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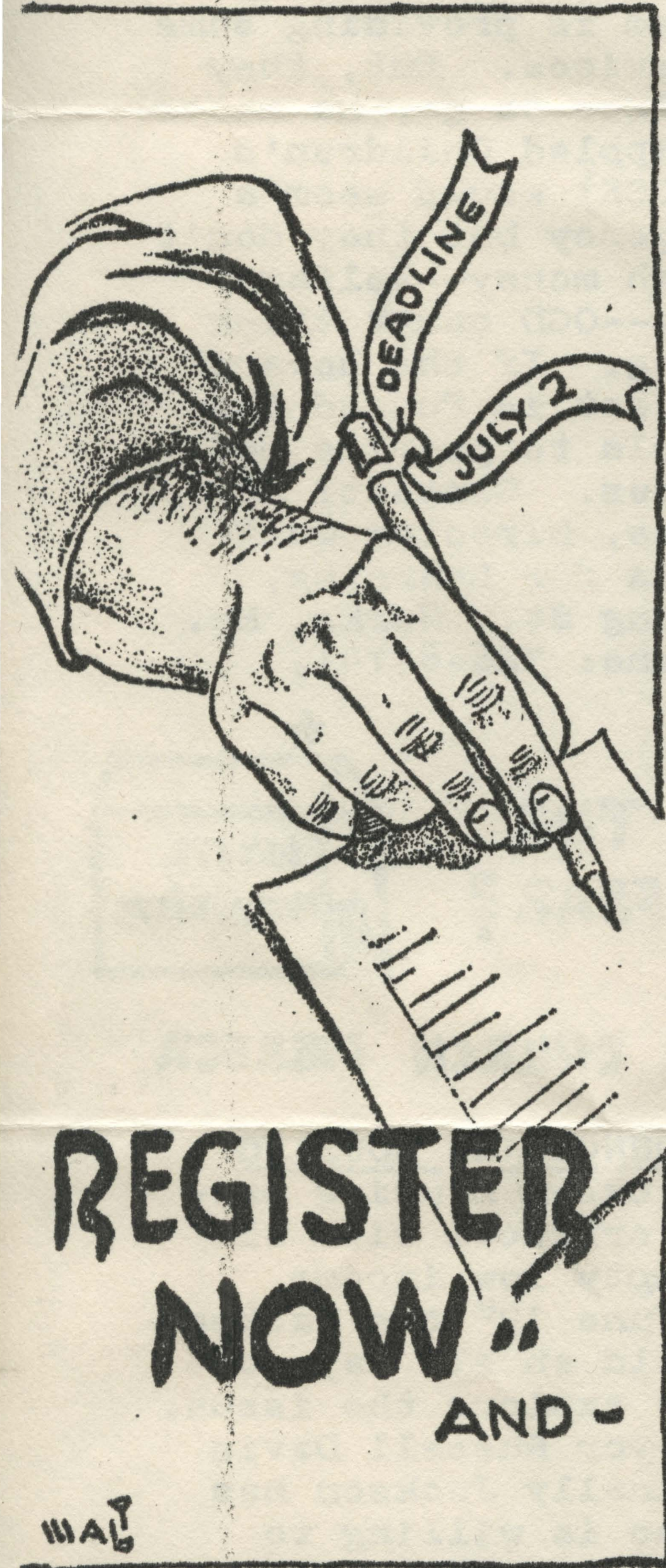
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The Council

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PREVENT  
BLACK  
RULE!

ENOUGH !

Let there be no misunderstanding about the message in the cartoon at left.

Hate & fear are what the white Citizens Council sells, promotes & gives away.

There are those who have heeded the call of the gentlemen racists & thrown fire bombs, laid dynamite & stretched out in the grass with rifles.

Too many people are dead as a result of this pandering to base fears and racial hatred.

When will the people stand and say, no ?

