The editors of the Henry County Freedom Banner bring you greetings which will be our first issue of a newspaper that will tell the truth about Henry County and carry the message of freedom to all corners of the world.

We are disturbed by the fact that area newspapers are quite selective in their presentation of the news. Knowledge of recent civil rights demonstrations in Troy and Eufaula have only been gained by word-of-mouth. This newspaper will attempt to print the news and information that our readers want to know about and which has been denied them in the past. We will not submit to the false threats and petty reprisals of those who fear and attempt to rule others by fear. Truth has a liberating and peaceful effect upon those whose lives are dedicated to freedom. Surely, "the truth shall make us free!"

--The Editors

DEMONSTRATIONS IN EUFALUA

On the evening of Sept. 10, seven T.V. McCullar High School students picketed the football stadium in Eufaula where the local team was playing. The demonstrators were protesting the poor equipment at the school such as old typewriters and unsafe football uniforms. Principal Bryant Foster, who was watching the game, came out, tore up the signs, and ordered them to leave. More people joined the demonstrators soon after and turned the assembly into a massive Freedom Rally.

Thirty-five Eufaula policemen and deputized white citizens arrived and promptly arrested five of the leaders including SCOPE worker Larry Butler and SJO worker Scott Smith. Miss Mary Palmore was struck by a policeman which prompted the crowd to throw bricks and bottles at the police who responded with tear gas.

On Saturday morning six picketers outside the Eufaula courthouse who were protesting the arrests and beatings of the night before were arrested themselves for failure to leave an unlawful assembly. On Monday 100 student demonstrators marched to the courthouse to protest the weekend's arrests. Judge Jack Wallace was holding court inside and three of the demonstrators were arrested and charged with contempt of court.

Later in the week a court injunction was issued against the SCOPE and SJO workers to refrain from further encouraging the destruction of school property, nonattendance of school classes, or even mentioning the word "school" in any public or private gathering.

TICKET INTEGRATION IN SCHOOLS

Eleven years after the 1954 Supreme Court decision declaring segregated schools to be unconstitutional Henry County has made a token effort to obey the law and integrate its school system.

It chose to do this by the "freedom of choice" plan which allowed students to pre-register for the school they wanted to attend.

There are six students now going to formerly white schools in Henry County. In Abbeville eleven pre-registered but only one actually attended classes. Five Negro students in Headland are attending Headland Elementary and Headland High Schools.

Eufaula in neighboring Barbour County, has had a strikingly different reaction to token integration. There, 40 pre-registered for desegregated schools but only five were accepted, with no explanation given as to why some were rejected. These five therefore refused to enter their new schools until the other 35 were also admitted.

401 registered under the Voting Bill in Henry County.
STAND UP FOR FREEDOM

by Ida Densey

We have talked for 100 years and more about equal rights and what needs to be done in Henry County. But we haven’t yet taken the responsibility to get it done. The time is now to act. The time is now to accept the Disciples of Freedom. We have come to help us work to the betterment of the Colored People of Henry County.

Don’t wait for them to ask for your help. Offer whatever you have to help take care of their necessities and co-operate in performing the duties of the church that are for your advancement.

May God be with all who are willing to join in the Freedom Struggle and sacrifice our lives, time, and energy to help the black man and women face the reality of today. There are people who have done this and are doing this now. Are you willing to do according?

If you are not prepared to accept both the good and bad as a way of life, if you don’t have enough faith to do what is right and sincerely accept the truth that we happen, then you are not prepared to live or die as God’s child.

A Christian seeks and finds God’s protection, wisdom and also guidance that will tell his life and the lives of his friends and loved ones.

Do not let fear of job or property loss and personal safety prevent you from following the light of Freedom, regardless of what it may lead. The way may be long, dark, and dismal but at the end lies the shining glory of God professing the brotherhood of all men.

Freedom is the light that leads to shining where darkness, dangers and fears encircle your lives if you only will lit.

Now is the time to stand up for Freedom.

THE JUBA TIMES

The sign says, "Welcome to Libbyville, A Friendly Town." On Saturday, August 29th, Libbyville and Michael Bibler visited Libbey's Department Store to purchase some luggage. Instead they were met by a man with a scowl whose first words were "Get out of this store!"

