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Clarksdale: Lew Sitzer and Doris Newman were chased by a car last night.

Columbus: Finally got church for mass meetings.

Aberdeen: For communications- Only one person has been down to the court house to register to vote since the volunteers have been there. He was allowed to take test and they believed that he passed. Last night a car, late model brown and yellow- P7433, and a truck, no descriptions, circled the neighborhood several times. The neighbors chased them away.

Hollysprings: Karl Young- Held precinct meeting and county convention last night. 125 people attended the precinct meeting. As the convention progressed there were about 250 in all.

The police stationed 3 patrol cars at a junction about 75 feet away from the meeting place. They flashed their red light all during the meeting. At the end of the meeting several cars had to go through this junction where the cops were stationed. They stopped all cars coming through to "check for inspection stickers". They gave several tickets to local citizens.

Two county executive officers were elected, secretary and chairman. They are both very young- in twenties.

Meridian: Lousie Herme-- People who have been going down to the court house to register have been told that they won't get the results until late November "after the election".

Someone in Legal call Louise; Re: tax problem that they are having.

West Point: Having trouble finding a place for the precinct meeting.

District meeting will be held Sunday at Tribby at the Jones Chapel Church. Tribby is a minute drive from West Point.

Peter Orris, Harriet Tanzman and Jean Kozen arrived in Greenwood. Peter wants Morty to get the jack out of the back of the white valiant that's parked near the gas station and drop it off in G'wood.

Canton: Margaret Cunningham-- Since last report to this office on VR, one person has gone down to the court house to register. He was allowed to take the test, but he failed. He said that he was given the first section of the Mississippi constitution to interpret. He was shown this section and he said that it wasn't the thing that they gave him.

Itta Bena: VR registration office broken into last night. At 5:30 am Itta Bena Eddie Hendricks came to Willie McGee's mothers home in Greenwood and said that the VR center in Itta Bena had been wrecked during the night. Willie called Deputy Sheriff of Leflore, H.E. Weber, Jr., (who is also town marshall for Itta Bena) at his home in Itta Bena and reported the incident. The sheriff said he would go right out. McGee then called the Greenwood SNCC office and stated that he was going out to investigate. He took with him John Paul, 21 white volunteers from Ossining, New York. -- Description of damage: the front porch post supports were broken off and strewn around the porch resulting in a sagging porch

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roof. The door was half torn off and all the windows in the house are broken in. Posters on the front porch advertizing ML King and Fanny Lou Hamer and urging people to vote in Democratic primary (her election) were ripped off the front porch wall and strewn around the porch.

No damage inside other than glass on the floor. One book that had been on library shelf inside was found outside.

153 Love St., Itta Bena = address of the VR center. He lives one block down on love st. Next door lives Mary Hendricks, relation unknown. She heard the noise at 12:10 am. Both Hendricks saw 3 men of unspecified race around that house at that time. No car was visible. (McGee

Willie McGee last week received an anonymous phone threat with following conversation: "You all do not realize what you are doing." "What do you mean?" "Taking people down to the courthouse. If you all do not stay away from the courthouse some niggers are going to be hurt."

John Paul, summer volunteer, received a phone call last week; The party asked for Willie McGee (Paul was at Love St. place).

Deputy Sheriff when he talked with McGee this morning at the scene of incident: The sheriff asked him if he knew who might have done it -- Willie said no. "Anything missing?" No. Weber asked if anybody had seen the incident. McGee said yes, Eddie Hendricks and the D. Sheriff went and spoke to Hendricks. Sheriff returned and said to McGee that if McGee turned up any kind of lead he should tell Weber. Weber said "I don't care anything about their color. Just let me know who they are."

Shaw: Precinct meetings in Mount Bayou and Shaw. Held Monday. In Mount Bayou 25 people attended and eight delegates were ~~selected~~ elected. In Shaw 71 people attended the meetings and 10 delegates were elected.

The Bolivar County Convention was held at the God in Christ Church in Shaw. 65 People attended the convention including the 25 delegates. A Mr. Conwell was elected as chairman and 12 people elected as delegates to the State Convention. Four resolutions were passed. Delegates and alternates will meet Wednesday at the COFO office in Shaw to prepare for the District convention Sat. in Greenville.

