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Huntsville Poverty Vote Called Highest in Nation

BY ROBERT E. SMITH

HUNTSVILLE—The percentage of poor people who voted in the anti-poverty program elections here last Saturday is the largest in the nation, according to Washington.

Jerry Horsey, administrator of Madison County's Community Action Program, said 3,500 persons in poor neighborhoods voted last week for members of the bi-racial community action committee and the policy advisory group.

This represented 14.8 per cent of the poverty-poverty vote. The average for the 27 counties in the U.S. is 10 per cent of the electorate. With less than $3,000 a year income, according to the government—in the county as of the 1960 census.

The federal Office of Economic Opportunity said the response in Madison County was three times that in any other part of the state.

Less than three per cent of the low-income people showed up to vote in North-...
In years past, the political climate in these parts was one of quiet government, a segregationist or he wasn’t, and when you cast your vote for him he was sure to win.

Now that almost all candidates have recognized the importance of the civil rights movement, and Negroes will be able to vote as we whites have before, white politicians are trying to gear themselves for the role ofadores to play in games with the English language. Nearly everybody in 1966 is in favor of peace and harmony, or at least a semblance of it. The Negroes are talking about an invasion from the federal government that must be stopped.

The best way to sort out the candidates is with one test question: Do you think the Confederate flag or the Union flag should be flown above the Capitol dome? The answer to that question probably tells you where he stands on the other issues in this election.

Attorney General Richard Flowers has already given his answer. He will fly the American flag.

When the candidates come to meet the people, this is the question they should be asked by the voters.

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To the Editor:

I am writing to express my concern about the undersigned student members of the University of North Carolina Pembroke, who are calling themselves the "Friendly Associates of Pembroke" and who are in the process of organizing a student government on our campus.

I believe that the formation of a student government without the approval of the faculty and administration of the university is a violation of the principles of academic freedom and the rights of students to表达 their own views.

I urge you, as a concerned faculty member, to take action to prevent this organization from proceeding further. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Professor John A. Smith
University of North Carolina Pembroke

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Letters to the Editor

 Suit Seeks Bullock Election

McGEE (Tuskegee)--The suit seeks to overturn the results of the Feb. 14, 1970, election in the Bullock County Circuit Court.

The suit was filed in the Circuit Court by John W. McCallum, a resident of Bullock County, and was granted by the court.

The suit seeks to overturn the results of the election held in the county, which was won by the Democratic ticket.

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Natchez Calls Off Boycott That Began Last August

Natchez, Miss.--The Natchez Daily Very is ending a boycott that began last August.

The Natchez Daily Very is one of the few newspapers in the United States that do not have a union contract.

The paper said it would end the boycott because it had not been able to make a deal with the union that represented its workers.

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Katherine--Another black newspaper in the state, the Natchez Daily Very, has decided to end its boycott.

The newspaper said it would stop the boycott because it had not been able to make a deal with the union that represented its workers.

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KIDS IN CONSTRUCTION LAND

City children convert highway construction site into versatile playground after workmen leave

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JAMES H. PEPPLER
Showboat Played the Game With Style

BY DAVID L. UNDERHILL

MOBILE—He was baptized David Thomas but hardly anyone knows that now. Most people know him as Showboat. Thirty-six years ago in Baltimore, a sports writer for the Baltimore Daily News sald I played different from everybody else. He called me Showboat."

Just when Showboat finally ended, Thomas was 40 and couldn't quite make it in the majors. He would have been starting a strange when most ballplayers are retiring.

Showboat, however, was such a great pitcher that his appointment to the majors might have been a mistake. After all, the fans like to see a star. But when he first started, most people were suprising.

"Mike was quite a star," Thomas says. "But he was a happy, fellow, too.

The all-star circuit brought Thomas his biggest day as a baseball player. In 1961, against a white team of pitchers who had outplayed the Philadelphia Athletics on their way to the World Series. Thomas singled off the pitcher in the ninth inning to drive in the winning run.

During the winter, Thomas often played in the Caribbean, Venezuela, and Mexico. The baseballs are full of promise and newspaper writers announce triumphs in Spanish that he hasn't had in years. Together they make up the great Negro baseball league.

Showboat played more seasons in the Negro League after his tryout with the Dodgers. Then he retired to a New York insurance office, but he still logs long drives to the games of both leagues.
BIG JIM'S TRAIN IS ROLLING AGAIN

BY DAVID R. UNDERHILL

GROVE HILL - "Big Jim" was back in southeast Alabama this week and stopped at all the rural county seats.

"Tell all your friends, the Big Train's running again," shouted one of the men who joined "Big Jim" on his journey through the county.

"Big Jim" didn't really give speeches, he shouted about the Hill Rights. "That's what my campaign is based on, that's what my campaign is based on," he shouted.

NAACP Ends Sumter Protest

YORK -- No more picketing or boycotts from the Sumter County Movement for Human Rights.

"Big Jim" brought more business. "The old folks, they're gonna vote for us," he said.

He suggested that civil rights groups might work together to make a bigger impact.

WEST Alabama -- Negroes fired up about the Sincerity of the legislation.

"Rhodesia -- that's clearly racial," said Whitney Young, national director of the Urban League. "It's the same thing that happened in South Africa."

Someone pointed out that the Urban League's program was similar to that of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

JIM'S TRAIN -- The old poll tax was out. "We want to shake hands and talk," said Whitney Young.

He was talking about the war in Vietnam. On a visit to Tuskegee Institute this week, he told 250 students and faculty that the war is a struggle for civil rights.

"I would like to apply for complete information without obligation."