

Weekly Report: July 12-19.

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In the Freedom School-Community Center I have been leading singing about one hour per day with a special session Friday afternoon. I have been tutoring two local people rather seriously and any number of children haphazardly. I have also been teaching staff members when time is available. I spend some time each day in athletic organization or simple supervision at the center. My contribution has not been very structured here.

On federal programs I have been collecting information on the Holly Springs community and on the county following an outline provided from somewhere higher up. My progress on this has been halting and some of the information is very difficult to get. It would be useful, I think, to get some such area description for each of our counties but maybe not worth the effort. I have also, in conjunction with Mary J., begun a compilation of local complaints concerning social security, welfare, unemployment, etc., to somewhat document the nature of local poverty and the attitude of the white govt. to dealing with it. I wrote to the Dept. of Labor in Wash. DC for info they supposedly compiled on unemployment and underemployment. An effort to get statistics on that for our area. We have also tried to document an obvious discriminatory policy in the implementation of the OEDP for rural development - a local, supposedly broadly representative, group drew it up. Apparently the Ag. Ex. office did it, no Negroes participating. Also there seems to be no effort to bring in Manpower Development Training Act funds when they are obviously necessary to combat unemployment. Mary J. and I are working on a division of labor here. She will do more next week because I plan to increase my involvement with voter registration.

In voter registration I have been canvassing about two hours a day in town and in the county. Friday and Saturday I took over for Hardy downtown. Monday I may start in Union county.

Next week I will be helping with musical direction with the Freedom School Play, teaching guitar, canvassing in counties from 7 AM till 3 PM, ~~talk~~ talking to people with welfare problems, and doing a little federal programs research in the evenings.

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