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Cobb NAACP Voter Registration Membership Drive A Success Citizens Prepare For The Exercise Of That Fundamental Democratic Right

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Saturday morning October 4, 1975, marked a very historical day in the life of Marietta blacks. We truly had a great day. Folks from all sections of the city and county came to share in the occasion.

There were booths to register people to vote and booths to take out NAACP memberships. At around 9:00AM Mrs. Lillie M. Weaver and Mr. Dover Ferrell were at the park setting up for the delicious food that was served for the many hearty appetites. There was ham served with sliced tomatoes, potato salad, string beans with bacon rools. The dinner was topped off with iced tea and potato pie and cake. Spicy hot dogs were also available - with or without chili.

Mrs. Weaver, working like a human dynamo kept things in the food line in tip-top shape, she was always on hand to give something here; hand out something there and to make sure that it all found favor with the clients.

Registrars were out and ready at 10:00AM. Mrs. Mary Jackson and Mrs. Jesse Bonner were kept busy most of the morning registering many voters. Mrs. Jackson was later assisted by Mrs.

Bonner as program chairman for the day. The program began with Mrs. Bonner welcoming everyone and proceeding on with a musical dance skit performed by the group known as "THE CHARMETTES", a local teenage group with lots of talent. The group danced to the popular tune of "Fame" by



Citizens enjoying the festivities of the day.

David Bowie. A very entertaining number created by the group. A super added attraction was Miss Black Cobb County who came out very lovely and gave a warm and gracious "hello" to all.

Mrs. Bonner introduced the president of the Cobb County Chapter, Mr. Dover Ferrell and he in turn gave words of encouragement. Mr. Ferrell then introduced our guest speaker for the day, Rev. Holsey McRae, minister of the Holsey Chapel CME Church in the city of Marietta.

Rev. McRae was inspiring to all, as he gave something for the future, the young and old alike. He made us all realize that we have to keep on keeping on.

Words of thanks go out to all who worked to make the day a success, and a special thanks to the president of the Chapter, Mr. Ferrell, and the Vice-President, Mr. Dodd. They did lots of running around and taking care of details to make sure that all went off as scheduled.

THE SPIRIT OF A FREE PRESS

Cobb County Delegates Attend State Meeting

Cobb County delegates to the State NAACP meeting in Jekyll Island, Ga. were well received by all in attendance. For Cobb County had the kind of delegates that the chapter can be proud of. Ms. Gloria Weems, intelligent and articulate - and forceful - was chairperson of the delegation. She introduced a very comprehensive resolution to the State meeting requesting the help of the State NaacP in the solution of Marietta-Cobb County problems. The resolution covered the areas of housing, police hiring policy, discrimination and segregation, and action against attorney Lynn Downey for his remarks about the black community. Marietta-Cobb County should become the object of court actions and litigation that will result in a better way of life for its black citizens as a result of the way Mrs. Weems put the case before the State meeting.

Also, Ms. Weems introduced Cobb Community News to the State meeting. Copies were given to all delegates with an insistence that they send their news and events across the state to be published, so that each chapter will know what other chapters are doing and how they do it.

Mr. Hugh Grogan, member of the Cobb County delegation, was also viable and visible at the State meeting. He carried vital and pertinent information to the meeting regarding problem areas in the city of Marietta. He had copies of the remarks by Attorney Downey for all delegates and he managed to become a member of the resolution committee. It can be said that the Cobb County delegation played a meaningful role in the State meeting of the NAACP. The chapter will be benefited for their performance for years to come.

