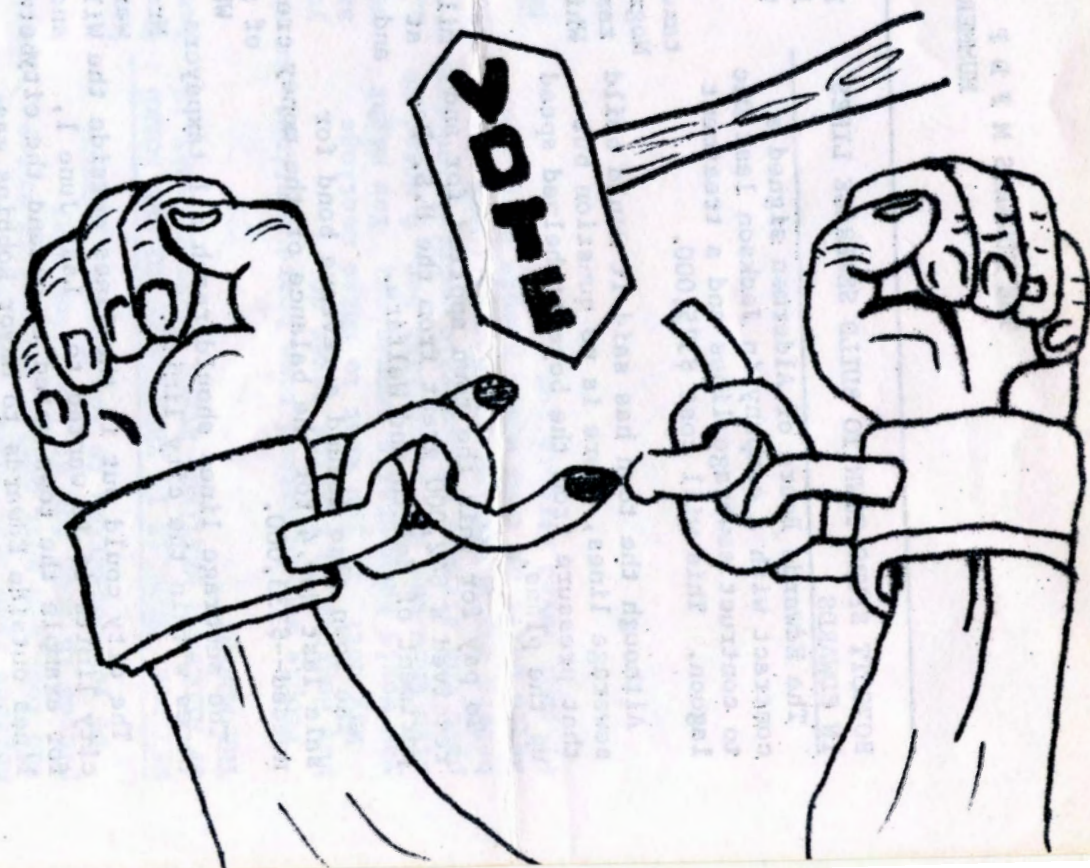


THE POWER OF YOUR VOTE



January 25, 1967

**BOYCOTT SPURS TOWN TO BUILD SEWERAGE LINES
IN EDWARDS**

The Edwards Board of Aldermen signed a contract with a company in Jackson last Dec to construct sewerage lines and a treatment lagoon. This will cost \$375,000.

Although the town has said it would build sewerage lines, there is no question but that pressure from the boycott helped speed up the plans.

To pay for this the town applied for and received a \$42,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Welfare.

The town also issued a revenue bond for sale last Nov. 4 for the balance of the money needed--\$333,000.

The sewerage lines should reach all taxpayers homes within the city limits.

The city could put in the lines outside the city limits if it wanted to. Last June 1, for example the town voted to extend the city lines outside Edwards to Mayor Robbins gas station. The town could provide sewerage lines to taxpayers, both black and white, who live in the Fairgrounds section and other places.

