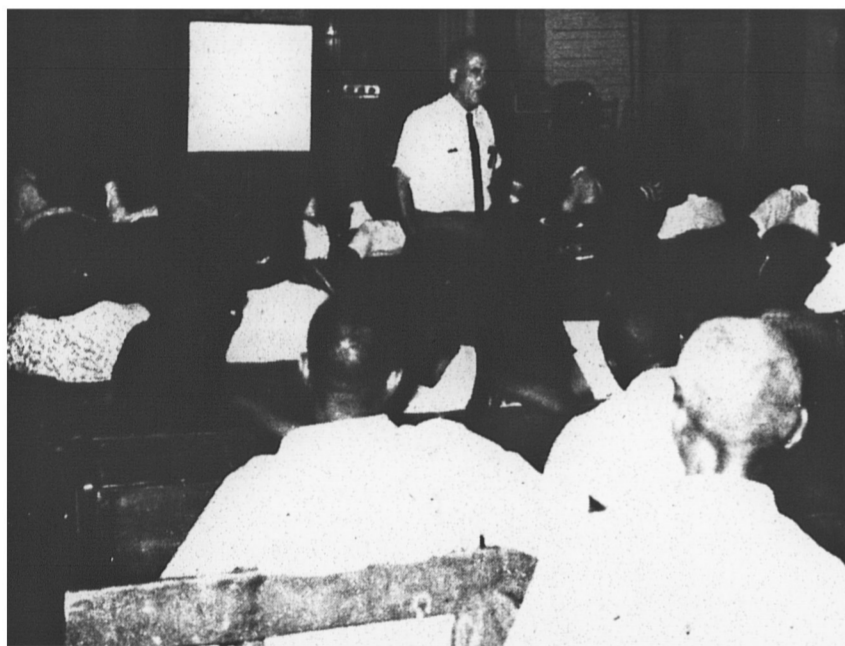
It Won't Buy Happiness

Now the people in Wilcox County, Ala., are involved in a bitter squabble over their anti-poverty program--just like the people in Lowndes County, Ala., Macon County, Ala., and dozens of other communities. It is especially sad to see the Lowndes and Wilcox people fighting among themselves. Their migrant-farmer programs, planned with the people in mind, seemed to have the best chance of success.

In Lowndes, Wilcox, and other places, there seems to be resentment whenever "outsiders" take a major part in the anti-poverty program. This attitude does not make sense. Simply pouring thousands of dollars into a county will not eliminate poverty there. Unless the money is used to bring in administrators and teachers with the skills the county lacks, the county will be no different when the money is gone.

The whole anti-poverty program is now being examined by a hostile U. S. Congress. So the people now bickering among themselves are not only jeopardizing the future of their own programs--they are threatening the very existence of the war on poverty.

Truth About Indians



ASH CREEK, Ala.--"I want to overcome some of the ideas everyone has about Indians," said David W. Chase. He was giving a lecture, with slides, for the Lowndes County anti-poverty program.

Chase, assistant director of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, explained his profession of archaeology: "An archaeologist is like a detective--he has to have evidence nicely in order, to know anything about what happened and to prove it to others."

He said Lowndes County is a very interesting place, because it is the dividing line between the Choctaw and Creek nations in Alabama.

D. Robert Smith, director of the anti-poverty program, said the lecture was part of an effort to reach people who could not be included in the daily classes.

Kids Learn That 'Life Is a Contest'

'Hind Start' Class in Gadsden

BY ALAN BOLES

GADSDEN, Ala.--"Come on now, little sister, let me help you up here," the Rev. William Flemming says as he sets a small three-year-old girl on a chair which towers over her head.

Flemming, a tall, lanky young graduate of Knoxville College, is trying to uplift children of all ages. He is working with a group of kids in what he calls a "Hind Start" class.

The class began July 20 and will end in September. It meets every morning for two hours at the Gadsden Community Service Center. About 20 children--some as old as 13--attend regularly.

Flemming, director of the community center, has operated similar programs for the past three summers. The enrollment was twice as large in past years, and two or three local people were hired to help teach.

Because funds are short this year,

Flemming had planned not to hold any classes at all. But, he said, "the kids put the pressure on me to have the class. They kept asking me when we were going to start. So I started--late."

The purpose of the class is to build up the kids' confidence, more than to teach them anything in particular. "Lack of confidence and hope is at the root of poverty," Flemming explained.

The class usually opens and closes in the same way. Flemming asks for a volunteer to lead prayers, hands shoot up, and someone is chosen. After prayers, the children form a circle and sing a hymn.

But there is no set pattern for the class-time, although the children always play at least one game. Flemming tries to introduce the kids to all kinds of new ideas. One day they may learn about Negro history, the next day about weather, and the next day about poetry.

Still Hope, Says Teamsters Man

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When the men were ordered to take the lie-detector test, "they didn't give us no notice or severance pay," said McWhorter. "They just said if you didn't take the lie-detector test, you were terminated."

None of the men has received any money from the union. The problem is, they were fired after they voted to join the union, but before the union had any contract with their company.

The men filed--and heard they lost--a labor complaint against the company, said Shelton, and they have written letters and sent forms to many organizations.

One reason results are slow in coming, said the Teamsters' Tennyson, is that the union is negotiating with the Atlanta (Ga.) office of the company, trying for an agreement that will cover all Floyd and Beasley workers. "We're still in negotiations," said Tennyson. "There's still a chance. We don't want to put up a picket until we have a final offer. If the men turn it down, we go on strike."

On the other hand, he admitted, "the company says it's completely replaced (the men), and doesn't want them back."

Stamps Half-Price

JACKSON, Miss. -- Mississippi families can now get food stamps at half the regular price during the first month they take part in the stamp program.

A spokesman for the Mississippi welfare department said the new half-price deal would give families a chance to pay off bills they ran up when they had to pay for groceries without help.

Only one county--Jeff Davis--is starting the food program this month. But the half-price special is also available in other food-stamp counties--for families that never bought stamps before, and for families that stopped buying the stamps before June 1.

Auburn Private School Has Money Problems

BY KERRY GRUSON

AUBURN, Ala.--Last April, a group of white people in Lee County announced plans for Pickwood Academy, a new private elementary school "dedicated to academic excellence."

The school was to provide "able children" with "an atmosphere free of pressures and other obstacles" to a traditional American education.

But now, after four months of fund-raising, the school's supporters have run into an obstacle themselves--lack of money. Instead of the \$150,000 they had hoped for, they have collected only \$40,000.

And instead of opening a new building on Shelton Mill Rd., the school now plans to begin classes this fall in a "temporary" home--a large house at the north end of Gay St.

Bernard R. Breyer, a member of the school's board of directors, said work was stopped on the new building because "it would have meant spending a lot more money."

"We are not disappointed," said Mrs. Breyer. "Auburn is not a rich community."

But Mrs. Nancy Lacy, who lives near the school's temporary home, said there was another reason the fund-raisers were having trouble.

"People just aren't interested," Mrs. Lacy said. "Auburn doesn't need a school like that. The kids are going to live with colored people, so they might as well get used to it in school."

The private school is backed by some of Lee County's best-known segregationists, and most people think it won't admit Negro children.

