



AT THE SCLC CONVENTION

'A New Man In An Old World'

BY BARBARA H. FLOWERS

ATLANTA, Ga.--"Twenty-four years ago, at the age of 16, I stood in a bus station in Atlanta and wondered, 'Where do I go from here?'" said Sidney Poitier, Oscar-winning actor and guest speaker for SCLC's convention banquet.

Poitier was voicing the theme of the civil rights group's tenth annual convention--"Where Do We Go From Here?" In his own case, he said, he chose to go out into the world, instead 'They Won't Do Right'

of back home to Florida. "The world is in bad shape because men, individually, are in bad shape," said Poitier. National and international leaders, he said, are not ready for the changes that will be required to better the world.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Poitier said, "is a new man in an old world." He said of the SCLC pres-



KING MRS. HADNOTT
ident, "The courage of this man has made a better man of me."

During the first three days of the convention, delegates from as far away as California, Texas, and New York have been attending workshops on "Crisis in American Cities," "Business and Economic Development," and other contemporary issues. Some workshops seem to be helpful--and some do not. "I couldn't understand anything that speaker said," said a delegate from Birmingham, Ala., after listening to a talk on "Approaches to Poverty."

Another lady explained that you would have to be a political science major to get anything out of the speech, by economist Robert Theobald.

In the workshop on "Crisis in American Cities," Dr. King said that "riots are easier, just because they need no organization. . . . But if we set to the task, I am convinced civil disobedience can curtail riots."

Dr. King placed the blame for the recent rebellions squarely on a sick society. "The policy-makers of white society have cause the darkness," he said. "They created discrimination. They created slums. They perpetuate unemployment, ignorance, and poverty."

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'Cities in the Sky'



ASH CREEK, Ala.--"By 1970, man will have gone to the moon and successfully come back. It won't be long till we'll have cities in the sky itself." That's what John Parks of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) told nearly 100 participants in the Lowndes County anti-poverty program last Wednesday. Using models of actual spacecraft, Parks explained the history of space flight.

The talk by Parks was "part of our informal education program," said D. Robert Smith, director of the anti-poverty program.

After the program, one lady commented: "I think it's great, and I sure am glad to be a part of this. I never had a chance to see anything like this space talk before."

Shooting, Fire Follow Gains By Miss. Negro Candidates

Fayette Whites May Leave

BY KERRY GRUSON

FAYETTE, Miss.--"There's not the first damn racist in this town," said William Scott, a prominent Fayette citizen, after last week's election.

But Scott and many other white people will not be staying in Fayette much longer. "There is a mass movement out of this town," Scott said. "All decent folks--those what can afford to and those what can't--are moving East to get away from this junk by the (Mississippi) river."

Scott said he has sold his 1,400-acre plantation outside Fayette, and will be moving to Franklin County, which is mostly white. When the Scotts go, there will be one more dark and empty building on Main St.--the furniture store they have run for the past 12 years.

"Anybody with any sense, with any dollar sense, is getting out," Scott explained. He said business at the furniture store has been bad for more than a year now.

"We were boycotted for eight months and two days last year. Niggers buy here now, but it's only ole niggers. And 90% of my business is welfare checks."

"I'm not leaving on account of the niggers," he insisted. "They love me and I love them. I play with them." Rather, he said, he's leaving because "I don't like their program."

"You ever heard of Mound Bayou?" Scott asked. (Mound Bayou is an all-Negro town in Bolivar County). "Well, it's going to be just like that here."

"Don't you think we can live together here?" a Negro lady wondered. "I don't think that all the whites are going to move out, and we don't want them to. They have all the money in the county."

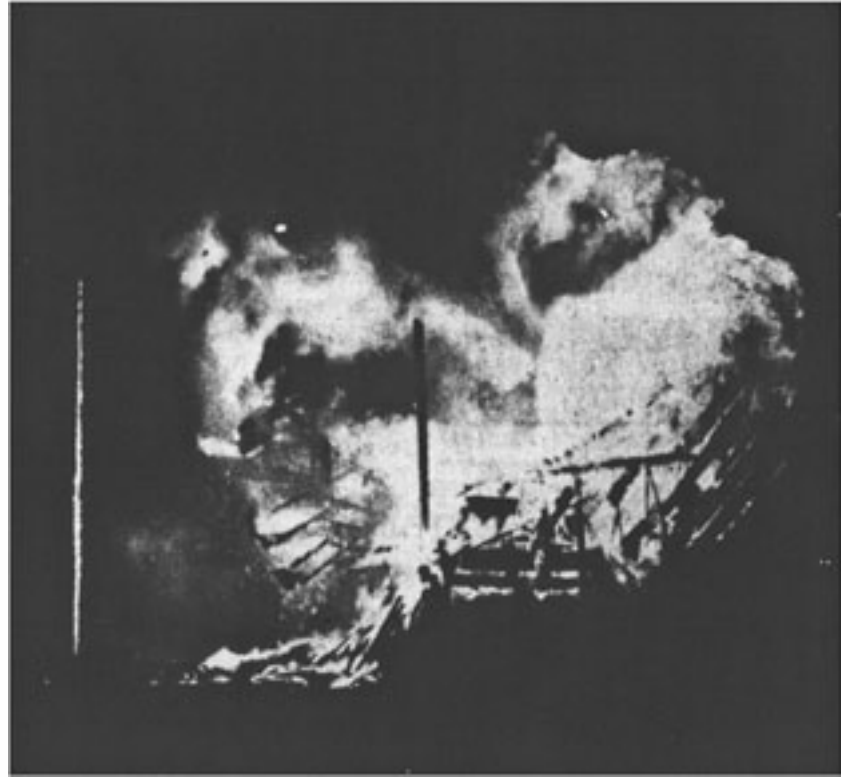
Some white people aren't leaving. "We're in for a spot that ain't too tasty," said a gray-haired lady who also owns a store on Main St. "But I own a house, a store, and a lot in the graveyard. I ain't moving."

