Federal Judges Rule:

Lowndes Must Mix Juries; Women to Serve as Jurors

Mobile Negro Leaders Press Registrars to Speed Up Lines

BY DAVID R. UNDERHILI

MOBILE -- For the second time in five months, a Negro voter registration drive has made people ask whether federal voting examiners are needed here.

A drive in September and the current one, which started in mid-January, have made leaders and registration workers claim that the local registrars are not doing their jobs properly.

On the heaviest days of the September drive and of the present one, many people who stood in line for hours outside the registration office didn't get in by closing time.

Negro leaders pointed out in September that one third of the office was not being used. They asked that the board hire enough clerks to keep the whole office in operation.

The Mobile County Commission offered them the money to hire extra clerks but the board said that the one week of registration in September would be over before new clerks could be

When the present drive began to build up big lines at the office last week, that empty third of the office stayed empty time.

Confusion On Poll Tax Slows Pace

BY RICHARD J. VAUGHN

BIRMINGHAM -- Confusion over the poll tax deadline has been blamed for a drop-off in voter registration by workers here and in other counties.

Under state law, Feb. 1 is the deadline for paying poll tax.

However, under the Voting Rights Act of 1965, a person may pay the poll tax up to 45 days before the election. That means that in counties with federal examiners, people have until Mar. 18 to pay the \$1.50 tax to the examiner in time for the May primary election.

Even local tax collectors were con-

Attorney General Richmond Flowers has advised them to list the name of any newly-registered voter who attempts to pay the tax before Mar. 18.

This means that in counties without federal examiners, persons may still register and offer to pay the tax. The payment will be refused, but the local tax collector has been instructed to record the names of people who offer the

Flowers said, "We're going to advise the probate judge if those on the tax collector's list attempt to vote, let them

During their first week in Jefferson County, federal examiners were doing a land-office business. The listed more than 8,000 applicants.

By the end of last week, the examiners had signed up about 11,000 people. More than 10,000 of these were Negroes, according to the U.S. Civil Service Commission, which is in charge of the examiners.

The county board of registrars was also registering large numbers of new voters. More than 5,500 people showed up at the county court house during a two-week period ending last Saturday.

But registration had dropped off sharply since Feb. 1. Last week, the federal examiners noted a decrease from their previous week's total of about 5,000 and the county registrars'

Part of the decrease was due to the bitter cold weather. Butanother reason for the drop was confusion over the poll tax deadline, according to an SCLC staff member working in voter registration.

The county tax collector said, "We are accepting poll tax payments from newly registered voters until 45 days before the May 3 primary."

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"I ain't got nuthin' to say about anything," said head registrar Jesse Mc-Connell when a reporter tried to ask him about extra clerks.

McConnell's comment applied also to a letter written to him last week by John Leflore of the Non-Partisan Voters League. Leflore's letter listed three additional problems:

1.) Many working people can't get to the office to register by the 4:30 closing

2.) Registration only at the court house in downtown Mobile is inconvenient for many people.

3.) The tax collector's office is not open on Saturdays and so people who register on Saturdays can't pay their poll tax at the same time.

The board replied "...it will be utterly impossible to meet (your) re-

Leflore hasn't decided what to do next. In September when the board of registrars failed to act on repeated requests for improvements in its procedures, Leflore wired the Justice Department in Washington and asked for federal voting examiners.

The department didn't send any, although it has sent examiners into Montgomery and Birmingham since that

Federal examiners will come to Mobile if the local board does not fulfill Leflore's latest request and if U.S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach really meant what he said in a Mobile speech a month ago.

Katzenbach said that the 1965 voting rights law requires local registrars" to accommodate (Negroes) through extra registration days, extra registrars, evening hours, and precinct registra-

If the registrars will not do that, he said, "the law calls on me to send in federal examiners who will."

More than 10,000 Negroes registered with the federal examiners during their first 11 days of workin Jefferson County (Birmingham).

about one month old and has brought in

only about 2,000 new voters. (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX, Col. 1)

The Mobile registration drive is now in this unprecedented capacity for a member of our group will be to the credit of the entire community."



JOHN L. LEFLORE

Mobile Mayor Names Leflore

BY DAVID R. UNDERHILL

MOBILE -- John L. Leflore, a civil rights worker in Mobile since the 1920s, has been appointed by Mayor Joseph N. Langan to the five-man Mobile Housing

Leflore's appointment makes him the first Negro in Mobile's recent history to serve in a high, policy-making position.

The housing board controls.about \$100 million in public housing andurban renewal projects in the city. Mobile has seven large housing projects, and five more are either under construction or report proving that the commissioners being planned. Three urban renewal projects are also under way.

Langan pointed out in making the appointment that "Negroes now occupy some two-thirds of the units under the supervision of the Mobile Housing Board, and in the past they have found it difficult to communicate their problems with the board.

Leflore said, "I trust that my service

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Mobile Housing Board

The judges--Richard T. Rives, Clarence W. Allgood and Frank M. Johnson Jr. -- added, "Several practical problems, including a determination of whether service is to be compulsory or voluntary and the availability of physical facilities, require that the State of Alabama be given a reasonable time to comply."

sex."

male juries.

ries in Alabama.

rors is of no effect.

Thus, they said, male and female mixed juries will be required only after June 1, 1967.

Alabama's law allowing only male ju-

pictured here first appeared with a re-

port about the written arguments pre-

sented to the federal judges. In it, lawyers for Lowndes

County residents compared the way women--white and Ne-

gro--and all Negroes were excluded from jury duty in that

No Negro has ever served on a jury in Lowndes County,

with the exception of grand juries (which decide only

whether a person is to be charged with wrongdoing).

pation in the processes of government, a responsibility and

a right that should be shared by all citizens, regardless of

The judges said Monday, "Jury duty is a form of partici-

Only South Carolina, Mississippi, and Alabamahave all-

The Southern lady and the Negro man

The order about placing Negroes on Lowndes County juries is immediate.

The court said Mrs. Kelly Coleman as clerk of the jury commission must, within 30 days, make up a list of names from various sources, including names taken by federal voting examiners in the county.

The jury commission must pick at least 1000 names from that list for possible jury duty.

And the commission must regularly give to the Lown les sidents who took the matter to court:

are obeying the law. The judges ordered the jury commission and clerk not to engage "in any act or practice which involves or results in

color in the selection of jurors...in Lowndes County, Alabama." Furthermore, if Lowndes officials do not comply "immediately and in good faith with the requirements of this opinion," the court said it will appoint its

discrimination by reason of race or

own agents to do the job. Three weeks ago, Judge Johnson

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After June of next year, they said, Remember Them?