When they failed to respond with military precision in the police were summoned and promptly arrested on for "Trespassing After Hours". The Sheriff would not allow anyone to sign a property bond as they spent nine hours in jail until the $500 bond could be raised. They were released and ordered to appear in Court on Monday.

In that time, the judge, Reverend Williams, denied both defendants the right to legal counsel, a jury trial, and a public trial. The accused therefore pleaded not guilty and was convicted. They were fined $500. Appeal by Mr. J. C. FORRESTER

EDITH BLAIR

We salute Mr. J. C. Forrester whose bid for a city commissioner post in Debra made him the first Negro to run for public office in that city. Mr. Forrester received 563 votes which placed him fourth among the nine candidates for police commissioner. Mr. Forrester's name stands for one of our outstanding young men.

Mr. Forrester's decision to run emphasizes the fact that the struggle for Freedom does not end with registration. One must study the issues and the candidates thoroughly and then actively campaign and vote for that man who will best do the job.

Previous elections have seen many candidates make golden promises which have never been fulfilled. These aims have gone unfulfilled because the power of the ballot has been denied to large numbers of people. Never before have you had the power to make your plans turn into concrete programs. Never before have you had the power to make your requests into demands.

The time has come to stand up, proud and tall, to assert your rights and make Henry County into a decent place for everyone to live and raise their children.

Citizens of Henry County: Don't let the Freedom Train pass you by.—Mr. J. C. FORRESTER

COMPANYVILLE, Henry County, O. September 23, 1865.
CO-OP WORKED IN JACKSON, MISS.

The Madison County答案, Co-op is located in a large, four-stor-

ish building on the corner of Madison

Twenty-six women and one man are employed there. Each is a member of the

It opens seven hours a day, paying themselves for the

The work is sewing, a long cutting table and one pressing board.

The principle of the co-op is one worker—one vote. No matter how many individuals he is allowed only one vote. Everybody benefits according to their participation.

Mrs. Levy, vice-president of the co-op, talked about its for sale.

"Well, last fall, three times, Mrs. Harris, Maggie Douglas and I talked about what we'd like to do.

That is decided to make a co-op. So we began to plan to see if we could get people to a meeting to talk about this. At first it was hard to get people out, but we got the people together at the two or three meetings they held and they would like a co-op, but not many of them thought we could do it. So we got people to bring in things we could use. Things like shirts and aprons. Then we went around getting people to donate money. Most people gave twenty-five cents. Then we took out shirts and sent them to New York. We didn't get any money from them, but we got no sewing machines. Then we took the shirts and sent them to New York and we got a donation of $15,000 to help out here to this big building and to repair it. We had to pay for the building and the costs to make it.

This was the contract from the Child Development Group of Mississippi for 8000 little children's clothes. That's what we're working on right now. We got a long waiting list of people who want to work in here now, but the girls we got in first are those from out of the kitchen. We had them to start with. Then there are those who last their jobs because they were native in the Madison County area. We were hired for trying to do that, but really we didn't have any money. Those who have children and are being paid a dollar and a half a day, on the days when they get work. Lots of people with lots of kids got only that, and that's not enough to live on.

We hope what we're doing is going to work out all right. We worked awful hard getting it going, and so many people didn't believe we could be able to do anything. We are trying to keep on working hard.

We need people to see that Negroes aren't made like so many others. They work just as hard, but what can you do when there's no land? People want to work and this is the best way. "Then you're working with each other for each other." (Partial reprint from the Voice, August 30, 1934)

CO-OP WORKING 20 HOURS

The co-op fresh program took place in Harlem this summer which had, first of all, the black of New York. Project in West employed 4500 Central Harlem youth in recreation, education and community service projects. The project serviced 100 free camps, conducted firepits and supervised 50 buildings; set up 25 parks in recent years; serviced 100 parks; and received 2 positive reports on 10,000 young boys and girls placed into the city's 63,500 million in salaries and services.

Community service projects included establishment of tenant councils; voter education and registration drives; consumer research to show the high cost and low quality of food in the area; and organized readings in Negro schools.

