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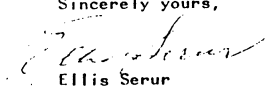
tremendous job of leveling and cleaning the playground of a new elementary school, which was not usable before. The landscaping classes have assisted with beautification of several church grounds, and are presently working with our Recreation & Parks Board on a beautification and improvement project for our City Park on the San Marcos River. These latter programs have resulted in considerable monetary savings for the organizations. The American Legion offered their club house for a lounge for Gary, and the boys redecorated the place, and used the walls for exhibiting their very interesting art work. These projects benefit both the City and the Center, for as local citizens work with these boys, they get to know them personally. The Open House, held when all was finished, was well attended by the townspeople.

On the fourth question - that of being a good neighbor - there have been many instances of Gary Corpsmen responding to calls for donation of blood; engaging in community projects for the poor at Christmas; United Fund, etc. The most dramatic instance of neighborliness was when a retarded girl ran away from home and a call for volunteers to search for her was sent out. Gary boys responded magnificently and searched with local officers all night through riverbottoms and pastures - ending with success.

This letter is over-long - but Gary is one of my enthusiasms! I am proud of the way our community has responded to the establishment of the Center. Our police have worked closely with Security at Gary, with the result that "unpleasant incidents" have been kept at a minimum. This cooperation between the two units has paid big dividends.

I send you every good wish in your new assignment. We hope to see you in San Marcos in the not too distant future.

Sincerely yours,


Ellis Serur
Mayor of the City of
San Marcos, Texas

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