

Greenwood: Betty Garman

Paul Klein, one of those arrested last week, was ~~xxxx~~ tried in Greenwood city court at about 3:15pm Miss. time. He stood mute on the grounds that he didn't have private legal council. He was convicted and sentenced to 30 days and \$100. The trials of the 98 arrested ~~xxxxxxx~~ (13 juveniles were released Thursday evening) were begun early in the afternoon but halted by a call from the federal authorities in Oxford, Miss. They were resumed again, however and Klein was convicted.

On Saturday when attorney Hardey Lott (Beckwith's attorney, and one of the city attorneys on the picketing case) was served with orders for removal of the prisoners he refused to accept the orders on the grounds that the petition contained an error. ~~Ma~~ The petition was titled the State of Miss. v. Stokely Charmichael et.al. Lott claimed it should have been the City of Miss. v. Stokely Charmichael et.al. The lawyers working with us do not feel that was an error but the petition has been changed to The state of Mississippi and/or the city of Greenwood v. Stokely Charmichael et.al.

There was an error in the petition however. It reads 'removal from county court to federal court', and should read "removal from the city court to the federal court."

The lawyers went to Oxford this morning to have the petition corrected with Judge Clayton. They had tried to reach him by phone on Saturday which should have been sufficient, but no one who had information concerning his whereabouts would give them information. FEDERAL JUDGES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO BE REACHED 24 HOURS A DAY.

5:15pm trials are continuing in city court. Cases are being taken individually.

Ashland, Miss. 2:05 from Betty Garman to Sandy Stovall

Peter Cummins, NewYork, was arrested in Ashland at 10:15am for not having a traffic inspection sticker on his csr. His bond is \$250 and his trial is at 2pm. He is now in the Ashland city jail. There were two local Negroes in the car at the time.

Hernando, Miss. from Judy Richardson

Dave Kendall, Sheridan, Indiana, was arrested at 12:25pm in Hernando and his car was impounded. Kendall was driving with summer volunteers John Davies, white, Kenya, and Frank Cierciorka, San Jose, California, and two Negroes who were not staff members, but work with the Holly Springs project. Kendall is in the DeSoto County jail. A crowd of whites was gathering around the jail and ~~xxxx~~ the 2 white workers were outside the jail. The two Negroes were not by the jail, but were ~~xxx~~ waiting elsewhere. Kendall was arrested by ~~xxxxxx~~ Deputy Sheriff Manning.

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Jesse Harrison, SNCC staff, was arrested at 10:15 at Ave. "H" in McLain. Lewis Scott, a local girl, reported the arrest to Billy Goldstein, local friend of SNCC. She said that the car was parked and the police drove up behind him, and took the car. Judy called the jail and got more information. She was told by a man who refused to give his name that Jesse's charges were running a stop sign, and not having a driver's license. The bond would be \$35 and trial is July 21 at 4:00 pm. The man hung up to avoid giving his name.

Jessie was bonded out by Dottie Zellner. He said that he went into the grocery store owned by the policeman, purchased groceries and intentionally left them there. (They were unable to clarify the meaning of this action over the telephone.) He left and was shortly followed by a police car. When he discovered he was being followed, he pulled over,

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stopped and got out of this car. The entire incident was taking place after the Greenwood mass meeting held tonight. The police came up and said they had been informed that it was a stolen car he was driving. He told them the registration was in the glove compartment and the police gave him one minute to find it. When he produced that they asked for his driver's license and he replied that that was also in the glove compartment. They said that his one minute was up and then charged him with driving without a license, and took him to the jail.

When Dottie bonded him out he asked where the car was and was told it was where he left it. He went back where the car had been parked and discovered that it had been taken away.

Note: The police officer who owns the grocery store is allegedly the same man who dragged a pregnant young Negro women during the arrests made in Greenwood on Freedom Day.