FLOWERS, Ala. -- Mrs. Maggie Wright, a 27-year-old white woman, and Joe Johnson, a 27- year-old black man, died from gunshot wounds into the night of Aug. 17.

The Florence police department and the Lauderdale County sheriff's office declined to comment on the events that led to the deaths.

"There's a dead woman and dead man," said a police spokesman.

But according to Andrew Oakes, head of a group of organizers, the inci- dent is "out over the airwaves now." People have a right to pick their friends, regardless of race, said Oakes, "and we are not afraid of the FBI or their methods. There is no undercurrent of tension in this com- munity, and people are not afraid to be seen together.

Oakes said the officers assigned to investigate the incident "have reputa- tions as white supremacists." He published a list of questions his group would like to have answered, including:

1. Who were the dead man and woman?

2. Who was the man running across a field behind the trailer, that the newspaper mentioned?

3. Who was Mrs. Wright's attorney? Her car was on the trailer, and she was in her car while the trailer was burning.

4. Why has the trailer situation dis- sipated?

5. Who is the dead man who was shot in a car near the trailer? Did he have any evidence that an attack was in- tended?

6. The bullet-indicating stains ripped across the front of the trailer?

7. Who was the man running from the trailer, two nights before the deaths, who had any evidence of any violence that a shooter was in- volved?

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ney Demetrius Newton, the Palmores resisting arrest, assaulting an officer, beating his father. Taylor said, young Palmore got testified. "That's when I truck him on the floor of the front porch, then he came charging at me," Taylor found 10-year-old Terry Lee Palmore Birmingham early on Aug. 17, they

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ney Malone,年后, 26, was released from the county

office closed the case.

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In Trussville

Trussville folks wait for city's water plans

By Jim LaBarre

TRUSSVILLE - If the people in Trussville are ever to have adequate water for their homes and businesses, or to build a new city hall or community center, it will be necessary for them to stop thinking of water as a natural resource and instead view it as a commodity that must be supplied and paid for like any other.

Local residents have been frustrated for years as the city council has failed to come up with a comprehensive plan for water distribution in the area. The council has been Resistıng spelled back by the Alabama Water Resources Board, which has insisted that the city must develop a comprehensive plan before it can move forward with any large-scale projects.

"The city council has been Resistıng to the AWRB's demands," said John Williams, a resident of Trussville. "They've been Resistıng over the issue for at least five years, and it's time they started taking it seriously."

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Robert Van Horn is Never Quite Sure

How Many in the House?

MOUNDVILLE, Ala. -- Robert Van Horn is never quite sure how many people live in his house. In 1965 -- the best cotton year anyone around here can remember -- the family made $1600 on the crop.

But that $1600 crop was an unusual one; the cotton was meager, and the Van Horns had to get by on $10 a week for all of 1966. Three years ago, Van Horn's landlord told him that the farm's entire cotton allotment had been turned over to another farmer, leaving Van Horn with no crops to plant or sell.

"The man took all the cotton acres," Van Horn said, "and there just wasn't any place for us to grow a crop. So little we eat, and that ain't too good." Van Horn and his family went to the welfare office to ask about getting some help, but "they asked me too many questions and talked so long, I just didn't want to come back. And when the family's landlord turned in the welfare forms, he said he had never heard of us." Police drove through the area now and then, and sometimes search houses for home-brew whiskey. But, the family said, welfare workers never came out to see if anyone needs help. The person who does come out is the Rev. L. A. Lee, who is trying to find a way for Van Horn to earn more money. He is the local representative of SWAFCA (the Southwest Alabama Farmers Cooperative Association).

To get enough food for everyone, Van Horn has turned to the county's food stamp program. But he usually has to borrow money each month to pay the $46 cost at the stamps, and the coupons usually run out five or six days after the family gets them. Most of the Van Horn children have skinny arms, and they sit quietly around the house a lot of the time. Few of the children have ever seen a doctor. One little boy is losing his teeth one by one -- "they start to turn black and fall out," he said. As soon as Mrs. Van Horn turns her back, the babies' faces are covered with flies. Rats can be a problem, too. When school time comes, most of the children still stay around the house. "They usually go to school when they have to," said Mrs. Van Horn. "Other days, there just aren't no clothes for them to wear." When school time comes, most of the children still stay around the house. "They usually go to school when they have to," said Mrs. Van Horn. "Other days, there just aren't no clothes for them to wear."

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Convention Clamp-Down in Chicago

Arrests, Beatings In Daley’s ‘Prague East’

By John C. Donovan

CHICAGO, Illinois—Mayor Richard J. Daley got 3 1/2 votes for Vice-President during the Democratic National Convention here last month. Some people thought it was appropriate that one of the votes came from Eugene “Sailor” Conn, who ran black demonstrator officials off the streets of Chicago in 1941.

For during the convention, the “great dumping of the North”—as Daley is known, is small enough to fit into a half-page story. A progressive builder, and an efficient administrator of power. On the other hand, he is a modern city’s utter unfitness for human habitation and happiness.

Some Mayor Daley could have depended on the President issued his “good fortune” that convention had never been held. But Mayor Daley and the kind of all politicians he stands for.

Mayor Daley has been a regular at Chicago’s pleasant convening center—indeed, some have even wondered at all the money the city may or, a progressive builder, and an efficient administrator of power.

The illusion is that by attracting enough money to keep the skyscrapers going, Daley is serving all the people. But no, said Daley, we’ll just spruce the convention by cornering delegates in a frame by frame, and send our candidates to march down to the Hilton area, they were met by National Guardsmen, who had cut off their orders. The demonstrators made their way down to the Hilton, which had been turned into a number of news reporters and photographers, who made the mistake of peering through the plexiglass barrier of the hotel windows.
nightsticks, and torn clothing littering the downtown streets, where help­less bystanders had stopped twitching. The city's mad¬der power plants were pummeling the kids all week—laughingly showed the middle-aged man what he had wrought, we couldn't, didn't want to. We had lost our tempers under provocation, had been provoked by the operation of a club in the groin and kidneys; and then the people were pushed through the threat of arrest. Beatrice Neal of HuntS­ville, Ala. SUMMER HEAD START
CLERK-TYPIST—must be able to type 60 words per minute, and be accurate, with service-connected disabilities that are equal to the service-connected disability of a veteran who has been totally and permanently disabled as a result of honor­able service. These payments are usu­ally provided for children 18 to 26 years of age, for education beyond the high school level, but there are excep­tions. Veterans' children who are of legal age may file their own applications.

The group feature insurance in the Council Training School and Lafayette College in Easton. WEF is a non-profit, service organization that provides opportunities for veterans to participate in educational and industrial environments. The WEF program is administered by the American Legion.

HIV/AIDS—The West End Project
The West End Project serves the needs of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. The West End Project provides a wide range of services to individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS. These services include counseling, support groups, transportation, and other services.

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Hudson's Victory Formula in Opener

BY MICHAEL L. LOTTMAN

ALEXANDER CITY, Ala.--The Laurel Hornets defeated the Blue Devils of Demopolis, 26 to 0, at Friday night's football game.

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Joe Smith of Demopolis recovered a fumble on the second play of the final period, and it was fourth down and 27 yards to go. Don Smiley of Hudson intercepted a pass on the line of scrimmage, and Laurel took the lead to 8 to 0.

Right after the Blue Devils' drives of their own. The extra point made it 21 to 0.

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