

# TRI-PRE 4-7E-7W NEWS

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## \*\*\*\*\* INTRODUCTION \*\*\*\*\*

THIS NEWSLETTER IS THE FIRST OF MANY TO FOLLOW. THE PURPOSE OF THESE NEWSLETTERS IS A TWO-FOLD ONE. FIRST, WE WISH TO CONVEY TO ALL CITIZENS WHAT IS ACTUALLY TAKING PLACE IN OUR CITY, COUNTY AND STATE. POLITICAL INFORMATION AND EDUCATION IS OUR MAIN PURPOSE. SECONDLY, WE WILL INFORM YOU, THE CITIZENS OF PRECINCT 4, 7E AND 7W OF THE WORK THAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH IN THESE PRECINCTS AND TO SEEK ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE JOB DONE.

THE "TRI-PRECINCT VOTERS LEAGUE" IS MADE UP OF WORKERS FROM PRECINCTS 4, 7E & 7W, YOUR NEIGHBORS AND MINE. PRESENTLY, WE ARE ONLY A FEW BUT WE HAVE PLANS OF EXTENDING PARTICIPATION TO EVERY PERSON LIVING IN THESE PRECINCTS. THIS ORGANIZATION IS A SUBSIDIARY OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, AND THE ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, INC., ALL UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MR. RUFUS A. LEWIS, A RESIDENT OF PRECINCT 4.

KYSER WILSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRI-PRECINCT VOTERS LEAGUE IS KNOWN TO BE ONE OF OUR STRONGEST ADVOCATORS AND FIGHTER FOR CIVIL RIGHTS. MR. WILSON IS WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR HIS DEVOTION IN OUR STRUGGLE FOR FIRST-CLASS CITIZENSHIP IN THIS REVOLUTIONARY ERA.

THE PURPOSES OF OUR ORGANIZATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. TO INSURE THAT ALL ELIGIBLE PERSONS IN THESE PRECINCTS BECOME REGISTERED VOTERS.
2. TO INSURE THAT EVERY VOTER VOTES ON ELECTION DAYS.
3. TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO OUR CITIZENS IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.
4. TO OFFER POLITICAL EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO NEED IT.
5. TO HELP OUR CITIZENS STAY ABREAST WITH POLITICAL ACTIONS TAKING PLACE IN OUR CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND NATION.
6. TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN BY OUR ORGANIZATION.

WE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS UPON YOU, THE CITIZENS OF PRECINCTS 4, 7E AND 7W, THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDING OUR MEETINGS. PLEASE COME OUT AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN HELPING US DO A JOB THAT ALL OF US ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR. OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY TUESDAY AT 7:30 PM AND THURSDAY AT 6:30 PM IN THE REGAL CAFE LOUNGE. THE MEETINGS ARE HELD FOR ONE HOUR ONLY. MAKE IT A POINT TO ATTEND THE NEXT SESSION. YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID.

\_\_\_ THE EDITOR

## \*\*\*\*\* GRATITUDES \*\*\*\*\*

OUR CHAIRMAN, MR. WILSON, WISHES TO EXPRESS HIS SINCERE THANKS TO ALL OF THE BLOCKWORKERS, BLOCKCAPTAINS AND SECTION LEADERS FOR THE OUTSTANDING DEVOTION TO DUTY DISPLAYED DURING THE ELECTIONS. SPECIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE JOB PERFORMED IN GETTING OUT THE SAMPLE BALLOTS BY MR. JAMES KNUCKLES, 1006 KEY ST. (PRECINCT 4), HUBBARD WEBB, WATTS ST. (PRECINCT 4), DONALD HARRIS, ST. JAMES STREET (PRECINCT 4) AND THE DEMOCRAT TEENS, PATTERSON COURT (PRECINCT 7W).

## C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S . . . .

... TO MR. RUFUS A. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE AND THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR HIS NOMINATION TO CHAIRMAN OF THE ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, INCORPORATED ON APRIL 18, 1966 BY THE DELEGATES OF THE 4TH ANNUAL ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION HELD IN BIRMINGHAM. MR. LEWIS SUCCEDED ATTORNEY ORZELL BILLINSLEY OF BIRMINGHAM.

... TO THE MANY NEWLY REGISTERED VOTERS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE THREE (3) ELECTIONS DURING THE PAST WEEKS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. ENCOURAGE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO GET OUT AND VOTE.

... TO THE "OTHER SIDE" FOR EFFECTIVELY SPLITTING OUR VOTES DURING THE FIRST ELECTION FOR CITY COMMISSIONER.

### \* \* \* \* \* E L E C T I O N N E W S \* \* \* \* \*

THE ELECTION FOR CITY COMMISSIONER PLACE NUMBER 1 WAS WON BY CLIFF EVANS IN THE APRIL 25TH RUN-OFF BETWEEN MR. EVAN AND HARRY KAMINSKY. MR. EVANS WON BY A SMALL MAJORITY OF LESS THAN TWO THOUSAND VOTES. EVANS WILL HAVE TO TALLY WITH TWO MORE CANDIDATES, ONE A REPUBLICAN AND THE OTHER ONE, AN INDEPENDENT. THIS ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 6, 1966 WITH THE WINNER ASSUMING THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE LATE FRANKLIN PARKS.

