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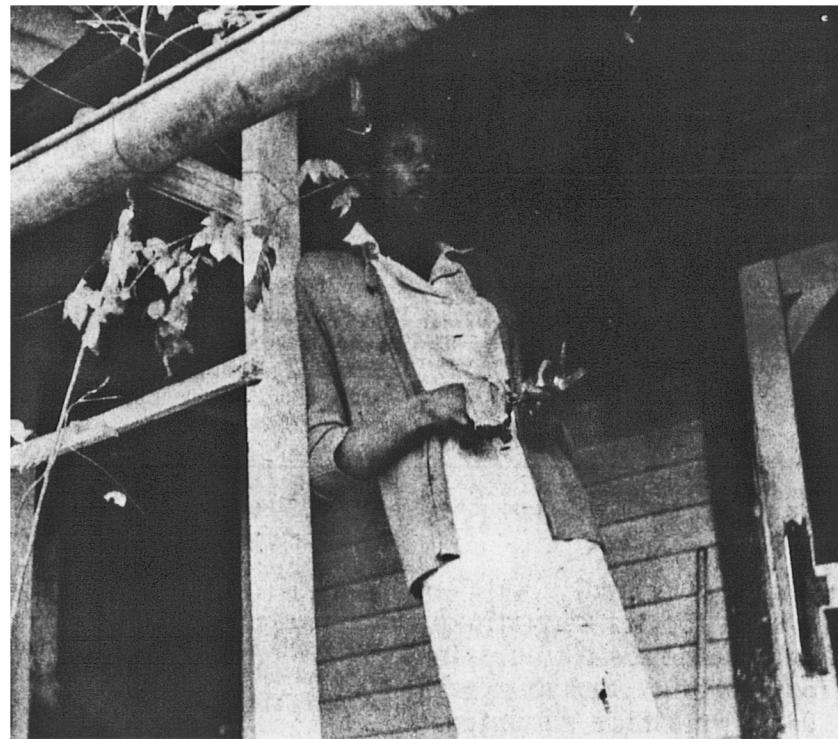
Lowndes Man Slain, 2 Hurt; Some Blame Negro Officers

BY BETH WILCOX
HAYNEVILLE, Ala. -- A gala homecoming dance at all-Negro Lowndes County Training School ended abruptly last Friday night, after one Negro man was killed and at least two others were injured.

Joe Cephus Thomas, a 61-year-old resident of Hayneville, was shot to death. M. H. Hardy of Calhoun was shot in the mouth, and Leones Gordon of Mosses was wounded in the arm. School and law-enforcement officials said this week that they still don't know what happened. But at least one eyewitness said Negro deputies had fired their guns into a crowd of unarmed people.

R. R. Pierce, principal of the training school, said there were more than 200 people at the dance, including adults from the community and teachers from the school.

Around 11 p.m., Pierce said, "there was a disturbance inside, you know, but I'm not sure of all the facts." Pierce said he didn't see the incident, because



MISS JULIA THOMAS

even state patrolmen (troopers) here an hour before (the incident)," he said. "They always try to help us out at these big events."

Sheriff John (Bitsie) Julian--appointed just last Friday to replace Frank Ryals, who resigned three months ago--said a day of interviewing students at the school produced no new leads on who did the shooting.

However, Julian said, he does recall the names of the people who were shot: "There was a nigra Cephus Thomas shot and killed, and another Gordon nigra wounded. We don't know who shot them."

The sheriff said he didn't know the names of the Negro deputies. In fact, he said, as far as he knows, the county has only two deputies--both white.

But Miss Julia Thomas, daughter of the dead man, said the incident began with a fight between two men. "One is married to a girl the other was dancing with," she explained as she sat on the porch of the house where her father lived.

"The deputies took the ones who were fighting out of the dance," she said. "They started fighting outside, so I got up at the window to look."

Then, said Miss Thomas, Hardy--one of the injured men--came back into the auditorium. "I said, 'Are you shot or cut?'" she recalled. "He said, 'I don't know. I guess I'm shot.'"

"Someone came in and told me my father was shot. When I came out in the breezeway, there was my father on his stomach. There were so many people I couldn't see who was there. They were all running away."

John Lewis, who played in the band at the dance, said he saw the entire incident. "This is what I saw--and I'll just tell it that way," he said.

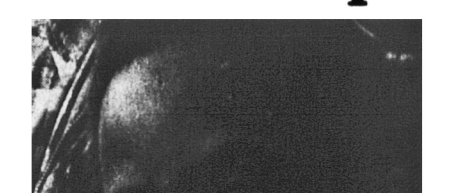
"It was about 11, and we took our half-time break," he said. "I was just saying to Professor Pierce (the principal) as we were going back into the auditorium, 'Professor, I'm going to get this over with now, so we can all go home early.'"

Just then, said Lewis, "I heard a bottle break right outside the door." "I just saw two of the Negro deputies go by the door with a guy in one hand," he continued. "Then I saw one of the Negro deputies, Friday Means--with the boy on his left hand--lift up his right hand with his pistol in it."

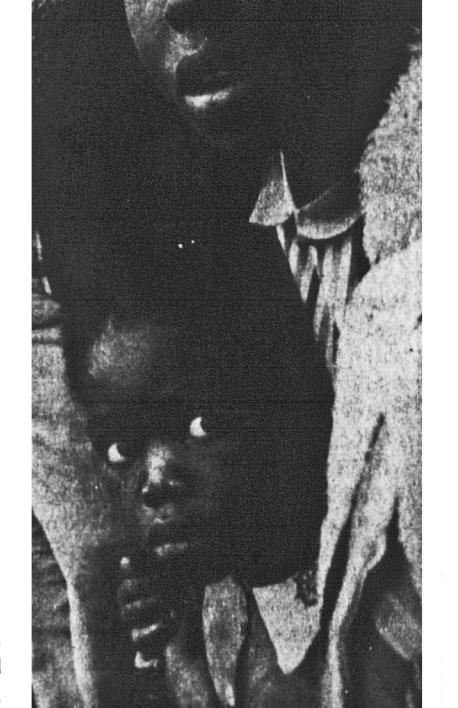
"It was like something out of a movie, like he was in target practice," Lewis said, speaking faster and faster. He illustrated what he meant, with his right arm straight out, at shoulder level. "Then he (Friday Means) turned and shot into the crowd," said Lewis, "bing-bing-bing."

