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Progressive Voters League Of Florida

April 25, 1946

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Dear Go-Workers:

On April 12 we mailed copies of the enclosed letter to candidates running for Congress and important state offices, subject to the Democratic Primaries in May. Favorable replies have been received from several candidates. We have gotten in touch with others through personal contact.

On April 20 the Board of Directors of the Progressive Voters League met in Orlando to consider the records of various candidates. After careful deliberation, the Board voted to recommend the following candidates:

1. For United States Senator Spessard Holland
2. Representative in Congress:
First District Herbert Ventnor
Second District Mrs. C. L. Green
Third District Carl R. Gray
Fourth District George A. Smalley
Fifth District Thomas S. Voss
Sixth District Dwight L. Rogers
3. For Justice Supreme Court
Group Two Paul D. Barnes
4. For Railroad Commissioner
Group Two Carl L. Taylor

The most difficult decision for the Board to make was the choice of a candidate for U. S. Senator. Many members of the Board expressed the opinion that Mrs. Folly R. Balfe was the most liberal of the four candidates. However, it was the general opinion of the Board that the real race would probably be between Holland and Green. Since Lex Green has publicly announced his intention to "champion the cause of the White Democratic Primary and of the noble traditions of the white South", the Board voted to endorse the candidacy of Holland.

We suggest that you consider carefully the records of your local candidates and make recommendations to your voters on the basis of such records.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary

Mims, Florida

April 12, 1946

Dear Candidate:

This year for the first time hundreds of Negro citizens will vote in the Democratic Primaries. This is a privilege for which we have fought long and hard, and we hope to use it wisely.

Ever since the United States declared their independence from England American Negroes have proven their loyalty to this country. All through the years we have shared its burdens and responsibilities. Our forefathers helped to make the South what it is to-day. They helped to clear the land and till the soil. In reviewing the Negro's contribution to the development of the South, one writer has well said: "I see him laboring for two centuries and a half in unrequited toil, making the hillsides of our Southland to glow with the snow-white filices of cotton and the valleys to glisten with the golden sheaves of grain".

As we have shared freely our country's burdens and responsibilities, we desire to share just as freely its benefits and blessings. As a group, we ask no special favors. Neither do we offer to any foreign group. We seek merely the fundamental rights of American citizenship, equality of opportunities, equal protection of the law, justice in the courts, and free participation in the affairs of our government. We are particularly concerned about the lynchings and police brutality that have plagued our state during the past few months. We therefore are interested in anti-lynching legislation and in action against peace officers who permit lynchings or mistreat prisoners. We are concerned about equal job opportunities for Negroes and, therefore, the ultimate fate of FEPC legislation. We are concerned about equal educational opportunities, equal buildings and equipment, equal bus accommodations, and equal pay for teachers based solely on training and experience.

If you will send us an expression of your views on these fundamental issues, we can more intelligently advise our voters throughout the state. We shall appreciate an early reply, as our Board of Directors will meet in Orlando on April 20th.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore, Executive Sec.
Progressive Voters' League of
Florida

Mims, Florida
April 12, 1946

Dear Candidate:

This year for the first time hundreds of Negro citizens will vote in the Democratic Primaries. This is a privilege for which we have fought long and hard, and we hope to use it wisely.

Ever since the thirteen colonies declared their independence from England, American Negroes have proven their loyalty to this country. For through the years we have shared its burdens and its responsibilities. Our forefathers helped to make the South what it is today. They labored to clear the land and till the soil. In reviewing the Negro's contribution to the development of the South, one writer has well said: "I see him laboring for two centuries with the unimproved soil, making the hillsides of our Southland gleam with the snow-white fleece of cotton and the marble hillsides with the golden sheaves of grain."

Now we have shared both our country's burdens and responsibilities, we desire to share just as freely its benefits and its honors. We desire no special favors. Neither do we desire to be treated as a second class citizen. We demand equal participation in the affairs of our government. We are particularly concerned about the lynching and police brutality that have plagued our state during the past few months. We therefore are interested in anti-lynching legislation and firm action against peace officers who permit lynchings or mistreat prisoners. We are also interested about equal job opportunities for Negroes and, therefore, the ultimate fate of FEPC legislation. We are concerned about equal educational opportunities, equal buildings and equipment, equal bus accommodations, and equal pay for teachers based solely on training and experience.

