

SCLC & Me

Southern Christian Leadership Conference by Terry V Howard 11/25/2021



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1965 ACCUSED OF "CAUSING TROUBLE IN THE COMMUNITY: & REGISTERING Blacks to vote instead of teaching them to read and write." The contracts are not renewed for: Dr. Evan Harris, his wife Ann, Calvin Turner, his wife Florence, Geletha McRae, and Henry Eaton.

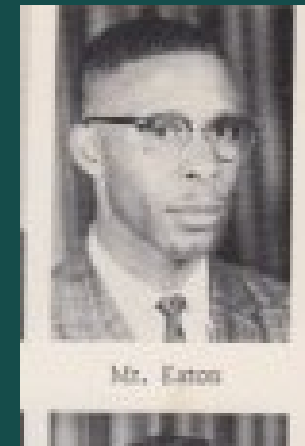
Mrs. Hill



Mr. Turner



Mrs. Turner



Mr. Eaton

Led by Calvin Turner and Willie Bolden the students along with SCOPE participants march...



...and sing, and motivate

(downtown Crawfordville, Georgia in front of the Courthouse)





Robert "Bob" Turner, Candy Weber and Frank



Bob Turner, Judith Van Allen & Frank

Student leader, Frank Bates would write a book about his experience-From Level Hill to Capitol Hill. Candace Weber, and Judith Van Allen of Berkley California SCOPE participants



Frank Bates 1947-2017

From Friendship Baptist Church to the Court house.



Friendship Baptist Church 1965

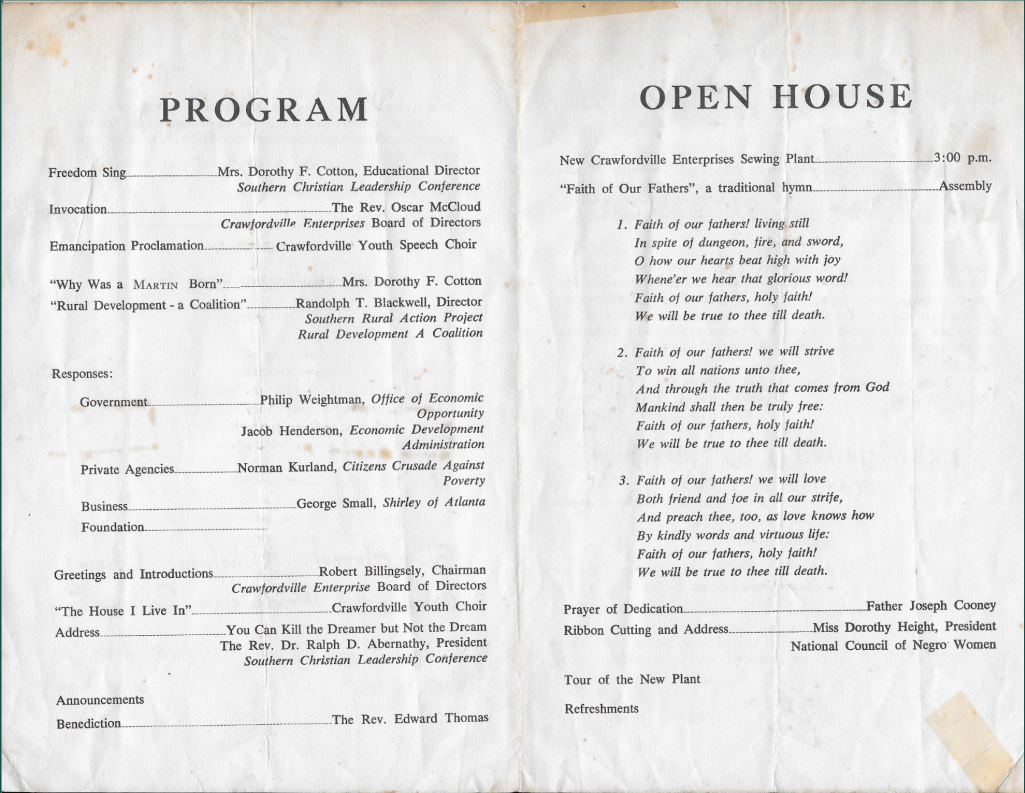
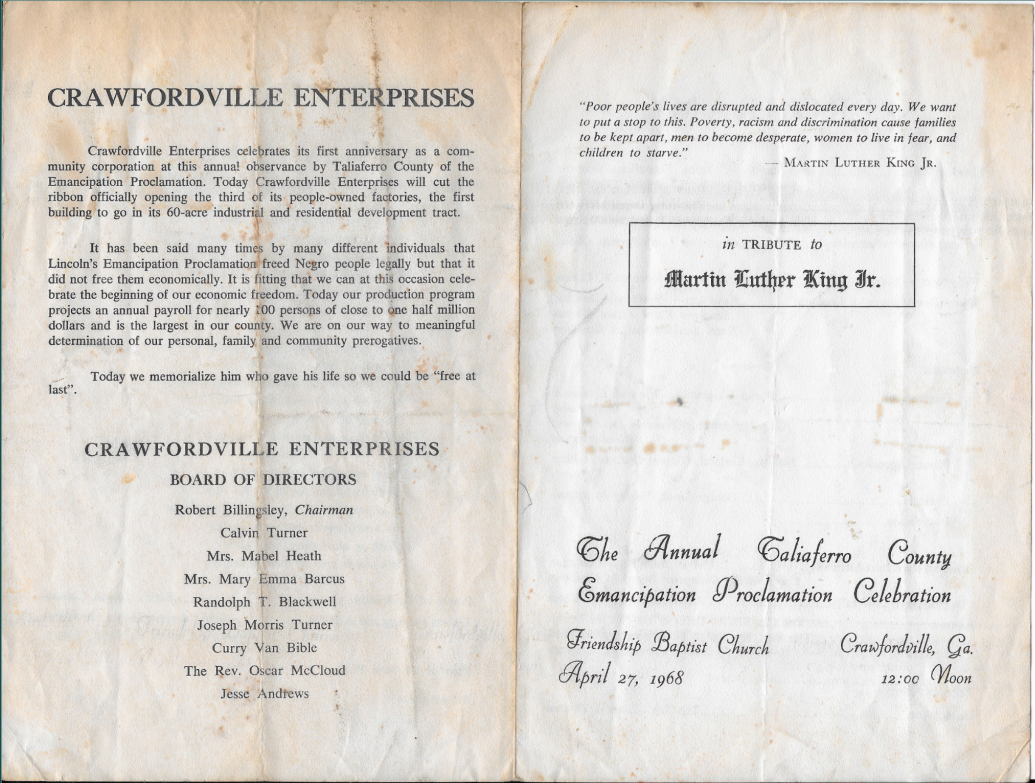


