

I have done this everywhere I have been. I was on the Mexican border for 6 years, and I attempted—I am sure I did not do a very good job, but I tried—to learn the people's ways, and their superstitions and their religion, so that I could deal with them far more effectively.

Chairman PERKINS. I want to interrupt my colleague to tell him that this girl was raised right at the head of a road in Breathitt County, Ky., and her parents are back there today.

She stated her qualifications. I asked her if she was a trained social worker, and she said no, but she has told about her experience of supervision in hospitals, but she decided to go back home to help.

Mr. GOODELL. Well, I appreciate your testimony. I think it is helpful to the committee to have this lady on the record, because we are going to consider some possible changes in the entire poverty program, ways we can improve it, and redirect it.

There is a difference between helping and meddling, and if you go in the wrong way with voluntary help, particularly from the outside, it can turn into meddling, and do more harm than good.

Thank you for your testimony.

Mrs. DUNN. It becomes my concern when people come to us and ask us, "What can we do?"

And I think if you will just ask the people, I know you can't go out and do it, but any time you send somebody in and just ask the people their version of this thing, what is written in the paper, what is written in the "Vista Volunteer" is a different story and I read an article the other night that they had a quilting company open in Breathitt and Wolfe and Lee and as far as I know and I have tried to check this out there is only one woman out of Lee County that is doing any quilting, but the article reads as if the whole entire county of Lee were included in this, and we have worked very hard in our program but it is becoming evident that we have not tooted our horn.

We were so busy trying to get results we did not have time to get publicity, and we have done many good things that have not been written up but they are there, the results will be seen, I hope, many years from now, when some child is sitting in a classroom free of intestinal parasites, has had all of his shots, and he now knows that you can wash and come to school clean, and you will feel better if you do, and that there is a different way of life from the way they have been accustomed to.

The other day I had the children in the Neighborhood Youth Corps that are assigned to my program, I had them just write me a little story what they had learned since they—had been assigned to us, and it was amazing what those children had grasped about sanitation and education and wanting to go back to school, but I think the most eloquent statement made by any of them was from a girl from a family of 13 children, and she said I have sure got a fine job.

Now I know that girl. She realized that here she had an opportunity, and with her first check, she has got to be helped in the store in selecting her clothing.