

## No Convictions

As the name of Louis Allen is added to the list of men whose lives were lost in racial violence, the question of equal justice in Mississippi raises its ugly head.

In the last ten years alone, numerous cases of violence have occurred, some of them before public eyes, yet Mississippi's history of "no convictions" in cases where a white man did violence to a Negro still stands unchanged.

Louis Allen was found dead two weeks ago in his front yard in Liberty, Mississippi, he had been murdered by shotgun fire. His death reflected not just one act of violence in Mississippi, but two, for Allen was thought to be the only eye witness to the shooting of Herbert Lee in 1961.

In a statement signed by him, Allen said that he saw a representative of the Mississippi state legislature kill Herbert Lee "without provocation." Allen promised to testify if given protection by the United States Justice Department. But protection did not come. In neither case have there been any convictions, or any arrests.

In the same week, the jury that had heard a deliberate unraveling of evidence against Byron De La Beckwith, accused slayer of Medgar Evers, declared a mistrial. By Mississippi standards, the action was called a step forward. A spot check of some of interracial justice in Mississippi over the last ten years shows why.

In April of 1962 Cpl. Roman Duckworth of Taylorsville was shot and killed by a police officer who claimed the soldier attacked him. The officer charged that Duckworth, who had been riding on a Trailways bus, refused to get off when he reached his stop.

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### Using Our Tax Money

# Lobby Fights CR Bill

## Two More Set For Exit

Two more "Going Out of Business" signs decorated Capitol Street in downtown Jackson recently. The two new members are the Boston Shoe Store which is making claims of selling below cost, and the Burns and Lacey, Inc.

This brings to five, the number of stores that have decided to move in recent months. The others are O.P.O., Hermans Jewelers and King the Tailor.

An article in one of the Jackson daily newspapers recently stated that some negotiations had begun with some of the downtown merchants in an effort to end the selective buying activities.

#### Not Until

Negro leaders report that they are ready to negotiate, but they have seen no evidence that the remaining store owners are going to meet the demands of the movement for decent treatment while spending their money.

"Not until we are treated with respect, called by courtesy titles, served on a first come, first serve basis, able to use the drinking fountains and rest rooms—and last but not at all least, permitted to be hired as clerks—will we return to spend our dollars in this section of town," NAACP leaders said.

#### Keep Dollars In Pocket

"We can continue to keep our dollars in our pockets," they continued, "until the time when we can be treated just like anyone else with dollars in their pockets—and we can wait until whenever that time may be."

## Anti-Rights Bloc Spends \$200,000

Although Mississippi's financial position in the nation has not been improved, and the magnolia continues to wilt beneath the other forty-nine states, some of the recent budgeting of the state legislature would suggest quite the contrary.

With teachers' salaries still 25% below the national average, somehow the legislature has managed to appropriate a sum of \$200,000 to the anti-civil rights lobby in Washington.

The lobby, called the Coordinating Committee for Fundamental American Freedoms, has been operating in Washington throughout this past year at a reported monthly budget of \$20,000 per month.

#### Directly From Our Pockets

Despite the fact that few Mississippians have been informed of the expense, the money that is being used to finance the lobby comes directly from their pockets in the form of state taxes. It is further reported that part of the budget goes to pay a salary of nearly \$2,000 per month to John Satterfield, Jackson and Yazoo City lawyer, was formerly a legal consultant to Governor Ross Barnett.

Although the lobby in Washington can not pretend to represent the political feeling of all of Mississippi's taxpayers, the machinery that uses tax revenues to support a policy of enforced segregation in Mississippi has nevertheless been long established.

#### To Keep Us Sovereign

The key organization in this machinery has been the Mississippi Sovereignty Commission—a commission that operates precisely as its name would indicate. Its professed aim—"to keep Mississippi sovereign"—constitutes its only reason for operating in the state, yet the state legislature has openly appropriated state tax revenues for its existence.

Here in Jackson, with a state capital still lacking sidewalks in many portions of the city, where housing needs are obvious for anyone willing to look around, and where even the simple request for a traffic light is left unheeded, it would seem the state legislature would have enough duties to attend to.

Nevertheless, the above figures indicate that state taxes are still being used to enforce the political views of a few.

# Local Woman Publishes Book

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### Editorial Page

WE STAND FOR . . .

- GOOD GOVERNMENT
- HIGHER LIVING STANDARDS
- BETTER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- SOCIAL JUSTICE . . . IN MISSISSIPPI

## Our Children Must Not Be Trapped

One of the key parts of Gov. Paul Johnson's legislative programs, Vocational Education, has passed the Mississippi Senate. The bill provides for state funds to be provided to set up vocational training at any junior college which is qualified.

**But there is only one junior college for Negroes, that qualifies under the bill.**

There are few bills that will be passed by the Mississippi legislature that will be more important for the future of Mississippi, than this one which will provide a means of getting jobs for the many, many unemployed or underemployed people. There is no way for the state to attract the industry that can provide the jobs, until we have men who are trained to do the jobs of that industry.

