

#### DELTA-PACE

The boundaries of the Delta-Pace grid are Highway 8 to the north starting on the east at Bob Glaze's airstrip and running northwest along the highway to the bridge over the Bogue Phalia. Then along the Bogue south and southwest and then south again along an imaginal north-south line running along the western edge of the Russell place. Then east along an imaginal east-west line running along the southern edge of the Henry place to the Tommie Bayou. Then north along the Bayou to the farm road bridge and east from there to the highway at the end of the airstrip.



## DELTA PACE BRIEF

### HISTORY

The city of Pace developed late in the history of Mississippi. The land on which Pace is located was purchased from the government in 1833 by William Gilchrist. The land passed through several hands until 1898 when it was purchased by Major George Arnold. He laid boundaries for the town, established the first post office, named the town Arnold, and sold a right-of-way to Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Company. In 1905, Messrs. Pace, King and Anderson bought the land from Mr. Arnold and cleared the surrounding land for farming. Logging was an important industry. There were two towns in Mississippi named Arnold and the name of the town was soon changed to Pace in honor of the Pace family. Bogue Phalia River (pronounced Bōg Fa-lý-a), which means beautiful stream river, is a typical Delta river and played an important role in the early history of Pace. A ferry was established and a cotton ginning boat traveled between the farms. At the turn of the century the "peavine" branch of the railroad was constructed from just south of Cleveland to Rosedale through Pace. The Pace Hotel was built in 1910, but it burned in 1925 and no efforts were made to rebuild it. At one time there were four cotton gins in Pace. The present day gin, Pace Gin Company, is cooperatively owned by local farmers. In 1918 an artesian well was drilled which supplied water to the entire community.

Important turning points of the community's history were the closings of the railroad in 1938 and the high schools in the 1940's. Mechanization of cotton production began in the 1950's. Some 50,000 people have left Bolivar County during the past 20 years.

A shift in community leadership occurred in 1973 with the election of a black mayor and council.

### EDUCATION

Bolivar County has a consolidated school system of six districts. Each district has an elected board of education with appointed superintendents and assistants. An elected county superintendent of schools administers the districts.



Pre-school education is available in Pace through the Head Start program for children three to five years. Presently, 102 youngsters are reportedly enrolled in the program. Kindergarten classes are not locally available. The elementary school includes grades first through sixth. It has 234 students enrolled. The youth attend junior and senior high in Rosedale, 10 miles away. Teacher-pupil ratio at Pace Elementary is approximately 1:27 and at Rosedale Senior High is 1:19. The following statistics are from a report of the State Board of Education District 1 for the School Year 1975-76 and indicate major reasons for students not completing school.

Number of Dropouts	Grade	Reasons for drop-outs
16	7	Physical illness - 1
21	8	Behavior difficulties - 1
21	9	Dislike school - 4
17	10	Employment - 2
8	11	Pregnancy - 9
2	12	Other known reasons - 35
		Unknown - 40
		New residence - 15

At the present time, vocational-technical training is incorporated into the Rosedale High School curriculum. However, a new Vo-Tech center is being built for District 1 students in Rosedale and is to be completed this summer. Approximately 65 students in District 1 are enrolled in a special education program. No facilities are available for physically handicapped students although a new state law requires each district or county provide education for every child. Deaf and blind children generally attend residential schools in Jackson.

Approximately two-thirds of the high school graduates in District 1 attend some form of higher education. Low tuition and available transportation have made Coahoma County Junior College in Clarksdale and Moorhead Junior College in Moorhead favorite colleges for local students. Tuition at Coahoma is \$82.00 for the first quarter and \$70.00 for all other quarters. Moorhead charges \$115.00 per semester for tuition. Grants are often available for students. Delta State University is utilized by some Pace residents for evening classes and by some senior citizens, for whom tuition is free. There are also several full time Pace students at Delta State University.

