

Information Letter No. 6

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NOTE TO SOUTHERN STAFF

The first five (5) Information Letters have gone to Louisiana staff only, and most of the information was only concerned with Louisiana Parishes. However, it shall now serve as a Southern Information Letter, and will go out to all Southern Staff from the Research Office. Attached is a supplement for staff outside of Louisiana, containing a few notices from earlier Information Letters. Suggestions and criticisms for improving these letters are welcome. These letters do not go out on a regular schedule, only when I have sufficient material. Each state will not necessarily be mentioned in each issue.

SOUTHERN NEGRO VOTER STATISTICS

<u>State</u>	<u>Tot. Negro Reg. 11/64</u>	<u>Increase since 4/62</u>	<u>% of elig. Negroes reg.</u>	<u>% Negro of total reg.</u>	<u>% of eligible white reg.</u>	<u>% Negro vot. age</u>
Alabama	111,000	42,700	23.0	10.4	70.7	26.2
Arkansas	95,000	26,000	49.3	13.2	72.9	18.4
Florida	300,000	117,500	63.7	12.0	84.0	15.2
Georgia	270,000	94,500	44.0	16.8	74.5	25.4
Louisiana	164,700	13,000	32.0	13.7	80.4	28.5
Mississippi	28,500	4,500	6.7	5.2	70.1	36.0
No. Carolina	258,000	47,500	46.8	11.7	92.5	21.5
So. Carolina	144,000	53,100	38.8	17.0	78.5	29.3
Tennessee	218,000	67,100	69.4	14.4	72.9	14.9
Texas	375,000	133,000	57.7	12.5	53.2	11.7

Unregistered Negroes of Voting Age: Ala.-370,000, Ark.-98,000 Fla.-170,000, Ga.-343,000
La. - 350,000, Miss.-394,000, N.C.-293,000, S.C.-227,000
Tenn.-96,000, Texas-275,000.

STATE WELFARE LAWS

I hope to soon have copies of the welfare laws of all southern states. So far, I only have Louisiana, but have sent a copy of Mississippi Welfare Laws to the project in Canton. Copies of these laws may be ordered from your State Dept. of Public Welfare, which is probably located in the state capitol.

"SEARCHING SERVICE"

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census has a "searching service" to help individuals obtain evidence to establish legal proof of age, place of birth, and citizenship. Such a service may be very useful for people seeking social security benefits, pension or estate shares, some forms of insurance, voter registration, etc. A fee of \$4.00 is charged for a search of not more than two censuses for information about one person. This covers the cost of a single copy of the information. Additional copies cost \$1.00 each. An expedited search costs \$5.00. The faster search is normally completed within two weeks, whereas a regular search may take from four to six weeks.

Persons needing this type of assistance for social security purposes should apply to their local Social Security office. Others should write to the Personal Census Service Branch, Bureau of the Census, Pittsburg, Kansas, 66762, for an application form.

NOTE ON CO-OPS

Urban co-ops can be financed through Title IV of the Economic Opportunity Act, which is carried out through the Small Business Administration; rural co-ops through Title III through the Farmers Home Administration (FHA).

FRANCHISE SERVICE FOR MINORITIES

The United States Department of Commerce has announced a new service to provide members of minority groups with information about available business franchise opportunities. Under the service, a register will be kept of firms which award their franchises without regard to race, color, religion or national origin. The initial group of franchise firms consists of 18 firms encompassing a variety of retail and service business franchises which require an initial capital investment ranging from about \$600. to 50,000.

The group firms includes the following: A & W Root Beer Co., Santa Monica, California; Beltone Electronics Corporation, Chicago, Illinois; Chicken Delight, Inc., Rock Island, Illinois; Chip's Franchise System, Rocky Mount, North Carolina; Dari-Delight, Los Angeles, California; Dairy Queen, St. Louis, Mo.; Denny's Coffee Shop, La Mirada, California; Dunkin' Donuts of America, Inc., Quincy, Massachusetts; Duraclean Co., Deerfield, Illinois; International House of Pancakes, North Hollywood, California; Martin Equipment Sales, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mister Donut of America, Inc., Westwood, Massachusetts; Servisoft, Division of Waterco, Rockfield, Illinois; Snap-On-Tools Corp., Kenosha, Wisconsin; United Rent-alls, Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska; Wade, Wenger Service Master, Downers Grove, Illinois; Western Auto Supply Co., Kansas City, Missouri; and Ziebart Rustproofing Co., Detroit, Mich.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has offered support to eligible franchise firms through the small business loan program for qualified applicants and through its management assistance program.

