

# Lowndes: A Good Day to Go Voting, But Black Panther Candidates Lose

BY VIOLA BRADFORD

HAYNEVILLE--It was a beautiful day for voting here. Men and women from 21 years of age to at least 82 were waiting at different stations last Tuesday, so that SNCC workers could come and pick them up. Many were voting for the first time in a general election.

As SNCC chairman Stokely Carmichael rode along the highways, down rugged dirt roads, and through downtown areas, he would holler, "Did you vote right?" and the Negro voters would holler back, "Sure did!"

Some people had gotten up very early in order to be at the polls on time. Women who couldn't get baby-sitters had their children with them. Men rushed and got to the polls early enough so they could get back to the farm and finish their work.

This went on from sunrise to sunset. Some went alone, walking along the highway; many went in groups. These people wanted to vote. They wanted to "pull the lever for the black panther and then go on home," and this is what they did.

But it was not enough. When the day was over, not one of the seven candidates of the Lowndes County Freedom Organization had defeated his white opponent. Sheriff Frank Ryals, a Democrat, finished ahead of freedom candidate Sidney Logan, 2,320 to 1,643. Other candidates running under the black panther label lost by margins ranging from 273 to 677.

The night before, in a meeting in Mt. Moriah Church, Carmichael had told the people, "We have done tonight what people said we'd never be able to do. We have come together and organized."

"In Montgomery," he said, "all the big folks ain't got nobody to vote for. But tomorrow we'll have somebody to vote for . . . Tomorrow when we pull that le-

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# Dallas: DCIFVO Head Not Discouraged

SELMA--"We're here to stay," said the chairman of the Dallas County Independent Free Voters Organization (DCIFVO), after the Negro group's candidates had all suffered staggering defeats in last Tuesday's election.

"This does not discourage us," said DCIFVO chairman Clarence Williams last Wednesday. "It only means we must work harder." He said the free voters organization would have plans for a new program in about a week.

The eight DCIFVO candidates for county office all lost by wide margins to white opponents. Mrs. Addie Lilly, the first DCIFVO name listed on the ballot, lost to Democrat Claude A. Sherrer, 12,814 to 1,551 for tax assessor, and the other races went the same way. N.F. Payne, candidate for coroner, led the DCIFVO ticket with 1,579 votes.

One reason for the independents' poor showing, said Williams, was the Dallas County Voters League's endorsement of the entire Democratic ticket. This endorsement was chiefly intended to help the DCVL-backed Democratic candidate for sheriff, Wilson Baker.

Baker, the former Selma police chief, needed all the help he could get, as he

edged write-in candidate Jim Clark, the present sheriff, by about 500 votes.

Williams charged that some "mighty funny things" went on in the election. He said his poll-watchers were not allowed to watch the voting at several boxes.

"Our votes disappeared somehow," he said in a tired voice. "I don't know what happened to them . . . The count just don't seem right. We should have polled more than that."

Williams said he would have been "satisfied" if the independent candidates had polled "2,000 or a little better," in the face of "an all-out conspiracy of local leaders."

The DCIFVO candidates didn't even get 20% of the total vote, which would have made the organization a recognized political party.

But, said Williams, "we're not concerned with being listed as a party. We're out to establish a democratic system in the county."

"The next four years will determine what the Negro does with himself, where he'll be placed," said Williams. "We intend to stand up politically, any way we can. We're going to keep fighting."

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From Macon to Lee

## Segrest's Trial Is Transferred

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

TUSKEGEE--The trial of Marvin L. Segrest, the white man accused of murdering a Negro civil rights worker here last January, will not be held in Macon County.

Circuit Judge L. J. Tyner has ordered the trial moved to Lee County. His decision is final. There is no legal method of appeal.

The ruling means that Segrest, charged with second degree murder in the killing of Samuel L. Younge Jr., will almost certainly be tried by an all-white jury.

Negroes outnumber whites two to one on the Macon County jury list. But only a few Negroes have ever served on state juries in Lee County.

In his ruling, filed last Saturday but not revealed until after the election, Judge Tyner said that Segrest "can-

## Helps To Be A Lady And A Democrat

MONTGOMERY--It helped to be a woman and a Democrat in Tuesday's election in Alabama.

Five women were elected to state-wide office, led by Mrs. Lurleen Wallace, who won the governor's race by a two-to-one margin over Republican James D. Martin. Independent candidate Dr. Carl Robinson was a respectable third with 50,000 votes.

Democrat Albert Brewer was unopposed for lieutenant governor, and Democrat MacDonal Gallion swamped



BEFORE THE VOTE his Republican opponent, Don Collins, in the attorney general's race.

U.S. Senator John Sparkman, a Democrat, easily won a fourth term over Republican challenger John Grenier.

And the Democrats regained two of the five U.S. House seats currently held by the Republicans. Democrat Bill Nichols unseated the GOP's Glenn Andrews in the Fourth District, and Democrat Tom Bevill beat Republican Waymon Sherrer for Martin's old Seventh District spot.

Democrats also won all but one of the 141 seats in the state legislature. The lone Republican winner was Leland Childs of Jefferson County.

In the 16th District race for the state Senate, Democrat Tom Radney rolled up a three-to-one margin over Republican J.B. Ruffin.

Radney, a moderate, defeated Ruffin, a conservative, in all three counties--Macon, Elmore, and Tallapoosa.

not have a fair and impartial trial in Macon County."

The judge based his eight-page ruling on newspaper articles and other evidence submitted by Segrest's attorneys, William M. Russell Jr. and Harry D. Raymon, and on testimony in court by county law enforcement officers.

Both sources were used to prove that Tuskegee Institute students and civil rights workers held a series of protest demonstrations after Younge's death, demanding that his killer be found, prosecuted, and convicted.

The judge said "the great majority of the citizens, both Negro and white, of Macon County, Alabama would . . . award the accused a fair and impartial trial." He cited the "sincerity, interest, decorum, dignity and apparent efforts of the juries to be fair" in the Macon County court term which ended last week.

"Yet this court has no way of knowing that members of organizations promoting the demonstrations, after the unfortunate death of Samuel Younge Jr., would not be on the panel of jurors called for the trial of this case, or that some jurors would not be influenced by their actions," the judge continued.

He said "the atmosphere created by the repeated marchings and demonstrations of members of organizations in Macon County, composed in part or promoted by professional agitators . . . is prejudicial to the accused."

Judge Tyner quoted at length from the four newspaper articles.