**But this training cannot be withheld from one half the citizenry of this state as it has in the past.**

Separate and unequal schools have already shackled the opportunities for Negroes to receive the training necessary to get and hold good, decent paying, respectable jobs.

It is already being predicted that when the barriers begin to fall, as they are in the North, that many Negroes will still be denied decent jobs, because they have not been permitted the training.

**This is a trap that is being set right now.**

Employers will begin saying, even here in the Deep South, "All right, we will hire anybody, black or white who is qualified for the job." And then, because of the lack of trained Negroes, the employer will be able to "legally" retain his all white company (except for the floor washers).

**We must not let our children be driven into this trap.**

If the Mississippi legislature refuses to grant money for vocational education on an equal basis to those schools where Negroes can have the opportunity to learn the skills necessary for a decent job,

**The legislation proposed by our governor is important for the future of all of us. If the final bill does not provide for adequate and equal training at all the junior colleges for Negroes, then it is left to us to demand the use of the facilities and training of the other nine white junior colleges.**

## How To Protect Your Family

We are coming to that time of year when we have to pay those ole income taxes. And for those folks who are really making a wad of money, that means parting with a lot of cash.

But for most of us not-so-well-to-do, usually there is not much tax to pay. . . . But it is still important that we file. First of all, of course, because it is the law. But there is another important reason, too.

You have to report your earnings in order to qualify for social security—that all important check that can begin coming after you become 65 or if you should become disabled or die.

To illustrate the importance of reporting self-employment earnings, take the case of a young farmer with a large family. When self-employed farmers were first brought under social security, in 1955, Sam was too busy to give much thought to it. He had his share of farm chores and a new baby in the family. Sam thought of social security as something for older people like Jenkins, his neighbor, who was drawing old-age insurance benefits after 30 years of work as a machinist. Sam thought he could wait a bit before looking into this social security business.

Sam changed his mind and decided to look into this "business" after a speaker at his local farm association explained social security's survivors benefits. It reminded him of his wife and small son. He filed an income tax return and paid the social security tax for 1958. Profits were small that year. He also filed and paid for 1959, 1960, and 1961, but profits were a little better. But then Sam lost his health; late in 1962 he died.

Sam's widow applied for social security benefits for herself and the child. These benefits are helping her now to hold on to the farm. When Sam's son grows up he will be able to take over the farm business as his dad intended—thanks to Sam's foresight in protecting his family through social security.

But Social Security does not apply just to farmers. In fact, now it applies to almost everyone. If you want any additional information just contact your Social Security office nearest you.

Make sure that you have made every protection for yourself and your family that you can. And anything that you do not know, ask, and keep asking until somebody tells you what you want.

### Vocational Education

# For A Better America Greatest Concern-Justice

Certainly no profession has had more involvement in the struggle for freedom and justice than have the courageous lawyers who have pitted their knowledge of the law against the minds of those who wish to continue to suppress the real meaning of America.

In order to find what the life of a lawyer is like and what kind of preparation one must have in order to be prepared for this important task, the FREE PRESS interviewed R. Jess Brown, one of Mississippi's four Negro lawyers.

#### Meredith Lawyer

Attorney Brown was one of the lawyers for the famous Freedom Riders of two years ago. He also was one of the lawyers in the James Meredith vs. Ole Miss suit.

When asked how he became interested in being a lawyer, Brown recalled how when he was a boy, he always read every newspaper he could get his hands on. He kept up with all the news, particularly about the mistreatment of Negroes. At a very early age, he became determined that he was going to try and do something to bring justice to his country.

#### Good Grades

"To be a lawyer," says Attorney Brown, "You do not have to be the top student of your class—I wasn't. But you have to get good enough grades so that you can get into a good college and then later get into a good law school."

"Law school is pretty tough, of course," Brown continued, "but it has to be to prepare you for the job."

This interviewer asked Brown what it is like to be "on the job" here in Mississippi.

#### Treated With Respect

"With rare exception," he replied, "I have been treated with respect in the courtroom. And I have been in on some pretty touchy cases." He indicated that many of the cases do not have racial implications and the situation is not even tense.

"There are some cases, though, that it is important to be somewhat diplomatic," he said with a smile and a tilt of the head. He predicted that within 10 years that a Negro lawyer operating in Mississippi will work with no qualms whatsoever.

#### Free To Act

Before going to law school, Brown spent some time teaching here in Mississippi. He taught at Alcorn, Campbell College and at Lanier High School. When he was questioned about why he left teaching to begin law school at Texas Southern and enter the profession of law, he said, "I dropped teaching (though I liked it as a profession) because I felt boxed in. I wasn't free to speak and act out what I felt. There is too much regimentation in teaching."

He continued by pointing out that as a lawyer, he is independent and yet still part of the vital struggle for a better America. And at the same time, able to provide comfortably for his family.