HARRY KAMINSKY WISHES TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP GRATITUDE TO ALL PERSONS WHO TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE CITY COMMISSIONER RACE FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN HIS BEHALF.

THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RACE FOR GOVERNOR WAS OVERWHELMINGLY WON BY GEORGE....  
...OOOPHS...LURLEEN WALLACE. ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHMOND FLOWERS CAME IN A FAR OFF SECOND. HOWEVER, POLL RETURNS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY INDICATE THAT FLOWERS RECEIVED A SUBSTANTIAL VOTE IN THIS AREA. THE WALLACES ARE NOW CONFRONTED WITH FACING JIM MARTIN, A REPUBLICAN, IN THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

### \* \* \* \* \* I N F O R M A T I O N \* \* \* \* \*

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS PASSED LEGISLATION ENABLING CITIZENS THAT CANNOT READ OR WRITE TO BECOME REGISTERED VOTERS. FEDERAL REGISTRARS ARE ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS COUNTIES IN ALABAMA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING THAT ALL ELIGIBLE PERSONS BECOME REGISTERED. THE FEDERAL REGISTRARS' OFFICE IN MONTGOMERY IS OPEN ON SATURDAY FROM 8:00 AM UNTIL 5:00 PM. THIS OFFICE IS LOCATED IN ROOM 521 OF THE POST OFFICE BUILDING. SEE TO IT THAT YOUR NEIGHBORS BECOME REGISTERED. THEIR VOTES HELP TO STRENGTHEN YOURS.

\*\*\*POLL TAX IS NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR VOTING PRIVILEGES.....

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\* \* \* \* REPORT FROM WASHINGTON \* \* \* \*

MR. RUFUS A. LEWIS, CHAIRMAN OF THE ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE, INCORPORATED AND MR. W. KYSER WILSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRI-PRECINCT VOTERS LEAGUE WERE AMONG A GROUP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH ATTENDING A CONFERENCE ON VOTING RIGHTS SPONSORED BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL, NICHOLAS KATZENBACH. THIS CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, ON 13TH STREET AND CONSTITUTION AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

DURING THIS CONFERENCE, THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 WAS EXPLAINED IN DETAIL BY MR. STEPHEN J. POLLAK, AN ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION. FOLLOWING MR. POLLAK, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ADDRESSED THE GROUP BY FIRST CONGRATULATING THE MANY NEW VOTERS THAT TURNED OUT IN THE ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY. KATZENBACH ALSO ELABORATED ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WILL GO IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 AND OTHER LAWS ENACTED BY CONGRESS IN REGARD TO SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN CITIZENS' CIVIL RIGHTS.

OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED ROBERT OWEN, CHIEF OF ALABAMA SECTION ON CIVIL RIGHTS, VERNON E. JORDON, DIRECTOR, VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC., WILSON M. MATTHEWS, DIRECTOR, VOTER EXAMINER TASK FORCE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, WILLIAM L. TAYLOR, STAFF DIRECTORS, U. S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS AND OTHERS. THE GROUP WERE GIVEN AN UNEXPECTED PLEASURE BY A VISIT TO THE WHITEHOUSE, A SPEECH FROM THE PRESIDENT, LYNDON B. JOHNSON AND PERSONNAL HANDSHAKES WITH THE PRESIDENT. MR. WILSON BROUGHT BACK VALUABLE INFORMATION THAT IS YOURS FOR THE ASKING.

\* \* \* \* EDUCATION DESEGREGATION \* \* \* \*

MEMBERS OF THE TRI-PRECINCT VOTERS LEAGUE ENJOINED WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE WENT ON A MOST PLEASANT BUS TRIP TO B'HAM, ALABAMA TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION DESEGREGATION. THIS CONFERENCE WAS HOSTED BY THE ALABAMA STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE U. S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS. THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THE FABULOUS DINKLER-TUTWILER HOTEL ON JUNE 11, 1966. THE MEETING CONSISTED OF VARIOUS OUTSTANDING FIGURE-HEADS FROM THE NATIONS' CAPITOL. THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS WAS DELIVERED BY THE HONORABLE HAROLD HOWE, II, COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE. AFTER COMMISSIONER HOWE'S ADDRESS THE AUDIENCE WAS DIVIDED INTO GROUPS ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY INWHICH THEY RESIDED. THESE GROUPS WERE ASSIGNED PANELISTS OF EXPERTS IN THE AREA OF THE NEW SCHOOL DESEGREGATION GUIDELINES. A THOROUGH DETAILED QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD FOLLOWED. EACH PERSON WAS PRESENTED A FOLDER CONTAINING BOOKLETS AND LITERATURE EXPLAINING THE GUIDELINES AND OTHER PERTINENTS. THIS ORGANIZATION IS PLANNING MANY MORE SUCH TRIPS FOR IT'S MEMBERS IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. THIS BUS WAS FREE TO OUR MEMBERS AS COMPLIMENTS OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE.

Theresa Brown  
Dorothy Foster  
Laura Merritt  
Wilson Merritt  
Richard Daniels  
Creston Bennett  
James Redgway  
Joe L. Redgway  
John Walters  
Collins W. Harris  
Howard Pennington  
Marvin Pennington  
Mrs. Eula Johnson  
Berla Lowery  
James Williams  
Cavie Williams  
Arthur Pitts  
Mrs. Jessie Redgway  
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Donna  
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