

REINFORCEMENTS FOR REP. SAM SMITH



Back row left to right, Arthur D. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Amy Smith, Mrs. Lillian Oliver, Mrs. Arthur D. Smith Sr., Mrs. Velma Redwine, State Rep. Sam Smith, Mrs. Sam Smith, Second row: Lonnie B. Smith, Ronald Smith, Stephen K. Smith, Mrs. Bernice Smith Bailey, 80, Mother of Rep. Sam Smith, Cassandra Smith, Rev. S. A. Smith, Front row: Amelia Smith, Anthony E. Smith, Donald Smith, and Carl Smith. All are sisters, brothers, neices, or nephews of Rep. Sam Smith and all have been on the Campaign trail during the past week. (Odell Lee Photo).

'I BELIEVE'

By Isiah Edwards

Many Voters are not familiar with the functions of a Precinct Committeeman or committeewoman and I think that we should treat on this subject briefly. A registered voter of good repute, having participated in worthwhile community endeavors, and having been active in their preferred political party, where their political views are known, may amply qualify as a candidate for said office.

In Washington State, as well as many of our sister states, the grass roots rep-

resentation is the party's precinct committeeman.

These hard working and altruistic people take on this unpaid and sometimes thankless job by first paying a dollar at the county auditor's office and thereby have their name placed on the ballot in their own precinct. Each precinct in King County has from 200 to 400 voters, and within the Seattle city limits covers an area of six or eight square blocks.

Having qualified, your name placed on the ballot of the party of your choice, the law requires that in the November election you must receive 10 per cent of the total vote cast in your precinct by the party of your choosing.

Having been duly elected one automatically becomes

the official representative of his party in his precinct and assumes the responsibility of organizing party machinery.

He serves as a delegate to the legislative district and county convention, where the district and county leaders are nominated and elected. In some instances he receives from his constituents instructions to support or oppose certain programs which are proposed in the party's platforms. In presidential elections, he elects the national convention delegates from the congressional districts in which they reside.

I have tried to say that a precinct committeeman serves as "grass-roots" contact for voters and I trust that this ray of light may

reflect in such a way as to cause more of our good citizens to become candidates for the office of precinct committeeman or committeewoman.

The 33rd District Democrats announced this week the opening of their campaign headquarters at 3800 Rainier Avenue. The new headquarters will be handy for all Rainier Valley, Mt. Baker, and Beacon Hill residences. Its location is on the corner next to the new Food Giant and shoppers will find it convenient in contacting Democrats for literature and political information.

It is anticipated that facilities for registering voters will be installed at the new headquarters within a week.

The headquarters will be under the joint direction of

Cliff Stone, District Chairman and Bill Chatalas, 33rd District Club President and one of the 33rd District legislators.

How to Get A Job

The Seattle Branch of the NAACP is sponsoring a discussion on how to get a job. Mr. Austin, Director of Labor Relations in the Northwest for Sears Roebuck and Co. will be the discussion leader. Mr. Austin is well versed in the field of employment and personnel.

The discussion will be held at the Eastside YWCA, at 29th and East Cherry at 8 p.m., September 6.

Mr. Charles Johnson, President of the Association urges all members and other interested persons to attend

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this discussion. Mr. Johnson said, "This program can be of special help to the entire community."



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