

# Drive Begins To Register White Voters

The Montgomery Citizens Council Wednesday launched a campaign to register all white persons eligible to vote in Montgomery County.

Chairman Herbert Lancaster Jr. said the move is designed to counteract the mass Negro voter registration drive sponsored by the pro-integration Montgomery Improvement Association.

The announcement of the white voter registration campaign was contained in a resolution unanimously adopted by council directors in a meeting at their new headquarters on Dexter avenue.

"We are particularly appealing to all young white men and women who are 21 years of age and over and have failed to register to vote," Lancaster said. He also urged current white voters to pay their poll taxes by Feb. 1, 1962.

## REASONS LISTED

In its resolution, the council listed the following reasons for its action:

1. "Liberty, self-government and the preservation of the fundamental right of freedom of association is dependent upon the power of the ballot in our American democracy."
2. "Agitative influences alien to the State of Alabama are promoting the mass registration of Negroes in Montgomery County for the avowed purpose of promoting intermixture of the races and defeating causes and candidates who believe in segregation of the races."

The resolution added that all white citizens should register and pay their poll taxes so "they may be eligible to vote for 'states' rights and segregation and to combat Africanism and the NAACP hatchet boys in the public affairs of Montgomery and the state of Alabama."

It was signed by Lancaster, Ralph Syfrett, Frank Mizell, Bruce Wyatt, Hugh Adams, I. W. Hobbie Jr., W. R. Burt, W. T. Broxton, James McLean, Bert Ferguson, Simeon McNeill, Cad Beale, N. D. Sappenfield and Ed Chesnutt.

Lancaster said local residents may obtain additional information on the registration campaign by going to council headquarters, 25 Dexter Ave. (over Newberry's), any day except Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## CITIZENS COUNCIL INSTALLS OFFICERS

Five new officials were installed Tuesday night at a meeting of the Montgomery County Citizens Council in the Francis Cafeteria here. They are (left to right, seated): C. H. Lancaster Jr., chairman; Jesse M. Hodges, vice chairman; (standing), I. W. Hobbie Jr., sergeant at arms; Simeon McNeill, treasurer, and E. B. Chesnutt, secretary.

## Citizens Unit Nominates 7 New Officials

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The Montgomery Citizens Council nominated seven new officials to its board of directors Tuesday night at a meeting in the Normandale Community Center.

Named as directors were W. T. Johnson, Donald Hallmark, James McLean, Hugh Adams, I. W. Hobbie Jr., B. D. Gilmore and C. H. Lancaster Jr.

The nominees were proposed by present council officials but since there were no nominations from the floor, their selection is tantamount to election.

Seven new directors are chosen by members each year to replace outgoing officials on the 21-man board.

The new directors will be installed at a banquet Nov. 17 at the community center. Tuesday night's meeting was restricted to members only.

W. Bruce Wyatt, chairman of the Citizens Council, said about 50 members attended the meeting. He attributed the small number to the South Alabama Fair and unfavorable weather.