The judge noted that all four articles and a fifth piece of evidence, a notice of a student mass meeting about Younge's death, referred to events "prior to October 26, 1966," the date set for Segrest's pre-trial hearing. But the judge did not add that all the events took place within a month after Younge's death, or more than nine

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## Amerson Elected Macon Sheriff Despite Sadler Write-In Effort

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

TUSKEGEE -- Lucius D. Amerson, a barrel-chested, soft-spoken, determined young man, was elected sheriff of Macon County this week.

When he takes office in January, Amerson, a Democrat, will be Alabama's first Negro sheriff in the 20th century.

His victory wasn't easy. After weathering the Democratic primary election May 3 and the run-off May 31, he had to face a strong write-in campaign last Tuesday for the county's present sheriff, Harvey Sadler.

But when the final count was in, the election wasn't even close. Amerson won nearly two votes to every one for Sadler--3,868 to 2,002. Bob Dawson, the 3rd Party For America candidate, limped in third with 149 votes.

Two other Negroes on the Democratic ticket were swept into office without difficulty. L. A. Lockair, the Democratic nominee for tax collector, rolled in well over 4,000 votes to 50

for write-in candidate James L. Braswell Jr.

A last-minute write-in against Harold W. Webb for the county board of revenue came to so few votes that nobody at the courthouse Tuesday night even bothered to put them on the running tally sheet.

Last week, Sadler said the write-in campaign for sheriff was organized by Negroes. But, according to Tuesday's results, most of his best friends were whites.

He won only four out of 25 ballot boxes--three in Notasulga (the only part of the county where whites strongly outnumber Negroes) and one in Little Texas (where whites have a voting majority).

Sadler also won two-thirds of the 135 absentee ballots. Although the write-in effort became public only a few days before the election, Amerson said, "Sadler got write-ins all the way from Viet Nam. He must have planned this thing two or three months ago."

Early or late, Sadler's campaign was well-planned. The election officials at the courthouse said they thought he had the biggest write-in total in Macon County history.



COUNTING THE WRITE-IN VOTES



AMERSON CHECKS THE RETURNS AT HIS HEADQUARTERS

There was one major snag. Shortly after Sadler's friends printed up hundreds of stickers, the state attorney general's office reminded Alabama write-in candidates of a 1954 ruling against stickers.

But most of Sadler's supporters apparently got the message. Fewer than 200 of them used stickers instead of ink or pencil.

About 5,900 voters--nearly two-thirds of them Negroes--went to the polls. The turn-out was 700 less than it was for the May 31 run-off, and 200 below the May 3 primary. Poll-watchers reported that most, but not all, of the missing voters were Negroes.

Some Negroes evidently voted for Mrs. Lurleen Wallace, who topped her May total here by 1,000 ballots. The tally in the governor's race was 2,594 for Mrs. Wallace, 1,629 for independent candidate Dr. Carl Robinson, and 1,308 for Republican Congressman James D. Martin.

While the election officials counted ballots at the courthouse last Tuesday night, Amerson counted poll-watchers' reports at his headquarters in the Tuskegee Federal Savings and Loan building.

As the results began to pour in, a grin spread across Amerson's face. "I had to run three times and beat five men," he said, "but I did it." (Amerson beat Dawson in two elections and Sadler in all three.)

Then the sheriff-elect sat down and wrote out a winner's statement for the television cameras.

"My victory indicates that the people of Macon County want a man who they believe will be fair and impartial in all of his dealings with the people in this county, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin," Amerson said. "I shall uphold and execute the law at all times."

# Maddox, Rival Even; Whitley Low

## GEORGIA

BY JIM SMITH

ATLANTA, Ga.--The outcome of the governor's race in Georgia may be up in the air for a long time to come.

A determined write-in movement for former governor Ellis Arnall apparently made it impossible for either Democrat Lester Maddox or Republican Congressman Howard "Bo" Callaway to get a majority.

And a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) made it likely that the issue will go before a federal court before being finally decided.

With almost all the returns in, Maddox and Callaway each had 47% of the total, and the Arnall write-in had a vital 6%. No candidate can be elected unless he gets more than 50% of the vote.

The election lived up to predictions that it would be close right to the finish. Segregationist Maddox, who closed his Atlanta restaurant rather than serve Negroes, made a strong showing in the rural counties, leaving the cities mainly to Callaway, as was expected.

He also picked up the votes of extreme conservatives and segregationists who made up the core of the vote for Barry Goldwater in 1964. Callaway, who played down his conservative vot-

ing record and emphasized the importance of bringing industry into Georgia, got support from some moderate Democrats and Negroes, as well as from full-fledged Republicans.

The write-in movement for Arnall apparently hurt Callaway in particular. It was heaviest in counties where Callaway got a strong majority.

The write-in will probably make its protest felt by landing the election in a legal mess.

The state constitution says that if no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the Georgia legislature will pick the governor from the two highest candidates. But the ACLU of Georgia filed a suit last Wednesday to prevent this, because the present legislature has not yet been reapportioned to meet the "one man, one vote" standard set by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The suit asks the federal court to delay the election by the legislature until reapportionment takes place.

On another front, the write-in headquarters said Wednesday that it had received many complaints of irregularities that might be grounds for seeking a new election.

One charge was that write-in ballots were not furnished to voters along with regular ballots, so

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## MISSISSIPPI

BY GAIL FALK

JACKSON, Miss.--"Well, we got one in down in the low country and we might have another up North. But other than that, we didn't do so good," said a Meridian lady as she relaxed on her porch last Wednesday, after a long Tuesday of urging Negro voters to the polls.

In Jefferson County, Robert Williams, 31, of Rodney, received almost twice as many votes as his white opponent, E.P. Breithaupt, for a post on the school board. Williams, a farmer and school bus driver, is the first Negro to be elected to public office in Mississippi in this century.

"But we didn't tell people to vote for him just because he was a Negro," said NAACP field director Charles Evers. Evers, said Williams had promised to work for more classrooms and buses, 100% compliance with federal desegregation guidelines, equal pay for teachers with equal qualifications, and equal facilities at all schools.

And in Leflore County, the Rev. J.D. Collins of Greenwood polled 1,740 votes--more than any of the five white men who opposed him in a special election for Beat 3 supervisor. He didn't get a majority of all the votes, though, so he will face his nearest rival, W.L. Kellum, in a run-off Nov. 22.

Collins, 64, runs a shoe repair business in addition to his work as pastor. He said he protested when the ministerial alliance first drafted him to run for the post, but now is "proud they did." He said he has in mind a lot of improvements he wants to work on if elected, particularly in the field of public housing.

