

Judge Dismisses Charge Against State Trooper

BY MARY ELLEN GALE
TUSKEGEE, Ala.--"I don't feel right about this," said Ocie Devance Jr. "It isn't just me--he's mistreated some of my friends."

"He got out of this easy as popping a finger. Now it's just gonna happen again. Next time, could be somebody will get killed."

Devance, a young Negro man, was standing just outside the Macon County

courtroom, talking quietly with a group of friends and relatives.

A few moments earlier, Circuit Judge L. J. Tyner had refused to try a white law enforcement officer charged with beating Devance last March 16.

In freeing the officer--State Trooper James H. Bass--the judge said, "It's the only thing this court can do, because a man cannot be put in jeopardy twice."

But, said one of Devance's friends, "I can't see where (Bass) has been in jeopardy even once."

The case began six weeks ago, when Devance swore out warrants against

Bass and Notasulga Police Chief Bobby Singleton. Devance said the state trooper beat and kicked him while Singleton stood by, holding a gun.

The charges came up in Macon County Superior Court on April 1. But--despite an objection from County Attorney William C. Hare--Judge Richard H. Powell III refused to hear them. Instead, he sent both cases to the grand jury.

Two weeks ago, the grand jury indicted Bass for assault and battery. But it didn't indict Singleton on any charge at all.

And in Circuit Court last Monday, Judge Tyner said Powell had no right to transfer the cases to the grand jury, and the grand jury had no authority to issue an indictment.

"The law is very, very clear," Tyner said. "If the accused goes before a court with final jurisdiction (and doesn't ask for a jury trial), that court has only one thing to do--and that is try that case."

Since it didn't, the judge said, turning to Bass, "you are discharged."

Tyner made his ruling after Bass' lawyer--Harry D. Raymon--asked for a

dismissal. County Attorney Hare and District Attorney Tom F. Young opposed the request. But Young said later, "I believe the court is correct."

Devance said he doesn't know what to think. "All I know is I've got a \$36 medicine bill and a \$76 hospital bill," he remarked. "Now I guess that has to come out of my pocket."

Earlier in the day, another controversial case also came to a quiet end. James Harrison "Harry" Holman--a white man accused of raping a 16-year-old Negro girl last summer--was set free because the prosecution witnesses

failed to come to court.

"I hate to do this in a capital case (one which carries the death penalty)," said District Attorney Young, as he moved to drop the charge. "But I can't do anything else."

Macon County Sheriff Lucius D. Amerson told the court that the girl--the chief witness against Holman--has moved to Georgia, and "the people she was living with said she wasn't coming back."

The state's other witness, Robert Perry, is in the hospital, recovering from a heart attack.

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Ex-Director Running for Congress

OEO Checks On Little River CAP

BY MICHAEL S. LOTTMAN
DAPHNE, Ala.-- The federal Office of Economic Opportunity is investigating charges that Miss Mary Grice, former director of the Little River Community Action Program, discriminated

against Negro employees and violated OEO procedures.

The letter charged that Miss Grice selected her successor without getting board approval of any kind.

The CAP's board of directors held its first meeting in more than a year April 25, members said, and retroactively approved Williams' election. Members said the approval came when board chairman Taylor Wilkins--the Baldwin County sheriff--asked, "Anybody have any objection to the present acting director continuing on?"

OEO inspectors from Washington were told that although Miss Grice qualified as a candidate for Congress Feb. 24, she stayed on the Little River payroll until March 15. They were also told that Miss Grice may have intended to return to her OEO job if she lost next Tuesday's primary.

However, at the insistence of some white board members, the date for selecting a permanent director was moved up to this Thursday.

In his letter to OEO, Brown cited the case of Mrs. Ellen Leonard "to confirm my suspicion that the race issue does enter into this."

"A day or two" before OEO representatives were to arrive from Atlanta, Ga., he said, Mrs. Leonard, a Negro, was appointed director of Head Start. "Since her appointment as director of Head Start," he charged, "all state meetings have been attended by the assistant director, who is white."

Later, Mrs. Leonard was replaced by a white lady. "All of these things are being done at the whim of Miss Mary Grice, without board consultation or approval," Brown claimed in a second letter to OEO.

"In view of the fact that Miss Grice has qualified for public office, it is not improbable that many of these things were done to appeal to the racist element in this community."

Miss Grice could not be reached for comment.

CONGRESS--2nd DISTRICT
MARY GRICE
Platform: Wallace for president, abolish OEO and start over with emphasis on job training, small business. Running on Qualifications, record of bringing in \$2 million. 400 jobs in Baldwin, Monroe, Escambia Counties past 18 months, state president community developers. Fought funding black power groups, defeated two Montgomeries in 1966 primary.



GRICE CAMPAIGN AD Against Negro employees and violated OEO procedures.

Miss Grice resigned as director of the anti-poverty program in Baldwin, Monroe, and Escambia counties to run for the Democratic nomination for the U. S. House of Representatives. One of the main planks in her platform is "abolish OEO."

Last March 1, the Rev. Joseph L. Brown of Daphne's Shrine of the Holy Cross wrote to OEO that he was "more than a little shocked" that Fonde Williams, a white man, had been chosen over William Harvey, a Negro, to succeed Miss Grice.

"Mr. Harvey is by far the more qualified for this position," Brown wrote, "and although it would be difficult to prove, it would seem race was a defini-

'We're Interested In Our Colored People'

BY ESTELLE FINE
MONTGOMERY, Ala.--Frank Fenderson, an employee of the American Can Company in Bellamy (Sumter County), has a bi-weekly salary of \$139.43. But, he said this week, his take-home pay is \$5--after the company deducts the cost of furniture and groceries bought at the company store.

Fenderson testified at a hearing held at Maxwell Air Force Base by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. William Taylor, staff director of the commission, attacked American Can for its "deplorable conditions."

Owen Hansen, representing the company, told the commission, "We have just decided to get out of this business. We will not make deductions any more."

The civil rights commission heard five days of testimony this week, as it gathered information on job opportunities and economic security for Negroes in 16 mid-Alabama counties.

The commission's evidence showed small percentages of Negroes employed in state agencies, such as the public health and welfare departments, and in federal agencies, like the Farmers Home Administration and the extension services. Many agency directors told the commission that qualified Negroes do not apply for jobs.

Negro farmers testified that they can't get FHA loans because their income is too low. They said they have to rely on "furnishing agents," who charge as much as 8% interest.

State FHA Director Robert C. Bamberg said--"off the record"--that the "human kingdom" is just like the "ani-

mal kingdom." "The strong take it away from the weak," he explained, "and the smart take it away from the strong."

Five mothers on welfare told the commission that their food stamps or surplus commodities don't last the whole month, and their aid checks are inadequate. "If you're in civil rights," added Mrs. Elizabeth Hutton of Eutaw,

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Teen-Ager Shot by Police Officer After Arrest in Carthage, Miss.

BY KATY SIEPMANN
JACKSON, Miss.--Robert Earl McCoy, 19, was on the critical list at University Hospital for two days last week, after being shot in the stomach by a Carthage policeman.

McCoy said this week that the incident began when he and two friends drove into the Gas Island filling station in Carthage last Saturday, and asked for \$1 worth of gas. When they drove out, he said, they noticed that the gas gauge still registered empty.

When McCoy and his friend returned to the gas station, he recalled, the attendant called the police. "Then the police came and sprayed tear gas or something inside the car" before asking any questions, McCoy said.

As the policemen were taking the youths to jail, McCoy charged, one of the officers began hitting them. The beating continued at the jail, he said, so



SCLC'S ALBERT TURNER SIGNS UP CAMPAIGNERS

'Where Are the Toilets In a Place Like This?'

BY BOB LABAREE
BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--A long line of large, shiny cars wound slowly over the narrow, hilly streets of N. Birmingham one day last week.

Peering out from the cars were city councilmen, anti-poverty officials, and newsmen, on a tour of three Birmingham poverty pockets.

And from their porches, black people peered back in amazement.

A Negro lady riding in one of the cars chuckled to herself. "They must think it's the Klan coming through," she said.