"People will be a little sore just after the election," said Richard Vandevender, brother-in-law of R.T. Pritchard, a white candidate for sheriff. "But pretty soon things will cool down. There won't be much change."

But not long after Vandevender made this prediction, a white man was accused of killing a Negro, and a white business burned down.

"This town is a powder-keg now," said J. B. (Micky) Phillips, a white man, after those incidents. "The shooting got the colored mad at the whites, and the fire got the whites mad at colored."

Still, Phillips said, he's not moving away, and he doesn't think most whites will. "But you just can't tell what will happen here now," he warned. "One spark and this town will go off."



FIRE IN FAYETTE

1,000 in March Of Poor People

BY PATRICIA JAMES

JACKSON, Miss.--"When you pray tonight, most of you (white folks) ask your God if you are a true American. He'll knock your brains out giving you an answer."

Charles Evers was speaking to more than 1,000 people, Negro and white, on the grounds of the state Capitol last Monday, at the end of the poor people's march.

The purpose of the march, its leaders said, was to show Governor Paul B. Johnson that there are starving people in Mississippi. Crowds of Negroes from all over the state came to Jackson, and marched from the Masonic Temple on Lynch St. to the Capitol grounds.

As they marched, they sang freedom songs and chanted anti-poverty slogans, like "We want jobs." The march attracted dozens of onlookers, many of whom peeped out the windows of their office buildings. Some bystanders decided to join the demonstration.

Evers and Aaron Henry, both of the NAACP, were leading the march when it was halted at the Capitol driveway.

Evers told a patrolman he wanted to see the governor. The patrolman said the governor was not in. After a few words with the officers, Evers and Henry returned to the sidewalk and led the marchers around to the Mississippi St. entrance.

At the entrance, the NAACP leaders spoke to the marchers. "Governor Johnson says that all Negroes he sees are 'big, black, fat, and greasy,'" said Henry. "If he would look out his window, he could see different now."

Evers said Johnson ran third in the Aug. 8 race for lieutenant governor because "the white folks don't trust him either."

"We want Paul Johnson to know in no uncertain terms that the Negroes didn't do it," Evers said. "It was the whites that sent you back to Hattiesburg."

Negroes will soon be in the Capitol in an official capacity, Evers said. "It won't be long before the state won't have an all-white government. And when we get in, we're going to treat the poor, sick white people like humans. The sooner you ignorant white folks learn to listen to us intelligent Negroes, the better off you'll be."

Evers continued, "There are rumors going around that we're going to burn Jackson down. Well, those are white rumors. We're not going to burn Jackson down, we're not going to burn the Capitol down, and we're not going to throw bricks."

"You (white people) are the greatest murderers in the world," he said. "We've got something better. We've got the ballot and the dollar."

Only one small incident occurred during the march. A white man appeared carrying a sign that said, "Fight Poverty, Go to Work," and a couple of Negroes grabbed the sign and ripped it.

When the man refused to move on, he was arrested and charged with disturbing the peace.



STOPPED AT THE CAPITOL

High Bond In Macon

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

TUSKEGEE, Ala.--The 16-year-old Negro girl sat quietly in her chair next to the battered table in a hearing room at the Macon County courthouse.

In a soft, slurred voice, she testified that the white man sitting across the table from her--James "Harry" Holman, a Montgomery insurance salesman--entered the house where she was staying last July 25, threw her on the bed, and raped her.

"I couldn't get loose from him," she said. "I kicked him about six times . . . I hollered, hollered as loud as I could."

The hearing took about two hours, but Holman, a wiry young man with one brown eye and one green eye, never said a word. His attorney, B.M. Waller, did the talking for him.

Under questioning by Waller, the girl contradicted herself about the time of day the incident took place. But she didn't waver from her accusation that Holman was the man who raped her.

In later testimony, Robert Perry, the 70-year-old man in whose house the girl was staying on July 25, offered an explanation for her confusion.

"She's mentally disturbed," he said, "but not enough not to know what he did to her that day."

And at the end of the hearing, Macon County Judge Richard H. Powell ruled that there was enough evidence against Holman to send the case to the Macon County grand jury when it meets in October.

Despite protests from Holman's attorney, Powell set bond at \$25,000. "That's the highest bond I ever set in Macon County in ten years," the judge said later.

Holman paid the bond and was released last Friday, the day after the hearing.

When the case comes up this fall, it (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE, Col. 2)

BY MERTIS RUBIN
FAYETTE, Miss.-- "This is not the first time this has happened," said Will T. Turner, Negro candidate for sheriff of Jefferson County. "Now the people should see the need for voting black."

Turner was talking about the Aug. 10 killing of Samuel Neal Carroll, a 57-year-old Negro. Cecil Kling, a white man, has been charged with murder in the case, and is being held without bond.

Carroll's death came one day after four Negroes won Democratic nominations for county offices. In the same election, Turner won a place in the Aug. 29 run-off against the present chief deputy sheriff, R.T. Pritchard. And another Negro candidate, Claude Bailey, made the run-off for supervisor of beat 2, where the killing took place.

"You people that voted for those white candidates had a hand in pulling that trigger," Charles Evers of the NAACP told 500 Negroes at the courthouse the evening of Aug. 10. "I hope by Aug. 29, you've learned to vote for Negroes."

Later the same night, fire struck the Farmers Gin and Supply Company, almost totally destroying the white-owned business. The cause of the fire was not known.

Ben Carroll Jr., grandson of Samuel Neal Carroll, described the events that led to his grandfather's death. "We were working on this catch-pen when Mr. Cecil (Kling) came up," the youth recalled.

"He said to my grand-daddy, 'Neal, you know I am still the boss, don't you?' My grand-daddy said, 'Yes sir, I know you're still the boss.'"

