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ROSEA WILLIAMS SPEAKS AT MASS MEETING TUES.

Mr. Hosea Williams, co-leader of the Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference, returned to Grenada Tuesday and spoke to the standing room only crowd at the Bellflower Baptist Church mass meeting. Mr. Williams reminded the community that, since the beginning of the movement here when the demands were presented downtown, the Negroes of Grenada will not settle for less than an open city. He told the audience that throughout the entire country and in fact the entire world racial prejudice exists. "Our society is a sick society," Mr. Williams said, "with regard to the race issue." He went on to say that all over the country there are elements that are trying to figure out new ways to keep the Negro down. This has caused problems for the civil rights movement.

Grenada, now perhaps more than ever, has an opportunity to set the pace for Negro advancement toward a truly equal status in fact as well as in theory.

Mr. Williams reconfirmed SCLC's commitment to Grenada during his visit here. He stated that SCLC would stay here until every Negro has his equal rights and Grenada becomes an open city.

Mr. Williams also reported on some of the things SCLC has been doing through the Atlanta office. Mew Lee of the staff has been

active in the quest for federal and other programs that would be of value to Grenada. Among the programs that would be of benefit are low income rent subsidy housing (where the Gov. pays part of the rent); basic adult skills and vocational training (where the gov. pays seasonal farmers to go to school to learn family development skills; and leadership and community development training (where the Gov. assists in developing cooperative industries, etc). Mr. Williams pointed out that so far only preliminary investigation of these programs has been made. Much work will be necessary before they are approved.

RUN OFF ELECTION TO BE HELD NOV. 28th

The run off election between Mr. Talbert and Dr. James for city councilman for the 1st ward will be held on Mon., Nov. 28th. The Grenada County Freedom Movement is urging all registered Negroes to vote for Mr. Talbert in this election.

As a result of the movement's support before Mr. Talbert polled the highest number of votes in the first election. Since he did not get a majority, the run off is required. A campaign is being started to get out the vote in the run off for Mr. Talbert.

TEMPORARY INJUNCTION STILL ON JUDGE RULES

The Grenada County Chancery Court Judge K.R. Cofer overruled the motion to set aside the injunction against the B&P Enterprises in their attempt to build a Negro owned and operated supermarket. By overruling the motion the injunction will remain in full effect until the case comes up in court and is heard on its merits. It is scheduled for trial on Dec. 5th. At the regular court session the injunction will be made permanent or dissolved after both sides present their case.

Miss Marion Wright, attorney for B&P, said the earlier hearing was sought to try to obtain earlier release of the B&P funds held frozen at the bank. She stated that she is confident of winning the case in court or on appeal if necessary. She also said that federal court action is another possibility being contemplated.

This election is important not only for the purpose of electing a candidate of our choice for the predominantly Negro ward, but as a means to help prepare the newly registered Negro voters for the future as well.

Voting will be at the same polling places as before.

NEGROES LIFE BRUTAL
SAYS FLOWERS

Princeton, N.J.-

Alabama's attorney general Richmond M. Flowers, in a speech at Princeton University, described the life of the Southern Negro as one of "brutality, cruelty, and hate." He went on to say "To be a black man in America is like being lynched over and over again every day. The black man has had his grievances, and he should seek redress until every black man in America has a pride in his citizenship."

Attorney Flowers in speaking of the Ku Klux Klan added "I think the future of the Klan in the South lies with the failure or success of Gov. George Wallace (Gov. of Ala.). He accused Wallace of refusing to admit the existence of the Klan "even though they burned crosses three miles from Montgomery." The real danger is not from the Klan members most of whom are "bluffing buffons" according to Flowers. "It is the danger of sympathy from these people like Wallace who would not join, but who are glad it exists."

Flowers, in regard to the movement said, "I have seen state legislatures put the most ridiculous statutes on the books simply to effect discrimination, and the only way to test them is to violate them and go to jail."

Every Negro that reads this will easily recognize the truth of Attorney Flowers statements. The significant thing about them is that they come from an Ala. state official.

NORVELL TO START TWO
YEAR TERM FOR MEREDITH
SHOOTING

Aubrey James Norvell was convicted of assault with intent to kill and sentenced to five years. He is to start serving two years of the sentence at the Miss. State Penitentiary at Parchman on Dec. 2. Three years of the sentence were suspended by Judge Swango.