The caravan made its way into Lincoln Heights, where the visitors saw things that the residents see every day--new brick homes next to run-down rented shanties, houses with gardens but without indoor toilets, and new cars parked on narrow dirt streets.

"This is what they've got to see," said Henry Slaughter, president of the Lincoln Heights Civic League, "these folks' nice homes being degraded by outdoor toilets, and these mud-holes."

Mufflers were heard scraping the ground as the officials' cars took a sharp turn onto a dirt street leading



OFFICIALS LOOK IN ON LINCOLN HEIGHTS RESIDENTS

down a steep hill. At the bottom of the hill, the cars stopped, and as the dust settled, the dignitaries got out.

For the next few minutes, newsmen took pictures as councilmen leaned on rickety fences and straddled open ditches while talking to Lincoln Heights residents. The conversation was mostly about water service, septic tanks, sewage, fire plugs, and drainage. "Now if a fire were to break out in this area, there wouldn't be a way to put it out," said Willard Sanders, a long-time resident of the area. Some of the visitors looked around for a fire plug, but saw none.

"Where would be the toilets in a place like this?" asked Dr. John E. Bryan, a councilman, as he looked at a small house where the occupants share an outside water faucet with neighbors. Sanders pointed to the privy on the hill behind the house. "There," he said.

Bryan shook his head. "If the codes were to be enforced here," he said, "I wonder whether the people could afford the repairs."

Sanders admitted that money would be a problem. He said the price of a septic tank alone is about \$1,500. "But

Don't Buy

BY BOB LABAREE
SELMA, Ala.-- Albert Turner, Alabama state director for SCLC, told Negroes gathered here last Saturday that some people are trying to profit from the death of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"It really burns me up," Turner said. "I see these Negroes who are going out buying pictures of Dr. King from these white folks who don't have nothin' to do with Dr. King."

"That's right," agreed a minister from Selma. "Some of these folks are paying \$29 for a picture, and not a cent of it goes to Sister (Mrs. Coretta Scott) King."

"In our city," added a lady from Mobile, "we got these Uncle Tom Negroes who go out selling these pictures, and if they sell 50, they get one free."

"Well, we don't want to see no more of it," said Turner. "You got to understand that when you buy these pictures, you're helping the same men who used to spit when Dr. King went by."

BY BOB LABAREE
SELMA, Ala.--Just two days before the opening of the Poor People's Campaign, SCLC leaders told more than 100 people at a meeting here that some of the plans are still "flexible."

But SCLC's state director for Alabama, Albert Turner, was also able to tell the people--who came from more than 14 counties--that there are some things they can count on.

The whole Southern caravan to Washington is scheduled to begin this week in Memphis, Tenn., Turner said. From there, he said, it will go to Marks, Miss., and then to points in Alabama by way of Jackson, Miss.

Anyone in Alabama who wants to join the caravan should meet it in one of three places, Turner said--Selma, Montgomery, or Birmingham.

"We're not going to tell you which one to go to," said Turner. "Choose the one which is most convenient for you."

If the caravan stays on schedule, it will arrive in Selma on Monday, in Montgomery on Tuesday, and in Birmingham on Wednesday, Turner said. People will travel most of the way in buses, cars, "and anything else we can find," he said. "But when we get to a city where we're going to stop, we're getting off about five miles out and walking in."

SCLC has already announced that the entire Southern caravan will arrive in Washington around May 18.

When asked how long people should expect to stay, Turner answered, "We don't aim to come back until something happens. If you can't be prepared to stay at least two weeks, y'all shouldn't go."

"A lot of folks have told me, 'If y'all go to Washington, you gonna have violence,'" Turner said. "If I was going to wait for folks to stop being violent to get my freedom, I wouldn't never get my freedom."

Bob Jones, an SCLC volunteer working in Washington, told the people some of the things that will be in store for them if they join the caravan.

Mobile medical units--provided by the Medical Committee for Human Rights--will accompany the Southern, Northeastern, and Midwestern caravans on their way to Washington, he said.

Marshals will be appointed to guide the caravans as they march through cities on their routes, Jones said. Food, lodging and entertainment will be provided by members of the churches in each town where the caravans stop.

The actual place where the people will camp is still indefinite, Jones said. The government has officially turned down SCLC's request to use the mall in front of the Washington Monument, he said, and the other possible sites haven't been made public.

The first stage of the campaign took place in Washington this week, as the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy and more than 100 others presented demands to Cabinet officials and congressional leaders.

Marks Demonstrators Clubbed

BY PRESLEY FRANKLIN
MARKS, Miss.--Police used billy-clubs to break up a demonstration here last Wednesday. The demonstration began after Willie Bolden of SCLC was arrested.

Bolden had asked to use the grounds of all-Negro Quitman County High School as a place for Poor People's campaigners to camp when they get here late this week.

When his request was refused, Bolden went into a school assembly and led the children out, along with several teachers. Police arrested Bolden, and his followers then sat

down in front of the jail-house. "The highway troopers said they'd give 'em two minutes to get off the jail-house grounds," said an eye-witness, Miss Maella Franklin. "They didn't get off in two minutes. Then the police told 'em to move, but they didn't move."

The police started "crackin' their guns"--firing them without loading them--Miss Franklin said. But, she said, the demonstrators told each other, "Don't get up--it's just a fake." At that, she said, the police waded in, swinging clubs and guns.

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Editorial Opinion

Why Pick on Macon?

Ever since the state examiners paid a much-publicized visit to Macon County, people have been saying that there's something peculiar about the way the school board spends its money. But the visit itself is at least as strange as the financial irregularities the examiners claim to have exposed.

Why, for instance, did the state happen to pick Macon County for such a detailed investigation? Is it just an accident that Macon is one of two counties in Alabama with a bi-racial school board--and one of very few counties where public-school integration is proceeding at something like a legal pace?

The examiners' report did appear to show that the board has been remarkably casual in handling public funds. But Superintendent Joe C. Wilson is probably right when he says other school boards behave in much the same way.

The board's borrowing of \$299,000 from federal funds designed to help low-income children is a main target of the criticism. But in at least three other counties--Henry, Dale, and Barbour--far more serious charges have been brought against local school officials. Civil rights leaders say the all-white school boards have diverted federal funds from Negro to white schools--in violation of laws against racial discrimination. If the state is so eager to protect its federal gifts, why hasn't someone bothered to look into these accusations?

A Judicial Disgrace

Once again, the Circuit Court of Macon County has disgraced the name of justice. By his refusal to try a white law enforcement officer charged with beating a Negro, Judge L. J. Tyner has demonstrated to black people everywhere that his court doesn't care about their rights.

The judge explained it all as a case of "double jeopardy." In a piece of exceptional legal reasoning, the judge ruled that since the Macon County Inferior Court wouldn't try the officer--State Trooper James H. Bass--the Circuit Court couldn't try him either. Bass has already killed one Negro man--Clayton Pitts of Lee County--in the line of duty. The official explanation for that was self-defense, and nobody can prove otherwise. But Ocie Devance Jr.--the Negro man who attempted to prosecute Bass--says the officer beats up black people regularly, as a kind of Saturday-night diversion.

We'd like to ask the Macon County Circuit Court what the next black victim of a white officer's brutality is supposed to do. Since taking the case to court is obviously a waste of time--and since non-violence in America seems to provoke murder--it looks like there's only one alternative left.

Montgomery CAC Attacked, Defended

'They Really Worked Me Over'

BY MICHAEL S. LOTTMAN
MONTGOMERY, Ala.--"They really worked me over," said Mrs. Lillie Jones, describing her experiences as a Head Start teacher for the Montgomery Community Action Committee (CAC).

Mrs. Jones said she was fired late last year, after she objected to the appointment of a white lady as head teacher at the Citizens center. Her charge was part of a detailed civil rights complaint filed against the CAC by the Rev. K. L. Buford, state NAACP field director.

This week, Mrs. Jones recalled that the trouble started when the white teacher, Mrs. Ruth Lovan, and the Head Start education director, Mrs. Deborah Hill, wanted to transfer four children from Citizens to another center.