Adult education, primarily basic education, is available in Pace at the elementary school twice weekly. Coahoma Junior College provides college credit classes five nights weekly in Rosedale. Courses are also available at Delta State.



At present, the State of Mississippi has no compulsory education law. However, there are two bills before the legislature calling for compulsory education: one for ages 6-13; the other, ages 6-15. Educators in the County are confident that one of these bills will be passed this year. All new public school teachers must be certified by the State, which requires a four-year degree including specified hours of education. Head Start teachers must have a high school equivalency and Vo-Tech teachers, a high school diploma with at least three years experience in their training area.

#### COMMUNITY LIFE

Geographically, Pace is located in the center of Bolivar County, eight miles from Cleveland, 10 miles from Rose-dale and 12 from the Mississippi River. One of the most prominent geographical characteristics is the grassy median through the center of town, a remnant of the railroad right-of-way. The Tommie Bayou (pronounced Tō-my) runs into the Bogue Phalia forming a southern boundary to the community.

While the people of Pace have very few formal gathering places, small groups form in a variety of locations. Examples are the town's three grocery stores and the Post Office when mail is put up in the morning. Older youths often gather at Robert's snack bar. During the summer, porches are important gathering places for all ages. Taverns provide a place for some in the community to congregate.

Important events in the community are basketball games at Delta State University and the Fourth of July.

There are seven churches in Pace: Pace Baptist, Sprangle Banner Baptist, L. Bethel Baptist, St. Peter Baptist, Watt Chapel A.M.E., Pace United Methodist, and Pace Pentecostal. Churches in Rosedale and Cleveland also include members from Pace. Choirs are an important part of church life.

The Bolivar County Health Center operates a generalized clinic in Pace from 9 to 12 am twice a month. Services include family planning, infant and child check-ups and referrals, and certification for the Women, Infants, and Children's (WIC) federal food program which is available to pregnant and nursing women and children under five. The Bolivar County Hospital, a full-service hospital, is located in Cleveland; the Delta Health Center, serving a four-county area, is in Mound Bayou. No doctors or dentists have offices in Pace although several are in Cleveland. Rosedale



has a city health clinic, the Levee Street Clinic, with one doctor whose salary is paid by HEW. Funds are available for another doctor and dentist. Skilled home nursing can be requested by physicians through the Bolivar County Health Center. The County Home Extension Service offers nutritional training to homemakers.

#### SERVICES

An 890 foot well provides adequate clean water for Pace. Money was borrowed from the Farmer's Home Administration to drill this well. It is owned by the Pace Water Association, and citizens are charged at the rate of \$5.00 for one bathroom and \$7.50 for two.

No common sanitation system exists in Pace; there are primarily septic tanks and open ditch drainage. The Air, Water and Pollution Control Commission allows a three-lagoon system. After a sewage treatment facility is installed, a 100% grant up to \$500,000 is available for a sewage collection system.

Pace has a volunteer fire department, a part time policeman, a post office, trash collection services, and a telephone exchange. Bolivar County provides some services to towns and is considering a program to transport senior citizens through the use of county school buses. According to one resident, approximately 60% of the housing in Pace is below standard and 50% of the residents receive some kind of federal, state or county financial aid.

#### BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Soon after the turn of the Century, Pace was a center of business activities. The Bogue Phalia provided most of the transportation until a railroad spur was constructed. The "peavine", so-called because of its meanderings, closed in 1938 and the depot was torn down in 1972. In the 1930's seventeen retail stores served the community. Today there are three grocery stores, a general merchandise store, a branch bank, a snack shop, a laundromat and a crop-dusting service.

The limited industry today includes a farmers' cooperative cotton gin which operates approximately three months each year. The bus repair shop, housed in the old school gym, serves about 90 buses of the county school system and employs seven men; three are Pace residents. A substantial number of community citizens are employed about four months of the year in seasonal agricultural activities.