Negro man in the community came to the office and told them that his son had overheard two white men talking about two of the volunteers who work in the Shaw CC. The two men took the license number of the car the girls were driving and said that they were going to kill the girls and burn the car.

Negro guy who works for a man who is a member of the KKK and is a "Tom" (the Negro that is) came by the office and was asking questions. He has been passing out VR forms to the people in the ~~the~~ community and the people in the office don't know anything about him. The office is afraid that he might be

Tchula: George Taylor and Tom Harris left for Jackson in Light blue truck. Should be here at about 12 noon.

Meridian: Louise Hervey-- Rudy Lumbart and Dave Dennis returned from Neshoba.

Hattiesburg: McDougald to Gershman. Two picketing cases remanded by Mize Lefton v. Hattiesburg and Miss. v. Hartfield yesterday July 27. Grounds: 1. Hadn't exhausted state remedies, i.e. hadn't gone through the state ct. system. 2. the statute is constitutional, it is a question of fact whether the sidewalk has been blocked. - Mize had already ruled on this in Meridian. Mr. Tony Gray, Husband of Victoria Gray, was arrested for drunkenness and resisting arrest. - he paid the fine.

Batesville: Kathy Amatnick-- Had precinct meeting last night. About 200 people attended. Will send the minutes of the meeting here.

Greenwood: New John-- Balloon-- 1438 Indianola.

Rulville: Danny Lyons wants to speak with Greenwood

~~Meridian~~

McComb: Dan Perleman is in there. Law student.

Greenwood: List of people going to Tallachatchie County today in addition to Forman and Mitch who are accompanying them: Stokely Carmichael, Zungara Tina Lawrence, Gwen Gillon, Jessie Harrison, Freddy Mangrum, Margaret Block and Sam Hampton. --

Jessie Harrison's parents will be at the following address for the next three weeks. Please put in files: 702 W. Taft St., Santa Monica, Calif. Phone: 805 area code, 922-2627.

Canton: Bob Watkins- 1:50pm Bill Monet, white freedom school teacher, was given a summon to appear before Justice of the Peace Sandize Wednesday. Earlier Monet had gone down to a garage to get an inspection sticker, but didn't get it because the guy said he had defective ~~break~~ brake lights. The garage man wanted to pull the brake lights and put in a new system. Monet said that was ok he could do it himself. The guy told him that he would report him. Later on the way to Valley View, Monet was given the summon. He will appear at the Madison County Court House.

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Canton: Mary for Jessie

Natchez: Coming to Jackson today. Talked with LCDC today. Were at colored Hotel where ~~Bill~~ was shot out last night. Lawyers are talking to the people who have been intimidated by the police. Are looking for a place to hold a big meeting and having some difficulty. They should be in Jackson today - Chuck, Dorey et. all - by 5:00 pm.

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Meridian: Freedom School - Mark Levy for Tom Wahman.

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Mount Bayou: John Bradford-- Check arrived today from Jackson- \$340. Supposed to be used for Shaw. John has gotten a building in Cleveland He will need \$45 for this. The telephone will be \$60. Can he use the money sent for Shaw to set up the project in Cleveland.

Have no transportation. Car broke down. Stokeley said that it was alright to have it fixed. Will cost \$160.

Meridian: wants keynote speaker for the county convention- Friday night 7:30.
(Rose)

Tchula: Nick Bosanquet for Freedom School people. Mentioned that there was an attempted bombing of house last night. Check with Hollis. Bomb thrown in a man's house. Landed on the bed of the man's where the man's three children were asleep. It did not go off. -- From Hollis -- check details with Robin.

Hattiesburg: Where is Steve Bingham? Nick Ellis wants to use his work here as a reference, but Greenwood has no record of him. Danial Burhman where is he ?

✓ Itta Bena: Between 9:30 and 10:00 call Gene Konzin in Itta Bena, Annell Ponder and/ or John Mayes. Call bet. 8:00 and 9:00 pm tomorrow if not possible tonight.

