

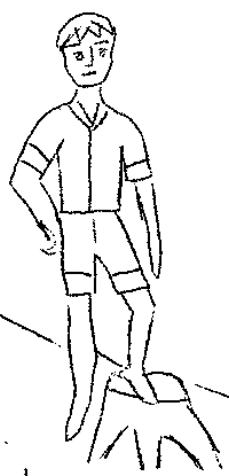
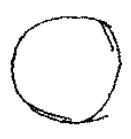
benton
county



"It's that freedom train a'comin'; get on board, get on board."

JUNE 27, 1965

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23



But why can't we
play together?

KINDERGARTEN Still Segregated

There are 10 Negro children now attending Ashland Clinic. With the exception of Nammi Reaves, all of them are still in a separate class.

Although the children eat together, and ride to school on integrated buses, they have not been playing together during recess, and have had music classes at different times.

Is this what the school Board consider integration?

Mrs. Price and Mrs. Burns tried to enroll their children in Ashland Clinic but was unable to because they had been enrolled in Old Salem. Also the parents have been given a lot of trouble if they didn't have their children birth certificates with them. This seems just an attempt at discrimination, since they could find out the children's ages very easily by looking at the records kept in the Ashland Clinic just a few steps away.

It was announced that after July 1st no children will be accepted without birth certificates.

Mrs. Dorso enrolled her son Eddie, and he was accepted because he had not been enrolled in Old Salem.

It was decided at the 2nd and 3rd district meetings that parents should continue trying to register their children in Ashland Clinic, even if they have been enrolled in Old Salem. And keep their children out of Old Salem.

If more children are accepted in Ashland we can try to integrate the school completely and the more children that are turned away the stronger our case against the Board of Education.

Why should the governments money be spent for a segregated school?

At the 3rd district meeting, a good suggestion was made by Mrs. Reaves. Each district leader should draw up a chart of the income of the people in their district. They could thus show which people need the most economic help, and which should receive jobs in federal programs such as operation Headstart.

A suit for integration has been failed against the Benton County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Education and others by the Citizens of Benton County, June 16, in Oxford, Miss.

The suit called for the total desegregation of Benton County schools.

The complaint, which listed 107 Old Salem Attendance Center Students and their parents as plaintiffs, asked the Court to enjoin the county from maintaining a bir-racial school system.

The suit asks that the defendants be prohibited from signing students or teachers to schools on a racial basis. It also asks the court to require the board to equalize pupil expenditures, teachers, salaries curriculaum, and transportation.

The complaint contends that the curricular and extra-curricular programs for the Old Salem Attendance Center are "highly inferior to that provided white children," and that the average class size in the Negro schools is greater than that of the white schools.

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Benton County school
members are accused, in the com-
plaint of failing to acknowledge
petition, signed by over 300 pa-
rents, sent them on April 26,
regarding the desegregation of the
county schools and asking for a
meeting with the board.

George Clinton entered a preliminary
injunction against the school bo-
ard and ordered them to bring
a plan in 1 month involving
desegregation of at least two
schools.
(though we are pushing for four.)

UNREGISTERED VOTERS

Ray Clardy
Epps
George Duncan
Anna Harris
Hoyle
Williams
Jeffers

It is awful that only a few
people went down to register this
week. Surely there are more people
than that in Benton County. You
have been saying that you didn't
have a chance to register before,
now you have it now and want
to register it.

There are any who pass you
could send your name to the
Freedom Train---Rte.2#99 Holly
Springs, 38635.

people whose children are en-
rolled in Ashland clinic were
invited to eat lunch at Ashland
Cafeteria on Monday, June 28, at
12:00.
The money for the lunch will
be 5¢. All parents whose
children go to Ashland are urged
to see the school.

ADDRESSES

Mrs. Lorisie Jones
I am working with the people
who have been turned down from wel-
fare assistance. Those that have
been turned down, there are some
people who may be able to help us
with our welfare problem.

