# Men Join Union,

Campaigning for Tuesday's Miss. Primary

# Then Lose Jobs He Works 15 Hours a Day

BY ROBIN REISIG

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

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

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

"The union told us not to take it," recalled Shelton, a Negro. "They promised, 'We'll back you 100%.'"

"They met with us and said if we were laid off, we'd all get jobs as much as possible," he continued. "I've been off seven, going on eight, months. I've got 13 days' work in all that time."

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

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

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

and you,' and pick the white men," Earlier in the year--when union officials ran the hall themselves -- things

> nation at the hall, "I can show you days where the colored worked more than the whites," he said. "The men from Floyd and Beasley worked more than everyone Last winter, joining the union had

Tennyson said there was no discrimi-

ROBERT LEE SHELTON

said Shelton. "The phone rings, but

they don't give the job to us. They won't

look at the list. They just say 'You, you,

were much fairer, Shelton said.

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

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

"If that's the game you want to play, I have a game I can play myself," Haynes, now with another company,

of you don't have the education to work

said this charge is "untrue." The present manager of the terminal refused to talk about the matter.

"Say, my name's first on the list," (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO, Col. 3)

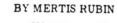
picketing the Steelman grocery store.

led by the Rev. J. C. Killingsworth,

were charged with disturbing the peace

and assault and battery.

The spokesman said the picketers.



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

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

But Smith is doing these things--getting sample ballots, designing advertisements, collecting cards to pass out -- for the first time. He is one of eight Ne-

groes running for office in Jefferson County's Democratic primary election next And all across Mississippi, Negro candidates like Smith are winding up their

first campaign.

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

ATLANTA, Ga.-- Rap Brown of SNCC and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. of SCLC took different views of the rioting that has swept the nation's cities in recent weeks.

"We stand on the eve of a black revolution," Brown said last week. He said black people "are neither morally nor legally bound to obey laws which were



REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. not made with our consent and which

"These rebellions (in the cities) are but a dress rehearsal for real revolution," said the SNCC leader, who faces criminal charges for allegedly causing rioting and arson in Cambridge, Maryland, "Neither imprisonment nor threats of death will sway me from the path that I have taken, nor will they sway others like me."

King, on the other hand, said, "There is no question that the violence and destruction of property must be halted,"

The SCLC president blamed the U.S. Congress for the present situation: "The suicidal and irrational acts which plague our streets daily are being sowed and watered by the irrational, irrelevant, and equally suicidal debate and de-

lay in Congress." "This hypocrisy and confusion seeping through the fabric of our society can ultimately destroy from within the very positive values of our nation which no enemy could destroy from without," said King.

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

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

### Picket Ends

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

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

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

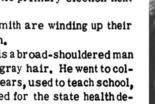
About ten people--including Edward Rudolph, David Hunter, Henry Gosha, and Jimmie Boone--carried signs in front of the women's clothing store for a week. Both Negro and white people "stayed out real nice," Barnett said.

Last Monday, he said, the store had a new Negro employee. And when he talked to the store official, he said, "her atmosphere was much better." Barnett said he told her, "We're not here just to put up picket lines.

We're interested in Negroes getting

equal jobs." Asked about the settlement, a Diana

Shops spokesman said, "I don't care to discuss it at all."



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

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

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

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

First-Person Account

BY PATRICIA BURPO

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. -- Four minth-

graders who will be attending integrated

schools for the first time this fall went

to a Birmingham school board meeting

last week to see what it was like. I was

our summer "head start on high

school" program, presented a resolu-

tion on behalf of the Birmingham Coun-

regate faculties "in such a way that the

best teachers are retained in or sent to

schools in the culturally and economi-

cally deprived communities of our city

The council's resolution began by

But the council said the board might

be "tempted" to send excellent Negro

teachers to formerly all-white schools.

"and then turn around and replace(them)

"Are you saying that we are sending

poor teachers to our schools?" aboard

member asked. "We always try to send

good teachers wherever we go, and

with the poorest white teachers."

"commending" the board on its plans

The council asked the board to deseg-

Miss Mary Lynn Buss, who directs

one of the four.

cil on Human Relations.

--both Negro and white."

for desegregation.

Meeting on Integration

school,"



ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

### Black and White Take Same Stand--Almost

BY GAIL FALK

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

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

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

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

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

Adams said he isn't making any campaign promises.