He said another Negro deputy--he isn't sure which one--also fired into the crowd. "There was no one returning the shots, so I couldn't figure out why he was shooting," Lewis said. "It

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What's Up?



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RALPH A. PHELPS JR. GREETING CAP REPRESENTATIVE

Official Tells OEO Troubles

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

MONTGOMERY, Ala. -- "OEO is in trouble," said Ralph A. Phelps Jr., Southeast regional director of the Office of Economic Opportunity. "If we do not shape up in the year ahead, our future is dim indeed."

And, Phelps told some 150 Alabama Community Action Program directors and board members, local CAPs have "generated" the worst problems.

One reason for that, he said, is "vested interests": "Very frankly, there are people who do not want to see the poverty program succeed. . . . There is nothing we can do to appeal to this group, except commit suicide."

He quoted a letter which complained that since the anti-poverty program began, "there is not a boy in our town to shine my shoes any more."

"This may sound radical," said Phelps, "but I hope every man will have to clean his own shoes some day in our society . . . because there will be no one who will have to grovel for a job."

Another problem, said Phelps, is that politicians have learned they can "make mileage by cussing OEO." He said some congressmen from the six states in OEO's Southeast region have told him they support the war on poverty but can't vote for it, because of "the facts of life" in the South.

But, the regional director continued, some of CAP's most serious difficulties are "self-inflicted."

"Some criticisms are more than justified by our own stupidity and our own mismanagement of a lot of these programs," said Phelps. He cited the case of a CAP board chairman who earned his living by selling textbooks--and sold \$15,000 worth of college chemistry books to his own Head Start program.

He told the CAP leaders that "the best public relations job in the world is to run a good show--it's hard to keep good news quiet."

But, he warned, it's just as hard to keep bad news quiet: "We've swept so much stuff under the rug, you can't walk across the floor any more."

Nevertheless, he added, local CAP people should follow the example of used-car salesmen, and refrain from "sounding off to all the world" about their problems.

In the coming year, Phelps said, money will be one of the most pressing problems. "The Southeast regional program must be cut at least \$16,000,000 (from last year's level)," he said. "That averages about 31% across the region."

Phelps said the anti-poverty program is also in trouble "philosophically."

Originally, he said, "the community action agency was to be the rallying point in the local community for forces to attack poverty. It was not to be a federal dole."

"OEO's money was to be the seed money. In far too many places, they cooked the seeds and ate them--and wrote in for a new batch of seed."

Phelps spoke to the CAP leaders at a luncheon meeting last Tuesday at the Midtown Holiday Inn. After he finished, Miss Mary Grice, head of the Alabama CAP directors association, suggested that the regional office sometimes helps create the problems Phelps was talking about.

"Most CAP directors in the state of

Alabama realize we're in a common cause," said Miss Grice. "But (regional staff members) should realize it too, and act like public servants--not public dictators."

Mrs. Beulah C. Johnson, Macon County CAP director, charged that CAP board members have "contributed" to the difficulties.

Phelps agreed that "many boards meet and approve what the director has done during the past month," instead of taking responsibility. He noted that some board members "give their names but don't function," while others have "good intentions but don't know (what to do)."

And, he added, "some directors don't want board members to function as they should, and try to keep them from knowing what their prerogatives are."

No Buses in Mobile

BY EDWARD RUDOLPH

MOBILE, Ala. -- Seven people picketed the city bus line this week, as Mobile's bus strike entered its second week.

Among the picketers were three students, carrying signs that said, "No Ride, No Education."

"We're not able to get our education if we don't have a way to get there," explained Jimmy Johnson, one of the students.

"I feel my constitutional rights have been violated," added John Singleton. "This strike has caused me to fail five classes."

The picketers said maids and domestic workers are also having trouble getting to work. "Right after this," said one, "the bus fare is going up, and poor Negroes that are working for white folks in Spring Hill are going to suffer."

About 130 bus drivers and mechanics went on strike against the Mobile City Lines last week.

Dadeville Man Says Police Beat Him

'Time Negroes Woke Up'

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

DADEVILLE, Ala. -- "Now I don't want to tell no tales," said Edward Wyckoff in a quiet voice. "I was drinkin' and I was high."

Then his voice got a little louder, and he began to look angry. "But I don't think they should beat up people regardless of how drunk they get," he said.

Wyckoff, a 38-year-old Negro foundry worker, charged that two white Dadeville city policemen beat him up after they arrested him on the evening of Nov. 12.

He said the officers then left him--bloody and semi-conscious--all night in a cell at the Tallapoosa County courthouse.

This week, the arresting officers--Joe Mack Moore and Dorman Dennis--refused to discuss Wyckoff's case in detail. "I'll say this much--he was resisting arrest, and he was in jail overnight," said Dennis.

According to the city arrest records, Dennis noted, the case is closed. The records show that "Gaines Wackoff" was charged with "highway intoxication" and "resisting arrest," and was released after paying a \$27 fine.

"If he wants to bring (the beating charges) to trial, that's fine with us," said Dennis.



EDWARD WYCKOFF

But Wyckoff said he doesn't know what to do about the alleged beating. He pointed out that Dadeville has no local civil rights group, and said he doesn't know where to turn for free legal advice.