F.D.R. has been a lifesaving operation. The population density is over 65,000 people per square mile. If the city were the whole state, there would be more people in New York than there are in the rest of the United States. The major part of the project, planned recreation, was able to provide activities for 2500 children and maintain them and provide real constructive activities, as well as giving considerable on-the-job training.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Dear Jo:

What do you want for your birthday? (signed) Mother

Dear Mother:

One or two of the following: 10 reams of millongraph paper; a box of 4-hole stencils and stencil folders, a large desk and file cabinet for the office, a stapler, staples and writing pens.

(signed) your daughter

...I have no man's rights upon his color, and plead no man's rights because of his color. By objection to slavery is not that it sinks a negro to the condition of a brute, but that it sinks a man to that condition....

FREDERICK DOUGLASS
SPEAKING OUT AGAINST EXTREMISM

The Ku Klux Klan meets weekly in Dothen and the White Citizens Council meets weekly in Florence. Both groups represent one type of the extremism which is attempting to subvert our constitutional democracy by a wave of fear and hate.

Racism, whatever its former style, seeks to chain the land and soul of men with violence, fear, and rage to reduce its victims to the level of beasts in order to exploit them as beasts. There is only one key that can unlock those shackles, that key is an insistence on truth loudly decried by courageous men. As Edmund Burke put it two centuries ago, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is that good men fail to act."

On July 13, Allen Cranston, Controller of the State of California, gave a speech in Los Angeles on the nature of extremism. In the following excerpts you will find the basis to substitute the specific of racism for the generality of extremism to have an accurate description of the situation in Henry County and what can be done about it.

"The extremist today is on the move... He boilds on concentration on the real issues by focusing on the unreal. He distorts the task and the tinorous, especially at the local level. He incites his neighbors to supplant reason and understanding with emotion and hate. He divides and degrades America.

"The virus of extremism will be only as strong as we permit it to be. We know that extremism thrives on fear, hate and bigotry. But I suspect that we are not yet fully aware that the greatest ally of extremism is indifference...

"We cannot be indifferent to the dynamic sources of our own strength as responsible citizens.

"We cannot be indifferent to the modern attitudes and the sinister tactics of the extremists. Fear of extremism is not the answer to today's challenges... Faith in ourselves is... Each of us must express our faith in our society through words and works... In all the channels of communications and influence within the structure of our society and our government.

"None of us need to speak out, with positive and active faith in ourselves and our faith in the Alliance is not golden... our faith in ourselves and our faith in the Alliance is not golden... our faith in ourselves and our faith in the Alliance is not golden.

"Truth, faith, and the clear voices of good men of any persuasion will spotlight the extremists... and reveal them as they really are... noble and sacred, fighting only the weapon of fear and the weapon of hate."

SCLC HOLDS NINTH CONVENTION

The city of Birmingham was the scene of SCLC's ninth annual convention held there August 9-13.

The central theme of "Basic Issues, Human Rights, the Grand Alliance" inspired SCLC's branches into new directions. More than 1,000 people attended, including delegates from counties, ministers in business suits and overcoats, black and white field workers. A series of panels, workshops and speeches they gathered to discuss SCLC's feeling that it must form a "grand alliance" with labor, churches, intellectuals, and the academic community.

The city was the site where the united groups to seek federal aid for low-income tenant and job training, desegregation of schools, and to education on both primary and college levels, housing, and health care for "all Americans."

On Tuesday and Thursday about 300 delegates and Birmingham citizens, gathered to City Hall and to the Jefferson County Courthouse to protest the closing of Negroes' rooms by schools, libraries, post office, city hall and courtrooms.

BARbour COUNTY GOES TO WASHINGTON

A group of Barbour County citizens are planning a week-long trip to Washington, D.C., from Oct. 8-15 to observe how the government works and to see their representatives in action.

The trip will include special appointments with Vice President Hubert Humphrey, several Cabinet officers and Congressmen as well as sight-seeing and shopping. "Visits to the Justice Department, the Commerce Department, and the Office of Civil Rights by to discuss Barbour County's problems can also be included.

Organized by SCLC workers and the Barbour County Voters' League, all those who wish to go will have Busline or car caravan. Food will be provided and all expenses are expected to bring the trip under personal expenses. A call to Barbour County churches was made to sponsor people who wish to go on the trip, but lack the money.