✓ McComb: Dennis Sweeny would like to have the Doctors call him concerning a kid who is ill. Also has material for Ilene ready.

Greenwood: John Patch is working in Indianola instead of John Bloom. ~~Baxxy~~ call Greenwood.

McComb: Stories about FS kids for Ilene:

Gril May 15, 1948, father dead-- when first started school she considered herself an excellent student -- now gets 80 - 95 -- likes english lit best. The only time depressed by segregation when she picks up information from white school that has been handed down -- indicating that she gets 2nd best -- her mother and she are afraid as to what will happen to family because of attending FS -- has 5 older brothers who are all out of state. Her mother works as a domestic -- does not feel situation will change until people do it for selves. would like her daughter to do as much as possible.

Joyce Brown - 16, lived always in McComb -- father 68 a retired rr fireman. Made \$3000 a yr when worked. He belonged but not active in NAA -- she describes him as concerned and stern about whereabouts of children strict upbringing -- he finished 6th grade is a close follower of head of NAA. Her mother is 40 an elementary school teacher -- from Glochester has an AB from Jackson State. Make \$1500. Very sensitive and lenient with the children. -- Both parents held workshops in 1961 when Moses first in McComb. 8 children in family 5 girls and 3 boys (other way around) has an 18 yr old brother at Fort Polk in La. -- he is active in movement he feels emotional outrage at the situation. Was a very good student -- did well on National Merit test. Tuskee and New Mexico state U. won scholar-

ship. -- Joyce is a good studnet. Will be a senior next yr. She was in 79% of National Merit Test takers last yr. Will go to Tougaloo and then for last 2 years go out of state -- Wants to be a lawyer and study sociology. Burgland High school is hwere she is. Math and science her favorite subjects -- Helen Jennings and Moses were the first to canvass McComb -- she describes that as "peopawere realizing what was going on for thefirs time and when they left people fell back into old patterns." She has helped in the VR classes at the Society Hill Baptist Church since 1961 -- teaches sunday school ages 8 - 14. (Joyce canvassed with Bob and Helen in '61).

Has a younger brother named Harold in the FS, 13. Reads alot. Lord of the Flies. Reads Time, Ebony, Newsweek and Look reguarly. Evenings at family homes spent talking about newspaper articles and issues of the south -- Dennis talked to her about when she first heard about the summer in May -- they heard that SW would not be covered had made palms to go to Jackson cuz knew would be there -- very happy when came down there.

Gulfport: 8:07 - Precinct meetings -- 10 in all -- one more tonight and one tomorrow (these included in the 10) attended by #1 - and 60. DeWitt Redmond was the one! He is SNCC staff. One precinct elected a delegate who did not live there. All folowed through and elected people. -- Most elected 2 or 3 delegates with a total of 10 votes. Are having a County meeting on Friday at 8:00 pm. -- people seemed to respond well. Resolution in literature we send to the filed.

Did not get the names of the people who attended the meeting. Got the counth. Freedom Reg. forms signed at a rate of about 200. per day. -- Biloxi needs attention. They do not seem to be getting a request for Freedom Form appropriate to their share for Harrison county. They are still being treated as an appendage. 732 Main St., Biloxi is the address there. DO NOT SEND MAIL TO GULFPORT ANY MORE BUT ~~OTO Gulfport~~. *Piloxi*

Moss Point: *busy*

Greenville: John Sawyer - Virginia Steele who is lib. coordinator who is going to Hattiesburg wants to go tomorrow. They had said come anytime. Check with them.

VR figures at courthouse: total 365 people have gone to courthouse; 293 have taken the test; none know if have passed yet or not; 73 have not complete the test -- ~~mainly-ii~~ This i just for the Greenville project.

18 - but know there are more - who have gone to courthouse in Issaquena.

Clarksdale: 8:25 - Mitch - we dropped people off in Tallahatchie: Stokely Jim, etc. Going tomorrow to Columbus and Tupelo.

