"If They Keep This Up, I'm Going to End Up Crazy"

BY ROGER REPORTER
M. VERSON -- "I'm not crazy," said Miss
Lisa Pruitt, after being accused of
being mentally unbalanced.
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"I'm not crazy," she said.
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"I don't think they're crazy,"
said one inmate.
"But they're all acting strange.
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filed charges against Miss
Pruitt.

But Miss Pruitt's lawyers
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"They're trying to make me
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"I'm not guilty of anything." She
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Miss Pruitt was then released
from jail and went home.

But her troubles were not
over.
"I still don't know what's
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"I'm going to keep fighting to
prove I'm not crazy."

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She Never Got To The School
Farmers Hit ASCS

By Gail Fink

GWENDA, Miss.--On the opening day of school in Grenada last September, Miss Everald Campbell reported to work at her home near Grenada High School.

Last Wednesday in Oxford, Miss Cuthman taught first-grade French, which she taught at the Grenada High School.

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Unwelcome Guest

By Beth Wilson

WILCOX COUNTY, Miss.--A federal
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suit of a Wilcox County Negro
woman who claimed she was
forcibly removed from her home
by white authorities.

A federal judge granted the
woman a new trial after a jury
found for the government.

The government argued that
the woman was not entitled to
compensation because she had
voluntarily moved out of the
area and had not filed a timely
claim.

The woman claimed she was
forcibly removed from her
home by white authorities who
were trying to prevent her from
voting in the national elections.

She said she had been
physically and verbally abused
and that she was threatened with
harassment if she did not move
out of the area.

The judge agreed and said
the case would be retried.

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By Mary Ellen Gage

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Public Housing Fight Is Settled in Bullock

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

UNION SPRINGS—After months of wrangling, the Bullock County Housing Authority has finally agreed to an operating plan for a new public housing project in the county seat.

The new project, which is scheduled to start construction in September, will provide 100 units of decent, low-cost housing for families in need of assistance.

The agreement was reached after several months of negotiations between the county government and the federal government, which is providing the funds for the project.

The new project is part of a larger effort by the federal government to address the housing needs of poor and low-income families across the country.

In addition to the new project in Bullock County, other public housing projects are being planned or constructed in other parts of the state and across the country.

Despite the progress made in the last few years, however, many communities still face challenges in providing adequate housing for all residents.

Efforts to address these challenges continue, and the federal government remains committed to supporting these efforts through funding and other forms of assistance.
Children in the Classroom

A World All Their Own

Photos by Jim Peppler
Gray's Election Case

Is Full of Surprises

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

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Kids Graduate in Tuskegee

By MARY ELLY GALE

TUSKEGEE—More than 130 people received their high school diplomas at the last Friday night’s graduation at Tuskegee Institute. With no civil rights demonstrator to disrupt the ceremony, the school and the nation was on graduation high.

The 1,270-student audience included people from all areas of the state, each of whom had come there to see his or her son or daughter. As a speaker on stage, a member of the school board, Francelle D. W. Parkin, announced the school’s recent growth.

Three of the main speakers had their speeches to deliver. Each of them worked hard to deliver a kind of speech that would not disrupt the graduation.

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Child, though. She finally said that the children's standards were so low that they couldn't read. "The boys and girls are so tired of reading," she said. "They're not interested in going to school." Parents were critical of the school's performance. "We want to see more of the older boys and girls in the schools," said one parent. "They're not motivated to learn."

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"It's hard," said one, "there are so many problems faced by children in our society."

"We are living in an era of transition," said another. "We must face these issues head on."

"The world is changing and we must adapt," said a third. "We are all accountable for our actions."

"We are in a time of uncertainty," said a fourth. "We must work together to overcome obstacles."