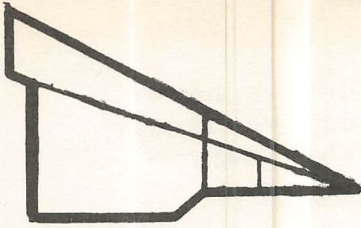


DELTA-PACE VOICE



"BIRTHPANGS OF A NEW COMMUNITY"

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TREE FELLED SAT

The dead tree which stood in front of the Methodist Church is there no longer. It was decided at the Friday night Community meeting to cut it down as it was so recommended by the city officials. Five Pacers, Alderman Henry Knox, Willie B. Towers, Chris Hall, Lynn Pennington, and Robert Towers set out Saturday morning. With the help of Mr. Alfred Fraizer, the men safely felled the tree and cut it into small sections which were then delivered to Pace families who use wood burning stoves.

Moving to another location, the men gathered the previously cut trees and vines from around the commercial garden, stacked them into 5 huge piles and then burned them, clearing the land in preparation for disking.

THE EDUCATION GUILD

The Adult Education Program is moving along rapidly. The Tuesday night crafts class has expanded with approximately ten women per night coming regularly. Beginning this week, on Thursday night, those interested in taking the G.E.D. will be coming to the elementary school to prepare for that test. All are welcome to either or both of these activities.

TALENT SHOW

The Delta Pace Youth Service Corps, performed for the community Sunday, providing entertainment and showing all that they are determined to lead the way for Delta Pace. The show opened with two songs, including a male chorus of "Moving for the World". Tony Lee and Avant Johnson both tried their hand at preaching, and Harold Lee performed a wedding. One high point was a dance performed by Mae Rosie and Carol. The Pace Band, "Michuacan", made their debut singing "Boogie Man". The program was emceed by Avant Johnson and ended with a fashion show, starring the Pace Youth. More than 150 attended, and all left looking forward to the next Delta Pace Youth Talent Show.

COMMUNITY GARDENS PLANTED

Five families have now planted their plots in the community garden, and many more will be planting when the rain stops. Within a few weeks the 2 1/2 acre lot between Gin Street and Railroad Avenue will be covered with crops. If you don't have your rows, see Mr. Hall, but do it quickly! Queen Tate is going to plant commercial fields on the remaining land.

The Youth Garden is now fully planted. Henry Knox and crew are predicting a fine harvest of just about everything you can think of.

THE FORTH-COMING WORK DAY

By Saturday afternoon Pace will be a cleaner, brighter spot in the Delta. This Saturday has been scheduled a community-wide clean up day. Transforming the physical appearance of the town in one day's time is a big task and will require a large number of people and a day long supply of energy and spirit. Judging from the response of citizens in the past several months to the call for manpower our Sat clean up can be a great event. The Monday night Guild meeting named several clean-up targets. Among them were, litter pick-up, clearing brush, removing large junk from yards and public areas, and further cleaning drainage ditches.

Everyone's energy can be invested in some part of this Saturday's Work Day. A Friday night planning meeting will finalize details for the Work Day, and citizens will gather at the HDP office at 8:30 am to begin the day's activities by organizing into teams. Do make your plans to be there!

YOUTH TO VISIT ELDERS

A group of youth have decided to call on elders during the next two weeks, to begin actuation of the elders support network. The purpose of the visit will be four-fold: 1) to get opinions of home-bound elders for community planning at the Guild meetings, 2) to open communication channels between youth and elders, 3) to determine how the Youth can help elders, and 4) how the Elders can help the Youth. This will be another step in the growing awareness that everyone's gifts are needed in re-building community.

CHILD CARE SERVICE

This is the day we have,
This is the day we have,
We can live this day,
or throw it away,

This is the day we have,
So let's pick up this day,
AND LIVE!

This is only one of the rituals the children of the Delta Pace Child Care Service rehearse every day. At present there are 13 children between the ages of 1 - 3 attending. Five volunteer mothers are participating in creating an exciting program for this very challenging age group.

Bring your child to the Mobile Unit at the Pace School, at 8:30 am, Monday through Friday.

T H I S W E E K

Friday, 7pm
Work Day Planning - HDP office

Saturday, 8:30 am
Work Day Team Assignments -
Project Office

Monday, 7pm
Guild Meeting - HDP office

Tuesday,
Beautification Commission,
City Hall, 7:00 pm.

Hand Craft Class,
Pace School, 6:30 pm.

Youth Service Corps,
HDP office, 6:30 pm.

Thursday, 6:30 pm
Hand Craft Class & G.E.D.
Pace School