

To: George Raymond
From: Jo Ann Coiman

Individual Report
October 5, 1964

My main concern this week has been to get the Freedom Schools running again. We (Arlene and I) held a class in the Canton Center Tuesday night which was fairly well attended and, so far as I can tell, pretty successfully handled. Thursday night we intended to bring a group of Gluckstadt students into the center for school but were unable to do so because of no working cars. Friday evening we enjoyed a really good session in the Flora Freedom School. Monday and Wednesday evenings I devoted to precinct meetings, accompanying Martha and Eartiss to Precinct 8 and Tom and Eartiss to Precinct 6.

Last week's day-time hours were passed in a variety of tasks. I finally got the Library master list typed and ready for the mimeo machine. I wrote, typed and ran off 500 copies each of summary sheets on the Freedom Schools and Community Center for the information booth at Saturday's rally. I got a report into the hands of the educational staff which detailed some of the things I learned last weekend in Batesville. Arlene and I spent one long afternoon cleaning up the Flora school in preparation for Friday night and then getting stranded by a broken clutch. I took a few hours, too, to plan out school work.

Saturday, of course, was the Rally where I freedom registered a whole 2 people. I also had a chance to talk to Mr. Johnny Goodlow who still sounds very optimistic about our using the Madisonville Church for school. He was to have found out Sunday (yesterday) for sure. I was also approached at the convention by Lois Chaffee from Jackson who proposed that I move to the Harmony Community Center. DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL? I would prefer to ~~XXXXX~~ forget about it if you think that is possible.

Sunday I sat home, froze to death and watched Hilda's travelling companions. I also did little things like bathe, which at 9am-10pm 7 day/~~week~~ schedule doesn't allow a whole lot of time for. I also sent some notes out to the north reminding peple that the Miss. Project is still alive and that if it dies it'll be their fault for neglecting us. I attempted to go to church across the street from where I live, but weather conditions apparently caused cancellation of the services.

In the coming week I expect to ~~XXXXXX IN WHATEVER WAY I CAN~~ get myself moved to Mrs. Robinsons, send off a good report to Liz Fusco on the Canton area schools, help run off the library list (some 67 pages), write an article for the Citizen, fulfill an obligation left over from the Batesville meetings (to critique the curriculum unit on Nazi Germany so that it can be rewritten), reshelve the library, visit Johnny Goodlow, teach shhool and tutor.

To: George Raymond

October 12, 1964

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Besides regular school sessions 3 evenings a week (Canton, Tuesday, Gluckstadt Thursday, Flora Friday), daily order-keeping in the Library and varying forms of regular contact with the kids in the Center, I spent several hours tutoring a young man in world history this week and a couple of more hours working with Albert Brown on his application to a college for the deaf in Washington. I also worked out a 10-weeks schedule of discussion for the Flora adult freedom school and wrote an article for The Citizen.

The Library is finally reshelfed, is now in very good order and has had about 60 new volumes added to it, all of good quality. I have written for more materials such as The Journal of Negro History. Others of my letters north are bearing fruit: we should receive sometime this week or next a shipment of clothing from Galesburg, Illinois. By next month we should have a shipment of Center and school supplies coming in from Ames, Iowa. The last I heard, the Fellowship of Reconciliation is starting a fund-raising project to supply all freedom school libraries with the basic literature on non-violence.

Several hours of the week just past went into clean-up chores: swept, mopped and scrubbed out the entire center Monday; spent Saturday cleaning out the book storage room and the closet behind the Library; also carried out my KP duties as assigned by Tom Ramsey.

I am anxious to help bring more order and constructivism to the programs of the community center and hope that we can begin to do so this week. I'm also anxious to put more work in on my teaching materials and to see my fellow teacher do the same. I am very bothered by a general atmosphere of aimlessness and unrest among the staff. We have to get ourselves organized so that we can really bite into the task of organizing Madison County.