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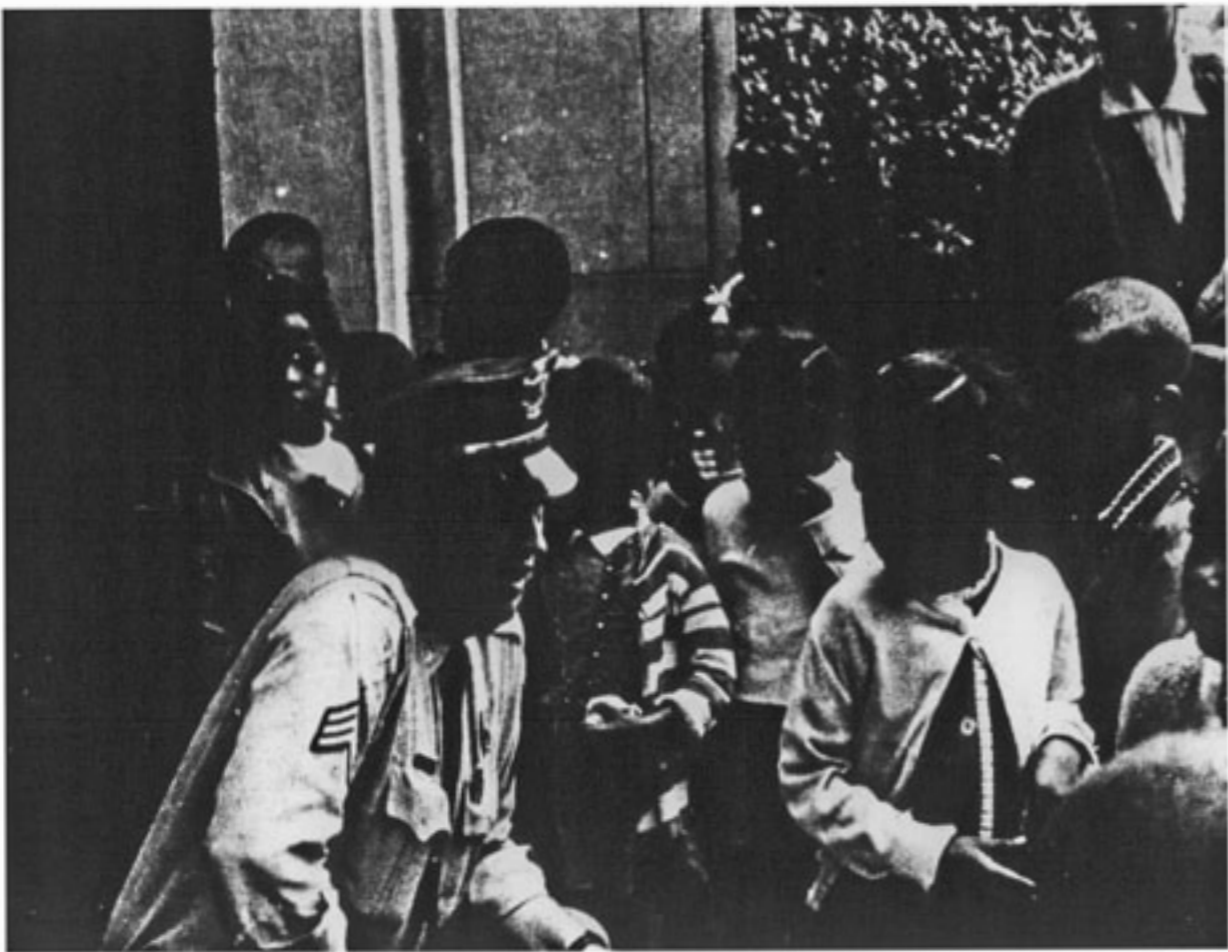


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ON NOV. 11, THE TYSONVILLE HEAD START CHILDREN VISITED THE TUSKEGEE POLICE (LEFT), MET THE MAYOR (ABOVE), AND RANG THE BELL IN THE FIRE ENGINE (RIGHT).

