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Hattiesburg: Sandy Leigh

Yesterday's trials:

Milton Hancock was charged with profanity, (passed to the file); resisting arrest (passed to the file); and ridiculing an officer (\$40 fine).

Mrs. Eleanor Fischer, from New York, defended him. The judge was also a woman, Mildred Norris. Hancock is appealing the fine and they are going to try to get him out today.

Montague Foutner: charge : refusing to obey a lawful command from a peace officer; his fine and sentence are \$200 and 4 months in jail (same as ministers). 4 months in jail was suspended. He is also appealing; his bond is \$750. They are trying to get him out today too.

Transportation problems:

Corvaire: can't use it because of syrup in gas tank.

Valiant: flat tire (other three completely smooth).

1960 Buick: they bought it in Hattiesburg and it has been reclaimed. Is this car in Andrew Greene's name or in SNCC's name? ('55 Red Buick hard top). \$60 is owed on it. Sandy believes that SNCC is paying for the car.

The Justice Department is in Hattiesburg: they are coming in to office and asking for more complete information on all of the mailings Sandy Leigh has sent out on incidents in Hattiesburg. They are also investigating the incident of the Corvaire with the syrup in the gas tank.

Sandy's mailings have used a list from Dinky's Friends lists, lists from the ministers and others. Money for mailings has come from the community.

Jesse Harris' traffic case is coming up in Jackson next week.

Local programing: cutting down on mass meetings-- holding evening workshops with adults instead. Also having 'teas for freedom'-- for example, one woman held a tea with 22 people last night-- Sandy and two ministers went out to speak (or rather to have 'bull sessions'). Seem to be very successful. Block captains seem to be working very well, so the regular SNCC people can be used in other areas.

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Jackson: Merdy

~~Shirley Richardson~~

yesterday afternoon a man named Jack Richardson was shot and killed in Tippecanoe, Talahatchie county. The Clarion Ledger today carried a story saying that he was a former mental patient, had been shooting at people in the community and therefore a deputy sheriff, Audley Downs went to his house to get him. Richardson allegedly refused to come out of his house and shot Downs five times. Downs was taken to a hospital and more officers went to Richardson's house, shooting into it. When they opened the door of the house they found Richardson dead.

We do not know as yet how much of this information is correct.