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This painting is one of the works from McKissick Museum's exhibit "Work Song: Visions of African American Labor in South Carolina."

## Art on USC campus

# McKissick Museum

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There is a place on the USC campus where laborers are working in a field, meteors are flying and opals are glowing.

That place is the McKissick Museum on The Horseshoe. "Work Song: Visions of African American Labor in South Carolina" is one of the many displays that is currently on exhibit in the museum.

Museum chief curator Catherine Horne said "Work Song" was chosen to come to USC because of its unique way of showing people at work.

"The show is interesting not only for its aesthetic aspects but

for the fresh ways the artists perceive labor," Horne said.

The show features South Carolina artists Anna Heyward Taylor, Elizabeth White, William Johnson, Alfred Hutty, Thomas Hart Benton, Elizabeth O'Neal Verner and James Cooper.

Horne said the works try to document the dependence of South Carolina on its black labor force.

"It is estimated that during the Depression a majority of those directly involved in agricultural work were black," she said.

Horne said the work songs that sustained laborers in the fields during the Depression were later transformed into songs that helped sustain the black community through the civil rights movement.

Museum-goers can listen to these work songs during exhibit.

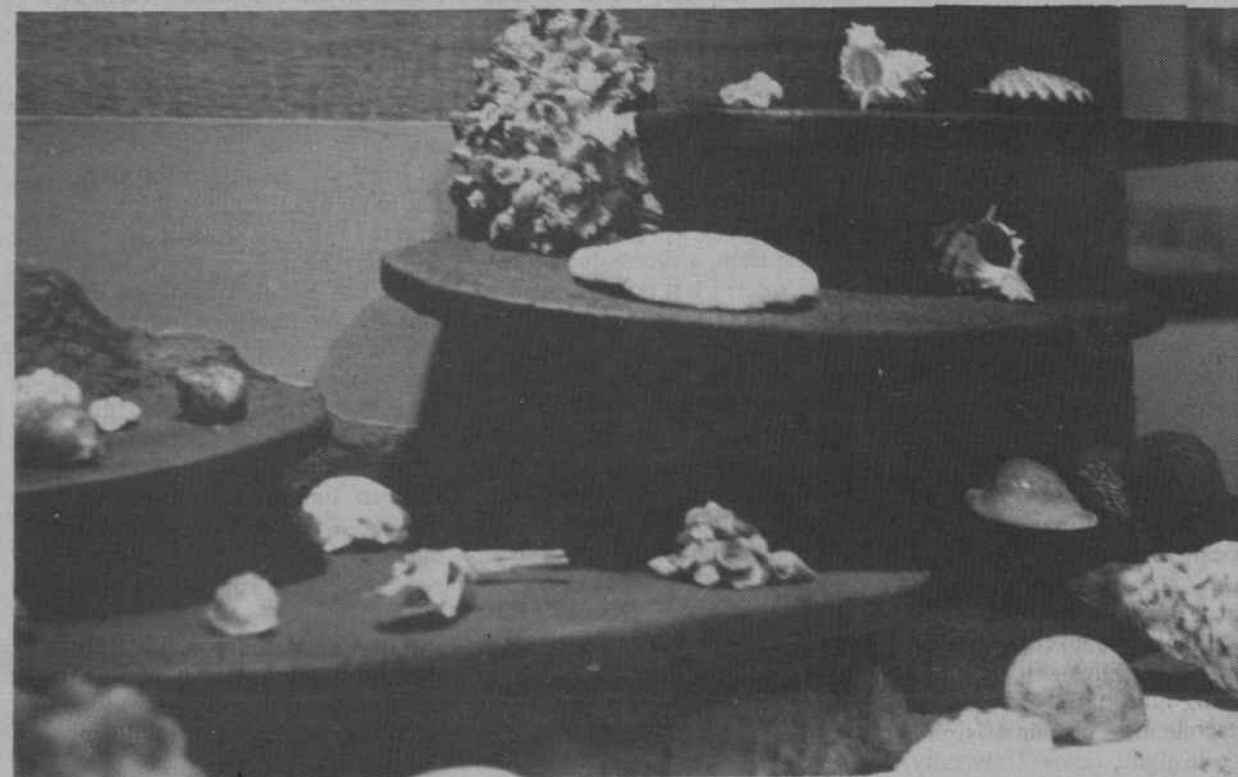
"Work Song" was first assembled at the Greenville Museum with some advice from USC art professor Boyd Saunders.

"The show reflects different attitudes of the subjects and involvement. Farm work can be viewed from several points of view, from forced drudgery to onward and upward ideas like those of Russian works that glorify the workers in the fields," Saunders said.

Saunders said James Cooper, one of the artists whose work is on display, brought an interesting combination to the subject.

"Cooper grew up on the land but was able to see it through the eyes of an artist," Saunders said. He was scholarly enough to bring into his work the philosophy and literary points of view that prevailed at the time."

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This seashell display is one of a variety of natural exhibits in the McKissick Museum's Planet Earth exhibit.

Product	Country Store Price	Food Lion Price
Dixie Crystal Sugar	\$1.45	\$.99
Betty Crocker Cake Mix	\$1.55	\$.89
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half gallon Vitamin D milk	\$1.85	\$1.39
Blue Bonnet margarine	\$1.29	\$.55
Crest toothpaste	\$1.75	\$1.04
Salon Selectives shampoo	\$3.79	\$2.49
Extra Strength Tylenol	\$4.09	\$3.08
Beefaroni	\$1.45	\$.85
Kraft macaroni and cheese	\$1.05	\$.55
Total	\$40.08	\$26.39

## On-campus shopping increases grocery costs

### food for thought

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You're studying hard for that big exam, and you get a craving for something. You aren't exactly sure what you want, so you go to the Country Store. You grab what catches your eye, but the price?

The Country Stores are located in Capstone and Russell House. Along with the convenience of the store comes a price.

"I go there because it's right downstairs," Sophomore business major Elizabeth Williams said. "I live in Capstone. I know the prices are higher than a normal grocery store but not that much."

What some people don't realize

is that for this convenience, they are paying as much as 52 percent more than compared to the local Food Lion store on Harden Street. For the week of Oct. 22, a grocery list of 20 items would cost \$26.39 at the Food Lion on Harden Street and \$40.08 at the Country Store in Capstone, a difference of over \$13.

Another pricing difference with the USC Country Stores are that they do not accept the coupons that most grocery stores do.

"Occasionally, we will have a special on drinks or chips," Country Store employee and freshman nursing major Sabinna Hannible said.

There are some exceptions to the general trend. Chips, candy and drinks at the Country Store cost approximately the same as at Food Lion. Bread is also cheaper at the Capstone Country Store than Food Lion.

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