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REPORT * WEEK OF July 20-26
Valley View Project

Monday - Nancy in office, and then to the doctor in Jackson. Dave and Joe Williams canvassed in the southern part of 1x Precinct 15, along with Herman Dawson (local person). Herman told us that he and three friends had been fired from their job. He believes the sheriff has been putting pressure on his boss - he could get no answer when he asked why he was fired - this is the second job he has lost because of civil rights activities. Joe and Rich canvassed in the morning in the northwestern part of the 14 Precinct, and went to Jackson in the afternoon, to buy food.

Tuesday - Dave, Joe Williams, and Herman Dawson went to the eastern and northern parts of the 15th Precinct. They Freedom Registered 10 people - spent most of their time getting people to come to the precinct meeting. Joe and Rich went to Freedom Schools and Negro stores leaving Freedom Registration forms for distribution. They canvassed in the 14th Precinct, and conducted a precinct workshop at Magdalene. Nancy was abandoned in the office. Tuesday night we had a staff meeting. We mapped the areas we had already canvassed, and more or less got organized. Several more substantive problems were brought up, and not really resolved - whether it was necessary to integrate the canvassing teams, how much time could we give to explaining the political program when canvassing, in view of the pressure of the on-coming precinct meetings. Several suggestions were made - about putting up posters in Negro stores, ~~not~~ going to Freedom Schools with Registration forms, etc. It was resolved not to abandon Nancy in the office.

Wednesday - Nancy, Joe Williams, Ron Corwin (visiting CORE field secretary) canvassed in the Rising Chapel area - the northern part of the 10th Precinct - and left Freedom Registration forms in one store and with one local person. No one had been in the area before, but in general the response was good, and the people indicated a strong interest in the FDP. Joe and Rich finished working the 14th Precinct. *Dave in office.*

Thursday - Joe and Rich went to Jackson to fix the car. They worked in Precinct 8 in the afternoon, and attended the mass meeting at Milton Grove ~~in~~ at 7:30. Paul Zimmerman and a local person went canvassing in the 11th precinct in the morning. Dave, Nancy, Joe Williams, and Barbara Simon (new VR worker) canvassed and offered rides in the 13th Precinct. Nancy and a local person canvassed on foot in the 13th Precinct. Nancy attended Precinct 13 meeting at St. John's, and Precinct 11 meeting at Pleasant Green at 7:30. Dave and Joe Williams went to Precinct 12, after hauling people to Precinct 13 meeting which was at 12:30. They spent the day canvassing in the 12th Precinct, and attended the precinct meeting that night at New True Light at 7:30. There were 34 people at Precinct 13 meeting, 41 at Precinct 12, and 37(?) at 11.

Friday - Joe and Rich canvassing in Precinct 2 in the morning. They attended the Precinct meeting at St. Paul's (Precinct 2) ~~mat~~ at 12:30, and Precinct 14 meeting at Andrew's Chapel at 7:30. Dave, Joe Williams, Barbara, Nancy, Paul Zimmerman canvassing in the 15th Precinct (southern part), and promising rides to the meeting. We all stopped at the Dawson's - Paul and Dave went to pick people up, and the rest of us had one good dinner. Dave and Joe Williams officiated at Precinct 15 meeting at Mt. Zion church at 2:30. We were interrupted towards the end when Joe and Rich came to inform us that we had missed Precinct 10 meeting at Pleasant Gift at 12:30 that day. We raced down to that area, and talked to some contacts, who told us that the ~~me~~ meeting had taken place, delegates were elected. We went to the home of the chairman of the delegation, and obtained a list of delegates, and Freedom Registration forms for those who had not been registered before the meeting. There were about 70 people present. A local girl who had been working with us took the names of 45 people at the meeting (those she knew). There were 57 people at Precinct 15 meeting, 22 at ~~xxxxxxx~~ Precinct 14 meeting, and 31 at Precinct 2 meeting.

Saturday - The County Convention.

Sunday - Dave, Nancy, and Dean went to three churches in the 10th Precinct, in order to apologize to the people for missing their meeting. Apologies accepted.