Alabamians Tell Hopes and Fears for 1966

BY EDWARD B. ROOD

LOWNDES COUNTY--A resolution passed by the Lowndes County Democratic Executive Committee indicated that the county's long history of disfranchisement and reveals the high hopes of some and the bitterness the others feel about the status quo.

BY JOHN KELLY

A new credit union was organized in Lowndes County, Alabama, last week. It is the second credit union in the state to be organized under the Federal Credit Union Act.

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Editorial Opinion

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

You're asking for a white man to get out of the U.S. government another kick

We are giving African American scientists a chance to shine in the same way we give white people in the same positions.

The letters to the editor on this page provide insights into the civil rights movement and the broader social context of 1966. They reflect the ongoing debates and challenges faced by African Americans and the broader society during this time.
MOBILE -- When the restaurant opens at the top of the new 33-story First National Bank building in Mobile, diners will be able to see the city dump from their tables. If they come to the restaurant at night, from the opera or the symphony, and have a pair of those little binoculars that many take to performances, they may be able to see people utilized against the flames of burning trash.

These people make their living picking paper and metal out of the garbage and selling it. They've lived at the dump for 30 years. Ten live in shacks built at the garbage. About 60 people — mostly middle-aged or elderly men and women — live at the dump in shacks built of trash. Perhaps 100 others, including children, come to the dump regularly. They make about 50 cents a day. Most people say they average $3 or $4 a day and can make $10 on a rare lucky day.

"I don't like it. But I'm too old and busted up to do anything else," explained one man who lives at the dump. Nearly all the dump people have similar reasons for being there. They aren't very happy, but they aren't angry either. The younger ones come because they can't make better money at anything else. A 21-year-old man, who left school in the seventh grade, recently quit his job to work at the dump. He made $100 in 72 hours of working a week. He, and most of the other young people and kids, didn't want their pictures taken, because they don't want anyone to know where they make their money. They're afraid that the dump will close, and nearly all the older people gave similar reasons for being there. They aren't very happy, but they aren't angry either.

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Birmingham: Closed Door or Key to Future?

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Fire One!

Collins Released, Back in Pa.

MOBILE — Tyrone Collins, 17-year-old former farm laborer who has family ties in Mobile, after a three-year prison sentence for larceny. He was released Monday after being granted parole.

The younger was convicted of stealing a mule and was sentenced to 15 years in prison. He had served 10 years of his sentence when he was granted parole.

Collins had been in the hospital for a few days before leaving prison, but his family in Mobile had not been notified of his release.

In many ways, the younger will have to adjust to life outside prison, where he will have to find a job and support his family.

Prattville Group Wants Concessions by Jan. 30

PRATTVILLE — The group of citizens who have been fighting for better job opportunities for Negroes in Prattville had submitted a petition to city officials yesterday, asking for a meeting to discuss their demands.

The group, led by Mrs. Willie Wood, has been pressing for better job opportunities for Negroes in the city for several months.

The petition, which was signed by over 100 residents, asks for a meeting with city officials to discuss the group's demands.

The group's demands include better job opportunities, better education, and better housing for Negroes in Prattville.

The petition was delivered to city hall yesterday afternoon.

The city officials have not yet responded to the petition.

War on Poverty Comes To Macon County

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

TUSKEGEE—The Macon County chapter of the Southern Negro Organization for Social Justice has begun making plans to launch a program of community action in the county.

The program, which is being sponsored by the Southern Negro Organization for Social Justice, will be directed by Dr. L. S. Jones, a Negro minister who has been working in the county for several years.

The program will be designed to help Negroes improve their living conditions and to help them become self-sufficient.

The program will include education, job training, and housing programs.

This education project is directed by Dr. L. S. Jones, who has been working in the county for several years.

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Quick 'Trial' Clears Air

BY EDWARD B. REED

SOUTHERN CITY—In this issue, the Southern Courier's readers will find a profile of a man named John Smith, who was recently convicted of armed robbery.

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war against Negro Indians. One Negro who was on both sides was James Beckwith. He was a trapper, frontiersman, trader, teacher, Negro soldier and Indian fighter. Sometimes Negro soldiers even fought against Negro Indians. One story is that when John Brown was in Kansas, he had a Negro lieutenant who was a fighter. Beckwith always had his eye on him...}

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