Then, said the boy, Kling started talking about politics. Ben Carroll Jr. said the white man told the victim, "I've been talking to your Uncle Willie about this voting. If you all elect a nigger for supervisor, you'll never get a road in here."

The boy said his grandfather replied, "I don't care," and then asked, "Why?"

According to Ben Carroll Jr., Kling said, "Cause a Negro don't have sense enough to get his money," and the grandfather answered, "Some Negroes here got just as much sense as the whites."

At that, said the boy, Kling left, remarking, "I am going to learn you niggers how to run something."

"About an hour later," Ben Carroll Jr. continued, "Mr. Cecil came back with a shotgun, and said again, 'I am going to learn you niggers how to run something.' Then he told us all to get in line, he was going to kill all of us, and pointed the gun at my grand-daddy . . ."

"Grand-daddy was sitting on one of the wheels of a truck. Then he got in the floor-board of the truck on his all-fours. Mr. Cecil sort of stepped up on the fender of the truck, and shot through the window."

The victim backed out of the truck holding his arm, said the boy. "He told my daddy (Ben Carroll Sr.) to go get a doctor. I put my hand over his arm to try to stop the bleeding, but it didn't stop."

"While Mr. Cecil was still on the other side of the truck, he said, 'You damn black niggers aren't coming in here and take over our country. I'll kill all you niggers around here, and some more if they mess with me.'"

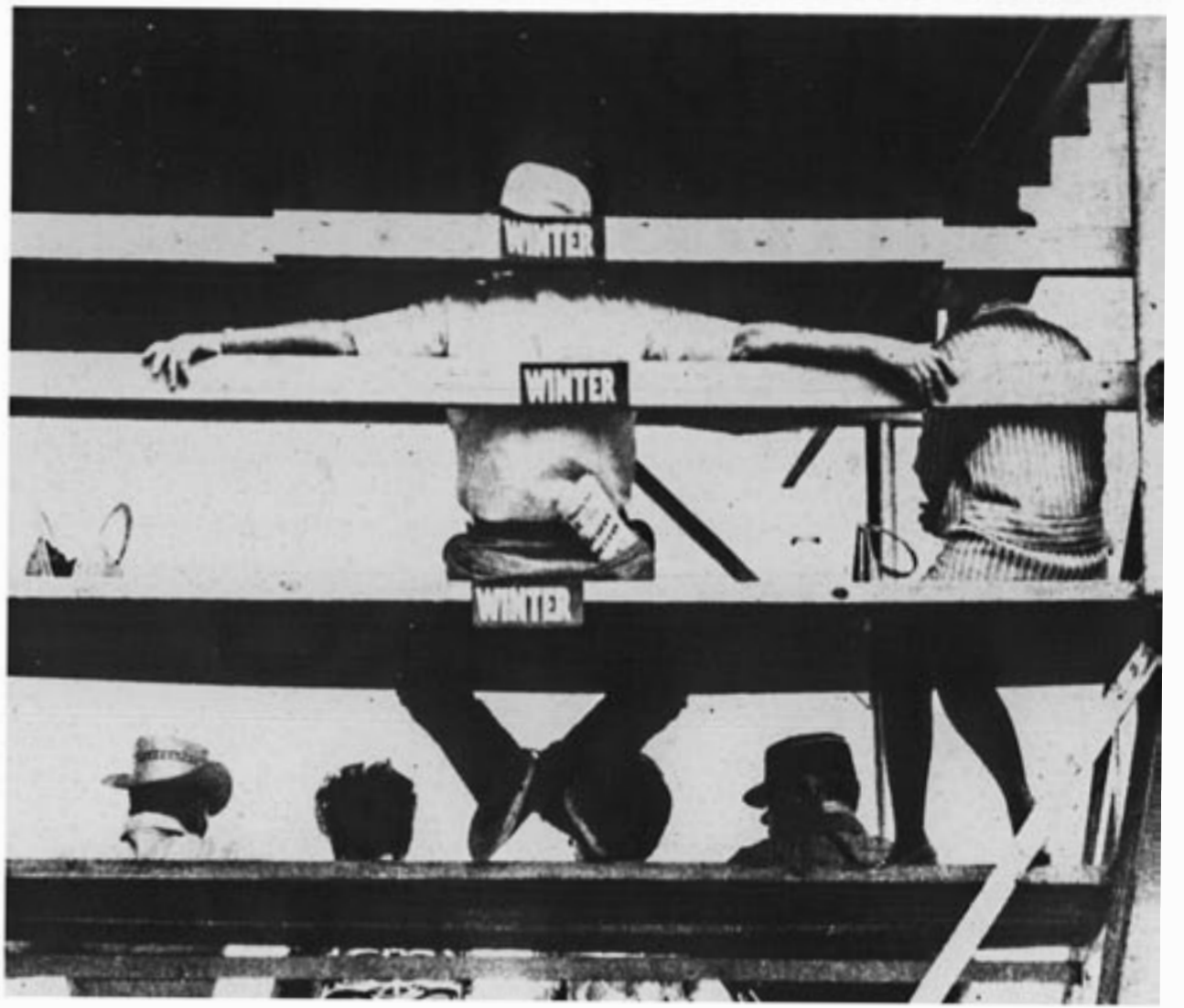
Then, said Ben Carroll Jr., "I called my grand-daddy and tried to hear his heart beat, but it didn't. I didn't see his stomach moving. I knew he was dead."



CHARLES EVERS



POLITICS at a MISSISSIPPI FAIR



PHILADELPHIA, Miss.--
Everyone goes to the Neshoba County Fair.

Political candidates save their friendliest handshakes and most rousing speeches for the week-long affair--the traditional high point of Mississippi campaigns.

Farmers bring their prize cows. Farm wives bring their best cooking. Families come and spend the week in summer cottages.

Old friends meet. New friends are made.

Everyone goes--everyone who's white, that is.