#### Not To Judge

Attorney Brown had some interesting things to say, when he was asked whether he would defend a man if he thinks he is guilty. "That decision is to be made by the judge or jury, not by a lawyer. It is our job to see that any man gets a fair trial, not to judge him."

He pointed out, however, that if there are facts that do point to his guilt, it is better that they be discovered and answered before the trial, "because the court will find these facts and we want to be ready."

#### Not Just For Negroes

Near the end of the interview, Brown said that he wanted to make clear, that as a Negro lawyer, he was not just a lawyer for Negroes. "As a matter of fact," he remarked, "I have been the lawyer for a white man against a Negro."

"As a lawyer," he summed up, "our greatest concern is justice."

FREEDOM WRITER

Andy Mitchell

## Secret Service Agent For US

I got left out of the paper last week. Nothing makes me madder. . . .

Have you ever met a secret service man. I did. Last week. He is a minister who says that he is an agent for the movement. "Don't want any publicity," he says. "But I do anything and everything that I can to forward the movement."

I met the fine fellow when he came by the office to deliver some subscriptions to the FREE PRESS that he had collected.

As an agent for the movement, he told how he had gone out into the fields in rural counties and collected "FREEDOM ballots" during the election. "Got 'em by the cotton bag

full." "The expense is rough," he sighed. "I burn a heap of fuel driving all over the place, and I'm a poor man. But I wouldn't stop. Not until things are different around here for my people."

It might be a good idea to have more secret agents. Our hats off to this one.

Was anybody surprised when Ole Ross Barnett showed up at the Evers murder trial to talk with Beckwith himself? Suppose he were still governor and Beckwith was sent away for time—how long a time do you think it would be?

The celebrated ex-governor's

ridiculous unpledged electors plan suffered another blow recently when the two senators from Alabama said that they wanted no part of it for their state. Alabama and Louisiana were the only states that would even consider such a scheme.

And I guess you heard, the celebrated ex-governor apparently doesn't feel that he is celebrated enough to run for the Senate seat that he so dearly wanted. Lucky for Mississippi.

## Somebody Got Mixed Up

Last week somebody got mixed up and in the little box on the front page put "Mix School Boycott" instead of NYC School Boycott." The FREE PRESS regrets the error, in that we believe that the term mix suggests as so often used in newspaper headlines that integration is unnatural.

Incidentally, since we are on the subject—we normally think that only Southern newspapers would use the biased "Mix" to mean integration. It appeared in a front page headline in the Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer in regard to the riots in that city a couple of weeks ago.

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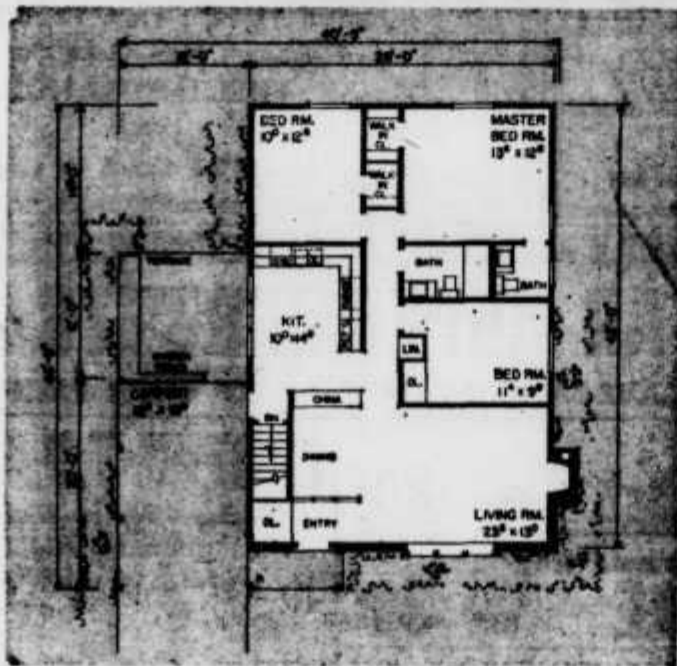
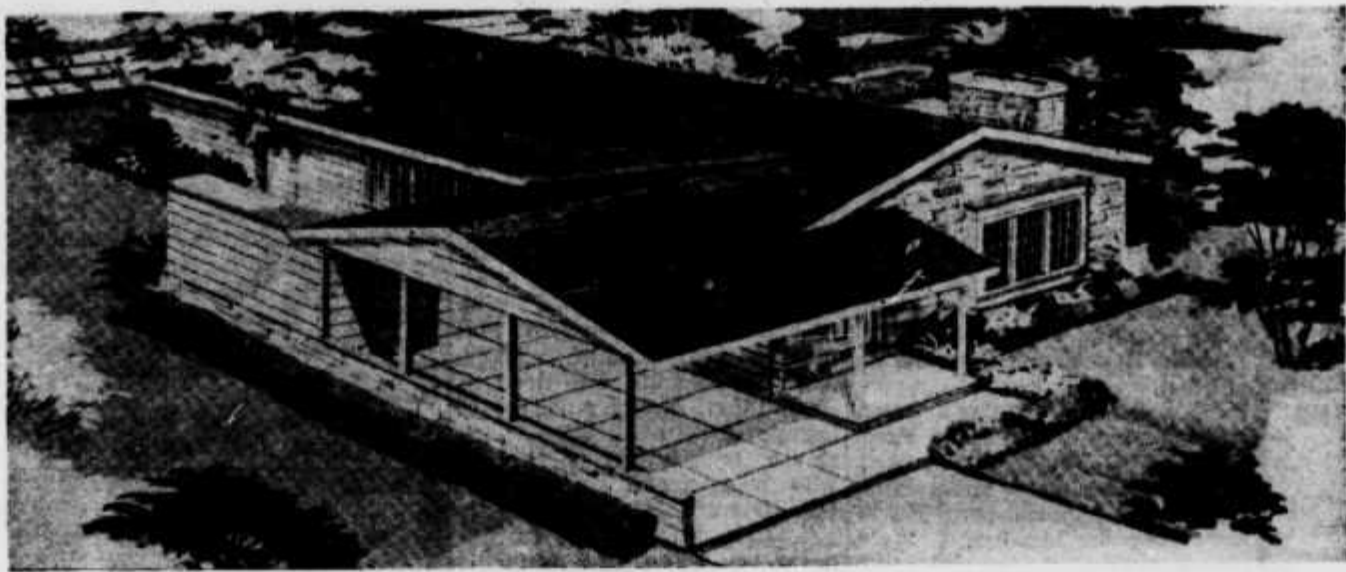
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# Leaders Urge Study Of Our Past

