

Saturday, June 12, 1965

MONTGOMERY COUNTY - Montgomery
-Nothing happening

DALLAS COUNTY - Selma

- The county registration office was open last Monday. While more than 300 persons were processed, others were still waiting when the office was closed for the day. Middlebrooks says it appears that things are opening up a little.
- On Thursday, June 3, the federal referee added 86 people to the list of registered voters. These had been failed by the Dallas County Board of Registrar for various reasons.
- The Citizenship Schools and the city-wide boycott are working well. Wilson Baker, Police Chief, said on the radio that the city police would do all they could to stop people who were pressuring other people not to buy downtown.
- Gov. George Wallace invited a large group of newsmen from out of the state to travel around Alabama and see for themselves what the state was "really like." Harold Middlebrooks reports on their visit to Selma, Monday, June 7.

1. As the group came into town, they stopped to see the spot on Highway 80 where Mr. Liuzzo was murdered. They were met by a group of 7-10 local people having a vigil for the three who have been killed in the Alabama vote drive. The local people also had a wreath bearing the three names

2. Their bus passed Brown's Chapel and 200 people were outside singing freedom songs while a mass meeting was going on inside.

3. As they approached City Hall, another group of local Negroes was seen approaching with picket signs and the bus kept on going.

4. When they went by the County Court House, they could see a large crowd of Negroes standing in the rain waiting to be processed for registration.

5. The next day, 6 of the newsmen returned to Selma and talked to SCLC and SNCC workers.

6. The group was scheduled to have a barbecue at the Memorial Stadium, but the barbecue was picketed by Negroes and they got back in their bus and left.

WILCOX COUNTY - Camden

- Last Monday, when the registration office in Camden was open, 60 to 70 people were in line to register. At about 10:00 AM. the registrar came out and said that they had run out of forms. Most of the people stayed in line until 2:00 PM when registration was begun again. During the entire day, only 14 were allowed to take the test.
- A Junior SCLC club for teenagers is being formed in Wilcox County and is having a dance this afternoon from 2 to 6 in the Masonic Hall. The Martinis, a band from Selma is going to play. They hope to make this a regular affair.

DALLAS COUNTY - Orrville

- A very large number of Negro farmers are being put off their land in Orrville for trying to register, and for other reasons. They make, on the average, \$1.00 to \$1.25 for a twelve-hour working day. The highest wage is \$2.50 per day. These people are in desperate need of tents or some place to live and eat.