Photos and Text by Tony Ganz



In Three Alabama Counties

Summer Is School Time

People in Crenshaw Study Civics, Get Help With Welfare Problems

BY PATRICIA M. GORENCE

LUVERNE, Ala.--"I got to tell it like it is. I really enjoy the classes, especially Negro history--but then I'm real interested in that."

"The teaching is real good. I haven't missed a time."

"Any time they say so, I be right there. I think they done a good job."

These are some comments from the people who have been attending summer classes sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC).

Eleven young people from all parts of the United States have been teaching the sessions in reading, Negro history, and civics.

The AFSC summer project came to Crenshaw County at the invitation of James Kolb and the Crenshaw County Civic Club. "It was his (Kolb's) idea that we come here, and he has been most helpful in helping us set up the program," said Mrs. Peggy Cronin.

"Our basic purpose," said Tom Cronin, leader of the group, "was to teach these classes and somehow try to develop bridges of understanding and communication between the Negro and white community. But I don't know how successful we've been with the white community."

The AFSC workers spent their first week in Crenshaw County "talking to a lot of white people in town," said Mrs. Cronin. "We wanted to let them know what our project was all about and to get any help from them that we could."

But the teachers "didn't get as many of the white community involved as we had hoped," said Cronin.

Although many Negro children and adults came to the AFSC classes, only a scattering of white people ever showed up.

The attendance at the classes varies from five to 50, Cronin said. The sessions are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights in Luverne, Tuesdays in Helicon, and Thursdays in Mulberry.

When the AFSC group arrived, Cronin told the people in Luverne, "We are here at your request. We will teach what you want, when you want."

As a result, in the civics classes, the teachers talk about governmental agencies, and give practical advice on how to get social security, welfare, and agricultural payments.

In order to give their classes the correct information, the teachers sometimes had to go out and get it.

"Questions came up in class and we went to the welfare department to try to get some answers," said Miss Marianne Goldstein. "Some of the people wanted to know if they were eligible for welfare payments. Others wanted to know if they were getting as much as they should."

When some teachers went to see Mrs. Betty King, director of the county Department of Pensions and Security, they ran into a problem.

"We asked Mrs. King if we could come in with people if they wanted us to," said Fred Alfred. "Mrs. King told us, 'No, the policy is that this is confidential information.'"

"Well, I wasn't too sure about that," Alfred said, "so I told her I was going to check. The next day either she checked or had a change of heart, because she drove out to our house just to tell us we could go in with the people."

"Now we are typing out simple welfare rules

to distribute to the people in the community. Maybe this will help them too when we are gone," Alfred said.

In their classes, the AFSC workers have shown a few films, including one made by G.T. Miller, a white resident of Luverne. "We had an integrated meeting that time," Mrs. Cronin said.

"The High Wall," a short movie on prejudice, drew a crowd of over 85 people. "That movie couldn't be beat," said William Caffey, one of the adult students.

After the movie, the people discussed what they had seen. "We can learn a lot from that picture," said one man. "Ain't any of you here that can say you ain't prejudiced. We've been taught not to like the white man just as they've been taught about us."

The AFSC teachers made friends with their students. The five-room house where they live is always full of people. Neighborhood children often come looking for Miss Kathy Hudson to play baseball or other games with them. She calls herself the "unofficial recreation director."

The teachers also took time off from the classes to work on voter registration. "We've canvassed the neighborhood about three times and plan to take people down to register," said Jack Cann. "But actually there aren't too many who are not registered in Luverne--about 10 to 15 people, that's all."

Nearly all the teachers said they benefited as much or more than their students did. "We've learned a lot about Southerners and a lot about ourselves," said one AFSC worker.

And Kolb, president of the Crenshaw County Civic Club, said he thought the AFSC project was a success. "We enjoyed having these young people here," he said. "They've done a mighty fine job."