Why, then, was he making the accusations against the officers?

"I'm the fifth or sixth guy this has happened to," said Wyckoff. "You hear people complain, but they don't do nothing. It's time Negroes woke up. First and last, somebody's gonna get killed if it doesn't stop."

Officer Dennis said, however, that Wyckoff is one of very few people recently charged with resisting arrest. The policeman counted just three other similar charges in the city's last 132 arrests.

"You can see how bad we are," re-

marked Dennis. "We're so bad we've had no complaints from anyone else."

Wyckoff said he was "having a spat" with his wife along the highway near his home at the time of his arrest. He said one of the officers "bent my arm back and like to broke it," then shoved him into the police car.

"When I got into the car, one of them hit me on the head," said Wyckoff, carefully feeling his still-swollen nose and two large purple bruises--one under his left eye, and one on the left side of his head. "It had to be with the thing they carry. No fist could do that."

In addition, he said, one policeman kicked him in the stomach.

Wyckoff admitted that he is a little confused about his own actions. But he said he doesn't remember hitting back.

"When I got to the jail, one of 'em ran up behind me and hooked his arms around," said Wyckoff. "He dragged me up the steps--didn't give me a chance to walk."

When he woke up in jail the next morning, Wyckoff said, "my nose was bleeding and my shirt was all bloody. They don't care how bad they beat you up, they'd let you die in there."

After his father paid the fine, Wyckoff said, he went to see a doctor on his own. He said he was treated for severe bruises on his head and nose, and for "a little fractured place in my skull, above the ear."

Wyckoff said he wasn't able to work all last week, but hoped to go back this week. "I'm still feeling a little dizzy," he commented. "I want to do something to see nothing like this happens again."

Liquor Vote in Tallapoosa: Will It Make a Difference?

BY CHARLES THOMAS
ALEXANDER CITY, Ala. -- Local officials are being asked to conduct a vote on whether Tallapoosa County should become "wet" or remain "dry."

The question would be whether or not to legalize the sale of liquor. But young people are saying that either way the vote comes out, booze will still be sold.

"If the liquor is sold legally, OK," said one Alex City youth. "But if it's not, what's the sweat? The stuff is still available to all who wants it, through the local bootleggers."

"And we're not talking about moonshine straight from the still," added another youth, "but quality, brand-name alcoholic drinks, the kind advertised on TV."

On the other hand, most adults seem to be strongly against the legal sale of alcohol. "Our young people are ruining their lives enough with this rotten

stuff," said one adult. "Legalizing the sale of it would only make it worse, and any worsening of this problem Tallapoosa County cannot stand."

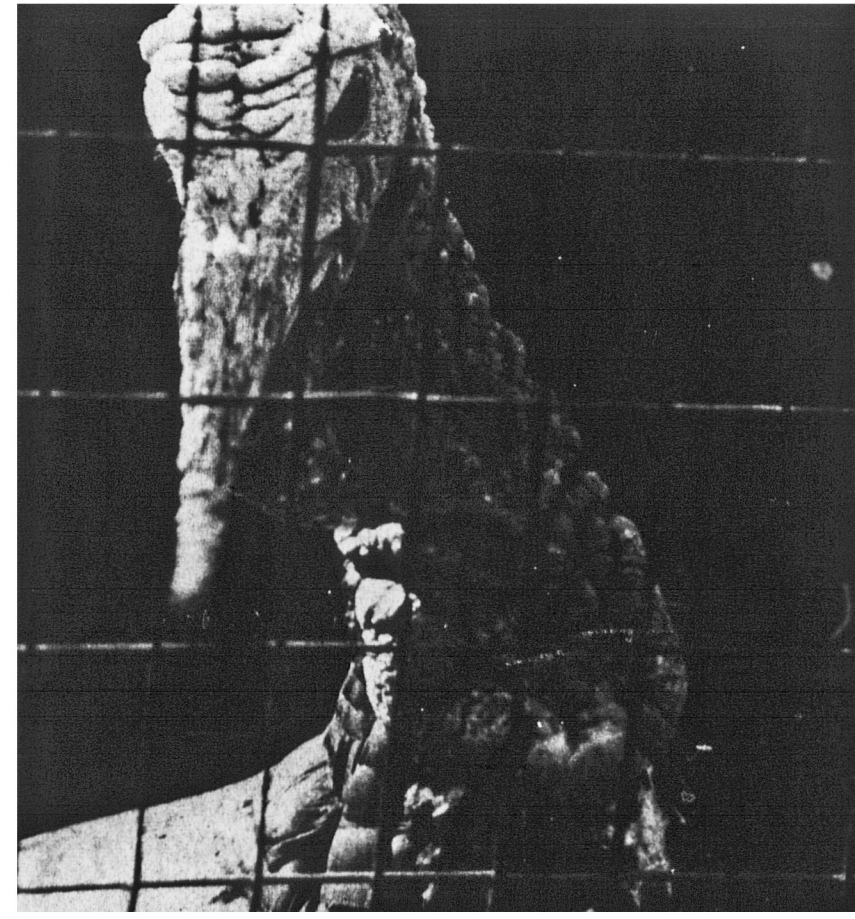
But some people argue that legal liquor will put the bootleggers out of business, mainly because of lower prices.

The county will benefit from this, they say, because many bootleggers still make their own booze, and this stuff is rotten, contaminated, and sickening.

These people also contend that if liquor is sold legally, young people won't be able to buy it unless they are 18 years old.

There are ways to get around this, however. Any teen-ager can tell you that all you have to do is send a friend to get it for you. Besides, many 17-, 16-, and even 15-year-olds could easily pass for 18.

