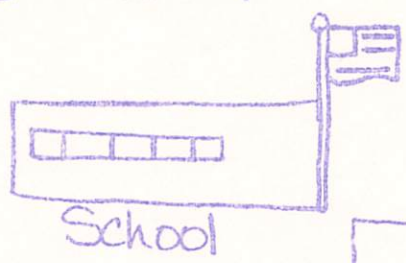




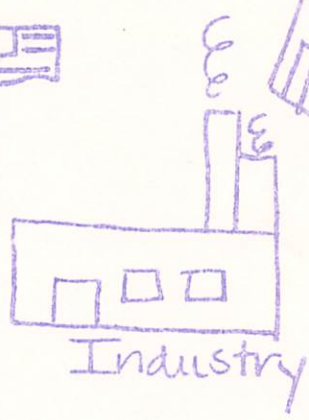
PEOPLE ~
OUR GREATEST ASSET



School



Home



Industry



Church

CALHOUN CITY TOWN MEETING
MAY 24, 1979
CALHOUN CITY, MISSISSIPPI

Did you know? Capt. Roe bought land for Calhoun City and that the square had a church in each corner? ? - Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Church of Christ? . . . that the Mobile and Ohio Railroad came through where the co-op is now and turned around twice a day? ? that the cotton was sent down the Yellowbusha River to New Orleans? ? that oil was struck instead of water in 1927? ?

Are you aware? ? that Cabiness Boat paddle is the largest of its kind in the world? ? that Kellwood is the second largest employer in the state?? that Harrelson Manufacturing Co is our oldest industry and built parts for aircraft during WWII?? . . . that our school system facilities are inadequate? ? that we have a revolving sown square? ? . . . that we need people involvement? ? . . . that our population seems unwilling to risk the consequences of involvement? ? . . . that our young people are our greatest asset? ? and that our people are a caring people?

Are we ready for a new school building? . . . for a positive involvement attitude?? . . . for more industry? ? . . . for a woman on the board? ? ? to see cultural attractions in our city? - drama? ? - musicals and art exhibits? ? for responsibilities together? Are we ready to accept responsibility and work together? Black and White? Are we ready to pay the price?

CALHOUN CITY CAN !!!
(Tune: Seeing Nellie Home)

We are a mixture of many people.
We are bound together as one,
We have come from pioneer families and
We have the victory won.

Refrain:

Calhoun citizens are friendly .
We'll embrace you to our hearts,
We'll include you in our future progress
Everyone can have a part.

We've a vision for the future,
With better jobs and streets and schools.
Where races work together, daily,
to accomplish all our goals.

Refrain:

CHALLENGES

Calhoun City

May 24, 1979

In the arena of Community Security the following blocks exist: up-grading education of police force, lack of pride, getting what you pay for. This indicates that the underlying challenge facing us is safety forces training and support. Local examples which illustrate this challenge are - law consciousness of the public.

In the arena of educational Development the following blocks exist: inadequate county tax base. This indicates that the underlying challenge facing us is educating the voters about educational needs and encouraging citizen support of all other community efforts which would increase the tax base. Local examples which illustrate this challenge arena are: deteriorated school bldg, no vo-tech center yst, crowded school conditions.

In the arena of grassroots leadership the following conditions exist: inadequate finances, not communicating among citizens, 2 distinct economic groups, lack of civic pride, organization and resolve. This indicates that the underlying challenge is communicating the needs of the people to the people. Local examples which illustrate this challenge arena are unmarked streets, streets and lots needing cleaning, ditches are dirty, citizens not working together.

In the arena of Economic Development the following blocks exist: present tax base, unassessed property, inactive Chamber of Commerce. This indicates that the underlying challenge facing us is catalyzing citizen initiative. Local examples of this challenge arena are: No motel, 500 jobs needed, need better housing, not enough money.

In the arena of recreational Facilities the following blocks exist: local leadership, never enough money, pride, upkeep of property. This indicates that the underlying challenge facing us is building the necessary facilities. Local examples of this challenge arena are needed civic auditorium, place for young people non-existent, status of playground areas.

PROPOSALS

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GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER

We the citizens of Calhoun City, in order to found an open air theater program propose to have an open air theatre this summer for adults and children through obtaining a director, have radio announcements to secure volunteers, form an organization, funding through donations, volunteer actors, make up artists, costuming, publicity, lighting and stage construction!

THIS IS YOUR FUTURE

We the citizens of Calhoun City, in order to show the needs of our school propose that we entice patrons to tour the school and observe first-hand the defects through involving the children in presenting the program.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

We the citizens of Calhoun City, in order to minimize youth crime and encourage meaningful relationships among citizens propose a "clean up discipline" program with separate supervisor & big brother program, the purpose of this program being to foster meaningful activities and relationships. All of this will be done through organizing volunteers through church groups, chamber of commerce or board of aldermen.

HAVE CITY - NEED MANAGER

We the citizens of Calhoun City, in order to promote community development, economic development and civic pride propose to research the possibility of hiring a city manager through educating the people of need through town meetings, obtaining a feasibility study from the R & D center communicating with cities who now have a city manager and soliciting the cooperation of the public.

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