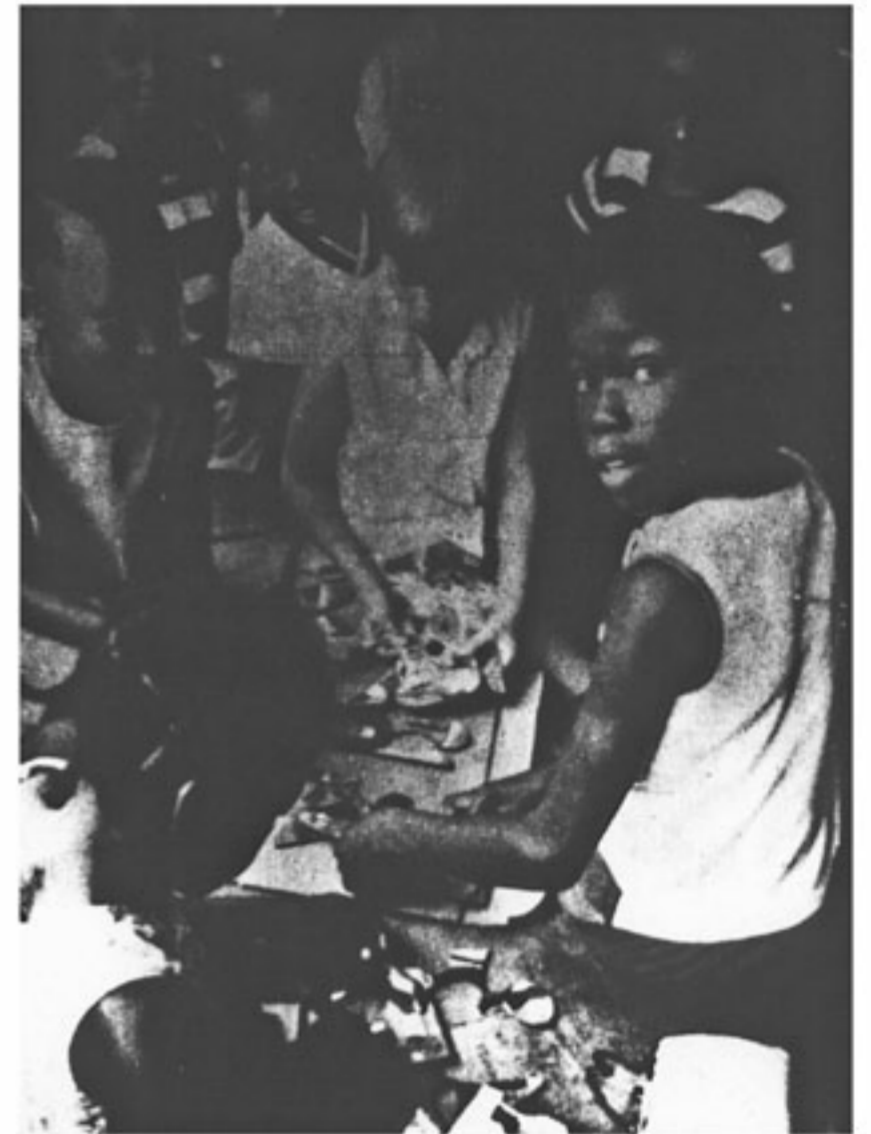
ADULT CLASS IN CRENSHAW COUNTY



TEACHER AND STUDENT IN MACON COUNTY



AT PLAY IN SHORTER



IN CLASS

'Black Power' in Macon And a Computer in Lee

BY BETH WILCOX

TUSKEGEE, Ala.--A group of teenagers from Tuskegee wrote a play about black power. A group of children from Shorter began learning to swim. And a group of young people from Auburn studied "new math" and watched a computer at work.

Those were just some of the things that happened when the American Ethical Union brought its summer play-school and tutorial sessions to southeast Alabama for the fourth year.

The children in the Tuskegee classes read several books and then wrote their own stories and poetry. The Tuskegee play-school made blue-prints of leaves, and visited the mayor's office.

The tutorial classes in Auburn studied geometry, new math, and singing--and took time off to make art works out of seaweed and shells. The students visited Auburn University, where they saw the computer department, a play, and a live television show.

The play-school in Shorter took nature walks and went fishing. George Carter, the art teacher, helped the boys make fishing poles out of bamboo rods. He showed the art classes how to make sculpture out of bits of junk and hand-

fuls of clay.

The children at Shorter, aged six to 11, also had a chance to use the gym equipment at the Prairie Farms Elementary School, where the classes were held.

Miss Helen Stein, one of the Northern volunteers who taught in the summer program, said that swimming was the highlight.

"Almost none of the kids from Shorter had been to Tuskegee to swim," she said. "They were all scared to death of the water when we started."

"Not a great number learned to swim--but they all learned how not to be afraid of the water."

Miss Stein said one of the problems in Shorter was that "we never could get some very poor kids to come to play-school. They lived right next door, and never would come over to play, although staff, residents of the community, and kids asked them several times."

"We even played games beside the house to coax them into coming," Miss Stein said regretfully.

At Auburn, said Mrs. Georgia Wyatt,

the program director, there was a different problem. The students did not want to do any writing in English class because they knew they couldn't spell the words they wanted to use.

"I finally said I didn't care about the spelling--just write," Mrs. Wyatt said.

The American Ethical Union (AEU) sponsored the summer program with the help of three local groups--the East Alabama Council on Human Relations, the Federation of Women's Clubs of Tuskegee, and the West Macon Chapter of the National Council for Negro Women.

Besides the local and Northern volunteers, the AEU teachers included a girl from Finland, two girls from France, and a woman from England.

The AEU also sponsors an interracial vacation program. This year the program sent 35 Southern camp counselors and children to camps in the North. Among them was Miss Sarah Collins, who was injured in the bombing of Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church in May, 1963. With the help of the AEU, Miss Collins attended a camp for blind children for the fourth year in a row.



ON A FIELD TRIP TO AUBURN UNIVERSITY



TUSKEGEE, Ala.--Nearly 4,000 people joined hands and sang "We Shall Overcome" last Saturday at the Second People's Conference sponsored by the Tuskegee Institute Community Education Program (TICEP).

During the day-long session, several speakers evaluated TICEP's work and urged everyone to take an active interest in the South East Alabama Self Help Association (SEASHA), the new 12-county organization set up by TICEP workers and local people.

While the adults attended workshops on topics ranging from credit unions to personal grooming, the children asked themselves questions such as "Is television helpful or harmful?" and "What makes adults tick?"

At the end of the conference, several people said that although there was a lot of talking, they had a good time.

Negroes Protest In Florence

BY BOB DINWIDDIE

FLORENCE, Ala.--Four representatives of Florence's Negro community appeared before the City Commission last week to voice their grievances. Allen Black, James Cobb, the Rev. M.C. Griffin, and the Rev. David Tolbert protested alleged police brutality, lack of Negro representation on city boards, the small number of Negroes employed by the city, and the lack of communication between the city and the Negro community.

The delegation also complained about a Ku Klux Klan rally held in Florence the first week in June. "We've done our best to keep the community quiet," the group told the commission, "We kept out Carmichael, Martin Luther King, and Shuttlesworth, but then you turn around and let the KKK come in here."

The commissioners said they tried to keep the Klan from meeting in the city, but were unsuccessful. However, they said they did keep the rally from being held on the courthouse steps.

When the Negro leaders asked for better jobs with the city, the commissioners replied that Negroes are welcome in any department, so long as they are qualified.

The charge of police brutality stemmed from an incident on S. Wood Ave. last Feb. 26th.

Commissioner L.L. Whitten, who is responsible for the police force, admitted that the situation was "mishandled." He said the officer was reprimanded and suspended without pay for 10 days.

