

MOSS POINT - PASCAGOULA

Tilmon McKeller - SNCC and Nortehrnr friends
Rufus Mosley, Jr. - SNCC*
Harold Kelvin - parents (good for another month)
Barry Utt - Northern friends (good for another month)
Mary Larsen - Northern friends
Nancy Sours - own savings
Harry Swan - no income*
Mary Ellickson - parents and Nortehrnr friends
John Henry Davis and Donna Burt - local people*
Georgia Martin - SNCC and Northern friends
*needs money now

We have 3 cars: 1957 Oldsmobile - Sojourner Motor Fleet, Inc.
1961 Oldsmobile - Harold Kelvin
1955 Ford - Barry Utt

All people and cars work out of Moss Point.

COMMUNITY CENTERS. All the activity is in Moss Point. We have a library in the same building as the COFO office and a smaller library in the Pascagoula COFO office, which we are considering closing down due to high rent and lack of staff. Since the Pascagoula office is usually closed, the library there is hardly open to the public. We're trying to get community people to help us with the library in Moss Point.

We also have a volley ball court in the backyard, which makes the office sort of a hang-out for teenagers.

There are a few pre-school children who come to freedom school, but the teachers try to discourage them, since their presence slows down the learning of the older children.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS. There are no known Negro farmers in this area, so we are doing nothing in that field.

We have taken job complaints from many men who work in some of the large industries in Pascagoula. I have sent one of them to Marion Wright and the rest to the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department. The latter includes complaints against the Continental Can Company and the Louis Dreyfus Corporation (a grain elevator).

Mr. John M. Heneghan and Mr. Francis R. Ridley from the Department of the Navy came to Pascagoula during the week Oct. 26-Nov.1. They were here as a result of a letter concerning racial discrimination in employment at Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation, written by Ed Spannaus. We talked at some length with them and directed them to Ingalls workers whom we know.

FREEDOM SCHOOLS. This is all in Moss Point. Freedom school for elementary children meets from 9-11 AM and 1-3 PM Monday through Friday. (The regular schools are open on split shifts). We work on letters with the youngest children, while the eldest write. They all do a lot of drawing. We sometimes discuss civil rights and sing Freedom songs. School is usually pretty disorganized, since from 10-20 children come both mornings and afternoons. These are mostly neighborhood children. School has been running since September.