

THURSDAY JULY 8, 1965

BRANDON, MISS. Alvin Packer/ Carolyn Smith and Jeanne Alvin Packer, COFO worker, was arrested today along with another person in Brandon. The two were taken to the Rankin County jail house and charged with car theft. Packer was driving a car that belonged to Mrs. Rachael Transquilly, summer volunteer in Hattiesburg, in order to go to Ruleville to pick up a car. Mrs. Transquilly had given Packer a slip saying that he had her permission to use the car.

Mrs. Transquilly said that Packer was also charged with failure to have a drivers license and carrying a concealed weapon. Judge May in Florence, Miss. will hear the case. Bond has not yet been set.

YORK, ALA. SUMPTER COUNTY Willie Emma Scott/Myrna On July 7th, three shots were fired into the Second Baptist Church while a voter registration meeting was being held. Two of the bullets hit the ceiling. One escaped Jim Woods's head by less than an inch. The people presented a petition to the mayor, Warren Grant, for police protection. The mayor refused. He told them that he would not send anyone to the church to babysit with them while they had a mass meeting. Woods told the police that he would ask for other means of protection if he could not protect them. The mayor said that it would be alright with him. He would be glad to have FBI or marshalls in. There is another mass meeting planned here tonight.

CHARLESTON&JACKSON, MISS. Cynthia Washington and Sam Block/Myrna John Handy and Jim Colbert, COFO workers, were driving to Greenwood on highway 35. Someone in a blue pickup truck threw a cocktail bomb in into the car Handy was driving while passing them. The car went into a ditch. James Peacock drove out to look for the two guys. Handy's car was in the ditch and there was a farm truck parked next to it. When Peacock left, the truck followed him. Handy and Colbert had managed to get a ride back to Greenwood in a pickup. Colbert was not badly hurt, just roughed up.

BOGALUSA LA Michael Jones/Myrna A whiteman threw a rock and hit a 17 year old girl who was part of a demonstration at the county court house in Bogalosa tonight. A nurse went to get the girl who had been hit on the head. A mob of whites stood outside the court house. The nurse took the girl to the car. The white mob attached the car and tried to beat them. A member of the Deacons, a Negro group organized about 6 months ago to fight the Klan in Louisiana in self defense, shot into the mob of whites. The whiteman who hit the girl was critically injured. Someone from the Klan called and said that they Klan was coming into the Negro Community tonight. There are mobs forming downtown. The Negro community is arming.

NOTE ON BRANDON, MISS. Called the judge in Florence. He said that Packer's bond has not been set. Packer is being held for investigation. and will not be released or bond will not be set until the investigation is finished. They can hold him until Sunday evening at 4PM.