

FIRST DISTRICT REPORT

Project Addresses.

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Project Personnel.

Columbus:

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Starksville:

Bill Light (SNCC)
Ronald Carver
Jimmie Jones
Ronald Bridgeforth (SNCC)
Eddie Mackie

West Point:

Jan Hillegas (parents)
Robert Gillman
Joel Bernard (parents)
John Buffington (SNCC)
Eddie Brooks

Aberdeen:

Jannet Rose
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Joseph Maurer
Lee Aurthur

Tupelo:

Clifford Trice
Stuart Ewen (SNCC)
Isaac Coleman (SNCC)
Emmie Schrader (SNCC)

White Community Project:

Susie Clippinger
Dove Green
Robert Williams (SNCC)
Miriam Cohen (SNCC)
George Tesaura

Cars.

Columbus: 1957 Pontiac station wagon--Sojourner Motor Fleet
Starksville: 1955 Chevrolet--Ron Bridgeforth
West Point: 1960 Rambler station wagon--SNCC
Aberdeen: 1964 Plymouth--SNCC
Tupelo: 1964 Plymouth--SNCC
White Community Project: 1958 Oldsmobile--George Tesaura

Programs.

COLUMBUS:

Community Center - none established to date. Plans to include some activities in the FS curriculum that a center would cater to. FDP (Southside) looking for a building for sewing, library, etc.
Federal Programs - three people attending Federal Training Scheme in Aberdeen.
Freedom School - the Freedom School established during the summer and which finished Aug. 22, opened again during the Freedom Vote. There is no school at present, with the exception of weekly citizenship classes. There are plans to begin FS classes (on a limited scale) following the COFO staff meeting.
Food and Clothing - six tons received. Nearly all of this has now been distributed. Work was done by local people.

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Voter Registration - Lowndes County now has 200 registered voters, an increase of 65 over the summer.

FDP - three precincts were initially set up; within these, smaller ones are in the process of being started.

TUPELO:

Community Center - none established. Lack of manpower to deal solely with a center.

Federal Programs - Federal Training Scheme begun during summer. An estimated 20 people are taking part.

Freedom School - a woman who lives on the housing project is being persuaded to begin classes in Negro history, sewing, possibly more.

Food and Clothing - 10 tons received. Some sent to Verona. About 7 tons have now been distributed. It was given out by members of the Tupelo Freedom League.

Voter Registration - approx. 1,000 now registered to vote. At one period, 25 people a week were going down to the Courthouse to register.

FDP - four precincts. Three in Tupelo, one in Verona. At present, functioning intermittantly... due, until last week, to lack of base in Tupelo.

WEST POINT:

Community Center - no building available. No center.

Federal Programs - at least one person from West Point attending Federal Training Scheme in Aberdeen.

Freedom School - FS which was held in St. Paul's Methodist Church during summer, finished at end of September. None at present. Premises needed.

Food and Clothing - none received, as there was no place available for storage. Efforts are continuing to find a house, or part of a house, for this purpose.

Voter Registration - approx. 17 persons are registered to vote--an increase of nine over the summer.

FDP - two precincts, another begun this week.

ABERDEEN:

Community Center - an attempt being made at present to for a center.

Federal Programs - a Federal Training Scheme was begun in Aberdeen during the summer. Joan Wiggins worked on getting out information locally. About 80 people are taking part.

Freedom School - none.

Food and Clothing - six tons received. About three have been distributed. The job is being handled by local people.

Voter Registration - there are now 25 registered voters. At the beginning of the summer there were none.

FDP - five precincts, all of the operating.

STARKVILLE:

Community Center - no building. No center.

Federal Programs - ASC elections in Oktibeeha County (in some areas)

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could be won by Negroes. But the fact remains that none are running. There is need for work on Farm Home Loans.

Freedom School - a freedom school is about to be started in Starkville and Maben.

Food and Clothing - none received. No storage available.

Voter Registration - 155 people are registered to vote. Increase since July unknown.

FDP - one precinct so far operating.