But except for Williams and Collins, the election winners in Mississippi were just about the same as always, even though Negro voter registration is five times higher than it was a year ago. (The U.S. Justice Department said it was 172,836 last Sept. 1.)

A half hour after the polls closed, the computers had already declared U.S. Senator James O. Eastland re-elected to a fifth term.

Eastland, a Democrat, campaigned more vigorously than ever before against Republican Prentiss Walker and--late in the campaign--MFDP-backed independent, the Rev. Clifton Whitley.

After Barry Goldwater carried Mississippi in the 1964 Presidential election, many people believed the state was on its way to a two-party system.

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**Editorial Opinion**

**'Go' Party Is Gone**

The results of Tuesday's election, as expected, were not encouraging for Alabama. It is hard to be hopeful about four years of the Wallaces, MacDonald Gallion, and the rest. But in the long run, the most damaging thing about Election Day, was the total collapse of the Alabama Republican Party.

All over the country, Republican candidates scored impressive victories on Tuesday. But not in Alabama, where the GOP--suffering from disunity, disorganization, and a profound lack of courage--did a good job of destroying itself.

Two-party politics at least raises the hope that the candidates will take opposite stands on the major issues, giving the voters a choice. And that is how many Republicans won last Tuesday--by being different from Democrats. In places like Florida and California, it is true, Republicans won by being more conservative than their liberal Democratic opponents. But responsible Republicans in Arkansas and Maryland were elected because they chose the path of moderation.

Conceding defeat after a mindless campaign for governor, Republican Jim Martin said, "Alabama had a choice, and my opponent won." The truth is that Martin and his running mates didn't have the guts to give the people a choice. They were so afraid of losing their 200,000 die-hard Goldwaterite votes that they refused to offer anything to the thousands of reasonable Alabamians who might have supported them.

Of course, the Wallaces were just about unbeatable, and they pulled other Democratic candidates along with them. Nevertheless, when the voters wanted to--as with Congressman Jack Edwards in Mobile--they didn't have any trouble splitting their tickets. But in most contests, there was no reason for splitting. One narrow-minded racist mouthing the tired litany of "state's rights, free enterprise, and constitutional government" is pretty much like another.

**Letters to the Editor**

To The Editor:

I think there should be more policeman protection in buses and trains stations, especially late at night when crime seem to have more of a tendency to occur. Now I don't mean some unfair minded person with a badge on.

This year there was an embarrassing racial incident that happen to me at 2 bus stations located in Columbus, Ga., and Montgomery, Ala. I don't know if I was more embarrass than upset. This incident happen when I was waiting to change buses in Columbus, Ga. It was a lots of white people started staring at me and openly talking about me out loud. I heard them very well. There were no policeman in sight, and they started making remarks like these: "She is nice looking, got a boss shape. We ought to line up and each one of us rape her, then beat hell out of her. Look what she wearing, she must be a Jew. No, she is a Commie. No, she is a Muslim. She seem to be very intelligence. Seem like a New York Slicker, must be rich, she made a long distance phone call, let's get her. She look like a kid, no she not got too much sense to be a kid."

The same thing happen in this pattern this year when I arrived late one night at a bus station in Montgomery, Ala. No policeman was there.

To whom it may concern, I have you know I am God's child.

May I say thanks to that young colored man that got on the bus and was sitting behind me and I heard him make this remark:

"Man, I was just fixing to check out and I saw this young lady sitting over there all by herself and these white guys talking about what they were going to do to her. I said to myself I better take this girl home, I know where she is going. It made my blood boil when I saw one started over toward her. I had my hand on my gun in my pocket, I was just waiting to blow his head off."

I did not want to see any shooting, thank God there wasn't any, but it did make me feel proud that some of our race do care about each other. May God bless that young man, give him the strength to remain a man with dignity and pride.  
(Name Withheld)  
Union Springs

To The Editor:

I, Addie Lily, am a Candidate for public office in Dallas County. Last

night at Brown Chapel Church, I requested the privilege to speak to my people as their candidate for Tax Assessor. Rev. P.H. Lewis, Vice-President of the DCVL, refused to allow me to speak. He said, "We don't have any candidates running anyway!"

This refusal hurt me deeply because (No. 1) four years ago when we had our first march, I was there, willing to lend a hand in whatever I could do for my freedom and everybody's. If it had cost my life, I was determined to be there.

(No. 2) I'm hurt because I know that the way is being darkened for the future--for our young people--and I know that we as adults are responsible to create a light so that our children will be able to see the way and get to the top of the hill.

(No. 3) In 1964, I was wounded--standing for dignity and fighting for freedom--and last night, I was not even allowed to speak to the people I am fighting for.



MRS. ADDIE LILY

(No. 4.) In 1965, I was wounded and gassed on the Pettus Bridge on Black Sunday, marching for the right to vote.

(No. 5) In 1966, I went all the way out to help my people. I taught seven classes to help prepare my people to vote wisely. Through my teaching, I was able to help my people see a better life for themselves. What Rev. F.D. Reese and Lewis are doing will not stop me. I have doubled my determination to fight on, and I will never turn back. "Before I'd be a slave, I'd rather be dead and in my grave, and gone home to be at rest."

Mrs. Addie Lily  
Selma

**Money Running Out**

**Free Food For Miss.?**

BY GAIL FALK

JACKSON, Miss.--Operation Help, Mississippi's free-food program, will run out of money at the end of November.

But Paul J. Ussery, director of the program, said he has been "negotiating" with the federal Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) for the past six weeks, and is confident that the government will continue to support Operation Help.

"I feel we will be refunded," Ussery said this week after a round of conferences with OEO officials in Atlanta, Ga. "We've certainly done a lot of good with the money OEO has given Mississippi for surplus food."

An OEO spokesman in Washington said "things look very good" for Operation Help.

The program has given free surplus food to more than 400,000 people in 75 of Mississippi's 82 counties. It began last spring under a special six-month OEO grant, after demonstrations at Greenville Air Force Base and Mt. Beulah had called attention to poverty in Mississippi.

This week as usual, poor people were carrying off cartons full of peanut butter, flour, dry milk, meal, shortening, and chopped meat from the county warehouses. But Operation Help was already laying some off some of its workers.

"They fooled us," said Mrs. Mary Wooten, who was laid off her job of interviewing Lauderdale County applicants for free food. "They told us we would be working until the last of November. Then they came and told us the 31st of October was the last go-round--and that was it."

Ussery said Operation Help would have to stop distributing food in mid-November if it didn't save money by laying off some of the staff.

He said he is negotiating for an extension of the present OEO grant to cover November and December, and a new grant for the coming year.

