

RECORD OF TRIP TO LOWNDES COUNTY, ALABAMA WITH DENNIS ROBERTS

1 September 1966

Stopped in Montgomery

State Department of Education

Obtained two copies of 1964-65 annual report

1965-66 report will not be available till 1 January.

Spoke to administrator of Title I for State Department of Education, Bucholdt. He stated specifically that the \$320,000. was paid to the county last year over and above their customary annual budget for the express purpose of funding the special program developed by the County Board of Education. Refused further information about program.

He said that any information about the details of the program would be provided by Hulda Coleman, Superintendent of Schools.

State Highway Department

Obtained two new Lowndes County maps.

Freedom House in Lowndes County

Discussed current situation with Bob Mantz and Mr. and Mrs. Strickland.

Mrs. Strickland had been told that if she chose Ft. Deposit school the county could not provide transportation.

Hulda Coleman also indicated that the formerly all-white Hayneville School would have no white children this year. These children will, apparently, all be accommodated by the private school or the Ft. Deposit School.

Miss Coleman had also indicated to Mrs. Strickland that all but four of the schools which were ordered closed would be in use this year while the new school is under construction.

Home of Mr. John Hulett

Discussion -- John Hulett, Bob Mantz, Dennis Roberts.

The information that I requested was not obtained (re: schools). Mrs. Moore may have some information.

Question of ownership and disposition of schools to be closed requires investigation. Dennis will consult Morton Stavis.

Private school was built with community funds and deeded to school board. School board improved the property and deeded it back to community.

I agree to reproduce 1966 voter lists, 12 copies of each by precincts.

Home of Mrs. Moore

Discussion. Mrs. Moore, Bob Mantz, Dennis Roberts.

Mrs. Moore has been to see Hulda Coleman.

New School will be called New Rolen School and will have 16 classrooms, room for expansion; probably limited to elementary.

Lowndes County Training School to be expanded.

24 classrooms to be added.

Science rooms and library. Will be high school.

Statement of Board of Education Finances was to have been available on 30 August.

There have been 450 requests for New Rolen School in anticipation of its opening.

Dennis composed and typed letters for Mrs. Moore's signature.

1. Attesting the adoption of the emblem by State Executive Committee.
2. Attesting the date and place of party convention and primary ; listing of the candidates and the offices for which nominated.

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Court House, Hayneville, Office of Superintendent of Board of Education.

Asked to see Miss Coleman.

First told she was busy at the moment and asked if we would wait.

When I said yes, the secretary said she would probably be busy all all morning.

I said I'd like an appointment for later. She then went into Miss Coleman's office for a moment, returned and said Miss Coleman would be busy all morning, out all afternoon and out of town the rest of the week.

Telephoned to Quaintance at Justice Department in Selma. He will be out of town until Monday, 5 September.

Friday Evening Meeting at Dr. Horace Mann Bond's House in Atlanta. -- Dr. Bond and Jack Minnis.

Discussed the participation of the Bureau of Educational and Social Research at Atlanta University in the reorganization of the Lowndes County School System.

Analysis of the existing system and curriculum in terms of its social, educational, and physical shortcomings.

Development of new curriculum and texts.

Establishment of teacher training institutes.

Creation of Family Education centers (adult literacy).

Selection of new specialists and teachers.

Showed us copy of a two-volume work on Negro Education published in 1916 which contains section on Lowndes County.

Population in 1910: White 3,000 Negro 28,000

Dr. Bond indicated that his name could be used in the county in campaigning on the above issues. He expressed great personal interest in participating in this project.

Two References Works

Negro Education in Alabama --- Bond, 1939.
The Associated Publishers

The Education of the Negro in the American Social Order --- Bond, 1966.
Octagon Books, Inc.