"I didn't agree," said Mrs. Jones. "Mrs. Hill then sent Mr. (Lennard) Bush to 'evaluate' me." Mrs. Jones said Bush stayed "right behind me" for four straight days, before she objected--and was called to Mrs. Hill's office.



SHELDON HILL



MRS. HILL

"I told her (Mrs. Hill) Mr. Bush was not evaluating me, he was harassing me," said Mrs. Jones. Then, she said, Mrs. Hill recommended Mrs. Lovan as head teacher.

Mrs. Jones said she shook her head to indicate "No," and Mrs. Hill shouted, "Listen at me, nigger or woman or whoever you are." After that, said Mrs. Jones, "I didn't say anything else." She said she was suspended, and later fired.

But Charles R. Sheldon, the CAC director, denied Mrs. Jones' charges. When she was dismissed, he said, "she

had a hearing represented by counsel. After the whole thing was aired, the dismissal stood."

As for the alleged statement by Mrs. Hill, Sheldon said, Mrs. Jones never mentioned it until the hearing. Mrs. Jones produced another lady who said she heard the insulting remarks, he said, but Mrs. Hill denied making them, and a Negro who was there signed a statement that the charge wasn't true.

Sheldon said Mrs. Jones had been "treading on thin ice for a long time" before her dismissal. She had been warned about keeping the center in good repair, he said: "One time, Mr. Tolbert (Head Start director John Tolbert) and I gave her money out of our own pockets to keep it up."

The NAACP complaint also charged that the CAC's director and assistant director were white--until a third position was created for a Negro. Also, said the complaint, all the CAC bookkeepers are white.

Sheldon said the CAC--with 500 employees and about \$2,000,000 worth of

programs--needs two assistant directors. "We couldn't do without either one," he said.

The director said the CAC once had a Negro bookkeeper, but "she just wasn't a bookkeeper. . . . She admitted this herself."

As a result of the NAACP's complaint, Buford said this week, the CAC is being investigated by the Atlanta, Ga., branch of the Federal Office of Economic Opportunity.

"Some of the complaints are perhaps justified," said a spokesman in the Atlanta office. "Others are the result of misunderstandings in the community." Aside from the charges in the complaint, many people in the community have objected that the Rev. Percy Smith Jr. was working as director of a neighborhood service center, without giving up his job as pastor of the Mt. Zion AME Zion Church.

Sheldon said this week that Smith has been dismissed. The CAC has "a policy against dual employment," Sheldon said.



WILBON THOMAS

What It's Like

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

LEE, Ala.--Wilbon Thomas--a candidate for Bullock County commissioner in Tuesday's Democratic primary--held an audience of more than 100 people spellbound last Monday night.

He was telling the group what it's like for a Negro to campaign among white people in a county where no black man has held office for 100 years.

At one point, said Thomas, he went to a big house and spoke with a white lady: "She was so nice--you know how it is--you wonder if it's real."

But as he was leaving, Thomas continued, the lady's husband called him back and roared: "I don't know why you running for a commissioner, you being a nigger."

Then, the candidate went on, the man asked, "Do you think you'll ever be equal to me?"

"I was walkin' cautiously," Thomas said. "I told him, 'You're too far ahead of me. You'll move up as I move up.'" At that, said Thomas, the man shouted, "I don't ever intend to vote for a nigger. Do you hear me?"

"I said yes," Thomas recalled. "Then I looked him right in the eye and told him, 'I enjoyed talking with you. You were honest, and I appreciate the spirit.'"

Thomas said the man thought that over for a moment and then said, "I ain't gonna vote for no nigger--and I ain't gonna vote against you. I'm just gonna stay at home."

On another occasion, the candidate recalled, a white man advised him to forget about the election, unless he was planning to buy votes. "A nigger don't have no sense--he'll do anything for a drink of whiskey and \$1," Thomas said the man told him.

"So I wants to tell you tonight to let this particular man know that nigger he was talkin' about have changed and got to be a Negro," Thomas said. "Vote for me--and prove you is a full-grown

man."

After Thomas spoke to the people gathered at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in the Lee community, a local citizen--Fred Rogers--said a few words.

John C. Trussell Jr.--Thomas' white opponent--"has boasted about how good the roads are," Rogers said. "But there are a lot of other things should be in his care."

If Thomas is elected, said Rogers, he can help people get jobs or welfare checks, and solve many other problems. At the meeting Monday night, several people said they don't think Trussell "has done anything for the Negro."

But later this week, Trussell said he is seeking Bullock County's 3,600 Negro votes as well as its 2,600 white votes.

"I've paved the roads, and they're in real good shape," he said. "I think I'm better qualified than (Thomas) is--I've been in the road business for 30 years, and in office for 12 years." Thomas isn't the only Negro candidate for a Bullock County office. The Rev. A. B. Clark, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Union Springs, is running for the Board of Education.

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Tuskegee 'Court' Hears Senior Class President

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

TUSKEGEE, Ala.--William Clark--president of the Tuskegee Institute senior class and one of 54 students expelled for participating in protest demonstrations--spoke out in his own defense last Wednesday.

"All over the country, students are having protest movements," Clark said. "The Negro is having a protest movement."

And, said Clark, the needs of black students--and the black community--are so urgent that militant tactics are justified as long as "no one is getting hurt."

Clark spoke on the second day of hearings for the first five of the expelled students. A federal court has ordered the Institute to re-instate all of them until the hearings are completed and individual rulings are made.

But even as the hearings began, students were angrily charging that the Institute has set up a "kangaroo court."

Many protesters showed up wearing padlocked bicycle chains around their necks. The administration "has got us locked up," explained one young man. "Our academic freedom and constitutional rights are in chains--and they get after us for locking up the trustees."

Some students said the hearing committee--eight faculty members and two students--has already decided to rule against the protesters.

They pointed out that several com-

mittee members have missed part of the sessions, and that the chairman--Dr. Bernard Watson, a Tuskegee Institute veterinarian--has consistently settled legal arguments in favor of the prosecuting college officials.

Watson said, however, that the absent members have classes to conduct or attend, and will hear what they missed on tape recordings. He also said he is trying to be fair in his rulings.

Institute attorneys Fred D. Gray and Solomon S. Seay questioned witnesses in an attempt to prove that the five accused students--Clark, Miss Jacqueline E. De Veaux, Eugene Adams, Thomas Lowe Jr., and A. Douglas Jones--participated in "disruptive" activities.

The students' attorney--George W. Dean Jr. of the American Civil Liberties Union--tried to show that the witnesses were confused about dates, times, places--and people.

At one point, Charles Chener, a dormitory counselor, testified that Clark cursed a white trustee of the Carver Research Foundation and called the man a communist.

But, Clark said later, it was the trustee who cursed the student protesters, and described them as "young communists."

"I became furious," Clark recalled. "I told him we are not communists--every time a black man does something in this country, we are called communists."

In Bullock, Barbour Primaries

Campaigns Enter Final Days

X for Mother

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

EUFULA, Ala.--Miss Delois Smith bent her head over Barbour County's Democratic primary election ballot, and looked through the 99 names to find that of her mother--Mrs. Mary C. Smith.

Then the little girl placed a big blue X in the right box, and gave the ballot to one of the 75 voters who met at the Eufaula Baptist Academy last Tuesday.

The people turned out to support three Negro candidates for the county Democratic Executive Committee--Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lessie Mae McNabb, and Arthur Lee Comer.

"I am going to ask you to vote for me not because I am a Negro, but because you feel in your heart that I am capable to do the job," said Mrs. Smith.

"You live in Barbour County--you know things are tight. One reason for that is the colored people in Barbour County are on the outside peeping in. We don't hold any public offices."

And one reason Negroes have not been elected, Mrs. Smith went on, is that white voters outnumber black voters by about 2,000.

"I'm counting on you to use your influence with your white people," she said. "Hand my card to your boss--lady and say, 'I know her.'"

