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(January-June, 1945, Inclusive)

BRANCH NAME	Total Members	Branch Paid	National Office Paid
St. Petersburg	159	\$ 7.95	\$ 7.95
Charlotte County	17	.85	.85
Clearwater	53	2.65	2.65
Brevard County	273	28.65	28.65
Lake County	192	7.60	7.60
New Smyrna	56	2.80	2.80
Seminole County	198	9.90	9.90
Tallahassee	263	6.05	6.05
Alachua County	54	2.70	2.70
Dixie County	20	1.00	1.00
Cocoa Youth Council			
Brevard County	47	2.35	2.35
Port Pierce	168	8.40	8.40
Lake Wales	143	7.15	7.15
Vero Beach	72	.05	.05
Orange County	241	12.15	12.15
Bonifay	85	4.25	4.25
Bay County	73	3.65	3.65
St. Johns County	16	.80	.80
Tarpon Springs	15	.75	.75
West Volusia County	15	.75	.75
West Palm Beach	170	8.50	8.50
Tri-Cities (Fruitland Park)	103	5.15	5.15
Osceola County	11	.55	.55
		\$ 126.40	\$ 126.95
		125.95	
		Total remittance to Conference Treas. \$ 252.35	

Note: The National Office is remitting 5¢ per member wherever the Branch has paid the equivalent.

Each Branch and Youth Council is asked to pay 5¢ per year for each member on its roll, as provided in Article V, Section 6, of the Constitution. Send this to New York along with your regular membership reports. The National Office will also pay 5¢ per member and remit the total amount to our Conference treasury.

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Mims, Florida
April 23, 1945

Legislators and Chief Executive
State of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Sirs:

We feel impelled to express our deep concern over certain legislation pending in this session of the Legislature, which seems designed to circumvent the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Texas Primary Case. We have reference to the bill introduced jointly by Senators Mathews of Duval County and Sanchez of Suwannee County, which would remove primary elections from state control.

It is our candid opinion that this bill, if passed, will be detrimental to the future interests of all honest and liberal-minded citizens of Florida, both white and colored. Everyone knows how easy it is for politics to sink into the lowest form of corruption, ~~and into the elections~~. If primaries are removed from state control, corrupt, selfish politicians will have full sway. Surely the better thinking citizens of Florida do not desire such a situation.

We note that the sponsors of this bill seem to be fearful that Negro voters will gain control of the Democratic Primary. We see little foundation for such fears. Sober-minded Negroes do not desire control of any election. All we ask is full and unlimited participation in the affairs of our government. Naturally, this includes the unrestricted use of the ballot. As a minority group, we should not expect more; as loyal citizens of this country, we cannot ask for less.

American democracy is on trial now as never before. Oppressed peoples of other lands are looking to America as a guiding light that will eventually lead them to a fuller enjoyment of those democratic rights and privileges so beautifully expressed in the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution of the United States. If America is to be consistent in her efforts to win these fundamental principles of democracy for oppressed peoples of other lands, she must be willing to grant these same rights to minority groups within her own borders.

In view of these facts, we respectfully urge that every effort be made to defeat the bill mentioned above. Such a victory for democracy at home will do much to enhance our position in the broader struggle for world democracy.

Respectfully yours,

Harry T. Moore, President
Florida State Conference, N. A. A. C. P.

Florida State Senate
Tallahassee, Florida
April 30, 1945

Mr. Harry T. Moore
Mims, Florida

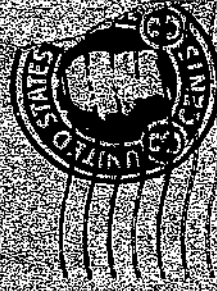
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the
twenty-third and to assure you that I am glad indeed to
get your views and to co-operate in every possible way.

Sincerely yours,

Walter W. Rose, President

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Walter W. Rose



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April 20, 1948

Mr. Harry T. Moore
 Box 4, Mims, Fla.

My dear Mr. Moore:

Some few weeks ago you received a letter from the National Office requesting that your Branch set up a local Veterans Committee. The purpose of this committee is to give advice and counsel to Veterans in your community relative to benefits due them under prevailing legislation.