Operation Help gave food not only to people on welfare but also to many poor people who didn't qualify for assistance.

**Segrest Trial**

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months ago. The only evidence of a more recent disturbance related to the murder case was given by sheriff's deputy Jack Ayscue in court last week.

Tyner quoted Ayscue as saying: "Mr. Segrest left court (on Oct. 26) and I was asked to follow him and I went out in front of the courthouse and was standing on the steps and I wasn't talking to anyone and a group of the same demonstrators turned around and started cursing me and calling me vulgar names."

In his ruling, Judge Tyner quoted several past court decisions. One of them said, "With his life at stake, it is not requiring too much that (the defendant) be tried in an atmosphere undisturbed by so huge a wave of public passion."

In this case, Segrest's life is not at stake. The penalty for second degree murder is a prison sentence of not less than ten years. A jury could lower the charge, but could not raise it.

**First Vote in Grenada: 'Just Need a Name'**

BY GAIL FALK

GRENADA, Miss.--A plump Negro lady in a black-and-white house dress paused in front of the Grenada County Courthouse last Tuesday afternoon and looked both ways with an anxious expression. Then she shrugged her shoulders, stood up straight, and marched on in.

A few seconds later, a pink-faced man in a sports shirt paused at the same door and looked inside at the long lines of Negroes waiting at registration tables. His face and neck turned red, but he shrugged his shoulders too, and went on in.

It was the first time thousands of Negroes in Grenada and elsewhere around the state had voted, and it didn't come easy for lots of people.

In Grenada, fewer than 700 Negroes were registered in the county when the Meredith March came through last June. But federal examiners were busy registering people all summer, and the total is around 3,000 now. Only 37 people in the county voted for the Rev. Clifford Whitley in the June primary. But on Tuesday, more than 1,300 did.

"All you need's a name," one of the poll workers said to an old Negro man who looked worried because he didn't have a poll tax receipt.

A Negro election official helped illiterate people mark their ballots, and she helped find out the addresses of nervous Negroes who had trouble talking to the white officials. Even Grenada County Constable Grady Carroll--who recently served time in federal prison after attacking a civil rights lawyer--opened the door for a Negro lady. But civil rights forces around the

**Surprise Write-In Fails; Negro Coroner in Sumter**

BY ROBIN REISIG

MARION--The night before last Tuesday's election, meetings throughout Perry and Sumter counties revealed a write-in campaign for ten Negro candidates who lost in the May Democratic primary. Despite this surprise tactic, all ten candidates lost again. But, nevertheless, a Negro was elected to office in Sumter County. James Weatherly, an undertaker, ran unopposed as the Democratic nominee, and became the county's first Negro coroner since Reconstruction.

Weatherly's appearance on the political scene was something of a mystery. Sumter County Probate Judge Wilbur E. Dearman said Weatherly had been nominated in the May primary.

But Weatherly and his wife, Mrs. Addie Mae Weatherly, said that wasn't so. "He decided to run about August," said Mrs. Weatherly.

The new coroner, contacted in Chi-

cago where he was attending a meeting of funeral directors, said he did not run in the Democratic primary, but rather was placed on the ballot by the county Democratic executive committee.

Weatherly said he ran because it was his "democratic duty." "I'm a staunch Democrat all the way," he said. "I've never voted anything but the Democratic ticket."

The Negro write-in candidates, supported by the Confederation of Alabama's Political Organizations (COAPO), hoped to win at least the offices where both Democrats and Republicans were on the ballot. But they ran into troubles.

"We had 3,000 copies of a sticker made with all eight candidates' names on it, but the attorney general said it was illegal," said Albert Turner, who lost to Ira D. Pruitt in the race for state representative, place 1, from Sumter, Perry and Marengo counties.



THE REV. F. N. NIXON

"I think the people had enough votes to win, but the difficulty of a write-in campaign stopped them."

The Rev. F.N. Nixon, who lost to Richard Manley for the district's other seat in the state House, said the defeats of Samuel Little (for school board) and Connie Ruffin (for tax assessor) in Sumter were due in part to "irregularities in boxes."

"When people arrived at the polls," Nixon charged, "they were told, 'We don't know about no Turner or Nixon. They ain't even on the ballot.' A lot of people went home confused because they were given the wrong information."

A similar write-in campaign fell short in Wilcox County.

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**SNCC Reports Violence, Poll Trouble in Lowndes**

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While we were standing by our car, a Negro girl came running to us, saying, "They're beating up my father." The policeman was just standing there doing nothing.

"We ran . . . to our car to get some guns and stuff, because some white men had guns and other concealed weapons. We realized that we didn't have enough guns to fight with. Some of those white cats had guns in their pockets. A white man in a uniform shot at our car four times. After this the workers left."

The man who was beaten, Andrew Jones, was rushed to Good Samaritan Hospital in Selma. A hospital spokesman said Wednesday that "his condition is satisfactory."

(Donald A. Jelinek of the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, attorney for the SNCC workers, asked a federal court to take the cases out of the Selma Recorders Court. He said the arrests were made "for reasons of race and color, for the sole purpose of discouraging activities on behalf of the Negro electorate which might result in Negro participation in local affairs and the government of Dallas County.")

(But Federal Judge Daniel H. Thomas sent the case back to the Selma court for trial.)

In the Lowndes election on Tuesday, several incidents were reported from the polling places.

A Negro man said that in one polling place, "some white men would open the curtains with their hand, and look into the booth while the Negroes were voting."

As the SNCC workers left Hayneville, they met a car carrying a Negro man who had been beaten in Fort Deposit.

Ronald William Woodard III, a SNCC worker, told what happened: "We were at the poll. We had a little bit of trouble all day. There was a lot of confusion. People were challenging."

"Whites started to standing around, getting into arguments with SNCC workers, saying, 'I'm going to get you.'" Woodard continued. "About 6 p.m., they were winning . . . We figured there wouldn't be any trouble right then.

Montgomery

Mrs. Barbara H. Flowers of the Southern Courier staff gave birth to a baby daughter, Kaml Kadell, at 3:15 a.m. last Saturday morning. The baby, who weighed six pounds and some ounces, is the second daughter for Mrs. Flowers and her husband, Robert. Mother and baby are both doing well, father not so good. (From Ruby and Levetia Howard)

Detroit, Mich.

Five months after he was ambushed in Mississippi, James Meredith says he will return--but he won't say when or how. "My purpose is yet to be accomplished," he said here last week. "I couldn't live in good conscience with

Heidelberg, Miss.