Although the struggle for a new heritage of rights and liberty is carried forward almost daily in Mississippi, the early history of this struggle and the culture that made it possible has been all but lost. Dedicated research and a genuine concern to correct this loss, however, shows that the history of the Negro in Mississippi can be recovered. Here in Jackson, perhaps the strongest voice for correction, and the most willing dedication, can be found in the work of Mrs. C. C. Mosley, Sr.

### Publishes First History

In 1950 Mrs. Mosley's book entitled **THE NEGRO IN MISSISSIPPI HISTORY** was published here in Jackson. It was the product of many years of effort and the only book of its kind to appear in the state. While working on the history, Mrs. Mosley realized that since her book would stand alone, it could serve as only "part of the total background to the heritage we must all re-discover."

"I realized then the need for Mississippi Negroes to unite in gathering the materials from their past," Mrs. Mosley recalled. "I discovered a vast wealth of material that has never been collected, and I felt the need for some organization

in Mississippi to collect, study, and preserve these many documents."

### Work Not Finished

Although her history was finished, and published, Mrs. Mosley's work in this enormous task was still just beginning. In 1963, she founded the **NEGRO IN MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — a society which pledged itself to the following purposes:

- (1) To establish a positive monument, in the form of a civic center, which will house a Negro historical museum, an art gallery, and an auditorium for cultural programs.
- (2) To collect and preserve information and objects pertaining to the history of the Negro in Mississippi.
- (3) To distribute information to the general public in order that a proper appreciation for the contribution of the Negro to this state may be created.

### Society Wins Support

Despite its recent formation, the Historical Society already shows that there are many Mississippians who support its aims. Its membership presently stands at between 50 and 60 members — enough for a permanent chapter in Jackson and two potential chapters, one in Mound Bayou, and the other in Forest.

Behind Mrs. Mosley's untiring effort as founder and President of the Society, there rests a quiet and clear understanding of the importance of Negro history in Mississippi. "We must develop a sense of pride and a sense of belonging," Mrs. Mosley said. "For the young generation of Negro Mississippians working now for progress, there must be the realization of an older generation

standing behind them, and another generation before that."

### Progress And Culture

Progress and culture move together," Mrs. Mosley continued, "and we must all work together to see that both are honored, kept, and understood by the public. This is why the motto of the Historical Society is 'From the bricks and cornerstones of the past we build a permanent future.'"

In order to present its program to the general public, the society will initiate a Centennial Celebration in Jackson from March 19th to the 21st. The society is asking all civic groups for contributions from their various towns and communities.

### Plans First Exhibit

The contributions received by the society will form the basis for a temporary exhibit which will show the early history of Negro art, music, education, business, and religion, in Mississippi. The society states that pictures of early educators, statesmen, postmasters, and postmistresses are greatly desired.

Likewise, the society would appreciate any pictures of early business establishments, such as banks, stores, and gins. Pictures of early homes, schools, and churches are also desired. In addition, family portraits of fore-parents who were once slaves, or pictures of persons who were freed before 1865, and portraits of early doctors are requested. Verses of original slave songs and religious songs composed before 1865 are also requested.

Mrs. Mosley also requested



MRS. C. C. MOSLEY, author of **THE NEGRO IN MISSISSIPPI HISTORY**, and founder of the Negro in Mississippi Historical Society, receives a telephone call at Mosley's Shoe Store which she owns and operates.

that articles for exhibit reach her office not later than March 14, 1964. All contributions can be addressed to the **NEGRO IN MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL SOCIETY**, Centennial Celebration, c/o Mrs. C. C. Mosley, Sr., 1088 Lynch Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39203.