This comes to inform you that the agencies in your community charged with the responsibility by law of administering to Veterans are: (1) Veterans Administration, (2) Selective Service Boards and (3) United States Employment Service. The Veterans Administration is charged with the responsibility of administering pensions, insurance, education, loans and rehabilitation benefits. The Selective Service is charged with the responsibility of seeing that Veterans are given proper guidance and given their old jobs back. The United States Employment Service is charged with the responsibility of awarding unemployment benefits and employment of Veterans.

Your Committee can, therefore, see that these Agencies perform their duties without regard to race or color. We invite criticism of any of the Agencies where it is clearly shown that a Veteran is refused the use of these services because he is a Negro.

We ask your continued cooperation in our Veterans Program. Address complaints to: Veterans Secretary, 100 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington 1, D. C.

Sincerely,

Jesse O. Dedmon, Jr.
 Secretary, Veterans Affairs.

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Mr. Harry T. Moore
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Moore

On May 11, we mailed you 125 copies
of letters to the Legislature and Chief Executive of the
state of Florida Tallahassee, Florida. There
is a charge of \$1.00 for material.

Yours truly,

Emma A. Dickett

The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College



WILLIAM H. GRAY JR., PRESIDENT

Tallahassee, Florida

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 27, 1945

Mr. Harry T. Moore
President
Florida State NAACP
Box 4
Mims, Florida

Dear Mr. Moore:

I note with a great deal of interest your recent communication of April 23 to the Legislators and Governor. I think you have made a very good statement and I want you to know that I have taken note of your efforts in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Gray, Jr.

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Dear Mr. Moore:

I was very glad to get your letter a few days ago. Glad also to get the other literature which indicated what had been sent to branches in the state. I must say that I realized that much had been done in Florida, still I did not realize that you had done as much as you had. I can see that your work in encouraging the formation of Voters Leagues throughout the state, will not only help to create new voters but will in turn strengthen the NAACP branches, and each one will greatly strengthen and help the other.

Just Saturday when I saw the Chicago Defender which had an account of the recent State Supreme Court victory of Rev. Cromwell et.al. in the Democratic Primary case I immediately thought of you and your work. That should be very encouraging indeed to all who are working in the cause in the state. It seems now that more than ever all concerned must get busy to get placed on the registration books sufficient names that office seekers will have to recognize them. You are doing a great work. Keep it up! Just had a letter from Rev. Cromwell this morning in which he tells of the Supreme Court victory.

It is indeed interesting to have you mention the growth Annual meeting. I can see from the letterhead that there a good cross section from the entire state. It is indeed interesting to learn that you have such a large Youth Council in Brevard County-- Mims and Cocoa, hope that you succeed in getting ones in Melbourne and Titusville. . . . Florida owes much to you, the Gilberts and Elmer Silas for the continuous fight that you have been and are still making for the rights of Negroes in particular, but for all minorities in general. . . . When you tell me that you even have branches in McClenny and Perry I can scarcely believe it, but I say this that if you can get branches there you can get them anywhere, for surely they are two tough ones.

Regards to Mrs. Moore and the family. Hope to hear from you again soon. Remember me to Mr. Silas, Norman Gilbert and others there whom I may know. Sincerely

N. W. Griffin

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Mims, Fla.

Dear Friend:

I hope this will find you and the family well. Hope that you attended the meeting of the Florida State Teachers Association in Orlando, almost sure you did. I note from the papers that it was very largely attended.

The purpose of this note however is not to speak of the Teacher Association, but to say "Thank you" for the pamphlet which you sent me as president of the Florida State Conference of NAACP Branches, entitled "Lynchings in Florida 1943-1945". I have read thru the entire pamphlet. It shows that you have been on the job in the matter of calling attention to state officials of their duty and the failure of local officers to fully perform theirs. I think that it will serve a very good purpose in calling to the attention of the branches of what they too can do in the matter. Also it makes a good report that can be kept in the records of the state conference.