Pace is off regular freight lanes; therefore, additional freight charges add to the retail costs of merchandise. There are some door-to-door foodstuff salesmen in Pace. People with cars generally go to Cleveland or Greenville to shop to take advantage of better selection and lower prices.

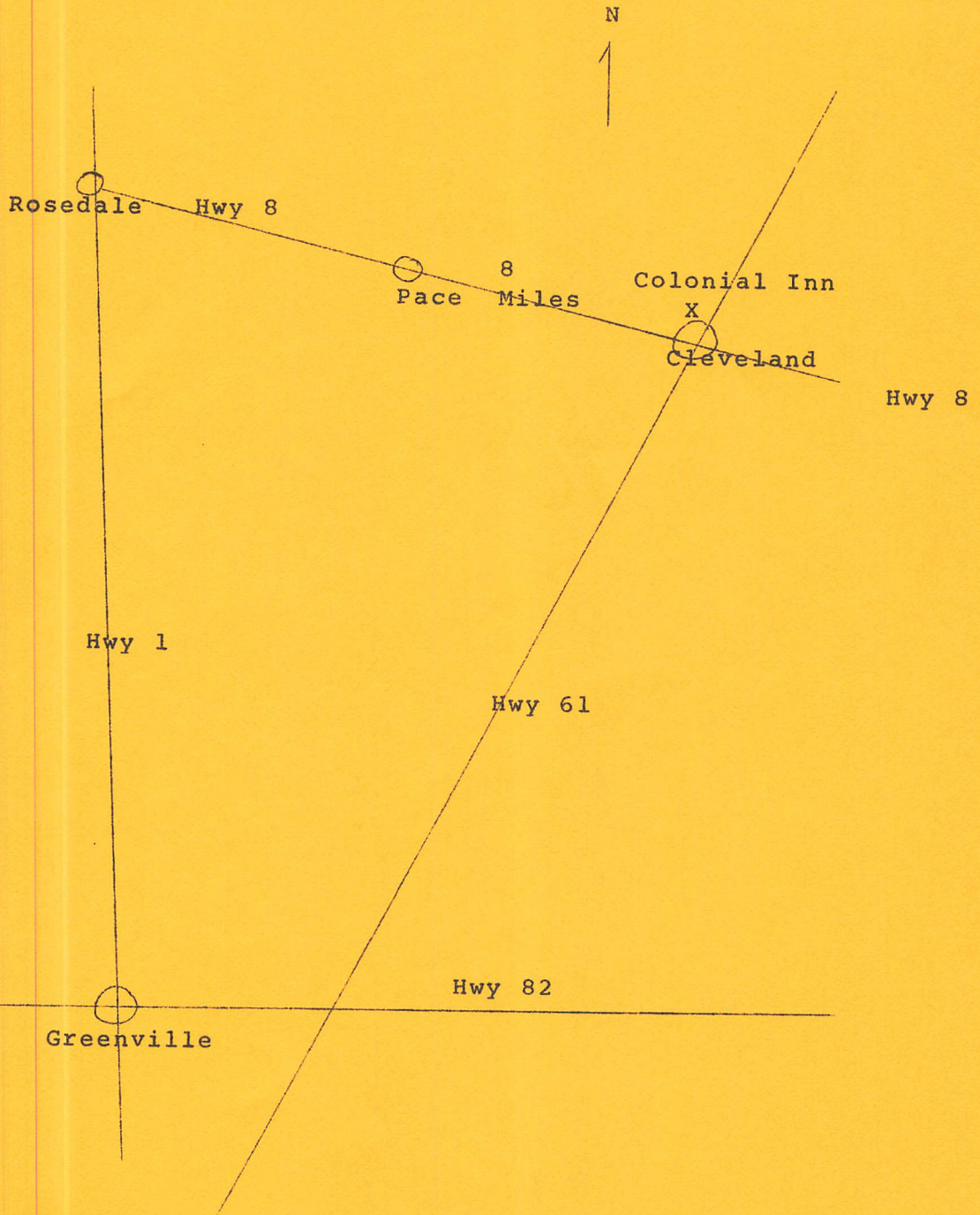
#### AGRICULTURE

The 923 square miles that make up Bolivar County lie entirely in the Mississippi Delta (an alluvial plain resulting from the deposits of the flooding of the Mississippi River). This is some of the most fertile soil in the world. Pace is located in the geographical center of the county. About 10% of the families of Pace own farmland. Approximately 82% of the land in Bolivar County is used for agriculture. Major crops are cotton, rice and soybeans.