MONTGOMERY--Alabama law says that the Southern lady may not serve on juries. Local practice in Lowndes and other counties keeps the Negro man off ju-

In 15 typewritten pages, a three-judge federal court ended all of that this week. They ordered Lownces to throw out its entire list of names in the "jury box" and

And, in the same opinion, they declared that women have a right to serve on ju-

start over again with a list that includes a fair number of Negroes.



Dan River Mills Charged With Job Discrimination

BY JOHN KLEIN

SELMA -- A complaint of discriminatory hiring practices is being prepared by the local office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCIC) against Dan River Mills, Inc.

The complaint concerns the company's new spinning and weaving plant east of here in nearby Lowndes County, where cloth for bed sheets is made.

According to SCLC county project director Shirley Mesher, the complaint will charge that the company has violated the 1965 Civil Rights Actb: turning down trained Negro spinners and weavers and hiring untrained whites instead.

The Negroes were trained by Dan River Mills instructors in a 12-week course run by the local school board and paid for by the federal government under the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962.

Miss Mesher said the training program was started after a similar complaint was filed with the U.S. Department of Labor by a number of local civil rights groups.

Of a total of 23 persons enrolled in the course including four whites, several of them were hired by Dan River before completing the course, and several were dropped from the course for poor work, according to one of those en-

Three Negroes and two whites out of 23 are now employed at the Dan River plant, she said. At least 10 Negroes who have finished the course satisfactorily were not hired, she said, though other whites have been hired since then and trained at the plant,

One Dan River employe, who did not want to be identified, confirmed this: "They're actually hiring people out there who have never seen those machines before, and they don't hire the colored folks that have been trained."

This worker said at least five whites were hired in January as spinners or weavers in the part of the plant"that's close to my machine. "The place is so big I can't see every-

body.

"Every time colored folks come out there, they tell them they haven't any more jobs."

Dan River personnel officials point

out, however, that the company did not promise to hire anyone who completed the course. One indicated that the training course alone did not meet all the hiring requirements. One trainee who applied for work at

Dan River said she was given a half dozen aptitude tests including tests of eyesight and manual skills, but that they were the same as those she had taken in She also quoted the Dan River official

to whom she applied as saying that "if we had done good on all the tests, he still wouldn't have had no openings for us." When she had applied for training,

"They didn't definitely tell us we would get a job They said if you learn the trade and do good, you will get a job." During the course, the trainees

worked a 40-hour week at machines set up in the National Guard Armory. There was no pay, although those who were heads of households received a small allowance from the government. Workers trained at the Dan River plant receive a regular hourly wage. "A lot offolkstold me they wouldn't

take the training for nothing," this woman said, "But I just went up to take the training, thinking I'dget a job after-

The SCLC complaint is, in effect, a request for a Labor Department investigation of Dan River Mills and could result in legal action.

Pronounce It coy-no-nee-ah

It's spelled koinonia. In Greek, it means "community." In southwest Georgia, it means a cooperative farm, organized to practice Christi-

That has turned out to be a dangerous purpose. In 24 years, the residents of Koinonia Farm have had to fight hard for their way of life. They've been been hauled into court, threatened, boycotted, dynamited, and pelted with rocks.

But they go right on loving their enemies and trying to do good to those who hate them. See Page Four.

The Braves Are Here

MOBILE -- This week, while lawyers in Wisconsin were arguing whether the Braves would play their baseball season in Milwaukee or Atlanta, the Braves were in Alabama.

They told the folks it doesn't matter what the court decides, because they're going to play in Atlanta. And they want lots of Alabamians to come over and Five Brave players and assorted big

shots flew into Birmingham and then Mobile and Montgomery to autograph baseballs, talk to kids, answer newsmen's questions, appear on TV, and do anything else to remind everybody that the deep South is getting its first bigleague team. Other bunches of Braves are doing the

same thing in other parts of the South. They want people to think of the Braves as the South's team, not just Atlanta's The players who came here could al-

most have been called Mobile's team. Two of the five, All-Star outfielder Hank Aaron and glue-gloved second baseman Frank Bolling, grew up playing baseball

So, a big mob of newsmen showed up at the Brave's press conference Tuesday

Eddie Glennon, general manager of the late Birmingham Barons baseball team and now a Braves official, got up to introduce the players. He talked about politics, the Pope, elephants, baseball, atheists, lawyers, football,



HANK AARON, ATLANTA BRAVES STAR OUTFIELDER, SIGNS AUTO-GRAPHS FOR NEW BRAVES FANS IN MOBILE, WHERE HE GREW UP.

he may take over the retired Casey Stengel's position as philosopher-co-

median of major league baseball. Then the players came onto answer all the usual questions about which pitchers are hardest to hit against, which major league is better, where the fans are losing interest in baseball, how well Atlanta is going to do, etc. They entertained the audience almost as well as

Glennon did. Somebody asked mountainous catcher

And then sat down, having proven that Joe Torre why the Braves left Milwaukee, and he said, "We had a ground rule last year: any foul ball that hit a spectator was a home run."

When pitcher Phil Nierko was behind the mike, questions turned to the illegal spit ball pitch. He said he'd like to see it legalized, after he learns to throw it. But that might be sometime, because, "I throw so slow, it dries up by the time it gets there,"

Somebody asked slugger Aaron if Los (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE, Col. 5)

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Editorial Opinion

One Good Reason

To run for office as a Democratthis year in Lowndes County, a candidate will have to pay ten times what the entry fee used to be.

The qualifying fees for sheriff, tax assessor and tax collector have been increased by the Democrats from \$50 to \$500, and for board of education from \$10 to Macon County, a faculty-based group,

The county party chairman said that the increase is gether a number of experts on justice necessary to add to the party treasury for the 1966 political battles. "Now we've got a lot of opposition and the party needs more money to combat it with." he said. This may be true, but the big increase also ef- the Leadership Conference on Civil fectively eliminates any hope that a poor man can run Rights, a group of 50 national organizaas a Democrat in Lowndes County.

For at least half of Lowndes County, that \$500 fee represents about half a year's income.

If anybody was wondering why a third party is necessary in some Black Belt counties, there's one good reason.

SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES IN GIRL, BOY SCOUTS.

BY PAT PRANDINI

School-age children of all backgrounds are offered several different activities in the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America.

