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 Box 4
 Mims, Florida

Dear Mr. Moore:

I have been out of the office due to illness and have therefore been delayed in replying to your letter of May 11.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the statement which we sent you in April showing the number of members reported by the Florida Branches during 1944.

You can get in touch with our Chipley Branch (Washington County) through:

Mr. Hilton Turner
 Box 281
 Chipley, Florida

Our correspondent at Fort Lauderdale has been Mr. H. Brantley, 113 N. W. 4th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Sincerely yours,

Lucille Black
 Lucille Black
 Membership Secretary

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April 24, 1945

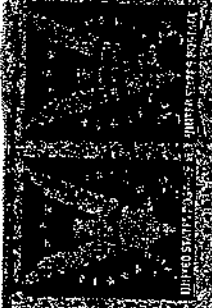
LIST OF FLORIDA BRANCHES AND MEMBERSHIP STANDING AS OF DECEMBER, 1944.

<u>City</u>	<u>Number of members</u>
Barlow	55
Brevard County	465
Belle Glade	90
Fort Pierce	58
Bradenton	75
DeSoto County (Arcadia)	150
Fort Pierce	228
Jacksonville	444
Key West	
Lake Wales	248
Lee County (Ft. Myers)	4
Marion County (Ocala)	440
Martin County (Stuart)	95
Miami	135
Nassau County (Fernandina)	52
New Smyrna Beach	156
Clifford	50
Orange County (Orlando)	388
Osceola County (Kissimmee)	53
Osceola	318
Panama	248
Seminole Co. (Sanford)	138
St. Petersburg	350
Tallahassee	248
Tampa	1,041
West Palm Beach	257
Volusia Co. (DeLand)	83
Washington Co. (Chipley)	64
Clearwater	221
Delray Beach	128
Dixie County	57
Lake County	511
Panama City (Bay Co.)	108
Suwanee Co. (Live Oak)	144
Vero Beach	70
Tarpon Springs	69
Ft. Lauderdale (Comm.)	31
McClenny	28

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Prof. Henry T. Moore

Box 40, Moorhead

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Missive, Voters League
of the
SANTA FE

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Orlando, Florida,
June 1, 1945.

My honored Sir:

This comes to advise you that due to the unsettled conditions of the world politically, we as loyal Americans deem it our duty, in order to safeguard the future of our constitutional government and perpetuate our democracy, to show respect for our laws, and since the highest court in the land has ruled that it is the God given right of each citizen to participate in every election where the rights of the people are involved, therefore we the officers and members of the Progressive Voters League of Florida, take this method of inviting you to our meeting to be held at the Ebenezer Methodist Church at the corner of W. South and Terry Streets on the 20th of June 1945.

A copy of the official call for this meeting is enclosed herewith for your information.

Sincerely yours for peace and harmony,

THE PROGRESSIVE VOTERS LEAGUE OF FLORIDA

G. V. Williams,
Local Chairman,
406 S. Parramore Street.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF FLORIDA
TALLAHASSEE

June 4, 1945

Mr. C. W. Williams
Local Chairman
Progressive Voters League of Florida
406 S. Warramore Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear Sir:

I have notice of your Progressive Voters meeting to be held in Orlando on the 20th.

I should like to attend this meeting but will not be able to do so on account of a previous conflicting engagement, but I will have a representative and a member of your race there. His name is L. C. Jenkins. He, of course, is not an assistant of my office, but will come in the category of a personal representative for me as I want to know what takes place at the meeting and would like to have a report concerning same from one who is present.

If you make a transcript of the meeting's procedure, I should like to have a copy of same and will be glad to pay for it.

