

WEEKLY REPORT

SEPTEMBER 22-27

A. BOCK

TUESDAY:
9/22/64

Arrived at 9:00 Am. for political programs meeting. Waited for meeting to convene until 10:00, then returned to Center to begin working on records. We finally convened around 11:00. Determined which churches would be open to us, which people would be the best contacts in our eight precincts. Agreed to meet again Wednesday morning.

Resumed working in Center until 4:30 when Joann Coiman and I once more returned to Gluckstadt.

GIBSON'S--Marked lack of enthusiasm. Mr. Gibson spoke with deep bitterness and referred to the possibility of retaliation with some regularity. Expressed determination however that their children (3) would attend Freedom School. No suggestions about where to meet, however suggested thursday as a good day.

SADDLER'S--Complete lack of enthusiasm. Spoke with Mrs. Saddler. Some reference to harrassment. Expressed doubt as to attendance. No suggestion as to where to hold classes. No interest in library.

BOULDIN'S--Much fear evident. Spoke with Mrs. Bouldin. Evidently they have experienced much harrassment. Windows closely curtained, checked them and the locks on the doors variously thro out our conversation. One of their sons, Arthur, has been forced to leave

Mississippi because of threats to his life. Total lack of enthusiasm in Mrs. Bouldin altho the kids seemed eager. Mr. Bouldin, who is the driving force in the family, was not at home.

Returned to Center and worked there until closing.

WEDNESDAY:
9/23/64

Arrived at 9:00 for political programs Meeting, which began almost punctually. After adjournment went to the ~~library~~ laundry. On returning worked on records until 4:30 when Joann and I went to Madisonville.

MR. GALLOWAY--Lack of involvement, uninterested until slack off of cotton season which he estimates to be middle November. Notified him of Organizational meeting we decided to hold Saturday for Precinct Captains and temporary Captains.

ELDER GALLOWAY--Father. More interested than his son, altho he also did not deem it proper or worthwhile to begin until November. At least he seemed interested in resuming the school.

WIGGINS--Mr. Wiggins was uninterested until November, altho he expressed himself more in terms of what others in the community might find convenient. Visible impressed when we mentioned our contact with Mr. Goodall. Notified him (as well as both Galloways) of Saturday's Meeting.

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GOODALL--Eager for school. Promised Pilgrim's Rest (Madisonville) Church. Will definitely come to the Meeting Saturday morning.
HARRIS--Both Mr. and Mrs. Harris are eager for the school to begin, however they have no part in the church powerstructure. Will use their influence on their neighbors, the Galloways. These are good, strong, people, and a prime example of the fault with working within the margins of the church.
We will return Monday.
Returned to find the MSU party in full swing. Scrounged around until 10:30, went home.