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

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

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

#### never send any poor teachers to any Rev. Frank Smith Attacks Program

# Poverty Fight in Wilcox

MISS PATRICIA BURPO

A school board official said there will

be 2,554 Negro students attending inte-

grated schools this fall in Birmingham.

He said 7% of the city's Negro students

When we first came in and sat down,

one board member moved his chair for-

ward, away from us. I felt that really

wasn't nice, because he was supposed

and he's supposed to be one of the high-

er-ranking members of the board of

education. Now what do you think of

We are just kids with innocent minds.

will be in school with whites.

to be an example for us.

BY BETH WILCOX

MILLERS FERRY, Ala. -- Since last January, the Rev. Frank Smith has been unhappy with the Wilcox County antipoverty program.

Now Smith's accusations have reached the federal Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) in Washington, and OEO has sent an investigator to Wil-"(Smith) accused us of taking bread

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

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

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

ter to OEO Director Sargent Shriver -and a copy to the Montgomery Advertiser, which printed it. When there was no immediate response to the 12 com-

So Smith sent a strongly-worded let-



THREADGILL

plaints he listed, Smith started writing to other OEO officials.

"We learned to do that in Wisconsin," Smith said. "I had some letters I was going to send to our senators, but OEO investigators arrived, so I didn't send them."

What were Smith's complaints? church on the board, so I could control it." Threadgill recalled. "These three board members are good board members. They vote their ideas, no matter who is involved,"

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

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

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

job that I wanted." Now, said Smith, he would take a job, because he wants to be able to send his

"Rev. Smith might have objections to some of the jobs," said Threadgill. "But I can think of at least one job I would recommend him for right now."

But Smith also said the county needs "He said that I had members of my a program that goes beyond the present adult-education classes. "We need a counselor to inform people of their rights," he said, "property rights, welfare and Medicare rights, things like

## Arrest Is a 'Bum Rap,'

42 Others Jailed in Boycott

#### Says Forrest Candidate old boycott was still going on this week. BY BETTIE MANUEL A spokesman for the NAACIP said about HATTIESBURG. Miss .-- "I thought 42 people were arrested July 26 while

he was coming to ask me something,

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

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

Kennedy explained this week that he was accused of shooting a Negro man who was injured in downtown Hattiesburg last Friday afternoon. "I feel they are trying to get me on

a bum rap, to ruin my campaign," he charged. He said the shooting victim does not know who attacked him, and has signed a statement saying so. Kennedy said some white people are

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

Meanwhile, Hattiesburg's two-week-



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

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### **Editorial Opinion**

## It Won't Buy Happiness

Now the people in Wilcox County, Ala., are involved in a bitter squabble over their anti-poverty program -just like the people in Lowndes County, Ala., Macon County, Ala., and dozens of other communities.

It is especially sad to see the Lowndes and Wilcox people fighting among themselves. Their migrantfarmer programs, planned with the people in mind, seemed to have the best chance of success.

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

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

## **Truth About Indians**



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

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

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

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

#### Teamsters Man (CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

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

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

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

One reason results are slow in coming, said the Teamsters' Tennyson, is that the union is negotiating with the Atlanta (Ga.) office of the company, trying for an agreement that will cover all Floyd and Beasley workers.

"We're still in negotiations," said Tennyson, "There's still a chance, We don't want to put up a picket until we have a final offer. If the men turn it down, we go on strike,"

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

#### Stamps Half-Price

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

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

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

BY KERRY GRUSON

of white people in Lee County announced

plans for Pickwood Academy, a new pri-

vate elementary school "dedicated to

The school was toprovide "able chil-

But now, after four months of fund-

raising, the school's supporters have

run into an obstacle themselves--lack

of money. Instead of the \$150,000 they

had hoped for, they have collected only

on Shelton Mill Rd., the school now plans

to begin classes this fall in a "tempo-

rary" home -- a large house at the north

Bernard R. Breyer, a member of the

school's board of directors, said work

was stopped on the new building because

"it would have meant spending a lot

Breyer. "Auburn is not a rich com-

"We are not disappointed," said Mrs.

But Mrs. Nancy Lacy, who lives near

"People just aren't interested,"

Mrs. Lacy said. "Auburn doesn't need

a school like that. The kids are going

to live with colored people, so they

might as well get used to it in school."

of Lee County's best-known segrega-

tionists, and most people think it won't

But, this week, Breyer refused to say

how many children had applied for ad-

mission to the school, or whether any

The private school is backed by some

the school's temporary home, said

there was another reason the fund-rais-

ers were having trouble.

admit Negro children.