Both groups have special programs for differentage groups. For example, a boy who is eight years old becomes a Cub Scout, His group is called a "pack" with a leader called a "den mother."

Girls eight toll years old have the same sort of arrangement; they are called "Brownies."

To join the Girl Scouts, a girl mustbe seven through 17 years of age, mustat-



Boy Scout Week

tend four troop meetings, and must pay a \$1 yearly membership fee.

The age range for the boy scouts is eight years through the senior year in high school. The membership fee is 50¢

The boys are celebrating Boy Scout Week this week.

Scouts do such things as hike and camp and study nature. The boys can learn woodworking and other crafts; and the girls learn sewing and other skills of interest to girls.

Scout troops are usually centered at churches, schools, or community centers. This means that, although white and Negro voungsters join the scouts, there are few integrated troops. In Alabanta, the only troops with both white and Negro children are found on military bases.

One of the most important annual events in a scout's life is summer camp. Swimming, hiking, fishing, outdoor games and other summertime and country activities are available.

At summer camp in Alabama, integration is rare. In the 16-county district served by the Montgomery scout offices, for example, the Girl Scout camps are ownedprivately. The owners have said that both Negro and white children may use their camps but at different times.

The two Boy Scout camps in the Montgomery district have alwaysbeen segregated, too. Negro boys have gone to Tuskegee and white boys to Prattville. But this summer for the first time, according to Jack Grady, director of the Tukabatchee Council in Montgomery, both camps will be integrated.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In our edition for Jan. 29-30, there is a carlous error, which gave us great amusement here at the Church of the Good Shepherd, May I. as Rector of the parish, set the record straight.

In his account of the recent Episcopal convention in Birmingham, vour correspondent reports: "Bishop Carpenter has not commented on the refusal of the white Church of the Good Shepherd in Mobile to admit Negroes..." This came as a surprise to us, since Good Shepherd for the past 111 years has been a completely Negro congregation. In fact, only in the past few weeks have we received our first white member. The proportion now stands approximately 99.5 percent Negro.

This parish has never regarded race as a factor in membership. This is one church where anyone may come, without question as to race or motivation. May I extend this invitation to all of your readers.

Unfortunately, there is an Episcopal parish in Mobile which is very squeamish about letting Negroes in at all. It was this parish to which your correspondent had reference, not the (hurch of the Good Shepherd.

John W. B. Thompson Mobile

THE SOUTHERN COURIER welomes letters from anyone on any subject. Letters must be simed, but mili name will be withheld upon reTo the Editor:

On Jan. 29 at 1:30 p.m. one of the doctors in Jackson, Ala, turned down a very ill lady. She could have

At first the nurse wanted to know whether the woman had a big insurance. The lady didn't have any because her husband was out of a job.

I have some money in the bank, and I asked what would be the bill. The nurse wanted to know if I had any money. I told her I did, in the bank. Then she wanted to know what bank and my name. After, she found out my name and realized I had been working in the movement, with my

Then the nurse went to talk to the doctor and he sent her back to tell us that he would not see her and to take her to another doctor.

Well, we left and went up the street about three blocks to another doctor. He didn't ask anything but carried the lady to another room.

How can Negroes have a big insurance when we don't have a job to get food, much less abiginsurance?

Then you say the United States is a land of freedom. Do you call this a land of freedom when you stand up for your right and you get killed?

"White supremacy," get off the Negroes' back and let themlive.

"White supremacy" has a way to keep his foot on a Negro's back, when it looks as if they would live and let

(Name withheld) Jackson, Ala.

A Night of Speeches at Tuskegee MILITANCY NOT MODERATION IS THEME

BY MARY EILEN GALE

TUSKEGEE -- "If the black man is ever going to be free, he's going to have to free himself," said Floyd B. McKissick, soon to be the new national director of CORE

"No one ever gave away power. That just ain't politics. We're going to the polls and take that power."

Four hundred civil rights workers and their friends burst into applause. But one white lady gotup and walked out of the auditorium.

That was the way things went for nine hours at the all-night Conference on Alabama Justice at Tuskegee Institute last week.

Nearly all the speakers praised militant civil rights activity and condemned moderation. Nearly everyone in the racially integrated audience seemed to agree with them. But every now and then, somebody didn't,

The Ad Hoc Committee for Justice in sponsored the conference to bring toand how to get it.

"The federal government has the idea: deal with civil rights slowly," said Joseph L. Rauh Jr., attorney for



BY DAVID R. UNDERHILL

snap made trouble and headlines all

over the state. Crops froze, water

pipes burst, house heaters wouldn't

work right, a Baldwin county manfroze

to death when he fellasleep in his car

one night, and Russellville in Franklin

County set an all-time Alabama low

temperature record of 24 degrees below

But all the people and places that

didn't have great trouble or make big

headlines still had to solve the simple

In and around Mobile, the main solu-

tion was to stay away from the cold as

"I didn't go outside any more than I

had to." says Louis Roberts, of Mt.

Vernon. Staying inside didn't solve

everything, however, because most

houses in Alabama were not built built

with really cold weather in mini.

"Wear somethin," e tra it night,"

During the coldest days, the men who

build the nightly bonfire at the unpaved

intersection of Marion and Claiborne

streets next to Mubile's Orange Grove

project made the fire a little bigger than

That was enough to keep the regular

crowd around despite the cold, "We've

had a fire here every night as long as I

can remember," says Nathaniel Woods.

He was born just across the street in

Now he lives a couple of blocksaway

in the project, where "all the heat goes"

straight upstairs. You almost freeze."

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Most Negroes were very pleased

about the appointment. Leflore re-

ceived two standing ovations from the 25

or 30 people at the Non-Partisan Voters

A few Negroes, however, feel that Le-

flore has sold out to the power struc-

ture. "It sounds like they got him," one

Leflore says the appointment will not

restrict his civil rights work: "It's not

a paying position, and Mr. Langan as-

sured me that it wouldn't interfere with

Some whites voiced approval of the

The Mobile County Citizens Council

noticed it immediately and accused

Langan of "discriminat(ing) against

appointment, but most apparently didn't

my other activities,"

notice it or didn't care.

white people."

League meeting last Sunday evening.

problem of just staying warm.

much as possible.

Robert add.

MOBILE -- Alabama's recent cold

tions that promotes civil rights legisla-

"But that's the road to racial violence,"Rauh said, "The way to have peace and harmony is to have rights so clearl: established that people on the other side know they can't get away with violence.

"A right exercised in fear is no right at all," Rauh said. He proposed athird federal civil rights law "to make Alabama safe for democracy."

