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WEEKLY REPORT

The second ASC pre-election meeting was held at Ridley Hill Church on Monday, September 20, for the purpose of nominating a man to run in the ASC community committee election for the Madison-Ridgeland community. Canvassing was done last week and Sunday.

About thirty people attended. They were very hesitant in making nominations, although two men were finally nominated. Mr. Samuel Rouser was elected by secret ballot. Eric answered questions and explained about ASC elections when he finally got a discussion started. This area has been neglected this summer and will require a lot of canvassing. We sold five memberships in the League.

The Chamber of Commerce held a luncheon meeting on Tuesday. About twenty people attended. Mr. Thornell of the Social Security Administration gave a speech and showed a film, neither of which amounted to much. A committee was appointed to work up additions to the mailing list and a committee is working on nominations for new officers.

There has been some activity on the land option for the shopping center. There is a story that Clarence Chinn is being backed by a white lawyer who will then buy land from him, which means the Chamber would be cut out. At any rate, when this crisis arose, it was interesting to see how fast the Chamber members can move.

On Tuesday evening Eric, Tom and Bill went to Holly Springs with Jac Wasserman, where a farmer meeting was held to get them moving on ASC elections and on organizing a Farmers League. The meeting was very successful, a large number attended and were ready to organize a League that night but were persuaded by one of the speakers to wait.

On Wednesday the Madison County Farmers League met on the grounds of St. Johns Church. About ninety people attended. Mr. Wasserman and Mr. Mays spoke, also Tom Ramsay. Twenty-two membership cards were sold. Membership is now 120; mailing list 325.

The League has not had a response from the Secretary of State on the chartering papers filed three weeks ago. Marian Wright has written twice with no response; we notified Mr. Weil who has contact with Kenneth Birkhead of Agriculture Department.

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Thursday and Friday were spent canvassing/
meeting on Monday, for ASC nomination,
for New True Light

Saturday Eric and Eartiss went to rally in Rankin County
to talk on ASC elections.

This report is very sketchy--Eric will write a more complete
one when we get home.