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Miss. Vote Drive Gathers Speed

Ruleville Ladies Lose Jobs After They Try To Register To Vote

A Ruleville voter registration worker told the FREE PRESS that a local policeman and the son of the city's mayor have both fired employees who tried to register to vote.

George Raymond said that Mrs. Sally Mae Boyd, a widow 59 years old, and Mrs. Patricia Ann Palmer, the mother of four children, were the victims of reprisals one day after their efforts to register.

Ordered Off Plantation

Mrs. Boyd attempted to register April 24. The next day, police officer T. A. Flemings ordered her to get off his plantation. Flemings had told her to "get out of that mess." When she asked if Raymond could help her move, Flemings said no and told her to stay until he gave her permission to leave.

April 29, Flemings told Mrs. Boyd to get off the plantation.

Bomb Thrown Into Itta Bena Meeting; New Classes Begin

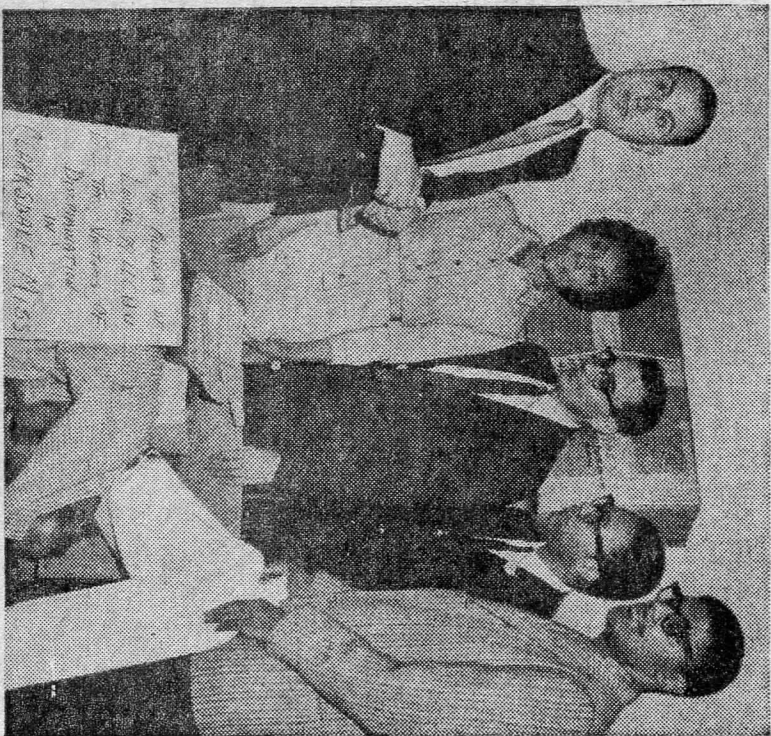
Voter registration workers in Leflore County reported that a bomb was thrown into a mass meeting in Itta Bena last week and police harassment of workers in Greenwood continues. Nevertheless, over 150 people attempted to register at the County Court House last week.

Annell Ponder, head of the citizenship education program, said that 25 new teachers were trained last month at a special week-long school. They will begin classes in Leflore, Bolivar and Sunflower Counties.

James Travis reported that he and Bob Moses testified before the Grand Jury Tuesday at the Greenwood trial of three men accused of shooting into their car February 28.

Bomb Sizzled

Miss Ponder said that over 100 people were attending an Itta Bena mass meeting May



HUNDREDS OF POUNDS of clothing were donated to help tide Delta sharecroppers over the winter months. These



CLARENCE MITCHELL will speak in Jackson Sunday at a mass meeting to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the 1954 Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public schools. (See Page 3.)