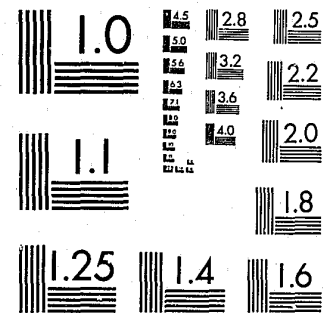


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ACQUISITIONS

Child abuse was emerging as a real concern. The state had recently established a toll-free hotline number for reporting suspected cases of child abuse. It was felt that the CACP could help with distributing information about this crime.

During the second grant period the problems addressed were narrowed down to working on the increasing property crimes and the fact that law enforcement agencies were understaffed, had low budgets on which to work and had an increasing population with which to deal.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - First Grant Period

The goals and objectives were revised during the first year to the following:

I. Public Education and Information

To train, educate and organize community and neighborhood groups that can carry on through volunteers an effective crime prevention effort in the communities.

Objectives:

1. To develop burglary and robbery crime prevention information materials to inform:
 - A. Overall crime and its relation to the individual
 - B. Economic loss
 - C. Loss of freedom
 - D. Physical abuse
 - E. Awareness of inter-dependency
2. Ways to reduce potential for burglary or robbery
 - A. Farm Identification Program (property marking)
 1. Farm Bureau, Missouri Sheriffs Association, Kiwanis Club
 2. Watch neighbors property
 3. Patrol activities
 4. Development of anti-crime media materials
 5. Inform of supportive social services available
 6. Steps to take when involved in a burglary or a robbery
 - a) Support groups
 - b) Familiarization/cooperation with law enforcement agencies

II. Elderly Victim Assistance

To reduce the physical impact of isolation caused by the fear of criminal activity.

Objectives:

1. Escort services to senior citizens requesting such
2. Coordinate with existing services, groups to anti-crime efforts
3. Establish daily volunteer calls to elderly to establish safety
4. Reach 507 of all elderly individuals and handicapped in nine counties

III. Block Watch

To reduce burglary and stealing index by ten percent through community mobilization with cooperation.

Objectives:

1. Establishment of block watch units to prevent burglary when a member is away on vacation
2. Conduct home security checks
3. Mark personal property with drivers licence number

IV. Farm and Road Watch

To reduce the incidence of stealing and vandalism in the rural areas of the WEST CENTRAL area.

Objectives:

1. Establish Farm/Road watch units to prevent burglary when a member is away on vacation
2. Conduct home security checks
3. Mark personal property with drivers license number
4. Establish farm/road watch in high crime area

V. Teen Volunteers Force

To involve teens in anti-crime activities.

Objectives:

1. Conduct workshops at training sessions
2. Assist in block watch, elderly assistance programs, etc.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - Second Grant Period

I. Public Education and Information

To arouse community awareness concerning crime prevention activities.

Objectives:

1. To acquire, develop and modify crime prevention information and materials.
2. To disseminate materials acquired and developed.
3. To conduct a coordinated media campaign within the target area.
4. To present crime prevention programs and information to a minimum of three community clubs or organizations a month.

II. Block Watch

To assist interested residents in forming on-going neighborhood based anti-crime organizations.

Objectives:

1. To identify area with higher incidences of property crimes.
2. To conduct a canvas, within sixty days of target area identification.
3. To conduct necessary number of organizational meetings.

III. Farm and Road Watch

The development and expansion of crime prevention activities in rural areas.

Objectives:

1. To identify a minimum of twenty clubs, organizations, and groups that have the potential to conduct anti-crime activities.
2. To contact key individuals of clubs, organizations to assess the particular needs and interests.
3. To provide appropriate assistance and information to individual groups.

IV. Property Marking and Security Surveys

To decrease the vulnerability of individuals and business to property crimes.

Objectives:

1. To inform citizens of the availability of engraving tools.
2. To provide marking services when appropriate to twenty-five households per month, per coordinator.
3. To conduct, or train others to conduct, security surveys.
4. To provide information concerning "target hardening."
5. To recruit a minimum of five volunteers per month to conduct property marking and security surveys.

