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to move from his rented house in Lower Peach Tree because his white landlady feared violence by the Ku Klux Klan.

He said, however, that this had not dampened his enthusiasm for seeking the position. Asked if he feared sheriff's deputies, Calhoun replied, "When I become sheriff, I will hire my own, and some of them will be white." He added, "My only interest is seeing that the law is applied fairly to all the people and not just some of the people.'

BROWN SAID that he was not as assured of being elected because the Negro voting majority in Wilcox County did not apply to the three other counties included in his district. They are Monroe, Conecuh, Clark and Wilcox.

He said, however, that if all the Negroes and whites dissatisfied with their present State Senator would vote for him, that he would promise to represent all the people in a fair manner.

The oldest of the political candidates, Perryman, a father of ten with 16 grandchildren, said that he was tired of the county's tax dollars going for roads only in white communities, and that roads in Negro areas should be improved and maintained to the standards of all other county roads.

He said that thus far only one white person had offered him any encouragement toward seeking his office, but he was sure that others felt the same way but probably could not express their opinions openly.

YOUNGEST OF THE candidates, Irby, said he felt for the first time in history, Negroes in his county would have a choice to decide who was to represent them. The young candidate, who works as an insurance agent, said he would campaign on a platform promising road improvements throughout the county, regardless of the community's racial makeup.

The four Negro candidates from Wilcox symbolized the opportunities and aspirations of at least 60 other Negroes who are seeking elective offices. In Barber, Sumter, Marengo, Dallas, Green, Bullock, Butler, Autauga, Mobile, Chactaw and Perry and Hale, they are seeking state and county offices ranging from State Senator to tax assessor and seats on county Democratic

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executive committees.

There are 14 Negroes seeking political offices in Barbour County, and nine from Perry County. In most of these counties, the Negro voting age population exceeds that of whites.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference has conducted a voter registration drive in almost all of these counties.



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