The law would give the federal government power to integrate juries, move civil rights trials to federal courts, and stop "any one, including the police, who does away with the civil rights of others," Rauh said. The proposed law would also provide for the victims of racial violence, and force state and local governments to follow fair emplo ment practices.

Rauh criticized the Justice Department for failing to enforce existing civil rights laws, But Bob Zellner, of SNCC, said Rauh didn't place the blame where it belonged. Zellner quoted a message from President Johnson to Gov. George C. Wallace, r equesting compliance with federal laws.

"Wallace isn't going to be influenced by the 'sincere wishes' of LBJ. The President has made the old mistake of setting the fox in charge of the chickens.

"What we're talking about is power. This year, in this county, we have voting power. We have to translate this power and anger in terms the President will understand,"

When the Thursday night-to-Friday morning conference split up into discussion groups after midnight, other SNCC members made it clear what terms they thought the President would understand.

"We're 85 per cent Negro in Macon County." said Ronald William Woodard. III. "Democrat and Republican -- damn all that. We're black folk. Politicians is using us all. It'll be the same unless we get a black government."

Woodard said only a Negro government, elected as members of a third party, would look after Negro poor people. "You got poor white folks, too," he added, "To tell you the truth, I don't care about that. But they're not free Keeping Warm Enough

Presents a Problem Some of the men around the fire live in the few old shacks that haven't been torn down yet to make way for an addition to the project. In cold weather. "you just bundle up tight and stay in-

> man. But we're makin' it." Henry Williams suggested over the radio that school children boil an egg or bake a sweet potato just before leaving for school, and then "put it in our pocket and it will keep you warm on the way."

> side," one of them said. "Its rough

At least one man in Mobile had no complaint about the weather. He is Charles Aleman, who sells the Mobile Register all night long six nights a week at the intersection of Broad and Govern-

"Its nothing to me," he said, standing out in 15-degree weather late Saturday night. He was born and raised in Montreal, Canada.

"I got used to it, and I know how to dre- for it. Sometime there, it would get way below zero and the wind would be blowing 65 miles an hour."

Not only is he used to cold weather but he might even welcome it. He says he sells a lot more papers on really cold night. "The people, they come b ani say all the men who sell down the street are inside drinking coffee and keeping

Phenix City Hires

Negro Policemen

PHENIX CITY -- John Allen and Jimmy I ee Long have begun work as Phenix City's first two Negro policemen. They joined 30 white officers on the

force. Mayor John W. Barbee said they probably will be appointed full-time policemen at regular salaries after the standard six-month training period.

"The city has been considering and planning this for more than a year." Mayor Barbee said. "It just took time to work it out."

W.O. Butler, President of the Russell County Democratic Organization, a Negro group, spent several weeks training the two men to pass the Civil Service qualifying exam. In November, the Phenix City Betterment Association, headed by Arthur Sumbry, asked the city Commissioner to hire the firsttwo Negroes who passed the exam.

Sumbry said the group would picket the city hall if the Commissioner did not

Asked if civil rights pressure influenced the commissioner's decision. Barbee said, "Not a bit," He said the hiring of more Negro policemen will depend "on how this works out. We're not lowering our standards," he said.

"White have played a magnificent role in the civil rights movement, especially in their financial support," responded the Rev. Lawrence Havgood, a Negro minister from Tuskegee. "Pm disturbed by this uncontrolled hostility."



JOSEPH L. RAUH JR. "This is ridiculous," said Zellner. Leadershif Conference on Civil Rights

Court Rules on Juries

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alone ordered Macon County to desegregate its jury lists, but he did not mention that the court would do the job itself, if not satisfied with the local effort. Johnson's ruling was the first outlaw-

ing general racial discrimination in the selection of Alabama juries. What will be the effect of the threejudge ruling

If the Lowndes County jury commission does not appeal to a higher court, the county will most likely have jury lists at least half Negroin this spring's term. Lowndes is 80 per cent Negro.

Lawvers disagree about the effect of women on juries. Most would probably say thatfemale juro's give other women

Charles Morgan Jr., the lawyer who battled the case in federal court, said Tuesday, "Southern women have traditionally been more attuned with the changing times than men. In civil rights cases they will have more compas-

Robert L. Cheek, a Montgomery lawver, called the decision "a breathe of fresh air in the courtroom."

"Women will make excellent jurors," said Mrs. John I. (ashin, wife of a Negro leader in Huntsville, "They have more time to take it seriously."

She feared "token'sm" at first, "You won't see any women on juries and ask names haven't come up vet."

"I dar want defense," said Zellner. who is a white native of Alabama, "If a white person in the Black Belt was concerned, he would stand up. Until he does, we shouldn't bend one inch."

Fred Gray, a Negro attorney who has qualified to run for the state House as a Democrat, suggested that dissatisfied Negroes could use their new political power inside the Democratic Party to get what they want.

"People ain't going to vote for that white rooster no more," replied Wendell Paris, a leader of the Tuskegee Institute Advancement League (TIAL), a militant student group. "The whole thing is corrupt."

"Without an independent organization, you're backing the same old sys-

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FLOYD B. McKISSICK National Director, CORE

Sermon of the Week Methodist Preacher Opens a 'Venture'

MONTGOME (Y--Faith must be the corners one of the church, the visiting preacher at Whitfield Memorial Methodist Church said Sunday, "even in times of crisis, especially in times of crisis,"

The Rev. Charles Betts, of Bessemer, began Wlutfield's partin the Methodist "Venture in Faith," a state-wide evangelistic crusade. More than 500 ministers in the state are visiting other Methodist charches this week.

M1. Bett's told the congregation that true faith may bring scorn or unpleasantness to the Christian. He recalled the persecution of early Christians.

But, he said, "like Martin Luther, each of us must say, "Here I stand; I can do no otherwise.' We are Christians first, then Americans, and Southerners, and whatever next."

Mr. Betts was formerly minister to why. They'll say the same thing--their Methodist students at the University of Alabama.



BY MARY MOULTRIE

All sorts of people watch IV, and among the e many different personalities you'll find odd and unusual viewing

For those who prefer the two gun-holster, ten-gallon hat bit, there are shows MONDAY, FFB 14 like "Gun moke," "Branded," and "Bonanza" to keep them content in their

The same goes for the "whodunits," the "howling-wolves," the "tear-jerkers," and the "misfits,"

From time to time, no matter what your taste, you'll find your favorites have been changed, or entirely replaced by something that isn't at all to your liking.