Mary Schaeffer, a civil rights worker in Jasper County, got a scare last Saturday when her car caught on fire. But she was not hurt at all. She said flames started coming out of the rear wheel of her car because of bad brakes, and the fire almost got to the gas tank. The car's name is Constance, short for "constant struggle." (From Patricia James)

Washington, D.C.

Walter Dukes, a former college and professional basketball star, has been appointed as an attorney in the solicitor's office of the U.S. Labor Department. He is assigned to New York City.

Meridian, Miss.

A free-for-all developed in the halls of Meridian High School last Tuesday morning, after a white boy bumped a Negro girl on the way to her first-period class. The girl, Miss Brenda Clayton, started to hit the boy, but was pulled back by a companion, Miss Georgette Leflore. But a few seconds later, the boy bumped into Miss Leflore, who this time hit him in the stomach. Not long after, the same boy got into a hair-pulling battle with Miss Dorothy Moore. And Miss Gwen Clark got into it with another white boy nearby in the hall. Miss Clark hit the boy she was fighting over the head. Miss Moore kicked the other boy, and he fell to the floor. Both Miss Moore and Miss Clark were sent home from school. (From Patricia James)

St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Florida State Conference of NAACP Branches is calling for a state civil rights law in its 1967 legislative program. The law would provide for fair employment practices, open housing, and desegregation of public accommodations and public and private schools. "It is time that segregation and discrimination be completely wiped from the face of this state," the NAACP said.

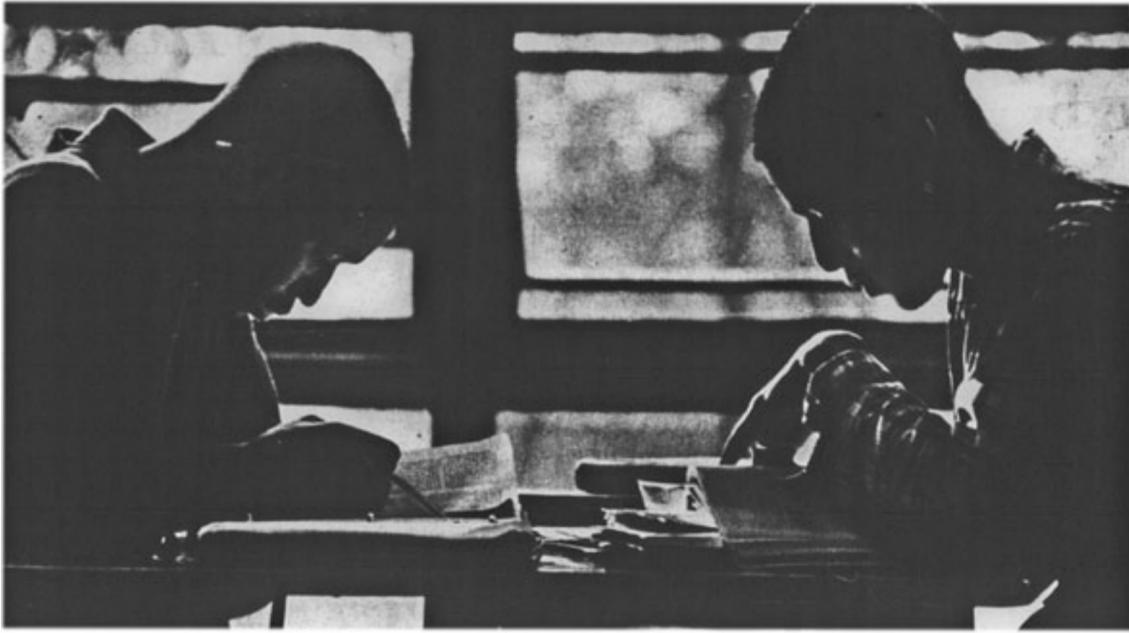
Meridian, Miss.

The Meridian First Union Baptist Church Credit Union recently made its first loan to one of its members. The executive directors of the credit union have temporarily limited the amount anyone can borrow to \$50. They said this will be increased as new members give the credit union more assets. They also said they hope LEAP (the Lauderdale Economic Assistance Program) will help to support the credit union. (From Patricia James)

Mobile

"A Short Course in Negro History" held the first of its six meetings last Sunday in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Touminville. The course, which covers the years from the Civil War through the civil rights movement, is being sponsored by the Mobile Council on Human Relations. The next five meetings will be held on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m.





# The Campus Scene



*Photographs by Jim Pepler*



# SCHOOL PROBLEMS IN 3 COUNTIES

## Akron Children Continue Boycott Of One-Room Elementary School

BY ROBIN REISIG

AKRON -- Every window in the Martin Mission Elementary School here was smashed a month ago.

The windows have been patched with plastic, but nothing has yet patched together a solution for the problems that have been jarring Akron's Negro schools all fall.

Broken windows are only a part of the story. Children have been boycotting Martin Mission since two weeks after school started, because they want to attend the larger, better equipped Negro school--

Akron Public School.

Their complaints have not been given much official notice. Last week Caesar Tillman, principal of Akron Public School, claimed, "I haven't heard of the boycott. We have no boycott."

But even Tillman's school participated in a "sympathy boycott." For two weeks near the beginning of the term, attendance at Akron Public School dropped to as low as 40 (580 is normal), parents say, as Akron Public School children showed their support of Martin Mission children.

Martin Mission is an elementary school usually enrolling somewhere between 65 and 85 students. It has one room, divided by a curtain to form two rooms. Each "room" contains three grades. The school has no water,

and only an out-house for a bathroom, parents complain.

"Sometimes my children can't get heat," claims Mrs. Mattie Walton, the mother of three boycotting children. And that wasn't all, "The teachers are not kind to the children," Mrs. Walton said.

"The children did most of the teaching," recalls a former student, Miss Celia May Hays, 15.

The parents say that Akron Public School has two empty rooms--enough space for the children from Martin Mission.

The parents also say that seven similar schools in Hale County have been closed, and that Martin Mission should be closed.

And the parents say that school supervisor John C. Tucker and his wife, who teaches at Martin Mission, told them that their children could go to Akron Public School this fall.

The trouble started when fall came and the parents tried to enroll their children in Akron Public. "Every time we go down there, they turn us around and they wouldn't let the children in," said Mrs. Walton. She has tried to enroll her children five times since school started.

Eventually, the children might have returned quietly to Martin Mission. But, according to Mrs. Walton, Tucker "hi-jacked"--or took over--a school bus. She said he forced two little girls, who insisted on going to Akron Public School instead of Martin Mission, to walk miles home in the rain.