But, this week, Breyer refused to say how many children had applied for admission to the school, or whether any

Bullock's Witnesses Say Negroes Broke Vote Laws

BY MARY ELLEN GALE
MONTGOMERY, Ala.--Several witnesses for Bullock County officials testified this week that Negro teenagers passed out sample ballots during the Democratic primary run-off on May 31, 1966, in violation of Alabama's election laws.

Hubert Barbaree, an election official, said that "nigger children" handed out ballots marked for "all the colored candidates" to Negro voters as they approached the polling place in Union Springs.

But on cross-examination by Fred Wallace, attorney for five defeated Negro candidates, Barbaree admitted that he didn't look closely at the papers the teen-agers were carrying.

"I saw some of the ballots later on in the voting machine," Barbaree explained. How did he know they were the same ones? "They were the same type," Barbaree told U. S. District Judge Virgil Pittman.

Barbaree's testimony was supported by other election officials, and by Union Springs Police Chief Travis W. Tillery and Bullock County sheriff's deputy Eugene Driggers.

Tillery said he saw as many as "40 or 50" Negro teen-agers crowding around the Union Springs polling place on May 31. Driggers said he saw young people handing out "literature" at five voting places in rural Bullock County.

"Why didn't you arrest them (the teen-agers)?" Wallace asked Driggers.

"Everything was going along so smooth, I thought it would work out all right," replied the sheriff's deputy.

The testimony about the "sample ballots" was just one part of the defense by Bullock, Barboree, and Macon county officials against a suit filed in federal court last year by the five Negroes--Fred D. Gray, who ran for the state leg-

islature in all three counties, and four Bullock County candidates.

The Negroes charged that county officials conspired to inflate the white vote and decrease the Negro vote.

Earlier in the case, several Negro poll-watchers said they were harassed and threatened by white election officials and police officers. But defense witnesses this week denied the charges. Instead, they said, some of the poll-watchers harassed the election officials.

Barbaree testified that "one girl kept punching Margaret Ann (Adams)," an election official in Union Springs, John L. Rumph Jr., an official in rural Perote, said Miss Rosie M. Outsey, a

Negro poll-watcher, was "rude" throughout the day.

Defense witnesses also denied the Negro candidates' charge that 175 "extra" white people voted in the Bullock County run-off.

George Blue, who defeated a Negro candidate for county commissioner, and other white residents listed 350 white people who are qualified to vote in Bullock County although they "temporarily" live somewhere else.

On cross-examination, the witnesses admitted that many of the 350 voters had been gone for five to 20 years, and that a few of them lived as far away as South Carolina, New York, or California.



Gadsden, Ala.

A special service, featuring gospel music, was held July 23 in the Field House Auditorium, in appreciation of the work of Brother Jessie Wilson, Mrs. Margaret Wright, an announcer for radio station WAGC in Centre, delivered the welcoming message. Opening pieces were sung by the Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church senior choir and the Antioch Baptist Church youth choir.

Birmingham, Ala.

C. H. Erskine Smith, a Birmingham attorney, has been named chairman of the Alabama State Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights. Smith had been serving as acting chairman.

Pratville, Ala.

Dan Houser, Prattville civil rights leader, sent thanks this week to the many people who have helped him since he was beaten two months ago. He said he was especially grateful to the New



DAN HOUSER

Hope Baptist Church in Montgomery for its assistance. "I would like for everyone who has helped to know that I thank them and really appreciate their kindness," Houser said. He said he still has severe headaches that are very painful.

Jackson, Miss.

U. S. District Judge Harold Cox has ordered Kenny's Dog 'n' Suds restaurant to stop discriminating against Negroes. Cox told owner Kenneth Parks to post signs outside the drive-in, indicating that the restaurant now complies with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Cox also dismissed charges against Jessie Hartfield, who was arrested for trespassing in 1963 at a Primos Restaurant in Jackson. Cox said the Civil Rights Act protected Hartfield from prosecution.

Abbeville, Ala.

Abbeville Mayor Charles C. Vickery spoke to the Abbeville Community Team (ACT) at its club meeting July 18 in Otis James' restaurant. His speech concerned city affairs and the youth of Abbeville. A question-and-answer period was held afterward. Four days later, ACT sponsored a hay-ride for 56 people through the northern part of Barbour County. The ride terminated at the Backwaters, located on Lake Chattahoochee. There the participants enjoyed a bonfire, folk singing, round dancing, and barbecue. (From James J. Vaughan)

Toomsaba, Miss.

Students from Toomsaba's Mississippi Action for Progress (MAP) Head Start center gave their first performance for parents last month on a freshly painted pink-and-green stage. Most people in the audience could remember how the bright, clean auditorium looked just four months ago--filled with dust and dirt and old packing crates. Vol-

unteers from the community worked with MAP staff members to make the old school building into a Head Start center. Children from every unit sang songs they had learned at school. But the stars of the show were three Unit 5 students who did a swinging boulogou.

Abbeville, Ala.

Mrs. Arrie Lawson was the guest speaker for the Women's Day program last month at the Mary Magdalene Baptist Church. The theme was "Personal Contact With Christ." (From James J. Vaughan)

Meridian, Miss.

STAR Inc. of Meridian held graduation exercises July 24 at Carver Junior High School. More than 75 spectators gathered in the school auditorium for the adult-education program's second graduation in two years. John Dean of the regional Office of Economic Opportunity told the graduates, "You must continue to read, to read all you can, so you can be a better parent, so when issues come up in your town you'll know what's happening and will be able to take part in city affairs." "Learning to read, write, and work arithmetic isn't going to change things overnight," said Dean. "But you are off to a good start." B. J. Offerman, director of STAR operations, said he had gotten word that STAR will be re-funded for another year. The people were very glad to hear this.

Birmingham, Ala.

The Rev. Joseph Ellwanger, president of the Birmingham Council on Human Relations, will be leaving the city at the end of August. Ellwanger, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, has been called to a church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Ellwanger has served as president of the Birmingham Council for four of his nine years here. Homer Cook will serve as the council's president until January, when new officers will be elected.

Pratville, Ala.

There was a fire July 22 at the home of Mrs. Sallie Hadnot, head of the local NAACP branch. Mrs. Hadnot was at home at the time, along with her husband James, their son Lee, and their daughter Nitrician. Hadnot said the Prattville Fire Department has not investigated the cause of the fire, but Mrs. Hadnot said the FBI has looked into it. A fire department spokesman said, "The investigation has not been completed."

Meridian, Miss.

The veterans affairs committee of the Meridian NAACP sponsored a general information meeting of all veterans and their wives and dependents July 23 at the New Baptist Church. Among the subjects discussed were medical benefits, hospitalization, farm loans, housing, jobs, education, and life insurance. The guest speaker was Charles E. Finn, contact officer for the Veterans Administration in Jackson.

Prichard, Ala.

Louis Jackson Sr. has completed a course in servicing electrical appliances, and has been awarded a diploma by the National Radio Institute of Washington, D. C. The institute said Jackson finished the course "with creditable grades."

Enterprise, Ala.

Some of the young boys around here went to Montgomery this week to take their physical examinations for the draft. Some of them are saying, "Why do Uncle Sam want to mess with me?" A local resident remarked, "If these guys have to go into the Army, my prayer goes with them. And if they go to Viet Nam, I hope they come back home safely." (From Daniel Jackson)

THE SOUTHERN COURIER welcomes letters from anyone on any subject. Letters must be signed, but your name will be withheld upon request.

