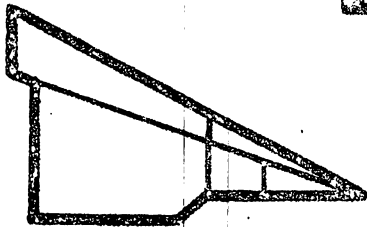


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THE DELTA PACE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT QUARTERLY REPORT QUARTER THREE

The Delta Pace Human Development Project is one of twenty-four comprehensive development projects sponsored by the Institute of Cultural Affairs in twenty nations around the world. Each project is a two year intensive effort initiated by a week-long consultation in the community, during which practical programs are designed to revitalize community self sustenance, self-reliance, and self-initiative. The consult. in Pace was held February 20-26, 1977, and delineated 14 programs to be fully implemented within two years.

The methods employed in every aspect of implementation, the specific procedures used, and the broad arenas of renewal are designed so that any community that is willing to put forth the equivalent effort could replicate the project in its own situation. In India, project replication has already begun with an additional 36 villages participating. Implementation is structured by focusing efforts on the 172 subactivities outlined in the document; when all subactivities are done, the 14 programs will be actuated and the two year project completed. At that point, local residents will have been trained in methods for designing new programs, structuring corporate activity, and maintaining community motivity.

In the first quarter, the project focused on catalyzing community engagement to create quick and visible signs of hope, primarily through corporate workdays, working on town beautification. Out of these activities, key leadership began to emerge, and in the second quarter, the project focus shifted to providing opportunities for Pace residents to participate in events which would provide them with a broader experience and comprehensive context of community development. Several local residents represented Pace at both continental and global gatherings and training events and other groups and organizations came to Pace to work with the community on special projects.

In the third quarter, the major emphasis was placed on establishing functional operating groups and structures which can sustain the community in the future. The three HDP acceleration Trek teams worked with both Stake and Guild structures to begin building the practical foundations for social and economic development envisioned by the community in the February Consult. Stakes and Guilds were active throughout the quarter and were the key structures through which tactics were implemented. Through the work of these groups, the local research was accomplished for the Comprehensive Plan, and the housing and building designs done by the MSU School of Architecture.

The following is a report by programs of the work of the last three months in Pace:

I. HEALTH EXTENSION UNIT

Community Health work accelerated this past quarter when a team of health consultants and volunteers from throughout the country visited for a ten day Health Trek. Working with community residents, they compiled statistics on health needs and launched a preventive health care program by recruiting and training neighborhood Health Advocates. The Health Advocates provide regular blood pressure checkups, dental screening, arrange needed dental treatment, and assist local residents in obtaining regular health care. During the Health Week, a Health Fair offered area agencies the opportunity to work together in a one day intensive health education event, with more than 200 Pace citizens participating. Free hearing and vision testing, and blood pressure checkups were some of the services provided that day. Students from Mississippi Valley State Environmental Health Department showed movies on environmental conservation and each of the guilds in Pace had booths displaying their projects and work. While the Health Trek Team was in Pace, the Preschool teachers participated in a nutrition workshop, and the Pace Volunteer Fire Department learned emergency first aid and safety practices. The Health Advocates now help staff the Health Outpost twice weekly, bringing in professionals and health workers to care for particular community health needs.

II. PUBLIC WORKS FORCE

Public Works activities in the third quarter included research breakthroughs, innovative projects and public construction. Town improvements included landscaping around the bank to prevent traffic from crossing the center median, completing the Town Hall storm sewer, clearing sewer ditches for better drainage, and demolition of two more buildings.

Pace has received a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 201 Program for a sewer feasibility study. The grant is for the first phase of a three phase process to construct a sewer system in Pace. Funding for each phase is applied for and granted separately. In the present Facility Planning phase, Continental Consultants, Inc. of Jackson, will include an assessment of several alternative methods of treatment, taking into account cost-effectiveness and environmental impact. The actual plan selection will involve public participation in evaluating the various proposals. Preliminary design and cost estimates will also be included in this phase.

The Mississippi Research and Development Center is also working closely with the Town of Pace and its residents to create a twenty-year comprehensive plan. The planning is being done in two steps - 1) inventory, and 2) planning. The community is now reviewing the information gathered in the first phase in a series of weekly meetings, discussing the issues involved and making recommendations for the planning phase. The final results of these meetings will be written up in a report and published by the R & D Center in March, as a proposed development plan for Pace. Arenas being discussed include existing and future land use, water study, community facilities plan, housing, public improvement programs, population projection, zoning and subdivision regulations, annexation, and management studies. The \$10,000 Utilities Plan has been com-

pleted and presented to the town in a 99 page document, analyzing, among other things, the condition of the water system and funding alternatives for needed improvements.

The Water Association has demonstrated new seriousness toward public accountability, improving cash flow and repairing water line leaks. Meters have been shut off to enforce payments in order to provide revenue to make needed repairs. A walking inventory produced a map of leaks; many have been repaired and all others are scheduled for repair.

The county recently rebuilt the bridge over the canal near the Pace Baptist Church. Potholes have been filled, low areas in the downtown area have been filled with gravel and culverts have been put in some of the ditches crossing undeveloped street right-of-ways.

A major breakthrough for the whole region occurred in constructing a sewage facility for the preschool. EPA allowed a sand and gravel filter with two concrete culvert septic tanks and a 55 gallon drum grease trap. The sewage treatment system works effectively, and its approval opens the door for many towns throughout the Delta that have been limited by regulations requiring more expensive and elaborate small treatment packages.

III. AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Further transportation studies have revealed many agencies and programs in the area providing excellent transportation for their clients. The 60+ program for senior citizens makes regular pickup and return trips, carrying elders to medical services and to town for shopping and paying bills. The Delta Health Clinic in Mound Bayou provides regular transportation to the clinic for treatment and checkups. Transportation within town to adult education classes, guild meetings, stake meetings, special events is being provided by private citizens in order to encourage everyone's participation in community events and programs.

IV. BASIC EDUCATION ACADEMY

The goal of continuous, coordinated "life centered" education for all ages continues to be a major focus. With the opening of the Preschool on Oct. 3, twenty-five children (90% of the one-two year old children in Pace) are participating in a daily education program. The elementary school is participating in a district wide "self-study" program toward acquiring accreditation by the Southern Association. A key event at the school was a fire safety program led by the members of the Pace Volunteer Fire Department. The local PTA doubled its paid membership in one evening and is now a member of the state PTA organization. A survey conducted in October showed a high interest in Adult Education, particularly in literacy, and Adult Education classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings include functional literacy, sewing, and GED preparation.

V. ADULT TRAINING INSTITUTE

Training has been an underlying focus in all programs: a trained leadership corps is emerging in ongoing guild and stake structures. The quarterly Town Meeting in October and the Community Youth Forum in November engaged community people in workshop leadership; the Global Women's Forum provided women with the opportunity to respond to the need for women in local leadership roles. The 100% household population and housing survey was accomplished with the initiative and effort of volunteer interviewers from each stake. Trips away from Pace have afforded further training experiences. The preschool staff participated in a continental curriculum planning workshop in 5th City and three people from Pace attended the Guardian Consult in Chicago in December. Pace citizens also took responsibility for providing leadership in the continental Town Meeting programs. The newly formed Jaycee Chapter provides for personal development, management training and community involvement, with established ties to business and civic training opportunities at the regional, state, national and even international levels. A social work intern assigned to Pace by Delta State University is paving the way for an expanded training role for Human Development Projects.

VI. TOWN BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

While cleanup projects and workdays have continued, the focus of this quarter's beautification has been on broadening vision and looking to the future. As part of the Comprehensive Plan, the Mississippi State School of Architecture has been working on designs for the central median and business districts. Design alternatives were presented to the community, and the drawings and scale models are now on display in the Town Hall. The storm sewer for the Town Hall was recently completed, leaving the grounds ready for spring landscaping. Two more buildings have been demolished, and three downtown lots have been leveled and attractively fenced. A great event for catalyzing beautification was the arrival of a dump truck donated recently by the Antenen construction firm in Ohio. The preschool building front signals the possibilities for the renovation and beautification of the business district making use of the existing architecture.