Hope that the work is going well with the Voters League in the state. I imagine that candidates for office in the state this year will have to recognize it, I'm sure they will have to by

148. Very sincerely, N. W. Griffin

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June 12, 1945

Dear President

If there was ever any doubt in our minds of the wisdom of strong, active branches everywhere, the happenings of the past few months have eliminated it. For the past few months, and even now we are face to face with legislation of the most vital concern to our well-being, both in our State Legislatures and in our National Congress. We have seen how this important legislation has been treated by our own representatives, State and National, sent there to represent us, and to express the wishes of the people. Ask yourself the question, have they expressed the will of the people. You may be sure of at least one thing, they have not, in far too many cases expressed your wishes.

What are we doing about it? Have we already made plans, or are we now making plans to see to it that this kind of thing shall not be allowed to continue? If your answer is no, then do not allow another week to pass without making such a beginning. As long as we fail to express ourselves both vigorously and often, so that our representatives cannot fail to understand, we have but ourselves to blame to a large extent for the sorry spectacle that our representatives are now showing. If they have not already been told in unmistakable terms what legislation you want them to support as well as that legislation to which you are opposed, they will come back before you seeking your support next election time saying that they thought they expressed your wishes.

It is difficult to find any issue on which there is greater unanimity of desire for passage than that of fair employment practices, and yet our State as well as our National representatives have treated it as though it was a matter of minor importance. In spite of the many action letters which our branches have had both from the National Office, the Washington Bureau, and the Regional Office, it is my guess that at best the majority of our branches have merely sent a letter for the branch itself, and gotten the officers to send letters. How many branches have had committees to go out on regular campaigns ringing door-bells and thereby taking the issue to the entire community?

The president alone cannot do all the work, neither can the president and the executive committee do it, every committee must work and also an effort must be made to get the entire membership to work. Let us resolve here and now that we are going to make the activity of our branch felt and known toward the passage of the FEPC, the Anti-Lynching, and the Anti-Poll Tax Bills. The more vigorously your branch pushes for legislation of this kind the better it will become known and the stronger it will grow. Let our slogan be "A letter or a telegram from every member of the branch".

Noah W. Griffin,
West Coast Regional Secretary

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Mr. Harry T. Moore
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Dear Mr. Moore:

I was very glad indeed to get the mimeographed pamphlet which you sent which gave the list of officers of the NAACP branches in the State of Florida. I think that the summary that you have showing the enrollment of all branches as of the close of 1944 is very good. It seems to me that that should be a definite means of encouraging all branches to greater effort at building stronger branches, and at the same time it gives them an accurate gauge of the strength of the other branches in the state. It seems that you have in this particular started the State Conference on another period of growth. The statement of growth over the period of years is also very interesting. You have certainly done a great job in carrying forward the work in the state. I shall be very interested to know just what the membership in the state will be this year on December 31.

The branches in this state have increased their membership quite considerably this year, although there has not been many new branches established. Los Angeles has close to 13,000 new members this year. That is by far the largest branch in the entire region. There will be possibly twenty-two or more thousand in the entire state at the close of the year. The other states in the region do not have large branches.

How is school? Guess you are getting things ready for the annual meeting of the Florida State Teachers Association. Where will the meeting be held this year? Regards to Mrs. Moore, Mr. Silas and others there whom I may know.

Very sincerely

Noah Griffin
Regional Secretary

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May 31, 1945

Mr. Harry T. Moore
Box 4
Mims, Florida

Dear Mr. Moore:

I suppose by this time you have received a letter from Mr. Williams of Orlando concerning the program he is planning for Orlando on June 20. In case you haven't such a copy I am enclosing a copy for you to look over. If there is any suggestion that you would like to make to Mr. Williams concerning this program and its construction, I am sure he is open to any suggestion you might give him. I hope it is convenient for you to be present at that time.

Respectfully yours,



E. E. Broughton, President
Progressive Voters League of Florida.

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Dear Mr. Moore:

Attached is the list of youth councils in Florida which you requested in your letter of July 19.

You will notice that Tampa must have been somewhat inactive during the past year. Six groups have requested information on the organization of youth groups, but we have heard nothing further from them. I did not list Bethune-Cookman College, but they wrote in year before last.

I imagine you want to use this information at the State Conference and if this is so, I hope that you will be able to stimulate greater activity among the youth groups. They seem to be on the up-grade and I know that you can push them along a bit more.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

Ruby Hurley
 Ruby Hurley
 Youth Secretary

Mr. Harry T. Moore
 Mims,
 Florida

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