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| <p>Citizen Reports</p> <p>On The City Of</p> <p>Marietta's Budget</p> <p>The Marietta City Budget is very impressive - tax income amounts to \$1,640,608; license permit \$827,453; intergovernmental revenue \$1,067,000; charges for sewers permits and recreation \$669,743; fines and forfeitures \$401,973; and other income \$186,589. Outgo is sensibly allocated, except ... "not included in the budget are community development funds for capital improvements...\$475,000, housing improvement programs estimated....\$62,000".</p> <p>The city says its budget is conservative - it is too conservative in the wrong areas of need.</p> <p>(This information was sent to Cobb Community News as written. I have reproduced it verbatim. Editor)</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Ms. - From Page 4</p> <p>Last year Congress passed the first comprehensive federal law to deal with juvenile crime. This law authorized federal grants to develop community programs aimed at preventing delinquency. However, the Ford administration is giving the program low priority and has reluctantly committed only 25 million, one third of the budget request, for implementation.</p> <p>Juvenile crime costs the United States approximately \$12 billion a year.</p>  | ZION HILL BAPT. Ch. Acworth, Ga. Rev. J. O. Montford | BETHEL AME Acworth, Ga. |
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Nigeria Gets New Hercules



The Nigerian Air Force began modernization of that nation's transportation this week when it took delivery of the first of six advanced model C-130H Hercules from Lockheed-Georgia Company just off the production line in Marietta, Ga., U.S.A. The aircraft is pictured on its maiden flight at Lockheed. The first two Nigerian Hercules will arrive Lagos in November. Nigeria, the 37th nation to order propjet workhorses from Lockheed, will u-

tilize the new aircraft for military airlift and civic development. The advanced C-130H is the latest version of the famed Lockheed airlifter which has built an enviable record around the world over the past two decades. This versatile Hercules transport has been of unmeasurable value in the economic development of many countries. In its many versions, Hercules also refuel helicopters and fighter planes, photo-map areas of the world,

hunt icebergs and hurricanes, fight fog and forest fires, and operate from runways of dirt, snow and ice. The advance "H" model C-130 is equipped with a modern new search and weather radar, a new flight-operable auxiliary power unit and a new environmental control system. Lockheed has delivered more than 1340 Hercules and is building the plane at the increased rate of six per month to meet worldwide demand.

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Gloria Weems

As parents, readers do you sometimes feel you could use some help in understanding the correct way of rearing each of your children according to their individualism? Many parents are concerned with daily problems, punishments and freedoms that must be handled as wisely as possible when rearing children properly. Most parents are using the "old method" of rearing children - questions on being too strict or too lenient, questions on the mental effect on individual children and their reaction to parents who are authoritarian types or permissive types. These questions never come up in the minds of parents who are believers in the "old method" of rearing children. Their answers to most questions are the same: "spare the rod and spoil the child". A statement that was first used by slave masters in training the slaves.

The "old methods of rearing children are proving daily to be "old methods" and nothing more. Children today have a greater wealth of knowledge about life

than did children many years ago. Children who are too young to go into the streets and learn adult type behavior simply turn on the television set watching and learning ideas, expressions on subjects ranging anywhere from sex and violence to birth and death. Some things that did not exist years ago. Toys of today have designs, makes and models - and prices - that children years ago did not have. Parents today cannot assume that children can be disciplined and reared by the "old method".

Courts are concerned more now than ever before over the problems created by our American children. The most recent reports and statistics on child criminals uncovered some startling facts, for juvenile crime has risen by 1,600 per cent in 20 years. These are in fact more crimes committed by children under 15 than by adults over 25.

Some authorities calculate that one half of all crimes in the nation are committed by juveniles.

Poverty, overcrowding city slums, along with soaring rates of unemployment among minority teens is not helping our children. Children are considered disruptive uncontrollable and poorly reared undisciplined hardened criminals when they break the law. Tough and rough tactics have been the way of the authorities in dealing with the "criminal youth".

Hosea - In And Out Of Jail Again !

Veteran civil rights leader, Hosea Williams, president of the Atlanta SCLC was arrested for the 100th time in Atlanta last week. The Georgia State Representative, who was picked up following an indictment by the Fulton County Grand Jury on charges of driving while his license was revoked, will automatically lose his seat in the Georgia House of Representative if found guilty.