VII. DELTA PACE IDENTITY PROJECT

The quarterly Town Meeting has established a rhythm for the opportunity for total participation in community decision making. A series of weekly meetings for reviewing the Comprehensive Plan reports have deepened orientation toward the future and related immediate tasks to long term planning. The Delta Pace Community Association was incorporated, providing a local non-for-profit structure for the community. The Jaycees designed a symbol uniquely for their chapter, with two clasped hands representing unity. The mural on the front of the preschool imaginably represents the curriculum design and children from six major cultures around the world.

Everyone enjoyed the filming and showing of a nationally televised commercial recapturing Xerox Corporation's participation in the Pace Project. Important community celebrative events included a PTA Open House, a Jaycees Charter Banquet, a Jaycees talent show, a carnival, and a community wide Thanksgiving

celebration complete with a discussion of the Mayflower Compact and reflections on Pace and its covenant to rebuild.

VIII. YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

The YSC sponsored and participated in leading workshops for a pilot Community Youth Forum involving 85 youth from Pace and surrounding areas. "Saturday Night at the Movies", complete with popcorn and punch, has continued to be a successful weekly event for children and youth. The program includes dramatic, comical, and educational movies. The Youth have organized and sponsored several special events and projects, including a Halloween haunted house and party, weiner roasts, game booths for the Health Fair, Christmas caroling, gift making, and a special Christmas Party. The members of the YSC participate regularly in stakes and guilds, as Health Advocates and teachers-in-training in adult education.

IX. ELDERS SUPPORT NETWORK

Elders activities and support have also been accelerated this quarter. Elders have continued to participate actively in the regular production and mailing of the Delta Pace Voice, and many helped prepare and run booths at the Health Fair in November. Transportation to meetings and special events has been arranged to facilitate participation in programs. The Garden Guild has been a particular interest to many of the elders in Pace and has benefited from their experiences and activities in its work.

X. COMMERCIAL SHOPPING CENTER

The laundromat has continued to show profit and is in constant use. The DPCA plans to expand the facilities and services and the town has received an Action Mini-Grant to finance this expansion. An architect has visited the building acquired by the town for a community center and is drawing up designs for its renovation. Construction on the building will be done primarily by local people. A Human Development Project Business and Industry acceleration team worked for one week with local residents, researching and planning potential new business for Pace, and one application for financing a business from the SBA is in process. The School of Architecture from Mississippi State University spent several days in conversation with people in Pace and proposed designs for the business district which are now on display in the Town Hall.

XI. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AGENCY

From the every household survey, a compilation of present employment positions, skills, training and experience has been completed. Conversations have been held with corporations about job training possibilities and assistance has been made available for writing employment resumes and applications. A contractor is planning to move to Pace in the next few months, and will begin training people in construction. The renovation of the community center will train and engage local people.

XII. LIGHT INDUSTRIES COMBINE

The attraction of industry depends on several factors. This quarter has included researching these factors and activities to increase the readiness and attractiveness of Pace for prospective industry. Needed sewage facilities planning is underway with funding secured for the first step. A \$20,000 grant through the R & D Center secured the completion of an overall utilities plan including preliminary engineering work on water, sewage, and drainage. An Economic Acceleration week brought outside consultants and community leadership together for detailed planning of economic alternatives. The major decision was to focus initially on commercial development and small "store front" manufacture items, with larger industry attraction evolving from overall cultural and commercial development.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
<p><u>COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Community garden planted & harvested -Youth garden planted -Weekly Garden Guild meetings -Tractor purchased by town -Tree planting 	<p><u>LIVING ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Community playground built -30 trash cans painted & distributed -Old bus repair shop renovated -Land use map completed -EPA 201 funds secured, work underway -Preschool building renovated, sewer installed -Footbridge rebuilt, road bridge repaired -CAP assistance secured for home repairs -Town Hall storm sewers completed, landscaped -MSU housing designs, models on display -Housing/population survey completed 	<p><u>PREVENTIVE CARE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Open ditches cleaned, several enclosed -Lunch/nutrition program ages 1 - 11 -Regular dental screening & treatment -10 Health Advocates trained, visiting -Health Outpost operating -Vol. Fire Dept. fire safety day at school -Installation of indoor plumbing started -Community Health fair -MVS Environmental Dept. doing water testing -Emergency first aid class for fire dept. -Hazardous buildings demolished
<p><u>APPROPRIATE INDUSTRY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Earthworm farm begun and expanded -Earthworm bait route established -10 day industry consultation & planning -Builder's Guild meets weekly -Utilities Plan study completed 	<p><u>CORPORATE PATTERNS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Quarterly Town Meetings held -Weekly Comprehensive Plan review meetings -PTA reactivated, membership doubled -Local participation in state/national Town Meeting leadership -Weekly Stake and Guild meetings -Regular & expanded garbage collection -Jaycees chapter formed -450 participate in Consult -Barbeque & fish fry \$ raising events for programs and special events 	<p><u>FUNCTIONAL EDUCATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Preschool serving 90% of Pace 1-2 yr. olds -In-service preschool teacher training -Imaginal Education training weekend -Education/literacy survey completed -GED Classes -Community Youth Forum -Tues/Thurs. adult educ. classes, literacy -Preschool funding secured -Elem. School "self-study" for accreditation -31 Pacers participated in nat/global trips
<p><u>COMMERCIAL SERVICES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Laundromat established, serving Pace & surrounding area, shows profit -2 stores renovated in business district -Delta Pace Community Association incorporated as non profit community organization -Business Guild meets weekly -SBA loan application for small business in process 	<p><u>IDENTITY SYSTEMS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Pace symbol on trash cans, t-shirts, signs -All school graduation celebration -Pace reunion held -Murals on Preschool and Laundromat -Bi-weekly Delta Pace Voice published -YSC Christmas caroling & community party -Preschool Open House -Fall street carnival -Jaycees Charter Banquet & talent show -Community Celebration & viewing Xerox commercial -Community Thanksgiving Feast and gathering 	<p><u>COMMUNITY WELFARE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Elders created decor for consult -Youth Service Corps active -Summer Youth program -Social work student assigned to Pace -Global Women's Forum held -9 Local residents hired on Preschool staff -6 CETA summer positions -Youth Talent Show held -Assistance given in job applications

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TWENTY YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN TAKING SHAPE

The community meetings for key decisions shaping the Comprehensive Development Plan for Pace have continued regularly on Tuesday evenings. Many major recommendations concerning Pace's future have been made by this group composed of the Board of Aldermen and many other interested and concerned citizens. Planner, Tom Hitt, of the Mississippi Research and Development Center has made presentations of his inventory work and preliminary recommendations on existing land-use, population projection, future land-use and annexation areas, zoning and subdivision regulations, community facilities and streets. Engineer Jim Elliot presented a thorough report on the Utilities Study proposal done by his firm, Diversified Consultants.

The Comprehensive Plan meetings will be concluded on March 6, at which time final reports will be written for the April 1st publication date. The agendas for the remaining meetings are as follows:

DATE	FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS	NEW PRESENTATION	DISCUSSION
Jan. 24	Annexation Area	Streets Community Facilities	Streets Community Facilities
Jan. 31	--	--	Streets Community Facilities
Feb. 7	Streets Community Facilities	Housing	Housing
Feb. 14	--	--	Housing
Feb. 21	Housing	Public Improvements Management	Public Improvements Management
Mar. 6	Public Improvements Management	Future Implications	Future Implications
Weekend Session (Tentative)		Official final discussion and decisions	

Everyone in Pace is invited and encouraged to attend these Tuesday evening meetings and participate in planning for the future of the town.