If you will send us an expression of your views on these fundamental issues, we can more intelligently advise our voters throughout the state. We shall appreciate an early reply, as our Board of Directors will meet in Orlando on April 20th.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore, Executive Sec.
Progressive Voters' League of
Florida

Miami, Florida
May 4, 1948

Mr. Carl R. Gray
Candidate for Congress
Tampa City, Florida

Dear Candidate :

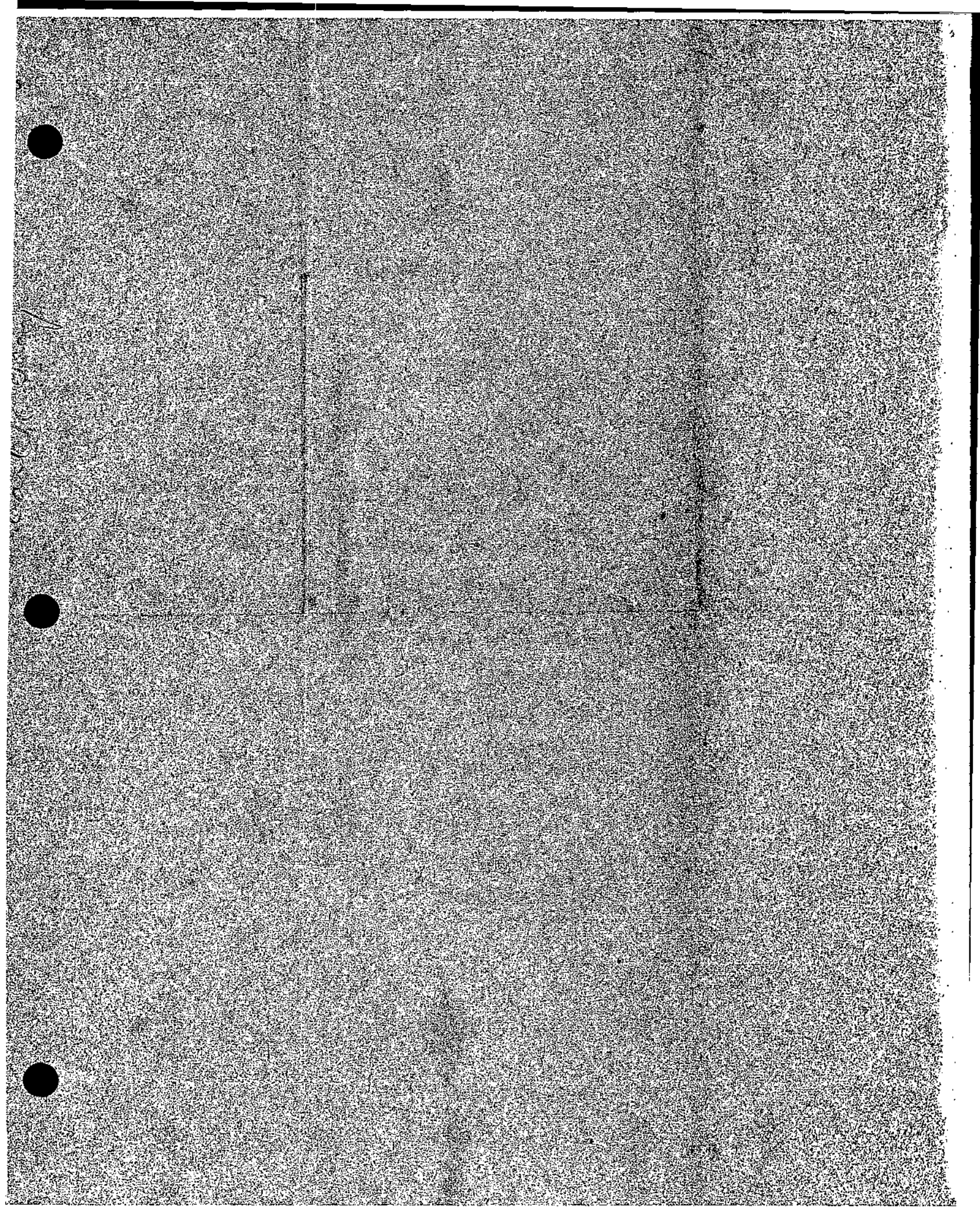
We are pleased to inform you that the Progressive
Veterans League has endorsed your candidacy for
the office that you seek, subject to the Democratic
primary this month. We have asked our veterans
throughout the Third Congressional District to
give you their full support at the polls.

