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She wanted to be a nurse but it isn't easy with only a junior high school education, so Nancy signed up for Job Corps training and now she is working as a nursing assistant at Hermann Hospital.

NIGHT SCHOOL

She plans to enter night school this fall and hopes to save enough money to someday go to college and become a registered nurse.

Helen Oliver, 822 E. 4d3, is a graduate of the Omaha, Neb., Center, but her course in dressmaking so far hasn't led to a job, she isn't discouraged, however. She is skilled in alteration and sooner or later someone will hire her, she feels.

Helen is a graduate of Yates High School where she was an honor student in home economics and was an outstanding music student. She hopes to use her Job Corps training to secure a good paying job so that she can save enough money to go to college to major in music. Since the death of her parents, she has been making her home with an aunt, Mrs. Dorothy Davis.

Flora Bradley, 4115 Cline, begins her assistant nursing shift at Riverside Hospital at 3 p.m. each day. Flora was interested in nursing long before she went to the center at Clinton, Iowa. She had served as a Candy Stripper at Memorial Hospital while attending Wheatley High School and had taken a home nursing course.

Flora, who is a high school graduate, will enter a school for practical nurses this fall and when she saves enough money, plans to go on to college to major in nursing.

Mary Cormier Wade not only learned to be a key punch operator at the center at Huntington, W. Va., but also found romance. Her husband, who is a mail clerk, transferred to Houston after Mary returned home and went to work for Texaco Credit Card Center.

Mrs. Wade is a graduate of Kashmere Gardens High School and would like to continue her education after she works a while.

In all, Houston has had 295 enrollees in the Women's Job Corps, most of whom are still receiving their training at the various centers throughout the states. Some of those who have returned are working with mailing service, in dental laboratories, as general clerks, electronics assemblers, with retarded children, as floral designers, cashiers and checkers.

SOCIAL SKILLS

The residential training centers offer young women an opportunity to acquire educational, vocational and social skills necessary to live as productive, self-supporting members of society.

Most of the girls in Houston who apply for the program, would go on to college if their parents could afford to send them, they say.

Women in Community Service, formed by women from the National Council of Catholic Women, the National Council of Jewish Women, the National Council of Negro Women, and Church Women United have contracted to recruit and screen female candidates for the Job Corps.

Girls may apply at the office, 3129 Southmore, Room 22, of St. James Episcopal Church from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A birth certificate or some record of birth is needed, a statement of family income and social security numbers are required. The Texas Employment Commission accepts applications for both the Women's Job Corps and the Men's Job Corps.

At the centers, vocational interests of the Corpswomen are explored in the first few weeks of basic education and guidance counseling. Training courses include secretarial, business and clerical, data processing, retail sales, food preparation and services, health and paramedical services, fabric arts, dress designing, graphic arts skills, cleaning and laundry trades, cosmetology and child care, driver education, and industrial electronics.

INSTILL PRIDE

Another prime function is training in job application, good work habits, and instilling pride in a job well done.

Physical education and swimming instruction are required courses. Voluntary recreational activities include group sports, arts and crafts, excursions to the theater, concerts, and dances.