A TRIBUTE

Words are always inadequate to express the spirit of a person, the gift that his or her life has been to a family or a community. To state simply, however, what the gift was that Barbara Smith brought to life, it can be said that she was a person who didn't hold back.

She didn't hold back her time - no one will ever know the long evenings that went into planning a community celebration, doing school records, or making Christmas presents for the children. She didn't hold back her money - it went for Thanksgivings and open houses, for supplies that appeared and were never reimbursed. And most difficult of all, she didn't hold back her commitment. Long ago she committed herself to educating a community, especially its children and giving new horizons to their lives. A year ago, with the same reluctance many felt, she committed herself in a new way to the world, to building a better Peace on behalf of the world, and a few short months ago, she committed herself to the establishment of the preschool, a job that was pure gamble, but which she undertook with resolve and determination. She liked to talk about how her big mouth always got her into trouble - but rarely mentioned the times it gave people a new example of courage and possibility.

One of the phrases we have used lately is "The task before us now, if we would not perish, is to shake off our ancient prejudices and build the earth." Barbara shook many of her prejudices and shook other peoples' - not only black and white or city and country, but where others said something was impossible, she proved it was possible. And I trust, that just as God took good care of her in life, so He will take care of her in death, and so so He will take care of you and me as we continue the task of building a new earth.

"Every man's death diminishes me for I am involved with Mankind." - Donne

We would also remember Mr. A.L. Frazier, Mrs. Alice Lee, and Mr. Jimmy Smith, who died in this past week. Each of them enriched the life of this community and our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

TOWN MEETING: MISSISSIPPI "UPDATE"

Last May, Town Meetings were held in more than 20 towns and cities throughout the Mississippi Delta to encourage and help support greater citizen involvement and responsibility in local communities.

The Town Meetings were a part of a nation wide program to see that at least one Town Meeting was held in every one of the 3,100 counties in the United States. To date, 18 states have had one or more Town Meetings in every county, and in all other states, Town Meetings are in process of being held county by county.

The effort to complete Mississippi (63 remaining counties) began last week, and already 11 town in 11 different counties have scheduled Town Meetings for next week. These are demonstration Town Meetings, one per county, and will be the springboard for other meetings later. Watch for more news, and call the ICA office (723-6745) to recommend towns or persons that should be visited.

WATCH FOR NEWS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM EACH STATE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE VOICE!

call 723-6745 if there is something you want included.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING WEEKEND HELD

A leadership methods training weekend held recently in the Preschool, involved representatives from many groups in Pace, including education structures, Jaycees, Pace Volunteer Fire Department, Stakes and Guilds, Delta Pace Community Association, Boy Scout leadership, the YSC and the Health Advocates.

The three sessions on Friday evening and all day Saturday focused on effective methods and skills for leading group conversations, workshops, planning meeting agendas, and leading meetings.

The group decided on Saturday afternoon to experiment in using the methods for the next three months in the various community and group meetings they are involved in.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

"Saturday Night At the Movies" will resume in the old town hall on Saturday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The entrance fee of 50¢ per person will cover cost of popcorn and cold drinks and, in the future, occasional rental of feature length films.

YSC PROPOSES YOUTH CENTER

The YSC will be making a presentation to the Delta Pace Community Association recommending that a Youth Recreation Center be located in the old town hall. The youth have done serious planning and have recommendations about supervision and operating rules. They will be asking adults from the community to serve as volunteer supervisors and advisors for the center and its activities.

PACE BOY SCOUT TROUP ORGANIZED

Over 56 boys in Pace have signed up for the new Pace Boy Scout Troup, and more than half of these have already paid their National Boy Scout membership registration fee of \$2.

Regular Scout meetings will be held twice monthly at the elementary school and special activities and outings are being planned. When the weather improves, they will be going on monthly overnight camping trips. In the meantime, they are preparing for the District Boy Scout Jamboree to held in March at the Boy Scout Camp near Scotts, Mississippi.

Stake Three initiated the beginning of the Troop as a response to the need they saw for organized activities for boys in Pace. Group supervisors and leaders are Robert Taylor, William Bell, Ronald Lawson, and Roderick Hall; Coordinators are Lynn Pennington and Robert Towers, and the Sponsor is Willie Dean Smith, Pace Elementary School Principal.

Due to the overwhelming response of the boys in signing up and attending the meetings, additional volunteers are needed to help with the activities. Parents and interested people are invited to participate and help either on a regular basis or for special activities and trips.

The membership registration fee is \$2.00 for each boy and can be paid at the elementary school office. The \$2 is for both local and national membership and is for one year. If your child wishes to also receive the monthly national Boy Scout magazine, "Boy's Life", an additional \$3, paid at the time of registration will provide one year's subscription.

DELTA PACE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ELECTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Delta Pace Community Association held its first meeting of this year on Monday, January 9, at which time seven members were elected to the Board of Directors. The Association received its charter on November 4, 1977, and represents the citizens of Pace as a not-for-profit organization to serve the whole community.

Following the January 9th meeting, the new board met briefly to elect officers and to set the day and time for its regular monthly meetings. Those elected to the board are: Frank Powell (President), Richard Henry (Vice-President), Willie Dean Smith (Treasurer), Creola Williams (Secretary), Willie B. Towers, Robert LeFlore, and A.L. Symonds.

In its first regularly scheduled meeting, on Wednesday, January 11, the board approved the by-laws as stated in the charter, initiated proceedings for setting up financial procedures and records, and decided to move immediately in applying for tax-exempt status.

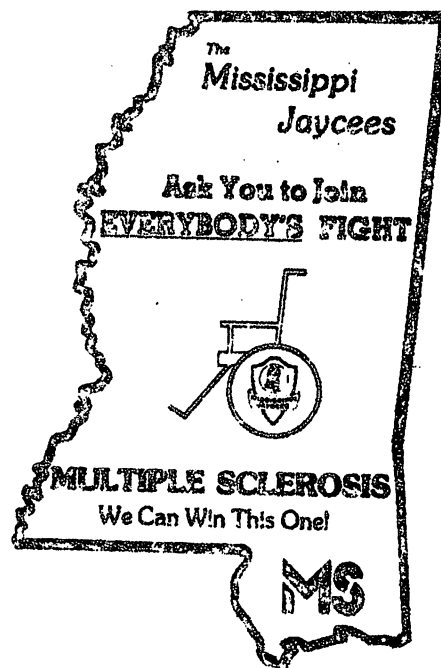
Residents of Pace are invited and encouraged to become members of the Association and to participate in its activities and meetings. Board meetings will be regularly held on the first Wednesday of each month. The meetings are open to the public. Yearly membership is \$1.00.

JAYCEES PARTICIPAT IN NATIONAL
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS DRIVE.

The Pace Jaycees are participating with Jaycee Chapters across the nation in raising funds for Multiple Sclerosis. The goal set by the Jaycee Chapters in the state of Mississippi is \$15,000. The Pace chapter will sponsor fund raising events on Saturday, March 4. Watch for posters and announcements for times and locations.

All men in Pace, 18 years and older are invited to join the Pace Chapter which meets regularly on Friday evenings at 6:30 at the elementary school.

Henry Knox,
President



PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS -- PACE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

The PVFD wishes to remind citizens in Pace that when the fire alarm is sounded to please stay off the streets, pull your car over to the side of the street if you are driving so that the fire department volunteers can safely and quickly get to the fire. At the site of a fire, people are to stay at least 200 or more feet away from the fire and fire fighting equipment and personell. Citations will be given to those disregarding this rule.

Meetings for all PVFD members are scheduled for the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. All members are asked to attend so you will be recognized as a PVFD member and be on the official roll, and participate in improving the department.