We trust that victory will be yours. We trust, also,
that you will ever try to secure justice and equal
opportunities for all the people, without regard to
race, creed, or color.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary

cc :
Mr. E. W. Edwards
Box 542
Tampa City, Florida



Mims, Florida
May 4, 1948

Miss Cecilia H. Brown
Candidate for Congress
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Candidate:

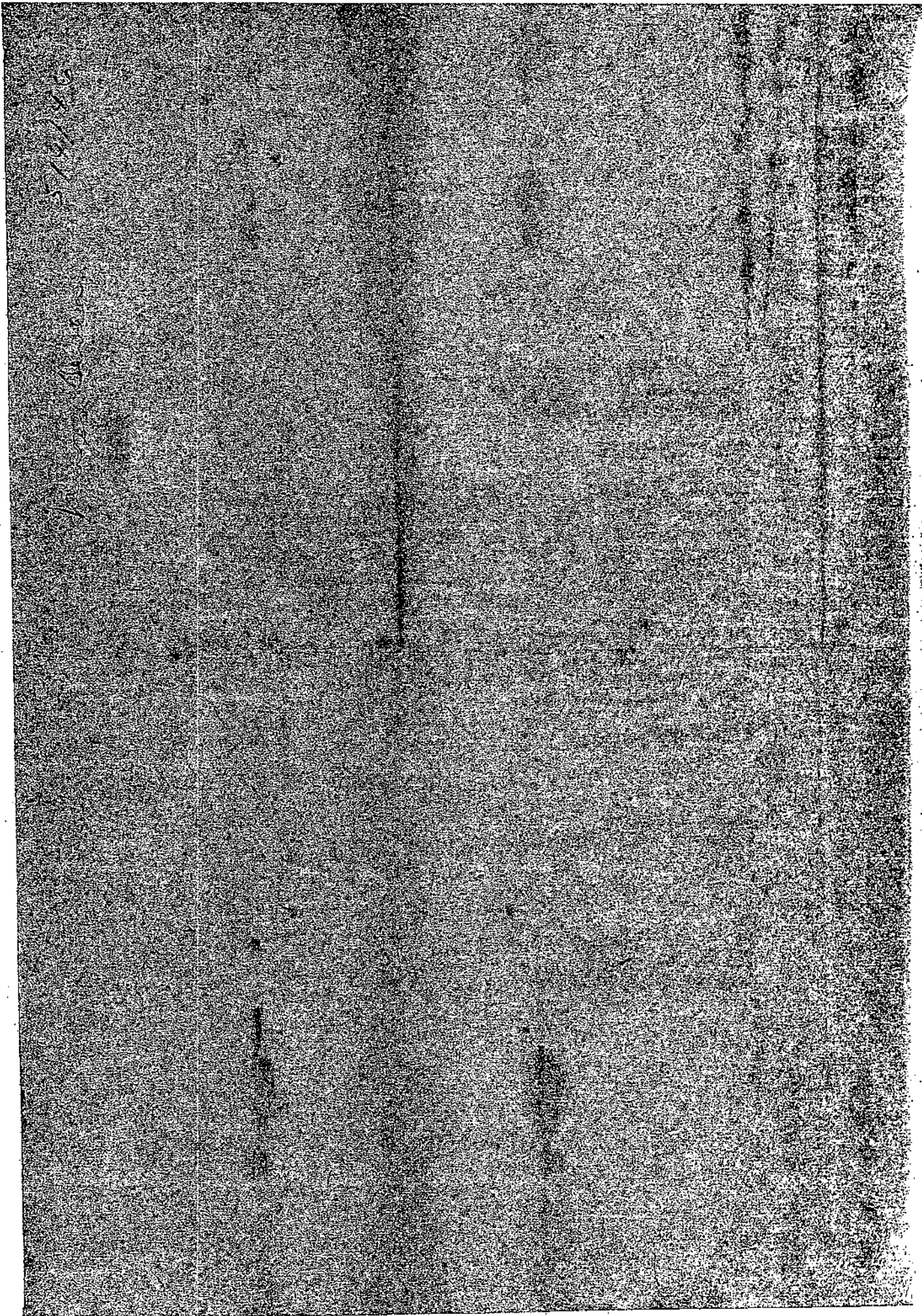
We are pleased to inform you that the Progressive
Veterans' League has endorsed your candidacy for
the office that you seek, subject to the Democratic
Primaries this month. We have asked our voters
throughout the Second Congressional District to
give you their full support at the polls.

We trust that victory will be yours. We trust, also,
that you will ever try to secure justice and equal
opportunities for all the people, without regard to
race, creed, or color.

Sincerely yours,

Harry L. Moore
Executive Secretary

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Mr. T. L. Hedding
410 E. Duval St.
Jacksonville, Florida



Orlando, Florida
Sep 4, 1944

Dear Candidate :

We are pleased to inform you that the Progressive
Citizens League has endorsed your candidacy for
the office that you seek, subject to the Democratic
Primary this month. We have asked our workers
throughout the state, or district, to give you
their full support at the polls.