Black Businesses



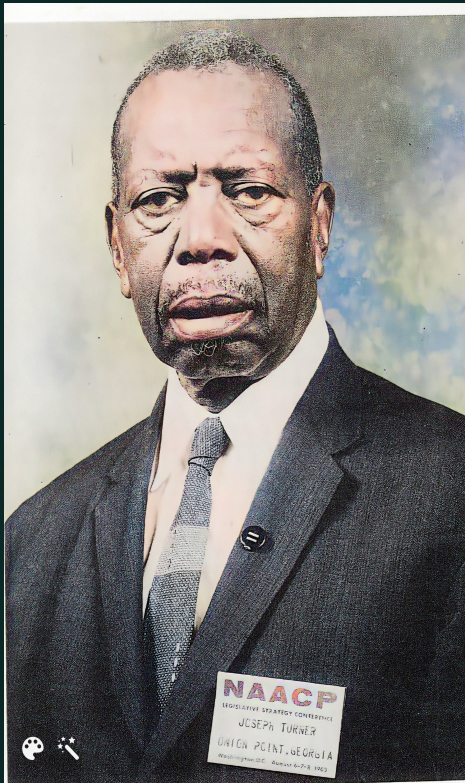
Crawfordville
Courthouse

27 April 1968 “tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.” Program featured: Mrs. Dorothy F. Cotton, Rev. Oscar McCloud, Randolph T. Blackwell, OEO officers, & Rev. Ralph D Abernathy.
Open House (Crawfordville Enterprise 3rd building) Father Joseph Cooney and Miss Dorothy Height.
Board of Directors: Robert Billingsley, Calvin Turner, Mrs. Mabel Heath, Mrs. Mary Emma Barcus, Randolph T Blackwell, Joseph Morris Turner, Curry Van Bible, Rev. Oscar McCloud, Jesse Andrews. (held at Friendship Baptist Church, Crawfordville)



“most old people that participate live out in Springfield Community, out where the center is. Everybody out there is ready to fight for freedom.”

Oral history interview with Frank Bates, African-American, male, Local SCLC, 0270, Crawfordsville, Georgia. 0270 -



Joe Turner

Freed KKKers Attack Negro

CRAWFORDVILLE, Ga. (AP)—Two Ku Klux Klansmen tried and acquitted in the slaying last year of a Washington Negro educator tried to attack a Negro photographer yesterday during a two-mile civil rights march to a Negro church.

