

Sister BAPTISTA. That is correct, Mr. Goodell.

Mr. GOODELL. Can you give us an estimate of the number of youngsters that you could effectively serve in this area with this type of program if there were adequate funding available?

Sister BAPTISTA. Yes. I have asked the board of occupational services in the county about the number of economically deprived and educationally deprived children who need remedial reading. It is somewhere around 2,000 or 3,000 children. They say it is much greater than this. But they have earmarked that number of children at least.

Mr. GOODELL. That is in the county?

Sister BAPTISTA. That is right. I think myself it is much greater than this. This is about the number they have come up with at this time and it is growing constantly.

Mr. GOODELL. This is a county of approximately 150,000 people?

Sister BAPTISTA. Yes.

Mr. GOODELL. Would you give us your observation, and I understand you don't want to be critical of others, but would you tell us your problems concerning the lack of coordination of various programs and funding of programs in the area?

Sister BAPTISTA. First of all, may I say we are very grateful to Congressman Goodell for all the help he gave us. Chautauqua Opportunities, a group of men who represented them, went down to Washington several times to help to get more funds. These funds were earmarked for various objects as Congressman Goodell so well told you.

I believe he himself went to the Office of Economic Opportunity to plead for us to get more funds. There was a delay, there is no doubt about it. However, we were finally funded. Because I was quite sure that Congressman Goodell would do something we proceeded as if we had been funded.

Mr. GOODELL. It is a good thing you had faith.

Sister BAPTISTA. We hired teachers. We ordered books. We didn't pay for anything for a long time. I would have had to leave the county if we had not been funded—probably leave the country.

Mr. QUIN. You and Congressman Goodell both.

Mr. GOODELL. Sister, the lack of coordination of the different programs that have gone on there, and I was referring to such things as the problem of getting State funds and poverty funds and elementary and secondary funds working here in a coordinated way; could you make a little comment on that?

Sister BAPTISTA. I would like to comment but I am on very thin ice when it comes to organization. When I came into Dunkirk, I was so stupid I did not know that Dunkirk has a school system and all the others have central school systems. You can imagine how all superintendents felt about me for awhile because I was calling it the general school system and they said this is a city school system.

The board of cooperative educational services that worked throughout the county and handled all of the curriculum and hiring of teachers and so on for the whole county certainly is tremendous. There are 17 school districts in that area. I am under contract to them. I give workshops for the board of occupational services. I gave it to Jamestown in November.

I have gone up to Mayville and various places for workshops and worked very closely with these teachers. I have given workshops to