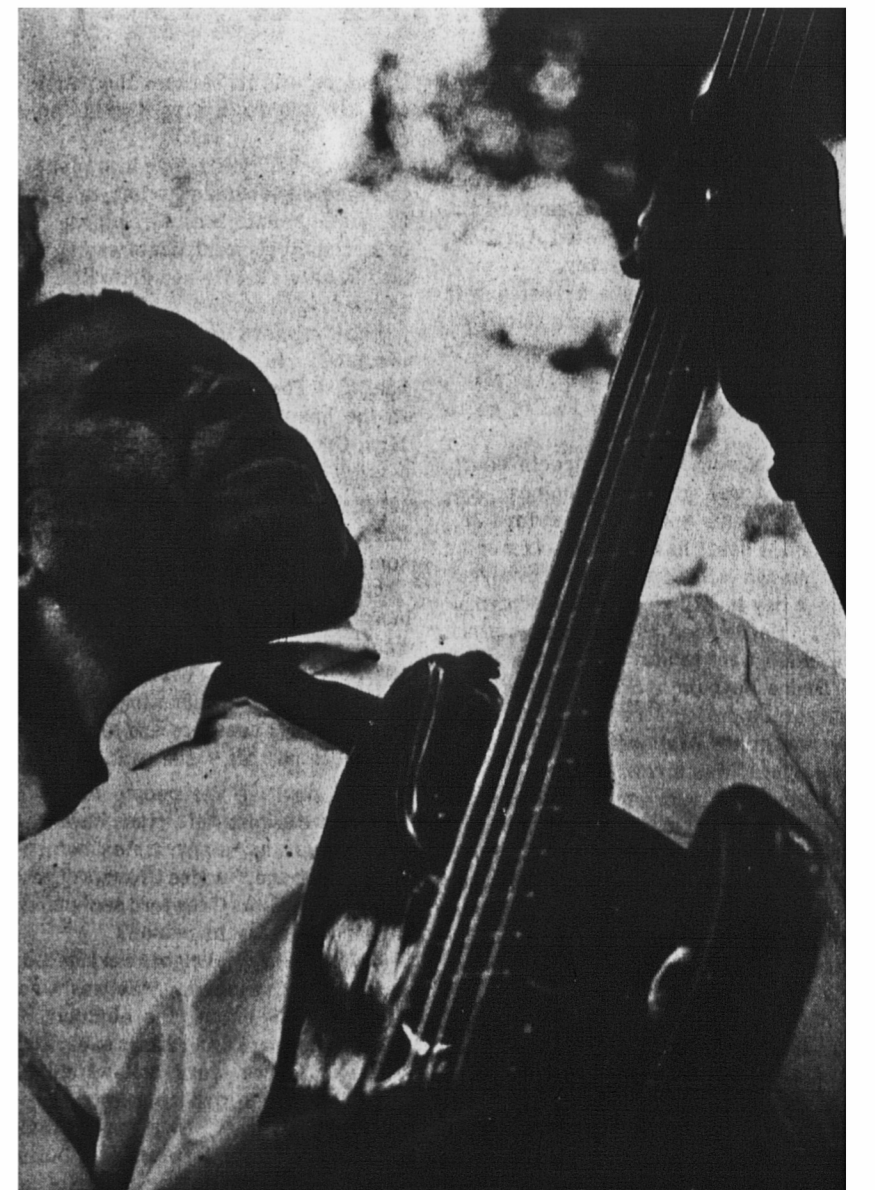
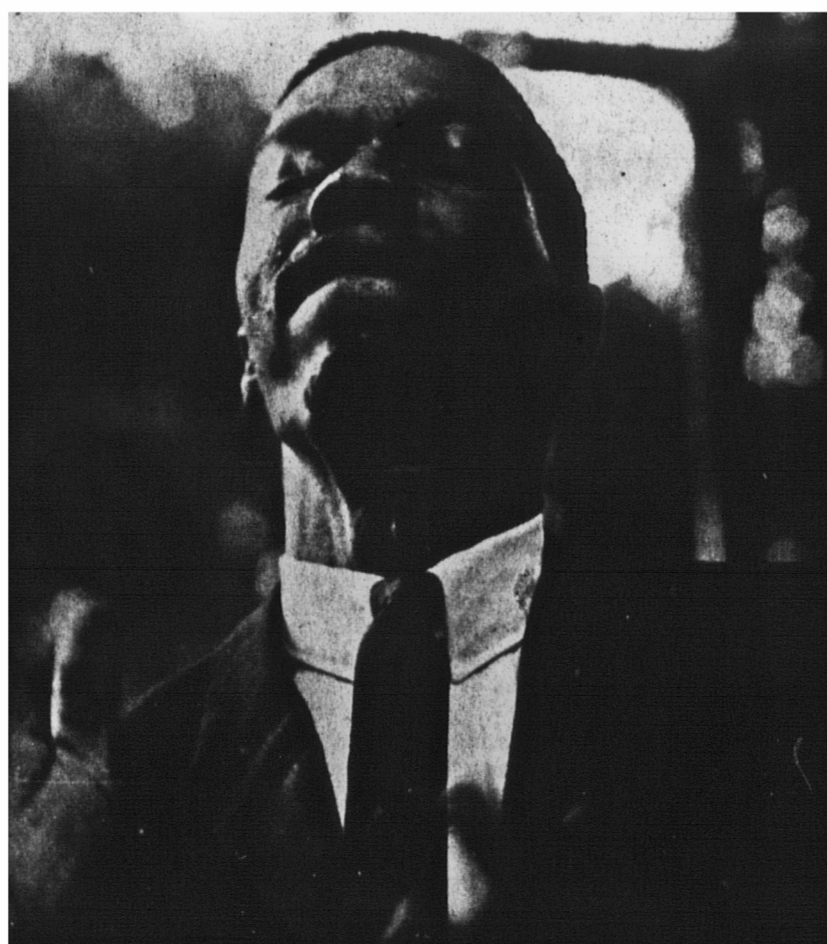


JAZZ ON A MONDAY AFTERNOON

Photos taken at a jazz festival last month
in Kelly Ingram Park, Birmingham



Photos by Tony Ganz



'If You Have Your Sanity, You Will Lose It'

Former Patient Tells What Life Is Like Inside Searcy State Mental Hospital

(The author of this article was formerly a patient at Searcy State Mental Hospital in Mt. Vernon. This is her story of what life was like inside the hospital--and her ideas on how it could be improved.)

MT. VERNON, Ala.--When you enter the door, it looks very pleasant. But the worse will come. Although all of the patients are Negroes, most of the attendants are white. There are only a very few Negro attendants. All of the social workers are white.

After arriving at the hospital, all persons are carried to the receiving section. For women it is Ward 4N and for men it is Ward 3S. When received, you are met by an attendant and another patient who has been there a long time. Sometimes the patient who has been there a long time is a criminal who can't be released unless the court tells the hospital to set him free.

All of your clothes are removed to be marked. Sometimes they are given back to you a few days later. Sometimes when you ask about your clothes, you are told they were misplaced.

