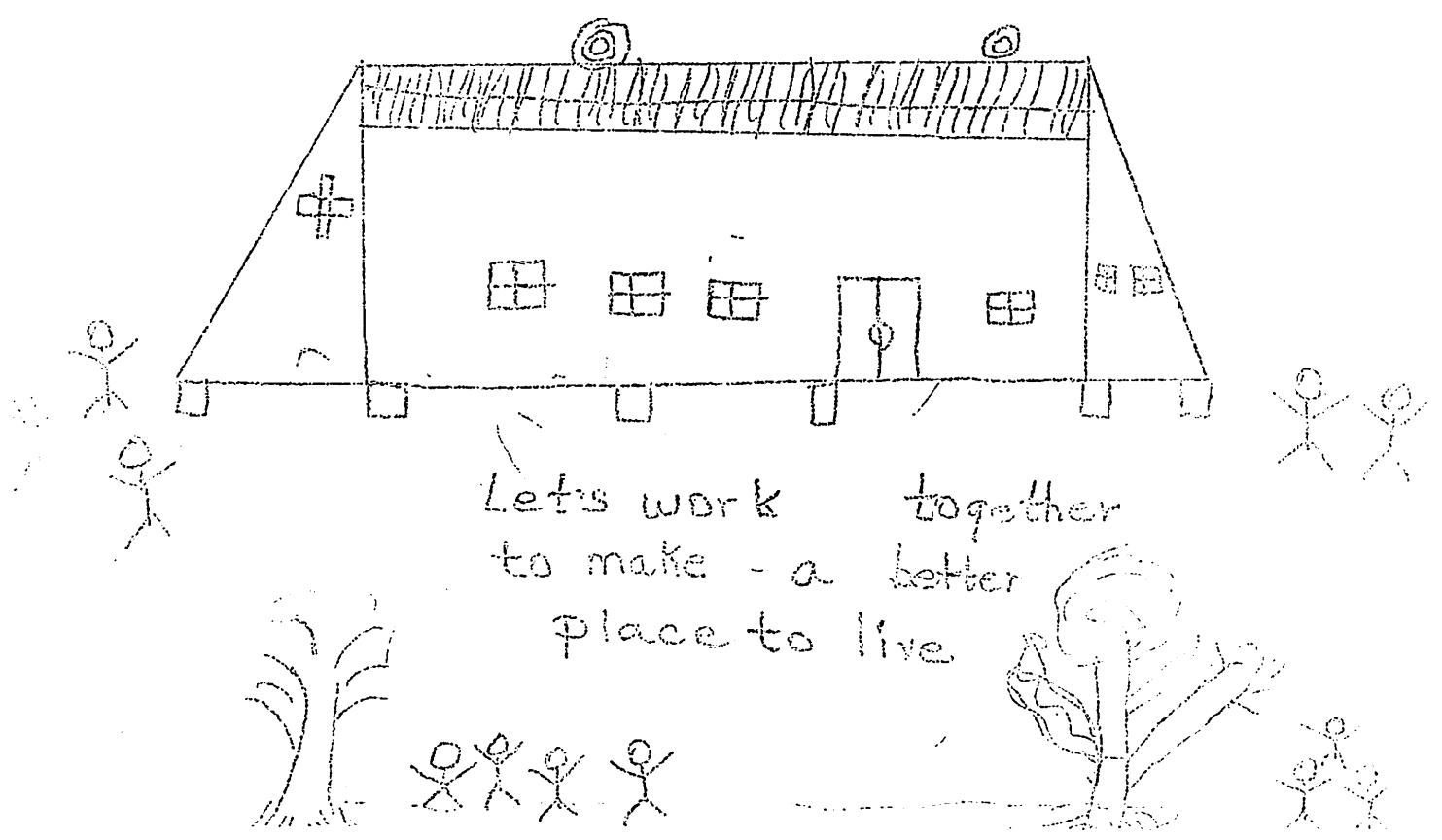


Knobtown

Greene County, Mississippi

Jan. 16, 1949

# KNOBTOWN TOWN MEETING



## THE DREAMS OF KNOBTOWN

The community of Knobtown was founded sometime during the 1870's by a group of hard working and dedicated people. During this time, the only work available for the people of Knobtown was farming, crossties, and logging in which they recieved very little or no pay in return. The people of Knobtown struggled carrying water, wood and other things to meet household needs until approximately 1947 they received rural electricity. This brought great comfort to these people.

Knobtown has come a long ways, but there are a number of things yet to be accomplished. Knobtown has very little or no work for the people. We have poor telephone communication, no fire protection for the homes, that our hard work has gotten us. Our school system is not adequate enough for the children that hold the future of this community. One thing that keep the peoples hopes up is that they are property owners and active in church.

Some of the dreams of this community is to see our present problems solved and get Knobtown incorporated to a city in order to get more support from our State. People of Knobtown want recreation facility for the young people. Dreams of the people are to get medical care for Knobtown citizens. People getting jobs in Knobtown is one of the greatest dreams of the people of Knobtown. We are looking for a better day.

## THE HOPES OF KNOBTOWN

(To tune: We Shall Overcome)

Knobtown has overcome  
Knobtown has overcome  
Knobtown has overcome some ways  
From the old lamp days  
To the electric ways  
Knobtown has overcome some ways

Knobtown needs better schools  
Knobtown needs better schools  
And needs better homes today  
We need to make it known  
All around our county today  
Knobtown will work together some wayd

Knobtown needs an industry  
Knobtown needs an industry  
So we can all work today  
To keep our children home  
So they wont have to roam  
Knobtown will overcome some way

## CHALLENGE STATEMENTS

In the arena of providing necessary community services, the following conditions exist; no fire protection, lack of recreational facilities, no doctor or dentist in the community, and no water system. This indicates that the underlying contradiction is development of local leadership.

In the arena of upgrading standards, the following conditions exist; inadequate phone system, distant higher education, and poor structure for high schools. This indicates that the underlying contradiction is using togetherness to focus on priorities.

In the arena of providing jobs, the following conditions exist; no work, lack of county support, lack of factories, people have to travel to work, and children move out for employment. This indicates that the underlying contradiction is putting in enough effort to both get and support industry.

In the arena of community decision, the following conditions exist; inadequate housing, working towards incorporation, most people satisfied, and a generation gap. This indicates that the underlying contradiction is people need to support and work with leaders.

## PROPOSALS

In order to sustain the visualization of the future we the citizens of Knobtown propose to begin a TRAINING LEADERSHIP SERIES through:

- 1) Seeking out materials
- 2) Use existing church resources
- 3) Study materials and design series
- 4) Begin by Feb 16

In order to provide youth with possibility of staying in community we the citizens of Knobtown propose to cooperate with Jaycess to BUILD YOUTH PARK Through:

- 1) Fund raising project
- 2) Committee community (5-7) work with Jaycess
- 3) Hold joint meeting (Jaycess and Community committee)

In order to arouse community interest in development of Knobtown, we the citizens of Knobtown propose a series of Community "Fun" Activities (Miss Knobtown pageant, Old Folks concert, Parade, Wee-wee Roast through:

- 1) Schedule set of activities
- 2) Assign one activity to each emerging leader
- 3) hold Old Folks Concert in March

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