

SELMA Shirley Walker/Bab

More information of the churches burned.-- The church in Acron was burned last night between 8 and 10pm. No one knew anything the burning until morning. State investigators and police notified the Negroes in the community about the burning. The church had not been used for voter registration activities, but the pastor, Rev. Farredin, had been involved with voter registration in Marion. Whites were seen riding around the community in Acron more than usual before the burning. Identical foot prints were found at both of the churches. The other church burned last night was the St. Marks A.M.E. near Greensboro.

GREENSBORO vis Selma Walker/Bab

Last night a meeting was held between white businessmen and the mayor, and members of the Hales County Movement, including Rev. Day. The people presented a list of grievances: paved streets, better schools, and more people registered. The mayor accepted the petition. Starting tomorrow they promised that they will start processing people faster when they go to register. There are about 400 people registered in Greensboro now. The businessmen had previously said that such an amount would be impossible.

GREENWOOD Rosemary Freedman/Bab

65 people picketed the store owned by Mrs. Dabbs, protesting dirty conditions, her brutality to customers, and the fact that she sells corn liquor. At 4:40pm city, county and auxiliary police came by. They were armed with tear gas, and had a black bus. When the people saw the bus, they began to disperse. The police ordered the people to disperse. When Edna Lofton refused to leave, she was arrested. While being arrested, she was hit in the face and in the stomach. Edna is pregnant. This took place in the presence of Chief Curtis Lary. Edna was not resisting arrest, she was walking along with the police. The Negro stores were closed down, but Mrs. Dabb's was left opened. Lary told the police that they should shoot if the people didn't move when asked. Edna Lofton was released a short while later in the custody of her mother.

At 9pm, 250 people were continuing the demonstration in front of Mrs. Dabb's store. Mrs. Dabbs came out and shot four times in the air before the police came. After she shot, little kids began to throw stones and bricks through her window. Police told the people to move on. Mrs. Dabbs then shot twice more. A freedom radio worker, Mike Aronson, walked toward her with his arms out, saying "Kill me, I'm tired of running". The police made everyone move on. Four people were arrested: Jake McGhee, John Handy, Tommy Galloway and Mike Aronson. They were charged with disturbing the peace. Trial 1pm in city court. \$200 appearance bond.

OLIVE BRANCH, MISS. Ray Gozzi/Bab

Yesterday morning, summer vacationer, Ray Gozzi, 20, from Amherst, Mass., was dragged out of the car and beaten by white men with fists. He suffered fractured ribs. The beating took place after an integrated group attempted to be served at the Pine Acres Motel Restaurant. The Negroes were served, white refused. This was the first integration attempt in Olive Branch.