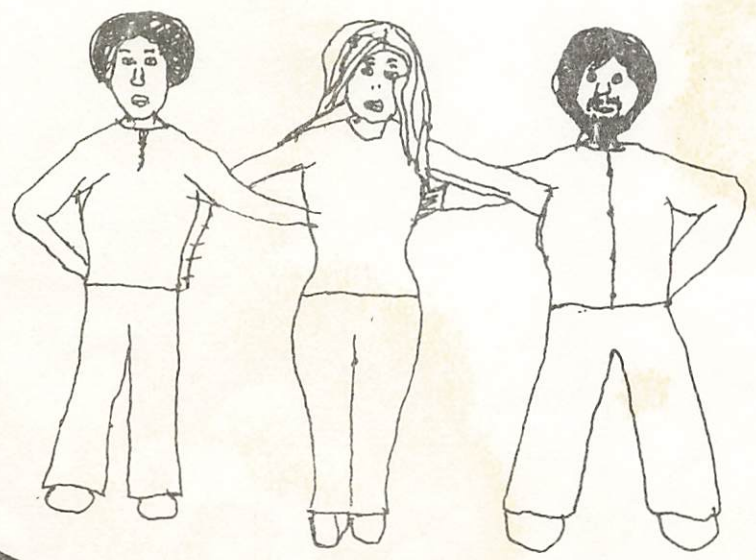
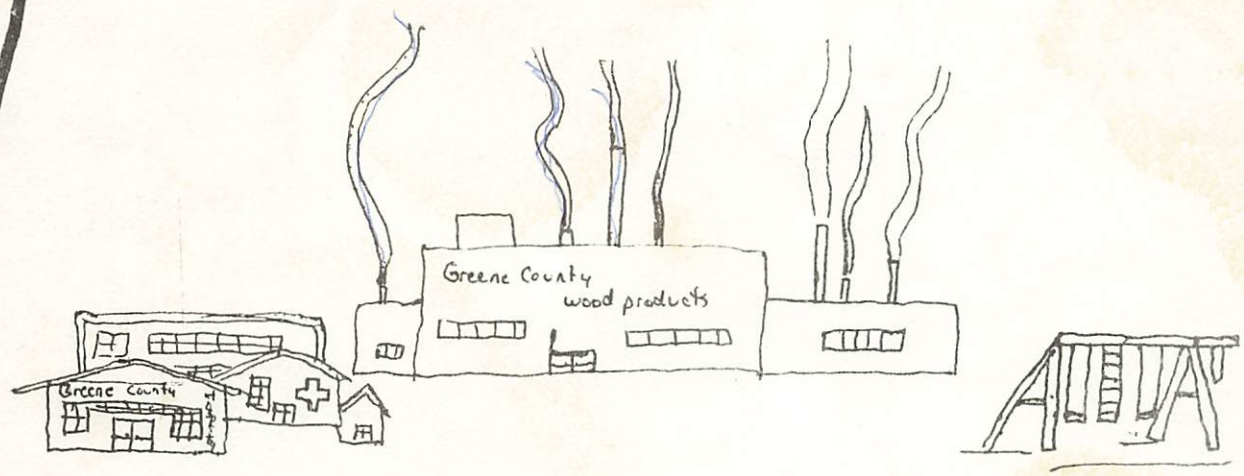
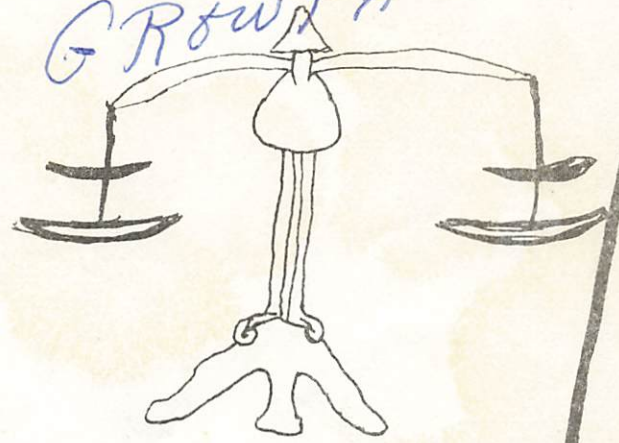


LEAKESVILLE TOWN MEETING
January 22, 1979
Nicole Sportswear Factory

UNITED FOR GROWTH
United for Growth



OUR LEAKESVILLE
TUNE: ON TOP OF OLD SMOKEY

Our small town of Leakesville
Will grow if we care.
If we all share together
Our hopes and our prayers.

From such small beginnings
Our town started to grow.
From whiskey to hotels
From sawmill to roads.

