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Selma: Karen House

This afternoon two boys, Theophilus Bailey, 14, and Edward Kidd, 18 of Selma were picked up by police for investigation. They had mock election ballots and were picked up on corner of Union Street and Small (near the church they had left). They were asked where they got the ballots and they said 'the church'. They were asked who gave them to them and they refused to give any names. The police tried to find out who the leaders were.

The boys were held in a room, not a cell. Karen and Charles Robertson went to the police station to find out why they were held and told 'for investigation'. When Att. Chestnut went over to find out what was happening they were released.

Today was the election for mayor and city council in Selma. Three Negroes ran for city council and a mock election was held for Mayor for all unregistered adults and young people between 18 and 20. Rev. Anderson ran on the Mock Election for Mayor. Ballots are being counted now and final results will be in later this evening.