The Last Gobble



JACKSON, Miss.--This old bird, a resident of the Jackson zoo, probably made it through Thanksgiving in one piece. But many other turkeys gobbled their last during the week. Moral: If you're a turkey, Thanksgiving is just like any other day--only worse.

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Editorial Opinion

Merry Christmas for Banks

This is the time of year when your friendly neighborhood bank tries to sign you up for its Christmas Club. Under these club plans, you deposit a certain amount of money each week for 50 weeks, and then get it all back in time to do your 1968 Christmas shopping.

These plans are probably helpful to people who don't have enough will power to save money on their own. But Christmas Clubs don't help anyone nearly as much as they help your friendly neighborhood bank.

When you put, say, \$2 a week into your Christmas Club account, you are giving the bank the equivalent of a \$50 loan for nearly a year--without a penny of interest. The bank gives you back exactly what you have paid--but it gives you nothing for the use of your money.

Hundreds of Christmas Club members can give a bank a nice little pile of free money. But many banks in Alabama and Mississippi do not deserve to be rewarded in this way. Banks in general have been very stubborn about hiring Negro tellers. And they have been even more stubborn about lending money to Negroes.

Before you give in to the Christmas Club propaganda, ask yourself this question: Would my friendly neighborhood bank give ME a \$50 loan--even WITH interest?

In Macon County

Poverty Fight on Again

BY MARY ELLEN GALE
TUSKEGEE, Ala.--The dispute over the Macon County Community Action Program flared up all over again at last week's CAP board meeting.

And once again, board members sharply disagreed over whether they could--or should--fire Mrs. Beulah C. Johnson, the CAP's \$12,000-a-year executive director.

Eventually, the board members agreed to try and settle the matter "once and for all" at a special, closed meeting next Thursday.

The argument began when CAP board chairman B. D. Mayberry read the members a letter from Ralph A. Phelps Jr., Southeast regional director of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). Last August, OEO suspended the

CAP's funds and ordered the board not to take any personnel action until job descriptions and personnel procedures were completely rewritten. OEO also refused to accept the board's vote to replace Mrs. Johnson.

But in last week's letter, Phelps said the CAP board had taken enough "major corrective actions" to continue receiving funds and conducting business as usual.

"This letter officially removes any and all restrictions imposed on your agency relative to personnel actions," Phelps wrote.

As soon as Mayberry finished reading the OEO letter, the Rev. Henry Ellis moved that the board "proceed with personnel business as of Aug. 24"--the day the members voted to remove Mrs. Johnson from her job.

Another board member--former chairman C. G. Gomillion--instantly objected to Ellis' motion. "We cannot take action this evening because this was not a matter on the agenda," Gomillion argued.

"This matter has been on the agenda for (many) months," shot back the Rev. Robert Smith. "The board has a right to determine what it wants to do."

But, Smith continued, he wasn't ready for action yet either: "If we discuss this, it should be with just the board members present," he said. "The public, the press, and the staff members attend these meetings by invitation only."

Mrs. Johnson, however, said that staff members had a right to be present at meetings where their jobs were being discussed. And, she said, the board "had better read the second paragraph" in Phelps' letter before taking any action.

In that paragraph, Phelps observed that "the regional office is not in disagreement with your board that it should have the authority to hire and dismiss members of the (CAP) staff. This office does insist, however, that sound and just personnel procedures be established, approved, and followed to assure that...adequate grounds for removal are present before an individual's employment is terminated."

The Rev. Vernon A. Jones, another



NEWTON COUNTY DELEGATION IN CDGM MEETING

Scuffle, Then Shots

BY BETH WILCOX
CENTRAL MILLS, Ala.--A scuffle at a combination grocery-cafe-gas station here this month ended with a white man getting shot in the face and four people being charged with attempted murder.

According to Ezekiel Soloman, owner of Soloman's Grocery (about 25 miles from Selma, near the Perry-Dallas county line), it all began when the white man, Hugh Willie Hosmer, started cursing inside the cinder-block grocery.

Sitting in his store this week--near a sign reading "No Blasphemy, This Mean You"--Soloman recalled, "I told him to cut out the bad talk, I never had that here, and I wasn't going to start now."

He said Hosmer then accused him of

refusing to sell gas to Hosmer on occasions in the past.

"Hosmer is bigger than I am--he weighs 200 and something," Soloman said. "He called me a liar for saying I did sell him gas."

Then, he said, Hosmer grabbed him by the arms, hit him in the face several times, and "picked up a jar of pickled sausages I had on the counter and busted it over my arm."

As the men were leaving, Soloman said, "I shot into the car, but I didn't hit any of them." He said he called Sheriff Wilson Baker, but the sheriff didn't arrive for an hour--while the men came back in about 30 minutes.

Soloman said Hosmer, his brother Charles, and Hugh Upton asked him to come out of the store, but he refused.

CDGM Gets New Set-Up

BY ESTELLE FINE

JACKSON, Miss.--"I am unilateral, diametrically opposed to those people with over \$3,000 income taking over the poor people. I'm opposed to the little-bitty people getting the run-around. And why do all our representatives have to be preachers?"

The 600 people at the CDGM (Child Development Group of Mississippi) convention loudly applauded these remarks by Mrs. Mary Ann Logan of Columbus (Lowndes County).

At the convention Nov. 11 in the College Park Auditorium, there was much discussion of CDGM's "decentralization" plan. People were concerned about who would be representing them

on the proposed Inter-Area Council. The Rev. Charles Thomas--who moved up from acting to permanent director of CDGM on Oct. 31--answered Mrs. Logan's criticisms and other complaints about one-man rule in CDGM communities.

"We've got to get out of the bag of referring to ourselves as little people," Thomas said. "We've been letting ourselves be fooled for a long time. The time is gone when people are going to tell us what to do with our money."