Rev. Ralph David Abernathy president of the National SCLC says he is instructing attorneys to go into Federal Court and ask that every act of both the July and the September Grand Jurys of Fulton be struck down and ruled illegal.

He went on to say " I'm appointing Mr. Dick Gregory as National Chairman of the ... Hosea Williams Defense Fund". He went on to say that, " we are prepared to march, demonstrate, go to jail, to be beaten and die to see that Hosea Williams' rights are protected".

Upon Rev. Williams release from jail on \$1,000.00 bond, he had this to say: "I was arrested and put in jail on an indictment on charges for which I am not guilty. If I am guilty of anything, it is our efforts in Atlanta SCLC to help make Atlanta a model city in which people of every race, religion and circumstance can work and live together in reconciliation as God would have it. That's what SCLC is all about.

Many persons attempt to imply that I am against all of the economically and politically powerful elements in our city, county and state. This is not true - my only fight has been to force this massive power to be used equitably and judiciously for the benefit of all men. Giant centers of power - like Coca-Cola, Sears, Atlanta Life Insurance Company, Rich's Department Store, our city, county and

State governments - know deep down inside that our challenging and confrontation has been only to bring out the best they have to offer. And they know we have no choice other than to continue to do

so because we simply cannot bow to injustice. We must and will fight and go to jail until all men are free and treated fairly.

We in Atlanta SCLC pledge to fight every form of injustice toward every citizen no matter how much a few in the so-called power structure attempt to hold back the forward movement of this city in terms of sensitivity to the needs of every citizen. We all reach out for reconciliation. We at Atlanta SCLC have asked for no more. We at Atlanta SCLC will continue to fight ...and to die if we must...for the great cause of equitable change which we believe is the cause of every fair-minded American".

Black Reps. Visit Naval Air Station



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Congressman Larry McDonald Reporting

Congressman Larry McDonald made his September report to citizens in his district through a newsletter. His posture on legislation - for and against - should be known to the entire community. For a congressman is very important to a people. He is a legislator who is involved in the law-making process which will finally concern all persons.

McDONALD LEGISLATION

H. Con. Res. 345 A resolution providing that Congress express its appreciation to our military men who participated in the Mayaguez.

H. Con. Res. 348 A resolution to grant honorary citizenship to Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

H. J. Res. 348 A resolution to disapprove the lending of certain military equipment to Panama.

H. R. 3325 To penalize persons using firearms in the commission of any federal felony and to increase the penalties in certain related existing provisions.

H. R. 3326 A bill to repeal the Gun Control Act of 1968.

H. R. 6111 A bill to amend the Social Security Act to remove limitations upon the amount of outside income which an individual may earn while receiving benefits.

H. R. 9023 A bill to prohibit the use of federal funds in the purchase of American Agricultural commodities by Communist nations.

McDONALD OPPOSED LEGISLATION:

-\$3.6 billion foreign-aid which passed the House by a vote of 212-201. I don't believe we can buy friends, says the Congressman. "What we should 'export' is the secret of our success...the free enterprise system".

-An increase in federal taxes on gasoline which in five years would have amounted to 32¢ per gallon. This was defeated by a vote of 345-72.

-Bailing out of the Pen Central Railroad with \$100-million in Federal funds. This was passed by a vote of 207-137.

-The administration's request for an increase of the National debt. This was defeated initially by 225-175 but later passed, 223-196.

-Appropriations to increase HEW funding by more than \$3-billion dollars over last years' level were passed by a 368-39 vote.

-The Congressional pay raise. This passed by a vote of 214-213. One more vote by a concerned congressman would have made the difference.

Congressman Larry McDonald says that in his next report he will cover in more detail some of the legislation Congress has been debating and working on in 1975.

In addition, part of the report will be devoted to a questionnaire so you may give opinions on vital issues facing the nation and the Seventh Congressional District.

Referendum Needed

To Determine People's Choice

How is representative government chosen? It is chosen by the people expressing their consent at the polls. But, then, how can representative government be perverted? It can be perverted by community division, underhanded tactics beyond the view of the ordinary citizen, and by those who plot to have their way without ever having to consult with the people.

