

I FARMERS, ATTENTION!!!

For your benefit and to acquaint all rural people in Miss.
with the laws the U.S. Congress has enacted to raise the
income levels in poor rural areas the National Sharecroppers
Fund is sponsoring:

A Conference On

A BETTER LIFE FOR MISSISSIPPI FARM FAMILIES
Sponsored by National Sharecroppers Fund
Feb. 29 - March 1, 1964
Mt. Beulah Christian Center
Edwards, Mississippi

The conference will last two days, the Sharecroppers Fund
WILL PAY FOR YOUR ROOM AND BOARD FOR THE TWO DAYS.

On the reverse of this page is a tentative agenda. Examine
it closely in order to see what will take place at this
extremely important conference.

Attached to this page is an envelope and an application
blank. If you desire COFO to place a reservation for you,
please fill out this application and mail it to COFO.

A TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Purpose: To acquaint leaders of low-income farm and rural families with the opportunities offered by governmental agencies to improve their economic position.

Saturday, February 29

- 10:00 a.m. Registration
- 11:00 a.m. Informal get-together and discussion of needs and questions that need answering.
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Rural Areas Development
Building for a Better Future--Jac Wasserman, Project Director, National Sharecroppers Fund
What RAD Can Mean to the Small Farmer--L.A. Potts, Special Ass't to the Secretary, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
Role of Technical Action Panels in Bringing Together Available USDA Resources--T.B. Fatheree, State Director, Farmers Home Administration
Role of State Extension Service in Aiding Low-Income Farmers--W.M. Bost, Director, Miss. Extension Service
- 4:00 p.m. Questions and Discussion
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Address: "How Small Farms Fit into Today's Agricultural Economy"--A.L. Edwards, Dep. Ass't Sec'y, USDA
- 8:30 p.m. Workshops with RAD Panel and Resource Specialists

Sunday, March 1

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Credit Programs for Farm and Rural People
-Through Farmers Home Administration--T.B. Fatheree
-Through Credit Unions--Donald R. Slatton, Managing Director, Miss. Credit Union League
-Through Farm Credit Banks--Neal Pendleton, President, New Orleans Bank for Cooperatives
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. The Role of Farmer Cooperatives
Job K. Savage, Director, Management Services Division, Farmer Cooperative Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
E.G. Spivey, General Manager, Miss. Federated Coops
- 3:00 p.m. Questions and Discussion
- 4:00 p.m. Adjournment

Application Form To Attend Farmers Conference

Name _____

(first)

(middle)

(last)

Address _____

(street/or RFD)

(city or town)

(county)

Phone No _____

or phone of a friend or relative _____

Check one; I am a

farm owner

sharecropper

farm worker

other

farm tenant

State what duties

you perform as a farmer _____

If you own your own land; how many acres _____

what is your cotton allotment _____

Have you ever been visited by your extension agent

yes _____

no _____

" " " applied for a government loan

yes _____

no _____

Can you bring any other farmers to the conference with you yes ___ no ___

if so how many _____

Do you have transportation

yes _____

no _____

Are you a registered voter

Yes _____

no _____

Have you paid your poll tax

yes _____

no _____