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Shooting Suspect Will Go On Trial

Canton Man Is Accused Of Firing At Negroes

CANTON, Miss., June 30.—(UPI)—Ben P. Lewis, 43, goes on trial in Municipal Court here Monday on charges he fired a shotgun and wounded five Negroes near a voter registration meeting last week.

Lewis, a white service station operator, was arrested last Wednesday by Chief of Police Dan Thompson and was released under \$3,500 bond.

He was officially charged with unlawfully pointing and discharging the shotgun at Berniece McGruder, 23, Lee Carter, 23, Levey Jones, 20, Shirley Jean Dotson, 17, and Aggie Dotson, 16.

The Negroes were walking down West Peace Street in the vicinity of a Negro voter registration meeting when the shooting occurred.

Miss McGruder said she saw a white man standing in the door of the service station Lewis runs with a shotgun in his hands just after she heard the shot. She and the other four were treated at a local hospital for minor wounds.