

# CITIZEN

The people of Canton and Madison County were blessed this week with the distribution of food and clothing sent to us by our good white friends in the North.

It would seem that we have many white friends in the North, but very few in the South!

If the Movement is to succeed, we must cooperate with it. We must stay out of the boycotted stores. (A list of those stores on the boycott list can be gotten at the freedom house) If anyone has any ideas that would help us toward finding better jobs, human dignity and all our God given rights, please contact Freedom House. We must work together for Freedom Now!

Editor's note: All of the following are articles written for the CITIZEN by students who attended the Freedom Schools this summer.

## FREEDOM SCHOOL BURNS

By Walter Bernard Sandler

This summer while attending the Freedom School I received some courses in Negro History, French and other subjects which have been very helpful to me since our school started this fall. About mid-summer the school which was being used at Mt. Pleasant Church at the time burned to the ground one night. Since then we have been raising money to rebuild the building. I think there should be other activities going on as in other parts of the County because at least it brings the world's attention to the situation in Mississippi.

## CIVIL RIGHTS BILL SHOULD BE ENFORCED

By Norma Fields

What would I like to take place next now that the Civil Rights Bill has passed? Equal Facility. Although the Civil Rights has been passed, the enforcement hasn't taken place yet. One of the most important things that should happen is advancement and equal education facilities. We need more space in our public schools and more teachers. Next thing that should take place is higher wages and better jobs.

Since the Civil Rights Bill has passed I think that it should be put into action. Unless it is put to action it will be of no value to the negroes through-out the state. The people are saying, and I quote "we have our Civil Rights" and unless we put this bill to work, we won't have any kind of rights. Not even Civil Rights.

John Crowe Ransom, one of the first poets in any language, founded the Kenyon Review, one of the best literary quarterlies ever published in the United States. John Ransom received the 1964 National Book Award for poetry. John said, and I quote "we can only pay our debt to the past by putting the future in debt to ourselves."

## STUDENT WANTS PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION

By Barbara Taylor

How I would like to see the Civil Rights Bill implemented in Canton.

As a junior in highschool, I feel I have many wonderful years ahead of me. I would like to enjoy those years in a city where I can feel free to go to any respectable place and not be afraid of being throw out or arrested for unlawful assembly. Our Civil Rights Bill has passed, but it won't mean a thing unless we show that we intend to use it. I can not think of a better place to start than the public accomodation section. This bill won't change the hearts of men but it will surely make them think twice before going to any radical measures. We need pickets, sit-in demonstrations, voter registrations to let our white brothers know we mean business. For ourselves we need an education. Stay in school.

## ONE REASON WHY

By Gene McClendon

One reason why I think the Freedom Schools were a good project last summer is because of the many helps and understandings of the freedom movement which they gave us.

Another thing I think the movement in Canton should do is to test the civil rights Bill now. And if it is possible to ask some of the white workers of the Freedom Movement to please come back as soon as possible to help us in our struggle.

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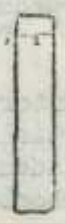
## NOTICE

The CITIZEN will print articles submitted by any local citizen. We want your articles. Please write.

LIBRARY OF FREEDOM SCHOOL  
By Lee Ella Fields

There are many significant factors to be considered that happened at Freedom School. We had brief classes in Negro history, typing, English, and dramatic acting in which we put on a short play. We also had a newspaper staff that published the school's paper. On the whole the school was nice, the teachers were very considerate and co-operative.

There have been many questions about what should happen next in Canton or Mississippi. The main thing that should take place is the Civil Rights Bill put into action. There has been no real action in the fulfillment of this bill. The people of Canton and surrounding areas feel that there is too much economic boycotts and not enough protesting for their equal rights as citizens and free will to do as others do. If all people will take time to actually look, they will find out we are progressing very slowly in Canton. I'm not saying that boycotts don't hurt, because our country is based on capitalism. But the point is more direct action is needed to gain equal opportunities for all citizens. We must have non-violence.



I Too  
By Langston Hughes

I, too, sing America.  
I am the darker brother.  
They send me to eat in the kitchen  
when company comes,  
But I laugh,  
and eat well,  
and grow strong.  
Tomorrow,  
I'll be at the table  
when company comes.  
Nobody'll dare  
say to me,  
"Eat in the kitchen,"  
then.

Besides,  
They'll see how beautiful I am  
and be ashamed—

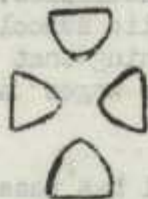
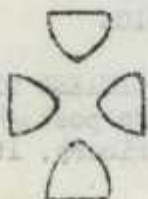
I, too am America.

Cross  
By Langston Hughes

My old man's a white old man  
and my old mother's black.  
If ever I cursed my white old man  
I take my curses back.

If ever I cursed my black old mother  
and wished she were in hell,  
I'm sorry for that evil wish  
and now I wish her well.

My old man died in a fine big house.  
My ma died in a shack.  
I wonder where I'm gonna die,  
Being neither white nor black!



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