"The new decentralization program will be controlled by poor people on a local level. If someone is dominating on a local level, kick him out."

Under the new plan, control of personnel, payroll, purchasing, center locations, and programs will move from the central staff to people in the 11 CDGM areas. Major decisions will be made by the Inter-Area Council, composed of one representative from each area.

The central staff and the official recipient of CDGM funds, Mary Holmes College, will train personnel for the Head Start centers, and evaluate the center programs. Local people will be trained to take complete authority over their community Head Start programs.

Less than a month ago, the CDGM board of directors had approved a plan giving the Inter-Area Council only advisory duties, and leaving the decision-making power with Mary Holmes College.

But a strong protest, spearheaded by Joseph Edmonson of Gulfport and Clarence Hall of Issaquena County, led to a special board meeting Oct. 31. At that meeting, the board decided on the present decentralization plan.

It took a long time for CDGM to get its federal funds last year, and people at the convention were asked to prepare for the possibility of another delay this year.

Thomas asked for contributions, to be used for sending people to Washington to lobby for the 1968 funds. "We must be willing to give energy and subsistence to getting CDGM funded in Washington," he said. "If we are going to have anything meaningful in the future, it will call for sacrifice."

And he told the people they must keep the centers open, no matter what. "If we are not re-funded in January," he said, "the question is not will we continue, but when will we start."

Highway Cases In Tenn., Ala.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--The NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF) says it has temporarily blocked construction of an Interstate highway that would bring "destruction and irreparable damage to Negro-owned businesses, colleges, universities, schools, churches, and residential areas."

LDF lawyers--representing the Nashville I-40 Steering Committee, an association of Negro and white Nashville residents--won a temporary order

against the construction of the U. S. Sixth Court of Appeals. They will ask the court to make the order permanent in a hearing Dec. 8.

Jack Greenberg, LDF director-counsel, said the court order "marks the first time that highway construction has been halted via litigation based on racial claims."

The suit against the highway said state and local officials had approved and implemented the plans without holding a public hearing. It also charged that the highway was "arbitrarily" routed through Nashville's Negro district.

Meanwhile in Montgomery, Ala., citizens continued to struggle with the consequences of falling to stop similar highway construction nearly ten years ago.

Members of the Citizens' Welfare Committee and the East Montgomery NAACP met Nov. 15 with Edwin Douglas and Donald Webster of the Atlanta, Ga., office of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The people were protesting the acquisition of Negro homes for the Alabama State College Urban Renewal Project, in the path of Interstate 85.

If the renewal project is carried out, said the Rev. K. L. Buford, state NAACP field director, the federal government will be "aiding and abetting" the Montgomery Housing Authority in maintaining residential segregation.

The people said many high-quality homes are being destroyed to make way for expansion of Alabama State, but nothing is being done about substandard housing in other areas of the city.

According to members of the citizens' group, Douglas replied that five Negroes--all members of Montgomery's bi-racial committee--had approved the urban renewal plan.

But W. Kyser Wilson, chairman of the citizens' group, said only two of those Negroes own property in the area, and their homes are not being torn down.

Wilson also said that only four of the 45 Negroes on the city's bi-racial committee "have the Negro interest at heart."

Lowndes Incident

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was one of the most pathetic situations you've ever seen."

When Lewis turned to go back into the auditorium, he said, "a boy (Gordon) came by with his arm half shot off." After that, he said, "I saw this man Thomas fall on his face. It was odd--usually people will spiral down when they are shot, but he was on his face.

"You could see he was shot in the side of the face--the bullet went in (on the left side) and puffed out his forehead skin."

At a meeting last Sunday night, Charles Smith, president of the Lowndes County Christian Movement, said his group is trying to gather facts about the incident.

"One thing we should not do," he told the audience, "is go on and not say anything... You who have first-hand knowledge of what happened should not hold your peace."

"We will not allow this to die in our hands," said Smith. "We will take this to the highest law in the land if we have to."

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



Oxford, Miss.

The Oxford Super Center (Head Start) has been busy since September, getting the 94 children acquainted with each other and preparing them for school.

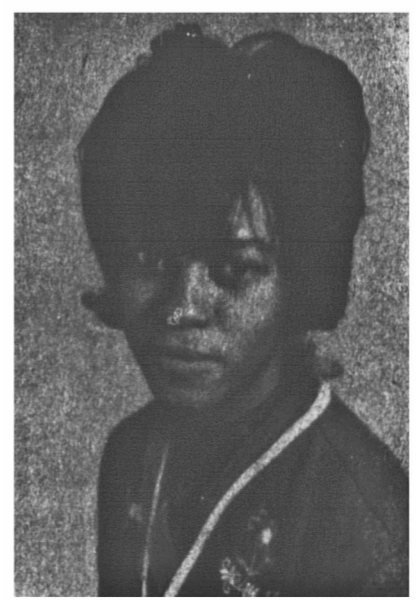
In October, the children went to the Memphis (Tenn.) Metropolitan Airport, where they saw airplanes taking off and landing, engines being re-fueled, and baggage being loaded and unloaded.

The kids also got to board a Delta DC-7, and to see where the passengers and the pilots sit. This month, the county librarian came to talk to the children, and the boys and girls are now visiting the library in small groups.

The center also sponsored a Halloween Party at the Men's Civic Club. "With some of the money made from the party, the center hired a plumber to put hot water in the rest rooms. The rest of the profits will be used to buy Christmas presents for the children. (From Robert Howard)

Okolona, Miss.

Miss Dora Mae Gladney, 18 years old, was found dead Nov. 13 in the home of Mrs. Willie Lee Field. Miss Gladney, the daughter of L. C. Gladney, was a senior at Fannie Carter High School in Okolona. (From George Jenkins)



MISS DORA MAE GLADNEY

Selma, Ala.