After that, the boycott went into full force. For a while, parents say, only five children were attending the small school--and two of them were Mrs. Tucker's. A few more have drifted back now.

But the boycotting parents have taken some new actions, too. Mrs. Rebecca Ward said that her children and others have turned in their Martin Mission books. Some parents



THESE AKRON CHILDREN ARE PICKING COTTON THIS FALL, INSTEAD OF GOING TO MARTIN MISSION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

are circulating a petition calling for the removal from office of Tillman, Tucker, and Hale County Schools Superintendent Robert E. Ramey.

"My duty is to administer the school program. It's not my duty to determine where a child goes to school," Tillman said.

"The laws are handed down and we carry out orders," commented Mrs. Tucker.

There was another kind of trouble over the boycott when some 15 Negro students transferred to predominantly white Akron schools under a

federal court order late in September.

"The (Akron Public School) principal said, 'You have days with zeros waiting on you when you enroll in every class,' because we had boycotted school. Then he asked us did we still want to enroll," transfer student Larry Williams said.

Nineteen Negro students had been admitted to mostly white Hale County schools at the start of the term. But 184 Negroes had requested transfers. On Sept. 15, federal Judge Daniel H. Thomas ordered the white schools to accept re-applications for

a period of several days.

The Negro students at Akron Public School are not satisfied with permission to attend classes there. They want the same privileges that white students have.

"The lessons are kind of hard on my son Willie Lee," Mrs. Rose Lee Cheesboro said, "but he might like it better if they allowed him to play football."

"We asked the principal," Williams said, "and he said we wouldn't be able to play this year, but he'd try to make arrangements so we can play next year."

## Choctaw Students Crowd Classes at Shady Grove

BY GAIL FALK

SILAS, Ala.--When school opened this year, Mrs. Gladys Harrison had 60 children in her second-grade class at all-Negro Shady Grove High School. The school's sixth-grade teacher had 52 students.

All in all, said principal George Moore, Shady Grove had an increase of more than 100 students over last year's enrollment of about 400.

Was it the beginning of a population explosion in this sparsely settled West Alabama county? No, say the teachers, the students transferred to Shady Grove under the new county-wide freedom-of-choice plan.

Freedom-of-choice forms, required by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to give Negro parents a chance to enroll their children in white schools, were mailed out in Choctaw County last spring. But, said a Shady Grove teacher, "Those parents weren't thinkin' of no white school."

No Negro students are attending classes at all-white South Choctaw High School in Silas. But many parents used the forms to transfer their children from all-Negro Melvin Junior High School to all-Negro Shady Grove.

Why did the children change? "Children like to go with the crowd," said

Moore. (Shady Grove is larger than Melvin, and it has a football team.) "And some changed because their brothers and sisters were here at the high school."

Mrs. Caressa Ray, who taught first grade at Melvin last year, said, "At Melvin they had outside facilities, and the children would have to go out in the cold to get to them. They found out they were inside at Shady Grove."

There were so few students up at Melvin that one teacher could take both the first and second grades. So Mrs. Ray was hired to help out Mrs. Harrison at Shady Grove. The high school also hired another sixth-grade teacher.

But there were no extra rooms at already-crowded Shady Grove. Instead, wooden partitions had to be built down the middle of the second- and sixth-grade classrooms, so that two classes now meet in rooms meant for one.

County Schools Superintendent W. M. Wimberly said he hopes some room can be added to Shady Grove by next year. He said there's "nothing racial" about the over-crowding.

Eight hundred students, he said, are "packed in like sardines" in space meant for 600 at mostly-white Choctaw County High School in Butler. Work has begun on an addition to the school in Butler, Wimberly said.

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

INVERNESS -- Bullock County Technical High School doesn't look like a Negro school. That's because it wasn't--not until this year. It used to be Inverness Elementary School for white children.

The 400 Negro students who go to Bullock County Tech have a lot of facilities they didn't have at their old elementary schools near here. One of those new facilities is a lunchroom serving hot lunches.

But the lunchroom isn't very popular. Only 65 students eat there regularly.

At last month's PTA meeting, Principal Albert Lancaster asked the parents to start supporting the lunchroom. "We can't operate this way," he said. "We can't pay our bills."

Lovie D. Crawford, of Corinth, father of six children, stood up. "We can't pay our bills either," he told Lancaster. "That 35 cents for lunch is just too much for a large family."

Then, Crawford said later, "Some smart joker with no kids got up and said it wasn't his fault I had so many going."

That made a lot of people angry. And, since the PTA meeting, other parents with small incomes and big families have complained about the cost of lunch at Bullock County Technical High School.

Now school officials have dropped the price to 30 cents a day, but the parents still say it's too much.

"I really can't afford it," said Miss Willie Grace Thornton, of Aberfoyl, who takes care of her own five children and two of her sister's children. "I only



MRS. ODIS LEE KING AND THREE OF HER TEN CHILDREN

make \$15 a week. By the time I get through buyin' groceries, I ain't got nothin' left. And every time you turn around, those children need somethin' to wear."

Mrs. Odis Lee King, who has ten young children and a four-room house in Aberfoyl, said almost the same thing. "My husband, he makes \$47 a week, but all 12 of us have to live on it."

She looked down at the ground through

the warped boards in the floor of her small home. "I had a stroke, I can't do nothing but my housework. My grown children are away--they're no help to me now."

"I want to do the best I can and put my children through high school. But the lunch is too much. I feel like them what's able to pay, they go on paying for it--but I can't."

Crawford and Mrs. King said they didn't feel anyone was really trying to force them to buy the lunches. But Miss Thornton saw it differently.

"They was insistin' on it," she said. "It's wrong when we can't afford it."

Bullock County Schools Superintendent Edward M. Lindbloom agreed that forcing people to buy lunches would be wrong. "We wouldn't want to do that," he said. "We try to give as low a price as possible to encourage them. Thirty cents doesn't seem high to me."

"I know anything is too high for the people on welfare, but I don't know what else we can do."

Some parents said the federal government should provide the school lunches. "The law says you pay zero to 35 cents depending on what you have," claimed H. O. Williams, of Union Springs. "This is an ideal situation where the county could prosper by taking a government hand-out--

but the white folks just don't care about us."

But Lindbloom and Lancaster, the principal, said they didn't know of any federal funds available for the lunch program. "We get rice and beans free," Lancaster said, "but that's about all we can get."

Lancaster said part of the problem was that the children haven't gotten used to the lunchroom.

"Some of them still put 40-50 cents a day into the cookie machine," he said. "That machine takes in \$85 to \$90 every week."

