

Thursday - Worked in the office in the morning. In the afternoon, went to talk to Rusie Nichols about setting up a meeting in Precinct 13. He said daytime would be best, and the meeting was set for Wednesday at 1:30. Mr. Nichols will get word to all the church communities involved via the baptism at Magdalene Sunday. I will get leaflets to him. Then we (Judy and I) went to the 15th Precinct to get word to Mr. Harper to attend the Jackson meeting. Worked in the office that night.

Friday - Canvassin all day in the 12th and 10th precincts. Went with Tom Ramsay who was discussing the Farmer's League. I was canvassing for precinct meetings. Distributed leaflets to key people in 10th to hand out. Heard about a white man living near the intersection of 16 and 17 highways who said that Negroes ought to have the same rights as whites, and was beaten by a gang of whites. Spoke to Percy Smith, active in Farmhaven area in the 12th. Went to Precinct meeting in the 15th at Mt. Zion at night. The meeting was long but very interesting. A discussion developed as to how to democratically elect the welfare committee - there was a real concern over being democratic, and there was a long discussion on the proper method to follow, with several people participating. After the meetin we contacted a man from the 14 precinct, where we have not been able to open up the main church. We will see him on Monday.

Saturday - I attended the Madison County Movement meeting at Asbury Church. Several important points were made, by Rev. McRee and Tom Ramsay. Rev. McRee made the point that w3 should be planning organization in advance, say for the '67 elections, and that we should be organizing around local elections, since what happens locally means something to people, and since we have already proved that we can gain the national limelight. Tom discussed a method of organizing by blocks, or roads. This would build a political organization with a base rooted with the people, ~~making~~ making it im ossible for anyone to "take over" the organization. Organizing by blocks would also mean that everyone would know what was going on in the movement, and that things could be communicated in a thorough manner, and face-to-face. Block captains would in effect be canvassing for new participants also. It seems essential to a strong precinct org. to organize blocks. Saturday night Valley View had a staff meeting and discussed some of these things. Andrew Green discussed his method of organizing in Hattiesburg, which involved block captains and "tea parties" at block captains' houses - all of which sounded as though it could be put into effect out here.

Sunday - I went to Jackson to the FDP convention all day. Sunday night staffed the office.