Patt Derian

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### MORE ON THE METHODISTS

"The newsletter listed some reasons given for rejection of the merger and there's an interesting omission from the list. In the past, in fact, up until just a month ago, a standard, frequently cited reason for rejection of merger was 'they (black Methodists) don't want it either.' Then the Upper (black) Mississippi Conference voted overwhelmingly in favor of the plan and white Methodists lost their most convincing (to themselves) arguments. "I believe one reason far outweighed the others, 'fear of local church merger' Fear, at least...."

The newsletter asked: 'Ever wonder when the people will be ready. And which people?' Here are a couple of partial answers: The young people at the conference wore black armbands to express their feelings; they're ready now. Also, the General Conference in 1972 may have something to say about merger, ready or not."

This additional info was received in a letter from a North Mississippi correspondent.

### SCHOOL DESEGREGATION PROJECT

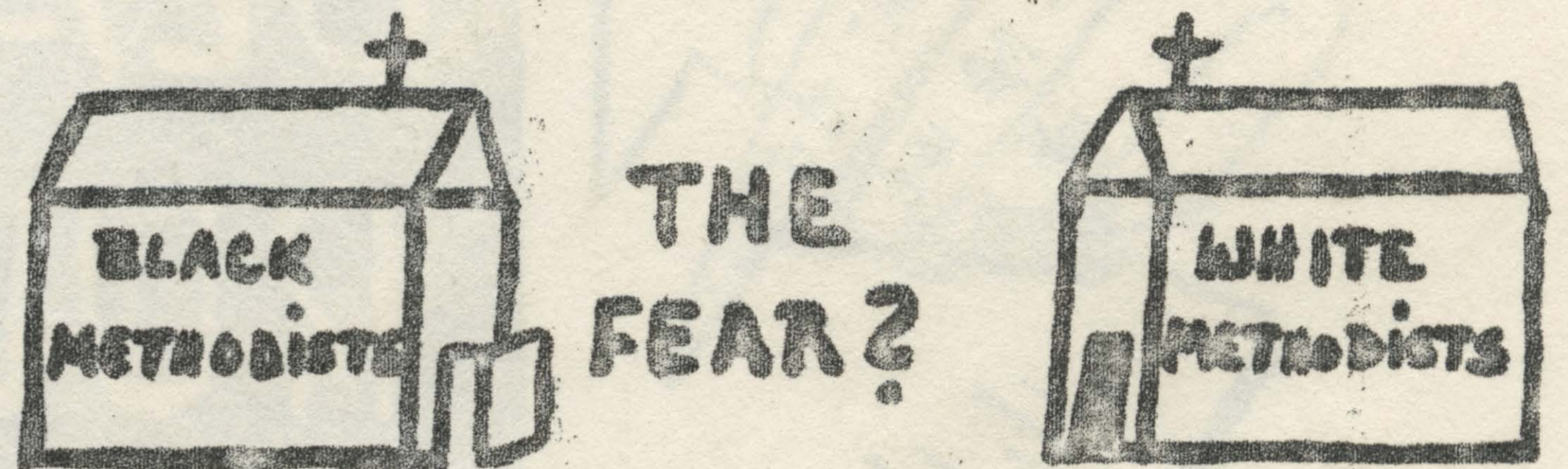
of the Southern Regional Council is starting a youth newsletter focused on school desegregation concerns. The first topic will recap legislation and public events of the past school year. They will give information about different agencies and councils and what they are doing. If you have info, suggestions, or want to be on the mailing list: Use title above and 5 Forsyth Street, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30303.

### COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE MAIL

the new U.S. Postal Service has an ombudsman; if you are having trouble with the mail, write or call collect: David Ordway in Washington, D.C.