Mrs. Smith admitted that one Negro office-holder can't change the county all by herself. But, she pointed out, "I can at least be a watchdog. . . and speak for our people."

The audience clapped loudly for Mrs. Smith when she talked about her past civil rights work. And it applauded Mrs. McNabb when she said she is the grandmother of 17 children, and has been a midwife for 14 years.

"I do a good job, so they say--anyway, I do my best," said Mrs. McNabb, "and I'll do my best if you elect me. If I win, you win. If I lose, we just have to try again."



MRS. LESSIE MAE McNABB

Fire at Dump Kills Veteran

BY JOHN SINGLETON

MOBILE, Ala.--Trucks from three Mobile fire stations answered a call last Sunday in the swampy area near the now-defunct city dump.

Although the area is less than a mile from the downtown shopping districts, it has no fire hydrants. So the fire companies were too late to be of any use, except to keep the fire in one dwelling from spreading.

Hungry, wolf-like dogs gathered at the scene of the fire. As firemen and ambulance attendants removed a body, burned beyond recognition, they had to chase the dogs away.

The victim was identified the next day as Johnny Johnson of Monroeville, a war veteran who had made his home in the dump.

Recently, Jerry H. Pogue, a community organizer, had helped get veteran's benefits started for Johnson.

RUBBER TALKING BUSINESS

NECK SUE FOLKS AND HERS TOO

Shorter, Ala.

John H. Ellis, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Ellis, is home for a month's rest from Viet Nam. Ellis finished school at the Deborah Cannon Wolfe High School in Shorter in 1963. The following August, he volunteered for the U. S. Navy. During the 4 1/2 years that Ellis was in the Navy, he spent one year in Viet Nam. His ship was the first to be demolished by the Viet Cong. After fighting in this battle, he received a Purple Heart medal. His mission was to give food, clothing, and ammunition to the men in the field.

Prattville, Ala.

Mrs. Sallie Hadnott attended the Alabama convention of the National Congress of Parent-Teacher Associations April 18-20 in Mobile. She was a delegate from N. Highland High School and



MRS. SALLIE HADNOTT the Fifth District. Mrs. Hadnott said the delegates--from 82 schools in 26 counties--heard a speech by Congressman Jack Edwards. The convention was "very good," she reported.

Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Patricia Mayweather, president of the Memphis Youth Council of the NAACP, is one of ten finalists competing for the title of Miss Memphis of 1968. According to Miss Carolyn Quiloin, youth field director, this is the first time that Negro contestants have made it to the finals. Miss Doris F. Price is another Negro finalist. Miss Mayweather and Miss Price were selected from a field of 200 entrants.

Atlanta, Ga.

During their meeting last month, members of Morehouse College's board of trustees individually contributed

Tougaloo, Miss.

Flute Publications (Box 109, Tougaloo, Miss. 39174) has published a collection of the works of black poet Charlie Cobb. The poetry tells of the civil rights movement from the early 1960's to 1967. Cobb, a 24-year-old native of Springfield, Massachusetts, is now working for SNCC in Washington.

Crawfordville, Ga.

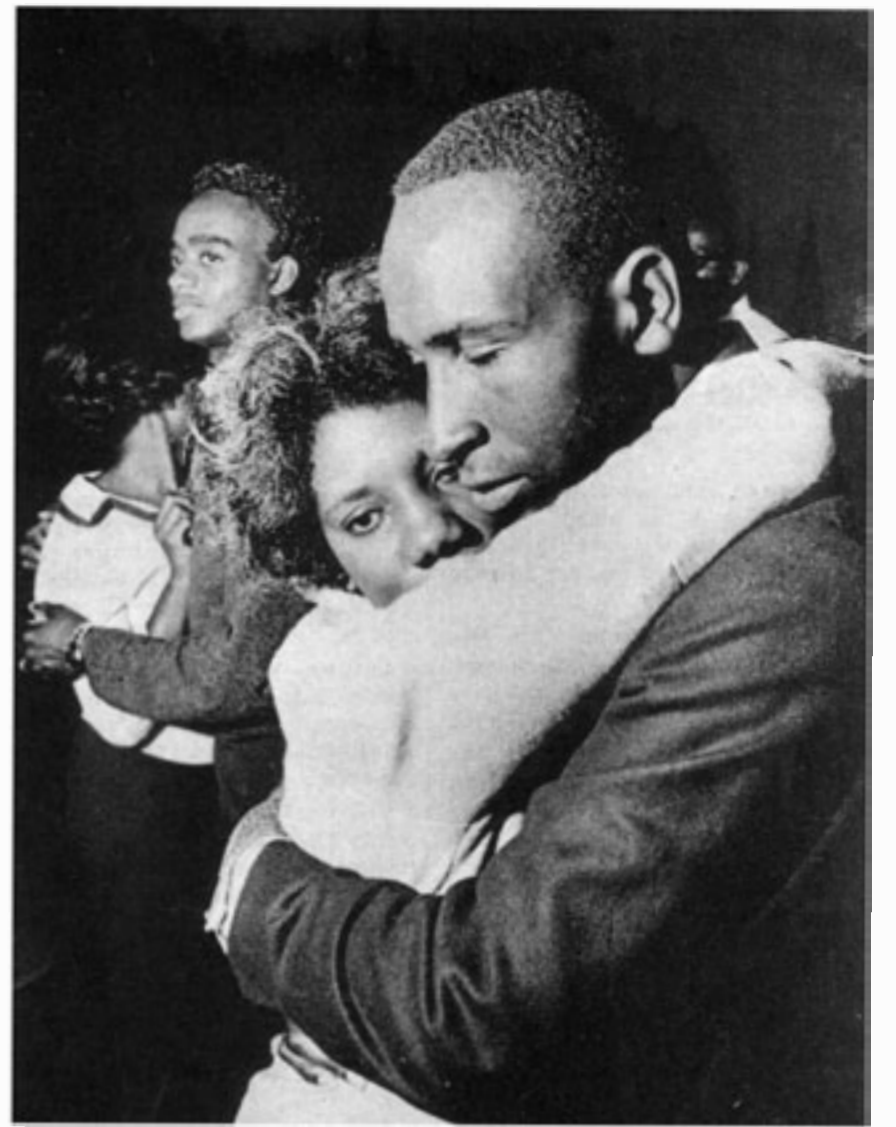
The Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, president of SCLC, delivered the principal address last Saturday at the Tallapoosa County Annual Emancipation Proclamation Celebration in Crawfordville. The observance was sponsored by Crawfordville Enterprises, a non-profit corporation celebrating its own first anniversary. Crawfordville Enterprises has established successful community-owned factories that now claim the largest payroll in the county. Miss Dorothy Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women, cut a ribbon Saturday for the official opening of a new sewing plant.

New York City

NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins last month headed the United States delegation to the United Nations International Conference on Human Rights in Tehran, Iran. On his return April 25, Wilkins noted that the more than 2,000 delegates from 79 nations and 47 non-government organizations had stood in a moment of silent tribute to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. "The image of Dr. King loomed large in the minds of the delegates, who were attracted to him by his philosophy and practice of non-violence and the conduct of his crusade for equality on a moral basis," Wilkins said. "They regard his death as a major tragedy."

Birmingham, Ala.

People at the weekly meeting of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights had a good time last Monday night. Part of the reason was the speaker--the Rev. Robert Smith Jr., the 17-year-old assistant pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church in Pratt City. Smith said he entered the ministry at the age of 13, and is now sharing a pastorate with his father, while attending Western High School.



