Negroes to Work In Miss. Polls

BY DILL HUNTER

JACKSON, Miss.—Mississippi's Aug. 8 primary will not only have large numbers of Negro candidates and voters, it will also have large numbers of Negro poll workers. The leaders claimed that Negro voters would have more voting opportunities that they could get help from at least two Negro poll officials.

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Rats and Riots

The U. S. House of Representatives put on its most dignified face and passed its first rat bill in 1789. Anyone watching the performance would know why Negroes are rioting.

With the nation's ghettos blowing up all around them, the House refused to take even the first small step toward solving the problem. The only step they considered was to make the rats' lives more miserable.

President Johnson had proposed a $40,000,000 campaign to prevent rats from spreading their plague, but the 200-650-200 minority ignored him. Instead, they voted to let the rats eat the children.

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MONTGOMERY, Ala.--"I live just like I can," said Percy Jones Jr., a part-time construction worker. "I just wanna do the best for my family."

Jones, 39, lives with his wife, Josie Mae, 32, and their seven children in a three-room house on Clayton Alley.

Born in Montgomery, Jones got to the eighth grade in school. After serving in the Army and being wounded in Korea, he came back and earned the equivalent of a high school diploma.

For the past five years, Jones has been doing just part-time work—rooting and painting for construction companies. He earns $1.45 an hour when work is available.

"Some weeks we have good weeks, some we don't," Jones said. "Two weeks ago I didn't do any damn work. This week I worked 2 1/2 days."

The Jones family is poor by almost any standard. But Jones is not eligible for any type of assistance—unemployment compensation, Aid to Dependent Children, or other welfare.

Because no money comes in when Jones doesn't work, he applied for unemployment compensation two weeks ago. However he was ineligible, because "insufficient wages were reported for base employment," in other words, he did not make enough money to qualify for aid.

"Unemployment compensation is based on wages for the first four of the last five calendar quarters," explained a spokesman for the state unemployment compensation office. "A person must meet the test in the quarter immediately preceding the quarter in which he makes the application.

The most Jones earned in any two-calendar quarters in 1966 was $266.42. In other words, he did not make enough money to qualify for aid.

Under the Aid to Dependent Children program, assistance is provided only "upon the death of one or both parents," said Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan of the state welfare department. "If the father is unable-bodied, we do not give aid." But under the law, if Jones were not living at home and trying to support his family, his children could get ADC.

In addition to providing food and clothing for his family, Jones pays $20 a month rent for his three-room home. The house has no running water, indoor toilet, or electricity. Until a week ago, there was no electricity, either.

"The lights were cut off about a year ago because of non-payment," said Jones. "Then, two or three weeks ago, a man looked at it (the electrical wiring) and said the whole house had to be rewired."

Doug Smedley of the city electrical inspector's office said the electricity was shut off because of "non-payment of bills." "You don't do that without notice," he said.

"The lights were shut off for the first time a year and a half ago," said Jones. "Then, two or three weeks ago, a man looked at it (the electrical wiring) and said the whole house had to be rewired."

A spokesman for the Beale Realty Company said last week that the company had asked the city electrical inspector to check the house. He said rewiring would then be done under the landlord approved. "We just can't afford the cost," he explained.

Regardless of whose responsibility it was, the whole house was rewired last week. All Jones has to do now is to get the power company to hook it up.

Photos by Jim Peppler; text by Patricia M. Gorence
Book Review

Stories of Famous Negroes

By Sandra Colvin

"She was black and proud. She was a hustler and she was a fighter..."

The book "Stories of Famous Negroes" is a collection of biographies that highlight the achievements and contributions of prominent African Americans. It covers a wide range of individuals from different fields, including education, politics, law, and entertainment. The biographies are written in an engaging style that makes them accessible to a broad audience. The book is an excellent resource for anyone interested in learning about the rich history and cultural achievements of African Americans.

The biography of Harriet Tubman is particularly noteworthy. Tubman, a former slave, is known for her role in the Underground Railroad, where she helped thousands of slaves escape to freedom. She also served as a nurse and spy during the Civil War, earning her the nickname "Moses." Her dedication to freedom and equality is a testament to the resilience and determination of African Americans.