Controversy Over Tysonville Head Start

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

SHORTER--The sign above the bulletin board said, "Playing is our business." Beneath the sign, 15 young children sat in a circle of chairs, singing a song about the letters of the alphabet.

In the sunny room next door, another 15 children got ready for a snack. A little boy helped the teacher bring out the cardboard cartons of milk. Then the children sat down at two long tables and bowed their heads while the teacher said grace.

While the children were drinking their milk, Miss Hattie Frank, the teacher-in-charge, talked about the Tysonville Head Start program.

"You see that little girl?" she asked. The girl turned around and smiled. "The first two weeks she was here, she cried every day. But now she loves it."

"That boy--he was the meanest child I ever did see. He pinched everybody. Finally we told the other children to pinch him back. Now he's learning that if you want to get along with other people, you have to be friendly yourself."

"That girl didn't want to share nothing. She saw all those toys and wanted to play with 'em all at once. That's one of the most important things we try to do--teach the children to share."

The children have also received medical and dental care.

With snacks and hot lunches, they have all gained from two to five pounds.

They have had holiday parties and taken trips--to the South Alabama Fair in Montgomery, to downtown Tuskegee to meet the mayor and visit the police and fire departments. "It was the first time many of them had even been to Tuskegee," Miss Frank said. "It was the first time any of them had ridden on a fire truck."

Parents, teachers, and students from Deborah Cannon Wolfe High School in Shorter worked long hours to make a float for the children to ride on in the Tuskegee Institute homecoming parade. The float won a first prize.

The Tysonville Head Start program seems like such a good thing that nobody would want to argue about it. But ever since it began, the program has been one of the most controversial parts of the anti-poverty program in Macon County.

Head Start classes began in Tysonville, a little community just north of Shorter, over a year ago. But they didn't have any help from the federal government.

Instead, they ran on the energy of Mrs. Consuello J. Harper, a third-grade teacher at the Prairie Farms Elementary School, and the enthusiasm of local parents.

Mrs. Harper began trying to get Head Start classes for the children in her area practically as soon as she heard about the program. But when the first Macon County Head Start proposal was approved in 1965, Tysonville wasn't included.

Most people would have given up. But Mrs. Harper got a group of parents together, bought 50 pounds of fish at cost, and sold them to raise money for a Head Start project. The sale brought only \$18, but that was enough to buy some equipment and begin. The program opened Oct. 4, 1966, in New Hope Church No. 1, while Mrs. Harper and her friends looked around for a better building.

Eventually, Mrs. Rosa W. Banks lent the program a house on her property. The Macon County Board of Education contributed desks, chairs, and bulletin boards. The parents scraped together a few dollars for paper and crayons. They gave their time to fix up the building and teach the classes.

Over the next several months, some 80 pre-school-age children from the Tysonville area attended Head Start classes at the Banks center. Meanwhile, Mrs. Harper drew up a proposal for a government-sponsored Head Start program and sent it to the regional Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) in Atlanta, Ga.

She got help from Mrs. Jeannette S. Branche, director of the Head Start programs operated by the county board of education under the Macon County Community Action Program (CAP). John Gowan, then chairman of the county's community action committee, also gave her advice and support.

But Mrs. Harper said, she never got any help at all from Mrs. Beulah



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C. Johnson, the paid CAP director. Instead, Mrs. Harper said, Mrs. Johnson objected to the project and did her best to convince OEO officials not to approve it.

Mrs. Johnson won't talk about the Tysonville Head Start program. "I won't discuss rumors and untruths," she said last week. But other employees in her office were willing to talk about it.

"We did tell them (the Tysonville parents) what to do," Mrs. Lottie Esau insisted. "But they still went back and did it wrong."

But Mrs. Harper must have done something right, because last July OEO approved her application, granted the program \$16,000, and sent a check to the CAP office in Tuskegee.

What happened to that check? Mrs. Harper and the CAP office disagree. According to Mrs. Harper, the CAP office simply held onto it, even though the local poverty officials knew it was meant for her.

But Mrs. Esau said that wasn't true. "It wasn't marked," she said. "We didn't have any idea whose it was,

I took it down to the board of education and Mr. Wilson (Schools Superintendent Joe C. Wilson) said it wasn't his.