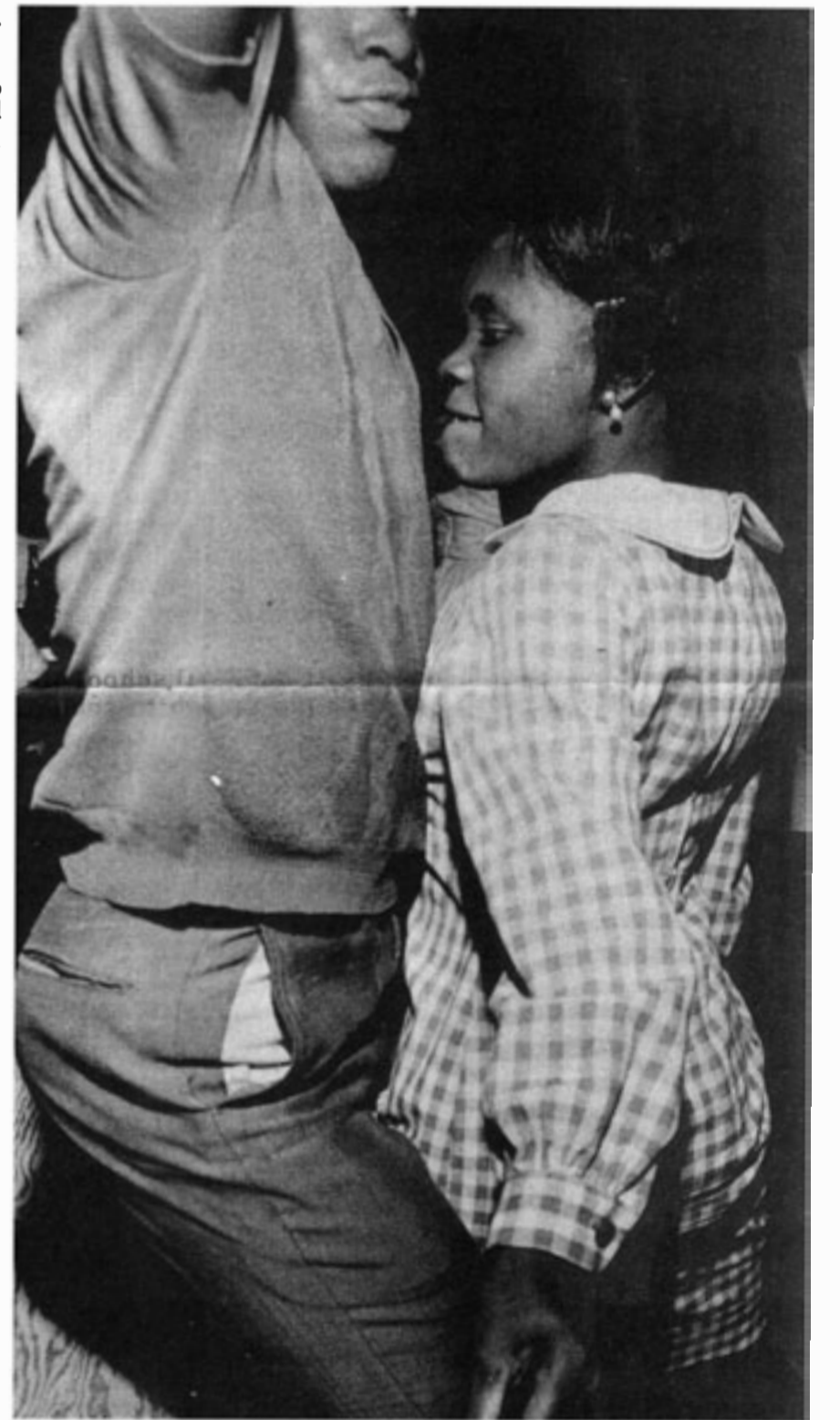
The Night People

MONTGOMERY, Ala. -- For the people of Montgomery County and the surrounding area, there are many places to go for relaxation or for a fun-filled evening.

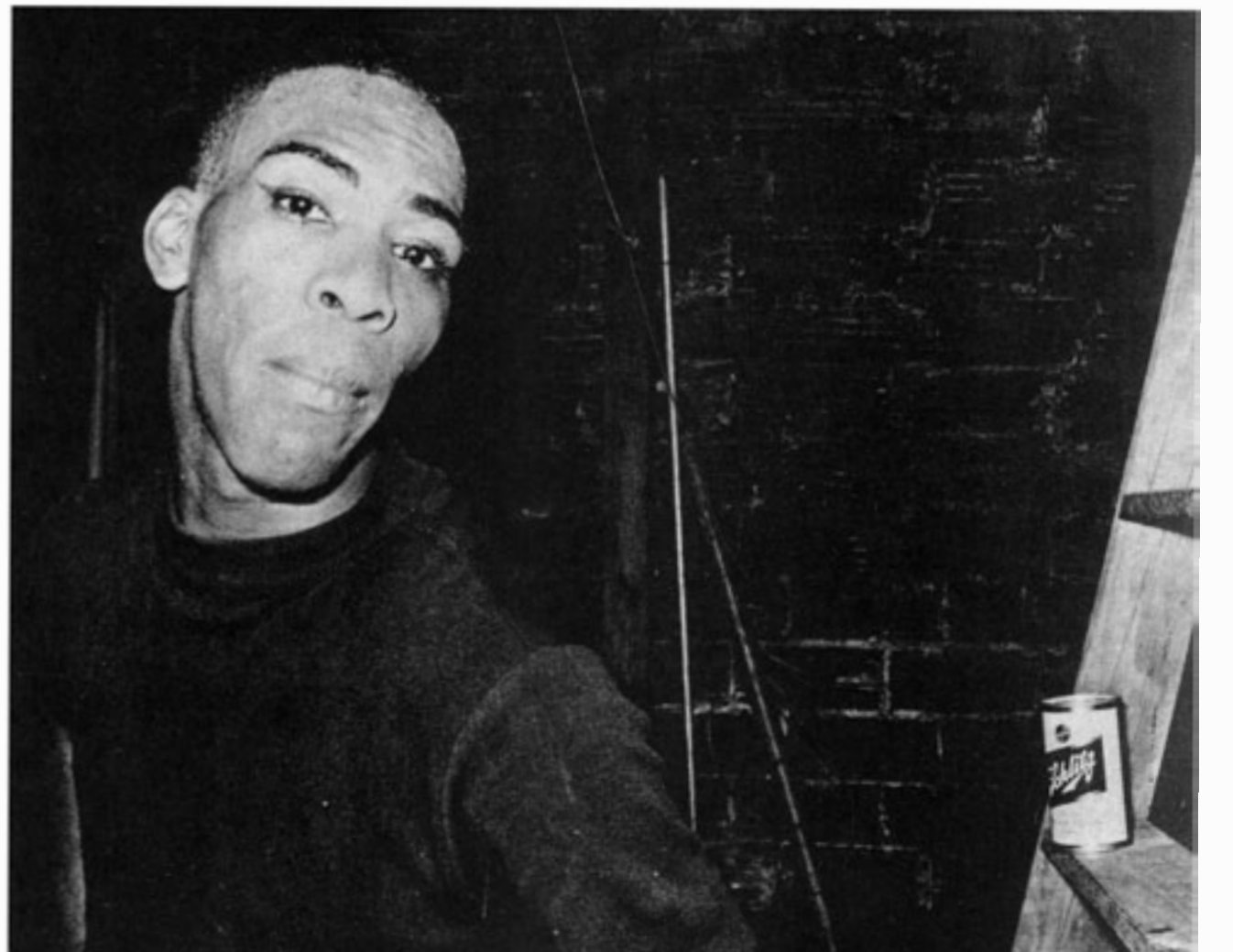
But for members of a social psychology class at Alabama State College, these places meant a research project. Miss Cleotis Woods, Miss Dorothy Frazier, and Miss Elizabeth Norton did the project, and they called it "The Socialization Process in Night Clubs in the Montgomery County Area."

The students found lots of reasons why people attend Montgomery's night spots. Among the reasons were to socialize with others, to enjoy the sounds of the bands, to get away from "the four walls of home," or to meet new and exciting people.

Whatever the reasons, the students concluded, managers of local night spots can rest assured that they will have continuous visitations from the people of Montgomery County.



Photos by Jim Pepler



'Time for the Little Man to Get Something More'

BY MARY ELLEN GALE
TUSKEGEE, Ala. -- "It's time for the little man in the county to get ahold of something other than crumbs," said Wilber D. "Bill" Johnston, a candidate for the Macon County Board of Revenue.