And instead of opening a new building

traditional American education

academic excellence."

\$40,000.

end of Gay St.

more money,"

munity."

AUBURN, Ala,--Last April, a group

## Still Hope, Says Bullock's Witnesses Say Negroes Broke Vote Laws

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

of them were Negroes. "I have been

asked to be very circumspect in my in-

terviews with certain publications," he

He did say, however, that the school

A public-school student, Miss Jane

private school, "They're kinda dumb,"

TUSKEGEE, Ala, -- The Tuskegee In-

stitute administration has decided to

forget Richard Riemer's sex question-

naire and let him teach at the school

In a letter to Riemer, Institute Vice-

President Andrew P. Torrence said

Riemer could continue to teach, be-

cause the instructor did not have a

"positive plan" to use such a question-

naire again. But Torrence warned

Riemer in the letter that action would

be taken if Riemer's work did not "re-

flect the qualities expected of an Insti-

It had appeared that Riemer might

face disciplinary action, after the ad-

ministration learned of a questionnaire

he used in a communications class.

The questionnaire asked personal ques-

"The only reason they let me stay,"

Riemer said this week, "is because

President (Luther H.) Foster knew he

would have to pay me a full year's sal-

ary if he fired me. I had already signed

But in any case, the school's decision

came too late. Riemer will not be teach-

ing at Tuskegee this fall--he has re-

Auburn Private School

Has Money Problems

dren" with "an atmosphere free of Hull, 11, said she knows of only a few

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is not yet filled.

islature in all three counties, and four Negro poll-watcher, was "rude" Bullock County candidates.

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

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

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

throughout the day.

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

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

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

# NECK SUE KUBBER

#### Gadsden, Ala.

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

#### Birmingham, Ala.

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

#### Prattville, Ala.

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



DAN HOUSER

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

#### Jackson, Miss.

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

#### Abbeville, Ala.

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

#### Toomsuba, Miss.

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

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

Abbeville, Ala.

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

#### Meridian, Miss.

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

#### Birmingham, Ala.

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

#### Prattville, Ala.

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

#### Meridian, Miss.

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

#### Prichard, Ala.

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

#### Enterprise, Ala.

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

## Kids Learn That 'Life Is a Contest' Class in Gadsden

BY ALAN BOLES

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

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

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

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

Because funds are short this year,

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

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

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

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

Sometimes the class practices spellclasses at all. But, he said, "the kids ing and arithmetic. Other times the children give recitations. They discuss topics like poverty and the role of colors in art and life.

> "What I'm trying to do is to get the kids to realize that every color is beautiful," Flemming says, "I'm trying to break the old associations of colors -- dark colors with depression, for instance--and develop an appreciation for all color, an appreciation of variety in all things."

Confidence is developed through special attention during class, improvement of skills, and encouragement, Flemming said.

Once, when a girl dropped out in the middle of an arithmetic contest because she had lost the last round, Flemming coached, "Don't get discouraged, little sister. Just relax." The girl went on

Flemming, a Baptist minister, also gives the children plenty of advice. At the end of a game of "Simon Says," he told the class: "Life is a contest, We win sometimes and we lose sometimes. But you should not think the world is at an end when you lose, nor that you are anything special when you win,"

The children usually help Flemming decide what the class is going to do each day. Most of them come every day, and some of them regularly stay after class to look around the community center's library or crafts room.

"I guess I just sort of like what's happening here," said a 10-year-old girl.

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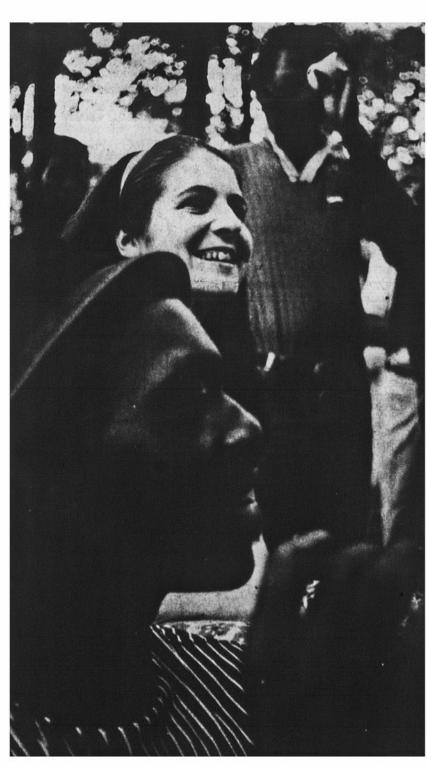




JAZZ ON A

MONDAY AFTERNOON

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











Photos by Tony Ganz



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

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

is her story of what life was like inside the hospital-- ies and bologna. On Friday we have some fish that is never cooked done. and her ideas on how it could be improved.)

