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FINAL REGISTRATION LAW

Arkansas finally has a voter registration law. The law passed by the state legislature eliminating the poll tax was ruled unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court. In effect the ruling has created a "dual system" of registration: a poll tax is required for state elections while federal elections are free.

The registration books will be open from now and until October 1st in order to register for the November elections. To vote for any state office (this includes local positions such as mayor, sheriff), one must pay a poll tax of \$1.00. This registration automatically registers one to vote for any federal office (President or Congress).

If one wants to vote only in the federal election he can do so by registering without paying a poll tax. However, he cannot vote in the state election.

We urge everyone to go down to the Court House and register to vote for the coming November election. Make sure you register for the state elections (by paying the \$1.00 poll tax) so that the united voting of the Negro can move some of our segregationist state and local politicians out of office. We have the potential power here because we are a large percentage of the population. By registering and voting we can get representation for the first time. Register to vote to be Free. One Man * One Vote

NEVER TOO OLD TO VOTE

PINE BLUFF - 94 year old Mrs. Anna Clay (known to the SNCC staff as Aunt Anna), registered to vote this week for the first time in her life.

Mrs. Clay, great aunt of SNCC field secretary Bruce Jordan, said "I went down to register to see what that equality was all about." She said that she intends to vote in the November election if she is well enough.

Mrs. Clay, born in 1870, had 10 sisters and brothers born before "surrender". She spent most of her life doing domestic work for white people and never earned more than \$2.50 a week.

VOICE DRIVE BRINGS ARRESTS

STAR CITY - Two more arrests this week of voter registration workers, a total of three in the past two weeks, has proven to be an effort by Lincoln County to stop voter registration of Negroes.

Bruce Jordan, field secretary for SNCC, was arrested on April 15th for an improper left turn and suspicion of car theft. (He was arrested last week on two other traffic violations.) On the following day Jordan was tried for both arrests. He was fined \$111.50 for having no light over the license plate (although it was in the afternoon). The bond for this first arrest was \$223 and another \$1,000 for each charge on the second arrest brought the total bond to \$2,223. (He was bonded out on Saturday.)

On Thursday Bill Hansen, director of the Arkansas project, was arrested here while trying to arrange bond for Jordan's release. Hansen suspected that he would be arrested before he went to Star City. In a phone conversation with Jimmy Best, Star City chief of police, Hansen was told only he could come to claim the car Jordan was arrested in.