THURSDAY:
9/24/64

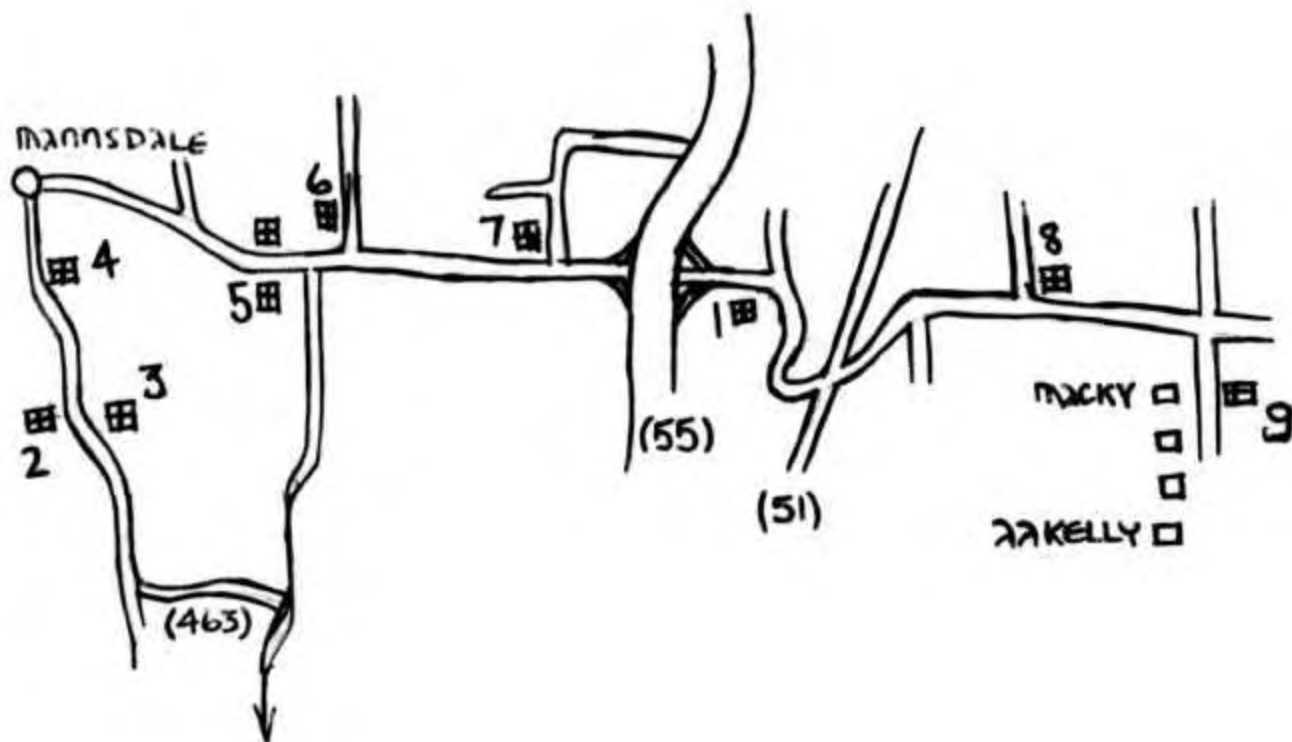
Arrived at 8:30. Worked on records until George Raymond's meeting at 10:00. Returned to Center and worked on book list until her return from Tougaloo. Picked her up at bus station with Junior Chinn, then began working with records again on her return. At 4:30 Joann and I once more went into Gluckstadt, stopping 'along the way' to deliver a map pinpointing the Farmer's Meeting To Mr. Taylor in Flora.
Found general slackening of apprehension. Arranged to bring ten youngsters from the Gibsons, Bouldins, and Saddlers into Canton each Thursday. We will pick them up shortly after sunset, at this time around 6:00, and bring them into the Canton Community Center each Thursday, beginning October 1. Promised parents that they will spend at least half an hour doing homework, with access to the library. Returned at 8:00.
Worked in Center until closing.

FRIDAY:
9/25/64

Arrived at Center at 9:00. Worked on records until 10:00, when I picked up Mrs. Robinson, provided transportation for her while she found a student to attend an SCLC Conference in Atlanta. Discovered that I had received an 'F' on my weekly report. Worked on rewriting until we opened, then supervised front pits until we closed at 5:30, and from when we opened again at 7:00 until closing.

SATURDAY:
9/26/64

In at 7:30 for staff meeting at 8:00. At 10:00 arrived at Madison County Movement Meeting held at Asbury. 24 local folk present. Tom spoke of organization. two precinct captains present--Mr. Ohlston, Mrs. Robinson. Left meeting at 11:00.
Went to Gluckstadt to scout out churches in the area. If we could open up another church in the general area we could increase our usable time by as much as an hour (by shaving transportation time)



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FROM MAP:

- #1 New cinder church. In white community. Condition of outhouses suggests that the congregation may consist of the few negroes in the area and those on the other side of route 55
- #2 Abandoned negro church. Empty. Building may prove unsafe but should prove readily available
- #3 Perhaps new building from #2 (across the street. On asphalt highway. Both may be too far away to be worthwhile alternatives, however it might be a good way to bring the movement into the area.
- #4 White (a beautiful building—Gothic architecture protected by a shield of dark, gothic trees spread over a wide green lawn.)
- #5 MOUNT PLEASANT & WILLING WORKER SOCIETY HALL (EX*)
- #6 Cemetary