### WANTED: ADVICE & HELP

All year mothers of 14 poor and retarded children have been trying to find a way to set up a day-care center and hopefully, some training, for their children. To date, only Bobby James, Director of the Quitman Centers for Learning, has been able to offer any substantive help; his program is providing some social services. But, they have no place to go, no materials. Crippled Children's Service (CCS) would seem a logical agency but they don't have enough money--Welfare says sorry--OCD can't think of anything. If the Howard/Miss. Project is funded they will be able to provide medical services. Contact: Mr. Bobby James, Director Quitman Centers for Learning, 515 Catching St., Marks, Ms. 38606 (phone: 326-8114).



### LOCAL CHURCH MERGER

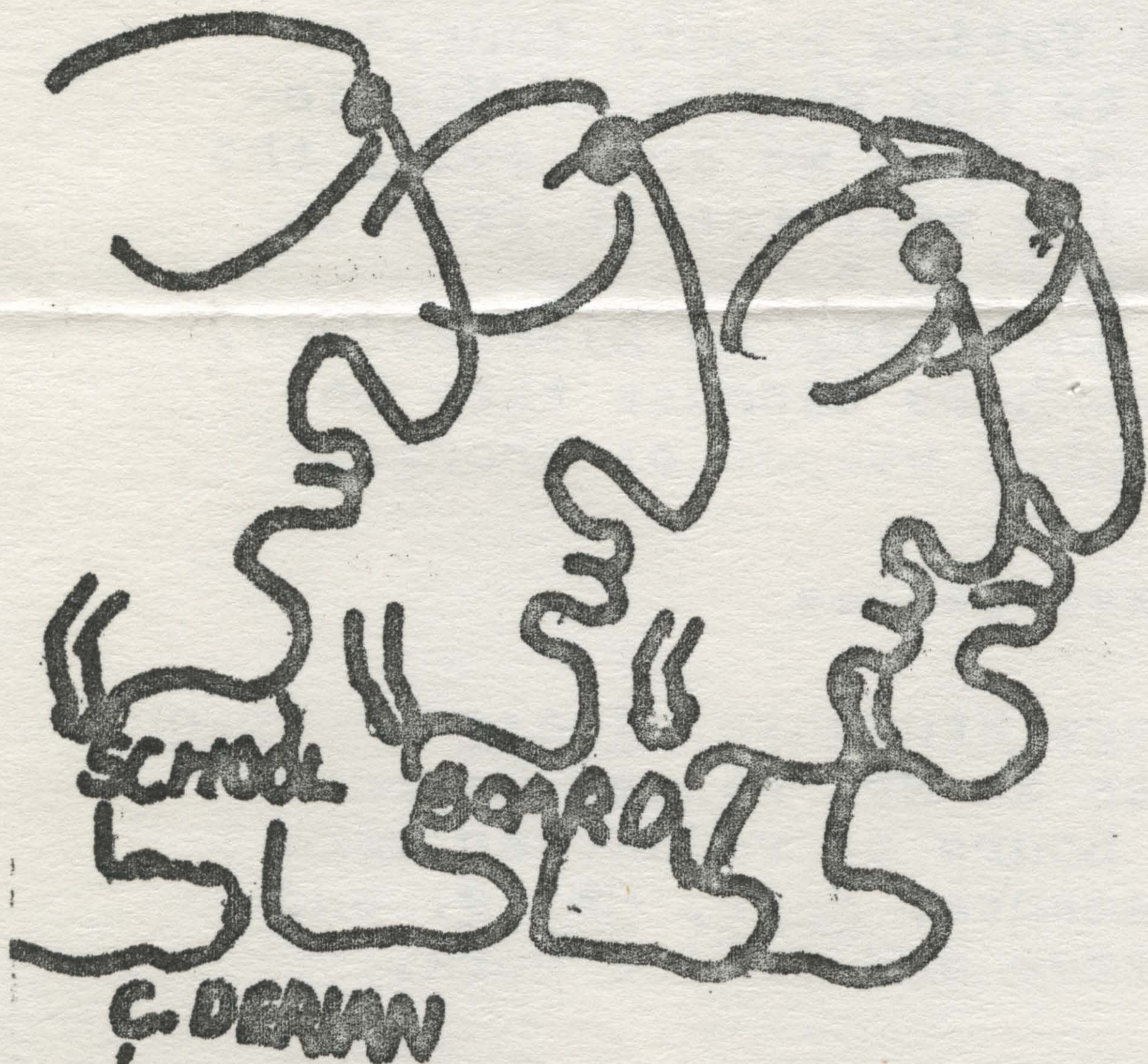
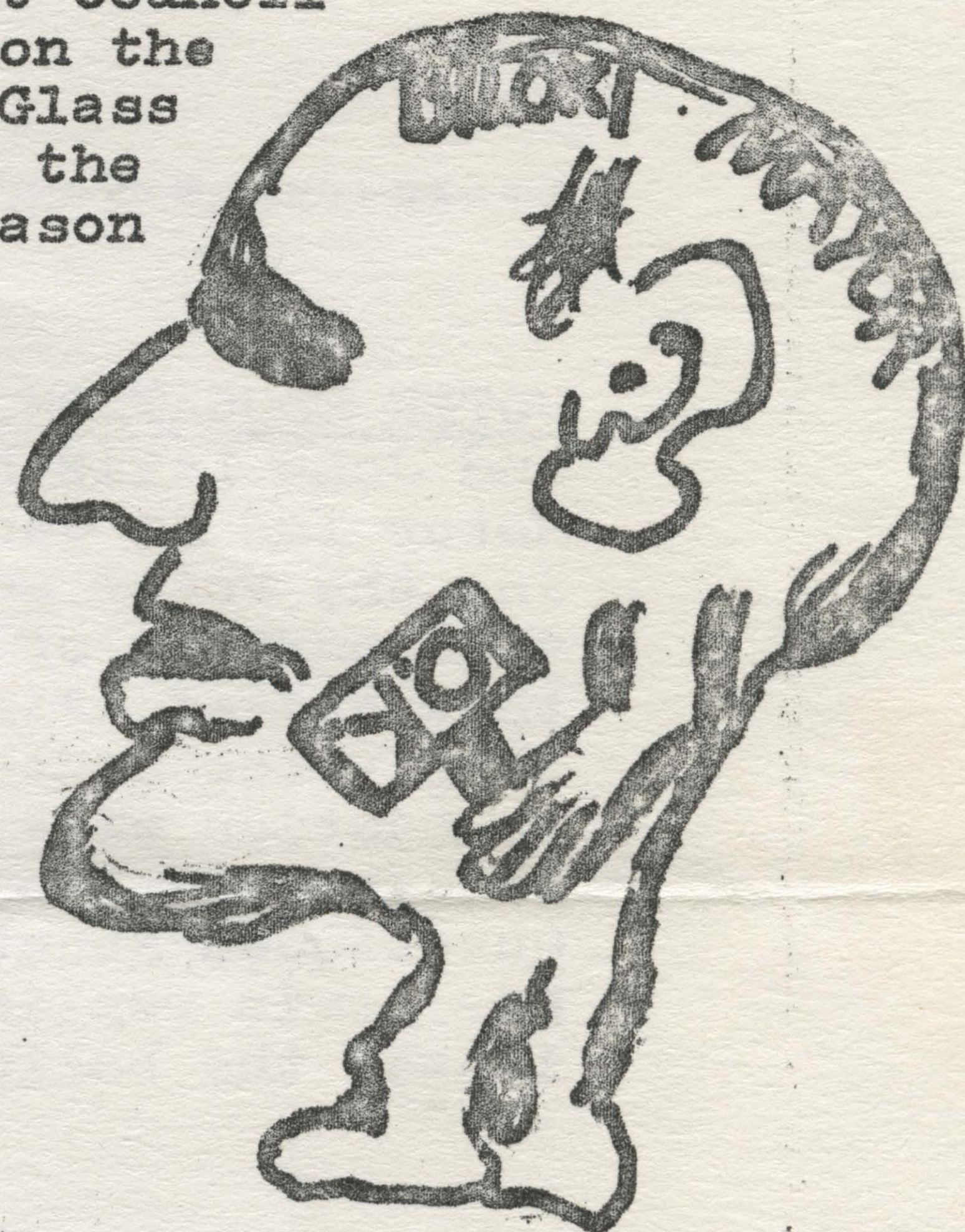
### JACKSON COUNCIL ON HOUSING