Occasionally a survey is taken to try IUESDAY, FEB. 15 to determine just what kind of programs the general public enjoys. It is at such a time that the viewer's likes and dislikes are considered.

Presently the science-fiction fanatic is being left out altogether by TV stations in Alabama. Where there used to be a choice of at least two science-fiction features a week, there was left one. And now there are none.

The Saturday night science fiction theatre on one channel has been replaced by the ordinary dragged-out movies you can see any other day of the

Science fiction fans are broken hearted. "Frankenstein" has been replaced by "The Egg and I," "Dracula" by "Five Guns West," and "Thing From Another World" by "Has Anybody Seen My Gal?"

So, this week's schedule is more fact than fiction:

SUNDAY, FEB. 13

CANDID CAMERA -- A delivery boy is shocked when he sees the food he has

just delivered to an artist being used instead of paint on the canvas, 9:00 p.m. Channel 4 in Dothan, Channel 19 in Huntsville, an i Channel 20 in Montgom-

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PART TWO











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SUN RISES OVER KOINONIA FARM AND COW WAITING TO BE MILKED.

Koinonia Is A Way of Life

TEXT BY PAT PRANDINI; PHOTOGRAPHY BY JAMES H. PEPPLER

A MERICUS, Ga.--The Koinonia Farm was founded 24 years ago and still runs today on the Christian principles of peace, brotherhood, and the sharing of material goods.

On 1,000 acres of farmland a dozen miles southwest of Americus, the families at Koinonia have tried to create a community based on love. But their neighbors have not made it easy for the farmers to stick to the fundamental teachings of Christ.

Koinonia practices instead of preaching racial integration and opposition to war. Many of the farm's neighbors don't like it. They have fought Koinonia with lawsuits, boycotts, and even bombs.

"It's a strange thing," said the Rev. Clarence Jordan, founder and director of the farm. "People lynch you if you don't believe in Jesus, but they lynch you quicker if you do what He says."

In 1942 Mr. Jordan and the Rev. Martin England, both Baptist ministers, founded Koinonia because they felt none of the churches were fulfilling their commitment to Christ.

With World War II raging across the world, the ministers resolved to bear witness to the principles they felt the war violated--love of enemies, reconciliation, peace. The men wanted to do something constructive. They felt, Mr. Jordan said, that "it wasn't enough just to throw stones at the church."

"Koinonia" is the Greek word for community.

Over the years, there have sometimes been as many as 80 residents. Today there are about 25 or 30 people living and working together on the coop-

erative farm and sharing its small profits.

Mr. Jordan said the farm tries to serve two religious purposes--bearing witness to Christ's teachings and spreading its idea of Christianity to others.

He speaks and writes about the farm, and encourages groups and individuals to visit and talk with

As a Greek scholar, Mr. Jordan also publishes New Testament translations in what are called "cotton patch" editions -- the gospel in modern language.

The farm spreads practical knowledge as well as Christian ideas. Koinonia developed methods and equipment for raising good laying hensthat are now used by egg farmers throughout southwest Georgia.

Most farm income now comes from beef cattle. Three great Santa Gertrudis bulls (bred by crossing Texas short horns and Brahmans) keep watch over a herd of Black Angus, Hereford, and Santa Gertrudis offspring.

Combining agriculture and brotherly love, the farm provides a milk cowfor every poor local family that needs milk. The only condition is that the family return the cow's first heifer to the farm. The farm then gives that heifer to another poor family.

Half the land is now used for timber. The farm also raises Muscadine grapes, and has a pecan shelling and packaging plant that gives jobs to local workers. Koinonia uses some of the pecans to make fruitcakes, sold widely to friends around the United States.

Although products have changed over the years, profits are always used to spread the word of God and to help the poor. This Christmas the farm bought second-hand bicycles, which had been restored by an area association of the handicapped, and gave them to local children.

and gave them to local children.
"When you seldom get a biscuit, a bicycle is a real treat," Mr. Jordan explained. Buthe was re-

luctant to discuss the farm's charitable activities in detail.

"It looks like we're trying to show off good deeds," he said,

The farm has always been open to all races and creeds alike. But integration was not the first source of trouble. The community's support for

peace during World War II caused the first uproar.

Mr. Jordan and Mr. England, exempt from the draft because they were ministers, tried to get their classification changed. Opposed to war, they nevertheless felt that no Christian ought to be given special consideration. They wanted to go to jail for their refusal to fight.

But draft officials disagreed, and the ministers remained draft-exempt. (Mr. Jordan points out with a wry smile that clergymen are classified 4D, along with prisoners and the feeble-minded.)

Koinonia's neighbors didn't understand the ministers' feelings. The local residents called the farmers names and hurled angry accusations. But there was little violence.

Racial trouble began around 1955. Mr. Jordan had been considered a leader in the community and had organized inter-racial activities in Americus back in the 40's. Then came the 1954 Supreme Court ruling against school segregation.

Suddenly, Mr. Jordan said, people realized that the solid lines of segregation they relied on were really about to break. As the fear of change spread to Americus, violence broke out against the Jordans, against Koinonia, and against the community's way of life.

The first target was a bi-racial summer camp at Koinonia. Local officials tried to get the camp closed on grounds of violation of public health. But Jordan gave evidence that each child was required to present a health certificate signed by his doctor before being admitted to the camp, and the state health inspector gave the farm and camp facilities a good rating.

The charge was changed to one of corrupting the morals of children. Mr. Jordan testified at a hearing that he didn't know what the charge was all about. He asked the court to explain to him how the

children were being led astray.

As Mr. Jordan tells it, there was an embarrased silence when a local farmer stood up and accused him of letting children see sows giving birth to their litters. At that time, the farm was doing a large

business in hams, and had hundreds of pigs.

Mr. Jordan told the court that perhaps God and not Koinonia Farm should be charged with immoral-

ity, because the birth of baby pigs was His idea.

The farmer said there was no need to let the children watch.

Mr. Jordan explained that his pigs were native Georgia pigs, and stupider than most Georgia pigs at that. He said that it was impossible to teach his sows modesty, and that they were likely to "drop their litters" right therebefore your eyes while you were taiking to them about it.

No one laughed. And although the charges against Koinonia were dropped, the local people had won. Koinonia, not wanting to stir up hate, reluctantly canceled plans for the bi-racial camp.

But all the attacks on Koinonia were not within the relatively safe walls of a courtroom. When Mr. Jordan signed the applications of two Negroes for the Georgia State College of Business Administration, he brought a storm down on the farm.