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- #7 White
- #8 Negro church. New building, good repair. In white community.
- #9 Our best bet. Negro church on fairly busy asphalt highway. On hill. Surrounded by negro homes set fairly close together on highway. To one side sits the old church building. It is old and delapidated enough to prove no unbearable financial loss in burning. Ample room for forty people (more than enough space). Furnished with benches, table, blackboards, and book-cases. Cleanliness of interior suggests possible use as Sunday school. Across the top of this building is the word 'Fairview' Such a move would not only serve to open the area, but might be enough of a surprise move to be undetected for quite a while. Electricity. ten minutes from Gluckstadt.

Returned to Center at 1:30

At 2:00 I went to New Bethel to pick up kids for the MSU meeting. Found 1, returned him at the end of the meeting. Resumed work in center supervising games until we closed for dinner. Supervised front two pits of Bedlam until closing.

SUNDAY:
9/27/64

In at 9:00. Got credit card, went out for gas, oil, grease. Found out on returning that I had violated one of the cornerstones of our law and custom. Will not do this again, yet I fail to see how grease and oil might be considered repairs--without them the car would be unrepairable quite shortly.

At 10:00 Sally and I left to distribute Citizen and rally announcements in the Gluckstadt area churches.

#2 & 3 CHINA GROVE--Owns these two and another building. Insurance canceled. Despite harassment (Bruno has been watching them quite closely) either of the old buildings will be available if insurance comes thro--probably without it if they are tackled in the right manner.

Mr. Harriss--Good contact. Probable deacon. Seems quite enthusiastic, dwells in Flora.

Mr. Stevenson--Registered voter. Attends Farmer's League meetings at Rigley Hill.

Mrs. Stevenson--??

#5 All went well. Very good redemption. Announced Freedom School, Rally, and Freedom Day. (GLUCKSTADT)

#1 ROSS' CHAPEL--Beautiful, beautiful singing. Led by toms, i.e. their prayer: 'Lord there are stranger's in our midst bringing violence and trouble upon us. Lord, help them to see the Light.' Sat through thirty minutes of lovely song and prayers.

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SUNDAY
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Finally the minister saw that we weren't about to leave, permitted all of his visitors to introduce themselves-- eight of us. all of the others were from Mt. Pleasant. We forced our way into the announcements, berated them for ten minutes while the pastor sputtered. Found the congregation quite receptive. Pastor invited us to return with any further announcements (---and sounded almost serious). Someone should follow up on this. Size of congregation is good potential.

Because of time spent here, we arrived at the two remaining churches and Buckholz too late.

FAIRVIEW--While because of the time the church had emptied, we stopped at a home across the way to determine which is Pastoral Sunday (first in month). MR. MACKEY called in his neighbors, most of which are family, and the resultant was an impromptu meeting of about seven, Sally and myself. He, and most of the people in the surrounding area, attends Buckholz. He, and his sister, MRS. DAVONPORT, lost their jobs at the tent factory after the first Freedom Day. Neither are interested in becoming involved to the extent of making affidavits.

Much fear in community--Bruno patrols here also. However I suspect they will be in town for the Freedom Day.

MR. MACKEY seems to be some form or sort of community leader-- at least within the area dominated by his family.

The building we are interested in is an old school building, once county owned, but now owned by the church. A.A. Kelly, who lives in the third house down from Mackey, is a member of the Willing Worker Society (yes, another one), which uses the hall. Perhaps Joann and I should go out to speak to him tomorrow night.

Returned at 3:00, worked in the Center. When we opened at 5:00 supervised games. Picked up Joann and Sally at the bus depot. Returned to Center and worked there until closing at 10:00