While cotton is the traditional crop of the area, renowned for its long fiber, acreage used for cotton planting has decreased. Because of the mechanization of cotton production and the minimum wage law, employment in agriculture has decreased in the county from 20,000 to 400 over the last 30 years. Production of rice and soybeans increased. for example, from 21,750 acres to 162,000 acres from 1973 to 1975. Some experimentation has been done with wheat and cucumbers, although in limited quantities.



DELTA-PACE AREA MAP





CITY OF PACE

Hwy 8

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Center

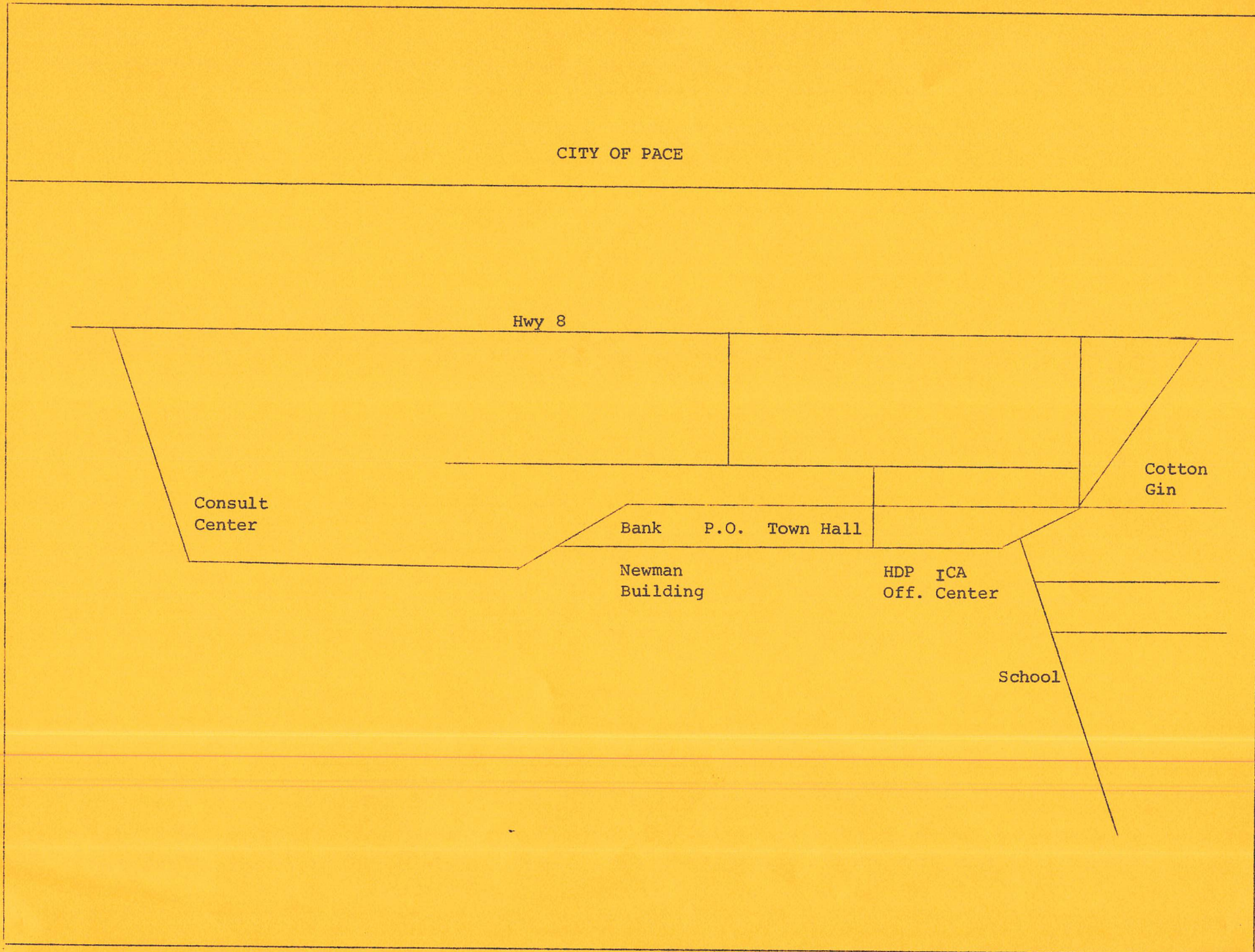
Bank P.O. Town Hall

Newman  
Building

HDP ICA  
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Cotton  
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School





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BRIEFING	THE CONSULT					DEBRIEFING
FEBRUARY 20 Sunday	FEBRUARY 21 Monday	FEBRUARY 22 Tuesday	FEBRUARY 23 Wednesday	FEBRUARY 24 Thursday	FEBRUARY 25 Friday	FEBRUARY 26 Saturday
ORIENTATION  TOUR   OPENING PLENARY	Breakfast Collegium	Breakfast Collegium	Breakfast Collegium	Breakfast Collegium	Breakfast Collegium	Breakfast Collegium
	METHODOLOGICAL DYNAMICS	LOCAL ECONOMICS	SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	PROJECT FORMATION	INCLUSIVE FRAMING	COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION
	FIELD TRIPS	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	CONSULT  WRAP-UP   CLOSING PLENARY
		VISION CROSS-GESTALT	CONTRADICTIONS SWIRL	PROPOSAL CROSS-GESTALT	TACTICS CROSS-GESTALT	
	Team Work	Team Work	Team Work	Team Work	Team Work	
