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Barbour Negroes Lose; Suit Filed Too Late

By ALFRED L. LITHERLAW

MONTGOMERY -- Defeated Negroes in a county where Sunday sales are forbidden have asked the federal court to rule that the state law is unconstitutional.

The three SNCC workers were driving to the Democratic Executive Committee this week when their car broke down. Two police officers arrived, arrested them, and charged them with violating the state's Sunday blue law.

The Alabama Supreme Court said that the state law was unconstitutional in 1965.

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‘Straighten Up or I’ll Kill Ya!’

By STEPHEN E. COTTON

BIRMINGHAM—“Steady there! Get those legs together! Straighten up or I’ll kill ya and crucify ya!”

Housewives walked out on their front porches to see what the trouble was, a dozen kids sauntered up to see what their friends were doing now, and the friends, ages six to 15, gathered around Mrs. Martha Parker as she barked orders at them like an Army drill sergeant.

They stood on their heads. They stood on each other. They tried to smile the way a star does when he’s doing something hard and making it look easy, only they made it look hard.

Anyway, they seemed to enjoy it, and after they’ve practiced the stunts some more—they’ve only been at it four days—it all should be easier. Then the group of Pratt City youngsters—calling themselves the “Daredevils II”—will be ready to put on shows for schools, churches, or anyone else.

Mrs. Parker, a 41-year-old widow with a figure most high school girls would envy, has been doing acrobatic dancing off and on since she was six—well before most of our readers were born. Back in the mid-1950s she traveled all over the country with the troupe that accompanied the famous all-star baseball team. Later, she put together her own group, the Daredevils, to keep the show moving for the crowds that came to see Birmingham’s own Black Barons.

Now she’s talking about the shows that the Daredevils will be putting on in the next couple of months, and she hopes to build a gym for the Pratt City neighborhood kids on the lot next to her home.

“It gets in your blood,” she said as she worked out with her new group, a sweating midday sun. She wasn’t even perspiring.

A neighbor’s four-year-old sidled by, catching her eye. “He’s got the muscles,” she began. “If his mother’ll just let me train him, , ,”
ROADS, RENEWAL HIT MONTGOMERY HOMES: ‘IT’S PROGRESS, AIN’T NOTHING YOU CAN DO’

HIGHWAYS CUT THROUGH CITY; 1,700 FAMILIES HAVE TO MOVE

BY ROGER BO MACLEAN

MONTGOMERY — The West Side is being invaded by a new kind of bug, it has three legs and one eye and it’s called a surveyor’s tripod. So far the bugs are the West Side’s only hint of Highways 1-65 and 1-85. These roads will soon cut through the city, leveling a strip as wide as a football field.

The new highways are part of Montgomery’s efforts to modernize its city, to attract new business and industry. City planners hope the new roads will outdistance out-mind and competition into the city.

In all, the state highway department says about 1,700 families—about 80% of them Negro—and most of them poor, will have to move to make way for the new highway projects.

One state highway official said it was only a hint of Highways 1-85.

The state highway department says it would be in the public interest to move on from the West Side of Montgomery.

The city’s West Side railroad tracks, said a woman whose house is being bought up by the highway department, “It’s Progress, Ain’t Nothing You Can Do.”

As a result, people who can’t get credit to build homes near the highway bulldozers.

Mary Lee Cowan, a widow whose house is located on 1-85, said she probably wouldn’t live long in her newly-painted house, saying “I probably wouldn’t live long in my newly-painted house, because it’s going to be in the western Hills Urban Renewal area, and the trees in a large tract of land outside the city.”

One lady who got only $4,500 for her house said, “I just can’t help but cry when I look around at it. This is the only home we have ever had.”

Some people whose houses are already being bought up by the highway department say they are angry, said, “We have been there for years, but the city has come up again three years later, nothing has been changed. This time no one saw the renewal project.

Some people whose houses are already being bought up by the highway department say they are looking to build the houses just as soon as possible, but they don’t want to lose financial benefits.

Many of the people who must move this year say when the highway has taken its toll, “I just can’t help but cry when I look around at it. This is the only home we have ever had.”

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It’s THEM!! - Beatles Hit Memphis

by Linda Kennedy and Martha George

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Belcher, for one, didn’t enjoy the de-

years to give them nice homes.”

“there’re rats and roaches,” she said,

at the ends. The paint is broken, the

“The wallpaper’s falling off. The win­

der comes through the roof. And there

much для артективism-

radio station.

While the Beatles were in town, many people asked about John Lennon’s return to the movement. “We haven’t heard from John for a while,” he said.

In some ways, it looked as if the Beatles were on vacation in Memphis. With around 8,000 young people around, a religious group called “Christian Connection” stocked a

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Professor who:

In Atlanta, Negroes and whites are fighting mad at unfair employment... instead of each other.

The government this year refused to renew the city's grant to a Head Start project, because the Tuscaloosa classes had failed to meet the federal guidelines, especially those concerning desegregation.

Little Headrick, director of the county's pre-school project, and Head Start father of two, doesn't agree: "It may be true that the test score of a Negro child is lower than that of a white child. But the test score isn't the only thing that's important.

Yet the state's county-head program, which is the same as those of Head Start, "many of these children have so much room with groups and other people," Headrick said. "It helps them adjust to society... teaches them to understand that just wouldn't have a chance."

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