City of Jackson housing problems are critical with almost no empty low income houses. June 19<sup>th</sup> the Jackson Council held an all day conference to explore the issue. Jackson Mayor Russell Davis spoke...finally Jackson has a mayor who is willing to talk and listen to everyone.

### SUNFLOWER COUNTY CAP/DELEGATE

Agency problems...still unresolved. No decision is expected before late July and, probably, early August.

From THE RELATOR, newsletter of the Gulf Coast Council on their efforts to get black representation on the school board in Biloxi: "Mayor Guice told Mr. Glass the school board was already appointed and if the appointees were satisfactory, there was no reason to replace them; and therefore, there are no openings on the school board at this time." In the olden days this was called the run-around. (P.O. Box 958, Biloxi 39530)



MEDICAIDE CARDS & WELFARE CHECKS are delayed at least a week each month to more than 200,000 Mississippians. They must have a new eligibility card each month to receive medical services; during the first week they hope their physicians, pharmacists & hospitals will honor the old cards... if not, too bad. This is a serious hardship for diabetics, cardiacs & people with neurological disorders who require regular medications, to say nothing of those with medical emergencies and hospital needs.

DELTA MINISTRY HAS MOVED ITS Jackson office to 128½ South Gallatin St. (phone: 355-7495) offering information on citizenship, school problems and in column 2, research on welfare and Medicaide.

ARKANSAS COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS was funded for an ESAP (Emergency School Assistance Program) grant & will use part of the money for "an evaluation of textbooks & supplementary materials available to Ark. school districts...which will include judgements about the fairness of racial treatment & overtones in the materials." (Suite 210, 600W. 9th Little Rock, Ark. 722201)

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WHY ARE THE CARDS LATE?????  
A Washington D.C. source traced the trouble to the Miss. State Treasurer's office. Here's how it goes: The first of the month, the Federal Reserve Bank issues a letter of credit; all other states issue cards with full confidence (Rims Barber says, "The Federal Reserve Bank is generally reliable on matters of finance.") Miss. locked into an archaic fiscal system waits til the cash is deposited in its account & deposit slip is, presumably, in the treasurer's hand.

\*\*\*\*\*NOTES FROM THE STATE OFFICE\*\*\*\*\*

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT, INC.: On June 23rd, Julian Bond and John Lewis held a press conference at the Downtowner Motor Inn in Jackson. They were in Mississippi representing the Voter Education Project, based in Atlanta. "The purpose of the Mississippi Voting Rights tour," they stated, "is to illustrate to the people of Mississippi, the South, and the nation, that we are laying the foundation of a new politics which will result from increased black political participation." Questioned about their purpose in coming to Mississippi, Mr. Lewis replied that they were here because they believed the ballot could be a mighty weapon of change.\*

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THANKS TO: Jackson State College Students, Jesse Thompson and Lee Wilbur Jackson, students in Mr. Walter Hearn's Urban Politics class, for ten hours of volunteer work to fulfill their course requirements; Mike, Craig, and Brooke Derian for their newsletter and office work.

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MISS PAMELA POTTER, age 16, an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at Jackson Central High School, is working in the office 25 hours each week under the Neighborhood Youth Corps program. Pam has already helped with one newsletter mailout-- by August she should be a pro!

