

GREENSBORO ECHO

TIME AFTER TIME by Bora Benford



Do you remember when you were second grade? Another time, another level, another teacher, more information, more friendsit seemed so long ago. However, at that time you had accomplished so much. A journey (the first grade) had begun that had the potential of bringing so much production in our lives and the lives of others.

The Returning to the land community group have Do you remember your second cooperative meeting??? Was Mr. Frank Taylor there? If, your answer is no, you missed a

blessing like no other. Again, Frank created an



exciting and uplifting atmosphere for the group and the speakers.

Each speaker had different, however very much needed information that we want to use in the future. This information will help us maintain a group spirit. We are looking forward to attending and possibly sponsoring a

canning project, working with the Mississippi Master Gardener Projects for our youth & adults and maybe even incorporating the old "bartering" system.

Both speakers acknowledged how much they were encouraged and invigorated by Frank's opening talk. Although, I know that we will have numerous other meetings, I believe that the speakers, information and inspiration that was presented at our second meeting will be second to none.

Again, we would like to thank Mrs. Deliah Moore, Ms Felicia Bell and Mr Frank Taylor For their time, food, and services.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winston County Self Help Coop's Monthly Meeting will occur Sunday, June 25, 2006 (time: 5:55 p.m.) at the extension office in Louisville, MS Please contact Gloria Moore at 662-705-0112.

Please be on time!

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Winston County Voters League by Claudia Weaver

The League was organized in April 1966 by Reverend Ollie Daily who was born December 31, 1900. Rev. Daily worked with many early civil rights workers during the 1960's. He died in an automobile accident on July 30, 1973 while returning from one of many trips to Jackson trying to organize a NAACP Chapter in Winston County. Four years later on April 18, 1977 a charter was granted by the national office.

The League was incorporated in 1997 under the presidency of Claudell Weaver who served as president from 1984 until 1999. Under her leadership, the League continued to promote many educational meetings on voter registration on the 5th Sunday at various churches within the county. Other accomplishments of the League are:

- On-going project to improve Dean Park as a recreational resource for families, groups and sports teams
- Partnered with others in a lawsuit to redistrict the county which resulted in two black majority districts
- Successfully worked to elect the first black candidates, Supervisor Larry Miller and Election Commissioner Helen Hathorn in District 4
- Successfully negotiated with the NAACP and Louisville officials that led to changes from at-large wards to 2 majority black wards. This led to the election of the first black alderman, Billy Metts and later, Rev. D. A. Moore, Bessie Love and Eugene Crosby
- Successfully worked to elect the first black school board member, Charles Holmes; followed by Annette Jernigan, Larry Baker and Cathy Edwards
- Supported a strong slate of minority candidates pursuing the offices of Circuit Clerk, Chancery Clerk, Tax Assessor, Justice Court Judges and Sheriff. This effort resulted in the election of Robert Beck as Justice Court Judge and Walter Coburn as sheriff.
- Sponsored the Annual Juneteenth Day Festival since 1984. This event celebrates the Emancipation Proclamation when slaves in Galveston,

Texas heard of their freedom on June 19, 1865.

- Sponsored the first Off- Broadway Play "Freedom Days" by Modern Times Theater to a sell-out crowd at Louisville High School

- Sponsored and supported Girl Scouts Troop in Winston County

Co-Sponsored the first ever M.L. King JR motorcade and the Annual M.L. King JR Holiday Celebration with the Winston County NAACP Branch under the presidency of Frank Taylor

The Winston County Voters League meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00AM at the League Building on Vance Street. Membership dues are \$10.00 yearly and monthly dues are \$5.00. Interested persons are welcome to attend meetings, join and participate in creating a healthy and vibrant Winston County.

The League is available to provide information on topics that affect all citizens. Recent activities were calls to our legislators to Save Social Security, to improve Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Coverage and to provide affordable health care for all.

The League is involved in all aspects of county and state government. Our main focus and mission is to register every eligible person, to educate the voters on the issues so they will participate in voting in every election.

We encourage citizens to attend meetings of the school district, Board of Aldermen and Board of Supervisors. The League strongly believes citizens must be an informed body in order to access services that are available and to seek services that are needed.

Lastly, remember the Annual Juneteenth Day Festival is held the 1st Saturday in June. Save the date as you schedule your events so that we can support each other. For additional information about the League, call Calvin Hampton, President at 773-6220, Claudell Weaver, Vice President at 773-9414, Janice Hopkins, Secretary at 773-7743, Gloria Turnipseed, Assistant Secretary at 773 -2811 or Lee Mark Taylor, Treasurer at 773-7831

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