

FIELD REPORT . . . . . Charles Sherrod  
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DAWSON, GEORGIA:

The seven page article is by one of the young girls who works with us here in Dawson. Piece it together with Roychester's account. The cat has been delinquent, Ha! He was suppose to have given me the info some time ago, but. ....

Say man, one person said it is true that Howard Lee was the registrar at one time. Howard Lee is the cat who slapped and kicked Roychester Patterson. I guess I told you Lee was also a former Chief of Police, who has the reputation of having shot many Negroes, one he shot with a pistol with his hands cuffed, with the excuse that he was resisting arrest.

Clovis Jones, Manuel Hall and Frazier Moon, are students who are very close. They have vowed together to fight for "civil rights", a magic phrase for them even if it means death. They are dying for direct action, tonight they had a meeting, only one of us went - we must protect ourselves @ you know; aiding the delinquency of minors has gotten us in a hell of a lot of trouble. (\$) They want to go!

Let's see, uh, we've organized a committee which meets tomorrow and if effective, we'll be moving to Baker within two weeks. A meeting is to be held, Thursday, at 8:00 p.m. - people are afraid even more now O the word - (by mouth) is slowly circulating and people are say, "I told you so, about people who go to meetings and talk about that 'mess'. They're going to get killed or something if they keep messing with those "Freedom Riders." (If only the JD would send down the word, man, play up the injunction & need of action in this area. I'll start writing again about the people's thoughts. Tell Charles J. to wait until the 19th to get his car - I'll say the same if I contact him or see him first.

Love to all the family at 197 $\frac{1}{2}$ .