"We didn't find out whose it was until they started fussin'." If the Tysonville people had told us what they were doing, they would have had it much sooner."

Mrs. Harper had two answers to that. "They're not that dumb," she said. "They knew it was mine." She also said she didn't get the money until Donald A. Jelinek, of the Lawyers Constitutional Defense Committee, wrote a letter to the Community Action Committee to say that if she had to take legal action to get the check, she would.

"It was September before we could issue our first paychecks," Mrs. Harper said. But she didn't wait for the OEO money to get the program under way.

In mid-July, Peace Corps trainees from Tuskegee Institute went out to the Prairie Farms School and fixed up an unused building for the Head Start classes. On Aug. 22, the first 14 children showed up to enroll.

The program's employees -- Mrs. Harper, the director; Miss Frank and Mrs. Mattie Harris, teachers; Mrs. Lorine Jackson and Mrs. Easter B. Williams, teachers' aides; Miss Beatrice Crowell, secretary; and the Rev. Nimrod Harris, janitor--all went to work without pay.

And local parents continued to support the program. Some of them, like James Lumpkin, made a practice of stopping in to see what they could do to help. "We're so glad to have Mr. Lumpkin," Miss Frank said. "So many of these children don't have fathers. It helps to have a man take an interest in them."

Meanwhile, Mrs. Harper said, Mrs. Johnson wrote to the OEO office in Atlanta to complain that the Tysonville Head Start center was poorly equipped.

"It's ridiculous," Mrs. Harper said, pointing to piles of toys and kindergarten teaching material. "We've even got a phonograph and a new tape recorder that someone left in my car a couple of months ago--I never did find out who, but it was someone who wanted to help."

In fact, she said, the local parents have given so much and done so much

that the Tysonville program will run for more than four months on a grant expected to last only three months. Instead of ending in November, the classes will continue through the end of the year.

And, at the monthly meeting of the community action committee on Nov. 17, Mrs. Branche announced that the 30 children in the Tysonville program are being included in the Macon County Board of Education's new Head Start proposal.

"OEO said we could get only as many as we had before--140 children," Mrs. Branche said. "But I insisted that they include Tysonville and the demonstration program (for 15 children) at Tuskegee Institute."

The school board is asking OEO for \$179,528 to run Head Start classes for 185 children from Jan. 2 to Aug. 31, 1967. Mrs. Branche and Charles G. Gomillion, new chairman of the community action committee, said that although they pleaded with OEO officials, they were told there was no chance for any more.

But Mrs. Harper plans to keep trying. "We have made just one tiny indentation in the lives of these children," she said. "The sad thing is that it's so few--and so many needs it."

Last week, Mrs. Harper said, she tried to get Head Start application forms from the CAP office. But Mrs. Esau told her there weren't any. She finally got copies from Mrs. Branche.

Now, Mrs. Harper said, some school officials have hinted that she won't have a job as a teacher next year. "I'm going to apply for another Head Start program," she said in reply. "If I lose this job, I can get another. I'd be happy to be a full-time Head Start supervisor-director."

Mrs. Harper said her experience in running the only locally-started poverty program in Macon County has proved to her that poor people make just as good--or better--community leaders as anyone else.

She charged that the CAP office has kept too much anti-poverty money in downtown Tuskegee. "It belongs out in the county," said Mrs. Harper. "That's where the poor people are."

"We don't need people to sit behind a desk and make phone calls to Washington. We need dedicated rural people to bring the poverty program to their own communities."

Two Acts to Go In School Case

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

MONTGOMERY--There will be a long, long intermission between the first and second acts of the courtroom drama about school desegregation in Alabama.

Four federal judges rang down the curtain on the first act last Friday after three days of testimony.

The second act will take place Feb. 3, 1967, when the four judges gather again to hear a battery of lawyers argue over what the evidence proves.

