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Editor's Note:



This question has been asked often by the Negroes of Madison County: When is COFO going to test the accomodation part of the Civil Rights Bill? COFO's policy is to do what the people want in the community. We say to you: fellow freedom-minded citizens, COME NOW. Come to Pleasant Green Church on Monday night at 7:00 P.M. We must get our plans under way soon.



What I would like to see older people do- by Girtie Magrie Saadler

I am a twelve year old student, and this is what I'd like to see done by older people. I'd like to see more people get decent jobs; I'd like to see more eating with their white friends; I'd like to see more people behind the cash register in stores uptown. I also would like to see many more people going downtown registering to vote.

In less words, and simple words, I would like to see more people testing our Civil Rights Bill.

Just having rights and not using them is no good. Use your privilege that you have.

YOU, and only YOU,  
can

ENFORCE these rights.

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DON'T FORGET!!!!

The selective buying campaign is on and is working. Vote for FREEDOM with your dollar.

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The Truth

-anonymous

The graciousness and gentleness of our so-called Mississippi heritage that we are taught as Canton white children is now turning into a sadness akin to pain. We find that so much false pride exists, and it exists because the ones that taught us to be proud know and practice cruelty toward persons less fortunate than themselves or persons whose skin pigmentation differs from ours. We see that lack of self-confidence and weakness have made them vain. Hatred, I fear, has added to this toll. All of these traits tend to turn us away from a common love and a common need for each other. Sometimes I wonder if we have forgotten that God is the Lord of all creation. Man is not!

(Name withheld because I know this cannot be a truthful challenge.)

Our Mighty Hand

Dr. Martin Luther King, a native of Georgia, has had us in battle for the equal rights due to us. We have men like Jim Farmer who has visited Canton three times, Dave Dennis and George Raymond.

To many whites, these men mean sit-ins, prayer marches, overflowing jails and even violence by whites and Negroes. They are, indeed, well known people. They are like shepards, tending their flocks in the fields. They have done this through the development of non-violent resistance, which emphasizes love for the white man while refusing to co-operate with discrimination and segregation.

We are going to continue to preach and be threatened by death, but these men march on, for they, and others like them, are truly great. And, when and if the people they lead become violent, they say, "He who lives by the sword shall perish by the sword."

These men have been jailed, called liars, and those of them that have families have had the safety of these families threatened. They will not be satisfied until black and white, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics be joined in hands and hearts and sing the song of Freedom: We're free at last, We're free at last, Thank God Almighty, We are free at last.

-by Doria Hill

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Every Saturday morning, at Asbury Church on Cameron Street there is a meeting of the Madison County Movement. If you want something done, if you have something to say, if you have a complaint to make, or if you are interested in what happens in Madison County, come to this meeting. This is your meeting, run by you, but it cannot do its job if you are not there!

He!

The Negro has been pushed and pushed to a bitter end,

He never tries to defend

He lifts his eyes to God and prays

He waits for that great Glorious Day

He accepts all white hostility

He waits for the moment

He will be free!!!!



These two poems were written by Cassandra R. Lowe.



Poverty!

She was born in a ragged, ragged old shack,

With hardly a rag to cover her back,

Not even shoes to cover her toes,

Is this because she is Negro?

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Many of us remember what happened the last time we tried to take Depositions for the Congressional Challenge- Hercules Jones didn't show up, and the Mississippi lawyers walked out. Depositions will be taken NEXT WEEK: March 8+9: Friendly witnesses March 10 + 11: Unfriendly witnesses (including Foote Campbell)

This time there will be testimony taken. Come and see the fight to put your congresswoman, MRS. DEVINE, into office.

Depositions are taken at the County Courthouse.