Next you are sent into the shower. If you don't go in, you are pushed or sometimes slapped and cursed and given a bath by some of the patients. If you are in a rage after the bath, you are locked up.

You are given just two items of clothing to put on. Sometimes they are good, sometimes raggy--but always un-ironed. A lot of the women are not given panties, and the men wear no underpants.

If you ask too many questions you are locked up for worrying them. Some patients are locked up because they go to patient canteen or other wards without asking. If there are court charges against you, you may be locked up.

When you are locked up, you are let out at certain times to get water. There are no toilet facilities in the room where you are locked up, so you must eat and use the bathroom there.

At Searcy, all the food is served in eight hours, early in the day. Breakfast is between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m., dinner between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and supper between 3 and 4 p.m.

Breakfast is always grits or something resembling oatmeal, with gravy. There is watery coffee, sometimes sweet and sometimes not. Bread can be day-old rolls. If not, sometimes there is sliced bread or cornbread.

You get no meat at breakfast--unless you find it in the gravy. No butter either. However, the employees have butter for their breakfast.

Dinner is varied. The vegetables are whatever is raised on the farm. Sometimes we have beans and peas mixed, or squash with cucumbers and hot peppers mixed. Greens are cooked sometimes in plain water, sometimes with meat. Sometimes they are not even washed clean.

At dinner, we have powdered buttermilk to drink. Most days we have salt meat sliced. Some days it is chicken, sometimes pork chops. Very rarely, it is veal and bologna. On Friday we have some fish that is never cooked done.

Our supper is always boiled potatoes in the skin (not even washed clean), some cereal, and sausage boiled in water. There is never enough for all to get some. Dessert is dried fruit, such as prunes or peaches, with never enough sugar on it. The powdered sweet milk is sometimes sour.

In the summertime, fresh fruits like peaches, plums, pears, watermelon, and cantaloupes are given as long as the garden supply from the field lasts.

You can buy food at the patient canteen. The canteen is run by white people. The food you get there is thrown--not handed--to you, like you were a dog.

Some patients volunteer to work, but others are forced. They carry clothes on their backs to the laundry, rain or shine. If they are not there, they are looked for as if they were paid to work.

Men and some women go to the field to work the garden. About two of the patients work for Dr. Harry S. Rowe, the assistant superintendent. He gives them a very, very small salary.

There is recreation daily, and it is the only thing at Searcy that is supervised by Negroes. It is helpful to many. But usually, some patients are being punished, and can't go.

Some patients come to recreation dirty. The women are kept much cleaner than the men. Some of the wards are cleaner than the others.

If you talk back to an attendant or sass them (as they call it), you are given an electric shock treatment. All the attendant has to say is, "I want this patient shocked," and the patient is taken in for a treatment. The usual treatment is ten shocks, but sometimes it is more.

If patients refuse to eat the half-cooked or dirty food, they are sometimes given shock treatments. A lot of patients have been shocked and never awakened again.

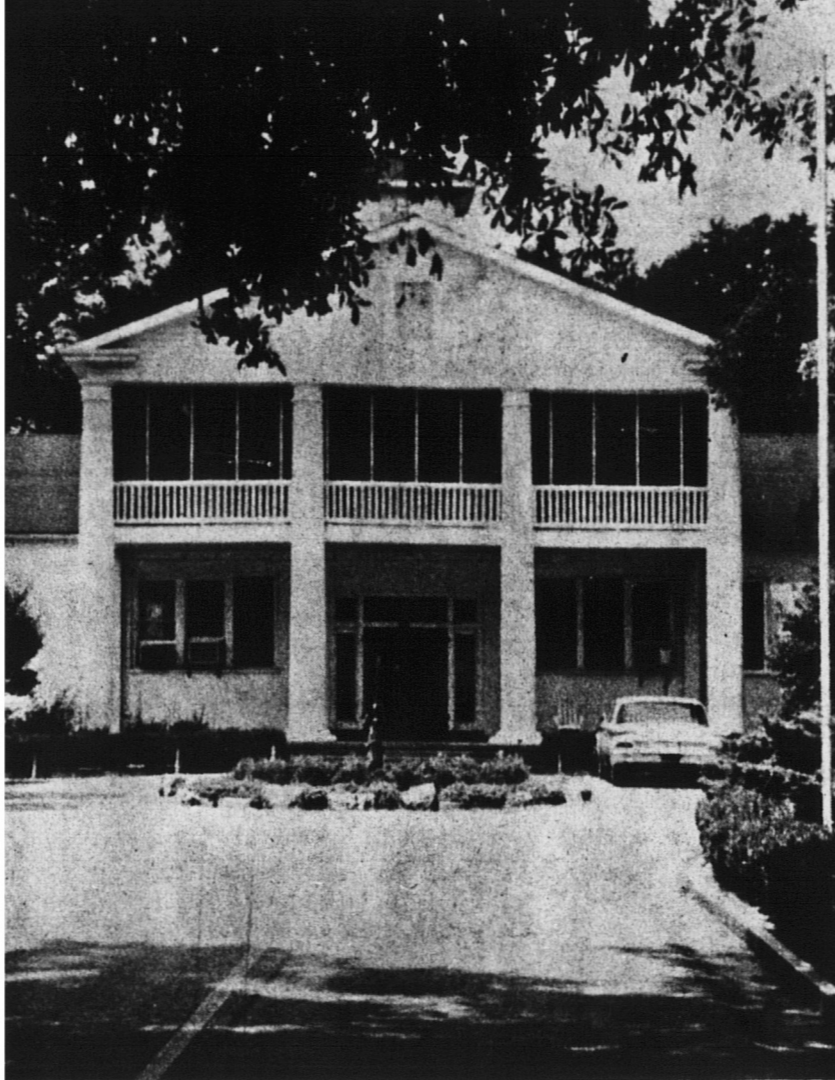
When patients walk to the attendants and tell them they are sick, the attendants most times say, "You off and crazy." Patients have been kicked, slapped, and even stomped by some of the attendants. But other attendants are kind and understanding.

There are no psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, or clinical psychologists at Searcy Hospital. Many doctors are Cubans studying to pass the Alabama medical examination.

The kitchen has no dietitian or dietitian's aide to prepare the food. The head man over the kitchen received his experience in the army. All the help besides a few white bosses and a white truck driver are Negroes. They put the food together as ordered by the headman over the kitchen. Just a few of the Negro help stay long.

Searcy is a place that, if you are sent with your sanity, you will lose it. Some patients die of starvation or for lack of medicine.

To improve Searcy, it must be integrated. It should have trained nurses, attendants, and dietitians. It should employ more people trained for treatment of the mentally ill. The hospital should hire Negroes as social workers and secretaries, and for other responsible positions.



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MRS. BOB CRAWFORD SR.

Wilcox Distiller Gets A Year and a Day

BY BETH WILCOX

PINE APPLE, Ala.--"I want people to know the justice we get in Wilcox County--that's why I am telling this story," said Mrs. Bob Crawford Sr. Her husband was arrested April 22, 1966, for distilling whiskey.

Ten other men were arrested with Crawford. All of them were allowed to pay fines. But Crawford was told to see Sheriff P. C. (Lummie) Jenkins, and the sheriff said he had to go to court.

