

area by any means. It does, on the other hand, give one the impression of being a section that is awakening from a long social awareness sleep, revitalized and refreshed and ready to move.

My own Morgan County Community Action Committee was in existence for a number of months before Action was incorporated. Of course, our committee was organized in accordance with OEO guidelines. They comprise of two representative groups of our population including, of course, the one-third membership of those peoples to be served by the antipoverty programs.

I think the work of our own Morgan County Community Action Committee and the board of organization can be expected to speak for the five counties involved in Action, Inc.

Of course, like all others, early in our work we made every attempt to determine the most pressing needs of our economically depressed through investigation, survey, and personal contact. We have evolved over these past months the usual antipoverty programs. Year 'round Headstart, summer Headstart; additionally Operation Future, which is an interesting program which we find is a multiservice family centered program. It is designed to raise the level of family living and community awareness through homemaking and home planning. Because women must take pride in the home before pride in the community comes.

Health education, child development, recreation, this program is 13 weeks old. It is operating in four of our six counties. It is serving over 900 families and there are well over 900 more families yet to be brought actively into this program.

Of course, we have been able to organize the Neighborhood Youth Corps. This summer we have an operation of summer urban orientation projects which has been very interesting in which some of the rural NYC participants have been given the opportunity to work and live in an urban situation and atmosphere, to acquaint them under close supervision with the problems that urban living must ultimately bring.

We have, of course, as I say, summer Headstart. Our Action, Inc., has also cooperated with several special services groups either in an advisory supportive capacity, the Community Council on Aging, Community Adult, High School Education, Women in Community Service. We have worked very cooperatively with VISTA, with the social services department of two colleges, by giving experience to their trainees.

We have worked with them with some success I think. We have additionally worked with partial success with the other agencies in our county, the department of family children services, health department, et cetera. We have received some invaluable advisory services from the University of Georgia.

There are projects in development. Legal services, comprehensive manpower center, day care cooperative, self-help housing.

Is the antipoverty program, within the scope of my own knowledge, working? Well, I think the answer is a qualified yes.

We are reaching a great many people with a great deal of success. Others with only moderate success. The sea of need seems wide and deep.