	SITE VISITS	SITE VISITS	SITE VISITS	SITE VISITS	TACTICS WRITING	
PROBLEMATICS WORKSHOP	DETERRENENTS WORKSHOP	RESOLUTIONS WORKSHOP	TACTICS WORKSHOP	PROGRAMS WORKSHOP		
OPENING	OPERATING VISION	UNDERLYING CONTRADICTIONS	PRACTICAL PROPOSALS	TACTICAL SYSTEMS	ACTUATING PROGRAMS	
ANALYZING THE SITUATION		DETERMINING THE POTENTIALITY			DESIGNING THE ACTUALIZATION	



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

ICA OFFICE: (601) 723-6780  
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CONSULT CENTER: 723-9297

COLONIAL INN: 843-3641  
(Corner of Highway 8 and Highway 61)

\*\* All calls from Pace to Cleveland are long distance.

\*\* There is a pay phone available in the Production Room, at the rear of the consult facility.

MAIL SERVICE:

Mail can be picked up at the Colonial Inn front desk.

Mailing address: Delta-Pace HDP  
P. O. Box 269  
Pace, MS 38764

BANKING:

To cash travelers checks and personal checks, please make them out to the I.C.A. and take them to the practice office in the morning. Money will be available in the evening at the practice office.

LAUNDRY AND DRYCLEANING:

Arrangements will be announced.

PHARMACY:

There are several pharmacies in Cleveland.

TELEGRAPH:

Western Union: 843-3200  
Commerce Building, Cleveland

PERSONAL NEEDS:

There are four stores in town and many goods are available. For any other needs, please contact the practice office.

PERSONAL EXPENSES:

The Consultant's \$400 fee covers motel and meal expenses for the week. Additional personal motel expenses, such as a phone bill, will need to be settled individually with the motel.

EMERGENCY

Contact practice office 723-6745