On July 23, 1956, the farm's ham store on U.S. Route 19 was bombed. It was rebuilt and dynamited again on Jan. 14, 1957. The second time, it was

completely destroyed.

After both attacks, the farm ran and in the local paper. Koinonia publicly forgave its assailants, and asked for the opportunity to remain good, Christain neighbors of the people of Americus.

A few days after the January bombing, a vacant tenant house at the farm itself was mysteriously burned to the ground.

The whole town turned against the farm. Local merchants wouldn't sell Koinonia feed for the animals, or gas, oil, and parts for cars and farm machinery. The local banks closed the farm's accounts. (The farm still hasn't been allowed to resume banking in Americus.) The large eggbusiness was forced to close.

On Feb. 21, 1957, the publisher of the Petal Papers, P. D. East, wrote:

"Actually, the Koinonia Farm is composed of a group of pacifists, which, as I understand it, are practicing to the letter the teachings of Christianity. It seems they may finish up like the founder of the religion did."

East praised "the complete lack of hatred by the Jordans. It is, to me, amazing that anyone can take such an attitude in the face of what's happened to him and his friends," he said.

But others felt differently, Aletter to the editor of the Americus Times-Recorder in July, 1956, called Koinonia a "group who have established themselves as menaces to democracy," The letter charged that the Koinonians had done the bombing themselves "to obtain the sympathy of the general public," which, it claimed, was a well-known subversive tactic.

In spring, 1957, the Ku Klux Klan held a regional meeting and rally in Americus to discuss Koinonia. After the cross burning and speeches, the Klan formed a 93-car motorcade on Dawson Road along the farm's vast acreage.

Klan spokesmen, robed but without hoods, got out of the two lead cars to present the organization's proposals to Jordan. Jordan says they "weren't nasty, weren't abusive, they were very kind. They just said that they wanted us to leave."

The Klan even offered to purchase the farm and called a few weeks later to ask for a reasonable price. Jordan told them he'd sell "for a million dollars."

"That's not reasonable," said the Klan contact.
The transaction was never carried out.

The relationship between Koinonia and Americus has since improved. Many white Southerners have stopped by the farm to assure Mr. Jordan of their quiet support.

But there are still problems. In June, 1964, the Jordans' daughter, Jan, was graduated from Americus High School. But she refused to participate in graduation ceremonies when a Negro resident of Koinonia, Collins McGee, was denied entrance to the auditorium.

Gregory Wittkamper, another farm resident, said

he would have done the same at his 1965 graduation. But this time McGee was allowed to attend the ceremonies. As the Koinonians left the auditorium, however, local residents pelted them with rocks.

In elementary school, Wittkamper said, he hadno trouble being accepted by his fellow students. "When they got mad at me," he said, "they'd call me 'nigger lover," but it didn't mean anything to them. It was just a word they'd heard their parents use."

High school was different. His former friends "said they never knew me." His teachers treated him fairly, he said, but the teenagers would rough him up between classes.

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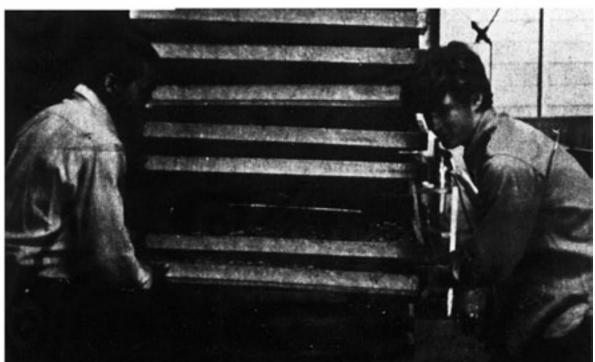
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Walker and Winston Get Grant

CORDOVA -- The Community Action Committee for Walker and Winston counties has received its third grant from the federal Office of Economic Opportunity.

The latest grant of \$249, 227 is for a neighborhood youth corps project. The money will provide work experience for 200 youths between 16 and 21 years of

In July, the Walker-Winston committee received \$91,548 to finance a neighborhood center at which poor people can find out about help available. In August, the counties received \$190,461 for a first youth corps program.

Winston, with 99.5 per cent white population, and Walker with 89.6 per cent white population, are two north central Alabama counties that worked together on their anti-poverty program.

The neighborhood youth corps provides needy students with part-time work so that their education may be resumed or continued. For those who have already left school, it offers a job and training in work skills.

The Walker-Winston program is trying to bring the economy of the counties back to life. A few years ago the local mines and cotton mills meant steady jobs for thousands of people. Then the demand for coal dropped off, and scores of mines had to close.

Last spring citizens who were worried about all of this met in Jasper, the Walker County seat, They decided to launch an effort togetgovernment antipoverty money. By July they had their first grant. They setup headquarters in ganization for simple decency and raan old union hall here and they were on

Choctaw Students Seek Integration

BUTLER -- Several students at the Negro Choctaw County Training School have demanded that they be admitted to the white Choctaw County High School here.

The latest announced plan by the county school superintendent is to open the white school to "freedom of choice" transfers Feb. 28. On that date the second six-week section of the secondsemester begins.

On the first day of the second semester, Jan. 18, 12 Negro youngsters went to the high school; they said they wanted to go there for the second half of the school year. There was no school desegregation last fall in this southwest rural county on the Mississippi state line.

The students were sent to the superintendent of education, W. M. Wimberly, who asked them why they wanted to go to the high school.

They replied tha better, for one thing. "We think we can go to either school. Both are public

schools," one of them told Wimberly. The superintendent took their names and addresses and said that the students would be notified when a desegregation plan was approved. They were sent

back to the training school. This week, the students read in the local paper that the desegregation plan called for opening the topfour grades to transfers Feb. 28.

Stillman Starts The Students from Audurn, Birming-ham-Southern, Miles and Spring Hill **Tutor Program**

TUSCALOOSA--The beginning of the spring semester for students at Stillman College marked the beginning of the spring semester for VISION.

VISION is the tutorial service for high school students.

VISION was started in Tuscaloosa last June, co-sponsored by the St. Louis Conference and SCLC. The purpose of the program is to help high school students prepare for college by intensive tutoring in the subjects in which they feel they are weakest. Tutors are students at Stillman College.

Ten students have registered for courses in chemistry, biology, mathematics, English, history and French.

A total of 25 students are expected to register by the end of the week. They will be taught by six Stillman College students. The ninth through twelfth grade students attend DruidHigh, which is all Negro, and Tuscaloosa and Holt High Schools. The classes meet three nights a week for three hours.

