

[July 1964]

To: George Raymond
From: Sara Leiber and Ruth Steward
Subject: Communication and Transportation

This letter is prompted by events which happened when we went to Jackson on Saturday, July 18, and by the lack of speakers at a Student Union meeting the night before.

On Saturday Ruth and Sara planned to go to Jackson to get some ~~boards~~ boards for our pupils to use for lap ~~boards~~ on which to write. We also wanted to get a locker so we could leave our school and art supplies at our church and not have to pack them up and take them home with us each night. We also wanted to get more art and sport ~~supplies~~ for our school.

When we signed out at the Freedom House, we got two passengers, Sally Shideler ~~and~~ who had to go to the ~~dentist~~ doctor, and Tom Foner who wanted to get ~~some~~ some boots.

Instead of doing the things we had planned, we, instead, drove Sally to the doctor and waited for her; met Paul Zimmerman on the street in Jackson and ~~was~~ followed him ~~in~~ to the car rental agency when he returned his car; had lunch; went to a five-and-dime; went to Sears; went to a lumber yard which was closed. ~~When~~ When we returned to the COFO ~~R~~ office, Foner was mad at us because he had thought we would be back in just an ~~hour~~ hour or so, and the shoe store was too far for him to walk. He had ~~been~~ been afraid to go out because he thought ~~we~~ he would miss ~~us~~ us. Other people in the car were mad because of other delays.

Now, I realize that because of the lack of transportation, we all have to make adjustments and we can't plan on little days off for a glorious fling in Jackson. But here is the point: ~~there~~ there was another car from Canton which arrived in ~~Jackson~~ Jackson just as we did. And we didn't even know that car was going. Why couldn't that car have taken home ~~some~~ some of the people who did not want to stay so long ~~in~~ in Jackson?

~~Suggestions~~

~~ix~~ Next gripe. On Friday night there was a Student Union meeting in St. John's in Valley View at night. (None of the Magdalene students were there because they do not go out at ~~a~~ night.) Hattie and Gracie were supposed to speak. Neither came. Gracie ~~said~~ said she was 100 miles away at the time and that she had told Dave from Valley view that ~~she~~ she couldn't come. Hattie says she was at the Freedom House at 7:30 and ~~couldn't~~ couldn't get a ride.

The point is that Ruth and Sara were free to come in from Magdalene ~~and~~ and drive Hattie out to Valley View if we had only known.

Incidentally, our car can be much more use to you if we continue to live in Canton and commute. By checking in at the Freedom House we can ~~find~~ find out ~~who~~ who needs to go to the rurals.

Suggestions:

1. All transportation plans be reported a day in advance and posted in the Freedom House so that hitchhikers may know.
2. Riders be held responsible for making clear to drivers what their plans are.
Riders ~~realize~~ realize ~~that~~ that the burden rests on them to find out what the plans of the ~~at~~ drivers are.
3. Freedom House should know who is expected to speak where, and help secure rides.
4. A real effort be made to raise money for another car.
5. Until another car is obtained, a pool of local drivers

should be organized so that problems like Hattie's lack of a ride won't come up.

6. Volunteers should write out all ~~kind~~ plans for events so that fewer confusions will result. Example: We were told that the Student Union Meeting was at St. Paul's when it was actually planned for St. John's.

Sincerely yours for a better summer (fat chance)
we humbly submit our thoughts (written) to
you, O fearless leader,

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