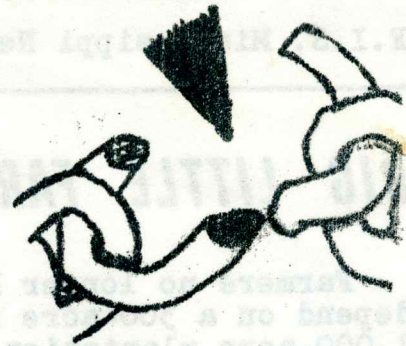




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EVERS says "DON'T GO"

Charles Evers, Mississippi field secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has asked Mississippi Negroes not to go into the armed forces until there are Negroes on the draft boards.

He said, "There is not a white person in Mississippi that would allow his son to be drafted by an all-Negro draft board. It's not fair for us to be called by all whites.

Mr. Evers said he contacted both President Johnson and Governor Johnson. The Governor said he didn't answer Evers because "I do not consider him to be one who expresses the opinion of the people of the state he claims to represent." (Jackson Daily News, June 3, 1967)

Evers says he is not protesting the war and he is not against the military draft itself. He is just saying that Negroes should have a say about who goes into the armed forces.

According to the Jackson paper, Evers said, "We have used every legal means we know how. Now we ask that all our young men refuse to go into the armed forces." He said he wanted Negroes to refuse to step forward when called for the draft and instead ask for a hearing.

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State Meeting

3-5 representatives from each county running Black candidates are asked to attend a meeting at Mileston Community Center (Holmes County) at 1 P.M. this Sunday, June 11, 1967. The meeting will be to work out a state-wide schedule of workshops for candidates; to discuss campaign strategies and fund-raising; and to discuss "legal and political ways of assuring Negro election managers picked by Negro political organizations."

Young men of draft age might also like to know the following addresses for information:

John Reynolds, Central Committee
for Conscientious Objectors
510 Depot Street
Greensboro, Alabama 36744

Draft Resisters Union
P.O. Box 2647
New Orleans, Louisiana 70116

American Friends Service Committee
P.O. Box 4325, Fondren Station
Jackson, Mississippi 39216

BIG LITTLE FARMERS

Farmers no longer have to depend on a 300-acre farm or 1,000-acre plantation, even though the less than 100-acre farms are fast disappearing.

There is a great opportunity for a farm with less than $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre to make more net profit or gross than the average 50-acre farm. This opportunity awaits small farmers in the area of hothouses.

These hothouses can be built cheaply and there are F.H.A. loans to help pay for the construction.

A good opportunity awaits farmers who would like to get in now and become professionals in growing crops in hothouses.

The Extension Service will give you all the information, and the Farmers Home Administration will provide low-income families with the needed credit.

The National Sharecroppers Fund encourages people to see about the possibility of hothouses on their farms or small plots of land. A half acre can gross \$10,000 to \$15,000 or more.

Check with your county agent for further information or write to me at 2243 Whitfield Mill Road, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213.

-- James Mays, Mississippi representative, National Sharecroppers Fund

Candidates in PRIMARY ELECTIONS have to turn in a statement of the campaign contributions they have received, on the 1st and 15th of every month after they file AND on the 5th of August. These go to the circuit clerk for local candidates and the secretary of state for others.

Voting Rights on Trial

A federal district judge has heard the evidence in a lawsuit filed because of police violation of the Voting Rights Act.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Mr. Perry Hamer, Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer and a white student, all of whom have been doing voter registration work in Sunflower County.

Mr. Hamer was arrested for speeding in Drew, Mississippi, by Police Chief Curtis Floyd. The papers filed in court by civil rights lawyers say that Mr. Hamer was not speeding and that he was arrested only because he was driving in and out of Drew helping in a voter registration drive.

The lawsuit is asking that the City of Drew should not be allowed to put Mr. Hamer on trial and that the police chief should not be allowed to harass, threaten, or discourage voter registration workers.

Lawyers for both sides now have to write "briefs" telling the judge how they think the federal law applies to this case.

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An all-white jury in Grenada decided that the eight white men on trial did not attack Negro children going to the integrated school. The jury said that the men were Not Guilty of interfering with a federal court order to desegregate the schools last fall.

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R E G I S T E R N O W ! ! !

PRIMARY CANDIDATES must also file a statement of their campaign expenses within 30 days after the primary election.

