

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE MANAGER: Mary Ann Shupenko

During the last two weeks, the office staff has changed hands. Margaret Cunningham and Mary McGroaty have gone home. I'm in the process of re-organizing finances and files. During the summer a lot of records of incidents were not kept, I'm trying to track down the people involved in arrests and trials and get their statements.

Our finances were straightened out by George Raymond, Jimmy Bolden and myself. However, after speaking to Jesse Morris last Friday, I found out that they worked out a new budget, so I'm going to have to work into it. Leake County is getting their own budget, so out of this office, I'll handle only Canton, Valley View and Hankin County.

A lot of harassment and arrests of local people has occurred during the last week. A detailed report of the School registration attempt and of the hectic incidents of the last two days has been turned into George Raymond as a supplementary to this report.

Not included was the arrest of local man Mr. Wilbur Robinson Sunday night Sept. 6th. for disturbing the peace. He was released this morning at 8:15 on a \$16.00 cash bond. He was not told the charge until he was released this morning. His affidavit is in the office.

I am in desperate need of a tall filing cabinet and of a good typewriter. We have nothing but a bunch of broken down portables here in the office. Local people have come in by the dozen inquiring about welfare, the Welfare Committee of the Madison County Movement is pretty poorly organized. They have no communication with the people, consequently they continually come into the office for help. We could use another shipment of food and clothes in Madison County.

We could also use a good telephone code into Jackson. Lately with all the incidents occurring here in Canton, we have used the phone quite a bit calling the Jackson office, and the operator gives us quite a bit of trouble with the John Anderson code.

Tomorrow we go back to Canton Public High School (white school) and Mrs. Stovall's trial is also Tuesday (Sept. 8, at 2:00 p.m.) A report of her arrest is in the Incident Summary.

Things are still a little confusing, but they are all getting straightened out and the work is being done. When the rest of our personnel comes back (at the end of this week) we should be getting into full swing at the Comm. Cen. May I at this time put in an urgent plea for more ~~black~~ Freedom School Teachers. When the C.C. opens on Monday we will be needing them. The local people here are the most cooperative I've ever worked with. They are getting tired of being harassed by the police and are very willing to give statements and affidavits. If I can determine the next week by the next one, its going to be pretty hectic.

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