Last November, in circuit court, Crawford was given two choices. According to his son, Bob Crawford Jr., the judge said "he could take six months in Camden jail and a \$500 fine, or a year and a day in Kilby prison in Montgomery. He decided to go to Kilby, since he didn't want to stay in Camden jail."

Bruce Boynton of Selma, Crawford's lawyer, appealed Crawford's case all the way to the Alabama Supreme Court. The appeal was turned down.

Why did Crawford get a stiffer penalty than the men arrested with him? Sheriff Jenkins said, "It's not at all unusual to send a man to prison when he has been caught distilling three or four times. Besides, he was given six months after the sentencing to clear up his business."

Crawford was picked up at his house on June 16 of this year. "The deputy had a warrant, but it was all crumpled up so you couldn't even read it," said Mrs. Crawford.

Then, she said, on July 3 the family received a letter from a man who had been at Kilby. The letter said that

Crawford was ill because the people at the jail would not give him his medicine.

"I was careful to give him plenty of the medicine before he left, so I know he had it," said Mrs. Crawford. "We have a doctor's certificate saying he is unable to work. He has arthritis. The letter said his arm was all swollen up."

Bob Crawford Jr. called the jail immediately to ask about his father's health. "The office said that he had been in the hospital and was out now," said Mrs. Crawford.

When she finally saw her husband, Mrs. Crawford added, he was feeling fine. She said the doctor had prescribed some different medicine for him.

But she said she's still angry that her husband went to jail while the other men went free. "I know it was wrong for him to be distilling, but there isn't any distiller so much more important that he gets a jail sentence and all the others get to pay off," she said.

"I'm positive the people that were caught with him this time have been caught just as many times before--probably more," added Crawford's son. Why, then, was Crawford sentenced to a year and a day in prison?

"Mostly the civil rights work he did," said Mrs. Crawford. "He was also a 'ground man' during the election. He brought us snacks and things to eat at the polls while we were poll-watching."

"They hate to give the Negro a chance to make a living," Mrs. Crawford said. "It was wrong to be distilling, but my husband was just trying to make us a living."

BY KERRY GRUSON

TUSKEGEE, Ala.--"I wish I could go to school and see what it feels like to sit in a classroom. I never had the opportunity to go to school like other children." This is the story Miss Willardine Jackson, a handicapped young lady, tells almost anyone who will listen.

When she spoke to Mrs. R. T. Lennard, a retired schoolteacher, Mrs. Lennard decided that Macon County's retarded and handicapped children needed a school of their own.

Mrs. Lennard brought the problem to the Youth Improvement Association, a local community group. She also suggested an answer to the problem--a trade school for handicapped children. The Youth Improvement Association plans to present the proposal to the Macon County Community Action Program in an attempt to get funds.

Miss Jackson was very excited when she heard about Mrs. Lennard's idea. Now 23, Miss Jackson, did not go to school because she entered John A. Andrew Hospital before she was old enough for school.

Miss Jackson spent four years in the hospital. Now she can walk, but not without crutches. Also, she can not learn as fast as most people.

But Miss Jackson was luckier than most handicapped or retarded children. Mrs. Clara Cropper, a teacher at John Andrew's Infantile Paralysis School, taught her how to read, write, and do some arithmetic.

The Infantile Paralysis School takes children only up to age 16. When Miss Jackson had to leave the school, she wanted to continue her education at a regular school. She planned to go into the third grade.

But, said her mother, Mrs. Cora Jackson, "The superintendent at that time told us that she was unable to get on the bus by herself. He told us it was too inconvenient to get her on each day."

For a year, Miss Jackson took singing lessons at Tuskegee Institute. Mrs. Cropper had started giving her voice lessons in hospital, because she sang so well. And Miss Jackson's best grades were in music--she had an A all along.

At the end of her year at Tuskegee, the voice pupils gave a recital, and Miss Jackson was star performer. "But she didn't go on at the Institute," Mrs. Jackson said. "It was too difficult to get her up and down the stairs. I got a complaint in my chest and I just couldn't do it."

Now Mrs. Jackson takes her daughter

to the Institute whenever there is a special educational program. Miss Jackson also sings in the junior and senior choirs at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. But most of the time, she sits at home.

Macon County has many handicapped children who "have not had a day of school in their lives," Mrs. Cropper said. "I know, because they come into the clinic, I ask them if they go to school and they say 'no.' And out in the rurals there are so many children we don't even get in touch with."

Many retarded children do go to the regular schools. "The last year I was a teacher (1955)," Mrs. Lennard said, "I had a fourth grade out at Prairie

Farms, in the rurals. Out of the 42 children in my class, 34 were retarded.

"None of the teachers wanted them in their class, so we were going to divide them up. But I said, 'No, give them to me if nobody wants them.' It was hard on me--two or three times I almost gave up."

"It's the same all over the county," Mrs. Lennard said. And coming to school does not always help retarded children.

"I had a little boy in my class," said Mrs. Veola L. Johnson, a pretty young teacher in Tuskegee. "He sat in class and didn't learn anything. All he could do was draw pictures. So I let him draw

"He should have had a teacher, but we don't have a special art teacher. At the end of the year I put on his record 'needs special education,' and then passed him on into the next grade. With so many children, about the biggest thing we can do is help the retarded ones get adjusted."

Retarded children can learn a great deal if they have individual attention, Mrs. Lennard says. "One year I substituted for a third-grade teacher," she remembers. "There was a 15-year-old boy in the front row, just playing and stirring up trouble. The boy told me frank-plank he couldn't learn the words I was teaching the class. I got him to go to the board and write down a new word--he learned it. But the time I spent on him, I should have spent with the rest of the class."

Macon County has seven "special education" classes for retarded and handicapped children--one class in each of seven schools. Each class has one teacher and a maximum of 15 students.

"We can only send the worst ones to special education," Mrs. Johnson said. There just isn't room for the others.

The special classes give a few handicapped children a basic education. But, said Mrs. Lennard, a trade school could teach many children all kinds of special skills. For instance, Mrs. Renvick Henry hopes there would be sewing classes for her daughter, 18-year-old Miss Maxine Henry.

"Maxine keeps bothering me to let her use my sewing machine," Mrs. Henry said, "but I'm frightened that she will run the needle through her hand."

Miss Henry dropped out of school in the sixth grade. "She didn't learn anything, but the teachers took her along because they loved her so," Mrs. Henry said.

Private schooling was too expensive, so Mrs. Henry kept her daughter at home after that, and taught her to cook, wash, and iron. At a trade school, "with somebody standing over her, she could do very good work sewing," Mrs. Henry said.

A trade school would help, but it would not reach all the handicapped children in Macon County, according to Mrs. Donna B. Gordon, head of a Tuskegee Institute training program for teachers of the mentally retarded.

"If you wanted special schools for the retarded children here," she said, "it would take up one half of the school system."

Why do so many children need special education? Mrs. Gordon blamed "poverty and all the conditions that go along with it." And, she said, Macon County is "in fairly good shape" compared with other, even poorer counties in Alabama.



MISS MAXINE HENRY

In Mississippi Primary

Things Every Voter Should Know

BY GAIL FALK

JACKSON, Miss.--If you were registered to vote in Mississippi on or before July 8, you are eligible to vote in next Tuesday's Democratic primary. Here are some of the things you should know:

WHERE? You must vote at the polling place for the precinct where you live. If you don't know where that is, call the circuit clerk's office in the county courthouse for information.

