

First you start with the roof, and you help repair the house and we have done this by just going to our local merchants, buying some tin, and nails, and we have gotten up on the roof and helped do it ourselves.

We found one family——

Chairman PERKINS. Who has helped to do it? Has it been the people on relief down there that has had to do it, or the people on the work experience training program?

Just who has helped to do it?

Mrs. DUNN. No, sir, the people on the work experience training program are not allowed to work on private property.

Chairman PERKINS. Not even on the homes of people on public assistance?

Mrs. DUNN. No, sir. They are not.

Chairman PERKINS. Why?

Mrs. DUNN. This has been one of our big hindrances. I built a pair of steps myself last April, before we got a man assigned to our program, because the woman was blind and she was living alone, and she was stepping down on to a plank that had a hole in it, and I was scared to death she was going to break her neck, so I built the steps myself, because the work experience and training men are not allowed to work on private property.

We do have a contract with six of those men to dig garbage pits and to build sanitary toilets for invalids or elderly people.

Chairman PERKINS. Are there any of the AV's or VISTA people that can do this kind of work and help the old people in building steps, or waiting on the old people?

Is there any of that going on with AV's or VISTA people?

Mrs. DUNN. Not to my knowledge. I have invited them to help, but as of this date I have had none.

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead.

Mrs. DUNN. We have families who have just sat down and given up, because they have gotten so far down that no one will help them. We have mothers who are deserted, often. They are living up in a hollow, they don't know how to get on public assistance and we try to take information to our people, Mr. Perkins. If you have to walk 2 miles out of the hollow, and catch a ride to town, or pay \$5 to town to get a free service at the public health department, that free service becomes pretty expensive.

If you happen to come on Wednesday, and the shots are to be given on a Tuesday, you have got to go back and come again. If you are coming in to get on the food stamp program, and you don't know you are supposed to bring certain information with you, there is another trip, so we take this information to the people.

We go to the head of the hollow, across the swinging bridge, up the mountains.

I did find one woman living 2 miles on top of a mountain in a barn, with no facilities at all, a child on each hip, twins, 1 year old, eight children around her.

We carried that woman and her belongings off that mountain and put her into another home, and she is now on the food stamp program, she is on public assistance, and she is receiving as much aid as possible. The children next summer will be going to school, in better condition