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Ruleville: Ruleville Mfr co. They have not employed Negroes up to now. BAWI plant. Last night they began some service system whereby they were going to train some local girls to run the sewing machines. This was announced int th high school. About 40 - 50, ten among them Negro. All fine in the traing, but after there waw some intim dation of the factory manager. Threatened with a bombing or a burning unless the Negroes were eliminated. The Negroes are no longer involved, but the whites are still being trained

I was told that this program was in some way being administered through the Miss employment service. And I don't whether there are Fed funds. Interestee in finding out. Don't put any pressure on someone's yet. Want to know if there is an authentic bomb threat. (report through Jerry Tecklin)

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Tchula: 8:50 - Attempted bombing. At 4:00 am this morning, the house of Jessie DeLaney on the plantation of Mr. Taisch was bombed by 2 white men driving a 1959 or 60 blue chevy. The suspected car has plate 264317 Holmes, -- 2 bombs thrown at the house, one missing house completely, and the other entering through a west window. The bomb that came through the window was smothered by a plastic curtain and rolled under the bed of one of Mr. DeLaney's 3 children. The bomb did not go off. The bombs were made out of air bottles and were said to contain gas and either. Mr. DeLaney was immediately awakened by the sound of breaking glass, ran to get his gun, but found it was not loaded and therefore could not hit either of the men as they ran away. The car was found - the car of those who through the bomb - was located in Mercer St. in Tchula after Mr. Turnbow and Don Hamer followed the directions of Mr. Joseph Smith, local man; The plantation owner was notified and he notified Deputy Moore who arrived at the scene of the bombing around 8:30 am. Sheriff Smith arrived about 10:30, Deputy Moore took the bottle and the handkerchief that was wrapped around them with him when he left the scene at 11:00. The house was then posted - notice put up saying no trespassers - a legal notice - Mr. Delaney has not been involved in the movement at all.

The was the 2nd time Mr. Delaney's home has been bombed. A similar incident occurred last yr around the same time when a bomb was thrown from a 1959 GM pickup truck. Nothing was done about this about the local authorities. FBI and jd have been there today. Given full details.

Sheriff took pictures of the burned car today and also a picture of Joan Abaer's car near by -- for no reason.

Moss Point

~~Have-John-Catalin~~: Have-John-Catalin. His father wants him to call home. It is an emergency. Tell John Catalin

McComb: written by the girl. 15, 6th child of 9, 5 brothers 3 sisters. juniro and Burgland hs. attending F because want to learn how people live in other places in the US. My main reason for attending F is to know more about the subjects I will be taking in the future. -- greater than regular school, It is greater than regular school because I feel that I have learned more in this school than I have in reg. school and that it also enables me to know that I can get along with the whites and they can get along with me without feeling inferior to each other. I did to help fight for my race's civil rights. On Saturday I sometimes do light housework for about 3 hours and I get about \$2.00. In N.O. I had a job doing light house work in the half the time I got \$5.00 for that amount of work.

Born in 1948. The years swiftly passed along and before long I was joining my other brothers and sisters in school I began first grade in 1954 at Whitestown Ele. school School days filled with playing, reading stories, singing and having fun. My tiemat school was taken up

doing these things until I became 7th grade. Then I had a new meaning of what school really was. School had begun to be more than just a plaine jumping and laughing. It was beginning to be a serious matter. After finishing grammar school I enrolled at Burgland hs. My Freshman year was swell. I was getting a feeling of being in hs which to me meant growing up. My sophomre year was even better becuase I had ~~more~~ moved a step higher toward finishing hs which I am striving hard to do. This year I became known publically to my school mates becuase I chosen by repres as a representative by my class for the student council. I will be a jr. this year; this means I will have to wrok even harder becuase my time in hs isn't as long as it has been. My life these 15 years has been wonderful. I can thank God I haven't had any serious illnesses or mishaps. My father work in an electric co. and my mother is a housewife. I am attending FS becuase I have the opportunity to learn to think that I am not being taught in school and I am able to take some subjects that are not being offered in our public school. When school is out

New Orleans againa: the people I worked for were friedly and didnt watch every step I made while I was doing the work. After I finish hs I plan to join COFO to help fight for my people's rights.

