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September 23, 1965: Mayor McLean's Summary for Bi-Racial Committee

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These were Mayor McLean's introductory remarks for the first meeting of the bi-racial committee on September 23, at which Rev. McAtee was present as a process person. Penned at the upper left are the Mayor's wry comment about what he'd been called, whereas he considered himself an "Informed Realist." At the right is his description of how he prepared for what he faced.

Note: The back side of the sheet was divided into two parts oriented in opposite directions. I've separated and reoriented them here, but you can also see the original.

liberal, Communist, "Informed Realist" Running - Inauguration
1. HP to Late Acad. study, tactical, planned program.

Humor

A. Library, cases, theater, priests
B. Annual. Inmate Bands (KKK-Inmates)
C. Inmate - Ground Rules
D. Meeting Monday Aug 30 Negro leaders + white leaders (Results + Problems of Negro leaders)
E. Problems Around us - Bogalusa, Natchez, Bi-racial Committee after Problems.
F. Meeting tonight - Committee of concerned citizens meet to discuss problems. Not Official - Grow from here.
G. Committee - Must be sincere must produce positive action. Board Board
H. School at present, Community Action Program
I. Must keep control of County at Home + all citizens work together - Board Board
J. Chairing of six persons + 2 chair six persons must be representative, influential, + able to work together.
K. Meeting Sat. Note John Jefferson 7:30. Elected members there.

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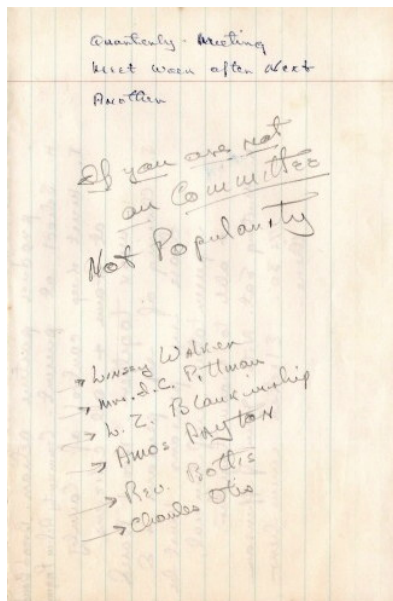
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Liberal, Communist, Running - [?]
"Informed Realist" Read, study, talked, phoned,
Humor prayed

1. UP to Date
 - A. Library, cafes, Theater, Pickets
 - B. Arrest, Threaten Parade (KKK - Deacons)
 - C. Trial - Ground Rules
 - D. Meeting Monday Aug 30 Negro Leaders & White Leaders (Results & Problems of Negro Leaders)
 - E. Problems Around us - Bogalusa, Natchez, Bi-racial Committee after Problems
 - F. Meeting tonight -> Committee of concerned citizens meet to discuss problems. Not Official - Grow from here.
 - G. Committee - must be sincere must produce positive action.
Broad Based Community Action Program
 - H. School at present.
 - I. Must keep control of County at Home & all citizens work together. Broad Based
 - J. Chosing of six persons & I chose six persons. Must be representative, influential, & able to work together.
 - K. Meeting Sat. Nite John Jefferson 7:30. Elected members there.

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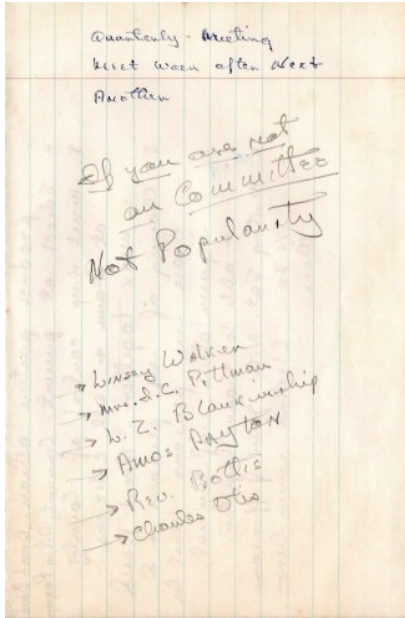
Quarterly Meeting
Meet Week after next
Another

If you are not
on Committee
Not Popularity

- > Linsey Walker
- > Mrs. I. C. Pittman
- > L. Z. Blankinsip
- > Amos Payton
- > Rev. Bottis
- > Charles Otis

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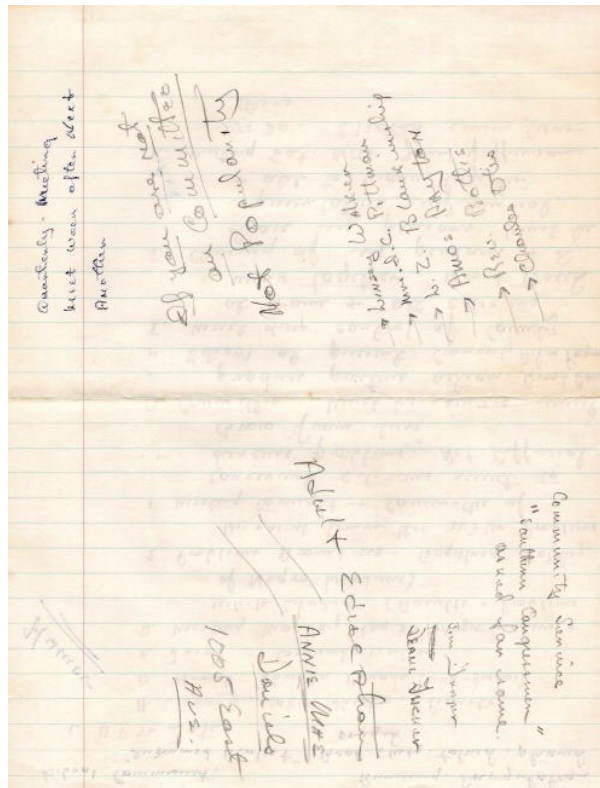
Community Service
 "Southern Congressmen"
 asked for some.

Jim Draper
 Dean [?] Tucker

Adult Education

Annie Mae
Daniels
 1005 East
Ave. .

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