V. Services to Senior Citizens

The decrease in elderly victimization by addressing specific crimes against older Americans.

Objectives:

1. To improve residential security for senior citizens by conducting property marking, security surveys on a minimum of ten homes per month.
2. To increase by ten percent, over the past year's program, the number of homes of senior citizens where property is marked.
3. To increase citizen awareness and participation in crime prevention activities.
4. To develop specific programs concerning special problems of the elderly.
5. To cooperate and coordinate with other service organizations on programs to aid the elderly.

VI. In-School Crime Prevention Curriculum

To help children develop an awareness of their responsibilities, rights and obligations as community members.

Objectives:

1. To provide a realistic understanding of police work and the services the police perform.
2. To help establish rapport between elementary school children and uniformed police officers.
3. To teach school children how to recognize potential personal security and property security problems.
4. To teach children to make decisions and act before they are hurt or harmed.

VII. Seed Money

To assist community groups start or expand Anti-Crime activities.

Objectives:

1. To identify thirty new community organizations having the capability to conduct crime prevention activities.
2. To coordinate and encourage constructive responses to local crime problems through citizen participation.
3. To provide appropriate technical assistance.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES:

Work Plan - First Grant Period

Gather existing crime prevention materials for the public information section during the first 45 days after start-up.

Develop our own literature and slide sets during start-up period.

Hold meetings with senior citizen groups.

Hold meetings with community groups other than senior citizens.

Do home security surveys and property markings for 250 families per quarter.

Actual - First Grant Period

Located and sent for free information materials from over 30 sources.

Began work on three slide/tape presentations aimed at the rural area.

Developed 16 different handouts over the life of the program.

Held 120 meetings with senior citizen groups.

Held 129 meetings. There was a combined attendance of seniors and others of 5,507.

Did a total of 336 property markings for the first grant period for an average of 56 per quarter.

Two of these property markings were high schools with over 2500 items marked. There were 142 home securities done for an average of 24 per quarter.

This resulted in a combined average of 80 families per quarter. We found we were not able to achieve the quota of 250 families per quarter for two primary reasons: distance to travel (could only realistically do

Work Plan (cont.)

Meet with and establish block watches to reduce the area reported burglary and stealing crime index by ten percent.

Farm and road watches will be established to reduce the incidence of stealing and vandalism in the rural areas.

Escort services for senior citizens are to be established as needed using youth groups.

The Dial-For-Safety telephone reassurance element for senior citizens will be established.

Create an awareness of the child protective services available.

Establish a teen volunteer force to assist crime prevention activities regarding elderly assistance, block watch, farm and road watch.

Approximately 20 local community groups will be provided mini-grants of \$500.00 to do crime prevention activities.

Actual (cont.)

three or four property markings in a day-less if they were in open country) and we had a coordinator for Benton, Morgan and Hickory counties for only a total of 21 months out of the 32 months of operation. The other 11 months were covered by the other CACP staff members.

Five block watch organizational meetings were held. One block watch was established. Seven other existing block watches were identified and assisted.

Six farm/road watch organizational meetings were held. Two farm/road watches were set up.

There was little interest in this service among the senior citizens, therefore, it was dropped from the activities.

The only area interested in this was having this need met by the local Retired Seniors Volunteer Program. Other RSVP were assisted in this area.

The staff worked with the Missouri Division of Family Service in distributing information. Legal Aid of Western Missouri held three public forums that dealt with family violence. Child abuse was a part of these forums. Six meetings were held with 56 in attendance.

This specific section was eliminated as it was not wanted nor found necessary in the service area. However, it must be noted that teens were involved in other crime prevention activities as a result of the seed money category.

Twenty groups were awarded mini-grants for a total amount of \$7,586.00. The number of people serviced by the mini-grants was over 2,000.

Work Plan (cont.)

Set up three city or county fair exhibits.

To provide training to volunteers.

Work Plan - Second Grant Period

To present crime prevention programs to a minimum of three community groups or organizations per month.

