

Mr. TEMPLETON. I think the concept of the Economic Act, itself, yes.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Would your experience with HEW leave you with this feeling that they could not administer this effectively?

Mr. TEMPLETON. No, I am not saying that at all. I think it would take years for it to come about. I think they would have to gain the experience that OEO has over the last 3 years.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Unless the people who have been doing the coordination in part were to become part of the HEW staff?

Mr. TEMPLETON. I cannot see where any part of HEW has had enough experience in this so-called community action, sir.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mrs. Small.

Mrs. SMALL. I don't know where my prejudice stands, but I feel it has been easy to work with OEO.

Mr. DELLENBACK. What you do is something of a prejudice?

Mrs. SMALL. I don't know. I have no ax to grind.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You have had extensive dealings with HEW, Mrs. Small?

Mrs. SMALL. No, I can't say I have, only insofar as school guidelines.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mr. McElroy.

Mr. McELROY. I have had very pleasant experiences with HEW. We have just completed an expansion program of an educational television station under the provisions of the Educational Facilities Act under HEW. Our relations have been most cordial; they have been most cooperative.

However, I feel that we are in a unique program in the war on poverty, and as I have said in my opening remarks, I believe we have people who have gained knowledge in their 3 years' experience, and I feel that the letters OEO mean a lot to the poor themselves and these are the people we are trying to motivate to help themselves.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I recall from your opening remarks, you made this point, and I was struck by it. You feel that there would be some psychological loss to the participants whether or not a substantive difference, if they were to hear that the Office of Economic Opportunity had been discontinued even though the programs were going on?

Mr. McELROY. This is a provincial view, I must admit, but I believe this would be true in our community. They don't talk about the Community Action board's office. They talk about going down to OEO office and down to OEO center.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Even though it is your board they deal with?

Mr. McELROY. Yes, sir.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Mr. Day?

Mr. DAY. I don't think that it is possible for the old line agencies to do this job.

We are dealing in change, in a change concept, changed procedure, change in approach. A long-established governmental agency, whether it be State or Federal, has established so many procedures, they have so many personnel who are used to doing things in a certain way, that it is very, very difficult for them to change over.

In Jackson County we had what I considered one of the very best conceived programs. We delegated it to the Extension Service. Many years, as a farmer, I have worked well with the Extension Service. I