In addition to all her work as historian and President of

the Historical Society, Mrs. Mosley has served Jackson as Teen-Age Program Director at the WMCA, and as president of the City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. She is presently a board member of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, as well as owner and operator of Mosley's Shoe Store on Lynch Street.

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# Jackson Hopes To Be Giant Killer

## SPORTS

### Hill Rocks Yazoo 76-59

The Jim Hill Tigers handily dumped the Yazoo Panthers at Yazoo last week in a Big Eight conference tilt 76-59. Knowing the power of the big Tigers, the Yazoo team tried using a deliberate ball control type of defense which worked fairly effectively for almost three quarters. The half time score read, 43-39, Hill.

In the closing minutes of the third period, however, the fleet Felton Kelly, a substitute forward for the Tigers, began streaking down court to receive fast break passes from Bill Kendrick. Kelly chalked up 11 points, all in the second period.

The fast break opened up the Hill offense and broke the tiring Panthers. Big Marshall Evans, the 6 foot 3 center for Hill really began to pour on the pressure with his driving lay-ups getting helpful assists from Charles Smith and Booker Bearden.

Both teams were unusually accurate during the first half, but it was the second half that told the story. The first six players for the Tigers scored in the double figures with Evans high man for the evening with 19.

Next week will see a lot of basketball as all city teams hit head on to decide the important city championship. The big game will put Hill against current Big Eight Conference leader, Lanier.

Also scheduled for next week is the Regional girls championship.

### Take Southern; Get By Lions 88-86

Last week, the high riding Jackson State College Tigers knocked off Texas Southern 85-80 on the losers court. The game was not really as close as the score indicates as the Tigers were in command all the way. They held a substantial lead at the half 44-25.

**Sweep Boards**  
During the first half Leflore and Jerry Yarbrough swept both the offensive and defensive backboards completely clean.

With the large lead, Coach Harrison Wilson played the second half safe. There were some scares for the Jackson cagers, as the Southern team, to the screams of the home crowd, began to cut into the JSC lead. But there simply was not enough time. The team packed up victorious and set out to devour Prairie View in the opponents territory for a game last Monday.

**Squeak By**  
Earlier last week, the Jackson State team took an 88-86 squeaker from the strong Arkansas AM&N Golden Lions.

Jackson trailed 46-50 at the half after the Lions made good two one and one calls with the score knotted 46-46. Leflore, Jerry Yarbrough, and Ed Manning put a three-way squeeze on the Lions as, collectively, they cleared the boards for 54 rebounds. Leflore scored 26 points, rebounded 20 times. Yarbrough contributed 22 points and 19 rebounds while Manning, who saw limited service, scored 12 points and snared 15 rebounds.

Jackson was leading by six points with about three minutes left to play. When the Tigers missed on four one and one calls, the Lions tied the score 86-86 with 57 seconds left to play. This was the situation when Jackson decided to go for one decisive shot and the Lions elected not to force the play. The strategy worked and Arkansas came up with the ball

### Lanier Belts Yazoo, Forrest

Lanier Bulldogs warmed up for the tournament play by dropping Yazoo 83-76 and bombarding Forrest 81-35.

**Lead 33-31**  
The Panthers of Yazoo led the Bulldogs 33-31 at the half-way mark but in the locker room Coach Harrison Barnes told his cagers to tighten up their defense — and they did. The big hurt had come from an effective Yazoo fast break which was broken in the second half. Arthur Brown and Willie Waits led the defensive assault, while at the same time putting the ball through their own nets.

**Watts Has 18**  
The six foot Watts, playing center, dropped in 18 points for scoring honors. He was assisted by sharp passes from Eddie Clanton. Brown finished the game with a respectable 12 points mostly jump and set shots from the outside.

Lanier was able to improve greatly on the backboards, spelling the end to Yazoo victory hopes.

**Lead 21-4**  
Earlier in the week, the Bulldogs had grabbed the poor ball players from Forrest and chewed them up handily. They led 21-4 at the end of the first quarter of play and went into the locker room with a 35-12 margin. Coach Barnes emptied his entire bench during the second half.

with seven seconds left in the game.

An Arkansas field goal try missed and "Horse" Leflore pulled in the rebound and with the clock running went in for a shot which missed. Yarbrough tipped the ball in to send approximately 3,000 stunned Lion supporters home in silence.

### Two 6'10" Men Stand In Way Of Crown

Next Monday, the 24th, is the big game when the Jackson State College Tigers will pit themselves against the powerful team from Grambling.

Jackson State, currently in second place has a chance to share the crown if they can beat the Grambling giants who are now in the top position in the Southwest Athletic Conference.