To identify areas with high incidence of property crimes and establish a block watch.

To identify 20 clubs, organizations and groups that had the potential to conduct anti-crime activities relative to the watch programs.

To provide marking services when appropriate to 25 households per month per coordinator.

To conduct or train others to conduct security surveys.

To recruit a minimum of five volunteers per month for property markings/security surveys.

Actual (cont.)

Had booths at the Henry County Fair, Appleton City Fair, Log Cabin Days (Harrisonville), and at Farmers Appreciation Night (Clinton). The exhibits reached close to 1,000 persons.

Provided training to one Police Explorer Post, one Police Cadet Post, and the local Retired Senior Volunteers Program.

Actual - Second Grant Period

Presented 106 meetings to senior citizens and 54 meetings to other groups for a total of 2,054 people reached.

We discovered that there were many informal block watches already operating within the target areas. We provided technical assistance to many.

Identified 18 groups and provided technical assistance. Participated with four Optimist Clubs sponsoring bicycle safety. Provided bicycle marking for Warsaw, Clinton, Adrian, and Stockton Clubs. Marked 99 bicycles.

Property was marked at 203 households for an average of 50 markings per month.

Nineteen home security surveys were conducted. Four outreach staff were provided with training.

Recruited fifteen volunteers for an average of 1.2 per month.

Work Plan (cont.)

To increase by ten percent over the previous grant period the number of senior citizen homes marked.

To coordinate and cooperate with other service organizations on programs for the elderly.

To provide in-school curriculum information.

Actual (cont.)

Approximately 173 senior citizens homes were marked. This was within the ten percent.

Worked closely with the Senior Citizen Senate, Inc. and their clubs, worked with District III-Area Agency on Aging, Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Mid-America Regional Council (MARC).

We received a contract from MARC to provide crime prevention activities to seniors in Cass County. Programs were presented to two nutrition sites and eleven senior citizen clubs.

Engravers and literature was provided for each group.

We were able to work with District III-Area Agency on Aging to provide a joint lock installation program for senior citizens. CACP provided the training and a mini-grant to District III. District III purchased the locks. CACP and District III dispensed and installed the locks.

Consumer education workshops were held by WEST CENTRAL. At two of these workshops, school curriculum was emphasized. Letters regarding the workshops were sent to all school districts in Cass and Benton counties. Packets of information were made available. Sheriff Bill Gough, Cass County, and Sheriff Robert Breshears, Benton County, were special guests at workshops.

The LEAA coloring book "Play It Safe" was provided to the Head Start Director and staff for use with their curriculum.

Work Plan (cont.)

To identify thirty new community groups having the capability to conduct crime prevention activities regarding mini-grants.

Actual (cont.)

Identified two new groups-Harrisonville Merchants Association and the Belton-Raymore Rotary Club. Additional monies were granted to groups from the previous grant period: Butler Public Library, McGennis Youth Center, Nevada Jaycees Boxing Club, and RSVP for a total of six groups receiving \$5,130.

Two other groups were contacted, but they were not able to participate at the time.

Six other groups that were identified in the continuation grant application were not awarded contracts due to their no longer being interested in the project or the groups were not eligible for the funds.

MAJOR TASKS AND SERVICES PERFORMED

The primary task of the Community Anti-Crime Project (CACP) was to inform the citizens of the nine-county area about the crime prevention program and their responsibilities for crime prevention. Through group meetings, newspaper articles, public service announcements and a local radio talk show, approximately 202,616 individuals have been reached over the nine-county area. The estimated population is 158,000. The Clinton radio station that our program was on has an estimated listening audience of 150,000 over seven counties--of which at least one is not in WEST CENTRAL'S service area. Through a letter included in the Stockton Welcome Wagon basket, the CACP was able to acquaint approximately 200 new residents to Stockton with the program.