WHY DIDN'T NEGROES IN EDWARDS KNOW ABOUT THIS?

Part of the reason is our own fault. We don't ask the right questions sometimes because we're afraid.

But also we don't know the law which says that all official public notices must be published in the Edwards Hummer. Very few Negroes read that paper. The law also says the town can post public notices in three places in town for at least ten days.

Do you subscribe to the Edwards Hummer?

WHY DONT NEGROES IN EDWARDS GO TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS EVERY FIRST TUESDAY IN THE MONTH?

People should attend town board meetings but Negroes in Edwards never do.

Why not? If you went to these meetings you would know what's happening. You might also know why the board last Dec. 6 voted to pave the streets of Woodvale subdivision even before any whites moved in--yet there are Negro parts of town where people have gone without paved streets for years.

**REAL-ESTATE TAXES IN EDWARDS INVESTIGATED
FOR UNEQUAL ASSESSMENTS. ATTORNEYS IN-
VESTIGATING.**

Most Negro taxpayers were amazed at the taxes they had to pay this year. Almost all Negroes had their taxes raised. Many had their taxes raised by 100 per cent. Only a few Whites had their taxes raised that much.

The White folks worked it like this: they raised the rate of taxation from 13 to 15 mills. That means if your house was valued at \$1000 you paid \$13 at the 13 mill rate and \$15 at the 15 mill rate.

Then the city assessor Mrs. Harrell, increased the assessments (the estimated value of property) on Negroes very greatly, and on Whites, very little if any at all. For example Mr. V.J. Angelo, T.R. Armstrong Mrs. Aline Askew and KIM Birdsong assessments were not raised since last year. But Mr. William Barker, Percy Bland and Otis Battle and their wives had their assessments raised between \$500 and \$1500.

Several Negro taxpayers asked Mr. Sam Tupper, town alderman, why their taxes were raised. He told one man, "You all got us messed up with that boycott and all those lawsuits, so you should pay more taxes."

WHY DON'T NEGRO CITIZENS LOOK AT THE EDWARDS TOWN BOOKS?

The town books, which are called the minutes, are public records and the city clerk Mrs. Edmunson must permit any citizen to look at them.

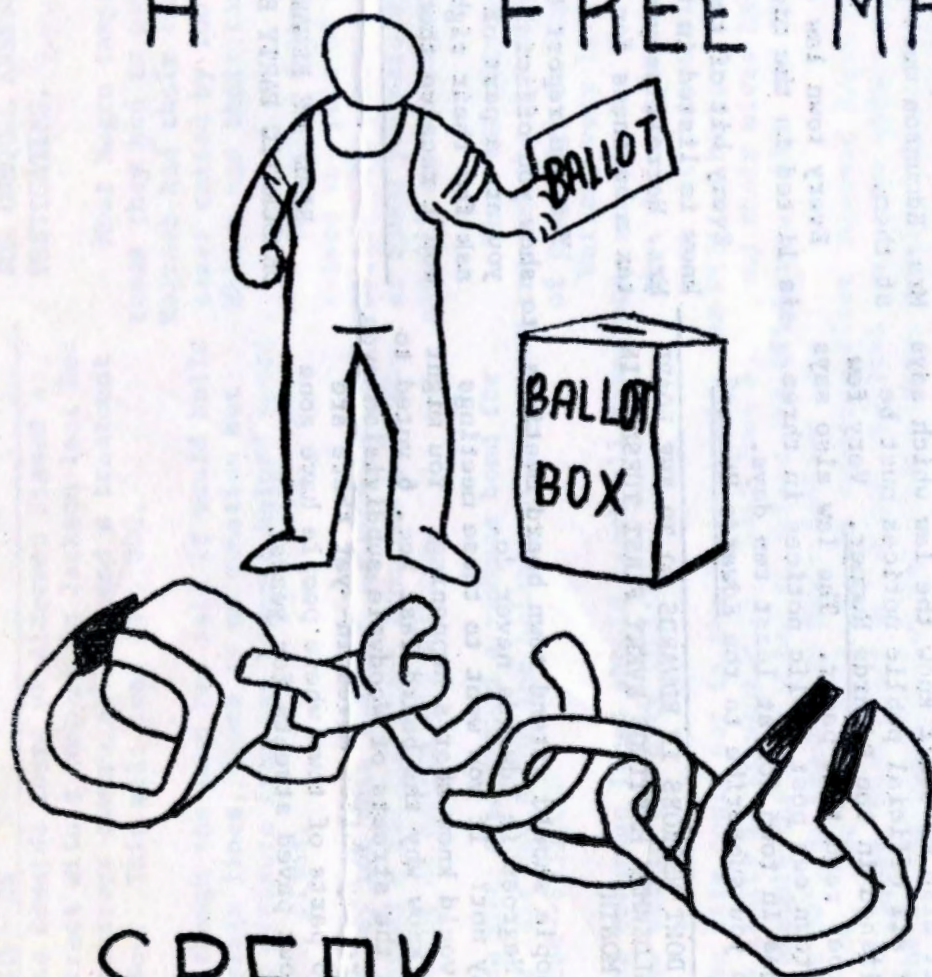
Every town law (which is called Ordinance) is listed in the minutes.