The book also includes biographies of other influential figures such as Frederick Douglass, John Lewis, and Martin Luther King Jr. Each biography provides a glimpse into the life and legacy of these remarkable individuals. The book is a valuable resource for students, educators, and anyone interested in the history of African Americans.

Overall, "Stories of Famous Negroes" is a well-researched and engaging read that celebrates the achievements of African Americans. It is a reminder of the contributions they have made and a inspiration for future generations.
Victim’s Family Tells Of Clarksdale Killing

By Alan Bold

GARDNER, Ala. — Clarksdale Negro leaders met with white downtown merchants and black city clergy Friday to discuss a possibly fateful situation for Negroes.

Alas a dense crowd formed on the sidewalk in front of the Clarksdale Daily News. The Daily News is published by the Clarksdale News Company, which is owned by the NAACP, and the local Negro community.

The meeting was private, and no members of the press were allowed to attend. It was agreed that no statement be issued and that no Negro employees be put on guard.

At last Friday’s meeting, Florentine distributed a strongly worded statement warning that destruction of Negroes over one week could result in burning.

“Whether or not anything comes out of the meeting, the Negroes were on their guard,” Florentine said. “We have warned our people to keep their work quiet.”

Victim’s Family Told IMR GtUbdeR

By LUCY PETERS

CLARKSDALE, Miss. — "I’ll kill you if you kill my son," Jesse Wright, 13, told the 14-year-old Negro boy outside the Clarksdale youth center, the witness said.

The witness, his brother, and a young lady had left a few minutes earlier when the boy was killed.

‘Never seen him dead before’

The witness, who was about 17 years old, said he had been asked by police to talk to the boy, who was white.

"The boy said he had never seen him dead before," the witness said.

Joe Lee Hale’s Funeral

Belzoni, Miss. — "As long as there are children and Negroes," said Willie Bell Allen's, a board member of the Children’s Development Center (CDC), "we’re going to be around."

Belzoni is the location of the only Negro-owned business in the city. The CDC is a "black" arm of CDGM (the Child Development Group of Mississippi), the state head Start agency.

Another teacher, Mrs. Bessie Thurston, said the officer "hit Joe with his black arm." The officer, she said, "was a person I could trust."

Mrs. Allen said: "We’re those mookeys, we ain’t nobody’s." The officer, Mrs. Allen said, "was a person I could trust."

"We were going up the street in Clarksdale, and the car went dead. My brother took his gun from the car, and we took the car to the police station. He denied charges by Governor Paul Johnson that FCM is a "propaganda" or "scapegoat," Mrs. Allen said. "It's a rumor going around that ..."

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Mobile, Ala., The Alabama Funeral Directors and Morticians Assn., an organization comprising some 1,800 of the state's 2,200 funeral directors, in its annual convention here last week, passed a resolution which may change the entire outlook of the funeral insurance business in Mobile.

Most of the Negro independent funeral directors has suffered from poor financial conditions, has been the sworn enemy of the business, he said. He pointed out that the insurance companies are often interested in the business to the point of neglecting the insurance companies may be interested in the business. In Mobile, for example, the directors of the business have been very careful in handling the insurance companies due to the fact that their insurance companies have not been satisfied with the business.

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A Fight to the Finish

BY MICHAEL S. LOTTMAN

In Alabama all our yesterdays:

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Planning Will Begin
For Medical Program

 Cherokee Nine Tops Opletika, 13-11

BY PAT WILCOX

BIRDMIGHT, Ala.—As soon as a $150,000 federal grant comes in, planning will begin for a local medical program. "When the plans are ready, we will take them to the people free medical care to rural people.

Cherokee's nine-run victory over Opletika was the result of two strong performances on the mound. John Bowens (9-14), Auburn (9-15), and Lafayette (10-15) were the game's top three pitchers.

The board of directors for the medical program includes seven residents of Lowndes County and six nurses, "They are together for the first time in our history."

Before that, "We are separated," said Mrs. Robert Stephens, a headboard member, "But I think the board is doing a good job, although we still have a lot to learn."

Robert Collins, director of the county's adult-education program, "was well received at the board meetings, and told us what they want."