While we were informing people as to what they could do to prevent crime, we were also encouraging people to act on their own, i.e., marking their property, doing home security surveys, forming neighborhood watches. The staff and volunteers marked the property of 553 households, did 188 home security surveys, organized and/or identified 28 neighborhood/farm watches. The staff provided training to nine groups: RSVP of Bates and St. Clair counties; District III - Area Agency on Aging aides; Clinton

Police Explorers; Belton Police Cadets; facilitated a workshop on rural crime at the Missouri Attorney General's Conference on Crime Prevention; provided training to WEST CENTRAL'S outreach staff and volunteers from eleven senior citizen groups and two nutrition sites under a contract from Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). The CACP director presented the CACP program to participants of the Community Action Conference, 1979, sponsored by Region VII Community Services Administration and Region VII Association of Community Action Directors. The staff conducted meetings for 231 senior citizen groups and 156 other community groups.

One of the major tasks the CACP staff had ahead of them was contacting the sheriffs and police chiefs throughout the service area. This was accomplished by December, 1978. When the law enforcement officials were visited, the staff stressed the fact that they were not there to do police work or to take the place of the police. Rather, the CACP staff were there to compliment the work of the police. Because of low salaries, small staffs and large areas to cover, the sheriff's departments and police cannot be on every road or street corner. That's where the CACP staff came in. We could help people recognize their responsibility to themselves, to law enforcement and to their communities. Therefore, by marking property, doing home security surveys and helping with neighborhood watches, the staff and participants of the CAC program were indeed helping law enforcement. While skeptical, the law enforcement people did listen. The staff worked closely with several departments, and eventually won their respect and cooperation.

Over the two and a half years the CACP has been in operation, we have seen several police departments become more involved in crime prevention activities:

Belton, MO Police Department - Police Cadet Program

Butler, MO Police Department - Project Theft-Guard campaign, crime prevention meetings and display areas.

Clinton, MO Police Department - Police Explorer Program, rape seminars, shoplifting seminars, future crime prevention seminars planned.

Nevada, MO Police Department - Three workshops on crime and elderly, a planned training session on rape for police officers, prosecutors, hospital emergency room personnel - training to be done by the Governor's Task Force on Rape Prevention, January 16, 1981.

Henry County Sheriff's Department - New sheriff is planning meetings with area farmers. He will be using the "How to Prevent Rural Crime" booklets provided by CACP.

Vernon County Sheriff's Department - The sheriff conducted a meeting with area farmers regarding the Neighborhood Watch program. He received some literature from CACP and used money from the mini-grant.

The Belton, Missouri Police Department under Chief Jimmy B. Luster has been terrific in their cooperation. Chief Luster wanted an activity for his police cadets. When we explained our program, he was most enthusiastic. We were able to provide the cadets with a mini-grant of \$256.00 and over 2,000 pieces of literature. They have embarked on a door-to-door canvassing of the city of Belton. Their purpose is to provide the approximately 5,000 homes in Belton with crime prevention information packets. The packets contain a letter from Chief Luster, literature on Operation Identification, home security, car security, personal safety. If the residents wish, the cadets will provide the marking or loan an engraver and do a home security check. Over 1,000 homes have been visited.

One such home was that of the Raymore, Missouri Police Chief, Major Lee Coleman. He contacted Chief Luster who put the CACP staff in touch with Major Coleman. The staff was able to provide technical assistance to Major Coleman in the form of literature for schools and availability of federal grants. Major Coleman is retired from the Kansas City, MO Police Department and has been able to call upon the KCPD for other technical assistance.

The Clinton Police Department under Chief Dennis Cooper has been willing to work with the CACP whenever possible. Chief Dennis Cooper arranged for Lt. Larry James to come to the consumer workshops sponsored

by WEST CENTRAL. Lt. James and Linda Stephenson of the CACP staff were on the Clinton radio station (KDKD) talk show "Speak Out" talking about crime prevention, Operation Identification and McGruff, the national spokesdog for crime prevention.

