**Sumrall Gets 5 yrs. on U.S. draft charge**

BY WENDY ROBIN

JACKSON, Miss.,—After 27 minutes of deliberation, a jury of eight women and four men found John Otto Sumrall guilty of draft evasion by failing to report for induction into the armed forces.

U. S. District Judge Harold Cox immediately sentenced the former Clarke County citizen and right-wing voter five years ago to an indeterminate sentence.

Last May 10, Sumrall had refused to leave a coping room before it was manned to enable him to enter the army, and he refused because he was convinced that it was going to make him an "unfit" citizen.

After the verdict was read, Judge Cox asked the defendant if he was saying "no," Sumrall said he was about to make a statement to the New York Times, but Cox interrupted.

"I don't ask for any arguments," the judge said.

Sumrall then said he wanted to talk about the war because "one man here can't make a war and I don't have freedom as guaranteed by the Constitution and the people," then he said that "when I was in the service, the world was more complicated." He said the verdict was prearranged in the presence of the jurors.

"You have a misconception of the war," Judge Cox answered.

"I'm shocked to hear somebody say that," Sumrall retorted.

Sumrall's lawyers—including James E. Pope, a Jackson attorney for Civil Rights Under Law, and Jacob M. Stone, who appeared in presentence on his behalf—had claimed that his draft evasion was not willful.

When Sumrall was on the stand, Judge Cox told him that he was...
College-Level Racism

It seems almost unbelievable, but the plan to build a four-year college that will accept black students as full members of the student body has its critics. In fact, it’s healthier than ever. The state’s path of school integration.

Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Bureau

The March 22 state-wide desegregation order, which a new four-year state college in Montgomery is still under, is already in effect.

To the Editor:

The featured speaker at the conference because of outstanding work, the Rev. C. W. Sewell, pastor. (ACMHR leader Tommy Wrenn.)

Wrenn is a member of an ACMHR branch in 1958—after the first president of the Hinds County branch. For the past 15 years, the Rev. C. W. Sewell, pastor. Ingham, the Rev. C. W. Sewell, pastor.

But Wrenn claimed he’s had trouble—both black and white. He said he’s been dealing business with Sheriff for nine years. In January, Williams and burn down his house.

As far as I’m concerned, the only way a colored man can get a law-enforcement officer to do his job is to kill him and burn down his house.

Wrenn is a member of an ACMHR branch and one of the state’s most active chapters.


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Huntsville (Ala.) Bureau

North Mississippi Bureau (Gail Falk)

Establishment of an Auburn branch in Montgomery means the state will abandon all efforts to make Alabama a four-year college that will accept black students as full members of the student body has its critics. In fact, it’s healthier than ever. The state’s path of school integration.
Men, Women, and Children Throughout the State

PLAY BALL!

Photos by Jim Pepler
Integrate Drama Group
Plays in White Churches

BY ROBIN BEING

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. -- "Let my people go!" said Michael Figures Chiefly in their last rehearsal before taking their Hebrew America—in A

VISTA—The Jefferson and Wilcox VISTA projects are working on adult education and on remedial reading for children. They are concerned especially with getting students interested in learning. The Jefferson VISTA group is also helping to produce free home study guides for children, "because these can be used in home situations by teachers who are working with them in their VISTA programs, and the project is expected to support VISTA students through their own conditions," said Margaret House. VISTA "will have many community activities that will continue after the project is over. For example, in our project two Fairfield centers have already been started," said Margaret House. "One is a reading program, begun by an administrator and supported from funds. The VISTA volunteers are working on reading methods. They have devised the "progressive method," which is based on the traditional method," House explained. "In our projects we have been working on "remedial reading," learned to teach children.

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Sexy Questions Stir Tuskegee

By KERRY GRUSON

TUSKEGEE, Ala. - "If you would be suspended unless he signed a questionnaire," a black instructor at Tuskegee University said last week, "then the question would be: should we teach at Tuskegee University?"

The professor's statement was in response to reports that Tuskegee was considering a policy that would require students to sign a questionnaire about their racial sex. The policy was intended to ensure that students were not violating Tuskegee's anti-discrimination policies.

"It was very frank and personal," the professor said, "and the students thought up every question to cover their bases."

The policy was designed to prevent students from engaging in activities that would be considered inappropriate. However, the policy was met with strong opposition from students, who argued that it violated their rights and was a form of harassment.

The policy was later revised, and Tuskegee announced that it would not require students to sign a questionnaire about their racial sex. However, the issue has remained a point of contention for students and faculty at Tuskegee University.

New Montgomery College Remains In Education Appropriation Bill

By PATRICIA M. GORENCE

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - Two million dollars for a new branch of Auburn University in Montgomery was included in the "conditional" education appropriation of $72,550,000 approved last Tuesday by the Alabama House of Representatives.

According to the conditions of the bill, the money is available to the Governor to spend for the construction of a new branch of Auburn University. However, the money cannot be used for any other purpose without the approval of the legislature.