Every bit of tax information you want to know is listed in the tax assessor's book. Mrs. Harrell as you know is in charge of all tax a business for the town.

You can report town officials who fail to show you official public records. Remember--you are a part of the public. Negroes must ask for their rights under law or else they won't receive them.

READ THE EDWARDS, MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM
DEMOCRATIC PARTY BLACK & WHITE HUMMER

YOUR VOTE IS
THE VOICE OF
A FREE MAN



SPEAK

THE WAY YOU GET YOUR VOTING VOICE

First
YOU
REGISTER



Second - You learn about the people running for office so you choose men who will represent you.



Third - Read the newspapers and study the problems and the promises the candidates make. Find the man who will work for you!



Fourth - Vote in the primary.



FINALLY

VOTE!



TO CHOOSE
Elected Offices

Governor
Mayor
Sheriff
Probate - Judge
Commissioners
Tax Assessor
Tax Collector
Circuit - Solicitor
Circuit - Judge
Board of Education

DO THEY REPRESENT
YOU???

REPRESENT

means Listen
To you and
work
for

YOU

Did You Know these Important Dates?

THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP US ELECT GOOD PEOPLE TO OFFICE THIS NOV. 7, 1967.

1967

January 18	Last day to register with <u>federal registrar</u> to be able to vote in March 4 election.
March 4	Election of 1 school trustee in most school districts.
June 9	Last day to qualify as a candidate for the August 8 primary.
June 9	Last day an independent candidate may qualify for the <u>November 7 general election</u> by filing <u>petitions</u> .
June 24	Last day to register with <u>federal registrar</u> to be able to vote in <u>August 8 primary</u> .
July 7	Last day to register with <u>circuit clerk</u> to be able to vote in the November 7 general election.
July 8	Last day to register with <u>circuit clerk</u> to be able to vote in the <u>August 8 primary election</u> .
August 8	Primary election to choose party candidates for November 7.
August 29	Second primary, if necessary, for the November 7 election.
September 23	Last day to register with <u>federal registrar</u> to vote November 7.
November 7	General election of a <u>Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Education, Public Service Commissioners, Land Commissioner, Supreme Court Clerk, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, Highway Commissioners, State Senators and Members of the House of Representatives, District Attorneys, Clerks of Circuit and Chancery Courts, Sheriffs.</u> <u>Members of the Boards of Supervisors, Justice of the Peace, Constables, Coroners, Assessors, County Attorneys, Surveyors.</u>

YOU TOO CAN BE A CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE IN 1967. FREEDOM MEANS RESPONSIBILITY.
DON'T BE CAUGHT SHORT WITHOUT THE PROPER INFORMATION. REMEMBER THESE DEADLINES.

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