Chief Cooper provided the CACP with a volunteer, Officer David Weiss, to be McGruff during a personal appearance in Clinton. McGruff went around the Clinton Square handing out literature and talking to people. He visited almost every business--retail and professional--on the Square. Two hundred pieces of literature were given out. McGruff also appeared the next day at WEST CENTRAL'S Annual Day visiting with folks and making a special appearance in the kids' room. There he was almost literally mobbed! The kids all gathered around him, sat on his lap and talked for quite awhile. McGruff's costume was courtesy of Lucia Erikson, Executive Director of the Missouri Attorney General's Council on Crime Prevention.

One of the most successful and far-reaching components of the program has been the seed money or mini-grant section. Over the life of the CACP, twenty-eight mini-grants were awarded totaling \$16,604 going into communities for various crime prevention activities. Table A shows the breakdown on groups awarded mini-grants and what activities they did.

Over the past six months great strides have been made by crime prevention programs in general due to the introduction of Crime Dog (McGruff). At last crime prevention programs have a natural tie-in. Our program has benefited from McGruff. One local radio station plays the McGruff PSA's several times a week. As a result, when McGruff was in Clinton, many people were already acquainted with him. The booklets put out by the Crime Prevention Coalition are excellent. We could have used them two and a half years ago!

The CACP has been able to develop and nurture cooperation with several groups. Of course, there are the law enforcement agencies already mentioned. We were able to cooperate with RSVP of Bates and St. Clair Counties when they received their small crime prevention grant from ACTION. CACP provided the training for their volunteers and other technical assistance. CACP worked with District III - Area Agency on Aging in regards to the joint lock installation program. During our first grant

period, District III of AAA was operating a crime prevention program through its nutrition sites. CACP was careful not to duplicate in this area. CACP has also worked with Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), the regional planning commission for the greater Kansas City area. They had \$400 to put into crime prevention programs for senior citizens in Cass County. MARC was aware of WEST CENTRAL'S project. They contacted CACP and contracted with CACP for the crime prevention activities.

The CACP was also able to help with a pilot study on rural crime, done by the University of Missouri-Columbia. The study was done in four Missouri counties: Holt, Knox, Morgan and Stoddard. The CACP Director contacted the community development specialist at the University of Missouri Extension Office, Camdenton, Missouri to offer the assistance of the CACP staff in surveying Morgan County. The director met with "Dutch" Thomas, Community Development Specialist. It was agreed that two CACP staff members would help with the survey. The staff members were assigned areas—one to Versailles, one to a section of the open country. Residents were surveyed and the responses were turned in to the Extension Office where all questionnaires were collected. The results of the study were announced in December, 1980.

We were also able to provide a bicycle marking program to four area Optimist Clubs (Adrian, Clinton, Stockton and Warsaw) during their bicycle safety campaigns. The clubs were most willing to have the marking program as part of the Bicycle Safety Month campaign.

The CACP was asked to do a program on personal safety to the Business and Professional Women's Organization in Harrisonville. We contacted Julie Lea at the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA), Kansas City, Missouri. We were able to develop a joint program on rape prevention with Julie Lea and Cheryl Daggett, social worker with the Lee's Summit Police Department.

The staff of the CACP has been most resourceful in finding suitable literature for use in rural areas. We were able to gather many materials at no charge or postage only from the following groups:

National Sheriffs Association
National District Attorneys Associations' Economic Crime Project
Schlage Lock Company
Shell Oil Company
State Farm Fire and Casualty Company

Kwikset Sales and Services Company
National Lock Division
American Association of Retired Persons
National Retired Teachers Association
Weiser Lock
Center for Community Change
United States Consumer Product Safety Commission
Eaton Corporation

Other crime prevention programs and companies printing crime prevention literature were most generous in allowing us to reprint or redesign and use their materials to suit our needs.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

A major problem was first convincing the law enforcement agencies that we were not going to take over their work or duplicate their efforts. The first step was, of course, a face to face visit. At that first meeting, the staff emphasized the cooperation we desired--not confrontation. As the program went on, we were able to develop the cooperation between law enforcement and CACP by working with them, sharing information, etc.