WHEN? The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. next Tuesday. If you are late, you will not be able to vote. However, in most places, you may vote if you are in line by 6 p.m.

WHAT TO DO? When you get to the poll, you sign your name or your mark in the poll book, and an election official will check to make sure your name is on the list of registered voters. (If he doesn't find your name on the list but you are sure you're registered, you may cast a vote anyway. The election manager should show you how to make an affidavit, and he should put your ballot in a special envelope.) The election manager marks his initials on the back of a ballot, gives it to you, and shows you to a voting booth. Unless you need help, you should be alone in the booth. Your ballot is secret, and anyone who tries to see how you are voting is breaking the law.

IF YOU NEED HELP. If you can't read, you can get help from one of the election managers. He must read the ballot to you, but he is not allowed to tell you anything about the candidates, and he can't tell you whom to vote for.

Blind and disabled people may get help in marking the ballot from the election manager or from anyone else they choose.

THE BALLOT. Although there are small differences from county to county, all ballots will follow the same general form. Candidates for each office are listed in alphabetical order. The state offices are first--governor, lieutenant governor, state superintendent of education, state land commissioner, state insurance commissioner, state commissioner of agriculture and commerce, public service commissioner, and highway commissioner. Then come district attorney, state senator, state

representative, and county offices.

Under each office, the ballot will say "Vote for one," or "Vote for two." If you mark more than one name when it says "Vote for one," your vote will not be counted. Your vote also will not count if you mark only one name when the ballot says "Vote for two." You don't have to vote for every office.

Most Mississippi counties still use paper ballots. In the few that have machines -- including Adams, Harrison, Hinds, and Washington--a model machine will be set up at the poll for you to practice on before you vote. **MARKING THE BALLOT.** Mark your choices--in ink, if possible--with an

"X" or a check-mark. (Don't just make a straight line.) Be sure your mark is inside the box or parentheses by the name you choose.

If you make a mistake, take your ballot back to the election manager. He will mark it "spoiled," and give you another. You can get up to three ballots this way.

You are allowed to take at least five minutes marking your ballot. If no one is waiting, you may have up to ten minutes in the voting booth. When you are finished, give your ballot to the election manager. He will put it in a box, to be counted after the polls are closed.

Eight Negroes Running In Marshall County

BY RUBEN PATES

HOLLY SPRINGS, Miss.--Last year, Alfred Robinson was warned to stop registering Negro voters in Marshall County. If he didn't, he was told, his house would be burned down.

Robinson refused to stop, and his house was burned to the ground.

This year, Robinson is one of eight Negro candidates running for public office in Marshall County. He is running for sheriff in next Tuesday's primary.

"As I stood there watching my home reduced to ashes, I decided it was about time we got a little justice around this place," Marshall said this week. "It was about time we got some protection from the law. That's what I want to do for this county--and not only for the

blacks, but the whites as well."

Negroes hold a voting majority of about 2,000 in Marshall County. But Robinson will have to share Negro votes with Lannie Cummings Jr., another black sheriff candidate, Malcolm Barnett, a white man, is the third candidate in the race.

In another contest, Quentell Gipson is running for superintendent of education. Of Mississippi's 120 Negro candidates, he is the only one seeking this office.

A sociology graduate of Rust College, in Holly Springs, Gipson lost his teaching job in 1963 because of his civil rights activities.

"I know from personal experience just how bad conditions in our schools are," he said this week. "Much more money is spent on white schools than on Negro schools, and apart from this inequality, many improvements are needed.

"I also believe that teachers, like any other citizen, should not be denied their right--as I was--to act on their beliefs, as long as it doesn't interfere with their teaching."

A Baptist minister is another of the county's Negro candidates. The Rev. James Murdock, pastor of a church in Holly Springs, is running for supervisor in beat 1, where there is a 2-to-1 Negro majority.

"I have lived in this area all my life and I know the people and their needs and their conditions," he said.

Marshall County also has Negro candidates for coroner (Osborn Bell), supervisor (Charles Polk), constable (McGowen Walker), and circuit clerk (Oscar Fant).

Macon Schools

TUSKEGEE, Ala.--The West Macon Parents Association met with the county board of education last week to request action on a three-month-old list of demands.

Last April, the parents had petitioned the board to adopt a program for better instruction and facilities at schools in west Macon County.

Robert Knight, vice-president of the parents association, said the group had not heard from the board since then.

He said the members decided to send a delegation to last week's school board meeting, because they were afraid their problems were still being neglected.

"I think we gained more respect," Knight said after the meeting. "Last meeting was totally disrespectful."

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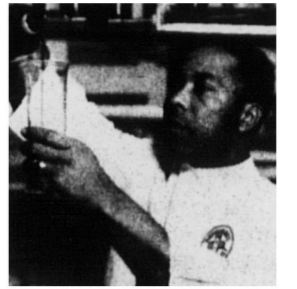
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He Doesn't See Negroes in Talladega Two Any More Organize for Election

BY PATRICIA JAMES

MERIDIAN, Miss.--"Douglas used to fight a lot, but since his operation he has quieted down and is under control," said Mrs. Martha Ann Alford, "Instead of seeing two, like before, he sees one."

Mrs. Alford is Douglas Odom's teacher at the Head Start school in Newell Chapel Church, Douglas' eyes used to be crossed, but now--thanks to Mississippi Action for Progress (MAP)--they have been straightened. "He's a different person," said Mrs. Alford.

Mrs. Catherine Crowell, another of Douglas' teachers, told how she went about helping Douglas. "I first knew Douglas when he was a baby, and I wondered if his eyes could be straightened," she said. "The family is very poor, and I put forth a special effort to talk to his mother and get acquainted with her. Finally, I got the nerve to ask her if she had ever tried to do anything about his eyes. She answered, 'No.'"

When the Child Development Group of Mississippi (CDGM) came to Meridian last summer, said Mrs. Crowell, "I went to Douglas' mother and asked her if she would enroll him in CDGM. She never would say anything. Finally, she got tired of me asking her, so she let me enroll him."

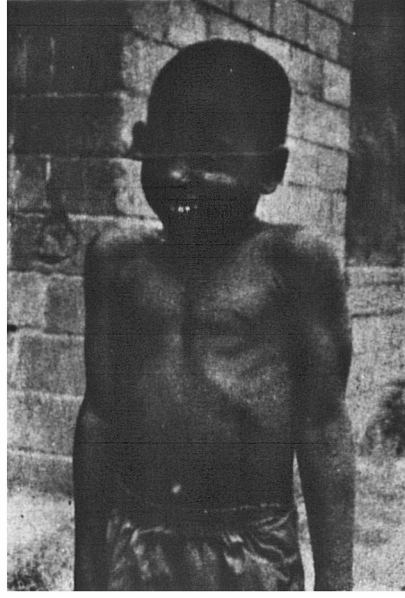
"CDGM promised to do something about Douglas' eyes, but they never got around to it," said Mrs. Crowell. "CDGM closed down, and I thought, 'Well, here goes the chance of Douglas getting his eyes straightened.'"