Cecil Myers and John Howard Sims broke past two state troopers as an estimated 100 marchers approached the church, where demonstrators have been meeting for several weeks.

One trooper grabbed Sims. But Myers charged past and chased the photographer, Brig Cabe, who works for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

MYERS MADE a diving lunge at Cabe and both fell to the ground. Troopers quickly pulled the two apart. Myers was charged with assault and later released on \$100 bond posted by Crawfordville citizens.

Sims was questioned and released and then threatened to take a camera from another photographer. But a state trooper intervened and Sims walked away.

Cabe was charged with possession of fireworks, which is against the law in Georgia, and was held in custody. Lt. Col. E. B. Harbin, deputy director of the state department of public

safety, said the Negro youth had a firecracker in his possession.

MYERS AND Sims were charged with murder of Lemuel Penn last year and later acquitted. The Negro educator was shot while driving through Georgia on the return to Washington from summer camp at Ft. Benning, Ga. A third Klansman, James Lackey, was arrested but never brought to trial.

The incident on the return march from the courthouse occurred some hours after nearly 200 Negro demonstrators swarmed into the Crawfordville Negro school and sat in the hallways, singing and clapping.

State troopers removed Edward Bedford of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization headed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. which is directing the civil rights drive.

The protest started when all the white pupils in Taliaferro County transferred to surrounding counties in the face of integration.

FRANK BATES, another SCLC worker, told the demonstrators the state troopers wanted them to leave. "Do you want to move?" he asked.

"No!" shouted the group sitting on the floor.

Bedford, 22, and Bates, 17, were arrested. Bates was sitting on the floor at the time, and a trooper pulled him to his feet.

The demonstrators returned to their church headquarters where Willie Bolden of SCLC charged there had been police brutality and announced a march to the courthouse.

HE TAUNTED state troopers during the courthouse rally. "This is what you call a legalized Ku Klux Klan," he said.

About 60 troopers are in Crawfordville.

On the march back to the church Myers and Sims attempted to get at the Negro photographer. Troopers quickly put Cabe in a car and took him down the road and let him out.

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Acquitted of Killing, Klansman Strikes

CRAWFORDVILLE, Ga.—Cecil Myers, a black shirt member of the Ku Klux Klan, charges Brig Cabe, Negro SCLC photographer, in a scuffle after Myers and a companion followed a group of Negroes from a Courthouse demonstration. (Related picture on Page 8.)

Youth Convicted

Brassy Theft

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)—Police think thieves who raided a salvage yard have a lot of brass.