Donald A. Jelinek was working in the Southern Rural Research Project office last Friday, when he heard a screech, Jelinek said he ran outside, and saw "a white guy with a dog-pound truck." The man was taking Jelinek's dog, Sapphire, away. When Jelinek asked why, he said, the man told him the dog was "not allowed out," because she was in heat. What's the matter with that? Jelinek asked. "I don't have to tell you," he said the man answered, "It's immoral. What if people see it? It don't look good." Jelinek said Sapphire was released only after he agreed to escort her personally on all trips out of doors.

Abbeville, Ala.

A funeral for Mrs. Lula Ward was held Nov. 15 in the St. Peter Baptist Church. Mrs. Ward passed Nov. 9 in the Clay County Hospital, Ft. Gaines, Ga. (From James J. Vaughan)

Forest, Miss.

The following people were dinner guests a few days ago in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Stowers: Mrs. Stowers' brother, Chockie Odom, his wife, Cora Bell, and their children; the Rev. R. C. Odom, Wesley Lee Odom, and Floyd Odom of Chicago, Illinois; Miss Marian Odom, Mrs. Clyde Washington, Nevis Odom, Lee Floyd Odom, Miss Ellawee Odom, and Miss Franzella Washington of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Henry C. Odom, Mrs. William Stewart, and Miss Francie Odom of Forest; and Mrs. Katie Mae Kincaid of Ludlow. (From Mrs. Mintha Stowers)

Greenville, Miss.

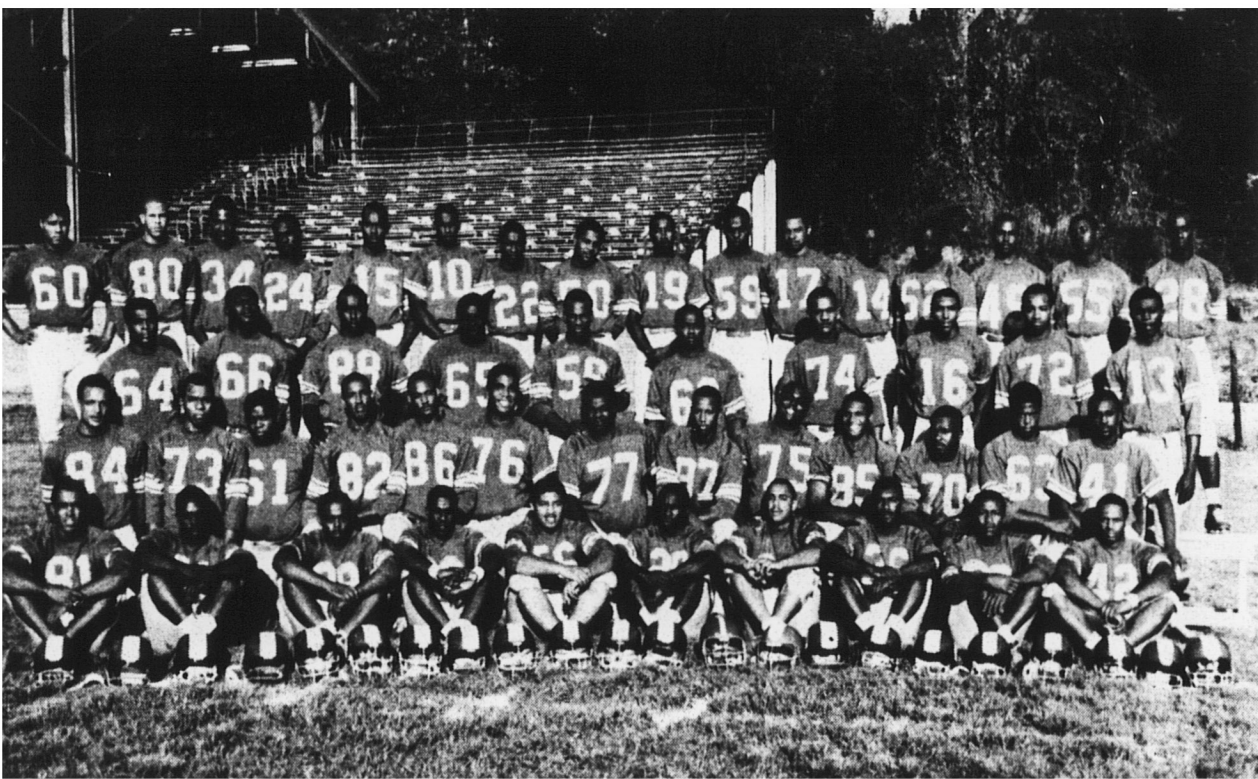
The Butler County Commissioners' Court this week began distributing free surplus food to poor people. Nearly 1,550 families have been certified to take part in the program, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Some of the foods available are dry beans, corn meal, flour, grits, lard, butter, cheese, canned chopped meat, dried milk, rolled oats, peanut butter, raisins, rice, and rolled wheat.

Title, Bowl Bid at Stake

Alabama State College Hornets



Tuskegee Institute Tigers



Bama State, Tigers Meet

BY MICHAEL S. LOTTMAN AND OLAF O. McJUNKINS II
MONTGOMERY, Ala. -- Alabama State and Tuskegee Institute are playing for all the marbles this Thursday in college football's Turkey Day Classic in Cramton Bowl.

Both the Hornets and the Tigers are undefeated--State with a 9-0-0 record, and Tuskegee with 7-0-1. The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's section B championship will go to Thursday's winner.

And there may be a bowl bid for the team that comes out on top. State and Tuskegee are both in contention for the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Mid-East regional championship, to be decided in the Grantland Rice Bowl in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

In its first seven games, Tuskegee held its opponents to an average of 70.4 yards rushing and 82.4 yards passing. Middle guard Melvin Jones and freshman tackles Arthur May and Robert Stewart give the Tigers a strong defensive line, but gigantic (6'5", 290 lbs.) tackle Maurice Fullerton is out with a shoulder separation.