"After I got a job with MAP, I still thought about Douglas. I went back to his mother, and asked her about Douglas having an operation on his eyes. She said no at first, because she was afraid and felt that it couldn't be done."

But Mrs. Odom finally agreed to the operation. It was performed by doctors in Jackson, and paid for by MAP. "I think (Mrs. Odom) is very proud about the operation, but most of all proud to see her son's eyes straightened," said Mrs. Crowell.

Douglas said he is proud, too. "I'm glad I had the operation on my eyes, because I liked the doctors," he said. "I saw a lot of doctors. One doctor put me to bed, and one did something to my eyes."

"I'm just glad," he added, "glad because I can see better."



DOUGLAS ODOM

BY ALAN BOLES

TALLADEGA, Ala.--"In the past we have squandered our vote," Arthur Lane told a meeting of 35 Negro citizens on July 26. "This time we want the candidates to feel our ballots."

Lane, a local high school teacher, is one of several leaders who are hoping to turn Talladega's Negro community into a powerful voting force in time for the Aug. 15 city elections.

"We want it to be known that the Negroes of Talladega, from this day on, are working together, not for selfish interests, but for the interests of everybody," Lane said at the meeting.

But before the evening was over, several other speakers said they were afraid that a lot of Negro citizens don't care enough to vote.

The Rev. B. T. Wilson, pastor of Peace Baptist Church, blamed the ministers for not arousing the people to take an active part in politics.

"The people with the most access to other people are the ministers," he said. "And until we can wake up these ministers to their civic responsibilities, we are going to have a lot of draggers in the community."

The meeting was called by the Talladega Improvement Association (TIA), to bring together representatives of 40 clubs, churches, and civic groups and form a screening committee to recommend a slate of candidates to the city's Negro voters.

The committee will have a big job. A total of 18 candidates are running for three positions--mayor, finance commissioner, and streets and parks commissioner. None of the candidates is a Negro.

In past elections, TIA made recommendations on its own--and the Negro vote split. So this year, TIA asked the other organizations to join with it. "This time we think we have a workable method of consolidating the Negro vote," Lane said.

But some people felt the response was disappointing. Only nine groups sent representatives to the meeting. Daniel Glass, chairman of the screening committee, said he hopes "we can pull in members of other groups as we go along. We need greater participation."

The committee will look into each candidate's qualifications, accomplishments, state political connections, and attitudes on race, urban renewal, and law enforcement.

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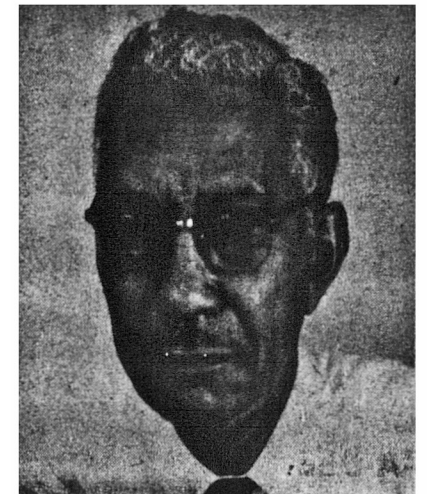
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New Face In Rep.'s Office

BY ROBIN REISIG

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--Ransom Jones, a 67-year-old former mailman, has been a "field representative" for U. S. Representative John H. Buchanan Jr. since July 17.

Jones, a Negro, and two other field representatives, both white, work in the



RANSOM JONES

congressman's spacious office in the federal building downtown. "If a constituent has business to take up with his congressman, we prepare it," Jones explained.

So far, Jones said, he has dealt only with Negroes who come into the office. (Most of them are World War II veterans or Social Security recipients with problems.) But, he said, he can also deal with white people who might come in: "I deal with anyone that wants help."

Just before joining Buchanan's staff, Jones worked as a security officer at the downtown Liberty Supermarket. The store hired him immediately after the demonstrations there last year.

For the preceding 38 years, he worked at the Post Office. He is on the national executive board of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees (the postal union).

What does Jones think of his employer, a strong conservative who has often urged the House Un-American Activities Committee to investigate civil rights groups?

"I think he's a good representative," said Jones. "I like his voting records."

Buchanan has voted against civil rights bills, said Jones, "but so has every Southern congressman. If he had voted otherwise, he wouldn't be there, wouldn't stay."

What does Jones himself think of the civil rights bills?

"I think that should be obvious," he replied. "I'm for them."

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FEDERAL JOBS--The Interagency Board of Civil Service Examiners is holding examinations for the positions of cook, commissary worker, and meat cutter. The jobs are located in South Alabama and Northwest Florida. Information and application forms can be obtained from Alex Culver, Examiner in Charge, 413-A Post Office Building, Montgomery, Ala. 36104.

HELP DAN HOUSER--Dan Houser needs money for medical expenses, after being beaten in Prattville. Contributions can be sent to him in care of WRMA, 135 Commerce St., Montgomery, Ala. 36104, or in care of The Southern Courier, 1012 Frank Leu Bldg., Montgomery, Ala. 36104. Checks should be made payable to Dan Houser.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED--The Montgomery Community Action Committee needs all the volunteer help it can get to work in Head Start classrooms. Men, women, and teen-agers (minimum age 16) can all be of use. Volunteers will assist as teacher's aides and cook's helpers, and will take children on field trips in the area. A volunteer can choose his or her own hours between 8 and 11:30 a.m. on a convenient day Monday through Friday. Transportation and lunch will be furnished. If you are available, apply to the Rev. E. W. McKinney (volunteer director) or Mrs. Zenobia Johnson at 429 S. Decatur St., phone 262-6622. Or you can offer your services to St. Jude's Center, 2048 W. Fairview Ave., or Resurrection Center, 2815 Forbes Dr. If it is more convenient, go directly to the neighborhood Head Start location nearest you.

FOR A BETTER ALABAMA--The Alabama Council on Human Relations has active chapters in Birmingham, Mobile, Montgomery, Huntsville, Florence-Tusculumbia-Sheffield, Auburn-Opelika-Tuskegee, Talladega, and Tuscaloosa. It has a staff that works throughout the state. The Alabama Council is integrated at all levels: its staff officers, staff, and local chapters all have people of both races working side by side. The Alabama Council wishes to establish local chapters in every county in the state. If you wish to join the Council's crusade for equal opportunity and human brotherhood, write The Alabama Council, P. O. Box 1310, Auburn, Alabama.

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MISSISSIPPI JOB OPENINGS--Project MARK, a new anti-poverty program run by the Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association, Inc., has started hiring staff. Positions are open for a director, at \$11,000 per year; job developer, \$7,800 per year; recruiter-counselor, \$6,000 per year; secretary-bookkeeper, \$80 a week; clerk-typist, \$65 a week. The project will contact 1,000 students in deprived areas and select 100 for training in "paramedical" fields, such as medical technician, lab assistant, doctor's secretary. Contact R. Hunter Morey, chief recruiter and acting director, Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association, Inc.--Project MARK, Room 6, Masonic Temple, 1072 Lynch St., Jackson, Miss. 39203, or phone 353-3594.