The third, and final, act will come when the four judges--actually two panels of three judges each--hand down their rulings on four important questions:

1. Should the court order desegregation of every school system in Alabama?

2. Are the 1966 federal school-desegregation guidelines unconstitutional?

3. Is Governor George C. Wallace's anti-guidelines law illegal?

4. Can Alabama pay tuition for students attending private schools?

Each panel of three judges will rule on two of the questions. Circuit Judge Richard T. Rives and District Judges Frank M. Johnson Jr. and H.H. Grooms will consider the state-wide school-desegregation order and the tuition grants.

Rives, Johnson, and District Judge Virgil Pittman will consider the constitutionality of the guidelines laid down by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW), and the legality of the Alabama law against the guidelines.

In theory, the judges could decide all four questions independently. But in practice, because the cases are closely related and because Rives and Johnson are a majority on both panels, the decisions will probably be linked together.

These are some of the things the judges could do:

They could find in favor of the HEW guidelines and against the anti-guidelines law. This is what the U.S. Justice Department lawyers, acting for HEW, have asked them to do.

HEW says such a ruling would make a court order desegregating the schools unnecessary. If the anti-guidelines law is struck down, HEW says, the U.S. Office of Education can enforce school desegregation without court help.

But the judges could rule that state officials have interfered with HEW's school integration efforts so much in the past that a state-wide school desegregation order is necessary.

In 1964, the Rives-Johnson-Grooms panel warned Governor Wallace and other state officials that they would face a blanket desegregation order unless they proceeded "with deliberate speed" to integrate the schools on their own.

On the other hand, the judges could order state-wide school desegregation without upholding the 1966 HEW guidelines. They could say that school integration is required under the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark school-desegregation decision in 1954, and under the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

They could also strike down Alabama's anti-guidelines law regardless of whether they rule for or against the guidelines themselves. The judges could decide that the only proper way for the state to attack the guidelines is through the court--not by legislative act.

But even if the judges do not issue a desegregation order, they could find that the tuition grants to private-school (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX, Col. 5)

MRS. SMITH

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reason--their mother's alleged relation "with a man who is not their father, who owes no duty of support, is giving no support, who is not married to the mother, and who is not living with them."

This, says the suit, deprived the children of their legal rights.

Furthermore, the suit charges, the substitute father rule has been used against Negroes, but not against whites.

In Mrs. Smith's case, she said, what "got the whole thing a-going" was a letter she wrote to President Johnson, complaining about Alabama welfare policies. She said her aid was cut off a few weeks after she sent the letter.

"It gives me the devil," she said, "trying to work, take care of the children, pay the rent, the gas bill, the light bill, the insurance bill . . . It's hard, but I'm going to try to make it."

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Will Hear Houston County Case

Court Says Ga. House Can't Bar Julian Bond

WASHINGTON, D. C.--Julian Bond has been elected to the Georgia House three times. Now, thanks to a U.S. Supreme Court decision, he will soon take his seat in the legislature for the first time.

Bond, a former SNCC official, was first elected to the House in 1965. But last January, the House voted not to seat him because of his criticism of the draft and the war in Viet Nam. The 26-year-old Negro then won a special election in his Atlanta district, but a House committee disqualified him again.

"The disqualification of Bond from membership in the Georgia House because of his statements violated Bond's right of free expression under the First Amendment," the Supreme Court ruled last Monday in a unanimous decision.

So Bond--who was elected again last month--will finally get to take his place in the House next January.

In another action Monday, the court agreed to decide whether the Houston County board of revenue should be reapportioned on a "one man, one vote" basis.

The Supreme Court has applied this rule of equal representation to districts drawn for the U.S. House and for state legislatures. Last spring, Dothan Mayor Earl C. Moody and other Dothan residents asked a federal court in Montgomery to apply it to the county board.

The Dothan residents said their city has 67% of the county's population and pays 69% of the taxes, but has only one representative on the five-man county board.

But the Montgomery court said it saw no reason to apply the "one man, one vote" rule to Houston County, and dismissed the case. The Dothan residents appealed to the Supreme Court.

The court also heard arguments on Georgia's confused race for governor.



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CRENSHAW COUNTY--The Crenshaw County Improvement Association is having a meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in Helicon Baptist Church, to observe the anniversary of the school boycott. Everyone is invited, especially students in integrated schools.

