Official Tells OEO Troubles

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

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He cited a letter which complained that "recent thievery and vandalism in the office of our field agency has forced them to end their program of prisoner and refugee assistance during the last week."

Phelps said that the anti-poverty program could be turned around if the "damage was repaired by our own stupidity and time." He quoted a letter which complained that "new日晚 classes are being cut and poor Negroes that are working for white folks in Spring Hill College are having a hard time getting to work on time."

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**Editorial Opinion**

**Christmas for Banks**

This is the time of year when your friendly neighborhood bank
will call on you to sign up for its Christmas Club. Under these club plans, you will deposit a certain
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interest. Many banks have paid—except the use of your
money. But Christmas Clubs don't help anyone nearly as much as the help they could be providing.

When you put, say, $2 a week into your Christmas Club, you are giving the equivalent of a $50 loan for nearly a year—without a penny of
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**Plutus, Okla.**

Miss Dora Mae Gladney, 18 years old, of Okolona, Okla., was shot dead in the Plutus bar.

**New Plans for Plutus**

The people were protesting the action of the CAP board against the citizens' group, said only two of
those Negroes own property in the area, and their homes are not being torn down.

The CAP board, under a 1964 plan to acquire 500 Negro homes for the Alabama Cooperative
Housing Council, has been given $2.5 million by the Economic Opportunity Office.

**Lowndes Incident**

The Lowndes County Sheriff has been busy since September, and to see where the passengers and the
auditorium, he said, "a boy (Gordon)...

The suit against the highway said..."There's an old saying that..."Hugh Willie didn't even have a gun, Soloman said. "Hosmer, his brother...

The highway was "arbitrarily" routed through Nashvile's Negro dis­

**Forest, Miss.**

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Welcome

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George, We Love

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

Scott, a Negro, was born in Greenville, and played football, basketball, and baseball at Coleman High School here. As a star third baseman for the pennant-winning Red Sox, he finished the 1967 season with a .302 batting average, 19 home runs, and 82 runs batted in.

"George is a fine young man," said Howard Dyer, a white Greenville attorney, at a banquet held in Scott's honor. "He's a great credit to Greenville. . . . When I'm watching the Red Sox and the announcer says George Scott of Greenville, Miss., he means all of Greenville. And all of Greenville is here tonight to pay tribute."

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

Photos by Jim Peppler, Text by Mertis Rubin
Welfare Rights Groups Meet in Miss.

Reported from Montgomery

Mississippi's welfare rights groups were brought together yesterday for a bigger splash of public self-programming. One day's worth of the meeting was a state-wide school hoopla. This was given by some county schools in cooperation with the Mississippi Welfare Rights Project.

The people also approved using "gay rights" and "health rights" for the equality of women and for the protection of children.

The groups next meet at 8 p.m. today in the State Capitol for a mini-conference to teach students of all ages how to be politically effective.

Schools give free lunches to athletes, but not to children on welfare. "They're putting the screws on to the kids who need it the most," said Mrs. Pleaze Whitten of Black Belt. "Our program is the only way we can give them some help," said Mrs. Geraldine Smith, head of the Strong Black County welfare group, and Mrs. Johnnie Williams of Columbus, national director of the Black Student Action Group. "We don't ask for the food stamps; we ask for the world's attention, how can be heard, if we have to go to jail."

Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights

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