"I want to try to help the county--and the peoples in the county," added Precely "Doman" Campbell, who is also seeking a seat on the revenue board.

Campbell and Johnston--both Negroes and political newcomers--are campaigning to unseat men who have served as revenue commissioners for the last four years.

Johnston's opponent is the Rev. V. A. Edwards, a Negro minister who desegregated the board by defeating a white candidate in 1964. Campbell's opponent is W. R. Godfrey Jr., a white cattle-farmer who defied segregationists to participate in bi-racial government.

Neither Edwards nor Godfrey sees race as an issue in this year's Democratic primary. Both men are campaigning on their records.

"From the beginning of my term, service to all citizens has been my theme," Edwards tells the voters. If re-elected, he says, "I will do even better because of my experience."

"My decisions have been based on the merits of the issues," says Godfrey.

"My aim is to get the most value out of every dollar spent--and to give equal service to all."

But in their separate campaigns, Johnston and Campbell have charged that the revenue board's record is not nearly good enough. And, they say, black people are still not getting their fair share of county jobs, money, and services.

"In the past, we have heard there is a fair employment practice," Johnston told a voters meeting last week. "This is definitely not true. We have seven whites--all foremen--while the pick-and-shovel jobs are left to the Negroes. "I feel what is good for the white is good for the Negro."

Johnston--who has been endorsed by Macon County Sheriff Lucius D. Amerson--recalled that the black sheriff was not allowed to take over the beer license inspector's position.

"He was told he couldn't have two county jobs," Johnston said. "Then we (the revenue board) went over to Bullock County and hired ourselves a Caucasian. He's now holding two county jobs--clerk and beer inspector."

Johnston also charged that Edwards has built "a brand-new road up in Notasulga to a white man's house"--while ignoring the needs of Negro citizens in the district.

And, Johnston said, public work has sometimes been neglected to help influential landowners. "We need to keep county equipment on the highways where it belongs," he said, "rather than out in the bushes, digging private lakes."



REV. V. A. EDWARDS

Johnston's platform also stresses the need for industry--"not in Tuskegee, but in Fort Davis, Warrior Stand, Tysonville, Society Hill, and other rural areas."

If elected, Johnston says, he will seek to attract factories to be "staffed by the masses as nearly as possible. We won't take a Tuskegee Institute professor out there and give him another job."

Johnston said the county also needs to improve mental health facilities, seek federal funds to provide dental care for poor people, and establish a juvenile court system.

As head of Tuskegee Institute's labor mobility project, Johnston has been trying to find jobs in other counties and



WILBER D. "BILL" JOHNSTON

states for unemployed men. Because of his work, he said, he knows what the people's needs are.

Edwards declined to reply to any of Johnston's charges. But in his campaign speeches, the present commissioner has suggested that Johnston is wrong about some things.

"We have built roads and bridges for schools, churches, and recreational areas," Edwards said last week. "We have built inlets to farmers' fields."

In challenging Godfrey for the other place open on the revenue board, Campbell has also criticized county employment practices.

"They're not paying those men on the



W. R. GODFREY JR.

trucks a common laborer's salary," said Campbell. "They pay \$200 a month. . . . I don't know how those fellows can live. I can't feed my family (of 11 people) on \$50 a week."

Campbell, who is semi-retired from running a pulpwood business, tells the voters that he can find the money to raise salaries because "I've scuffled a payroll myself."

"The main roads is okay," Campbell added, "but the roads to houses is not sufficient." Many rural people "have to wear two pair of shoes," he said--"one to get to the road, and one on the road."

Campbell, a native of Macon County,



PRECELY "DOMAN" CAMPBELL

said he has had plenty of experience in work similar to building roads. "I know what to do," he said. "I can read the blueprint, and don't have to ask no questions."

Like Edwards, Godfrey didn't want to reply to his opponent. But he said a Negro operates his biggest piece of equipment--a bulldozer--and that he has supported programs and services for poor people of both races.

In paving roads in his district, Godfrey said, he has concentrated on "schoolbus and mail routes--which were neglected in the past." And, he said, he has tried to provide access from homes to main roads: "My record stands for itself."

How Much Should the Public Know?

Three Candidates Seek Spot On School Board in Macon

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY MARY ELLEN GALE

TUSKEGEE, Ala.--"Our children is not getting a good education," Prosanto K. Biswas, an associate professor at Tuskegee Institute, told 50 parents and voters at Shiloh Baptist Church in Notasulga last week.

And to make sure that things are different in the future, said Biswas, "you want somebody who can fight for you."

"Our board of education is really in a mess," agreed Mrs. Annie M. Boswell, president of the Washington Public School PTA. "We need good relationships between the teachers, the parents, and the board--which we do not have now."

Biswas and Mrs. Boswell are two of three active candidates for the Macon County Board of Education. In different ways, they have been campaigning against the record of present board chairman John M. Davis, who is running for re-election.

According to Biswas, the board has badly mismanaged its money. On the basis of a controversial report issued by the Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts, Biswas says the bi-racial board--and its white superintendent, Joe C. Wilson--have failed in their public trust.

Besides spending money for questionable purposes (such as Wilson's \$12,000 annual salary), Biswas says, the board has perpetuated a "corruptive system" which discourages black children from going on to college--and to the high-paying jobs open only to people with advanced degrees.

Ever since the examiners put out their report, school officials have bitterly charged that it was instigated by the "private-school people"--segregationist supporters of all-white Macon

Academy, founded five years ago in an effort to combat public-school desegregation.

Superintendent Wilson says the examiners spent more than two months plowing through county records "to get something on us." He indignantly denies the examiners' charge that he turned a \$250,000 surplus into a \$117,000 deficit in just four years.

Although Macon County teacher salaries have been cut 10% to make ends meet, Wilson says, the teachers will get "every penny that's coming to them" when the state pays up its share of education funds at the end of the fiscal year in September. Over-all, he added, "we'll come out a little ahead."

Board chairman Davis and Wilson both claim that the "surplus funds" were actually earmarked for school improvements. "If you ride around in the county, you'll see some new buildings," Davis commented.

In particular, he cited the 18-month-old Nichols Junior High--a modern brick school which replaced two frame shacks in eastern Macon County--and South Macon High School, rebuilt from top to bottom to look like a school instead of a cinder-block jail.

Davis--a white man who has chosen



MRS. ANNIE M. BOSWELL

not to campaign at voters meetings in Negro churches--says he nevertheless wants black support.

"I helped re-open the schools (after former Governor George C. Wallace closed them in 1963)," Davis said. "If my past record don't show what I stand for, ain't nothing I can say."

But Biswas--a native of India who tells voters "I'm black like you"--says that whatever their motive, the state examiners uncovered some genuine wrong-doing.

For instance, he points out, the board of education "borrowed" \$299,000 from federal funds intended to help low-income children--and spent it on operating expenses, as well as a bulldozer and a tractor.

Superintendent Wilson said, however, that a state official gave him permission to use the federal funds. And,

he added, other school systems have done the same thing. He also said most of the funds have been paid back, and the rest will be.

Why doesn't the school system have enough money? Wilson says it's because "we just don't get local support." The board of education has recommended a five-mill increase in county school taxes, to be voted on June 4.

But Biswas says the board should sell its road machinery, use the money to buy much-needed school supplies--and in the future, share the equipment owned by the county Board of Revenue.

Biswas -- who experiments with plants and teaches graduate students in the same Tuskegee Institute laboratory where George Washington Carver immortalized the peanut--says he's familiar with many federal aid-to-education programs. "If we spend the money properly," he claimed, "we can get all the money we need" without raising taxes.

This is one point on which Biswas and Mrs. Boswell disagree. Mrs. Boswell --the only Afro-American left in the race after the withdrawal of the Rev. Amos A. Rogers--strongly favors the tax increase.

The tax has stood unchanged for 30 years, she noted: "Could you live on the same salary you were making 30 years ago? We do not pay enough for our schools."

Mrs. Boswell -- like Biswas -- has sought the support of Macon County teachers, who are angry over the salary cut and wonder whether it's really temporary. But she has stopped short of accusing the school board of financial misconduct.