Defensive backs Lonzo Bullie, Cecil Leonard, and Henry Jones have totaled 17 interceptions this season.

Offensively, the Tigers are led by halfback Ralph Jenkins and quarterback James Reynolds. Jenkins, an All-America candidate, has rushed for 890 yards and caught passes for 217 more. Reynolds has completed 51% of his passes for seven TD's.

Alabama State has not been a spectacular team this year--with the exception of its 66-24 slaughter of Knoxville (Tenn.) College. But the Hornets have had enough to win every time out.

Tuskegee Coach Leroy Smith said this week on television that "as (Charles) Mitchell goes, so goes Alabama State." That about sums it up. The senior quarterback from Mobile passes, punts, place-kicks, and plays defense for the Hornets--and he probably sells tickets during the week.

Thursday's game may reveal just how good these undefeated elevens really are. Earlier this year, oft-defeated Alabama A & M gave both teams fits.



ACTION IN LAST YEAR'S GAME (STATE 35, TUSKEGEE 14)

STARTING LINEUPS

Alabama State

OFFENSE		DEFENSE	
E	Charlie Butler (32), Opelika	E	Johnny Sanders (81), Enterprise
T	James Williams (71), Tuskegee	T	Roger Hicks (70), Birmingham
G	Bruce Taylor (69), Montclair, N.J.	MG	Charles Shade (73), Tuscaloosa
C	Melvin Scott (50), Memphis, Tenn.	T	James Chavers (74), Birmingham
G	Eric Dalley (64), Memphis, Tenn.	E	Aubrey Larkin (88), Livingston
T	McDonald Arrington (55), Mont'g'y	LB	Johnny Flen (87), Mobile
E	Ralph Miller (40), Hartford	LB	Larry Shaw (51), High Point, N.C.
QB	Charles Mitchell (15), Mobile	LB	Ralph Patterson (61), Memphis
FL	Jerry Allen (80), Akron	S	Joel Smith (21), Union Springs
HB	Charlie Weeks (22), Montgomery	S	Joseph Smith (26), Union Springs
FB	Sylvester Scott (33), Memphis	S	Lloyd Ivy (10), Union Springs

Tuskegee

OFFENSE		DEFENSE	
E	James Lowe (00), Corinth, Miss.	E	Ben Harris (89), Memphis, Tenn.
T	Fritz Latham (71), Jackson, Miss.	T	Arthur May, Bessemer
G	Herman Lewis (61), Columbus, Ga.	G	James Lee (69), Dothan
C	David Snead (56), Detroit, Mich.	G	Melvin Jones (77), B'kham, Miss.
G	Willie Pennington (65), Lisman	T	Robert Stewart (63), Detroit, Mich.
T	Edgar Williams (75), Tuscaloosa	E	Maurice Crump (86), A'deen, Miss.
E	James Greene (85), Tuscaloosa	LB	Bernard Gunn (85), Sylacauga
QB	James Reynolds (13), Col'bus, Ga.	LB	Thomas Ballard (39), Mobile
FL	George Ivey (44), Columbus, Miss.	S	Henry Jones (41), Mobile
HB	Ralph Jenkins (40), De Funiak, Fla.	S	Cecil Leonard (10), Sylacauga
FB	Arthur Brown (42), Jackson, Miss.	S	Lonzo Bullie (19), Jackson, Miss.

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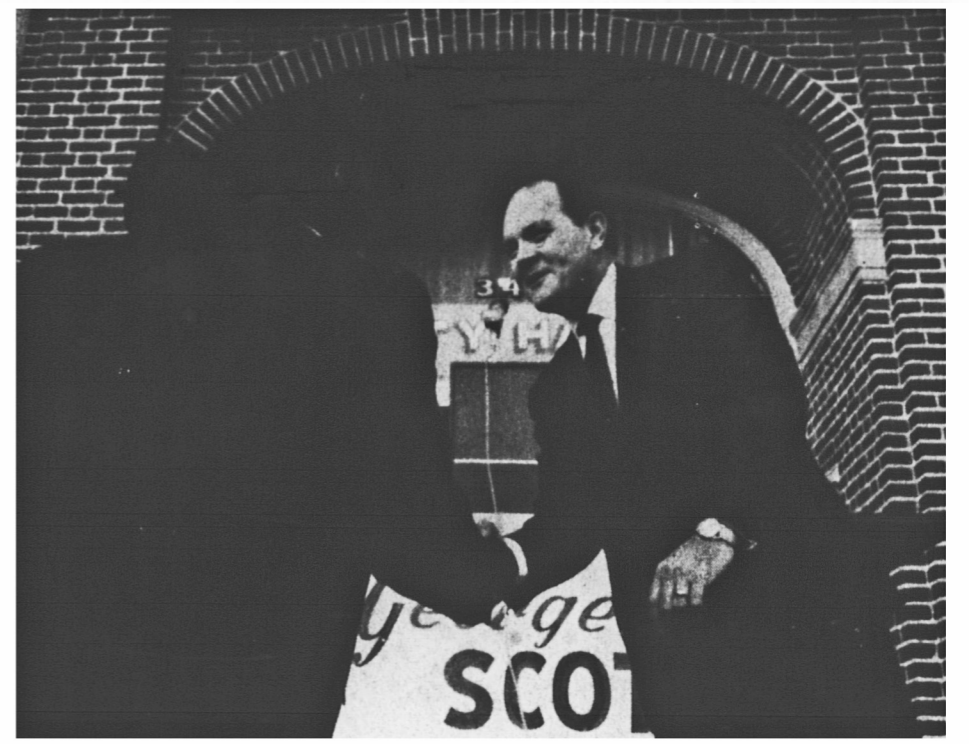
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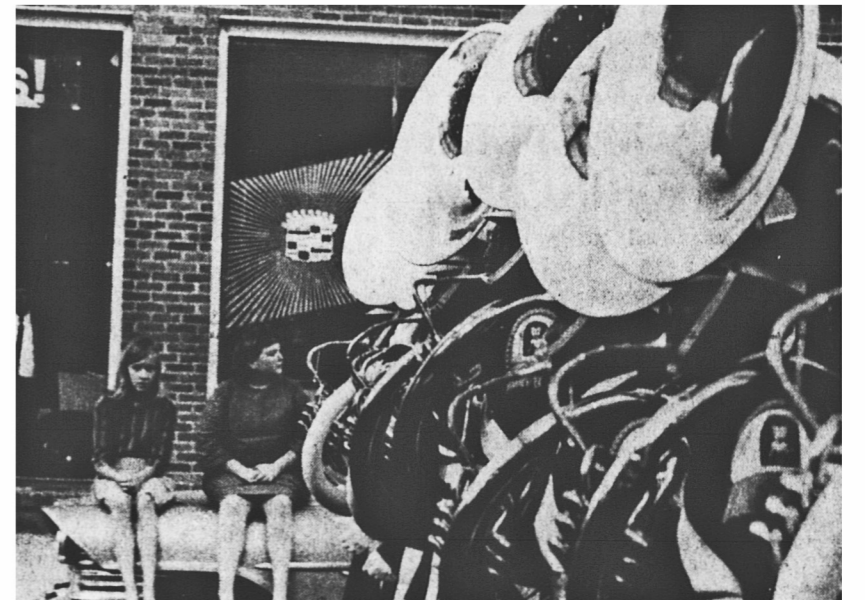