Ninety per cent of the tutors' salaries are paid by the federal government under a work-study program, with the other 10 per cent being supplied by Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee (TAC), the local affiliate of SCLC.

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SPEECH BY MRS. FRANKIE M. FREEMAN OF THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS, U.S. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR CIVIL RIGHTS JOHN DOAR (AT RIGHT) RECEIVED COUNCIL PLAQUE.

Students Debate Need **Bi-Racial** Group

BY PAT PRANDINI

MONTGOMERY--In a letter to a University of Alabama student written in 1956, shortly after that school had admitted its first Negro students, the late author William Faulkner said, "Ican think of nothing which would do more to hold intact integrity and decency and sanity in this matter (desegregation) than a sort of interstate university ortionality among Southern college men and women, young men and women. A confederation of older men like me

would not carry half this weight," Some Alabama college students meeting at the invitation of the Alabama Council on Human Relations have taken a first step towards just such an organization.

At a meeting last Friday night at the Jewerson Davis Hotel, students from colleges all over the state talked about problems they all face.

Two of the biggest difficulties they had in common were, first, how to get the community they worked in to accept them as friends; and second, once started, how to keep the work (and the group)

Students from Auburn University, Birmingham-Southern College, and Miles College said that their civil rights groups were small, and that they didn't always know how to go about helping the

local Negroes. Another problem was that full - time students don't have much spare time. Al Ulmer, of the Southern Regional Council staff, pointed out that at least one or two

community. Ulmer suggested to each of the groups that they talk about a state-wide organization of students.

Student Non - violent Co - ordinating Committee and Tuskegee Institute Advancement League people argued thata formal organization would just get all tied up in itself. They said it would spend so much time holding elections and planning meetings that it wouldn't be able to do much for civil rights.

The students from Auburn, Birming-College, on the other hand, felt that they really needed some form of organization just to be able to keep in touch with other student groups around the state.

After the separate groups met, they were supposed to get together for a general session. But they never did. The formal conferences broke into smaller, informal groups and the talking went on past midnight,

Ulmer said that although nothing concrete had been decided by the students, just the chance for them to meet and exchange ideas was an important begin-

He said that the work would soon begin on some form of communication among the scattered campus groups.

Earlier that evening, Cortland Cox of SNCC spoke to the assembly of college people about their part in the movement for civil rights.

"We as young people are going to make a commitment in terms of the world we live in . . . we are going to define that world in political terms... we are the visible people...," he said. Cox works in Dallas County.

At the annual meeting of the council itself the next day, there was a sharp opposition between the older generation and the young civil rights workers.

During a workshop on voter registration and education, Wendell Wilkerson of TIAL accused the older people of moving too slowly and giving in too easily to white authorities.

Most of his remarks were aimed at the Tuskegee Civic Association and its president, C. G. Gomillion, political science professor at Tuskegee Insti-

During the morning, Human Relations Council delegates took part inseparate workshops on community organization, education, employment, federal programs, health and hospitals, and housing, as well as the one on voter reg-

Gomillion Elected



C. G. GOMILLION

MONTGOMERY -- C. G. Gomillion, professor of political science at Tuskegee Institute, has been elected president of the Alabama Gouncil on Human Rela-

The bi-racial council seeks "to attain, through research and education, equal opportunities for all people of Alabama."

Gomillion has been a civil rights leader in Macon County for more than a quarter of a century. He is president of the Tuskegee Civic Association and a member of the county board of educa-

It was Gomillion who battled in court against Tuskegee's plan in 1958 to redraw the city limits to exclude Negroes. In the famous Gomillion vs. Lightfoot case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled two and a half years later that the boundaries were discriminatory and illegal.



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SCLC Seeks Birmingham Unity Effort

are planning meetings in the future to get more response from the local community and to bring the civil rights group and local leaders closer together. SCLC is seekingbroad-based support

for its current voter registration drive. One such "unity" meeting was held last week at 16th Street Baptist Church.

"This was held for the express purpose of bringing people together," said Stoney Cooks of the SCLC VISION office here. "We hope to get at least tolerance from some individuals for our drive."

"As far as Icould see," said the Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, "there wasn't much unifying that needed to be done among the people present."

"It was not a particularly fruitful meeting," said the Rev. John T. Porter. "Everyone wanted Dr. Gaston to be there. It seemed they wanted to bring Dr. Gaston into the fold,"

"Apparently, without the influence of Dr. Gaston, they (SCLC leaders) feel that their drive won't be successful," continued Mr. Porter. "Dr. Gaston is not against the drive, he's not working against it."

One of the goals of the meeting was to bring Dr. A.G. Gaston, the millionaire Negro businessman, and SCLC closer together, said Albert Turner of SCLC. But, he said, this was not the primary

goal of the meeting. "The primary goal was toget more participation from the local community. We wanted to settle any differences any of us might have.

"We haven't been getting the type of response we felt we should be getting from the community," Turner said.

BIRMINGHAM

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Although the confusion may have left the minds of county officials, people who can register were still unaware of the new deadline or unsure about it.

"People don't know they have until Mar. 17 to pay their poll tax," saidAlbert Turner, SCLC's state field secretary, who is directing the voter registration drive here.

To inform people, SCLC passed out thousands of leaflets last weekend in the Birmingham area.

He expected more people to register this week than last because of warmer weather and greater knowledge about the poll tax deadline.

But on Monday examiners listed only 350 people, about half the number listed in one day a week ago.

The county board of registrars also noted lower registration figures on Monday. There were only 175 applicants Monday, said the board.

To combat slow registration SCLC plans to push its drive harder during the weekend, their officers said this week. Turner said their were about 24 SCLC staff members working in various places in the Birmingham area.

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Angeles Dodger pitching star Sandy Koufax has been telling the truth lately when he says that Aaron is the only batter who gives him trouble.

Aaron answered, "Koufax has been spreadin' this wild rumor around. I

think he's settin' me up for somethin'." So someone asked if any batter could hit Koufax, and Aaron said, "I don't think nobody can claim him as a cou-

press conference might have

gone on all afternoon, except the Braves had someplace else to go.

Tuesday night they went to Municipal Auditorium to meet anyone that cared to come. Hundreds did come, to get autographs, to get advice, or just to see real big league ball players.

The Braves ought to have a great year in Atlanta, if their reception in Mobile is any indication.

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Against Lowndes J.P.

was taken before Justice of the Peace J. B. Julian of Lowndes County last fall, he thought something was wrong.

