Mossel To Speak; Vote Classes Given

Dr. John A. Mossell, Assistant to the National Executive Secretary of the NAACP, will speak for the Greenwood Freedom Movement in person Monday, March 25, at 7:30 in the Turner Chapel A.M.E. Church.

If you are a teacher and citizenship schools continue in Greenwood, you need fear no re- 

action, a voter registration worker told the FREE PRESS. Increasing numbers of high school students are offering themselves.

Citizenship Education

A Citizenship Education Pro-

gram directed by Miss Anselm 
Ponder of the Southern Chri-

tian Leadership Conference is training civic leaders to or-

ganize and conduct citizenship classes in Greenwood and sur-

rounding areas.

Two classes are now teach-

ing. Miss Ponder says these classes will help to improve their reading and writing skills and are a

way of starting steps that are usually re-

lated to first class citizenship.

Ten teachers will complete their training this week and will start teaching classes at once. Parents are encouraged to join these classes so that they may help their children de-

velop proper citizenship.

By D. M. Robinson, Jr.

SNCC worker James McDonald told the FREE PRESS that he was

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IGWU Gives $25,000 Worth Of New Clothing

Local 99 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (IGWU) in New York has sent $25,000 worth of new clothing and shoes to Clarksdale for dis-

tribution to needy families.

When CORE requested aid from the union, the members of the local met and decided to give their support.

Food From Chicago

A large shipment of food from Chicago was sent to Greenwood as part of the nation-wide aid campaign.

A SNCC representative there asked Governor Barnett to take ex-

traordinary measures to guaran-

tee the safe conduct of this shipment, the driver and the truck delivering it.

U. M. Registrar Puts Off Greene's Petition

The Registrar of the Univer-
sity of Mississippi, Dewey Greene said that he would not allow the petition for admis-
sion of William E. Smiley to reach the Committee on Admis-
sion until the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals rules on his appeal.

Greene appealed to the Com-

mittee on Admissions in February in order to postpose his re-

quest until the action of the Appeals Court is known.

Sent Through Channels

The 5th Circuit Court has been able to handle its daily business without waiting for a final decision from the Supreme Court of Appeals.

Greene told the Committee on Admissions that the case of William E. Smiley needs to be taken care of as soon as possible.

Mississippi public schools must remain open, members of the Mississippi State Council of Education, the Mississippi Economic Coun-

cil and the Parent-Teacher Asso-

ciation said last week.

Three public school desegre-

gation suits have been filed in Federal District Court in re-

cent weeks, but state law pre-

cludes counties from seeking

in court.

State School Dept. J. M. Tubb told the Mississippi Women's Civic League that money is available for the welfare of the children and that the future of the state must be put above all.

Would Hurt Economy

"Closing the schools would bring to a halt the wheel of in-

dustries on the borders of our state and destroy the industries we have had for a great state whose economy would be based upon agriculture and a great industry," he declared.

Tubb said that the board of education has not devised a plan for peaceful desegregation because the prevention of vio-
lence is a local task.

"Public education is the basic-

ness of the state and the state has the responsibility of afford-

ing an excellent education for every child," said Jack Reed, the next president of the Mississippi Economic Council.

Negro Schools Inferior

"I'm sure the quality of the na-

go schools is inferior to the quality of the white schools, as at least the ones I'm familiar with," he said.

Closed schools would hurt the future of our children and a pri-

vate school system using public funds will not work, Dr. James Hendrix, Parent-Teacher Associate, an assistant principal said.

Private Schools Expensive

Hendrix said that a private school legally cannot be paid for by 

with state funds. The cost of a private system would be

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Arrest U.S. Attorney In Greenwood Station

Continue Illegal Segregation In Spite Of I.C.C. Orders

The Assistant General Counsel of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission was arrested last Thursday when he walked into a "colored" waiting room in Greenwood, Mississippi.

It was recently learned that four girls were threatened and beaten by men armed with clubs and guns in the city where they tried to use the white waiting room of the Mc-

Comb Illinois Central Railroad Station less than a month ago.

• Held Without Charge

Civil Rights Commission at-

orney Clinton Reynolds was ar-

rested and held without charge for 45 minutes by Deputy Sheriff Wilbur Smith on March 14.

Reynolds said that he arrived at the Greenwood terminal after being interrogated by Clarksdale. He re-

ported that Smith was standing at the station directing people to the white and Negro waiting rooms.

The rooms no longer have signs reading "colored" since the Interstate Commerce Commission has ruled that seg-

egated waiting rooms are il-

legal.

Governs Enforce Segregation

Jim McDonald of Greenwood told the FREE PRESS that a law enforcement office usually meets buses to force people to use separate waiting rooms.

Reynolds made Smith's direc-

tions and entered the Negro waiting room, according to the law enforcement office. Reynolds followed him in and told him to leave. When Reynolds refused and showed him his credentials, Smith arrested him.

At the police station Reynolds asked the charge and was told that he would be held on several charges, but Smith would not

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Citizens In Quitman Form Voter League

Negro citizens in Quitman County and Marks, the coun-

try seat, have organized a 

United Order of Voters League.

