

EIGHT THOUSAND FAMILIES WITH ANNUAL INCOME UNDER \$4,000

In a county like Fairfax, with a median family income of considerably over \$12,000 per year, there are over 8,000 families with incomes under \$4,000. According to a recent survey there is an average of seven persons in each of these households. Thirteen percent of the fathers interviewed were unemployed during a portion of the previous 12 months.

Over one-third of these families are scattered throughout the rural portions of the suburban county with an area of over 400 square miles.

Throughout Fairfax County but particularly in rural areas, the inaccessibility of jobs and the inadequacy of public facilities perpetuate the cycle of poverty.

To serve such a large territory there are three health department clinics, two State employment commission offices, one county hospital, one welfare department office. All are at considerable distance from the rural parts of the county.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INADEQUATE

People coming on the bus route to the District he is likely to have great difficulty in getting to the job.

Since cross-county transportation is so poor, many people cannot get to the public health and welfare facilities.

As a comparatively young—actually all of our agencies are young and small—we have neither the staff nor the resources to meet all the needs and solve all of the problems resulting from inadequate transportation facilities. We have tried to tap other sources. Volunteers, using personal automobiles, meet some needs. We use staff cars to take community representatives to participate in policymaking bodies, but we cannot do enough in this fashion. Far too many people cannot take advantage of community services and cannot participate in meetings which affect them directly because of the lack of transportation.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SUPPLY SCARCE

We have attempted to obtain Government surplus vehicles hoping to establish perhaps through cooperatives a regular intracounty model transportation system to clinics, shopping centers, jobs, and service agencies. We were not successful though we spent considerable