The black community of the city of Marietta should try to be an example of representative and democratic government by selecting a person to run for a city council seat, getting behind that person, and making sure that that person is in a financial and programmatic position to win an election.

The person who, of course, has the full support of the people must, of necessity, be the people's choice. How then will the people know their choice when anybody can run who decides to qualify?

The black community, in an effort to be unified around its own choice, should consider holding a community referendum to choose the candidate that will have the full support of the black community. It was done in the Atlanta University Center when Maynard Jackson was in

the running for the Mayor of the city of Atlanta. Out of the blacks who had declared themselves for the office, the referendum showed the present Mayor to represent the will of black people. The same can be done in the Marietta area. The people should be given a chance to decide who will even run for office.

The black community does not have enough resources to field several candidates. Candidates need money, they need workers, and they need a program that will address the many problems that people face in these times of crisis. There can be no more "face only" candidates for the black community. We all know that a black face is the same as a white face if they are doing the same thing - nothing in the interest of those they say they represent. A referendum on the part of those who want to run would give black people the chance to decide what kind of council representative they want. It would also provide the kind of incentive to rally support for a candidate, and thereby insuring the black community of at least a symbolic representative on the city council.



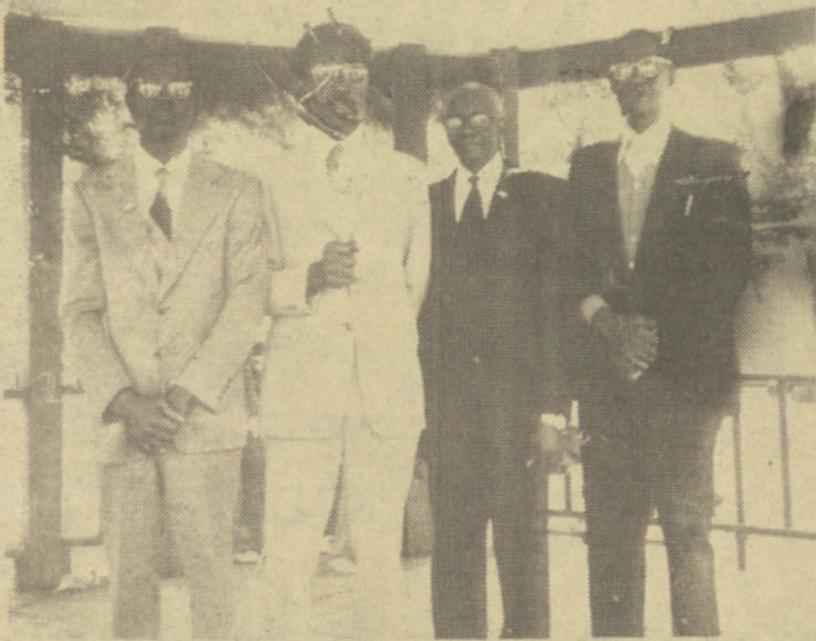
Isaac Richmond
Editor

Marietta looks forward to electing its first black to the city Council in the next election. And, while the post itself will not mean a whole lot in terms of political and economic power, it will be a symbol of political progress. Such a symbol ought to become an instrument for the further development of the community toward the goal of self-determination in politics.

One way to destroy any symbolic victory is to have a symbol that in fact does not represent the collective will of the people, and with the black community, in matters like these too much care cannot be taken.