"I know there are some people who can't afford lunch, but it's mostly the larger people that will not participate."

The principal suggested that the richer parents get together and buy lunches for the children who can't afford them. "Myself and several bus drivers have purchased lunches for several children," he said. "But the parental element has said nothing so far. I think we could work this thing out if we come together."

While the parents and school officials were talking about lunchroom prices, the students had a different complaint. "It's 30 cents for nothing," said one teen-ager. "The food is no good."



INVERNESS SCHOOL ENROLLS ABOUT 400 STUDENTS. ONLY 65 OF THEM EAT IN THE LUNCHROOM. PARENTS SAY THE PRICE IS TOO HIGH.



BUT THE VENDING MACHINES ARE BUSY.

Over High Food Prices

# Ladies Picket In Meridian

BY PATRICIA JAMES  
 MERIDIAN, Miss.--Meridian housewives have begun a boycott to protest high grocery prices.  
 Mrs. Annie Gathright, a Negro woman, said a white woman called her on the phone last week and asked her to come down and help picket. "She (the white woman) told me to get anyone else to come and help picket," Mrs. Gathright said. "She did not tell me her name."  
 Mrs. Gathright and Mrs. Agnes Smith, project director of MFDP in Meridian, picketed the A & P grocery store.  
 "There was no integrated picket line," said Mrs. Smith.  
 "When we got up there, the ladies were gone," said Mrs. Gathright. "We picketed a while and then left, because it got so cold."  
 "We were picketing because we want lower food prices," she said. "I will picket some more."  
 "We are picketing for lower food prices and to do away with the stamps, games, and gimmicks," said Mrs. Peggy Rushing, a white lady speaking for the women picketing at the Winn-Dixie grocery store last Saturday.  
 "This is just the local housewives of the Meridian area picketing," she said. She said her group had asked the MFDP for help.  
 "We are going to continue to picket until the stamps, games, and gimmicks are done away with, and the prices are down," said Mrs. Rushing.  
 But one Meridian housewife said (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX, Col. 6)

# Lauderdale Anti-Poverty Board Debates Youth Corps Program

BY PATRICIA JAMES  
 MERIDIAN, Miss. -- Lauderdale County's new anti-poverty board didn't have much trouble agreeing on a charter and by-laws at its meeting Nov. 2. But when it came to deciding on the first project for LEAP (the Lauderdale Economic Assistance Program), there was plenty of disagreement.  
 Oble Clark, community action specialist for STAR, Inc., Meridian's adult-education program, described plans for a 12-month Neighborhood Youth Corps program to provide jobs for 150 school drop-outs between the ages of 16 and 24.  
 The program he described called for \$26,000 in salaries for full-time people like the project director, bookkeeper, secretary and two counselors.  
 The boys and girls in the Youth Corps would be paid \$1.25 an hour.  
 But some LEAP board members thought the plan had been drawn up too hastily, and others complained that the Meridian school board had not been properly contacted. They said the Youth Corps members must take six hours of classes while they are working, but no arrangements had been made for cooperation with the public schools.  
 STAR director Connie Moore said he concluded the public schools weren't

**CR Poet Reads At Samford U.**  
 SHADES VALLEY -- Conservative Samford University met civil rights poet John Beecher here last week. Both survived.  
 The campus literary club invited Beecher to read from his new book of poems, "To Live and Die in Dixie," which deals in part with injustices against Negroes. Afterwards, the white-bearded poet said he thought "a new day is dawning in Birmingham."  
 Two hundred people attended the reading, said literary club president Phil Mattar, making it "the largest single meeting the club has ever had in its entire history."  
 "I've never had a more enthusiastic or polite audience in my life," said Beecher. He said 60 of his books were sold, and a university official even asked for an autograph. "It shows that students in the most conservative institution in the state really want things to be different," Beecher said.  
 Beecher said the university administration tried to keep him from giving the reading. But Mrs. Margaret Sizemore, a dean at Samford, said she didn't know about any such attempt.  
 Shortly after Beecher's reading was announced, Mattar and the literary club's vice president, Jim Huskey, were charged with breaking a Samford social rule. Mattar said this was "most probably purely accidental." He and Huskey face possible disciplinary action.

**GEORGIA RACE**  
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 that people writing in Arnall had to ask for them. "Everybody in the whole damn gymnasium knows how I voted," growled one man.  
 If no one is elected before Governor Carl Sanders' term expires Jan. 15, either he or Lieutenant Governor-elect George T. Smith will serve until the new governor is finally chosen.

# More to Come in Greene

BY ROBIN REISIG  
 EUTAW--Don't go away, folks. The election still isn't over.  
 The Rev. Peter J. Kirksey, winner in the May 31 Democratic primary runoff, became the only Negro member of the Greene County school board by winning last Tuesday's election.  
 But that wasn't all. A federal court gave two more Negro candidates--the Rev. Thomas E. Gilmore and the Rev. Percy McShan--hope that they still might get on the ballot for sheriff and tax assessor.  
 The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals last week ordered Greene County not to hold elections for these two offices until the courts can decide whether Gilmore and McShan have a right to be on the ballot. These offices were not voted on last Tuesday.



THE REV. PETER J. KIRKSEY

Gilmore and McShan have tried to run as candidates of the Greene County Freedom Organization. And they have challenged the results of the May 31 primary, in which Gilmore lost to the present Sheriff Bill Lee and McShan was beaten by present Tax Assessor M.A. Cook.  
 The appeals court ruling gives them time to prove they belong on the ballot. The court told them, though, that they must decide whether they want to be independent or possible Democratic candidates.

Kirksey had won the Democratic school board nomination in the May 31 runoff. He was threatened in Tuesday's election by a low Negro turnout and a write-in campaign for white candidate R. Sebron Colson. His winning margin was a narrow 100 votes.

