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The day was still and sad.
And in my little town it was
windy, dark, and wet.

The day went on and on so slow.
Oh, how I wished it would end!
Then it came on the radio,
that the President had been shot.
"Shot!" said I.
"Shot!" said I, "Oh no, that can't be true!"
But in the emergency room they tried their
might to save him, but the hope was slowly
dying away as the afternoon began to fade
promptly away.
Everyone just stopped and prayed. Their
hearts skipped thump after thump as their
throats began to lump (with tears).
Then the radio began to speak,
"He's dead. The President of the United
States is dead."

All was still.
All was sad.
A thunderbolt had hit our path.
Eyes fell down.
Tears fell down.
No one made a joyful sound.

A knot curled in my throat --
a knot that seems to have not been broken.
That phrase had hit us as if in answer to
our prayers.
Why an answer so deep and sad?
Why an answer that has not a care?
All these questions and not any answers to me
or no one else but Thee.
The next day was different --
as different can be for the flag
was lowered at half staff, you see.
All that has happened the other day seemed
to have been but a dream.
Some believing.
Some unbelieving.
Some just staring and looking.
This was the date the world cried.
This was the date the world stood still.
This is the date we'll never forget!

FREEDOM TRAINING SCHOOL

Freedom Training School is designed for the young as well as old. Here we learn. Here we study history, we sing and do many more interesting things.

Here we are trained to become better citizens of our town, state and country. We talk about the condition of Holly Springs: the jobs for the Negroes and the living conditions.

Freedom Training School is a great help to the Negro Society of Mississippi. If we join together we can make this School a success. So let's learn to be better citizens of our town. And help all be better Americans.

By Cussie Brettle

HOPES AND FEARS

The Negroes of Mississippi think their prayers are finally being answered. We have waited and prayed so long for the day when we could get a job in any factory that is in need of employees, go to any restaurant we would like to eat at, or sit on any seat on the bus that we chose.

Some of us are afraid to speak and do the things we think would help Mississippi. We are afraid because of our jobs, our children's lives, etc. We have heard over radios and T. V. about some of the Negroes that tried to help Mississippi. For example, Medgar Evers who was the Field Secretary of the NAACP and also a great leader. And the three freedom workers that are missing. The Negroes of Mississippi are praying that God has spared their lives and that they will soon be found alive.

By Ira Moore

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