Hulett was arrested for reckless driving last Oct, 1.

He figured that the justice of the peace had a financial interest in whether Hulett was foundguilty or innocent. Under Alabama law, the justice takes his fees and costs from the fines imposed on persons he convicts.

If the accused is found innocent, the justice cannot collect a fine to cover his fee. But he is allowed to take his fees from non-traffic violation fines if there

Kegistrars Pressured Mobile

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At a Non-Partisan Voters League meeting two weeks ago John Morris and Henry Williams pointed out how registration in Birmingham shot up as soon as the examiners arrived.

They said that something needed to be done here, because the current drive had brought in only about three per cent of the unregistered Negro adults in the

C. H. Montgomery, chairman of the Mobile County coordinating committee, which is also participating in the drive, agreed that federal examiners would help get more Negroes registered. And he said they would also help whites because "everybody is suffering" as things are now.

Last week when Montgomery made this remark, the suffering was much more obvious than it is now. Then, people were coming by the hundreds to register and pay their poll tax before the tradional February 1 poll tax deadline.

The registrars' office will be open until Feb. 19. But after Feb. 1 registration "cut off just like a faucet," says Joseph Malone, a Negro registration

Leflore says the big drop in registration "badly weakened" our case against the board. Efforts are being made to revive the drive, he said.

NIXON ELECTED

MONTGOMERY--E.D. Nixon, whoas NAACP president in the 1950s organized Montgomery's bus boycott, has been elected president of the NAACP here.

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JOHN HULETT

any state court.

This week, a three-judge federal court agreed with Hulett's claim. The court ordered Julian not to try Hulett on the reckless driving charge.

The judges quoted an earlier case that said: "It certainly violates the 14th Amendment, and deprives a defendant in a criminal case of due process of law, to subject his liberty or property to the judgment of a court the judge of which has a direct, personal, substantial, pecuniary interest in reaching a conclusion against him in his case."

The three judges' decision applies only to Hulett's case, but it might cause a change in the state's whole justice of the peace set-up.

Attorney General Richmond Flowers had joined the case in behalf of the justice of the peace for that reason.

The decision was announced in federal court on the same day that the court ruled that Lowndes County must integrate its juries.

John Hulett was one of five Lowndes County residents who brought that case to the federal court.

Hulett Wins His Case Picketing Starts in Tuscaloosa the Rev. T.Y. Rogers, president of

BY DAPHNA SIMPSON

TUSCALOOSA -- "You can't hire us, we can't afford to buy here." Thus reads a picket sign in front of the W. T. Grant store on Broad Street.

Picketing began last Saturday as part of the selective buying campaign started by the Tuscaloosa Citizensfor Action Committee (TCAC).

Two pickets move up and down the sidewalk in front of Grant's, and others walk the length of the block handing out leaflets explaining the reasons for the picketing.

Many of the pickets are students at Stillman College, although the group includes high school students, parents and teachers. The picket begins every morning with the opening of the store and continues through the day until closing time.

Several people have been roughly pushed by passers-by. There has been some name-calling.

The most serious incident involved a white youth, David Bremer, a student at Stillman College. Bremer was approached by a white man who jerked his

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tem," said William B. Kunstler, a white civil rights attorney. "Negroes have a better chance in Alabama politics if they have freedom to show their strength.

Gray pointed out that if the Democrats and a thirdparty split the Negro vote, white Republicans could win in the 31st House District, made up of Macon, Barbour, and Bullock counties,

"I'd rather see a split than support of the rooster and white supremacy," replied another student, "Unless we crush it now, we never will."

Several TIAL members accused Tuskegee's middle class Negroes of not caring what happens to poor people in the rest of Macon County. "You're creating animosity -- setting

the middle class against the lower class," replied a Negro resident of Tuskegee. "Where are you going toget money? How are yougoing to uniteus?"

"The question of how to unite is your problem," said Michele Moreland, a SNCC worker. "There are more of the poor people than of you."

When some Tuskegee residents defended their past record of civil rights activity, TIAL leader Wendell Wilkerson exploded angrily: "Iain't interested in what you did. I'm interested in what you're going to do."

glasses off. The man threw them to the Grant from the Rev. T. W. Linton. ground, stepped on them and walked

Many people who started to enter Grant's have been stopped by the picketers. After a few moments of explanation, they turned to leave, even some of the white people.

Grant's explained to the man who stopped her at the door, "I was just going to pay my bill."

"Mail it in," she was told, She smiled and walked away.

The picketing and boycotting will be in It all began with a telephone call to John McBride, the manager of W. T.

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Mr. Linton, who is pastor of the

Cumberland Presbyterian Church and chairman of the selective buying committee of TCAC, requested that Mc-Bride hire Negroes inhis storeas cashiers and salesladies. McBride tole Mr. Linton that he couldnot afford to hire One Negro woman who tried to enter any more employees at this time.

A letter was sent to McBride a few days later, again stating T'CAC's request. He was informed that he had from that day, January 18, until February 1 to make a decision.

February 1 marked the date of the effect indefinitely, according to TCAC. boycotting of Grant's, and the following

Saturday picketing began. The protest is under the leadership of they were protesting, equipment for automobile repair classes showed up.

About 40 to 50 youngsters were involved. They also want to integrate the county's two training schools.

Mr. Rogers has said that other stores

may be picketed in the future, although

no particular stores have been singled

Students at the Tuscaloosa Vocation-

They protested what they said was a

lack of equipment for instruction. While

al Training School stayed away from

classes and marched in front of the

KOINONIA

school this week.

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out yet.

The Rev. Al Henry resigned his pulpitat Pilgrim Congregational Church, in Mountain Brook, a plush Birmingham suburb, to come to the farm, His wife, Carol, said he came "for the freedom."

Although Koinonia works indirectly for civil rights and brotherhood, she said, the farm's major accomplishment is "in Christianity, People come here and getaway from the pressures and the values of everyday life to make decisions about what directions their lives should take," she explained.

After he had been at Koinonia for a while, Mr. Henry wrote a letter to his former congregation to tell them as best he could what the farm means.
"Koinonia follows the Biblical principles that the

sons of the Father will increasingly become partakers of His nature: redemptive love," Mr. Henry wrote. "He is not a God of violence, hate and revenge....He is a God of peace, of steadfast love, of unfailing good will.

"To Koinonia this means renunciation of warfare and violence, and a dedication to love, peace and good will. Koinonians desire an increasing measure of the Father's love which will enable them to continue to love their enemies and to do good to them."

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