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

After arriving at the hospital, all persons are carried to the receiving section. For women it is Ward 4N and for men it is Ward 3S. When received, you are met by an attendant and another patient who has been there a long time.

Sometimes the patient who has been there a long time is a criminal who can't be released unless the court tells the hospital to set him free.

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

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

sometimes raggy--but always un-ironed. A lot of the women are not given panties, and the men wear no underpants. If you ask too many questions you are locked up for worrying them. Some pa-

tients are locked up because they go to patient canteen or other wards without asking. If there are court charges against you, you may be locked up. When you are locked up, you are let out at certain times to get water. There

are no toilet facilities in the room where you are locked up, so you must eat and use the bathroom there. At Searcy, all the food is served in eight hours, early in the day. Breakfast is between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m., dinner between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and supper

between 3 and 4 p.m. Breakfast is always grits or something resembling oatmeal, with gravy. There is watery coffee, sometimes sweet and sometimes not. Bread can be day-old

rolls. If not, sometimes there is sliced bread or cornbread. You get no meat at breakfast--unless you find it in the gravy. No butter either. However, the employees have butter for their breakfast.

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



## Wilcox Distiller Gets A Year and a Day

BY BETH WILCOX

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

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

Last November, in circuit court, Crawford was given two choices. According to his son, Bob Crawford Jr., the judge said "he could take six months in Camden jail and a \$500 fine, or a year and a day in Kilby prison in Montgomery. He decided to go to Kilby, since

he didn't want to stay in Camden jail." Bruce Boynton of Selma, Crawford's lawyer, appealed Crawford's case all the way to the Alabama Supreme Court. The appeal was turned down.

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

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

Then, she said, on July 3 the family received a letter from a man who had been at Kilby. The letter said that Crawford was ill because the people at the jail would not give him his medi-

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

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

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

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

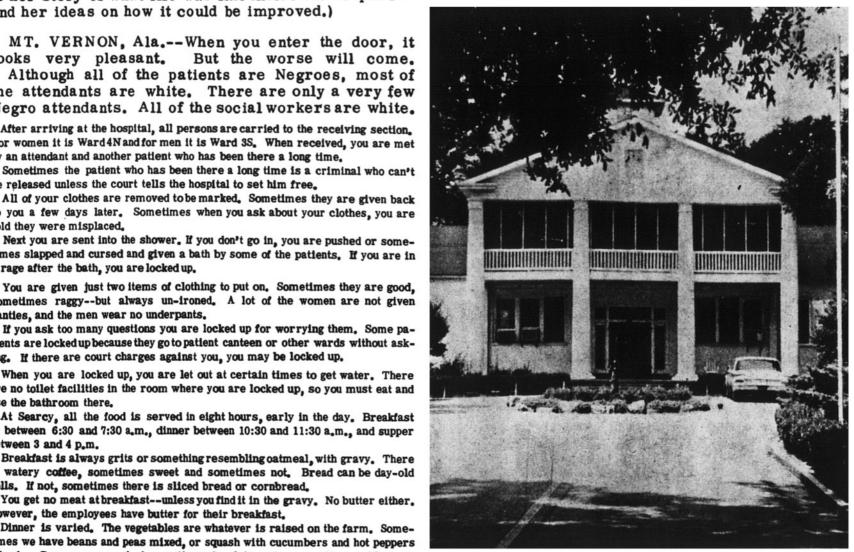
"I'm positive the people that were caught with him this time have been caught just as many times before-probably more," added Crawford's son. Why, then, was Crawford sentenced to

a year and a day in prison?