We want that victory will be yours. We want, also,
that you will now try to secure justice and equal
opportunities for all the people regardless of
color, race, or religion.

Very S. Sincerely,
Executive Secretary

Tampa, Florida
May 1, 1948

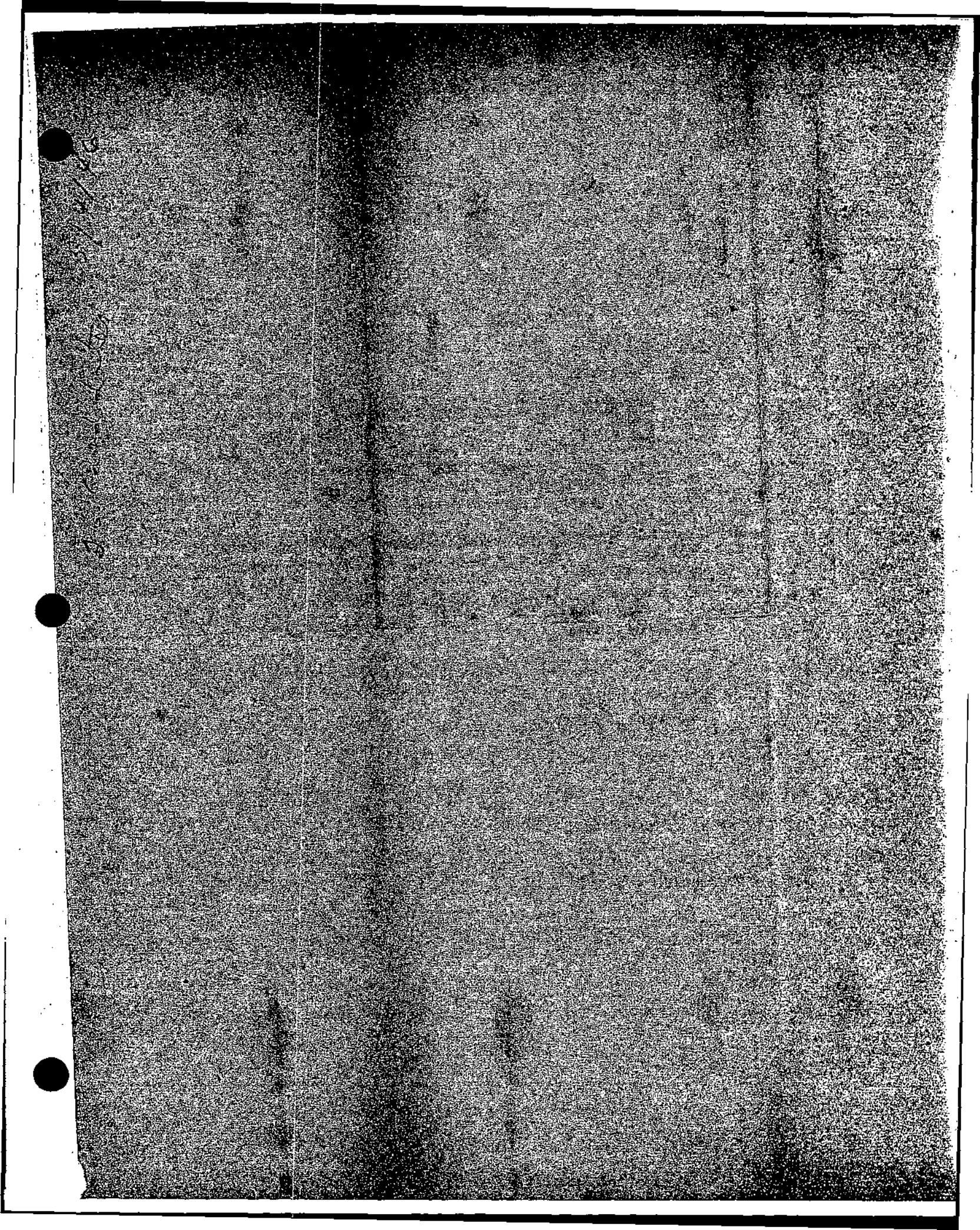
Dear Candidate :

We are pleased to inform you that the Progressive Voters' League has returned your application for the office that you seek, subject to the Democratic Primaries this month. We have asked our writers throughout the state, or district, to give you their full support at the polls.

We trust that victory will be yours. We trust, also, that you will seek to secure justice and equal opportunities for all the people, without regard to race, creed, or color.

