Where Did Poor Kids’ Money Go in Henry?

By MANY ELLEN GALE

ABERDEEN, Ala.--Four months ago, the Alabama NAACP complained that the Henry County Board of Education was discriminating against poor Negro children in the use of federal money for the education of low-income students.

On the basis of information gathered by the NAACP, a federal court has ordered the school board to make public for the first time what the Negro children in Henry County spent in federal welfare projects last year and for whom the money was spent.

The NAACP complaints came in January 1963 when the Alabama NAACP, Tuskegee High, and Newville High, whose student bodies are composed of children from the most poverty-ridden sections, sent a group of Negro students to Washington, D.C. to protest the NAACP's conclusions.

This application was sent to four Negro schools--Abbeville Junior High, Henry County Training, Newville Central, and Northside Junior--all Negro schools in Henry County.

The Negro schools contended that the NAACP did not have the right to offer suggestions to Negro schools.

The NAACP, according to the Commissioner of Education, has no authority to make suggestions.

The NAACP's complaint was heard in the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of Alabama, which was held in the United States Court of Appeals, which was held in the United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia.

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My parents came from Russia, and federal court order. His state Legislature is considering one bill that would allow cities hiring more state troopers.

It remains to be seen whether things will be any different in Alabama State.

Tuskegee, Ala. (Mary Ellen Gale) ••••••••••••••••••••••••••••• 727-3412

And one way or another, the Legislature is determined to build a new four-lane highway.

All these measures are clearly in violation of the court order. But they still ignore the core issue: the need to come to terms with the lack of "redemption" as a cause for their failure to achieve meaningful compliance.

We're ready to move forward with the state-wide school-deSEGregation order. We can't see whether things are going to differ.

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'Newtown'--A Community

BY JIM PEPPLER

MONTGOMERY, Ala.--"Newtown" is an area isolated by both geography and reputation from the rest of Montgomery. Take a trip through Newtown, and listen to the people talk about their life...}

Follow N. Decatur St. When it crosses the railroad tracks, the asphalt ends and Newtown begins. There are no paved streets in Newtown. The streets are dusty with big holes. It's impossible to keep your house or car clean.

Nor are there any stop signs--at intersections, it's everyone for himself. "They're using this place as a drag strip." It's the railroad that isolates Newtown physically. Decatur St. is the only through street, and the railroad crosses it at both ends. Sometimes cars are held up because of traffic. During the day, a flag-man is on duty to direct traffic, but "he'll tell you to come on when a train is coming, or sometimes he won't say anything when it's clear."

In addition to the unpaved streets and railroad, Newtown people...
Apart

in "The Big Ditch," a gravel quarry, full of water, that
runs as the community outskirts. People recall their children
wading in the ditch in the past two years. "Children--all they
say they're hot and want to cool off." It is a challenge, always
and always said. "You can't raise no kids out here with all this
water." Always seen to be a couple or two games going on in an oil
well, who knows what goes on in those houses." People ask where you live, they say, "Oh, you're one
of them Newtown people."" They remind people in divided into "them folks" and the "other folks" that cause the trouble, and "they" that wish
Newtown remains. "All my life I've lived here, It hasn't changed, Newtown will never change."

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Ashland People
Ask for Lights

BY ALAN BOLES
ASHLAND, Ala.--The Better CITIZENS Club (BeC) of Ashland is trying to throw some light on one of the town's problems.

Robert Street, a BeC advisor, said the club asked the mayor and the town council three years ago to install lights at certain places in the Negro section of Ashland.

"They (town officials) said they didn't have enough money," Street recalled.

So, he said, various Negro groups and individuals later installed four special, high-powered lights on private property near Highway 77.

"We asked for street lights at least two times since then," Street said.

"They said they'd look into it, but nothing has happened," Mayor E. L. Wynn said.

BCC members have also complained because several streets in the Negro section remain unpaved. Garbage trucks won't go on the unpaved roads, they said.

"Our people are instructed to pick up garbage every place within town limits," Mayor Wynn said.

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WE HAVE THE COLDEST BEER IN TOWN
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BY RUBEN PATES

Cleveland, Ala.--I am writing this article because I feel that it's a necessity. I have been in bed for almost a week, feeling bad. Why? Because I was beaten up outside the East Bolivar County Hospital, where I had gone to visit my grandmother.

The white man who beat me up was unknown to me. The first time we saw them was Aug. 13, as I was driving along Highway 31 with Lowell Dodge, a white man.

Two white women appeared, and we started fighting. A white man kicked me in my side, and hit me on my neck. I hit him in the eye, and kicked him in the ribs. We waved down a deputy sheriff on the second floor. We told him what had happened, and gave him a description of the attackers.

My legs and feet still have scars and bruises from the beating, and my side aches. Mrs. Dodge has a sprained wrist, and her husband has a black eye, a thigh bruise, and two chipped teeth. They were so angry over the beating, that they have not been able to find our attackers.

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