If you think you should be get-
ting welfare go to the Welfare Dept.
and ask for an application.
If they don't give it to you, find
out why, if the answer is unfair
write to these people:
Rep. Adam Clayton Powell
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Donald Anderson
House Labor & Education Committee
Washington, D.C.

Dr. Evelyn Burness
University School of Social Work
2E-91 110 St New York, N.Y.

Senator Joseph Clark
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Congressman William F. Ryan
1517 New House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

If you get your application and
can't fill it out, I will be
able to help you with it.

Let us work together for the ad-
vancement of our county.

Mrs. Lorisie Jones
Rt. 2 #112
Holly Springs, Mississippi

MEMORIAL MARCH

My feet are tired, my back is weary. I need a place to rest. That sun just won't let me be, but I am determined to reach that burned spot in the woods, I will keep going for my pain surely is not as bad as the pain they had to endure during their last days on earth.

A hundred Negroes and whites gathered on a small hill under a great spreading oak in Neshoba County's backwoods Monday to memorialize the murder of three civil rights workers who disappeared exactly one year before.

About 70 marched to the lonely hill -where Mt. Zion Methodist Church was burned last June.

Dust hung in the air and the County side was still as they marched under a fierce sun in the open sky. Shopkeepers closed general stores with gas pumps in front as the column passed, then reopened immediately.

Dr. George Wiley of New York City, associate director of CORE recited the Gettysburg Address and looked at the two officers.

"The greatest memorial," he said "to the three slain civil rights workers is a living memorial given by you people of Neshoba County who have dared to step in the face of the arsenal of Sheriff Rainey and Sheriff Price.

The march was a memorial for James, Andy, and Michael but not only should it be remembered by all Negroes but by people like Rainey and Price and others.

We can lift our head to the heavens and say we are not afraid for deep in our hearts we believe we shall overcome TODAY.

JACKSON STORY

by Roy Munnally

We left for Jackson Wednesday morning the 16th, and arrived at Jackson about 1 the same evening.

Mrs. Jones, Balau Ayers, Lores & Jo Ann Doras, Mac Frances Harris, Mr. Henry Reaves, Sonny Reaves, and I went down in Mr. Reaves car.

Loyal and I had to come back to Holly Springs to get some more people to help in the march. We were in the Corvair going along just fine until we stopped at a red light, when it changed the other cars pulled off there we were our car wouldn't move.

Bob came back and pushed us off we got between the two cars and drove out of the city limit, then the car stopped, again we were pushed off.

After stopping and examining the car we found that the motor was falling out. We got into the other cars and drove to Holly Springs.

After we got back to Jackson we saw the people from Benton County they told us that Mrs. Jones had been arrested.

That night we sang some freedom songs at the Morning Star Temple we had people speak to us about what to look for.

We all ate a good meal for it would be the last time until we got out off jail.

We slept on concrete until Sunday when Mr. Reaves came and got us out of jail. We were glad to be out but sorry that we didn't stay until everyone like Mrs. Jones got out.

POETRY SECTION

WHEN THIS FIGHT IS OVER

by Altha Tipler

They used to be so friendly
They were kind hearted too
They used to be so humble
I believed that they were true.

But since one thing has happened,
It changed everything around.
They are as different
as the Country and Town.

One day they are going to be sorry,
it's all going to come to light, just you
wait and see--they will wish they had
treated their own folks right.

Just go a head Mister Tommie,
everything is going your way.
When this fight is over-----
You won't know what to say.

"TOMS"

by Carmen Jebber

In our school there are two kinds of Toms
Uncle Tom runs his mouth all night long
But he is not alone
he needs his helper
Aunt Tom.

Uncle Tom is the one that rattles
Aunt Tom is the one that rattles
Uncle Tom needs tape on his mouth
Aunt Tom needs a lip on here
to keep the news from leaking out.
