

line for the increase will also give us greater opportunities to provide our children with these wonderful opportunities.

I might add a footnote that I would like to know more about the distribution that you have had about the use of children in federally supported housing. I believe there is another member of our group that will be interested in this that might benefit from it.

May I thank you for this opportunity of appearing before you on behalf of the children, the staff, the school board and the community of Bowling Green, Ky., for presenting my views before you at this time.

Chairman PERKINS. Thank you very much, Mr. McNeill.

Mr. DODSON. Mr. Chairman, we have one other superintendent remaining to testify and then Mr. Watkins wants to make a brief statement. Our last superintendent is Leon Smith, superintendent of McCracken County schools down in Paducah.

STATEMENT OF LEON T. SMITH, SUPERINTENDENT, McCracken County Schools, Paducah, Ky.

Mr. SMITH. Congressman Perkins, members of the committee, it is certainly a privilege for me to come and appear before this committee. I am Leon T. Smith, superintendent of schools in McCracken County, a county in the extreme western part of Kentucky. You have heard primarily from central and eastern Kentucky this morning. We are located in the heart of the Purcyase right near Kentucky and Barkeley Lakes. McCracken County had previously been an agricultural county until recent years. We are fast becoming urbanized and industrialized. We have some 6,000 children enrolled in 12 different educational centers in McCracken County. All of our schools have benefited greatly from the legislation that has been enacted at the national level. We have tried to take advantage of all the measures that are applicable to our particular county.

We are especially appreciative of title I because we feel that education has been greatly improved in McCracken County as a result of this measure. Some of the things that we have achieved as a result of this act are as follows: We have in McCracken County a complete physical education program for all children in grades 1 through 12. This program is administered by properly certified and well-trained physical education teachers. We are now in the process of completing plans for the initiation of a remedial reading program primarily designed to teach remedial reading mathematics. This too, of course, would be under the direction of properly trained and well-certified people. We have a complete library program in all elementary and secondary schools and as a result of title I we have an expanded guidance program at the junior high and high school levels. Also, under title III of the Elementary and Secondary Act we in western Kentucky, some 17 counties and 28 districts, have one of the most successful, I believe, programs for inservice training of teachers that is in existence in Kentucky and possibly in the Nation.

In McCracken County we have organized curriculum study and research committees which are designed to study and improve our instructional program at all levels. We are studying different fields and have individuals at work in all of these particular fields.