

MADISON AND RANKIN COUNTIES

CORE staff, receiving checks from New York:

George Raymond, Jr.
Mrs. Annie Devine
C.O. Chinn, Sr.
Martha Wright
Jo Ann Ooliman
Mary Ann Shupenko

Will be on CORE staff, now receiving subsistence from Miss. CORE:

Tom Ramsay
Kathy Lucido
Bill Forsyth

Work-study checks from SNCC:

Myrtis Evans
Eartiss Crawford

C.O. Chinn, Jr. - independent support from outside job
Margaret Burnside - borrowed from Neshoba for ASC elections
Barbara Lindsay - independent support

Cars: At present we have two rented Valiants from CORE, they may be taken away after the ASC elections. We also have a '54 Ford which was turned over to the Sojourn Motor Fleet, registered in Martha Wright's name. Added to that is the use of C.O. Chinn's car, a '61 Pontiac which keeps breaking down. (Incidentally, Martha's car is not in good shape and I seriously wonder if it would be worth it to salvage it and keep it running. Lastly, we have a '47 Chevy which has no insurance. Dick Jewett is checking into insurance for the car and feels that the \$200 it would cost would not be worth the trouble. I agree with him; the car is undependable and can't be taken on long distances.

Programs: At this time it must be realized that every staff person and every source of energy has been channeled to the ASC elections. There is a Negro majority in population ration and we have a chance of winning the Board. By the time of the conference, we'll know.

These programs have been carried on before the elections and will be picked up after the elections are over.

1. We have a combination roving and stationary freedom school. Two nights a week, freedom school is held in Canton at the community center, and the other nights are divided up in visiting the other rural areas such as Gluckstadt, Flora, etc.

2. The community center is located next door to the Freedom House. After several shipments of books we have received from CORE's Southern Education Project, I can honestly say that we have one of the best libraries in the state; equaling any public school and doing them two or three better. The kids can be very unruly at times, which is their way of asking for the attention they so badly need. When the center is reopened after the elections, I believe local parents and church groups will have a major part in running it, which is as it should be.

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3. Federal Programs is Tom Ramsay's domain. I do know that the one great thing evolving out of this area is the Madison County Farmers League. They have received their incorporation papers and are intending to start a cotton gin (a real honest gin) and a Co-op. Now they are selling stock and are in need of a manager for the Co-op, a lawyer and an expert on co-ops. They also handle matters and questions on health, education and welfare. The ASC elections are part of their program.

There is an average voter and freedom registration campaign on, and the FDP is pushed a great deal (due to Mrs. Devine's playing a great role in FDP). We work in cooperation with the Madison County Movement which is headed in great part by Rev. J. F. McRee. After the election I believe we are going to start massive voter registration drives.

In Rankin County, the people are alive and ready to move, thanks to George Raymond. They are raising money to build their own community center and it's being done by the local people--which is great.

Afterthought: Canton is going to begin raising money for a Freedom Community Center--plans are still in the discreet stage.

Mary Ann Shupenko