J. V. Preston of Marks told the FREE PRESS: "The people of Quitman County have found out that the vote is the key to unlock seg-

regation, and segregation is not as dangerous as it was a few years ago."

The group meets every 

Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m., at the Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church. Preston said, "Everyone is invited—voters or not, young and old."

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Clarksdale Police Threaten Students From Iowa State

Three Iowa college students who attended Central High School, a Negro school, were arrested after local police reportedly told them, "You might get all the hell beaten out of you."

The State University of Iowa students were in Clarkdale March 2 to conduct film and tape interviews of Negroes who were receiving food and clothing assistance from the Mississippi Council of Federated Or-

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Better Educational Opportunities

One of the primary goals of this newspaper is to improve the educational opportunities of the students of Mississippi. There can be no doubt that the key to a successful democracy is an informed citizenry. Unless we have quality training for our youth, we cannot expect a well trained adult community tomorrow.

Efforts are being made to integrate the schools in the state. Although the claim is often made that the schools are equal, the buildings are equal, the funds available for teaching are grossly unequal.

An article printed in the "New Orleans Times-Picayune" last year, reported several of the flagrant inequalities in the distribution of the public's money for education.

The report from which the article was drawn was compiled by the State Education Department's Division of Finance and Administration.

In Leake County, where a desegregation suit has been filed, there is $4.89 per child in attendance and $13.77 for each Negro child. The difference in allotments per student in the Jackson Separate Schools is $149.64 and $106.72.

And in LeFlore County, which has been in the news so much recently, there is $175.38 per white student and $9.52 for the Negro student, or more than eighteen times more for the white students.

The result of such unequal distribution means insufficiency in libraries, the lack of guidance counseling services, and inadequate curriculum. In fact, many of the Negro schools are so inadequate that, even the state will not accredit them.

For instance, in LeFlore County, only one of the seven attendance centers was accredited by the state.

Throughout the state 330 of the 638 attendance centers were accredited. That is, only about five of the white schools failed to meet the accreditations.

Clearly, the inequalities call for vast improvement. In order to provide the kind of education that will make our democracy work, our teachers will have more funds available.

In some cases, this will be brought about by integrating funding locally.

Teachers have a responsibility also, to prepare themselves to best educate today's young people. In order to further their training, they ought to be taking courses during the summer. This will not only mean that they would be better teachers, but would be able to receive a higher salary.

The point was made at the convention last week of the Mississippi Education Association, that integration will mean that some Negro teachers will lose their jobs. Those teachers that have gone to summer schools, and received extra training, of course will not lose their jobs.

But we cannot see where there will ever be the need for any teachers in this state to lose their jobs. At the present time, in over 70 percent of the schools, classes had 21 to 40 pupils, in 17 percent they had 41 to 50 pupils and 5.5 percent they had 51 to 60 pupils.

With classes so greatly overcrowded, how could there possibly be any sense to the suggestion that anyone will lose their teaching jobs for any reason. We will need more and more teachers in the future, not less.

An investment in education is a sound investment in the future. Let us make sure that our community makes a good investment.
NCAA Affair Hurt Mississippi

This article is written by a 9th- 
November Morris  
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These “Southern Patriots” of  
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What Is A Labor Union

Grievances

The Free Press has frequently printed articles about the  
Some readers have  
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But it does make one thing  
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The last minute inquiry  
Mitt’s Blunder

The last minute inquiry  
Nobody was worried  
So, it is to our thinking and  

Gunshots Aimed At Door  
The drivers of a green  

Ellellerd Admits Negroes Not Allowed To Vote In Parts Of Miss., La.

University of Louisiana Senator Ellellerd has admitted that  
Ellellerd said that the “white people are just scared to death  

What’s Wrong

The Greek philosopher Plato said, “the unexamined life isn’t  
It would have been even  
But, President Colvard is certain  

Best Interest?

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These actions are sealed  
The segregationist is so  

Ellellerd Will Hold Offices

If they get the vote, why  

What we should and should not vote...

with the company or with the union. They bear both sides  
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Suppose that you were president  
The important thing about  

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Some Good Advice For All Teachers

Unions would mean higher wages for teachers, an American Federation of Teacher's (AFL-CIO) supporter told a group of Mississippi teachers recently.

Robert Porter, administrative aide to the president of the AFT, said that education cannot "really become a true profession until the salaries and working conditions of teachers are substantially improved."

Paid Leave

He said that Mississippi teachers were paid less than teachers in any other state. The strength of the Chicago teachers union has weekly salaries of $8,750 to $15,250 for teachers with bachelor degrees, he pointed out.

Porter spoke before a fraternity of teachers in Jackson for the Mississippi Education Association convention.

Supt. of Education . . .

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The youth, who is president of the student body at Campbell College, said that USM refuses to accept his credits. Although Campbell is not a member of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, Frazier said that other schools with national ratings do accept its credits.

He said that USM's action was just another step to discourage him, but stated that he would continue as a freshman if that is necessary.

Frazier declared, "I would like to go to Southern for an education, to promote understanding and to bring man closer to man through the intellectual, social and educational exchanges of knowledge and understanding."

Before the announcement of Frazier's rejection, USM President W. R. McCown said that students who were rejected during the previous quarter would be suspended.

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