"I don't see how five people could sit up there and misappropriate funds," she said. "I don't feel any of the board members would let this happen." Nevertheless, she added, money-handling and record-keeping should be improved, as the examiners--and the Ma-



PROSANTO K. BISWAS (RIGHT) AND STUDENTS

con County grand jury--have demanded. Mrs. Boswell also says the school board should leave teachers "free to express themselves without fear of being fired. Now, if they speak out (on controversial issues), next year they won't have a job."

Biswas has a similar plank in his platform. In addition, he thinks the board should loosen another restriction--by advertising all its meetings and inviting the public to attend.

"Any time you have a meeting and have too many people, you can't get too much done," demurred Mrs. Boswell. And Superintendent Wilson said that as long as he's in office, "we will not have a floor show."

Both Wilson (whom Davis designated as his spokesman on such matters) and Mrs. Boswell said the board should--and does--open its meetings to visitors with specific business.

Biswas, Mrs. Boswell, and Davis face their first election test next week, in Tuesday's Democratic primary. They have no Republican opponents.

But one candidate--James H. M. Henderson--has already won another place on the board of education. Henderson, a Tuskegee Institute professor, faces no opposition at all in his bid for the seat now occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson. Both are Negroes.

Henderson's platform stresses general improvements in education, and he has not publicly discussed the state examiners' report. But he supports a higher school tax--and open board meetings.

"I'm taking a stand that the board be more public," said Henderson. "The people need to know a whole lot more about what's going on."

Only 2 JP Races

TUSKEGEE, Ala. -- There isn't much excitement over the justice-of-the-peace elections in Macon County this year. In fact, only four people seem to be interested.

The four men--all Negroes--are seeking two JP seats in Beat 1 (Tuskegee). Ben A. Locke is challenging present JP William "Bill" Childs, and A. R. Ashley and D. R. Murdock are competing for the office now held by a Negro businessman, William C. Allen. Nine other JP positions failed to attract a single candidate.

Two other elections seem to be over. County Attorney William C. Hare and Inferior Court Judge Richard H. Powell III--both white men--have no opposition in their bids for re-election.



KIDS PLAY OUTSIDE NEW NICHOLS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



B'ham Police Deny Beating Charge

'We're Not Going to Drop It'

BY BOB LABAREE
 BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--It was about six weeks ago--on the night of March 3--that Mrs. Ophelia Holmes first brought her complaint to the police department. She told the officers in charge that a few hours earlier, she had seen two policemen handcuff and beat her 19-year-old son, Clifford, and his friend, Jerry Tillman.



MRS. OPHELIA HOLMES
 we're here for."

The boys were just sitting in her backyard, she claimed, but the two policemen arrested them for being drunk, resisting arrest, and refusing to obey an officer. The next day, she went to the FBI and told the same story. According to Captain J. A. Warren of the city police department's new internal investigations and inspections division, there are other places, too, where Mrs. Holmes could have taken her complaint. Besides the police department and the FBI, he said, anyone with a grievance can ask for a hearing before the Jefferson County Personnel Board. You can even swear out a warrant with the County Court, he said.

2 Pay Scales At Bryce?

BY ETHEL THOMAS
 TUSCALOOSA, Ala.--Differences in employee classifications and pay scales were the main topic of questions and complaints last week, as workers at Bryce Mental Hospital and the Partlow State School met with members of the state personnel board.

Board member Tom Ventress urged the employees to "make any complaint or ask any question." He promised that what they said would not be held against them by the hospital administration. Still, only a small percentage of those present spoke up.

One man said he works as manager of the laundry on some weekends. "Why don't I get paid the same as the manager?" he asked. One Negro lady said she has worked in the laundry for 14 years. Although her supervisor says she is doing a good job, the lady said, she has never been promoted.

"My co-worker and I have the same qualifications and do the same work," said another lady. "Yet she is being paid \$345 per month, and I am being paid \$245 per month."

Stanley Frazer, secretary of the personnel board, said the hospital operates on a limited budget, and it will take time to eliminate all differences in pay.

The division that Warren heads was formed last February, as "a place people feel they can come to and talk," he said.

But at the time of the Holmes incident, the captain said, "we were still brand-new. We just inherited the paper-work for her case."

When Mrs. Holmes and three of her children filed statements with the police department the night of the incident, an investigation began, said Warren.

And the FBI said that it, too, followed up the Holmes' complaint, and sent its findings to the U. S. Justice Department in Washington.

But Mrs. Holmes said she was not pleased last week when Captain Warren

told her there was "insufficient evidence" in her complaint to show that the officers had beaten her son.

"I got plenty of evidence," said Mrs. Holmes. "The FBI's got pictures of where Clifford was beaten, and I got the hospital bills to show for it."

"Half the neighborhood was out there watching it," she went on. "But they (police) didn't go out there to ask none of them about it. All I can say is, they sure didn't go out of their way to make an investigation."

At the time of the incident, the police department claimed that the boys were drunk, and that they fought the officers when they were arrested. But Warren said last week that the rest of the story from the officers' point of view can't be made public.

"We're still a new operation, and we have no hard and fast rule about this," he said. "But we have to be fair to the officer. When he says something in con-

Trouble in Marks

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)
 "Two officers got on a teacher," Miss Franklin went on, "beatin' her with a billy-club and a gun." The teacher sustained a large knot on her head, and "her whole face was bloody," Miss Franklin said.

When the children started running, said the witness, the police chased them: "One girl, which was expecting a baby, they kicked her in the stomach. She couldn't even stand up straight."

The officers chased the children "to the railroad that divides black from white," Miss Franklin said.

fidence, we have to respect it. The individual person (who complained) we might tell, but we're not going to spread it to the four winds."

Police Chief Jamie Moore invited Mrs. Holmes to talk to him about her case, and Captain Warren said she can bring in other witnesses to make statements.

"She's free to open the case again if she wants," said Warren.

Mrs. Holmes--who spoke out angrily right after the incident--said other people have encouraged her to keep pushing the case.

"People who don't even know me have called and told me they liked talk like that," she said. "Most of them said not to let it drop there--to carry it as far as it would go. Well, we're not going to let it drop, I know that."

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Protests in Jackson

BY LYNN J. LASKER

JACKSON, Miss.--Charles Evers, state field secretary of the NAACP, has called for a boycott of the local newspaper and nursery school owned by Percy Greene.

At a rally April 23 in the St. John Church, Evers referred to an editorial in which Greene called the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. an "enemy of the nation, enemy of the Negro."

"We as Negroes cannot tolerate such writing as this coming from a Negro," Evers said.

He said people should call all the advertisers in Greene's paper, the Jackson Advocate, and tell them that if they don't withdraw their advertising, they

will have picket lines in front of their stores. He also asked parents who have children in Greene's nursery school to keep them at home.

At the same meeting, Eddie McBride--a 24-year-old Negro who was employed at Sears Roebuck and Company--told the audience that he was fired because he objected to white employee's calling him "Boy."

McBride recalled that he told the white man to call him "Eddie" or "Mr. McBride," and that he said he would use the white man's first or last name. Just before noon that day, McBride said, he was told that Sears would let him go, because he was not producing enough work.



FOR A BETTER ALABAMA--The Alabama Council on Human Relations has active chapters in Birmingham, Mobile, Montgomery, Huntsville, Florence-Tuscumbia-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, Ala. 36830.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED--The Montgomery Head Start needs all the volunteer help it can get to work in the 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 a.m. and 2 p.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 at 419 Madison, call 263-3474, or go to the nearest Head Start center.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS -- "Everlasting Punishment" is the subject of this week's Bible Lesson, to be read in all Christian Science churches this Sunday, May 5. The Golden Text from Psalms sets the theme: "Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: . . . Surely he shall not be moved forever: the righteous shall be everlasting remembrance."

BAHA'IS--The Baha'is of Montgomery invite you to their weekly fireside at 8 p.m. this Saturday, at the Community House, 409 S. Union St., Montgomery, Ala. For transportation, call 265-4394. Meet Baha'u'llah.