The CACP has had trouble finding films, slide sets, and literature that related to a rural setting. Everything we found was urban oriented and geared toward people in the middle and upper-middle income bracket. Our area is rural with approximately twenty percent of the population low-income. We also found most slide sets and films were done in California. Again, this did not relate to our population density ratio of seventeen persons per square mile.

At the beginning of the program, the staff was working on slide sets appropriate to the area. The staff with the help of WEST CENTRAL'S public relations department started taking slides of the area and its people. Work was also being done simultaneously on accompanying scripts. While not being as professional as the staff would have liked, the slide sets were finished by October, 1979. The slides were used either partially or in their entirety for meetings and programs. By the time the sets were ready to go, the CACP began receiving more suitable, professionally done materials, i.e., "Rural Crime" (Harper and Row Media) and "Security Afloat" (Harper and Row Media).

The slide sets developed by CACP are:

"An Introduction to Community Anti-Crime Project"
"A Thief's Worst Enemy - Time"
"Who's Watching Your Farm?"

An area where we had difficulty was organizing neighborhood watch groups. We found that in many areas we could not organize a viable group around crime prevention/neighborhood watch because it was not a recognized need among the residents. They still perceived crime as an urban problem. Where we could, we would try to tie in to an existing neighborhood group, coffee klatch, etc. Also, some areas already had neighborhood watches established--here we were able to help. The residents were already looking out for each other. Whenever the staff was able to identify such a group, the services of the CACP staff were offered whether it was actual training or just giving the group some literature.

During the last month of the CACP, a group was discovered in Cass County. The group is made up mainly of people who have moved out of the city into the country. They still work in the urban area but prefer living in a rural area. They have had some property crime and vandalism. The sheriff has a large territory to cover and very little manpower to do it with. The group decided to establish their own watch group. There was an article in the local paper. The CACP director saw the article and contacted the person mentioned in the article. We were then able to set up a meeting with the organizer of the group and offer him advice as to his next step, provide literature and offer the use of the CACP's films and slides and engraver.

PRINCIPAL FINDINGS:

Was the program a success? Yes. From the outset, the staff have felt the goal of the CACP was to get crime prevention activities established within the community so they would be on-going after the program ended. We feel this has been done. For example, the seed money groups have been able to provide activities and materials for a variety of programs that will continue in the future (see Table A). Several police departments throughout the nine county area are becoming more involved with crime prevention. The Clinton Police Department has recently had an officer complete the

crime prevention course offered by the Public Safety Institute, University of Missouri. They will be doing more workshops for the Clinton citizens. The Nevada Police Department recognized that the growth of their city will also bring additional crime problems. Therefore, they have already begun preparing citizens as to their role--workshops for the elderly, rape seminars for the people who will be dealing with the victim.

Throughout Missouri more individuals, civic clubs and law enforcement agencies are becoming aware of their responsibilities and are wanting to become involved in crime prevention. The establishment of the Attorney General's Council on Crime Prevention was able to bring many of these people together at a workshop in June, 1980. Hopefully, the Council will be able to develop further cooperation between the groups.

The National Crime Prevention Coalition has come at the right time. With a national figure to tie-in to, more coordination of efforts will be seen.

Project Objectives and Results

Public Education and Information:

1. To acquire, develop and modify crime prevention information and materials.
2. To disseminate materials acquired and developed.
3. To conduct a coordinated media campaign within the target area.
4. To present crime prevention programs and information to a minimum of three community clubs or organizations a month.

All objectives have been met to varying degrees of success. The media blitz has been successful in certain areas. The Harrisonville Merchants Association had about 40 radio spots regarding their property marking program in that area. The Clinton radio station played the crime dog PSA's on a fairly regular basis. Meetings were held on a regular basis.

Block Watch:

1. To identify areas with high incidences of crime.
2. To conduct a canvass, within sixty days, of target area

identification.

3. To conduct necessary number of organization meetings.

In talking with law enforcement officials, there seems to be no regular pattern of crime--specifically burglary. Therefore, the staff proceeded to discuss neighborhood watch with interested groups and to assist the already existing groups where applicable.