--Henry Knox, PVFD Deputy Chief

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DELTA PACE CELEBRATES A REMARKABLE YEAR

The Delta Pace Human Development Project is marking the completion of its first year. During the past year remarkable progress has been made by the 650 residents of the town of Pace. The twice-a-month issues of the Voice have documented the significant strides this community has made toward renewing its environment, developing self-confidence and self-reliance on the part of the people of Pace in meeting the challenges facing them, and in establishing the necessary foundation for consistent, self-sustaining community development.

In this issue of the Delta Pace Voice we are taking the opportunity to step back from the past year's events and reflect on the incredible journey which this community has taken. We'll also look at the future by sharing the vision, the hopes and dreams of Delta Pace, written by individuals who have participated in an amazing rebirth of community spirit.

CHANGING ATTITUDES

A year ago Pace was a dying town, gradually becoming a ghost town. Most of its younger citizens, especially the high school graduates, had either left or were planning to leave to seek better opportunities since Pace had nothing to offer them--no hope, no future. Pace seemed to have been at a stand still. There were not many encouraging indications that things would ever change: the condemned buildings remained unrepaired, untreated sewage continued to flow into open ditches, vacant lots remained unoccupied by new families or new buildings.

However, things began to change when the ICA selected Pace as a project. The presence of the ICA staff in the last year has helped the people of Pace to make their town a better place to live.

The first task of the ICA was to change the attitudes of the people. Many of the people were very disillusioned, but after the town meeting, new vigor and enthusiasm were instilled in the citizens of Pace again. They became better citizens as a result of this attitude change, the people became more involved in the rebuilding of Pace. With the assistance of the ICA staff, several improvements in the environment have been made: many condemned buildings have been demolished; a preschool and playground have been provided for the younger children; the footbridge is now safe for pedestrians and a clean up campaign has been organized.

These improvements are only the beginning of the future Pace. Its citizens have gained a renewed insight. We visualize Pace in the future as a small town with a few conveniences of cities, such as a mall that houses shopping stores, a restaurant, and a movie. The idea of the future is to retain the atmosphere of a small community but to improve the living conditions of the town.

- Diane Bradley

VICTORY OVER COMPLACENCY

When the English first colonized America, the colonists felt content at letting King George run everything for them. They did just as they were told without offering any words of disapproval or discontent. However, as time moved on the colonists began to expect more out of life. They knew that there had to be more in life for them than what they were receiving from the king. Therefore, they rebelled, the American Revolution was fought, and the colonists won their freedom. They were loosed from the bonds of complacency and freed to build, to explore, and to prosper.

When the black man was brought to America from Africa, he never forgot his life on his own native land. He knew that life had something more to offer him, and he believed that God would someday open a way for him. There were others who shared this dream with him, too. Therefore, the civil war was fought, the abolitionists won, and the black man was allowed to taste of freedom's sweetness.

When in the 1940's Hitler went on the rampage in Europe, many people feared for their lives and their freedom. The Allied powers bonded together, World War II was fought, and Europe was allowed to return, as best it could, to its old ways and precious peace.

This history has shown that the world has gone through many upsets for the cause of brotherhood. But the drive behind it all has been an unfaltering hope of change, the desire of man to make this a better world for himself, his family, and his fellowman. Our town has not in any way been an exception to this desire for change. The last year has witnessed many changes in our small town, and it is my hope that the future will see many, many more.

During the past year our town has been waging a war against complacency. We have been trying to show to the rest of the country and to the world what a few organized people can do. One of the main things that has changed around our town in the past year is community apathy. More and more of our citizens have taken a good look at our town and realized that they did not like what they saw, that they wanted something more out of life, and that themselves are the means of achieving those changes. I believe that this simple self-realization has been the basis for the following changes that I will offer as evidence of the war that we are now fighting.

Since we held the week long consult in February of 1977, many different events have taken place in our community that have drawn the attention of people from across the nation. We have reactivated the PTA and the Pace Beautification Club. We built a community playground and opened up a new preschool. We now have a small laundromat. We are in the process of establishing local Girl Scout and Brownie Troops for our youngsters. We have a local Jaycee chapter for our men. EPA 201 funds have been secured and work is underway to establish an adequate sewage system. Indoor plumbing has been installed in several homes. Some of the storefronts have been renovated. Weekly meetings are held in homes, stake divisions for everyone to keep in touch with everyone else on what is needed and on how those needs can best be met.

However, with all of the changes that have taken place, there are many more changes that we are still fighting for. We need more businesses and industries in order to furnish more jobs and more community resources for our citizens. Better housing is needed by many of the people of our community. With more industry and businesses, I

I would like to see a reopening of the bank. We need a recreational center for young children and a place of peace and harmony for the senior citizens to gather and to converse with one another. We need to complete the naming of our streets. Also, we need to find more summer employment opportunities for our youth to keep them from having to go away from the community.

Consequently, history has witnessed another great war, and that war is the one that is going on inside of us. We as a nation of people have a deep seated desire for change. That desire has been passed on to us from our forefathers and we are passing it on to offsprings. We must never allow ourselves to become complacent, we must march on until victory is won.

- Alberta Williams

WE ARE ALL ONE

A year ago, the town of Pace was invaded by a group of people that called themselves the Institute of Cultural Affairs. This invasion was the best thing that has happened to Pace and its citizens.

Some of the things that have happened to Pace and its citizens because of this invasion are:

A closeness developed among the citizens by learning to work together, realizing each person has a skill, and most of all learning to share these skills to build parks and restore old buildings.

Because of this closeness and the caring for Pace, the citizens have realized their pride in the town of Pace. The citizens of Pace will continue to work diligently to restore Pace to a beautiful small town.

One of the most important things that has happened and continues is that the citizens of Pace have learned to work together, black and white, rich and poor.

The future of Pace will be brighter than ever because there will be a oneness of the citizens of Pace. No matter what color or race we are, we are all one.

-- May Murray

PACE WAKES UP!

The year of 1977 was a waking up year for Pace. It began with the ICA showing up in Pace. It surprised us to know that they found and chose this town as a project in the Delta. Not really knowing what it would be like, some of the citizens welcomed them to Pace; and later the whole town welcomed them by turning out for the town meetings. From those meetings we all learned a lot about our town and the townspeople learned to work together beginning with the consult building, which was an old shop. After repairing it we had a great meeting in that new consult building. They helped us start a better garbage system. The adult and youth got old cans and painted them green and put the Pace symbol on the cans in yellow. Later on, the community, the

ICA and Xerox Corporation built a park for the smaller youth to play in. The older youth of Pace and youth from Arkansas built a new walking bridge. Also, the men of Pace and the ICA helped clear away and improve some of the old buildings and houses. The old Post Office was remodeled into a Day Care Center with the help of the ICA and Pace people, for kids under three. We made the old town hall into a health outpost and youth corps office for the youth to have fun on the weekend. The Youth Corps show movies for all the kids on Saturday. Since the ICA have been here we have started a newspaper for the citizens to read and know what has gone on in: and around town, the Delta Pace Voice.

Soon the ICA will be leaving Pace. Then the citizens of this town will have to continue the improvement of their town. As the years come and go the people will try their best to clean up the town. We will need cooperation from the community in town meetings. We could have cable TV put all over town. One day the community will build a town library and better recreation center, then build a park with a swimming pool, and a shopping center. And not too long after the ICA leave, the people of Pace will get a better town garbage truck, and the men will make a great improvement of the fire department system.

Like the saying goes for Pace: a small town with a big future. We will miss all of the ICA staff and hope to see them again.

- Gwendolyn Lawson

A SPARK OF NEW HOPE

I have seen many changes take place in the town of Pace and in the people of Pace. In February 1977 the first town redevelopment program began with the help of the ICA staff. In this meeting people from all over the world w-re present. It was two weeks of discussions and planning. New hopes and excitement were in the hearts of the people. This event was in every newspaper close around. There was great concern from many neighboring towns and lots of participation was given. From this program came the community and youth garden. There have been several organizations formed.