**Almost 7 Feet**  
Leading the Grambling attack will be Long Willis Reed who is averaging a cool 27.9 per game, making him the second highest scorer in the Conference. Just two inches shy of being seven feet, Big Reed measures in at 6 feet 10 inches.

At the same astounding height, at forward, will be Willbert Frazier, who with 19.7 holds down eighth position in Conference scoring.

**Horse, Of Course**  
The Tigers high scoring ace, Jerry Yarbrough is averaging 21.1, plunking him in the respectable position of sixth in the SWAC. Yarbrough only takes the tape up to 6 feet 3 inches. The big tall man for the Tigers, of course, will be "Horse" Leflore who at 6-6½ is

no midget. Leflore has been doing exceptionally fine on the backboard throughout most of the season.

**4th In Nation**  
Very likely the deciding factor in the big battle next Monday will be on the backboards. Reed is ranked fourth in the entire nation in the rebounding department and out and away the top man in the conference. Reed, a senior, is touted to be the best basketball player that Grambling has ever produced.

The able Tigers are looking forward to ruining the big man's hopes for having the SWAC crown all to his own team. Since Jackson State, if it wins at Prairie View and takes Alcorn this Saturday, will begin the game with only two conference losses. Grambling, which has dropped one game, will have to share all the glory with JSC if they lose Monday.

**81-78 Last Time**  
Grambling slipped by Jackson State at Grambling 81-78 earlier in the season. With the advantage of being on their own court, the Wilsonmen stand a good chance.

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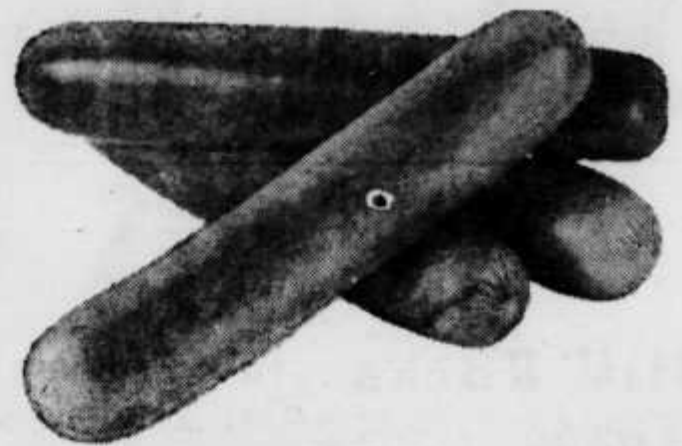
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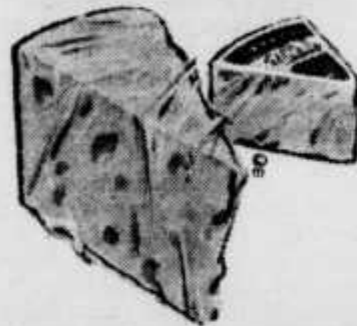
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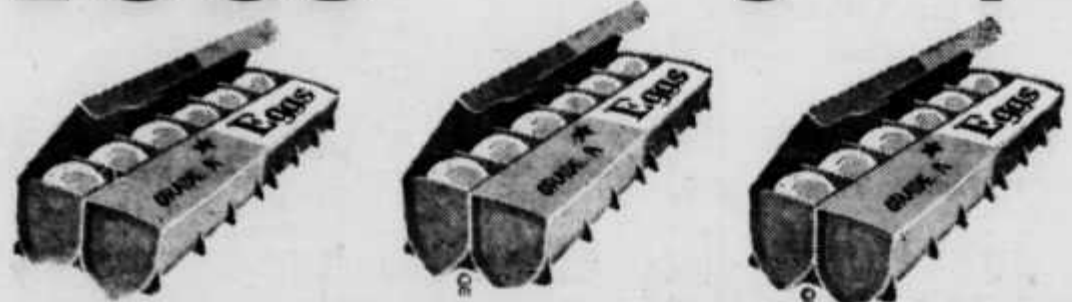
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# Around The Town

Marene Wilson

In the interest of better serving the community, the FREE PRESS has secured the able services of Miss Marene Wilson as Editor of Society News. She will be calling all of your social and civic clubs in order to get the news that you want the rest of the community to know about.

Although she will try and reach all of your clubs, she is sure to miss some. Please accept this invitation to get to know Miss Wilson, so that she will know when and how to contact you. Call 355-7345 and ask for her. She will be glad to hear from you.

—Ed. Note

## Around Pratt Memorial

Pratt Memorial was the scene of an elaborate Valentine Banquet sponsored by the Jackson Movement to honor the young people who participated in the 10-night freedom revival the first ten days in 1964.

The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority will begin its celebration of Finer Womanhood Week by attending Sunday morning worship service en masse. The Young Adult Choir will sing.

The Childrens Choir will be presented, for the first time, by the Womans Society of Christian Service at the regular Sunday Evening Service.