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THE WILL TO SURVIVE by Anthony Dunbar, was first published by the Southern Regional Council and The Mississippi Council on Human Relations in 1969 as a 64-page booklet. We have a few copies of this left; formerly \$.50, they are now \$1.00. Enclose payment and send it to the Council, while they last. This spring, the work was expanded, issued in hardcover, and is now on sale at bookstores.

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\*If interested, you can help support the programs of The Voter Education Project by sending a contribution to the address below. Donations are tax deductible.

Voter Education Project, Inc.  
5 Forsyth Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

## THE WILL TO SURVIVE

by Anthony Dunbar

We in the South like to say that blacks today are "much better off than they were ten years ago," and no doubt, in certain areas, this statement is true enough. But there is still a vast amount of injustice to be acknowledged and alleviated before we can honestly speak of progress.

Anthony Dunbar, in The Will to Survive, takes a sociological approach to the problems of black people in a small rural town and through his interviews, he gives the reader insight into the lives of the people. The setting of the book is in the Louise-Midnight area of Mississippi. These two "barely towns at all" are in the Delta plantation country and this is where Dunbar stayed for seven weeks in 1968 gathering data for The Will to Survive which was published in 1969.

While reading Dunbar's The Will to Survive I was reminded of a course in Southern history I took in college. The shock comes when one realizes that Dunbar is not writing about the past; he is writing about the present. His technique of using quotes from his interviews with the people and combining these quotes with facts about various topics such as the employment situation, housing, medical facilities, and community organizations, is quite effective. The "affluent society" has not reached the poor and it looks as though it will be quite some time before poverty-stricken people, such as those interviewed by Anthony Dunbar, will even be able to afford the convenience of an indoor toilet.

Every person who is concerned about the U.S. and the welfare of our people should read this very interesting and informative book by Anthony Dunbar.

(For information about where to obtain The Will to Survive, see page 4 of the newsletter)

- JDC

■ Under the new Standards for Accreditation laid down by the JCAH for American hospitals (see AMAGRAMS June 7) particular attention is paid to emergency departments and the handling of patients in them. Although a hospital does not need to have an emergency department under the new Standards, it must have a well-defined plan for emergency care based on community need and hospital capability. And, though a hospital plan may specify that it will refer certain or all emergency patients, it may not transfer a patient without first instituting essential lifesaving measures and taking emergency procedures to minimize aggravation of the patient's condition during transport. Also, no transfer can be made without the consent of the receiving institution. A hospital maintaining an emergency service must provide 24-hour service and must arrange that the patient be seen within a reasonable time relative to his condition. The Standards specify minimum policies and procedures for both hospitals and the medical staff. Mandatory medical records on each emergency patient must be reviewed regularly to evaluate the quality of care provided in the emergency department.

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"What is the most pressing problem of the people here?"

"Finance. Finance is the most pressing problem. The people need work to do. That's the problem: they can't find it...If they leave, the people would have to have money to leave on. Well naturally, they don't have the money. If I was on the plantation and couldn't find any work to do, well I would have to leave here and try to find myself a job. I would have to have money to take me over until I found a job, and if I couldn't find a job right away I would have to turn around and come back before the little money I had run out. That's the main reason that people don't leave the plantations whenever they are displaced from work."

(An excerpt from Anthony Dunbar's The Will to Survive)

