

We have provided the names of these families. We have worked together as groups too, well, again to fix a community center, in one instance, where the people had no place to meet.

We took a group of these young people, a group of the community citizens, a group of the neighborhood youth corps and our staff, and made a community center so we used everybody that comes down, if you come and stay 2 hours, I am liable to work you 1 of those 2 hours.

You ask Mr. Alexander. He has been down there with me.

Chairman PERKINS. Who is Mr. Alexander?

Mrs. DUNN. Mr. Alexander is from the State technical assistance office and he is our analyst for our area. We would be happy to use these young people's services and to work with them, if it could be brought about.

Mr. GOODELL. The program that you describe, with reference to the youngsters who live in the area, sounds very much like what some of us have proposed. It is actually in the administration bill this year, as well as in the substitute bill that is being offered, a hometown VISTA.

You enlist volunteers to help from the area itself, and give them a designation and give them some sort of general directions.

I take it you view that approach favorably, and think it would have some potential.

Mrs. DUNN. With proper supervision. I come back to supervision, because I think it is a very necessary element.

Mr. GOODELL. Well I don't recall what the administration proposal was in this regard, but in the Opportunity Crusade, it would be under the community action agency, and they would organize and direct it.

Does this sound feasible to you?

Mrs. DUNN. If I had some young people that I could get out there under my fieldworkers and tell them what to do, we could do a lot.

Mr. GOODELL. In some ways, I presume that having people who know the area would be an advantage, wouldn't it?

Mrs. DUNN. Very much so; people sell our mountain man short, you know; he is hospitable, because he has been raised that way.

I say raised and I know it is reared, but I still say raised. You come and sit down on the porch, and he will talk to you, and if he has beans and corn bread, he will share it with you. He will talk all day, if you want to talk.

He would not shoo you off, that would not be polite, but when you went down the path, if you had not been sincere with that man, he would know it.

He might say a few things behind your back, or he would say I wonder what that fool wanted, because the mountain man can see right through you, and you must be sincere and this is one of the things that outsiders here very often do not take into account, that when they come into an area, that they must be sincere in their efforts and not just put on a show or go up and whittle all day, because they think that is what the mountain man wants them to do, and rock on the porch.

Now when I went to Europe, I did not wait for them to learn English so I could talk with them. I went to school at night and learned German, so I could talk to people and because I did not again want to waste 3 years over there making sign language, and I think when you come into an area, you should attempt to know the people.