PAINTINGS--A traveling exhibition of small paintings will be shown from Tuesday, May 7, until May 28 at Alabama State College, Montgomery, Ala.

MERIDIAN NAACP -- Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP, will be the guest speaker at a meeting sponsored by the Meridian, Miss., NAACP at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, in the First Union Baptist Church. The public is invited.

HELP THE CAMPAIGN--The Alabama Council on Human Relations is collecting money and goods for the Poor People's Campaign. In the Tuskegee, Ala., area, items may be brought to Reid Cleaners on the Montgomery Hwy. Checks made out to SCLC Poor People's Campaign can be mailed to Mrs. Lucia Simon, Box 1062, Tuskegee Institute, Ala. 36088.

ELMORE COUNTY FOOD--People in Elmore County, Ala., can now apply for and receive free food under the federal commodity distribution program. Families on welfare, and others with low incomes, may be eligible for the program. Heads of households should apply at the USDA Commodity Warehouse, 206 N. Autauga St. in Wetumpka. They should bring documents or records showing the total income of all the members of the household. People living in District 1--Eclectic, Chaney Creek, Red Hill, Kent, Good Hope, Friendship, Ware, and Tallasee--and in District 2--Wetumpka, Wallsboro, Red Land, Rifle Range Rd., and Montgomery Hwy.--and in District 3--Titus, Weoka, Central, Seman, Grier, and Dexter--were to apply the past three weeks, April 15-19, April 22-26, and April 29-May 3. District 4 as follows: people from Millbrook and Robinson Springs on Monday and Tuesday, May 6-7; people from Elmore and Sweetning on Wednesday, May 8; people from Holtville, Deatsville, and Lightwood on Thursday, May 9; those who can't come Monday through Thursday, on Friday, May 10.

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Three Double Winners

B'ham Dominates Meet

BY FRANKLIN HOWARD
MONTGOMERY, Ala.--Three Birmingham stars were double winners last Saturday in the tenth annual Alabama Interscholastic Athletic Association track meet.

An even more remarkable double was turned in by David Cotchery from Carver of Birmingham. In a steady rain on a wet track, Cotchery was an easy winner in the 880 with a time of 2:02.4. In the mile, the Carver ace battled Steve Rudolph of Lowndes County Training School for four grueling laps, before coming home first in 4:39.1. Jimmy Harris of Western won the 440

in 50.3, and leaped 22' to take the broad jump. Other individual winners were James Floyd of Hayes (Birmingham) in the 100, and Cecil Moss of Carver (Montgomery) in the 220. The high jumped in a three-way tie for first. Relay winners were Trinity Gardens (Mobile) in the sprint medley, Carver (Birmingham) in the mile, Booker T. Washington (Montgomery) in the 880, and Carver (Birmingham) in the 440. Although a federal court has ordered championship competition to be desegregated, there were no white athletes in the AIAA meet. S. A. Frazier, executive secretary of the AIAA, said white athletes had been invited. But Frazier also said that Negro athletes have been invited to compete in this weekend's sectional meets sponsored by the mostly-white Alabama High School Athletic Association. "We've already sent in entries," he said.



DAVID COTCHERY LEADS STEVE RUDOLPH IN THE MILE

Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights

The weekly meeting will meet 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 6, in the First Baptist Church, Kingston, 4600 Ninth Ave. N., the Rev. G. W. Dickerson, pastor.

Bullock Races

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Clark is unopposed in the Democratic primary. But Don C. Carter, a white Republican now serving on the school board, will be on the ballot in November.

Clark's platform calls for more school science laboratories and textbooks, enforcement of compulsory-education laws, and a better health program.

Last fall, a group of Bullock County civil rights leaders accused the school board of racial discrimination and demanded sweeping improvements. Clark said he can't comment on the proposals, because he hasn't read them.

But Carter--the Republican school board member--said he recalls the petition. "We're digging into it," he said. "I know some of the recommendations we thought were good--and hope to put them into practice."

FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

In Alabama all our yesterdays are marred by hate, discrimination, injustice, and violence. Among the organizations working for a better tomorrow on the principle of human brotherhood is the Alabama Council on Human Relations, Membership in the Council is open to all who wish to work for a better tomorrow on this principle. For further information, write the Alabama Council, P.O. Box 1310, Auburn, Alabama.

CR Hearings

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"they won't give you anything."

The ladies said they are treated rudely at the welfare office, and made to enter by the back door. But this charge was denied by Mrs. Augusta Wilkinson, director of the Dallas County welfare office. "We are interested in our colored people," she said.

Representatives of the Southwest

Alabama Farmers Cooperative Association (SWAFCA) complained that government accountants have been investigating their books for five weeks, and may stay until June.

"They're looking for something to find wrong," charged William H. Harrison, SWAFCA's new president. "People oppose SWAFCA because if a man can feed himself, he will vote as he wants to--think for himself. The white power structure wants to maintain a slave-master relationship."

Personally Yours

... answers questions about Junior Miss etiquette, grooming and interests.



Q. My favorite before-school breakfast is bacon, eggs and toast, but Mother insists that I wash the dishes before I leave the house. Any shortcuts for morning clean-ups?

A. Good for you! A high-protein breakfast keeps mid-morning hunger pangs at bay longer than a sweetroll eaten on the run! Morning clean-up isn't really difficult. Use the same pan for eggs and bacon. While bacon is frying over a low, low heat you can get dressed. When the bacon is fried, drain the grease and wipe the pan with a Kleenex paper towel. Now fry or scramble the eggs. By the time you've eaten breakfast, the pan will be cool and ready to wash.

Q. I've heard about all the creams, lotions, pastes, and washing preparations for problem skin. None of them REALLY helps! Have any new ideas?

A. Cleanliness and diet are still the real keys! General good health habits -- plenty of rest, exercise, and proper diet -- go a long way in helping problem skin. You know the foods to avoid -- cola drinks, chocolate, nuts, shellfish -- but do you know the foods that feed healthy skin? They're the foods

high in vitamin A, vitamin B, and Niacin: liver, yellow vegetables, eggs, fish, chicken, and lean meats, and green and leafy vegetables. Keep your skin clean, too, with often-as-possible face washings. Beautiful skin doesn't happen in a day or two -- it does take time and effort -- but it's worth it!

Q. Our home economics class is giving a surprise luncheon for our teacher who is leaving at the end of the year. The luncheon will be in the home ec labs, so what table-beautifying measures can we take that are fast, simple -- and inexpensive?

A. Join the paper parade! It'll make clean-up a snap -- save all your time for culinary skills. Set your color scheme by choosing one of the deep colors of Kleenex dinner napkins -- avocado green, antique gold, or Persian blue. Add a paper tablecloth or make mix-and-match placemats from Marvalon adhesive covering.

(For more answers to your questions on feminine grooming and hygiene, write for the free booklet, "Very Personally Yours." Send your name and address to "Very Personally Yours," Dept. 551-P, Kimberly-Clark Corp., Neenah, Wis. 54956.)



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"THIS IS MY ROAD." "HERE?" REPLIES JOHNSTON

Pictured Here Is

Wilber D. (Bill) Johnston

candidate for Macon County Board of Revenue, place 4, in the May 7 Democratic primary. Johnson has served as Special Deputy for the Sheriff's Department since Sheriff Lucius D. Amerson (above, with Johnston) took office in January, 1967. Amerson indicates that he wholeheartedly endorses Johnston for the position on the board of revenue, as he feels that Johnston is the candidate best suited for the position--the one who can do more for all the people of Macon County because of new ideas and new methods.

- ### My Platform
1. To work to establish a juvenile court system and detention facilities.
 2. To announce all county vacancies to the public and attempt to fill same with Macon County residents.
 3. To improve county mental health facilities.
 4. To promote a general Dental Care Program through public health.
 5. To improve the facilities at Moton Field.
 6. To improve all roads where the need exists.
 7. To bring in industry for more and better jobs.

(Pd. Pol. Adv. by Friends of Wilber D. (Bill) Johnston)