I have seen a spark of new hope in the eyes of our citizens, both young and old, and a change in the town that we have long prayed for. I have seen our men go out in freezing weather to tear down an old building, and that took lots of concern, love and teamwork. I have seen Pace citizens, ICA staff and Xerox staff volunteer their time to build a park for our children. A new bridge was built by the youth and visitors from Arkansas. There are now proposals being drawn up for town improvements, such as: better streets, sewage, new homes, and laws. There has also been a preschool opened to serve our parents who have children too young to attend Headstart. This preschool is a wonderful thing for us to have, I must say with emphasis because I am sincerely proud of it. We also have weekly movies which are a big hit with the children.

I have seen great interest in the health and safety of the people in this town. Good signs of this interest is shown in the Health Outpost organized by Michael Rusher, the health professionals and health advocates. It's also been seen in our recently formed Jaycees who are showing great concern for the safety of our families by starting a campaign to get smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in every home. We have a community laundromat which came from citizen's concern.

I also have a dream that one day soon we will have better streets, better homes, a sewage system, some type of recreation, a doctor and dentist, and many more

needed improvements. But this will never happen without the help of all the people. We need more concerned people and much more togetherness if we want to make Pace a town we can be proud of. We, as parents, should want our children to have more and better opportunities than we did. We need to keep the people here in Pace. We also need to keep our business here in Pace by opening a nice respectable restaurant, a supermarket, a department store and all the requirements for making Pace a complete town.

- Virgia Richards

OUR YEAR SINCE THE CONSULT

As we reach the first anniversary of our Human Development Consult (held February 20-26, 1977), we as citizens of Pace, once resigned to be content with the bleakness and apathy we exhibited as a town reflect on the accomplishments and triumphs we have made.

During the Consult we realized our problems and weaknesses, our wants and needs that had never before been publicly expressed. Some of which had to be prodded from us by volunteers from around the world who came to our small home and took time at their own expense, in most cases, in order to make us realize that we could better ourselves, that we, with a little self-initiative, organization and participation, could better this place in which we live. That we ourselves could establish a solution to our problems.

An Outline was set up for our aims and goals that we hope to reach in a given time; time which was deemed sufficient to reach those goals, allowing for the fact that we were new at this thing, but emphasizing that we had to get up and to, "move toward new and brighter horizons and not sit there in that pool of apathy waiting for solutions to our problems to come to us, or not caring whether they came or not.

With the realization in mind that we had to work toward our goals, and keeping our outline in mind, our efforts brought about the organization of Guilds in the areas of Education, Health, Commerce and Industry, Business, and Beautification, with weekly Guild meetings set up for planning and reporting progress; continuation of the Delta Pace Voice (our weekly paper organized before the Consult) to act as a verbal means of reporting progress locally and abroad; weekly work days for clean-up and basic community improvement; organization of community stakes with planning and reporting meetings held weekly; the earthworm farm; rebuilding of the footbridge; the reopening of the laundromat; weekly sewing class attendance; the Youth Service Corps; renaming of streets and posting of street and traffic signs; weekly movies for the youth; the Preschool opening; adult basic education classes; the Jaycees; the Delta Pace Community Association and many more worthwhile goals reached that we never visioned would happen. We are now working on the installation of a sewage system, the dream of every Pacer as outlined at the consult and at every community meeting and the Town Meeting held in January. To us this sewage system means purification of our water, elimination of ditches as drainage for water and refuse and an elimination of our mosquito problem. At first most of us couldn't see very far past our need for a sewer system, but now we realize that with a little effort, a sincere heart and pulling together we can accomplish worthwhile aims that we will be proud to say we had a part of.

A year has passed since that week in February 1977 when we were unsure whether those volunteers were being realistic or not too bright with some of the ideas they suggested, but now we know that those ideas are workable if we pull together and work at them.

We are aware that with all joy comes sorrow, and with that thought we reflect on our misfortunes. We lost Jennie Washington at the very beginning of this year of our Human Development effort and Barbara Smith near the end of this year's mark. But in the future efforts, let us realize that each of them would want us to struggle harder to reach our goals in their name and in the name of God.

- Sonya Watkins

PACE BECOMES A FAMILY

The beginning of the Pace Human Development Project started with the bringing together of the consult. It brought together human races, blacks and whites, in a manner which had never formed before in Pace. This brought a great change in the city of Pace, it made Pace more friendly, cooperative and sociable. The communication of people developed more into a family style. The people started to act as sister and brother instead of enemies. Even after loosing a person who was very dear to everyone, Miss Jennie Washington, it didn't pull Pace apart, it pulled them together. The people started to work together more actively and force fully than ever. They worked on trying to remove the old buildings and replace them with new buildings. A new city hail was built and, on the old one, the name of Town Hall was replaced with Delta Pace Human Development Project. The building of Pace Playground was the most creative thing that ever happened to Pace. The park comes into good use for mothers when they are at the laundromat.

Even after all this hard work of building and making Pace better, the people kept right on working trying to make Pace cleaner. Cleaning up Pace was a big experience for everyone, I think. It seems as if the people enjoyed cleaning all the ruins away from around their homes. It gave the people a chance to see just what they wre living in. Then I believe it made them want to clean more. Some people are always saying, How can they do these things? But it's just doing what you want to do. The way it is in Pace is that some people are ones that care and are working to make Pace a better place to live and others are just standing, looking and saying it will never be, but it will!

- Alma Whitt

A REWARDING TASK FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS IN PACE

Basically since February 1, 1978, I have been working with the CETA workers and the things that we have been doing include dealing with repairing the street signs, checking street lights, and cleaning ditches and picking up trash. That is, of course, what me and Lester were doing, because the other part of the group, Cookie and Rosie, were accumulating organization information about 4-H clubs, the 60 plus Program, elders recreation and developing an elders list. Also, Wonzo and Annette were assisting the health outpost operation. They pass out the flyers, and we all attend meetings trying to make things work out better. We visited Mound Bayou Dental Clinic and the lady there gave us an interview on the equipment in the clinic. When I started to work I began to read books on health and other things that would improve my work. Now, getting down to the point of what I would like to see happen in the community. First of all, I would like to see more trees planted, streets fixed, opportunities given to people for more jobs, cooperation in the community, and more education offered to people. If we get this I think this community would be better off. The things that we have been doing I hope and pray will some day be of some kind of help to this community.

- Bobbie Ann Bishop

PACE PLANS FOR ITS FUTURE

In the past year I've been and met a lot of people, from all walks of life that are concerned about Pace and other small towns and villages like Pace. Pace was a small town that very few people knew about, but now it is known around the world. I've seen that people can and will work together to make their way of life and the place in which they live better. Even though a community or town as small as Pace doesn't realize it, we do have people in this world who care and would like to see things bettered.

Our future for sewage was looking dim about two years ago, but since the past year things are looking much brighter and the town of Pace is planning for its future growth. We've already developed a preschool and playground for our little ones. I've seen street signs go up, and our town is much cleaner. We have regular garbage pickup now.

In the future I hope to see the beginning of construction of our sewer system. I'd like to see our program center and our recreational park begun. I hope to see the renovations of our downtown area, and a well developed fire department. We also hope to start an arts and crafts program for our youth.

- Creola Williams

THE "WE CAN" COMMUNITY OF PACE

Within the last year I have seen many things happen in Pace, each being good in its own way--although I may not have understood why--all of them playing an important part in what is yet to be. It was dreary Pace come to life. I witnessed a Pace that I had only heard about from my parents and other elders. I saw Pace struggling to gain its rightful place among the growing communities of the South.