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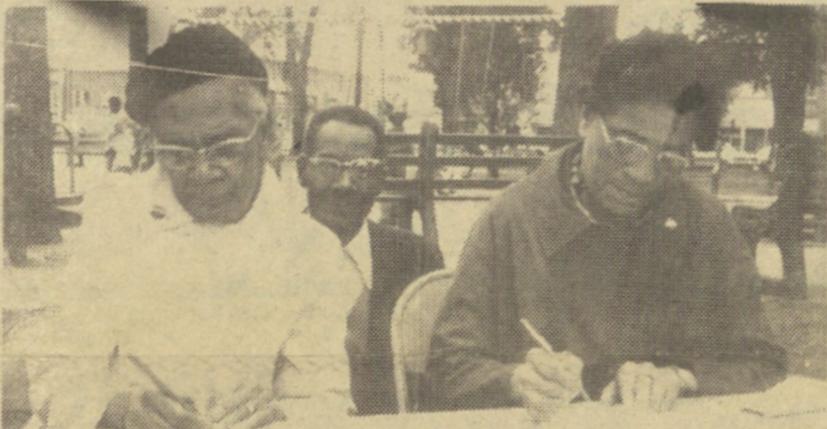
A Day On The Marietta Square



Rev. Holsey McRae speaking He is flanked by the President of the Local Chapter, Dover Ferrell on the left and by Rev. Dodd & J.C. Dodd. VP



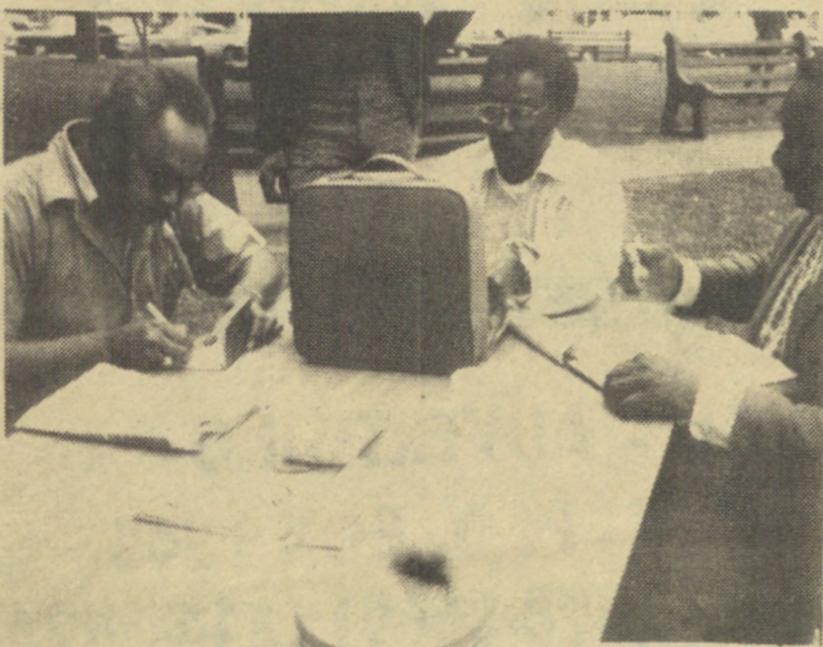
Mrs. Weaver Taking Care Of The Food Service



J.C. Dodd, Vice-President of the Local NAACP IN Background Mrs. Lena Sheets (L) Mrs. Sarah Miles (R)



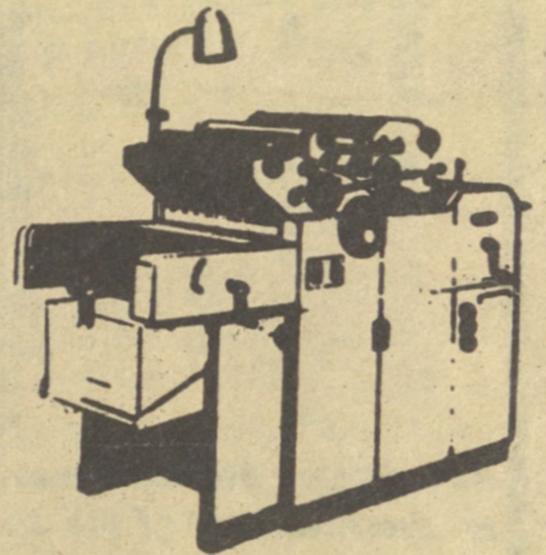
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