SOCIAL SECURITY--A formal claim must be filed before a worker 65 or older can qualify for payments under the hospital insurance, medical insurance, and nursing home (extended care) programs. Workers will not receive benefits from Medicare and other programs unless they formally notify their Social Security office. Every month they postpone making their claim, they lose. The Social Security office for the Montgomery area is at 474 S. Court St., Montgomery, Ala. 36104. The telephone number is 263-7521, ext. 421.

ATLANTA PEACE MARCH--Dick Gregory, Julian Bond, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, the Rev. James Bevel, and Mrs. Amelia Boynton will be among the nationally-known speakers appearing at a South-wide observance for peace Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5-6, in Atlanta, Ga. There will be an art festival, sing-out, and rally in Piedmont Park at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night, followed by an all-night vigil led by the Rev. Malcolm Boyd. At 1:30 p.m. Sunday, there will be a parade from Piedmont Park to Grant Park.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS--"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God..." This verse from I Corinthians is the Golden Text of this week's Bible lesson on "Spirit," to be read in all Christian Science churches this Sunday, Aug. 6.

BABA'IS--The Baha'is of Montgomery will have as the subject of their weekly informal, public discussion "Civilization, Forward or Backward?" Gatherings are held at 8 p.m. at the Gordon home, 33 Gaillard in Tuskegee, on Friday, and the Featherstone home, 3222 Santee Dr. in Montgomery, on Saturday. No contributions, no obligations.

SGHOLARSHIP CONTEST--The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8037, Birmingham, is offering more than \$2,000 in cash scholarship grants in its annual "Miss Veterans of American Wars" pageant. Contestants must be between 14 and 26 years old, with good academic standing and a desire to further their education. Post Commander J. A. Handy said that the contest is open to everyone, although in the past most entrants have been Negroes. Applications should be sent by Thursday, Aug. 10, to Miss VAW Contest, 705 First St. S., Birmingham, Ala. 35205.

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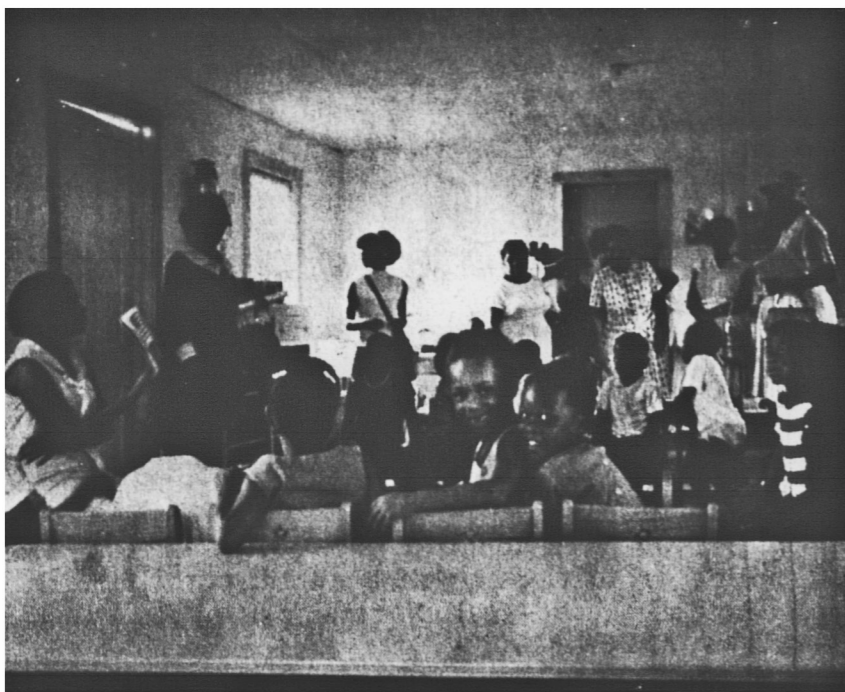
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What Happened to Jackson Boycott?

'The People Are Happy'

BY MERTIS RUBIN

JACKSON, Miss.--Why can't the boycott here be 100% effective? Why can't Jackson's civil rights leaders work together?

These were two of the questions discussed by the Hinds County Citizen Action Committee last Friday night in the Greater Blair St. AME Church.

The meeting was called after the county grand jury ruled that no one was responsible for the death of Ben Brown. Brown was killed May 12 during the disturbances at Jackson State College.

After Brown's death, Jackson leaders decided to boycott certain white-owned stores, including many on Capitol St. The people in Friday's meeting said the boycott was still on, but during the day Capitol St. was full of shoppers.

In the meeting, the Rev. R. M. Richmond said one problem is that "the people in Jackson are satisfied, glad, and happy."

"Everyone wants to be a leader," he added.

"Why don't we start a small business for black people?" asked a young man named Henry Hatches.

Some members thought differences with local ministers had caused the group to become disorganized.

Then the people talked about Fred Catchings, a Negro bus driver who had lost his job with the city bus company.

Catchings said he had worked for the

bus company since February, 1966, and was fired for "mishandling of fares."

J. C. Gibson, manager of the bus line, said Catchings resigned, Gibson wouldn't say why.

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Jackson Jailed Again

BY ROBIN REISIG

DEMOPOLIS, Ala.--As Johnny Jackson, SNCC's Alabama project director, walked in the front door of the police station last Saturday, Judge E. E. Partridge walked out the back door.

So Jackson didn't have his trial on a charge of "provocation." Instead, he was immediately re-arrested. The trial had been set for 8 a.m., and Jackson arrived at 8:25--10 minutes after court was over.

Because he was late, Jackson's \$200 cash bond was forfeited. The maximum fine for provocation, according to Demopolis Police Chief A. E. Cooper, is \$50. Jackson was released later in the day without further charges.

Jackson said he was arrested for "provocation" July 21, after he told the police chief, "Cooper, we're going to get your job."

The SNCC leader said the arrest occurred after police followed his car, stopped it, and asked everyone inside for identification. He said this happens every time he is in Demopolis.

After he was released, Jackson said, he told Cooper, "I heard you been telling people not to come to our meetings," Cooper later denied the charge.

"We aren't going to have that," Jackson said he told the chief. "If you follow people and tell them not to come to meetings, we can always stop that."

"I was very nice," Jackson added.

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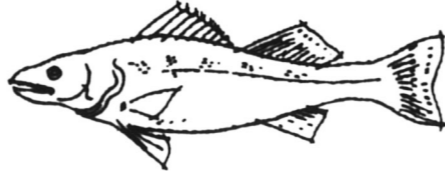
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Vivan Ann Farley Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Liner, We all arrived here safe and

sound. All of us started to work the same day we got here. My sister and I are close together. She is working three houses from me. Both of us like our jobs. My sister makes \$75.00 a week, and I make \$55.00 a week. She can cook and I can't. I guess that's why she makes more than I do. But I'm still happy with my job. The people are so nice to me.

Barbara Ann Rhodes Birmingham, Alabama

Dear ABC Maids, I like Boston very much, I have made friends already. The people are friendly here. I work for a lady that own a Dress Store. She gave me three new dresses yesterday. I cook for just her two children and me. The children are good, My pay is \$60.00 a week. I'm going to keep this job a long time.

Willie Mae Powell Eutaw, Alabama

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Liner, I got to New York Monday morning and started to work the same day. I work for two old people. I fix two meals a day for them. They are no trouble at all to please. I have a private room and bathroom with television. I like my job very much.

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