## Around Anderson Methodist

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will complete its study course on the book "The Christian Family and Its Money" by David Graybeal. The final session will be held

## Concordia Club Has New President

The Concordia Social and Civic Club met in the home of Mrs. Bobby Buchanan on February 9 with the new president, Mrs. Irene Hollifield, presiding.

After a brief business session, two new members, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. O'Bannon, were welcomed to the club. After the meeting, a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Callie Robinson Reporter

Friday night of this week at 6:30 P.M.

The Church-wide School of Missions sponsored by the Commission on Missions will begin Wednesday night, February 19, and will continue for five nights. The book to be discussed will be "Our Mission Today" by Tracy K. Jones Jr.

This program has been designed by the general church in an effort to inform the membership about missions and to enrich Christian living in general.

Mrs. Janie Veal is the chairman of the Commission on Mission.

## Around Farish Street Baptist

The Fifth Annual Pastor's Appreciation Service will be held at 11 a.m. Dr. William P. Davis, President of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, will be the guest speaker.

A special service will be held at 4:00 p.m. in connection with the Appreciation Service, with Rev. B. D. Rushing as guest speaker. The pastor's Appreciation activity will culminate with a banquet.

The public is cordially invited to attend both services.

## No Conviction...

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Charges by the NAACP that Duckworth was killed because he sat in the front of the bus were denied, and the case never came to court.

Another instance of Mississippi justice was the widely publicized unsolved lynching of Mack Charles Parker in 1959. Parker had been accused of raping a white woman, but the case against him was doubtful. One of the prosecutions key witnesses said that the charges against Parker were lies.

Parker was carried from his cell in Poplarville jail by a group of ten men who were familiar enough with the jail to know where the sheriff kept his keys. Parker's body was never found, and the identity of the men was never discovered.

In the spring of 1955 two voter registration workers were lynched, George W. Lee in Belzoni, and Lamar D. Smith in Brookhaven. Their murderers have never been traced.

A final example, which made national headlines like the Beckwith trial, was the killing of 14 year old Emmet Till. Till had been carried off by two white men who claimed that he had whistled at the wife of one of them.

Although the men admitted that they had seized Till, they were acquitted because the local undertaker and the county coroner said positive identification of Till's recovered body was no longer possible.

## Idle Hour Club Prepares Booklet

The Idle Hour Club is now conducting a project of compiling a booklet of all social and civic clubs presently in Jackson.

The booklet will be used for reference and informational purposes by such organizations as the YM-YWCA and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Mary Cox, Reporter



## Meredith Fund Moves

The James Meredith Educational Fund has moved its offices to Farish Street. The new office provides better facilities and ample space for meeting and helping young people.

Ready to aid all students who want college educations, Mr. James Allen Jr., executive Director of the Fund, and his secretary, Miss Ann McAfee, take a look at the college bulletins available in their new office.

The new address of the Fund is 840 N. Farish Street, phone 948-3861. The move will make the office on Lynch Street ready for the expanded operations of the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO). Mr. Allen invites high-school students who need advice on scholarships and colleges to drop in and see him.

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# Evers Praises Court In Integration Case

In the hope of seeing the start of a new era in Mississippi education, Mr. Charles Evers last week praised the decision of the U. S. Fifth Circuit Court in school segregation suits.

The court, meeting in New Orleans, declared that racial segregation in Mississippi is obviously enforced. The court said that it did not hold voluntary segregation as unconstitutional, but it stated that voluntary segregation could not exist "until inhibitions, legal or otherwise, serving to enforce segregation have been removed."

In a decision hailed by Mr. Evers as "gratifying," the court reversed the position of Mississippi District Judge Mize and declared the Mississippi district court in error. Judge Mize has dismissed three integration suits filed in Mississippi during March and June of last year.

At the head of the list of students seeking integration were the names of Darrell Keneyatta and Renne Denise Evers, children of the murdered NAACP Field Secretary McJigar Evers. Also seeking desegregated educational opportunities are Shirley, Verna, and Thomas Bailey, whose father, Samuel Bailey, is presently Vice-President of the Jackson movement.

Commenting on the New Orleans decision, Mr. Evers said, Mississippi is the only state in the Union which does not have a single integrated school district. I have known that this could not last forever, even if this state has managed to avoid the realities of our world for the past 100 years. . . .

"The speed of the courts in

dealing with state delay and judicial harassment is gratifying," Evers said. "Hopefully this can be the beginning of a new era in education in Mississippi."

# School Kids Begin Union

Have you heard about the new Mississippi Student Union?

The Mississippi Student Union is a new organization for high school students. The purpose of the group is to provide an educational and political program for high school students to make up for the absence of certain studies in our high school curriculum.

The Student Union is independent of all other local groups, but will try to take advantage of the programs offered by local groups.

In the last meeting, officers were elected. Over thirty students joined the union.

A number of opportunities are available to students interested in higher education. There is a chance, for example, for a few Mississippi students to attend a summer camp free of charge. Also, students may be able to attend public schools in the North.

Locally, classes in Negro history are being offered, plus a discussion group which will talk about the problems that face the Negro today.