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life,

Liberty

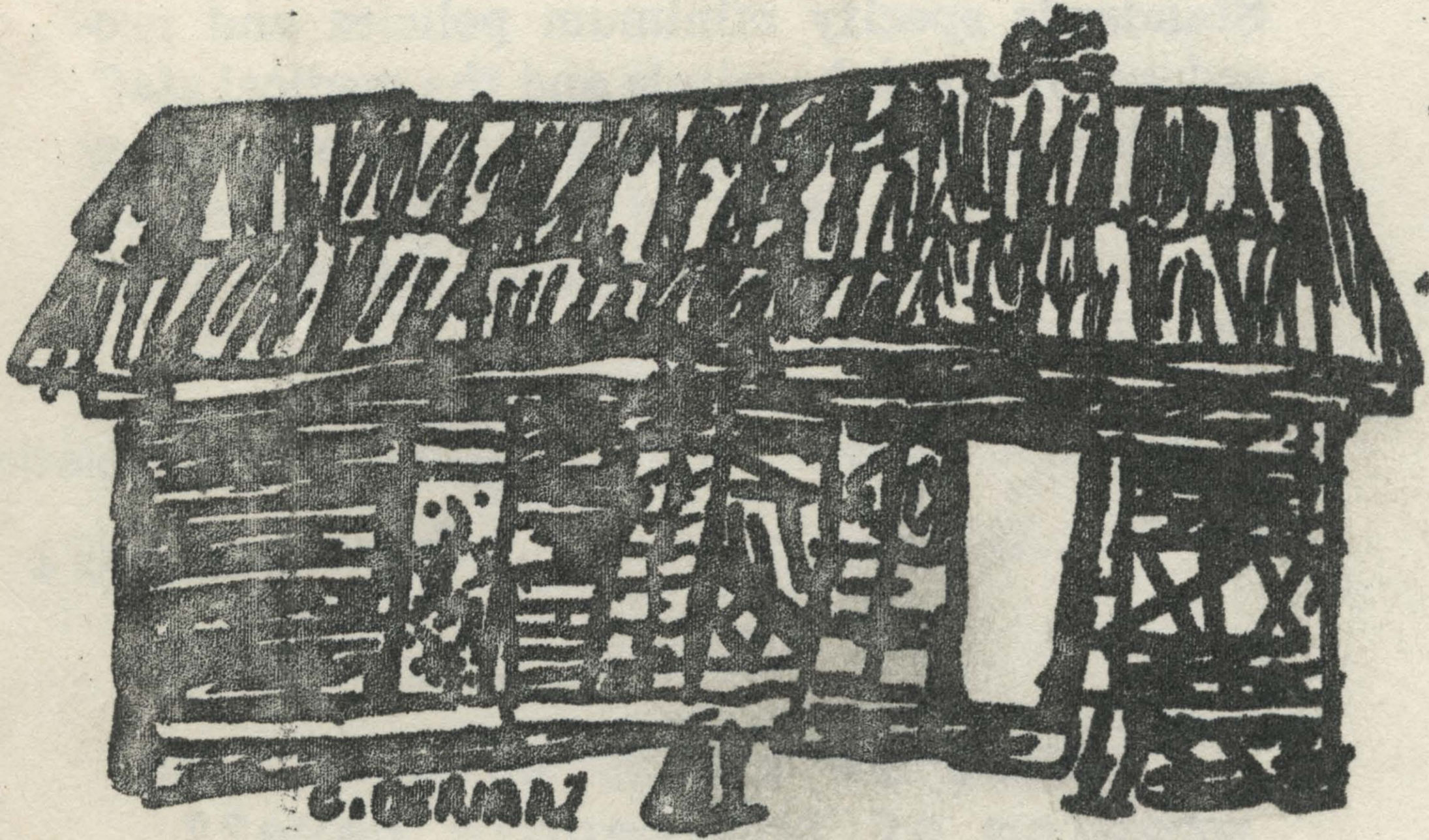
and the pursuit of Happiness...."

John Hancock et al.  
July 4, 1776

Pursuing Happiness...

I have a hard way to go along so far as my living affairs. If I could get me a job that was worthwhile to where I could live, where I could school my children, then I could overlook some other few things that's happened. I would love to be able to get my kids clothes, keep 'em in school to where they could get a fair learning. And I would love to live inside my house, too, well, decent. Other outside affairs, the worldly part—it don't bother me so bad. We have a heap of unfair things to go through with. Right now, I wouldn't make any complaints against them.

from The Will To Survive  
by Anthony Dunbar



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