

On the public health department we have had very fine cooperation with them. They have a very limited staff, they have their clinics that they must conduct, and when we find a case such as—I found a child 11 years old, the family said that she was mentally retarded.

I worked with the child about 5 minutes, and I thought, "This child can't hear," and then I went to the health department to see what had been done, and when Crippled Children's Commission clinic could see this child, and by working with the health department, the women's club, our local banks, we got this child tested; she is wearing a hearing aid, she is making A plus on her report card now; she has a whole new world open to her.

Mr. SCHERLE. In other words, as long as you cooperate with the local community officials, the welfare department, and as long as you get your grant, this program works effectively. As long as you work in such close proximity with these people, if this poverty program were under Opportunity Crusade it would still be very effective, would it not?

Mrs. DUNN. Mr. Scherle, if we can just get the money and God will give me the health, we will try to use that money to the best advantage, regardless of where it is coming from.

Mr. SCHERLE. And so you feel if the program is carried on as I just mentioned, under the opportunity crusade, and they also, of course, are vitally interested in the work you are doing, this program would then serve its purpose very well, would it not?

Mrs. DUNN. I would hope so.

Mr. SCHERLE. That is fine. Thank you very much.

Mrs. DUNN. I hope I answered you.

Mr. SCHERLE. You did. Thank you.

Chairman PERKINS. Let me compliment you, Mrs. Dunn. You are not up here, in my judgment, to testify as a legal expert, but just as to testify to the effectiveness of the community action program.

Is that right?

Mrs. DUNN. That is right, sir. I would not be presumptuous enough to untangle all of these legal questions.

Chairman PERKINS. I appreciate your testimony here this morning. I just wish all the members of this committee could have heard your eloquent statement. And to my way of thinking, the spirit of cooperation which you have expressed is more or less the whole success in the area of our community action program.

I have personal experience where we have these so-called rabble rousers and people who go overboard—I may say completely overboard; some of them may even advocate a march on Washington—that we have very ineffective programs in those counties.

You being reared in the head of a hollow yourself, I just hope to see the day come when a lady with your true American spirit can be elevated to come into a much greater responsibility and when that day comes eastern Kentucky will be lifted out of poverty, for if we have ladies like yourself assuming the responsibility of leadership, and dedicated enough to stay on and make the sacrifice instead of going and working for the outside world. It just impresses me to see a lady of your caliber come before this committee.

Mr. Goodell.

Mr. GOODELL. I apologize, Mr. Chairman, for being a little late.