Sincerely yours,

Henry C. Moore
Executive Secretary



Miami, Florida
May 4, 1946

Mr. Carl M. Taylor
Candidate for Railroad Commissioner
P.O. Box
Jacksonville, Florida

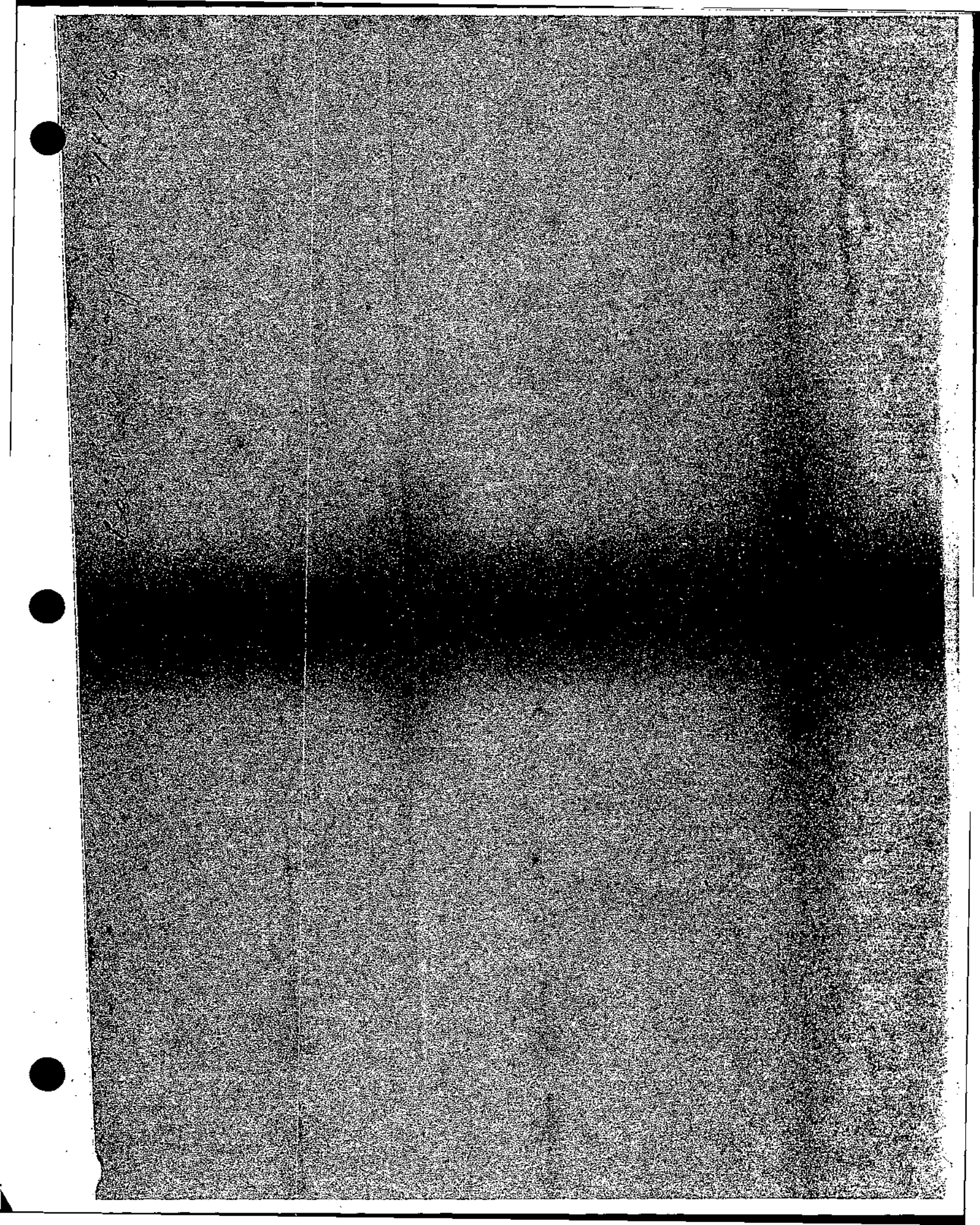
Dear Candidate:

We are pleased to inform you that the Progressive
Citizens League has endorsed your candidacy for
the office that you seek, subject to the Democratic
primary election held on May 14, 1946.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary

cc -
Mr. T. L. Hedding
210 N. Canal Street
Jacksonville, Florida



Mims, Florida
May 4, 1948

Dear Candidate :

We are pleased to inform you that the Progressive Voters' League has endorsed your candidacy for the office that you seek, subject to the Democratic Primaries this month. We have asked our voters throughout the state, or district, to give you their full support at the polls.

We trust that victory will be yours. We trust, also, that you will ever try to secure justice and equal opportunities for all the people, without regard to race, creed, or color.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary

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