Our old self-complacency
Will be our un-doing
Unless we give youth -pride
In what they are doing.

Our youth need more training
More jobs to enjoy
Our natural resources
Will help us to grow.

So let's work together
Both young and the old
For future resources
To benefit all.

LEAKESVILLE STORY

Greene County has developed many and varied vocational and cultural activities. The beginning of industry and recreation started with logging, rafting on the river, sawmills, farming, and boat ferrying with Robert's ferry. Several small schools in the county were developed. Teachers taught from house to house. There was a Post Office, called Betty's Post Office, operated by Mrs. Elizabeth Ball. Mr. Toby Pipkins and Guy Amsler were carriers. The McInni's settled in Leakesville setting up a hotel. His main object and purpose was to make whiskey. He later started rafting logs here at Leakesville and sending them down river to Pascagoula.

In 1932 after the severe depression, the state highway department built a new bridge across the river. The M & A railroad's primary job was transferring wood and wood products. A "doodle bug" passenger service was also provided via rail, pulpwood, and pine poles. Farming was a primary means of life until Basil Basila came in the early 50's establishing the Nicoles ready to wear.

We seem to have a lack of leadership and cooperation from elected officials. The people seem to suffer a sense of defeat because of past failure. There needs to be a sense of renewed hope for the community in order to accomplish initiative hopes, assistance, thoughts for today (not yesterday). We don't need rebellion in the future, but to face the challenges which lie ahead.

The following needs exist in order to improve the communities conditions. Technical Vocational Center for skill training; attractive job opportunities for our youth; availability of jobs to prevent long distance travel; full-time doctor for hospital; renovate public buildings; build a recreation park; build a rail-road in Greene county.

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CHALLENGES

CREATING WELL-PAYING JOBS

In the arena of new industry, the fact that lack of industrial facilities indicates that the underlying contradiction is working on building an industrial park and airport. This contradiction is illustrated by insufficient interest in ongoing programs.

COMMUNICATION IN A STRUCTURED MANNER

In the arena of public awareness, the fact that lack of published knowledge of city and county government board of supervisors have no way of informing people adequately indicates that the underlying contradiction is a public demanding to know. This contradiction is illustrated by the fact that people would like to know more.

LACK OF FUNDS

In the arena of lack of funds, the fact that there is not enough industry bringing in money indicates that the underlying contradiction is that we are producers of "raw material" only. This contradiction is illustrated by 95% of Greene county's timber is processed outside Greene county. The same is true for agricultural products.

LEADERSHIP AND FUNDS

In the arena of people who are willing to work, the fact that money to do thing with is unavailable indicates that the underlying contradiction is needing leadership and more funds.

EDUCATION AND WELFARE

In the arena of education and welfare and higher education and vocational education, the fact that there is a need for vocational education for young people to train into higher paying jobs, more funds are needed for education and people need to be more concerned about education indicates that the underlying contradiction is that money is not being spent properly. This contradiction is illustrated by the fact that there is not enough control on the money for schools.

LACK OF LEADERSHIP

In the arena of lack of leadership, the fact that there is a lack of communication indicates that the underlying contradiction is that public officials do not communicate with laymen to see their needs and desires.

YOUTH RECREATION

In the arena of youth recreation, the fact that the young have no recreation, there is dope in the schools, and there is no speed control indicates that the underlying contradiction is a lack of jobs in Leakesville that would allow families to have more time together spent in a common interest.

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Proposals

LOCAL MONIES

We the citizens of Leakesville, in order to keep the money in Greene County, propose to support local industry through buying products which are produced in the county and sale the products produced in the county to be competitive in price.

SPENDING EDUCATIONAL DOLLARS

We the citizens of Leakesville, in order to provide better education for our children, propose that teachers, parents and students should have a voice in the way educational funds are spent through PTO, student councils, MAE, NEA, and GTA. We're in the process of assigning committies to attend school board meetings. Students are being allowed to have a direct input in the decisions of the board.

COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION

We the citizens of Greene County, in order to function more effectively for our county, propose that we be informed of the operation of our government, industry and effects being made through local officials, leaders, newspapers, radio, TV, and word of mouth.

CONCERNED CITIZENS

We the citizens of Leakesville, in order to organize concerned citizens, need to organize committies; one from each church and one from each civic organization. These commities should pursue all avenges consisting of proper county representation, as well as growth and prosperity of our town and county. This should be done through making a plan of action. This plan of action should include the following steps: Make progress reports, and setting goals for end results.

GROWTH OF COUNTY

We the citizens of Leakesville, in order to provide growth to our county, propose to have a political festival using the civic organizations, and churches to find recreation for youth through involving all ages and in contacting people.

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