Free Speech Not For 'Peaceniks' - Turner

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

MONTEVALLO, Ala.--The right of free speech does not extend to "peaceniks and revolutionaries," said State Senator Alton L. Turner of Crenshaw County.

"They are not exercising responsible dissent," he said. "They are guilty of disloyalty, and their actions constitute treason."

Turner spoke about free speech last Friday night at Alabama College. He reminded 95 graduates that ancient Greek philosophers like Socrates and past American statesmen like Thomas Jefferson believed in free speech and free inquiry.

But today, Turner said, "these freedoms are being outrightly abused."

While some young men are "fighting and dying in Viet Nam," said Turner, "others back home parade and demonstrate . . . burn draft cards . . . flee to Canada and Mexico (to avoid being drafted) . . . and collect food and clothes and give blood to the Viet Cong."

"Some rant and rave and have said in this very state, 'To hell with the law,'" the senator continued, apparently referring to speeches by SNCC leaders Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael.

"How long will we (Americans) tolerate this?" Turner asked.

The senator praised the Alabama College students for having "remained aloof from strife and conflict."

But he also urged them to be "willing to lock horns with every theorist, bureaucrat, and politician" who does not provide "responsible leadership."

Turner--who has opposed increased state spending to expand the University of Alabama--told the students they were lucky to attend a smaller state college where "they don't run you through the



ALTON L. TURNER production line."

Although many people are "lazy, inept, or lack ambition," said Turner, many Alabamians "have missed these advantages (of higher education) because they were unavailable." He said the state must improve its educational system to reach "all our people."

Macon Rape Case

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will be the second time in two years that a Macon County grand jury has had to decide whether to indict a white man for a serious crime against a Negro.

Last fall's grand jury indicted a white service station attendant for the killing of a young Negro civil rights worker. The trial was later removed from Macon County (where juries are mostly Negro), and an all-white jury in Lee County set the accused man free.

At last week's hearing, Holman's attorney began paving the way for a similar maneuver. He got Perry to testify that he had "told everybody I see" that Holman raped the girl.

"You don't feel you need a trial?" Waller asked.

"Ought not to be," replied Perry angrily, waving an arm. "But Alabama say you have to prove the man guilty."

Waller also questioned Perry and the girl about their relationship. But Perry testified that the girl was living alone in a room in his house. He said he took her in after her stepfather threw her out of the family's home.

The attorney then tried to weaken Perry's testimony by asking why he waited a week after the incident before reporting it to Macon County Sheriff Lucius D. Amerson, "Wasn't that rather strange?" Waller asked.

"Not as strange as him coming out there and raping her," snapped Perry. The girl testified that she was alone

Choice Is Not Enough, CR Lawyers Contend

BY KERRY GRUSON

OXFORD, Miss.--Two weeks before the beginning of classes, U.S. District Judge Claude Clayton has been hearing evidence about desegregation in the Clay County, Western Line Consolidated, Bolivar County, and Quitman County school districts.

In these cases, NAACP Legal Defense Fund lawyers have tried to convince the court that freedom-of-choice plans will not produce enough integration.

Arguing the Western Line case, attorney Paul Brest agreed that Schools Superintendent William Morris had conducted a freedom-of-choice period

Poverty Elections in Lee Are Called 'Hornets' Nest'

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

AUBURN, Ala.--"I feel like I'm steppin' into a hornets' nest," said Claude Young, director of the Chambers-Tallapoosa Community Action Committee.

The committee had voted to accept Lee County as a third partner in the anti-poverty program, Young continued, "but from the looks of things I've seen here, I don't think this group will fit in."

"With all this bickering, I don't see how it can work."

Young had come to Lee County last Tuesday for three public meetings called to elect 24 representatives to a county-wide community action committee.

All three meetings went on as scheduled, despite protests from the Alabama Council on Human Relations, the Auburn League of Women Voters, and a few other citizens.

At a mid-afternoon meeting, 35 white people and five Negroes elected eight representatives (five whites, three Negroes) from the city of Opelika.

But Henry Jones, one of two unsuccessful Negro nominees, charged that the defeated Negroes' names had been placed at the bottom of the ballot, when they should have been in the middle.

The second meeting, held a little later in the afternoon, lasted just 15 minutes. A group of 30 white people nominated



CLAUDE YOUNG

only eight representatives (five whites, three Negroes) from rural Lee County, and then promptly elected them all. Were the nominees chosen ahead of time? Probate Judge Ira H. Weissinger, who conducted the meeting, said all the names came "from the floor."

"Of course," he added, looking down at the typed list of nominees he had held in his hand throughout the election, "we had some names from the (county) commissioners' meeting. But this is no snow job. We're just trying to get intelligent people."

The third meeting--Tuesday night in the Auburn City Council chambers--exploded into an angry debate.

"If this thing is going to be successful," Young told the 40 white people and six Negroes present, "you're going to have to have a meeting of the minds. . . . You need objectors as much as you need people with ideas. That way you work out the problems."

Moments later, after the meeting had nominated six Negroes and five white people, Young announced that "we are overloaded on minority people. . . . I cannot carry this list of names to Atlanta (the regional Office of Economic Opportunity)." William H. Harrison, a Negro, ob-

jected that Young was classifying all the Negro nominees as "minority" representatives. Harrison said that several Negroes could just as well be counted as "professional" or "poverty" representatives.

"The nigger race is in the minority," Young shot back.

Young and Mrs. Kenneth B. Roy, president of the Auburn City Council, then agreed that the council had the right to name two of the eight representatives, leaving only six to be elected.

"If the city council is choosing its own representatives," asked Bob Valder, executive director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, "why are we choosing the representatives for the poverty or the minority group?" He pointed out that few people in the room were either Negro or poor.

"There hasn't been time for folks to get together and decide who they want to represent them," Valder said. He noted that all three public meetings were announced suddenly, only a few days ahead of time.