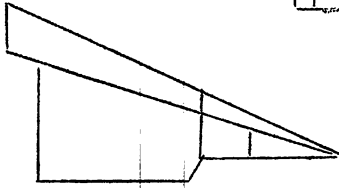
I saw a Pace with a park and a preschool for its children for the first time in the town's history. I saw that simple, but unique park prompt newspaper and television coverage over most of the state. I saw a corporation as large and world known as Xerox bring its employees and money to make our dream a reality. I saw that same park bring well over \$2,000 into our Community Association. Money the town so badly needed. The park put Pace on national television. It let the world know that we are "a small town with a big future." I saw the park change the townspeople's attitudes from "maybe we can" to "we know we can." When the project first began we were uncertain of its chances for success. Now we know it is going to succeed. After completion of the park we decided that the impossible can be done and it will be done if we have enough commitment to what we are doing.

We in Pace are a "we can" community because of what has happened in the last year.

In the future I see a caring Delta Pace that is indeed responsible for the needs of the community, the nation and the world, a Delta Pace that will forever say we can, we can and we will.

- Gayle Towers

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"A Small Town with a Big Future"

THE DELTA PACE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT QUARTERLY REPORT QUARTER 4

The Delta Pace Human Development Project is one of 24 comprehensive development projects sponsored by the Institute of Cultural Affairs in 20 different nations around the world. Each project is at least a two year intensive effort initiated by a week long consultation during which practical programs are designed to ensure community self-sustenance, self-reliance, and self-initiative. The consult held in Pace, February 20 - 26, 1977, delineated 14 programs to be fully implemented within two years.

The methods used are so designed that any community that is willing to put forth equivalent effort can replicate the project in its own situation. In India, a large scale replication effort is under way with over 55 villages participating. Since our Quarter Three Report, new projects have begun in the Philippines, Korea, Kenya, Australia, South America, Indonesia, and the United States. Each project designs programs unique to its situation and trains leadership in designing new programs, initiating corporate activities, and sustaining community motivation.

It seems appropriate to take this opportunity to reflect on the past year's journey of the Delta Pace Human Development Project. The first quarter focused on quick, visible beautification efforts. Through community workdays, barbeques, and miscellaneous corporate activities, people saw how many possibilities were open to a group. Individual leaders began to emerge and problems which had appeared to be irreconcilable became manageable. As one resident said, Pace became a "we can" people.

The second quarter saw a deepening and broadening of experience. A number of people participated in national and international programs and outside groups and organizations came to Pace to work with the community on special projects. Residents provided leadership for Town Meetings across the Delta, and the convergence of all of these events allowed people to see their activity as part of a much larger whole and to experience their efforts as "on behalf of" other more deprived situations.

Initially, quarter three was experienced as a lull, a time when the activities of a new school year, jobs and so forth demanded all the time and energy. The "last minute scramble" to secure funding for the preschool turned out to be the consuming issue for months, and yet in the midst of that, the Delta Pace Preschool opened its doors. It signaled a new era -- new jobs, new building, a new downtown, new hope -- in the form of 24 little one and two year olds. Stake meetings were initiated, the first community Thanksgiving celebration was held, and a quiet ex-

citement was felt throughout the quarter. There was also a sense that the deeper questions of involvement were being raised -- how long? how much of my time? what am I willing to risk? And along with the questions came the ambivalence of action -- total involvement, no involvement, secure decisions, no decisions due to the uncertainty. It was the time when awareness of the solitary nature of decisions was made most apparent, and it set the stage for the strange and wondrous event of quarter four.

Within the first month of the fourth quarter, a weekend training session in leadership methods was held which far surpassed all expectations. As one Pace resident said, "It's as though a sheet were over the whole town. It's been pulled back and now we can see things we never saw before." We became aware anew of the seriousness of the task before us. We became aware of both the difficulty and the necessity of "shaking our ancient prejudices" and creating new images of participation in life. That same week, the community experienced the deep shock of the death of one of its most outstanding leaders. Two weeks later, six children died in a fire, a tragedy which profoundly affected everyone. Rather than simply attempting to forget, however, the community came together and decided to respond through an intensified training and education program. Through the remainder of the quarter, the people of Pace enacted amazing decisions relative to use of their time and energy. Great strides were made in authorization, long-range funding, economic enterprises and the comprehensive plan. What had seemed to be an unreal dream became a practical vision, tangible and attainable. This was the happening of Quarter Four.

The following is a report by program arenas of the fourth quarter in the Delta Pace Human Development Project:

A. PUBLIC SERVICES (Programs I, II, III)

LOCAL
WATER
SYSTEM

The water system became the subject of much concern when the Environmental Health Department of Mississippi Valley State University conducted a study of its content, finding fecal coliforms (human waste matter) in all eleven residential locations tested. In response, more than fifty major water leaks were fixed during the quarter by local residents. The chlorinator unit was also restored to working order. The general membership of the Water Association, with over 150 in attendance (35% of the adults in the town) voted in a straw vote to transfer the system to the Town to facilitate sewer system funding. A local and private bill was passed by the State Legislature giving the Town of Pace specific authority to take over the system. The focus on water was highlighted by giving the fire plugs a bright coat of yellow and green paint.

SANITARY
SEWER
SYSTEM

Public Works planning and funding has been a major thrust of quarter four. The most highly perceived need in Pace is proper sanitary sewage collection and treatment. The first step of the EPA 201 Facilities Plan (preliminary engineering) is now complete. Active discussions are underway toward the procurement of land for the lagoon. 75% of the funds needed for construction of the system has been committed by EPA, and the other 25% is being sought from HUD and FmHA.

PUBLIC
IMPROVEMENTS
PROGRAM

Key visits have now been made at all levels in the federal agencies with programs designed to serve Pace's needs. A visit to Washington, DC by Mayor Robert Leflore, Robert Towers, Frank Powell, and Don Clark served to establish firm relations with the Department of

Housing and Urban Development, the Economic Development Administration Farmers Home Administration, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and the Department of Agriculture. Congressman David Bowen and Senator Eastland tentatively scheduled a personal visit to Pace during late May. Work is continuing with agency representatives at the regional and state levels, as well as with local and state planning consultants.

STREET
MAINTENANCE
AND REPAIR

Street and transportation improvements are also underway. A major thoroughfares plan now gives direction for future street and bridge construction. County crews have completed major pothole repairs. Two local farmers have made their small equipment available to the community for street and ditch maintenance. The town dump truck is now repaired and in full use. The County Maintenance Department has continued to load the town truck with sand and gravel for community projects.

FIRE
PROTECTION
SERVICES

Following several winter fires, one of which took the lives of six children, the Jaycees began selling and installing smoke alarms and fire extinguishers to Pace residents. More than half of all homes in Pace have had them installed. The fire department consulted the State Rating Bureau about requirements for upgrading fire protection. As a result, fire fighting uniforms have been purchased, training has begun, frequent drills have occurred, and a search has begun toward acquiring a larger and newer pumper truck.

PACE
HEALTH
OUTPOST

The Health Advocates continued to work twice a week at the Health Outpost. Two CETA youth, along with a health professional from the community, also check blood pressures and encourage the resident youth to come into the Health Outpost for weight and height measurements. Visitation by the youth as well as regular visitation by the Homemakers Service and the Public Health Nurse has begun for the elders in Pace. Arrangements were made with the Department of Public Health to have physical examinations, dental examinations and treatment and immunizations for all the preschool children. Health Guild meetings were held with emphasis made on finding a new location within the community for a clinic and on the services it would provide.

B. BASIC EDUCATION (Programs IV, V)

A leadership methods training weekend took place at the beginning of the quarter, emphasizing group conversations, creating and leading workshops, and planning skills. Adult education classes continued two evenings a week at the elementary school in sewing and GED studies. Several Pace citizens participated in a six week seminar on beginning and operating small businesses, sponsored by the Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce and the R & D Center. The PTA participated in community fire prevention education for parents in an evening program which included a film and discussion. The Delta Pace Human Development Project was presented at one PTA gathering in Rosedale, and three Pace women made a slide presentation to Church Women United in Greenville. Sammy Bell was sponsored by the Stakes and the Delta Pace Community Association to represent Pace in the spring Academy in Chicago.

