

On January 4, 1963 we made it back to Ruleville, that night we went to the home of Mrs. Bessie Lee Green, who lives in Ruleville. Mrs. Green has attempted to register and has attended most of the meetings. ~~she has~~ She did not make enough money picking or chopping cotton to carry her through the winter, she has bills to pay on her stove water lights and gas and an addition to her house. Mrs. Green has a daughter that has a small child sometime the child don't have milk to drink. her daughter's husband don't have a steady job he is ~~23~~ 23 years of age ~~and~~ and has not tried to register because he ~~feels~~ the person he ~~was~~ working for would fire him. Mrs. Green needs \$260.00 or she will not have a stove to cook on and the Lumber company could take her bathroom fixtures.

Mrs. Everlean Thomas, went down to register November 29, 1962 and her husband lost his job, he was one of the head laborers on Lake Lindsey's Plantation and Lake has asked Mrs. Thomas's husband to take his wife back to Indianola to take her name off the book and he will get his job back. Lake has said to Mr. Thomas that we meaning (the voter registration workers) can't help his wife pay bills and when the house notes come due we can't help pay them. Mrs. Thomas has three children in school and do not work. Mr. Thomas has not worked since he was fired, and now they are asking us for help. Mr. Thomas could have his wife withdraw her name and go back to work on the plantation, but they are trying to stick it out, they want to do what they can, to help.

On January 5, we went from door to door trying to find people to go down to register, we found three persons who said they would go down Monday January 7th.

On Tuesday January 6, 1963 The Ruleville Christian Citizenship Club met, there were 19 persons present. This group is made up of people who have gone to Indianola and took the test, at this meeting Mrs. Irsan Johnson is chairman of the group and one of the four persons to pass the voters test. Each member said they would try to get at least two new persons to come to the meeting, the meetings are open to everyone. We played the record (Freedom In The Air), and talked about it.

Mrs. Fannie Lue Hamer, the lady that was put off the Marlow Plantation for trying to register is letting us use her house to hold meetings. she don't have a job and her husband don't ~~work~~ work she has just been getting by, she has a daughter in school. W.D. Marlow who owns the Plantation where she was living told Mr. Hamer if he got his wife to withdraw her name she could come back to the Plantation. Mrs. Hamer is very interested in the program and through her we have been able to get people from some of the Plantations to meet with us and two have gone to register. What can be done to help her?

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January 7th we helped needy persons fill out COFO Welfare and Relief applications, these people need help other than commodities and the small Welfare checks that they receive. COFO is giving clothes, shoes, to them, this will enable the people to use money that they would buy clothes with to pay bills and other needed items.

Tuesday January 8, 1963 we did not take the three people down to register, because they wanted to wait and see if other would go from the meeting that night. In the meeting four more said they would go down Thursday January 10th. So on the 9th we gave out some of the clothing we had for the people. Thursday night we attended a mass meeting in Shaw, Miss. Rev. James Bevel gave a class on Voter Registration, there was about 50 to 75 people there. Meetings will be held in Shaw every Thursday night.

We are going to Drew, Miss. Wednesday January 16, to start canvassing. On Sunday January 13, one of us will go to church in Drew, this way we meet some of the leading people.