Norvell made a surprise appearance before the DeSoto County Circuit Court to enter a plea of guilty to the charge.

Meredith, when contacted about the conviction, said that the sheriff and prosecuting attorney had visited him at the hospital after the shooting and said they were serious and meant business with regard to the arrest and prosecution of the man responsible for the shooting. This conviction shows that they really did mean business.

Norvell still has to face a charge of pointing, aiming, and discharging a firearm at N.Z. Troutt, a special investigator for the Mississippi Highway Patrol. His trial on this charge is scheduled to come up in court on Nov. 26th. Mr. Finch, the prosecuting attorney, said he will have an announcement on this charge later this week. It may be that the charge will be put on file to be called to court later if the court sees fit.

The trial itself was notably different from most racial incident trials of national importance. The big difference was the presence of so few spectators and news-

OEO DEALT TRIPLE BLOW

R. Sargent Shriver, OEO Director, says the 89th Congress has dealt the War on Poverty a triple blow that has forced the curtailing of efforts in 1,000 American communities. The triple blow was described by Shriver as follows:

1. The money available for locally developed programs has been reduced and much of what is available has been set for Headstart.
2. Less overall money was given to OEO than was needed.
3. Programs that were not asked for were added by Congress and additional funds for these programs were not provided.

As a result of these changes Community Action Agencies will be hard hit. Few if any new agencies will be funded this year.

What this seems to mean is that the Federal programs that aid the adult poor the most, are the ones that will be hardest hit by this action of Congress. The programs that appeal to the public sentiment, like Headstart, will be retained. (Could this be another way for the haves to act paternalistic toward the have nots and at the same time assure that they remain have nots and in a state of subservience?)

men at this trial. White spectators were conspicuously absent. Amidst this relatively quiet courtroom, it appears as if justice has been achieved in a racial incident case in a Mississippi Circuit Court. Let us pray this can continue.

THOUGHTS FROM
THE EDITOR

On Tuesday of this week the nation took a few moments to remember the anniversary of the late President John F. Kennedy's assassination. It was three years ago when the assassin's bullet ended Kennedy's life. It was three years ago when a great friend of the Negro people died. In Negro homes, all across the land there are pictures of President Kennedy hung in places of prominence. He has a unique place in the hearts of us all. As we take a few moments to remember him, let us consider a few of the reasons why he holds this place.

First of all President Kennedy was a Catholic and as such had to fight against prejudice to get to be president. Because of this he had a kind of understanding of oppression and prejudice that can come only to those who have experienced it. He was able, therefore, to feel a special kind of kinship with the Negro. This was made evident, for example, when he asked those who cautioned the Negro to wait in his quest for freedom who would turn his color dark and exchange places and then still talk of "going slow."

Second, President Kennedy was a young man as president. His youthful vigor expressed a unique combination of optimism and action. His reference in his political campaign to the sixties as the new frontier struck a note of particular vibration within our community. He symbolized the truth that constructive action can effect changes at just the right time as

the freedom movement was concerned.

The yearning within the heart of the Negro came alive in part through his example and inspiration. It was during the sixties that the movement reached a peak of action, from the freedom rides on through the many battles that were necessary to obtain the new laws that gave a new measure of dignity to the Negro, through public accommodations in '64 and voting rights in '65.

Among President Kennedy's contributions that have been very little publicized was the establishment of a number of what have become known as president's committees. The most significant one of these here in Grenada has been the lawyer's committee. For the entire summer one or the other of these lawyers have been here working actively to assure the legal rights of the demonstrators. Most of the time the lawyer present was a volunteer serving without pay. Even now one of the lawyers is act-