The decision to include the money was made after a dispute between the Governor and the legislature over how the money would be spent. The Governor had proposed spending the money on a new branch of Auburn University, while the legislature wanted to use the money for other purposes.

The Governor eventually agreed to the legislature's terms, and the money was included in the education appropriation bill. However, the Governor has since expressed his disappointment with the legislature's decision.

Essex meets runaway girl

By JOHN K. ESSEX

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Dec. 23 -- More than 350 persons turned out last night for the "Evolutionary" Christmas concert in the Hattiesburg High School auditorium.

The concert featured a variety of performers, including Stevie Wonder and Carla Thomas. The concert went off without a hitch, and the audience was happy with the performance.

The concert was part of the school's "Evolutionary" Christmas celebration, which included a variety of events, including a Christmas tree lighting and a performance by the school's choir.

The "Evolutionary" Christmas celebration was designed to promote a positive message and to encourage people to come together during the holiday season.

School Case

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Richardson asked the court to rule that the City of Tuscaloosa violated Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 by failing to provide reasonable accommodations to a disabled employee. The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, and the city was ordered to provide reasonable accommodations to the employee.

Greenville Teens Organize

By MICHAEL HUTCHISON

GREENVILLE, Miss. - Greenville youths are organizing a recreation center, they say, because the city does not offer a program that meets their needs.

Their group, the Greenville Teen Center, is concerned not only with recreation, but also with city government, community development, and public safety.

Although their efforts are still in the early stages, they are already making progress. They have organized a board of directors, and they are working on plans for a facility.

"We're trying to get something going," said one of the organizers. "We're tired of the same old thing, and we want something new in our community."

The organizers are also working on a petition to get the city's support. They hope to have the petition ready for signatures soon.

"We want to get the city involved," said another organizer. "We think we can do a lot of good for our community if we work together."

The organizers are also looking for volunteers to help with the project. They are hoping to have a team of volunteers to help with the planning and construction.

"We need volunteers to help," said one of the organizers. "We can't do it all ourselves, and we need help."
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Children in Alabama Are Also Starving

By ROBERT REED

DITTO, Ala.—“Children in Alaba­
mia are also starving,” a group of Afric peace bloc has said. “We, the 4th of July, 2000.”

In a telegram to Secretary of the Interior, the group said poor people in Alabama have got to be given the same rights that now apply to Mississippi.

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So that we can get a better head start on the new food program.

Was told about a resolution passed by the Macon County Board of Education that the school districts in the county, and 2,000 Negro votes.

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Two Lowndes Ladies Get Notary-Public Commission

By BETHE WILCOX

In 1964, Mrs. Lillie McGill of White Hall and Miss Barbara Jean Golden of Fort Deposit were commissioned as Lowndes County’s first Negro notary publics last month.

That’s what H. O. Williams, a Bullock County resident, says. “Let’s have more of it.”

Mrs. McGill explained the other day, “I’ve been a saver all my life and a half year when I decided I wanted to be a notary. The Lowndes County Christian Movement went and impressed—what’s the purpose?—holding me—what do we have here to stand for, voter, citizen of the United States, a human being, right here in Lowndes County.”

Miss Golden adds, “I’m glad I’m following the example of the original 200,000 Florida ladies who joined the Women’s Christian Temperance Union for a better tomorrow. We are working for a better tomorrow.”

Two Negro women, with the added responsibility of being sure contracts are legal, will have a new job in service to the community. In addition to their duties as notaries, they both have jobs in the post office.

United Press NAACP Goes After Ministers

Two Lowndes County ministers are expected to be named national representatives of the NAACP today. Both have been active in the state organization.

The Rev. T. E. Broadway, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hayneville, and the Rev. E. L. Williams, pastor of the Kennedy Missionary Baptist Church in Hayneville, will be named to the national NAACP board.

Broadway said he was pleased with the nomination and said he would work hard to represent the interests of Lowndes County.

Williams said he was also pleased with the nomination and said he would work hard to represent the interests of Lowndes County.

Henry Wins And Loses

By GAIL FALK

OCTOBER 15, 1967

A federal judge this month said the University of Mississipp’s attorney-client privilege policy is in order to cover a student’s speech at a NAACP meeting.

The state NAACP president has been asked to address the college, because of a technical problem that has been resolved.

The federal court did not rule on the New Mexico Nanowarriors’ case, but the judge did say that he would consider the matter.

A&M Wants In

By ROB DODGE

KEMPELLE, Ala.—Alabama A&M College wants to become part of the state University system.

J. D. McCollum, president of the predominantly Negro school, said last month that he would like to be admitted, because it is in the best interest of everyone.

A&M is presently located in Normal, which is surrounded by the city of Huntsville. The A&M campus now receives state services such as police protection, fire protection, and medical services.

One or two members of the Huntsville City Council will probably support the initiative, but prepared measures on the initiative are being filed.

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