BLACK CANDIDATES: 106+

IN THE PRIMARY, AUGUST 8, 1967

Amite County

State Representative, District 42,
Post 42 - E.W. Steptoe, Sr.

Attala County

Beat 1 Constable - James Carr
Beat 1 J.P. - Dock Drummond

Claiborne County

Sheriff - Calvin Williams
Circuit Clerk - Frederick Carr
Beat 1 Supervisor - William
Matt Ross
Beat 1 Constable - Leander Monroe
Beat 1 J.P. - Alexander Collins
Beat 2 Supervisor - James Gray
Beat 2 J.P. - L.C. Lipscomb

Coahoma County

State Representative - Walter
Jones
Beat 2 J.P. - Rev. Dan Ferguson
Beat 3 Supervisor - Rev. Tobe
Boykins
Beat 3 J.P. - Charles Jones
Beat 4 Supervisor - R.L. Drew
Beat 4 J.P. - J.W. Wright
Beat 4 Constable - Ted Pollard

Copiah County

Beat 1 Supervisor - John L.
Chase, Sr.
Beat 1 J.P. - Rev. Ellis Blackwell

Harrison County

State Representative, District 51,
Post 7 - Rev. Famous McElhaney

Hinds County

State Representative, District 30,
Post 6 - Jacob L. Reddix
Beat 1 Supervisor - Henry Carter
Beat 1 J.P., Post 1 - Will Lindsey
Beat 4 Supervisor - Jesse Montgomery
Beat 4 Constable, Post 2 - Henry
Hatches

Jefferson County

Sheriff - Will T. Turner
Tax Assessor - William D. Smith
Beat 2 Supervisor - Claudie Bailey
Beat 2 J.P. - Mrs. Martha Lee
Beat 3 Supervisor - Ferd Allen
Beat 3 J.P. - Willie Thompson
Beat 3 Constable - Earlie Lott, Sr.
Beat 5 Supervisor - Sylvester
Gaines

Madison County

Chancery Clerk - Arthur Tate
Beat 1 Supervisor - Robert Chinn, Jr.
Beat 1 Constable - Frank Williams
Beat 4 Supervisor - W.E. Garrett

Marion County

Beat 5 Supervisor - J.D. Daniels

Marshall County

Sheriff - Alfred (Skip) Robertson;
Lannie Cummings, Jr.
Circuit Clerk - Oscar L. Fant
Chancery Clerk - Rev. Clifton Whit
Coroner - Osborn Bell
Beat 1 Supervisor - Rev. James
Murdock
Beat 3 Supervisor - Charlie Polk
Beat 4 Constable - McEwen Walker

Montgomery County

Beat 1 Supervisor - Rev. Arthur
L. Ward

Simpson County

Beat 1 J.P., Post 2 - Rev. George
W. Logan

Wilkinson County

Sheriff - Mon C. Allen
Superintendent of Education -
Anselm J. Finch
Beat 1 Supervisor - James Jolliff,
Jr.
Beat 2 Supervisor - Bill Ferguson
Beat 4 Supervisor - Tom Griffin

TOTAL - 53

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Killing, Boycott in Rankin

The Rankin County Movement for Progress has declared a boycott on all white stores in Beat Three and Brandon as a result of the killing of a young man by a Highway Patrolman. A list of demands, including the firing of the patrolman, are being written and they will be presented to local officials.

Mr. Earnest Rogers, 23, of Fannin was shot in the stomach last Saturday night by Patrolman W.T. Tutor, who stopped him for having an improper muffler. It is reported that Tutor got Rogers and a friend out of the car to search them because they had been drinking. When Rogers asked why they were being arrested, the patrolman hit him with a flashlight. Rogers then turned in some way to defend himself and he and the patrolman fought.

A coroner's jury that included one Negro man decided that it was "justifiable homicide" - that the patrolman was not wrong in killing Rogers.

Several Ku Klux Klan rallies have taken place near where Rogers was killed, and one had been held earlier that same night on the land of a white man who is running for constable.

Candidates

The Freedom Information Service has some books that will help you. They are:

- County Government in Miss.
- Handbook for Constables
- Handbook for Justices of the Peace
- Handbook for Supervisors (almost ready)
- Board of Supervisors cartoon book

We will be working on books for poll watchers and poll officials.

Let us know what other information you need.