ONGOING
ADULT
EDUCATION

The Delta Pace Preschool is now regularly receiving its Title XX funds, and has filled the vacant director's position. Ongoing training of preschool teachers continues, including several women in Pace who are available as trained substitute preschool teachers. Key events in the preschool included a plane trip over Pace, going fishing and a visit to the Indian mounds near Greenville. In the fourth quarter, the 5th and 6th grade children planned a May trip to New Orleans, and along with the 1st and 2nd grade children (who visited Liberty Land in Memphis), raised all the needed funds for the excursions through money raising events and donations. The Pace Elementary School faculty continued to participate in the "Self-Study" program toward acquiring accreditation.

C. COMMUNITY COHESION (Programs VI, VII, VIII, IX)

COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEER
WORKDAYS

As warm weather returned, town beautification rapidly accelerated once again. The playground was refurbished with 21 truckloads of new dirt, new grass seed, and fence posts reset in concrete. Twentyfour new cedar street signposts were routed with the new street names, varnished, and hung throughout the community. A new 6 x 10 foot welcome sign built out of old timbers from the foot-bridge was erected on Hiway 8. Workdays began again with alleyways being cleaned and readied for trash pickup, many lots cleared, two burned structures cleared away, and literally a mountain of large junk removed to the dump (40 truck loads). Landscaping began in earnest with over 40 new trees and shrubs planted along the medians, by the playground, at the school, and in front of the restaurant. Short telephone posts were put around the town hall. The Pace Elementary School classes began landscaping the school grounds, by painting concrete blocks lining the driveway and by planting shrubs and trees. In addition, a timeline for twelve weeks worth of Saturday workdays has been created and the first four have been done.

LOCAL
LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT

The Jaycees raised well over their assigned goal in money for the Multiple Sclerosis drive by setting up a roadblock on Highway 8 and by selling fire extinguisher and smoke alarms in the community. The Monday night guild meetings followed the format created in the Leadership Methods Weekend and attendance increased once again to a weekly average of over 20 people. Jamie Cuming was sworn in as an Alderman to fill a long-standing vacancy.

DELTA PACE
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION

The Delta Pace Community Association, a local non-profit development association, was incorporated, chartered and seven Pace citizens were elected to its Board Of Directors. The DPCA made a financial contribution toward the 5th & 6th grade educational trip to New Orleans, financed one plane ticket for the Washington DC trip, a bus ticket for Sammy Bell to go to the Academy, over \$800 in preschool advances until grant money began to come in, workday expenses, dump truck repairs, inspection, and licensing, office supplies, paid for Delta Pace Voice printing and mailing, and paid for necessary materials to fix up a building for use as a restaurant. All the money used came from fund-raising events, individual contributions, and laundromat revenues.

YOUTH
SERVICE
CORPS

The Youth Service Corps participated in visitation and care of community elders. They repaired, painted, and landscaped one home, continued showing regular Saturday night movies for children, and painted and fixed up their own YSC headquarters. The CETA youth helped regularly with Voice mailings, staffed the Health Outpost, conducted regular health visitation, cleaned sewer ditches, conducted many cleanup and general repair projects, and participated weekly in the Monday night Guild planning meetings.

D. LOCAL COMMERCE (Programs X, XI)

NEW
COMMUNITY
RESTAURANT

With the help of a 10-day economic acceleration trek in Pace, this past quarter, the realization of a new and broader financial base for the community is closer to becoming a visible reality. A lease was acquired on a building to be renovated for the community restaurant and bakery. The building has been painted, a brick patio and flower planter laid, flowers planted, ceiling tiles secured, wiring and electrical fixtures secured, and wiring and other renovation work begun.

NEW FULL-
SERVICE
BANK

The First National Bank of Rosedale has made an application to the Banking Commission for permission to open a full service bank in Pace. Three bank directors visited a Monday night Guild meeting and were admittedly impressed with the community's progress and the commitment of support for a new bank.

COMMUNITY
LAUNDROMAT
EXPANSION

A five year lease has been signed by the DPCA for a building in the downtown business district for expansion of the laundromat to over twice its current number of machines and about four times the amount of space. A Speed Queen sales representative has already visited Pace and has agreed to help design the plumbing and electrical plans for the building. A dry cleaning company in Cleveland has agreed to enter into a contract with the laundromat to provide dry cleaning services for the people of Pace through the new laundromat.

DOWNTOWN
COMMERCIAL
CENTER

Architectural designs have been completed for renovating the town's two-story building in the center of the business district for use as a commercial center. The Economic Development Administration has expressed an interest in funding the renovation. The new center would house the offices of the Delta Pace Community Association; provide meeting space for training programs. Several small businesses will get their beginning in the center -- a small quick print shop, caning of chairs seats and backs, office space for a contracting business, and Youth Service Corps business ventures.

E. DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRY (Programs XII, XIII, XIV)

MARKET
FEASIBILITY
STUDIES

This quarter, industrial development in Pace made numerous significant advances. A patio paver manufacturing industry was suggested by a Delta businessman and friend of the project, and extensive research was completed toward setting up that industry in Pace. A fact finding team of 3 people (2 from Pace) traveled to Cuba, Missouri, to visit

the manufacturing site of the Patio Paver machine. Also, to accelerate industrial development in Pace, an Economic Development Technical Assistance grant has been applied for through the Mississippi EDA office where it was approved and sent on to Atlanta.

DIVERSIFIED
COMMUNITY
GARDENING

With the coming of spring, the Garden Guild, under the leadership of Catrel Hall, accelerated and expanded the gardening operations in Pace. A two and a half acre area has been disced and hipped and is ready to be planted for community commercial use. Two one acre plots have also made available by local farmers for community family use. The preschool decided to have a garden this year and a plot behind the preschool playground has been planted by the teachers and the children. Several small farm impliments have been secured locally for use on the town's tractor to help maintain the various gardens. During the economic trek a local resident's small poultry operation was analyzed and several proposals made to expand his scope of business.

The journey of the first year of the Delta Pace Human Development Project has encompassed amazing accomplishment, deep disappointment, hard work, great celebration, death and new life. We have witnessed the emergence of a people who know how to work together and who know what miracles occur from combined power. The little Delta town that only a year ago had as its self image "bright past - no future" has come to believe and embody the fact that it is indeed "a small town with a big future." It's been a great year.

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TRAINING WEEKEND

On October 7-8, 1978, the Delta-Pace Preschool hosted forty representatives from eight Human Development Projects and the Pace Headstart Center for training in the imaginal education curriculum. The projects represented were Fifth City of Chicago, Mill Shoals, IL, CA, Cusick, Washington, Widen, W. Virginia, Gibson, West Carolina, Ivy City - Washington, DC, and Lorimor, Iowa. We looked at the "why" of imaginal education, the role of a preschool in the community, and curriculum planning and doing. Each representative recieved a revised manual and a symbol, the "rainbow of life," as a way of making responsible decisions. The celebration on Saturday night was a talent show of curriculum events and a great time was had by all! Noemy Castills, a resident of Richgrove, said that the only thing she would change would be to have it in Richgrove next year, and we just might do it!

SECOND ANNUAL PACE CARNIVAL

On October 7, 1978, there were many things going on, but on the corner of Matthew and Washington, the community celebrated its Second Annual Carnival. The carnival was really a success, which had a net profit of two-hundred and one dollars (\$201.00) with the largest sum coming from the rummage sale and the concession stand. There were many gifts and prizes given away from keychains donated by Cleveland Glass Company to gift certificates donated by McDonald's of Greenville and Cleveland's McDonald's let the community use an orange drink machine.

On behalf of the community of Pace we would like to express our appreciation to these companies for their fine contributions: Whit's Auto, Cleveland Glass Co., Terracine Motor Co., Nevin Sledge

Fleming Lumber Co., Western Auto, Kossman Motor Co., Firestone of Cleveland, England Motor Co., Mann Landscaping Service, McDonald's, Rogers Garden Center, and Fountain's Green Grow-Cery.