Farm/Road Watch:

1. To identify a minimum of twenty clubs, organizations and groups that have the potential to conduct anti-crime activities.
2. To contact key individuals of clubs, organizations to assess the particular needs and interests.
3. To provide appropriate assistance and information to individual groups.

Nineteen organizations were identified and assisted. Advice was given as to proper procedures in beginning a group (contacting law enforcement and inviting them to attend, etc.). Literature on home security, Operation Identification, car security, personal safety were given to these groups.

Property Marking and Security Surveys:

1. To inform citizens of the availability of engraving tools.
2. To provide marking services when appropriate to twenty-five households per month, per coordinator.
3. To conduct, or train others to conduct, security surveys.
4. To provide information concerning "target hardening".
5. To recruit a minimum of five volunteers per month to conduct property marking and security surveys.

These objectives were met in varying degrees of success. We have been able to inform people of the availability of engravers through the print media, the Stockton MO Welcome Wagon and numerous public meetings and workshops.

During the second grant period an average of twenty-two property markings per month, per coordinator was accomplished.

While the CACP recruited only fifteen volunteers, the volunteers used previously by CACP and RSVP continued to be active.

Services to Senior Citizens:

1. To improve residential security for senior citizens by conducting property markings, security surveys on a minimum of ten homes per month.
2. To increase by ten percent, over the past year's program, the number of homes of senior citizens where property has been marked.
3. To increase citizen awareness and participation in crime prevention activities.
4. To develop specific programs concerning special problems of the elderly.
5. To cooperate and coordinate with other service organizations on programs to aid the elderly.

All of the objectives have been met. More senior citizens are becoming involved in crime prevention activities. Through the MARC contract, programs, literature and engravers have been left at eleven centers and two nutrition sites. Engravers were requested by six other senior citizen groups. These were distributed to the Senior Opportunities and Services Aide who turned the engravers over to the clubs.

Programs on banking services, confidence games and personal safety were developed.

Cooperation was achieved with senior citizen clubs, District III-Area Agency on Aging and Mid-America Regional Council.

In-School Crime Prevention Curriculum:

1. To provide a realistic understanding of police work and the services the police perform.
2. To help establish rapport between elementary school children and uniformed police officers.
3. To teach school children how to recognize potential personal security and property security problems.
4. To teach children to make decisions and act before they are hurt or harmed.

This activity did not work out as well as it was hoped. Through two consumer education workshops sponsored by WEST CENTRAL, invitations were sent to all the school districts in Cass and Benton counties. The CACP workshops were to deal with school crime prevention curriculum and serve as an

informational forum to schools. Packets were prepared with copies of various curriculum ideas. These workshops were not well attended.

We found this curriculum activity to be too ambitious for the CACP. To be successful, the activity would be better suited to someone already established within the school system.

However, we were able to provide technical assistance to schools in terms of putting them in touch with groups and publishers who had already developed curriculums.

The Butler Public Library has been able to work well with the Butler Elementary School. The library has developed several alternative activities for after school and weekends; they have received the help and cooperation of the school and the juvenile officer.

We were also able to assist Head Start staff with a section on children's safety and use of the telephone for emergency situations.

Seed Money:

1. To identify thirty new community organizations having the capability to conduct crime prevention activities.
2. To coordinate and encourage constructive responses to local crime problems through citizen participation.
3. To provide appropriate technical assistance.

The CACP awarded mini-grants to two new groups and to four out of the original twenty-two groups from the first grant period. The groups will be able to be on-going with their activities.

Where there was a very specific need, the community responded well. That is, if several homes in a neighborhood had been broken into, a watch group was formed. If kids needed activities after school, groups tried to provide the activities. Through informational meetings, more people became aware of how they could protect their property before the actual need arose. (Locking the barn door before the horse got out.)

Whether criminal activity was reduced as a result of property markings, home security surveys or neighborhood watches is difficult to say. With an increased awareness of suspicious activities, those activities would be reported more to law enforcement personnel, thus increasing the reporting statistics.

