

June 2, 1964

Pine Bluff: Ruthie Hansen

This afternoon at about 2:30pm

Ruthie and about 15 local high school students went to Oakland Park, a park for whites in an attempt to integrate the swimming pool. When they got to the park they were told that the pool was closed. The white youngsters in the pool were forced to leave because of the closing of the pool. When Ruthie and the group of students were about to leave the park they asked the policeman there for protection on their way home. He told them he would not give them protection and Ruthie told him that if they were attacked they would not be able to be nonviolent. The officer said nothing, but did not offer them protection. On their way home several cars tried to run into them but they were not injured as they avoided the cars.

Earlier they went to Townsend Park, the park for Negroes trying to get Negro students to come with them and integrate the Oakland Park pool, but they were unsuccessful.

They will return to Oakland Park tomorrow in a further attempt to integrate the pool there.

Hattiesburg: Sandy Leigh

Today is Mississippi primary. Mrs. Gray cast her ballot early this morning. We have 2 poll watchers in each precinct at the polls. As of noon today the only incident that had occurred was when one man was not allowed to vote because he did not have an affidavit saying he could vote (though he did have a voter registration card). Sandy told him to go back and try again and he believes that the man was allowed to vote the second time because he did not return to the office.

New Orleans: Att. Bruce Walteer

Yesterday Judge Cox issued a temporary restraining order concerning the anti-poll tax legislation requiring voters to have a 'non-payment of poll tax receipt'. The results of today's primary election may be held up until the three judge panel sits on above legislation. There are some close contests in Mississippi which may be affected by the decision of the judges.

Milton Hancock case:

Tomorrow Mrs. Woods (landlady at the COFO office in Hattiesburg) will visit Hancock on visiting day tomorrow and try to get more information concerning his original charge. Walteer's office plans to file for removal of his case to federal court and file for federal bond. They will also try to attack the original perjury charges at the same time.

Essie Broom case:

Mrs. Broom's mother was to go to the jail on Saturday to see her and get information concerning the hearing which was held before she was sent to Parchman. At that time the judge found her guilty of violating her parole.

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Jackson: Taken by Julian Bond

At about 10:45pm Jackson time last night the windows of the C.F.O office were broken for the second time in a week. This time, while many people were inside, two cars full of whites stopped in front of the office ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ jumped out and began throwing bricks and stones through the window. There were several witnesses to the incident including Rev. Paul H. Dotson, Ann Arbor, Michigan, NCC (white). Dotson was loading a car in front of the office and was hit twice by bricks though he wasn't hurt. He was hit by the first brick thrown and hit again while bricks were flying through the air. All the front windows of the office were broken; on Saturday night three windows were broken.

The Jackson police has been notified and is investigating.

The car driven was a fairly new white Oldsmobile with no license tags.

A C.F.O worker, Nedra Wenans, white, was struck. Wenans is 20 years old from Altadena, California.

Pine Bluff: Hansen to Bond

Seven teachers ~~1/4~~ at Lincoln County High School were fired:

Marcus May, 24 had been teaching 2 years

J. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ (Nossie) Richmond, 27 4 years

Andrew Carr, 34, 3 years

James Bateman, 40's 2 years

J.D. Miller, 23 1 year

Mrs. C.L. Stokes, 50's 6 years

Mrs. Dorothy Dixon, 31 5 years

Lincoln County High School serves one of the four districts in the county plus Star City. There are 400 students in the high school and seven of the eight faculty members were fired. The principal of the school is Fulton Walker.

Marcus May received the following letter from Star City Public Schools:

Dear Mr. May:

We regret to inform you that the Board of Education will not renew your contract for the coming year. This action has been taken in the interest of harmony and cooperation and for the general welfare of the program.

We feel that in another situation you might be an effective teacher, and therefore will be happy to recommend you.

Sincerely yours,

s/Harold Tidwell
Superintendent.

by the principal

Mays had been accused/of taking Ben Brinnage into the school building. The SNCC house, a grocery store where SNCC people live, is across from the school.