

Weekly Report- Valley View Project
week beginning September 21

[Sept. 21-28, 1967]

Monday- Precinct meetings in the 10th and 12th precincts were set up by two teams of workers, each canvassing a precinct. Nancy Jervis and Harold Kelvin canvassed the 10th precinct and Charles Prickett and Phil Sharp and Judy Hamilton canvassed the 12th precinct. The mass contact of people will be primarily through churches in the precinct.

Late in the afternoon, Nancy Jervis drove Harold Kelvin to Jackson and brought his car back to Valley View to use for the rest of the week. She remained in Canton following her return from Jackson for the staff meeting, and the remaining workers caught a ride into Canton with Otha Williams.

Tuesday- Phil Sharp and Charles Prickett set up a precinct meeting in precinct 2 for Tuesday, October 6 and a planning meeting for September 29 at Hilton Grove Church. Nancy Jervis and Judy Hamilton canvassed precinct 11 for registered voters to sign Mrs. Devine's petition, for the Farmer's League meeting, and for the rally in Jackson. Tuesday night there was a Valley View staff meeting in Jackson with Dave Devine.

Wednesday- Nancy Jervis and Phil Sharp went to Canton in the morning to get a flat tire fixed and to shop for food. Charles Prickett and Andrew Green went canvassing in the 15th precinct for registered voters to sign Mrs. Devine's petition. At 1:30 Charles Prickett, Andrew Green, Nancy Jervis and Phil Sharp went to the Farmer's League meeting at St. Johns Church. After the meeting, Tom Ramsey spoke to the entire Valley View staff about Federal Programs in Madison County.

Thursday- Nancy Jervis helped Karen Duncan, who has been organizing the office all week. Andrew Green and Charles Prickett went to Canton to get gasoline money because it was used to pay the light bill. Phil Sharp and Judy Hamilton organized and planned a curriculum for the community center and freedom school.

In the afternoon, Nancy Jervis and Judy Hamilton set up a precinct meeting in the 13th precinct. Andrew Green left for Hattiesburg, and Charles Prickett and Phil Sharp contacted Johnnie Lee Smith in the 12th precinct to confirm the use of New True Light Church for a Farmers League meeting Monday at 1:30 p.m. They also gave him a scholarship application. Andrew Green returned at 1:30 a.m. Friday morning.

Friday- Nancy Jervis and Tom Ramsey canvassed all day in the 10th and 12th precincts for the Farmer's League meeting at New True Light Church Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Phil Sharp, Charles Prickett, Judy Hamilton and Andrew Green went to try and get a Mississippi driver's license. All failed to do so, but Phil Sharp did pass the written tests. While they were being examined, the front tires on their car were flattened, and they received a parking ticket. Phil Sharp left for a convention at Batesville.

Karen Duncan and Judy Hamilton attended a precinct 11 meeting at Pleasant Green Church, and presented an organizational slate. Several committees were set up. Charles Prickett, Nancy Jervis, and Tom Ramsey attended the 15th precinct meeting at Mt. Zion Church. An organizational plan was presented, and several committees were set up.

Saturday- Nancy Jervis, Karen Duncan and Judy Hamilton went to the Madison County Movement meeting at Asbury Church. Charles Prickett and Andrew Green went to Jackson to get a new radio and other supplies. At 8:00 p.m. there was a Valley View staff meeting.

Sunday- Nancy Jervis went to the rally in Jackson with Andrew Green. Judy Hamilton went to orientation in Batesville. Phil Sharp returned from the convention. Charles Prickett and Karen Duncan cleaned the Freedom House, and prepared daily and weekly reports. During the morning, Charles Prickett attempted to investigate the bombing of the Chron post office, but was not allowed to by Sheriff Cathins and Billy Noble.

Staff meeting - Mon., Sept. 21

re: How to organize our seven precincts

3) Plans for the future

A lot of work has to be done in this area. We have to attend a mass meeting and canvass the area extensively to set up a precinct meeting.

Precinct 15

1) Churches in the precinct

C. Paul, Cedar Hill, Mt. Zion

2) Nature of the precinct at this time

Mass meetings have been held regularly and have been well-attended at Mt. Zion. The people are very enthusiastic and willing to work. They have already elected five people to the welfare committee.

3) Plans for the future

We have set up a precinct meeting for 7:00 pm, Friday, Sept. 25, at Mt. Zion. At this meeting the same eight steps under Precinct 3 will be followed.