

MOSS POINT SHOOTING 10:10 pm 6 July

A 19 year old Negro girl, ~~named~~ Jessie Stalworth, was shot in the left side from three shots fired through a window of the P.K. Park Hall of the Knights of Pythias in Moss Point, Jackson County. She is in the Singing River Hospital, Pascagoula.

^{This shooting occurred at a}
^ voter registration meeting ~~was~~ attended by 300 persons. It began at 7:30 and the shots were fired at approximately 10:10 pm as the meeting was closing with a singing of "We Shall Overcome." The shots were fired from a new, green Comet with 4 white boys inside.

The Deputy Sheriff of Jackson County, Thomas Palmer was assigned to the meeting. He left just shortly before the last song, "We Shall Overcome." No police were present at the time of the shooting. After the shooting the police were called, but did not arrive until 8 minutes later and then failed to give protection. They drove away after hesitantly agreeing with a COFO worker who requested him "to protect the people."

A 2nd round of shots was heard, but no one was hurt nor was their source identified.

Several minutes after the 2nd shooting a car with a white man and a white woman drove by. Stones were thrown by persons in the crowd moving in the area of the P.K. P Park Hall.

At about 11:00 p.m. a ^{SUCC} ~~COFO~~ worker was forced to leave the hospital and was told that Martial ^{by the Assist. Chief of Police (?)} Law had been declared. It has not been confirmed that Martial [^] Law was proclaimed.