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Daily Reports - week beginning Sept. 28 -

~~Monday~~ - ~~staff~~ staff meeting all morning in Canton. Left meeting to go to Pastor's meeting at New Trulight at 1:30 with Tom Hancey. Spent the afternoon there - met Rev. Charles Smith and Weston Stokes, both acknowledged leaders - Rev. Smith especially. It was a good meeting, though the farmers decided to wait for their election. I announced the Precinct meeting at New Trulight.

Tuesday - Rained all day. Went with Angie Bell Murphy to Precinct 13, to canvass for road captains, and the meeting on Wednesday - talked to James Nichols at length, and he is willing. Canvassed on St. John's road - this will be the Murphy's and Earl Smith's territory. In the afternoon, went to Milton Grove in the 2nd Precinct. Took off my shoes and waded in two feet of mud and talked with Julia Mae Small about the Precinct 2 meeting and Freedom Day, told some others about the meeting.

Wednesday - Had Valley View staff meeting all morning. In the afternoon, went to Precinct 13 meeting at Magdalene. About 50 people were present - the meeting was long, but a lot was accomplished. Rusie Nichols was elected chairman, Mrs. Murphy is secretary. Otha Williams was present, and spoke about the need to have assistants for Mr. Nichols. 5 men volunteered. I presented the Freedom Day, and there was a discussion about it. Wish Evans felt that we should send down only the most educated to take the test - someone pointed out that they turned away even teachers - and Hayes Williams explained why it was necessary to have as many ~~men~~ at the courthouse as possible. In the end, everyone decided to support the Freedom Day. Wednesday night went to Precinct 10 meeting at Pleasant Gift Church - those present were, with two exceptions, from Pine Grove, which is a very highly organized community. The meeting went well - the biggest problem is poor attendance. At the Precinct meeting in July, this church had almost a hundred people, though there hasn't been that much work in the area. Several people committed themselves to work for more participation next Wednesday night.

Thursday - Went to Canton in the morning, shopping and other errands. Hung around the office, looking for transportation, in the afternoon. Thursday night, Green radioed for help at meeting at New Trulight. Phil and I got Will McCullough to drive us to Earl Smith. Phil, Earl Smith and I went to New Trulight - were followed home by Billy Noble and police, who arrived at the Freedom House just before we did. They were supposedly looking out for our welfare??

Friday - Spent the morning writing mimeoed sheet for rally. In the afternoon, went to Canton to run it off (with Karen). Went to Precinct 15 meeting Friday night, with Green. Discussed the Freedom Day - there were a lot of people at the meeting. They are having a lot of problems settling the welfare distribution.

Saturday - The rally.

Sunday - It rained all day. Nobody did anything. Very frustrating. ~~ix~~ I baked a cake, and then we had no gas, so we froze and starved together.

Monday - Freedom Day. Went to Pine Grove with Earl Smith, and picked up person who needed ride to courthouse. Went to Pleasant Green - gave instructions to 2 more people. Waited. Came back to Freedom House late in the morning - and froze, and starved. No car all day.