

WEEKLY REPORT -- VALLEY VIEW COWO OFFICE

August 14-20, 1965 -- Kenner Christensen

Saturday, August 14: I worked on the Valley View Community Center while waiting for Rick to bring ditto paper and information on polling places.

Sunday, August 15: I dittoed up leaflets about the meeting at St. Paul's Church on Monday and the election on Tuesday, then attended church at St. John's and made an announcement. After church, I borrowed Rev. McCullough's horse and canvassed for the meeting and the election. In the evening I attended Revival at St. Paul's Church and passed out leaflets afterward.

Monday, August 16: I canvassed on Rev. McCullough's horse all morning, then attended the meeting at St. Paul's. About 20 people were present and we had a long discussion about the proposed Constitutional amendment and role-playing in a polling-place situation. Mr. Otho Williams suggested that we set the date for continued meetings at the community meeting on the 28th. I attended Revival at St. Paul's at night.

Tuesday, August 17: I walked to Canton and watched the polling place all day. 8 Negroes were allowed to vote and 5 were turned away because they had not been registered for four months. I got a signed statement from them which I am sending to Jackson. I was not bothered by the whites in any way. I got a ride back to Valley View with Green and attended Revival at St. Paul's at night.

Wednesday, August 18: I bicycled to Sharon to get the mail, then dittoed up leaflets on the community center meeting on the 25th. I went to the Farmer's League meeting at Middleton Grove and passed out leaflets. Afterward I rode into Canton with Rev. Galt and left some completed school desegregation forms and found out the school enrollment dates. I was driven back by a truck from the Canton office.

Thursday, August 19: I typed up proposed bylaws for the community center for Mr. Claude Moore, cleaned up the office, and prepared for the Magdalens meeting in the morning. I walked to Magdalens and found no one there. A man gave me a ride back to the office. I inspected a lady's home that needs to be repaired before winter, then worked on the community center for the rest of the afternoon. I attended Revival at St. Paul's at night.

Friday, August 20: I drove Green and 3 other people into Jackson for the FDP workshop and returned to Madison County for another group. Green had given me the wrong name to pick up and I returned alone. Green and I returned to Madison after the workshop.