

Holly Springs; Carl Young

Peter Cummings, volunteer from New York City had an automobile accident and was arrested yesterday afternoon. At about 5:30pm he was driving near the Benton and Marshall County lines when he went around a curve, slid on gravel, and his car flipped over, knocking down 4 or 5 ~~kkkkk~~ small trees on federal property. Cummings was not hurt at all, and Charlie Scales, Negro, Holly Springs, received only cuts and bruises. (Scales was driving with him)/

Police arrested Cummings on three charges: reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, and obstructing justice. All but the reckless driving charge were dropped. Cummings spent the night in jail and was bonded out this morning at 10am for \$500. His trial is set for Saturday at 10am.

Helena: Larry Siegel

Yesterday afternoon at about 3:30pm while Larry was canvassing alone three white men drove up to him and yelled "you're gonna get it tonight. we're gonna run you out of town; you're from New York." Siegel ~~kkk~~ turned and walked away, and the three drove on. They were in a light blue Corvair with a white plate with red numerals 5425 (possibly a Mississippi plate). Larry reported the incident to the FBI/

man

Monday night a police/ told Prince Shannon, Negro, Helena, that whites don't allow Negroes in their neighborhoods, and he didn't see why Negroes should allow whites in theirs (meaning Siegel). He said that they could run the SNCC people out of town and the police wouldn't do anything about it, and said that if the SNCC's tried.. to phone for help that he would see that their calls didn't get through.

Today was the trial of Guy Carter, the man who assaulted Prince Shannon and June Corbin on July 18 when they tried to get food at his service station. The courtroom was packed with Negroes and when the defense attorney said he wouldn't "perform for a circus", the judge ordered that only those people who had seats could stay. ~~Bkkkk~~ The trial was continued to next Wednesday at the request of the defense attorney.

Yesterday SNCC people were putting leaflets concerning the trial in mailboxes of Negro families and today the postmaster in W. Helena called them and ~~kkkkk~~ said that it is against the law to deliver circulars. Joe Wright is to speak with him tomorrow, and they will check regulations for distribution of leaflets.

Madison:

James Peacock's condition is still critical though he has improved. He may be moved to the Veteran's Hospital.

GREENWOOD: 3:30 am (House/Grogan)

At 11:30 Hosie McCall ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ came to the Greenwood office and gave the following report of an incident to Judy Richardson:

McCall is a local Negro. Twenty-five Negro guys, including McCall, were deterred by five carloads of whites, local police, and the Highway Pttrol, from the Cur Market where they were attempting to enter. They were followed, chased and shot at (warning shots were fired over their heads). They were dispersed. (They were all on foot).

At one point, there was an exchange of bottles between the two groups and one shot fired over their heads at that time. At another point they were told to halt and two shots were fired, one in the air, one closer to the ground. McCall managed to evade his pursuers, get to the SNCC office and make a full report of the incident.

There are no reported injuries, no reported arrests. All the Negroes involved were local people and none were SNCC affiliated.

The original plan which brought about the incident was an attempt to sit-in at Charmaine Restaurant which never took place.

GREENWOOD 4:00 am (S.House/Grogan) in Memphis, Tennessee

Dick Fry was arrested in Overton Park at 11:45 pm, July 28, on a loitering charge. When asked by House over the phone if he was guilty, he answered "I'd rather not say now," as if it would not be wise to answer over the phone. Fry paused and then said "probably affirmative." Bail is \$51. The trial is scheduled for 9:00 am July 29. He asked that a lawyer be contacted and reports that he has been treated O.K. He was arrested by the city police, Tele. no. JA 5-9796. House called Jackson, indirectly contacted Hunter Morey at 1:20 am. House contacted LCDC lawyers in Memphis at 2:00 am, (Miss. time). House talked to Attorney Erinson who agreed to represent him tomorrow. Erinson was instructed that if there was a fine to pay it and he would be reimbursed.

Fry, local SNCC project director for Greenwood, was on leave of absence in Memphis when the incident took place

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