To get these books, write to
Freedom Information Service
Box 120
Tougaloo, Mississippi 39174

There is no charge for one or two copies of these books, but please send us news on your campaign and copies of your campaign literature.

Stokeley Carmichael of SNCC spoke at community meetings held Monday and Tuesday night. He called for unity of the people when one is attacked. He said, "Jesus was told not to come into Jerusalem, but he did. He came in with a thousand of his followers and nobody put a hand on him."

The Newsletter of the Rankin County Movement for Progress says, "Earnest Rogers should be living today. They are slowly killing off the Negro race and nothing is being done about it." They ask for money and letters to be sent to Mrs. Anna Lee Rogers, General Delivery, Fannin, Mississippi 39042. She has an 18-month old child.

Negro Election Officials

Negroes in Yazoo and Hinds counties are formally asking their county election commissions to appoint Negroes as election officials.

In Hinds, the F.D.P. has said, "If the whites don't do this, the FDP promises to file a lawsuit and declare the 1967 county elections void."

Candidates cont'd

AS INDEPENDENTS IN THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 1967

Bolivar County

State Senate - Thomas Moore
 State Representative - Rev. Sammy Rash
 Beat 1 Supervisor - Mrs. Ethel Lee Gadison
 Beat 2 Supervisor - Frank Davis
 Beat 3 Supervisor - Kermit Stanton

Carroll County

Beat 3 Supervisor - James Dixon
 Beat 3 Constable - Johnny Applewhite
 Beat 3 J.P. - L.C. Smith
 Beat 4 Supervisor - Lynn Collins

DeSoto County

Beat 4 Supervisor - Philip McKinney

Harrison County

Beat 2 Constable - Milton Toles

Hinds County

State Representative, District 30,
 Post 5 - Alfred H. Rhodes, Jr.
 Beat 2 Supervisor - D. Lofton Mason
 Beat 2 J.P., Post 1 - L.C. Leach
 Beat 3 Supervisor - Rev. J.L. Brown

Holmes County

State Representative - Robert Clark
 Sheriff - Robert Smith
 Circuit Clerk - Mrs. Mary High-tower
 Beat 1 Supervisor - T.C. Johnson
 Beat 1 Constable - Ed McGaw
 Beat 2 Supervisor - Ward Montgomery
 Beat 2 J.P. - Vernon Tom Griffin
 Beat 3 Supervisor - John Malone
 Beat 4 Supervisor - Willie James Burns
 Beat 5 Supervisor - Ralthus Hayes
 Beat 5 J.P. - John Daniel Wesley

Issaquena County

Beat 4 Supervisor - Roosevelt Sias
 Beat 4 J.P. - Mrs. Unita Blackwell
 Beat 4 Constable - Melvin Smith
 Beat 5 Supervisor - Willie Duffy
 Beat 5 J.P. - Matthew Walker

Madison County

State Representative, District 29,
 Post 1 - George Raymond
 Circuit Clerk - Fred Singleton
 Beat 3 Supervisor - Bennie L. Thompson
 Beat 3 J.P., Post 1 - Ellis Saddler
 Beat 3 J.P., Post 2 - Floyd Moore
 Beat 3 Constable, Post 1 - H.L. Gray, Sr.
 Beat 3 Constable, Post 2 - Herbert McDonald
 Beat 4 Constable - J.C. Harris
 Beat 5 J.P. - U.S. Rimmer

Pike County

Beat 1 Constable - Harold T. McGee

Quitman County

Beat 3 Supervisor - Rev. L.C. Coleman

Rankin County

Beat 3 Supervisor - John Q. Adams
 Beat 3 J.P. - Joe Sidney Tucker
 Beat 3 Constable - Eli Watson

Sunflower County

State Senate - Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer
 Sheriff - Margaret Kibbee (white civil rights worker)
 Beat 2 Supervisor - Otis Brown, Jr.
 Beat 2 J.P. - Thelma Barry
 Beat 2 Constable - Clover Green

Yazoo County

Beat 2 Supervisor - Arthur Schaffer
 Beat 4 Supervisor - Joseph Williams
 Beat 4 Constable - David Johnson

TOTAL - 53

Legislature, 10; Sheriff, 7;
 Supervisors, 40; Constables, 18;
 J.P.'s, 22; others, 9. TOTAL, 106.

IS THIS ALL? LET US KNOW!