"Mostly the civil rights work he did." said Mrs. Crawford. "He was also a 'ground man' during the election. He brought us snacks and things to eat at the

polls while we were poll-watching." "They hate to give the Negroa chance to make a living," Mrs. Crawford said. "It was wrong to be distilling, but my husband was just trying to make us a couldn't do it,"

(The author of this article was formerly a patient At dinner, we have powdered buttermilk to drink. Most days we have salt meat at Searcy State Mental Hospital in Mt. Vernon. This sliced. Some days it is chicken, sometimes pork chops. Very rarely, it is ween-



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

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

You can buy food at the patient canteen. The canteen is run by white people. The food you get there is thrown--not handed--to you, like you were a dog. Some patients volunteer to work, but others are forced. They carry clothes on their backs to the laundry, rain or shine. If they are not there, they are looked for as if they were paid to work.

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

There is recreation daily, and it is the only thing at Searcy that is supervised by Negroes. It is helpful to many. But usually, some patients are being punished,

and can't go. Some patients come to recreation dirty. The women are kept much cleaner than the men. Some of the wards are cleaner than the others.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Macon County Group Proposes School for Handicapped Children

BY KERRY GRUSON

and see what it feels like to sit in a classroom. I never had the opportunity to go to school like other children." This is the story Miss Willardine Jackson, a handicapped young lady, tells almost anyone who will listen. When she spoke to Mrs. R. T. Lennard, a retired schoolteacher, Mrs. Lennard decided that Macon County's retarded and handicapped children

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

needed a school of their own.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now Mrs. Jackson takes her daughter

cial educational program. Miss Jack- children in my class, 34 were retarded, we don't have a special art teacher. TUSKEGEE, Ala. -- "I son also sings in the junior and senior "None of the teachers wanted them At the end of the year I put on his rec-

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

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

vide them up. But I said, 'No, give them to me if nobody wants them.' It was hard on me--two or three times I almost gave up."

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

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



MISS MAXINE HENRY

to the Institute whenever there is a spe- Farms, in the rurals. Out of the 42 "He should have had a teacher, but wish I could go to school choirs at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church. in their class, so we were going to di- ord 'needs special education.' and then passed him on into the next grade. With so many children, about the biggest thing we can do is help the retarded ones get adjusted."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Mississippi Primary

## Things Every Voter Should Know

BY GAIL FALK

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

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

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

WHAT TO DO? When you get to the poll, you sign your name or your mark in the poll book, and an election official will check to make sure your name is on the list of registered voters. (If he doesn't find your name on the list but you are sure you're registered. you may cast a vote anyway. The election manager should show you how to make an affidavit, and he should put your ballot in a special envelope.)

tials on the back of a ballot, gives it representative, and county offices. to you, and shows you to a voting booth.

Unless you need help, you should be alone in the booth. Your ballot is secret, and anyone who tries to see how you are voting is breaking the law.

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

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

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

## Eight Negroes Kunning In Marshall County

BY RUBEN PATES

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

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

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

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

#### Macon Schools

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

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

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

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

"I think we gained more respect," Knight said after the meeting. "Last meeting was totally disrespectful," blacks, but the whites as well."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Most Mississippi counties still use paper ballots. In the few that have machines -- including Adams, Harrison, Hinds, and Washington -- a model machine will be set up at the poll for you to practice on before you vote.

MARKING THE BALLOT, Mark your choices -- in ink, if possible -- with an

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

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

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

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

BY PATRICIA JAMES

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

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

Alford. Mrs. Catherine Crowell, another of

Douglas' teachers, told how she went about helping Douglas.

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

When the Child Development Group

## New Face In Rep.'s Office

BY ROBIN REISIG

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

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



RANSOM JONES

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

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

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

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

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

"I think he's a good representative," said Jones. "I like his voting records." Buchanan has voted against civil rights bills, said Jones, "but so has every Southern congressman. If he had voted otherwise, he wouldn't be there, wouldn't stay."

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

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

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

But Mrs. Odom finally agreed to the operation. It was performed by doctors in Jackson, and paid for by MAP.

"I think (Mrs. Odom) is very proud about the operation, but most of all proud to see her son's eyes straightened," said Mrs. Crowell.

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

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

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COURIER ADVERTISERS BY ALAN BOLES

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

to turn Talladega's Negro community into a powerful voting force in time for

the Aug. 15 city elections. "We want it to be known that the Negroes of Talladega, from this day on, are working together, not for selfish interests, but for the interests of everybody," Lane said at the meeting.

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

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

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

The meeting was called by the Talla- law enforcement.

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

The committee will have a big job. Lane, a local high school teacher, is A total of 18 candidates are running one of several leaders who are hoping for three positions--mayor, finance commissioner, and streets and parks commissioner. None of the candidates is a Negro.