Batesville: Panola wants a sound truck. Was it Panola? Ask Betty.

Tupelo: Don White and Mike Hopson went to Memphis to buy a car. They said would be in Tupelo at 5:00 and are not there yet. They went by bus. -- Call Columbus and find out what is up.

Columbus: 9:35 - There is a note saying that they might be delayed and m ght come in late tonight or early tomorrow.

Tupelo: Don has relatives in Memphis according to Isaac. Check the lawyers office. Isaac will call first thing in morn if Don not there.

Got the notice of precict meeting in the paper.

Stu: got a donation for a mimeo machine. Send a letter of thanks: Peter Jucovy, 32 Old Farm Road, Great Neck, New York. Stu wrote to ✓ him and he raised the money. PLEASE WRITE THE MAN AND THANK HIM.

Greenville: 9:50 - Askew - Have Staughton call Askenw in Greenw.

Greenwood: Report from Holly Springs. They are staying overnight and are coming down in the morning. So all ok (reference to Don White etal)

Strib ing on WATS 10:05 pm

Greenwood: 10:10..... Calling about a story in Holly Sprgs. Talking to Judy. Story from Jean Humn. At 7:30 pm Charles T ~~Scates~~ ^{SCALE} came to a Holly Sprgs office He reported the following: While driving with Petter Cumming, one th Marshall Co rd. leading from Scale ~~EX~~ Tower near the Benton Co line at about 2 1/4 mile from the Mount Zion Chapel in Benton Co. He had an accident at about 5:3- Peter and Scales were on their way to the Feedom Chool at the chapel. Peter was driving about forty or fifty and slide on the gravel on a curb, he hit his brakes and slipped over once. He knocked over four or fove small trees on Fed Gov property. Damage to the car broken windshield, broken front headlight, both front fenders and hood and roof bent. Some local Negr helped Peter get the car back on the road. Scales received cut on knee quich broke the windshield and other bruises. They drove on to Mt. Zion The car in running condition

Cops arrived at the Mt. Dazed Chapter 29 min after the accident to arrest Pete for reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident. Sheriff Ward of Bent and Sheriff Afsh of Marchall Co were there with deputies and a game warden. Sherif Afch took Pete to the Marshall Co jail, a wrecker took the car some wre. One of the freedom school teacher drove Scales to Holly Sprgs. While in Holly Sprgs., they saw a doctor at about eight pm. He was found to have no major injuries and no damage was done to his head, although he had hit it. No injuries happen to Pete. Peter called at 8:10 and related a conversation he had just had with Sheriff Afch. The sheriff askee who was in the car. Peter answer that he would rather not answer. Sheriff said that Pete could tell him anything about the accident. Pete said same. And "Am I breaking the law by not answering?" Sheriff said No. Shortly thereafter The sheriff added a charge of obstructing justice to the two other charges. Judge Green set the bond at ~~2k~~ 500\$ apparently someone from the state author ws in the office and recommend that the bond be not exorbitant. Pete's father called at 8:35 pm and was told Ivanhoe where to send the bond money. At 9:40 ~~Sudy~~ called the Co jail in Holly Sprgs and was told that Peter was there and asked if he had seen a doctor and the sheriif said no. I asked if a doctor would be allowed in if he came to the jail and he said yes. I asked if there were others in the jail and he hung up. At 9:45 Peter Orris called the jail again and asked if Cummings was alone. That it for the -----Another arrest: Frank Creciorka was arrested at 5:44 pm in Holly Sprg for passing on the yellow line. He was fined ten dollars & 11\$ courtcosts. He was tried without a lawyer at Bob Green's used car lot. Green is the JP. His arresting office had a gun labeled Robert Holland. The officer's lic was 47B-467.

Columbus: 10:50. W One of the people says that it is likely that they (Don White,) are in Holly Springs. Reafirmed.

Greenwood: Forman, Stokey, Dennis and Janet are staying here for the night. and the rest of the people that were in their car.

Vicksburg: Paul Calond called for Bob Weil. Will call in the morni gl:40 a.m.