"Do you want community action in Lee County or not?" demanded Matt Colley, who sat in on the meeting as deputy director of Alabama's state anti-poverty office.

When Valder said he did, Colley asked, "Why don't you let us structure it?" Eventually, the meeting elected four Negroes and two white people to join the two white city councilmen as Auburn's representatives.

But, said Young, "I still sense a bitterness here that shouldn't be for people trying to do something for the poor."

And later, one of the newly-elected Negro representatives sharply criticized Young. "I don't know about Tallapoosa County," the representative said, "but in Lee County we don't think we can get much help from people who call us 'niggers.'"

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Macon Board Considers Stamps, Deputies' Pay

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

TUSKEGEE, Ala.--Members of the Macon County Board of Revenue asked some sharp questions when a state "food stamp representative" came to their monthly meeting last Monday.

The state employee, J.S. Macpherson, told the revenue commissioners that they would help the "entire community" by changing over from surplus food distribution to food stamps.

The board didn't make any final decision. But after Macpherson had left the meeting, board chairman Harry D. Raymon remarked, "I'm kind of inclined to leave it like it is."

And W.R. Godfrey, one of two white men on the bi-racial board, added, "I'm not interested in the merchants--I'm interested in the people."

Last month, several white merchants told the board they thought the county should switch from surplus food to food stamps. Macpherson showed up at this month's meeting at the request of the commissioners.

"This (food stamp) program is somewhat more expensive," he said, "but it is a share program, not a give-away program." The advantage of food stamps is that "the money is fed back into circulation," he said. "In the commodity (surplus food) program, you eat your groceries and that's it."

When Raymon asked how food stamps would help hungry people, Macpherson explained that "in the commodity program, you're bound by what is surplus, and there is no choice."

"With food stamps, you're not limited," he said. "You go into the store and buy anything you want. If the store gives green stamps, you get green stamps."

The commissioners all laughed. But then the Rev. V.A. Edwards, a Negro board member, wanted to know if it was true that the food stamp program ordinarily reaches fewer people than does surplus food distribution.

"Yes," Macpherson said, "But the reason is they (poor people) have to turn in that cash money."

Godfrey said he thought some people didn't buy the stamps because they didn't have the cash. But Macpherson replied, "We've found that usually they do."

Macpherson said that participation in the food stamp program was "optional" for each family. Didn't that mean "buy (stamps) on a regular basis or do without?" Godfrey asked.

"That's the option," Macpherson answered.

After Macpherson left the meeting, a Negro commissioner, Harold W. Webb, joined in the criticism of the food stamp program. He said he had heard that sometimes "the merchants cheat, and the poverty people don't get the benefit."

The commissioners finally agreed to talk with Fred Rowe, the man in charge of Macon County's 18-month-old surplus food program. After that, Raymon said, they might be ready to make a decision.

But even if the board voted for food stamps, the county would not necessarily get them. The Tuskegee City Council--which pays half the cost of distributing the surplus food--has already gone on record against changing to the food stamp program.

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LUCIUS D. AMERSON

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

TUSKEGEE, Ala.--"I've already lost one of my deputies because of long hours and low pay," said Macon County Sheriff Lucius D. Amerson.

"I haven't been able to get another, because the applicants are either too young or have some kind of a criminal record in the past."

Then Amerson--Alabama's only Negro sheriff--leaned over and handed a neatly typed list of requests to Harry D. Raymon, chairman of the Macon County Board of Revenue.

The paper reminded the revenue commissioners that Amerson had already asked them--several times--to raise the salaries of his deputies.

Amerson said the board had told him the salaries could be raised only by the state Legislature. So, he said, he was asking the commissioners to talk to the county's senator and representatives, to see what could be done.

The sheriff specifically asked the board to raise his chief deputy's salary

from \$300 to \$400 a month, and his regular deputies' salaries from \$250-\$275 to \$370 a month. He presented a chart showing that deputies' salaries are that high--or higher--in five of the six counties bordering Macon.

Amerson also requested the county to add three deputies to his force, making a total of six when the current vacancy is filled. His chart showed that the five neighboring counties each have five or more deputies already.

The sheriff suggested a way to help pay the new deputies. He recommended that some fines "now paid to the state be shared with the county."

Although the board took no action on Amerson's requests, Raymon said later that the commissioners "will be in touch with our legislators"--State Senator Tom Radney and Representatives James L. Paulk and Bill Neville Jr.

Does the county really plan to present a new piece of local legislation this late in the regular session of the Legislature? Raymon wouldn't say. But another commissioner said the board knows that Macon County needs to spend more money on law enforcement. "We're working on it," he promised.

Meanwhile, Joseph Merriwether, the deputy who left the Macon County sheriff's department, began work at his new job--two blocks away. He joined the Tuskegee police force because, Amerson said, "they get \$25 or \$30 more over there."

CR Worker Loses Gas Pumps

'Just An Act of Ignorance'

BY PATRICIA M. GORENCE

HELICON, Ala.--"Mr. Turner didn't tell me why he took out the tanks. He don't like for anybody, I guess, to play no parts with civil rights."

That's the only reason Collins Harris could give for the fact that the pumps and tanks were removed from his gas station Aug. 2 by Standard Oil dealer E. L. Turner of Luverne. He said he never did find out from Turner why the tanks were taken out.

But his wife said, "The boss man (Turner) came out about a week ago and said, 'Where's Collins, I ain't seen him in a long time. I hear he's a big civil rights worker now.'"

Every Monday morning, said Harris, a man would come to fill the tanks and collect the money. But on the morning of July 31, no one came. Then, Harris

said, "they locked the tanks."

"I called Mr. Turner but he wasn't in," Harris continued. "I told his secretary to tell him to either unlock the tanks or come and get 'em out of the ground. The next day, they came and started taking them out."

"I have no comment on the subject," Turner said this week, when asked why the tanks were taken out.