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

But some people felt the response was disappointing. Only nine groups sent representatives to the meeting.

Daniel Glass, chairman of the screening committee, said he hopes "we can pull in members of other groups as we go along. We need greater participation."

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

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

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

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

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

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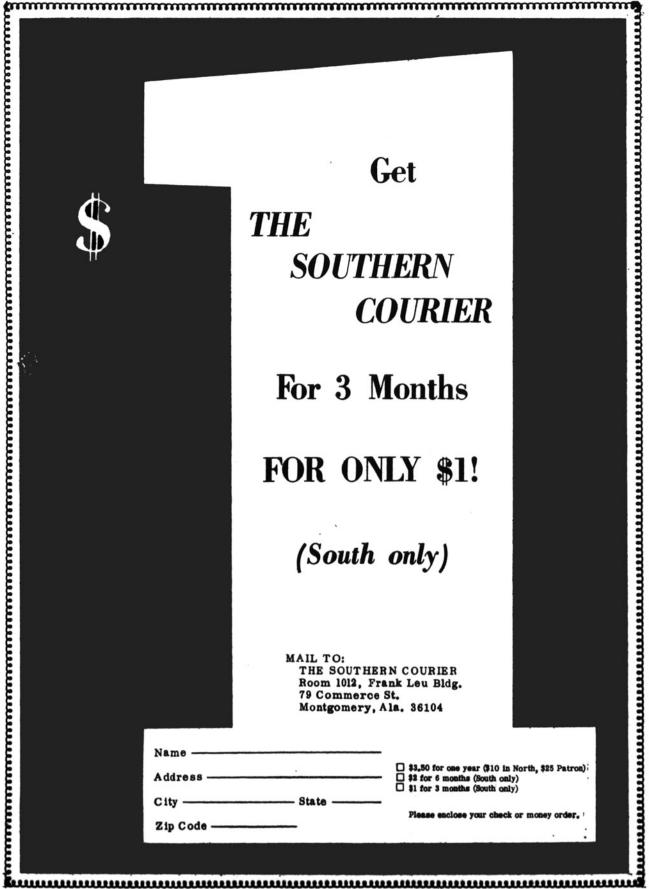
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SGHOLARSHIP CONTEST--The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8037, Birmingham, is offering more than \$2,000 in cash scholarship grants in its annual "Miss Veterans of American Wars" pageant. Contestants must be between 14 and 26 years old, with good academic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





MONTGOMERY, Ala, -- A group of Montgomery ladies, most of them from the city's women's clubs, toured several Head Start centers last Wednesday. A Head Start spokesman said the purpose of the tour was to acquaint the local women with the Head Start program, and to show them the role that volunteer workers can play in the classroom. Above, the ladies are visiting Mrs. Ettra Seav's classroom in Madison Park.

## Jackson Jailed Again

BY ROBIN REISIG

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

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

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

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

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

Alabama Christian Movement For Human Rights

All Ladies Night Monday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Kingston, 4600 Ninth Ave. N., the Rev. G. W. Dickerson, pastor.

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Mrs. Lucinda B. Robey, chairman; Mrs. Georgia W. Price and Mrs. Julia Range, co-chairmen; the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth, president; the

Rev. Edward Gardner, first v.p.

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

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

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What Happened to Jackson Boycott?

## 'The People Are Happy'

BY MERTIS RUBIN

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

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

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

After Brown's death, Jackson leaders decided to boycott certain whiteowned stores, including many on Capitol St. The people in Friday's meeting said the boycott was still on, but during

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the day Capitol St. was full of shoppers. In the meeting, the Rev. R. M. Rich-

mond said one problem is that "the people in Jackson are satisfied, glad, and happy." "Everyone wants to be a leader," he added.

"Why don't we start a small business for black people?" asked a young man named Henry Hatches, "There is enough Negro businessmen to get a business for black people going."

Some members thought differences with local ministers had caused the group to become disorganized. "Why wait for the ministers?" someone asked. "Because they are our leaders," a lady answered.

Then the people talked about Fred Catchings, a Negro bus driver who had lost his job with the city bus company. It was pointed out that most bus riders are Negroes, but the company employs about 12 Negroes and 48 whites.

Catchings said he had worked for the

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bus company since February, 1966, and was fired for "mishandling of fares." "They gave me a chance to resign or be fired," he said. Catchings said he had never had trouble before. J. C. Gibson, manager of the bus line,

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