

Interview with Mrs. Luella Hicks Sept. 17, 1962

On Monday September 17, 1962, Charles Price brought word that Mrs. Luella Hicks had lost her job. Mrs. Hicks worked at North Sunflower county Hospital, in Ruleville, Miss.

According to Mrs. Hicks she went on her vacation Sept. 3, 1962 and returned Sept. 17, 1962, she went to the hospital at the usual time, when she was about to start work James Wilson, came up to her and told her that Mrs. Gruttrude Wiggers the lady in charge sent him to tell her that another girl had been hired in her place. Mrs. Hicks then told James to tell Mrs. Wiggers she wanted to see her. Mrs. Hicks was told that Mrs. Wiggers did not have time to talk to her. Mrs. Hicks waited about three or four minutes and then told a girl working there to ask Mrs. Wiggers to come out and talk with her or tell her what had happened.

Mrs. Hicks have worked at the hospital 6 yrs. 11 mo. and 23 days. she have taken a vacation each year and this is the first time this have happened to her. She said that her mother-in-law and sister-in-law had gone down to register on Aug. 31 and that her husband had been fired from his job, he also had his bus taken from him, all because his mother went down to register. Mrs. Hicks have not gone down to register but she is a member of Williams Chapel, this is the church where the Citizenship Schools were held. Mrs. Wiggers have allegedly asked one of the Negro workers "What kind of meeting is going on at Luella's church". Williams Chapel is right across from the hospital.

Mrs. Hicks said that she did not receive any notice of her job being taken away.

Neither Mrs. or Mrs. Hicks is registered, but they both plan to go down with the next group.