More information available on request from CORE/Research.

MISSISSIPPI FARMER GETS ANTI-POVERTY LOAN

With the help of CORE workers in Leake County, Mississippi, Elton Wilder, 55 year old Negro farmer in Carthage received \$2,270 for 15 years to refinance a short-term mortgage which is overdue against his 63-acre farm, carry out farm development work, purchase livestock and to pay farm operating expenses on his 1965 crop. In addition to operating his farm, Mr. Wilder had been working at a sawmill until he became partially disabled six years ago. He is only able to work four to six hours a day now but with the help of his wife and three children will be able to carry out a farming operation which includes the production of livestock. The loan will enable the family to double their gross annual income which last year totaled \$780. The loan was made through the Farmers Home Administration (FHA) with funds from the Economic Opportunity Act.

More information on this type of loan is available for Louisiana staff in Information Letter No. 4, and for Southern Staff in the attached supplement.

FEDERAL MONEY IN SOUTH

Many workers have been requesting lists of federal funds in their individual counties. At present, no such lists are available, and it is difficult to obtain information about federal funds by location. However, I am trying to accumulate such information, and will get it out to you as soon as it is available. In the meantime, if there is a particular organization that you wish to know about (school, agency, business, industry, institution, etc.) I can probably find out if it has federal funds.

CORE SOUTHERN NEWS LETTER TO BEGIN THIS MONTH

The Southern Office hopes to issue a south-wide newsletter of CORE activities later this month. In order to have your activities included in these newsletters, you are urged to continue sending regular field reports to the Southern Office. This is an important communication between projects and the Southern Office, and with each other. Your cooperation is valued.

JOB CORPS

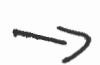
I received a new shipment of material on the Job Corps - posters, picture booklets, application forms, and I'll soon be receiving more film strips and records. I will send these materials out to you on request; however would prefer to have any field workers who get to New Orleans stop in the office to pick-up these items, since they are bulky to send.

FLORIDA PUBLICATION

A publication that might be useful to workers in Florida is Statistics of Personal Income, Population, Taxation, and Construction for Florida and Florida Counties, 1964, 68 pp. which is available from the University of Florida Press, 15 N.W. 15th Street, Gainesville, Florida. The cost is \$3.09. -- If Florida workers don't want it for their office, how 'bout buying it for mine ???

LOUISIANA - LIST OF MANUFACTURERS AVAILABLE

On request, I will provide a list of all manufacturers in each parish who have 100 or more employees.



LOUISIANA - CONCORDIA PARISH ASCS INFORMATION (Supplement to pages 23-29 of handbook)

1. County Office Manager - Ross A. Giamanco, Office Manager
Concordia ASCS County Committee
P.O. Box 668
Vidalia, Louisiana
2. Mailing List
 - a) 696 farmers on list
 - b) made up of farmers who have participated in one or more of the ASCS Programs
3. Elections
 - a) held by mail
 - b) an average of 366 farmers voted in each of the last 5 elections
 - c) there are 5 ASC Communities in Concordia - find out boundaries
4. Programs
 - a) the following programs are carried out in Concordia through ASC - crop allotment, soil conservation
 - b) farmers are notified of these programs by radio, newspaper, and periodic letters

LOUISIANA - NEGRO POPULATION IN 5 PRINCIPAL CITIES

<u>Area</u>	<u>Negro Population</u>	<u>% Negro of Total</u>
Baton Rouge	72,921	31%
Lake Charles	30,327	21%
Monroe	30,721	32%
New Orleans	267,303	30%
Shreveport	95,584	33%

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 - TITLE VII

On July 2, 1965 Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 goes into effect. This law requires nondiscrimination for employers and unions with 100 or more workers. In preparation for this, you might write to your local Chamber of Commerce for lists of businesses and industries in your city, with the number of employees they have. They should provide such a list. If not, I may be able to get some of this information for you.

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