It must be clear that the purpose of the Student Union is to better the educational standards that Negroes in Mississippi receive. We are trying to find teachers in every community to help us.

In Jackson, to reach our goal, we would like to see about 500 students join the Union. So, become part of the Mississippi Student Union now! Tomorrow may be too late!

# Mississippi Last In Registration Drive

A total of 327,588 new voters were added to rolls in eleven Southern states through registration efforts of organizations cooperating with the Voter Education Project (VEP) during the first 21 months of its operation.

The lowest figure for any state was for Mississippi, which registered 3,228 new voters, this brings the Mississippi total to an estimated 28,000 which is 5 per cent of the total registered.

Here in Mississippi, COFO, which is a confederation of all the civil rights groups working

in the state, is the group that is working with the Voter Project.

The VEP seeks to encourage voter registration in the South and thereby to study patterns of Negro voting, and the most effective methods of overcoming the traditional barriers of discrimination and voter indifference. The program is non-partisan and has the endorsement of both the Republican and Democratic National Committees. The South is the area of lowest registration in the nation.

VEP also released its estimates of total voter registration in the area. For the eleven states, all voters numbered 14,157,058. Of these, 12,405,240 are white, and 1,751,818 are non-white.

This means that 11.8 per cent of the total registration in the eleven southern states is now non-white. Of the non-white voting age population, 35.2 per cent is registered.

The Voter Education Project is a program of the Southern Regional Council, with offices in Atlanta.

State	Total As of 12/31/63	Total Voting Age Population	White Voting Age Population	Non White Voting Age Population	Total Registration	White Registration	Non White Registration	% NW of Total Reg.	% NW Reg. of NWVAP
Alabama	13,457	1,834,378	1,353,058	481,320	1,915,009	925,000	990,000	8.8	18.7
Arkansas	8,756	1,043,259	850,443	192,816	633,655	553,655	80,000	12.6	41.5
Florida	37,111	3,087,699	2,617,438	470,261	1,899,433	1,686,215	213,218	11.2	45.3
Georgia*	46,347	2,409,972	1,797,062	612,910	1,495,000	1,183,181	311,819	15.7	36.2
Louisiana	5,899	1,893,805	1,289,216	604,589	1,193,775	1,031,691	162,084	13.5	31.4
Mississippi	3,228	1,170,522	748,266	422,256	553,000	525,000	28,000	5.0	6.6
N. Carolina	23,323	2,556,884	2,065,955	490,929	2,090,270	1,856,497	233,773	11.1	42.4
S. Carolina	29,727	1,256,261	895,147	361,114	814,628	703,000	111,628	13.7	30.0
Tennessee	34,243	2,992,891	1,779,018	1,213,873	1,560,000	1,297,026	262,974	13.5	64.6
Texas	129,590	5,534,277	4,284,765	1,249,512	2,029,193	1,720,183	309,000	14.8	46.1
Virginia	13,877	2,312,887	1,876,187	436,700	1,032,104	923,792	108,312	10.4	24.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>327,588</b>	<b>25,112,835</b>	<b>20,096,735</b>	<b>5,016,100</b>	<b>14,157,058</b>	<b>12,405,240</b>	<b>1,751,818</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>35.2</b>

# Two JSC Profs. Get Recognition

Two Jackson State College professors have received citations from The Century of Progress Exposition which is directed by Alton A. Davis, who was the Negro History Week speaker Wednesday, February 12, at the College.

Dr. Samuel E. Warren, Chairman of the Social Science Division, was one of several outstanding persons cited for promoting the collection, criticism and writing of facts about Negroes. Dr. Warren's citation, a bronze plaque, was presented to him "for distinguished services in the promotion of the study of Negro history."

## Gets Blue Ribbon

Lawrence A. Jones, Head of the Art Department, won a first place Blue Ribbon and the Dr. Karl Douglas Trophy with his painting, a Triptych, titled: "Past, Present and Future" during the Exposition, which was held at the McCormack Exhibit Hall in Chicago. Many leading American artists participated in the exposition's competition.

Recently Mr. Jones won the first honorable mention in the Atlanta University show in oil painting and second place in the regional show of the Emancipation Proclamation Show in New Orleans. He has been invited to serve on the National Committee for the Development of Art in Negro Colleges.

# Meredith's Lawyer Wins Senate Seat

The lawyer responsible for the admission of James Meredith to the University of Mississippi last fall, won a seat in the New York State Senate. As the first Negro woman in the New York Senate, Mrs. Constance Motley will be in a position to continue to carry on her brilliant career against discrimination and injustice.

Mrs. Motley is expected to continue working for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Other famous cases in which she has been involved include the admission of Charlayne Hunter and Hamilton Holmes to the University of Georgia.

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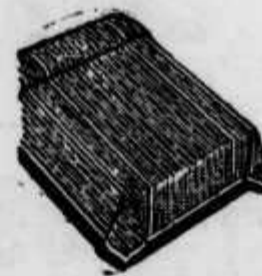
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