Very truly yours,

J. TOM WATSON
Attorney General

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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 ~~seeing 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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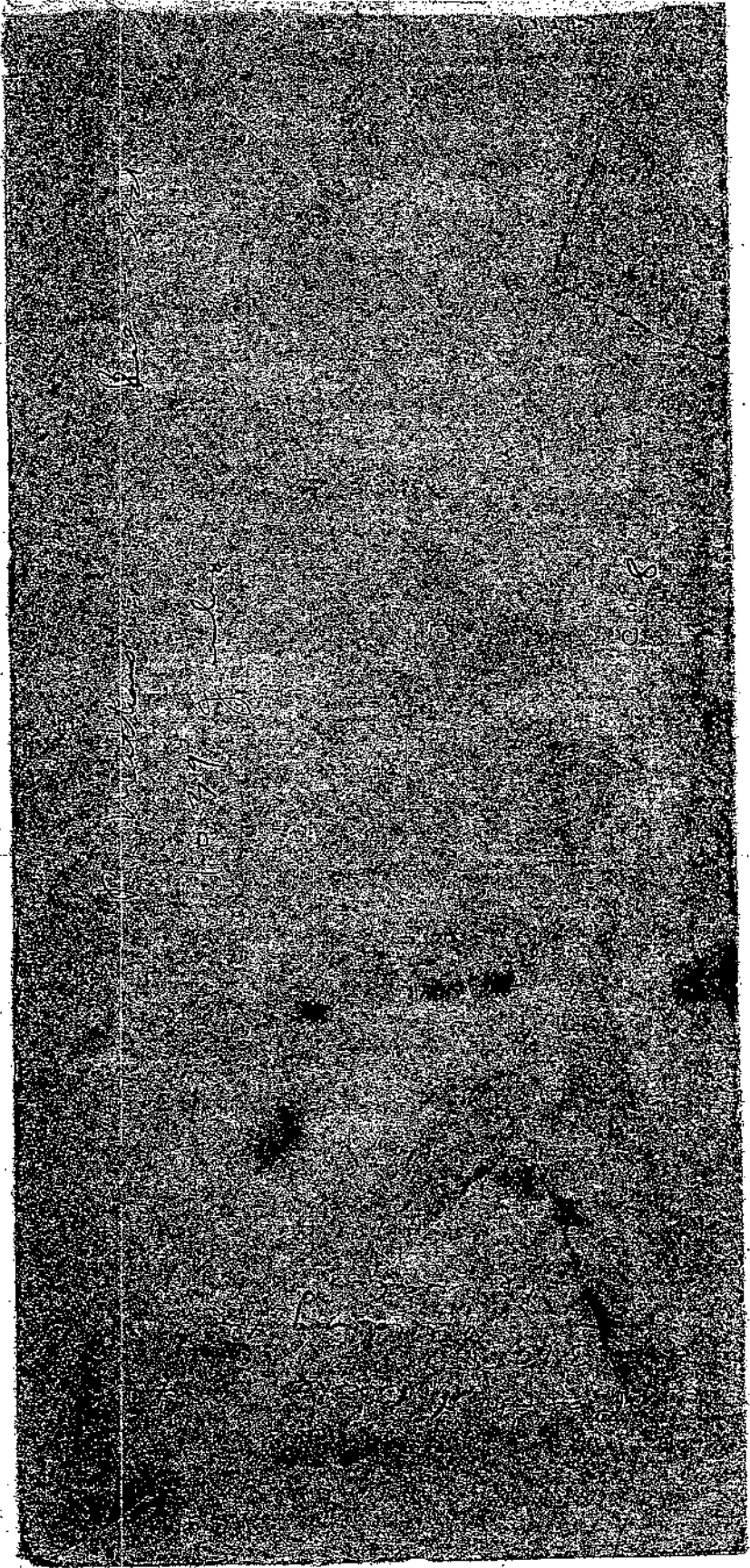
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April
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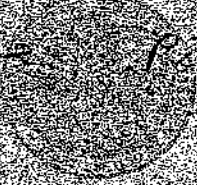
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Walter W. Rose

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



Mims, Florida
June 20, 1945

Florida Delegation
United States Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs :

Negro citizens of Florida are deeply concerned about the fate of four pieces of legislation now pending in Congress. We have reference to the bill to create a strong permanent FEPC, anti-lynching legislation, Anti-Jim Crow Travel Bill (H. R. 1925), and anti-poll tax legislation.

In 1941 the late President Roosevelt, by executive order, created the present FEPC to serve during this emergency. Not only has this Committee done much to eliminate gross discrimination in the employment of war workers, but it has helped to relieve the manpower shortage by inducing employers to use workers because of their ability to do the job, and not because of their creed or color. Now that total victory is in sight, we feel that a permanent FEPC should be created to protect workers from that racial discrimination in employment that is almost sure to come with the return to normal conditions.

Although lynching is not as common now as it was 25 years ago, actual Americans cannot be satisfied until this blot is removed from the pages of America's history. Experience has proven that state authorities either cannot, or will not, take effective action against lynchings under existing laws. When the lynching of a Negro high school boy in DuSable County was reported to Gov. Holland, he practically admitted that he was powerless to move effectively against the lynchers. And when we consider the fact that lynch mobs do not even respect the uniforms of the United States Army, it becomes more evident that a strong Federal law is necessary to curb this evil.

It is hardly necessary to mention the inconveniences and humiliations suffered by Negroes traveling in the South under our Jim Crow transportation system. They are evident on every hand. Negroes of the South are not worried about what some call "social equality", but we do desire equal accommodations for traveling. Since these are not being provided under our present dual system, we solicit your support for H. R. 1925.

Although passage of the Anti-Poll Tax Bill will not affect Florida voters, we feel that this bill should be passed for the benefit of voters in those states where this restriction still exists.

If America is to take the lead in developing a true democracy in the post war world, she must be able to teach it by precept and example, rather than by mere words. We therefore ask your support for this liberal legislation.

Respectfully yours,

Harry T. Moore
Harry T. Moore, President
Florida State Conference, NAACP

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