PUPPIES FOR FREE--I have three puppies to give away to anyone who wants a good little yard dog. The puppies are five months old. See Hattie Bailey, Rt. 3, Box 6, Marion, Ala. (on Jefferson St.)

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TITUSVILLE CIVIC LEAGUE--The civic league will meet Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The theme of "action" for the month of December has drawn a literal response from the beautification committee under the capable chairmanship of Mrs. Eleanor Smith, and from the research and project committee under the guidance of Mrs. Margaret Cheatum. All residents of the area are urged to attend. Lionel T. Williams, president.

MOBILE VOTERS--There are only three weeks left in which to RE-IDENTIFY. To fail to do so is to turn the clock back several years.

FOR A BETTER ALABAMA--The Alabama Council on Human Relations has active chapters in Birmingham, Mobile, Montgomery, Huntsville, Florence-Tusculumbia-Sheffield, Auburn-Opelika-Tuskegee, Talladega, and Tuscaloosa. It has a staff that works throughout the state. The Alabama Council is integrated at all levels: its staff officers, staff, and local chapters all have people of both races working side by side. The Alabama Council wishes to establish local chapters in every county in the state. If you wish to join the Council's crusade for equal opportunity and human brotherhood, write The Alabama Council, P.O. Box 1310, Auburn, Alabama, for further information.

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6-12 Noon Sam Double O Moore
SATURDAY SESSION
12-6 PM Johnny Jive
SATURDAY EXPRESS
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Game of the Week

State Title Goes to Mobile County, 12-0

BY JOHN C. DIAMANTE

MOBILE -- It was a cold, windy day at Hartwell Field last Saturday. Attendance was low, the

bands drowned each other out, and the scoreboard wasn't working. It was a day for concentrating on the art of football, as demonstrated by Carver

Both teams mustered ferocious energy for their smothering defensive work. As a result, there was little chance for either team to show the attacking power that had made them championship contenders with equally flawless 9-0 records.

Carver's Wolverines could gain only 40 yards rushing all afternoon, so quarterback Oscar Belser fought desperately to break through on passing attempts. Belser completed nine out of 27 passes for 125 yards and most of Carver's 12 first downs, but he couldn't connect on a touchdown play.

Whippet quarterback Anderson Flen faced the same difficulties, since County made only 48 yards rushing. Flen picked up 97 yards on five pass completions out of 12 tries. The difference was that two of his passes went for touchdowns.

Though they could scrape together just five first downs, the Whippets never let up for an instant. They accounted for six of the game's seven pass interceptions, and recovered two of the day's three fumbles. They also drew 90 yards in penalties--twice as much as Carver.



MOBILE COUNTY DEFENDERS SURROUND CARVER BALL-CARRIER

It was this aggressiveness that produced two fleeting but crucial openings for County in the second quarter. After grinding along for 43 yards to the Carver 13, Flen found Theodore Spradley open near the end zone and passed to

him for the game's first six points. Capitalizing on an interception a few minutes later, Flen fired three successive passes from the Carver 14. The third one skimmed past Wolverine fingertips into the arms of Gabe Coleman for the second Whippet TD.

During the last half, Carver nearly went beserk trying to score, particularly after County's Jimmie Stutts intercepted what would have been a scoring bullet pass from four yards out. As tempers flared with increasing

frequency--causing the action to continue long after the whistle--the Carver attack lost precious time and eventually disintegrated. "I didn't even recognize Carver out there," said a fan.

For that matter, not many people thought County looked like the Southern District's season champs. But being a Whippet Saturday meant having that necessary extra burst of split-second speed. This was the element that returned the highest conference honors to Mobile.

WHAT JUDGES COULD DO

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students are an illegal aid to school segregation.

The testimony at last week's hearing, and the oral arguments to be heard next year, are only a fraction of the material

the judges will consider. They must also look through hundreds of written exhibits, including the bulk of Alabama's state and local education records, and depositions (written testimony) from dozens of local, state, and federal officials.

Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights

The weekly meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, in the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 6300 Third Ave. N., the Rev. Edward Gardner, pastor. Speaker will be the Rev. J.W. Sankey, pastor of St. John Baptist Church, Pratt City.

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