Brig Cabe 1943-2014



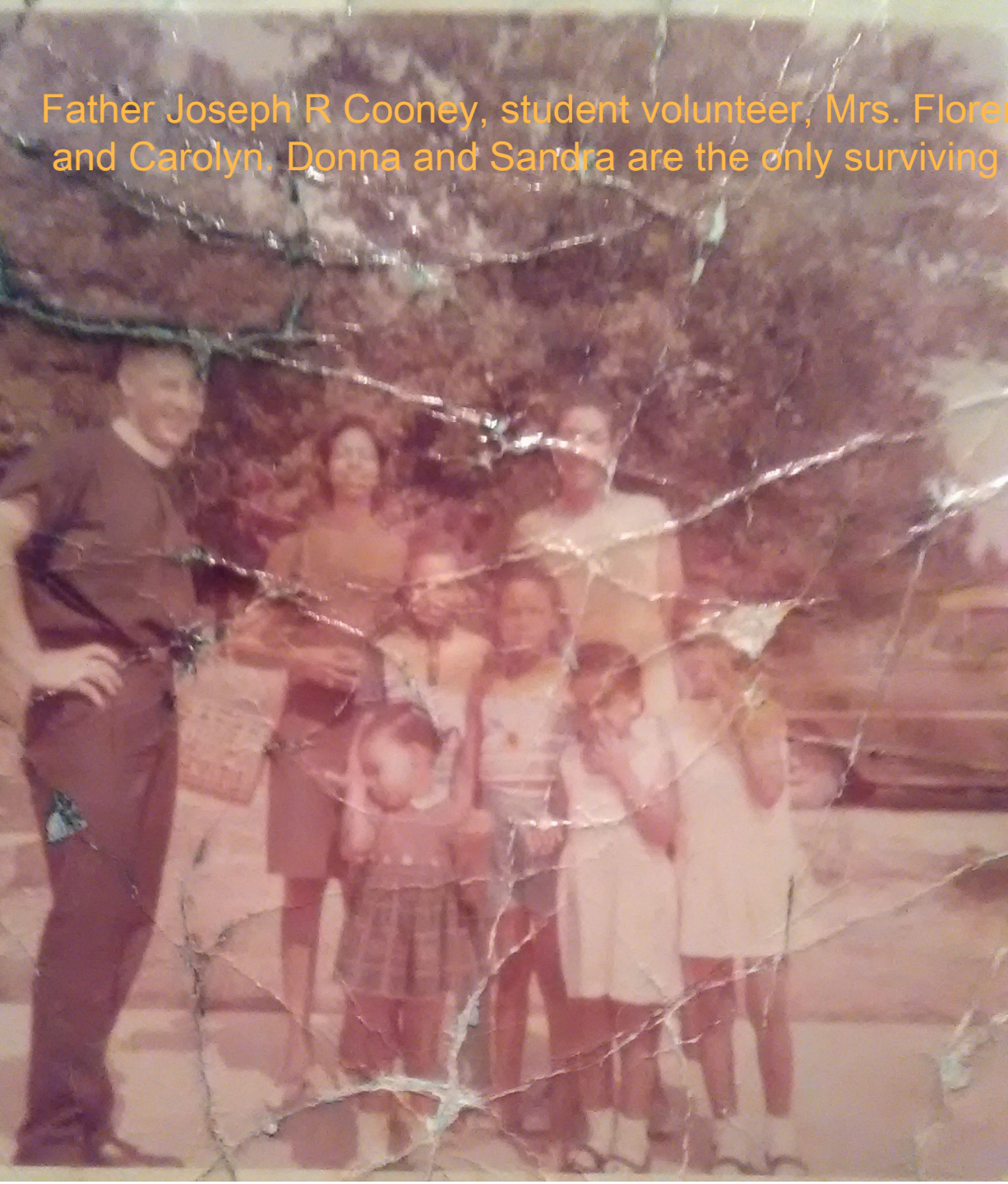


Head Start, SCOPE, and Crawfordville Enterprise

- CEP trained workers Calvin Turner (1932-2007), with Robert “Bo-Jim” Billingsley (1924-2020), Loraine E Bowman (1933-1985).
- Top left is the Ebony Magazine (1975) article featuring Randolph T. Blackwell; insert are the workers at the sewing plant in the Springfield Community, which started in the Log Cabin.



Father Joseph R Cooney, student volunteer, Mrs. Florence Turner and children: Denise, Cheria, Sandra, Donna, and Carolyn. Donna and Sandra are the only surviving members of Calvin and Florence children.



Adult volunteers, Nun, Ms. King, Florence Turner, with Head Start children, Judy Van Allen and Loraine Howard with children at A.H. Stephens State Park.





The children names are still on the cubby in the Log Cabin.



Florence Thomas Turner,
(1934-2005) educator and
director of the head start and
Daycare



Two federal court cases resulted from the school protests. In *Turner v. Goolsby*, the court ruled that it was illegal to use public funds to bus white students to adjoining counties, while refusing to bus black students. The U.S. Supreme Court case *Turner v. Fouche* argued October 20, 1966, and decided January 19, 1970, changed the method used for selecting jurors and, subsequently, school board members.

- *Turner v. Goolsby*, 255 F. Supp. 724 (S.D. Ga. 1966) | *Turner v. Fouche* | Oyez Justia

- Unanimous decision for Turner. Majority opinion by Potter Stewart.
- Justice Burger, Black, Douglas, Harlan, Brennan, Stewart, White, and Thurgood Marshall.



Article on Voting in Taliaferro County, mentions Dr. Kings and assistant Andrew Young visit.

THE CAPITOL FROM THE WOODLAND GROTTO
One of the most beautiful scenes of the United States Capitol is the view from the woodland grotto, a little area in the northwest corner of the Capitol grounds that has been left in its natural state, much the same today as it was a century and a half ago. As the Capitol Dome, the symbol of our free government, looms over this peaceful little spot of woodland, with its ancient trees, antique lamp posts and spring house, we remember the joys of Christmases past and renew our prayers for the future of our great nation.

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In the spirit of the season. I want to thank you for viewing and wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy new year.

*'Tis a Season of Joy
A season of Hope
A season of Love,
"And the Governments
shall be upon his shoulders
... An ever lasting Father
A Prince of Peace"
Joy, Hope, Love and Peace
to you and all the world
This and Every Season.
The Anderson Young Family*



Springfield Community Center, Inc board with Georgia Trust Historic Preservation group after winning the Places in Perils, 2019