GREENVILLE, Miss.,--Nov. 16 was George Scott Day in Greenville. After a big parade, the Boston Red Sox star was honored by Greenville Mayor Pat Dunne and other dignitaries in a ceremony on the City Hall steps.

Scott, a Negro, was born in Greenville, and he played football, basketball, and baseball at Coleman High School here. As the star first baseman for the pennant-winning Red Sox, he finished the 1967 season with a .302 batting average, 19 home runs, and 82 runs batted in. "George is a fine young man," said Howard Dyer, a white Greenville attorney, at a banquet held in Scott's honor. "He's a great credit to Greenville."

"When I'm watching the Red Sox and the announcer says George Scott of Greenville, Miss., he means all of Greenville. And all of Greenville is here tonight to pay tribute."

In fact, said one person who attended, "It's the first time I've ever heard of an integrated banquet in Greenville."

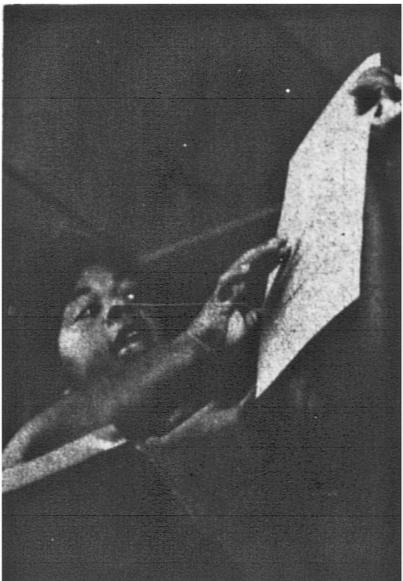


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Welfare Rights Groups Meet in Miss.

'We'll Do What We Have to Do'

BY ESTELLE FINE
EDWARDS, Miss.--In an angry meeting last Saturday at Mt. Beulah, representatives of welfare rights groups from 15 counties decided on ways to get a bigger share of public aid programs. One direct-action technique approved at the meeting was a state-wide school boycott. This could be used to get county schools superintendents to apply for federal free-lunch programs.



The people also approved using "any means" to get free food stamps--even breaking into stores and taking food for starving children. The group decided to meet again at Mt. Beulah on Dec. 9, to draw up a welfare proposal for submission to the state legislature.

If the law-makers don't provide more money for welfare, the people agreed, mothers and children should sit in at the legislature and disrupt the sessions. In the day-long workshop, the people's criticisms were chiefly directed at the food stamp and school lunch programs.

In one session, Charles Hill of the U.S. Department of Agriculture was told that the financial standards for food stamps are unrealistic.

For example, a family of eight with a \$100-a-month income can get \$96 worth of stamps each month for \$46. But many people argued that such a family could never afford \$46 for food.

The people told Hill that before food stamps came into their counties, they depended on another federal program--free surplus commodities--to provide them with enough to eat. But, they said, their county supervisors switched from free food to food stamps without even consulting them.

"Isn't the Department of Agriculture responsible for seeing that the communities have a voice in the kind of program that is adopted?" asked Ted Seaver of the Hinds County Community Development Program.

"Only in theory is the food stamp program superior to commodities," added Alex Waites, who runs the Jackson office of an emergency-relief program recently set up by the NAACP.

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schools give free lunches to athletes, but not to children on welfare. "They tell us to give our children a good education," said Mrs. Pincus Willie of Hinds County. "How can you give a child an education, how can he learn, if he is hungry?"

Mrs. Geraldine Smith, head of the strong Hinds County welfare group, and Mrs. Johnnie Tillmon of California, national chairman of the Welfare Rights Movement, spoke against the welfare bill now pending in the U. S. Congress. "Let them cut us off welfare," said Mrs. Tillmon. "Then we'll go home and

do what we have to do, even if we have to burn up houses and people. They're going to kill you anyway, so don't be afraid to go to jail."

Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights

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