"I think the whole thing is just him playing his part to keep depressed," said Harris. "It's just an act of ignorance and misunderstanding."

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MISSISSIPPI JOB OPENINGS--Project MARK, a new anti-poverty program run by the Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association, Inc., has started hiring staff. Positions are open for a director, at \$11,000 per year; job developer, \$7,800 per year; recruiter-counselor, \$6,000 per year; secretary-bookkeeper, \$80 a week; clerk-typist, \$65 a week. The project will contact 1,000 students in deprived areas and select 100 for training in "paramedical" fields, such as medical technician, lab assistant, doctor's secretary. Contact R. Hunter Morey, chief recruiter and acting director, Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association, Inc.--Project MARK, Room 6, Masonic Temple, 1072 Lynch St., Jackson, Miss. 39203, or phone 353-3594.

SOCIAL SECURITY--A formal claim must be filed before a worker 65 or older can qualify for payments under the hospital insurance, medical insurance, and nursing home (extended care) programs. Workers will not receive benefits from Medicare and other programs unless they formally notify their Social Security office. Every month they postpone making their claim, they lose. The Social Security office for the Montgomery area is at 474 S. Court St., Montgomery, Ala. 36104. The telephone number is 263-7521, ext. 42L.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS--"Mind" is the subject of the lesson sermon to be read in all Christian Science churches throughout the world this Sunday, Aug. 20. The Golden Text is from II Timothy: "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

TV SHOW--A show called "Getting to Know Them" will be shown from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, on Channel 12, WSPA-TV in Montgomery. The program, produced by the League of Women Voters of Auburn, explains the functions of certain elected officials at the state and local level, so that voters can learn the qualifications required for these offices.

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Remarks Start Fuss in Jasper

BY ROBIN REISIG

JASPER, Ala.--Do Negroes like living in slums? A Jasper educator has started a fuss here by saying that they do.

"This is their life and what they love," W. Clarence White, principal of Walker County Training School, said last month. "They're satisfied, so you're not going to get them out. They're happy."

White's words were carried across the country by national news services. They were news because White is a Negro.

As he toured slums in Columbia, S.C., as part of a federal seminar on adult education, he also said that wealthy Negroes suffer most from the slum problem.

In Jasper, he said, rich whites live in a subdivision, but well-to-do Negroes must build their homes right next to \$15-a-month shotgun houses. "The better class of Negroes has nowhere to go," he said.

When White's words got back to Jasper, he said last week, "I was on the hot spot."

An angry group of Negroes, including teachers, reacted to White's statements by writing to the local newspaper. "Low-income jobs, unequal job opportunities, and indoctrination from others have caused (Negroes who live in slums) to feel that they do not deserve or need anything better," said the letter.

"They are not happy, because happiness does not explode into violence. Even though there has been no violence in Jasper, there is dissatisfaction and tension. Who's satisfied with lack of sewage facilities? Who's satisfied when children's lives are endangered because of commercial vehicles making freeways of streets in residential areas and near schools?"

White said he was misunderstood. He said his remarks referred to some, not all, Negroes.

"I didn't consider it derogatory," he added. "Maybe I'm just as much a part of this as anyone else. I wasn't trying to elevate myself above the class of people I teach every day. I'm a Negro. I cannot rise above this community. If I'm to come up, the whole must come up."



W. CLARENCE WHITE

Four Are Nominated In Marshall County

HOLLY SPRINGS, Miss.--Final returns from last week's Democratic primary showed that four Negro candidates were nominated in Marshall County.

Osborne Bell was nominated for coroner in a county-wide race. The other three Negro winners--McEwen Walker for constable, and James Malone and Robert Jones for justice of the peace--all ran in beat 4.

Three more Negroes will face white opponents in the Aug. 29 run-off. They are Alfred Robinson, running for sheriff; Oscar L. Fant, running for circuit clerk, and the Rev. James Murdock, running for beat 1 supervisor.

On Aug. 8, Robinson got several hundred more votes than his run-off opponent, Johnny Taylor. But in the run-off, Taylor is expected to get most of the 5,000 votes that were split among 11 other white men in the first primary.

Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights

The weekly meeting will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 21, in Jackson St. Baptist Church, 230 S. 63rd St., the Rev. J.C. Parker. This will be Youth Night.

Anniston Wrecker Says Police Favor Rivals

BY ALAN BOLES

ANN TON, Ala.--"Before the civil rights bill in '64, they used to throw me some business every once in a while," said Lovett Thornton, a Negro garage owner who runs a wrecker service. "But now, if the drivers are asking for me, the police don't tell me."

Under an agreement between the city police department and Anniston's four wrecker services, the man who reaches the scene of an accident first gets to do the towing and collect the fee--unless the driver of the disabled car requests another wrecker.

But Thornton charged that the police are giving drivers only the names of his competitors. "The police seem to be working as much for Haynes and Auto Beauty (two rival wreckers) as for the city," he said.

There are about 150 auto accidents a month in Anniston, according to police records, and about one-third of these require a tow job. But Thornton said last week that the police have called him just four times since Jan. 1.

Even when Thornton reaches an accident before all the other wreckers, he said, the police ignore him and radio for one of his competitors.

And, he said, he has never been asked to tow cars for the city--cars parked in the street for 24 hours, cars whose drivers are criminally negligent, and so on.

Thornton said he has complained to Police Chief Cecil Montgomery, but the

chief "just told me I was wasting my time."

"We're trying to give everybody a fair deal," the chief replied. "And this (the present system) seems to be the best way."

City Attorney Robert Field--to whom Thornton has also complained--said, "I can see how Thornton might be the last one a police officer would call. Thornton's a conscientious guy and he tries hard, and I don't see why he shouldn't be doing better than he says he does."

"The wreckers have been in the city's hair for a long time," said Field. "No matter what you do, someone seems to be dissatisfied. But I think some plan that would be fairer and better-administered than the current scheme is needed."

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