Interested after a conversation with one principal, But Assistant Schools Superintendent Arno Vincent said they would be interested, if they were contacted through the proper channels.  
 Finally, the LEAP board agreed that a proposal from the school board should be sent to the federal office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) along with the original proposal.  
 The following officers were elected at the meeting: Charles Young, president; Abe Taylor, vice president; Mrs. O.D. Polk, secretary; Frank Giffin, treasurer; and William Compton, parliamentarian.

any consideration from the school officials or the board.  
 "After I got him out, I decided if there was someone on the board, some of our people, maybe we'd get more consideration."  
 Meanwhile, two SNCC workers were arrested in the county last week, after the Greene County Freedom Organization issued a statement through the Atlanta (Ga.) SNCC office protesting the fact that Gilmore and McShan weren't on the ballot.  
 The statement said the group would "elect and support candidates of our own choosing, therefore becoming and functioning as a sovereign black community of America . . . If met with armed aggression by the white power structure, we are fully prepared for armed resistance."  
 On Nov. 3, SNCC workers George Greene and Rap Brown were arrested for grand larceny. Two days later, Justice of the Peace Fulton G. Duret bound them over to the grand jury on the charge of allegedly stealing a rifle.  
 There was still a question as to who was speaking for whom in the county. Although the freedom organization (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX, Col. 4)

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9:00-9:30	Dorothy Jo's Pantry Shelf (Women's News)	Dorothy Jo Stanley
9:30-10:00	Gospel Train (Gospel)	Dorothy Jo Stanley
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## Game of the Week

# Carver of Montgomery Rolls On

BY JOHN C. DIAMANTE  
MOBILE--Hartwell Field aged considerably last Saturday as two big games were fought out before unusually large crowds. Montgomery's Carver High Wolverines defeated the Lions of Williamson High, 25 to 7, in afternoon action, and the Mobile Central Wildcats romped over Blount High's Leopards, 38 to 12, in the evening.

Oscar Belsler got the Montgomery team off to a first-quarter lead with a 41-yard pass to Willie Arrington. But Williamson rallied for a 7-6 halftime lead, as Robert Cade plunged four yards for a TD and Aubrey Allen kicked the extra point.

The game then bogged down until the fourth quarter, when the Carver Wolverines rolled up 19 points against the Lions. Archie Robinson tallied on runs of 25 and two yards, and Belsler

passed 30 yards to Johnny Collins. Robert Randell added an extra point. The win pushed Carver's record to eight wins without a loss. It was Williamson's second defeat.

The surprising Carver juggernaut faces cross-town enemy Booker T. Washington this Saturday. It was a hard day for Williamson, but it was an even harder night for Blount. James Lewis scored four touchdowns and Ernest Taylor added two, as Central pushed its record to 7 and 1.

Blount's Matthew Hudson drove 15 yards for the game's first TD, giving the Leopards a 6-0 first quarter lead. But Blount soon got a taste of things to come, as the Wildcats' Lewis ran 88 yards down the sideline to tie the game.

Central's Taylor followed this with an even more spectacular charge through the middle for 56 yards and another TD. Blount hung on, however, and narrowed the gap to 13 to 12 at half-

time on a successful 30-yard pass from Reginald Niles to Winston Woods. But the Wildcats came back stronger than ever in the third quarter, scattering the Leopards with a 44-yard pass from Donald Bell to Lewis in the corner of the end-zone, a seven-yard breakby Taylor, and a 64-yard pass to Lewis. This combination was repeated again in the final minutes of the game, as Bell connected with Lewis for 30 yards, and a 38-12 final margin.

## GREENE VOTE

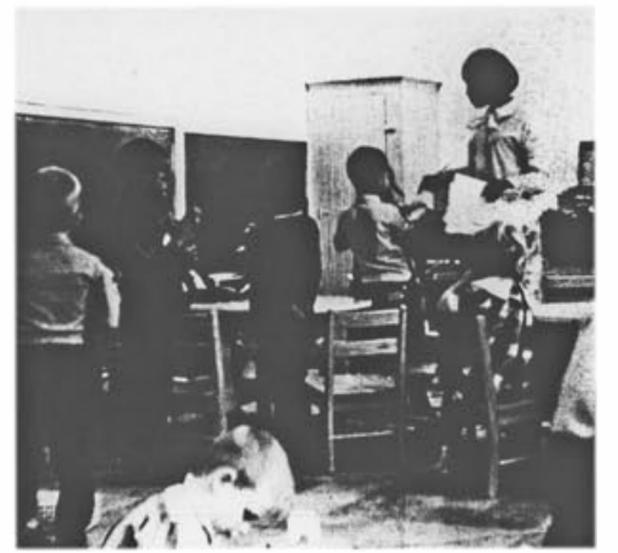
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statement was issued through SNCC, McShan identified himself as being "with SCLC and part of COAPO (the Confederation of Alabama's Political Organizations).

"The freedom organization," McShan said, "in the minds of the people is similar with black power. That's the kind of thing we're trying to get around. That brings up violence, and we can easily get into trouble, I think we should denounce violence as much as possible."

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## Federal Grant Revives Head Start in Mobile



BY JOHN C. DIAMANTE  
MOBILE--"I certainly am glad that the government has befunded you," said a five-year old boy to a teacher-aid. A government grant of \$1,200,000 has put Head Start classes here back in operation. And the grant will eventually pay for 14 pre-school centers in Mobile, Washington, and Clarke counties.

The Head Start programs weren't the only evidence that the War on Poverty is starting up again in earnest here. Archbishop Thomas J. Toolen's Anti-poverty Committee, sponsor of Head Start, also received a grant of \$391,115 to start a Neighborhood Youth Corps program.

And finally, the U.S. Department of Labor and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare approved \$166,982 for Mobile's Manpower Development and Training Act projects.

Head Start's summer grant ran out last August. A full-year program involving over 1,000 pre-school children was supposed to begin in mid-September, but it had to be postponed. "It took longer for OEO (the Office of Economic Opportunity) to process the application than we had expected," said the Rev. Thomas Nunan, chairman of the archbishop's committee.

"We were told we'd be laid off for about six days," said Miss Peggy Stallworth, one of the teachers who had been waiting since August for Head Start to start again. But this week, things were

getting back to normal. The Neighborhood Youth Corps was ready to go, even before it got the official green light from Washington. Enrollment began two weeks ago for about 200 school drop-outs between the ages of 16 and 21. The Youth Opportunity Center in Mobile will refer these youths for job training in the Mobile, Prichard, and Chickasaw areas. Members of the Youth Corps also will receive counseling and remedial education.

Two manpower projects will train 20 auto mechanics and 20 auto body repairmen for about a year. Then the trainees will be able to get jobs through the Alabama State Employment Office. The state of Alabama has put up \$8,014 of the manpower program's cost.

**HIGH PRICES**  
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she couldn't see that the boycott had done any good. "I don't see any difference," said Mrs. Rosa Lee Leflore. "I needed some shortening today -- I use Snowdrift. That's usually 78¢, and it was up to 83¢. Sugar was down to 49¢, but that's the way it always is--some things up, some down."

The Meridian boycott is part of a nation-wide movement by housewives to end high food costs. The movement began in Denver, Colorado, where some success was scored, and has spread to practically every corner of the nation.

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