WATER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

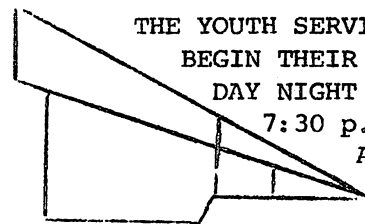
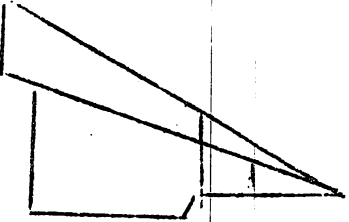
In the past month the Pace Water Association has had serval meetings. On October 3, 1978, Pace had its annual Water Association meeting at which two new members were elected. Mrs. Edna Bradley and Mrs. Alberta Williams were those members. Also, there were two members that resigned. They were Robert Glaze and Floyd Thornhill. On October 26, 1978, The Water Association met again to elect officers. The new officers are Lee Bizzell, President; Henry Knox, Vice-President; and A. L. Symonds, Secretary-Treasurer. George Bradley has resigned as Maintenance Supervisor and Collector for the Water Board.

NOTARY PUBLIC IN PACE

Edna Bradley was recently licensed by the State of Mississippi and commissioned in Bolivar County for four years as a Notary Public. She was sworn in at the Cleveland Court House adn bonded for \$2,000.00. She is licensed to notarize affidavits, deeds, wills, bills of sale and notes. Edna can be reached at 732-6342 whenever you need a Notary Public.

START AGAIN

THE YOUTH SERVICE CORP WILL
BEGIN THEIR REGULAR TUES-
DAY NIGHT MEETING AT
7:30 p.m. ON NOV 7
ALL YOUTH AGES
13-18.



DELTA-PACE VOICE

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PUBLIC HEARING HELD

The town of Pace held its 2nd Public Hearing prior to completing its preapplication for a 1979 HUD Community Development Block Grant. Over 40 people attended the two-hour meeting to discuss the type of grant to apply for and the specific items for which funding would be requested.

The citizens suggested that Pace should apply for a Single Purpose Grant for the cost of site development for a new housing subdivision. That decision was a reaffirmation of last year's plan to apply for money for sewer and streets in 1978 as the prerequisite for a housing application in 1979. The housing subdivision would provide developed sites for up to 70 new housing units for Pace citizens. The subdivision development would include street and drainage, sewer lines, street lighting, fire hydrants, and landscaping.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

This year the PFT group sponsored the New Year's Eve party and the dinner was compliments of the ICA. There were 20 people who ate dinner together and were joined later by 30 more for the party in the restaurant, some from Clarksdale and Chicago. At the stroke of midnight the party was high-lighted with champagne from the ICA. We would like to thank Shirley Towers, Gail Towers, May Murray, and Robert Towers for setting up and preparing the party.

NIGHT OF FUN

The Jaycees will again perform for everyone's enjoyment their now famous "WOMANLESS WEDDING". Come join the fun and wish the "bride" luck on January 20 at 6:30 P.M. in the cafeteria of the Pace elementary School.

PRE-SCHOOL OPENS NEW YEAR

Thanks to the generosity of friends from all over, the people of Pace and Bolivar County, and the hard work of the staff, the Delta Pace Preschool has signed a contract for 3 more months of operation through March 1979. Obviously, we still are not out of danger as we need approximately \$9,000.00 more to complete the year, but we are deeply grateful to all of you for your support. Since we do not intend to close our doors, we will continue knocking on other people's- not to mention more fish fries, dance contests, talent show, etc.! Commissioner Caraway resigned effective January 1, 1979. We do not yet know the implications of that, but it does mean that things will not get dull!

DPCA LAUNCHES SECOND YEAR

The Delta Pace Community Association held its second annual membership meeting on Friday, January 5, in which a report on the Association's activities and accomplishments in 1978 was given by Gail Towers: "The Economic Development study funded by EDA will be completed by the 1st of February. This study will include possibly a local construction company for renovating and building homes, funds to repair the building down the street to be called our Community Center, a gas station, and another grocery store. At present the Association has assumed financial responsibility for the Voice, pays utility bills for the old town hall, the restaurant, and the laundromat, acquired the mobile unit down on Magnolia to be used as a Health Clinic, completed the 2nd survey (this survey will provide information needed to apply for various grants), paid for the materials used in fixing up the restaurant, sponsored workdays "On the Street Where You Live" (Hayden), street and entry signs and family name plaques, sponsored the Youth Work Camp last summer where youth from Texas and Indiana came to aid Pace in its efforts to rebuild itself. The DPCA recent-

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ly agreed to give the Delta Pace Preschool \$50.00 for each of three months to aid them in raising funds. The Association has paid for trips to Washington, D.C. and Chicago that allowed those going to meet with key individuals that can assist us in obtaining grants. In the future the DPCA will concern itself with major grants that will enable Pace to better itself in the field of economy, social living, and the area of health. The DPCA will concern itself with refinancing the laundromat machines, helping to launch a community-operated construction company that renovates and builds homes. Bookkeeping services will be opened, possibly in the Community Center, along with businesses for the youth and the elders. The DPCA will help sponsor six Vista workers in 1979 and last, but not least, the DPCA may well handle ½ million dollars in loans and grants in the next few years.

ORGANIZATIONS JOIN HANDS

Each year the Pace Voters League gives elderly citizens and the Community Sunday School fruit baskets at Christmas time. This year the Pace Chapter of the Jaycees also contributed to this event. We would like to give special thanks to Gibson's Department Store for donating candy for the baskets.

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTERS

Local man has found a voice and, so it seems, much more in the community newsletter. Human Development Projects around the world have discovered that the newsletter, often called the Voice, can be a profound tool in sustaining development efforts. First, it is the obvious vehicle for the dissemination of vital public information to the total community. Second, it is a continuous impact on the images of local residents.

The community newsletter is a tool for doing the whole project. It undergirds both the social and the economic development of the community. The latest issue of the Voix de L'Orne de L'Acadie (Canada) included overviews of all the new commercial ventures in town and described the various services offered by the credit union. Many newsletters underwrite the expenses of production by selling advertisements to local businesses; some announce the specials in the community-

owned stores.

As the internal publication of a geographically identifiable community, the newsletter displays the community grid or symbol on its masthead. It touches the lives of all the people in the community. The Lorimor(Iowa) newsletter does this through reporting by stakes(the geographical divisions within the community). The newsletter reports on the progress in all programmatic areas, and illuminates how all of the community's issues are being resolved. This report from the Builders Guild in Kapini(Zambia) captures the vitality of local man at work.

WATCH THOSE BUILDERS



There are now 20 of them and they move like lightning to win the victories. This week they worked with the stakes to lay the courses at the primary school, assisted the farmers in doing the same at the piggery, finished off the new demonstration toilet which now has an electric light at night, put the last of the grass on the Guild Hall roof, put in glass windows at the training center, cleaned and ordered the storeroom, brought in cement, blocks, and drums of paint for the workday! Whew!

Each of the editions articulates how the community is winning with the enemy—the depth human issue which takes away the people's true freedom and greatness—and deals him a death blow. In the Voice of Gibson (N. Carolina) this article appeared:

The Gibson community awaits the journey of strolling down its streets around the depot with a new vision before them. Soon there will be signs of new beauty in the vacant, sandy land. The visible appearance of a community reflects the care that is present. It pronounces hope and possibility and creates a response of "I want to live here."

In all of the newsletters symbols, slogans, songs and stories play a key role in calling attention to the significance of the work of local people in building human community. One headline in the Pisinemo (Arizona) newsletter read Pisinemo Stands Tall Despite Wind And Rain.

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