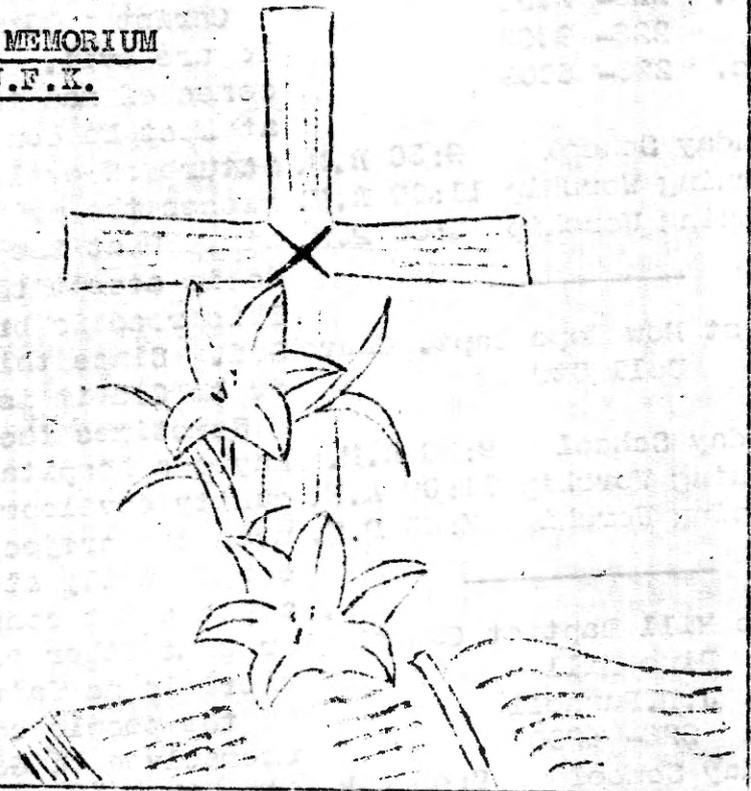
ive in the defence of the school children arrested in the recent school walkout.

It is little wonder, therefore, that the late President John F. Kennedy holds his special place in the hearts of the Negroes. It seems fitting now as we think of him that we recall a little of the spirit of active optimism and faith in God that he displayed so well and continue on in the struggle that has been started so well here in Grenada.

WHY VOTE

On next Monday there will be a run off election. Every registered Negro is being urged to vote. Many will not vote if this election follows the pattern of the past. Perhaps some think one vote doesn't count. That's wrong it does. Your vote makes you a citizen. If you don't vote but have registered you have accepted the right to citizenship but rejected its responsibility.

IN MEMORIAM
J.F.K.



BELLFLOWER BAPTIST CHURCH
 Pearl Water Streets
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 Tel. 226- 2738
 226- 9368
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Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

First New Hope Bapt. Church
 Bell Street

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.

Pine Hill Baptist Church
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 Tel. 226- 4290

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 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Wed. Prayer Ser. 7:30 P.M.

Spring Hill Baptist Church
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 Rev. J.E. Purnell
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Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Wed. Prayer Ser. 7:30 P.M.

Church of Christ
 Fox Street
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Sun. Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.
 Wed. Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
 Fri. Song Ser. 7:00 P.M.

Vincent Methodist Church
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 Rev. B.J. Cameron
 Tel. 226- 4683

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Youth Fellowship 6:00 P.M.
 Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.

New hymnals to be available at Vincent Chapel. The pastor asks everyone to get together and sing God's praises.

"The world cannot hate you but it hates me because I testify that its deeds are evil." (St. John 7:7)

Christ tells us that the deeds of the world are evil. He states clearly that what comes of man that is not centered in God can at best be centered in man. This has the nature of evil. What is not centered in God misses the point of life and, therefore, is sin. What the world does and expects us to do is accept the course of least resistance. This road is broad as it leads us away from God. Since this road does not lead us closer to God it is the way of evil, of sin.

Sometimes the world does a "good" work. Maybe a hospital is built or some other community development project. This does not mean the project comes of God, however. It could easily stem from selfish motives to appease the conscience of the major donors or some other equally selfish reason. If there is no faith included in the project, if the people concerned have not trusted themselves to God's direction in the activity, then the activity or their part in it at least stems from evil.

It is necessary that each of us search ourselves carefully before we take part in any project no matter how worthwhile it is. We must see if it is God's will that we be a part. If it is then you must be a part for you will not be at peace with yourself outside of it. If it isn't then it will be of the world as far as you are concerned and as such will be of the nature of evil.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pine Hill Baptist Church- The women, officers and the pastor invite you to come to help celebrate Women's Day 3:00 P.M. Sun. Nov. 27.

The staff of the Advocate is slowly being completed. A woman's editor has been added and as a result the Woman's Page feature will be added to the paper in next week's edition. It is expected that the teen page will be added at this time as well.

Please notify Miss Rosie Finley, 33 Water St., Tel. 226- 1193, of any news of social events etc. for the women's page.

SPECIAL FREEDOM APPRECIATION NIGHT
 Friday, Nov. 25th

sponsored by the
GRENADA COUNTY FREEDOM MOVEMENT
WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Come out to Bellflower for this program