According to the 1979 Missouri Crime Summary, Missouri State Highway Patrol, the property crime index increased by three percent over the 1978 Missouri Crime Index; violent crime index increased by eight percent. However, the percentage of increase was not shown by county.

Overall, the project was a success. Crime prevention activities are going to be carried on by groups throughout the nine county service area. More people are aware of what they can do themselves. Police departments are taking a more active role in crime prevention. People are noticing the property marking window decals. One man who ran for the Missouri legislature in our district mentioned that he kept seeing the "Boris the Burglar" decals everywhere he went while campaigning. Yes, we had an impact. Yes, we were successful.

TABLE A

SEED MONEY CONTRACTS

<u>Organization/Group</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Bates County Sheriff's Department	\$ 256.00	Talks to senior citizens, security surveys, organize a neighborhood watch.
Belton Police Department Police Cadets	\$ 256.00	Preparation of crime prevention packets for 5,000 homes, engravers, distribution of approximately 1200 packets.
Belton-Raymore Rotary Club	\$ 400.00	Purchase of reflective tape bicycle licenses for bike licensing program.
Benton County Sheriff's Department	\$ 256.00	Supplied technical and supportive services to crime prevention activities.
Butler Public Library, Inc. (October 15, 1978)	\$ 758.00	After school and weekend activities for elementary school students. Received help from school officials and referrals from the juvenile officer.
Butler Public Library, Inc. (October 1, 1980)	\$1,395.00	Continued after school and weekend activities for grades K-12 utilizing media, community resources regarding values, consequences of actions. Continued receiving help from school district and juvenile officer.
Butler Police Department	\$ 256.00	Crime prevention booths/displays, programs for senior citizens, 4-H Clubs, P.T.A.'s, etc. Theft-Guard program.

TABLE A (Cont.)

Seed Money Contracts
Page 2

<u>Organization/Group</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Cass County Sheriff's Department	\$ 256.00	Supplied technical and supportive services for crime prevention activities.
Cedar County Sheriff's Department	\$ 256.00	Technical and supportive services.
Clinton Explorer Post 898	\$ 256.00	Training and equipment for a property marking campaign within the city of Clinton.
District III - Area Agency on Aging	\$1,257.00	Joint lock installation project with CACP.
Harrisonville Merchants Association	\$ 200.00	Operation Identification project in Harrisonville sponsored by the association.
Harrisonville Police Department	\$ 256.00	Property identification program, emergency telephone sticker program, bicycle licensing program.
Henry County Sheriff's Department	\$ 256.00	Technical and supportive services.
Legal Aid of Western Missouri	\$ 500.00	Three community forums on family violence.
McGennis Youth Center (April 30, 1979)	\$ 960.00	Provided alternative activities for area youth.
McGennis Youth Center (October 20, 1980)	\$1,020.00	Provided alternative activities for area youth.
Morgan County Sheriff's Department	\$ 256.00	Donated to the Optimist Club for their youth activities.

TABLE A (Cont.)

Seed Money Contracts
Page 3

<u>Organization/Group</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Activities</u>
Nevada Jaycees, Inc. (November 27, 1978)	\$ 500.00	Provided for a winter boxing program. Received referrals from juvenile officer.
Nevada Jaycees Boxing Club (October 1, 1980)	\$ 890.00	Provided for continuation of the winter boxing program. Continued referrals from the juvenile officer.
Nevada Police Department	\$ 256.00	Crime prevention seminars for senior citizens, rape seminar for those involved with the victim.
Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Bates/St. Clair Counties (November 20, 1978)	\$ 80.00	Travel for volunteers in the CACP, training of volunteers.
Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Bates/St. Clair Counties (November 1, 1979)	\$1,225.00	Training for volunteers, supportive services.
Rockhill Rockets 4-H Club	\$ 500.00	Property marking for saddle, tack, attend area horse shows and provide the marking service.
St. Clair County Sheriff's Department	\$ 256.00	Technical and supportive services.
Senior Citizen's Senate, Inc.	\$1,732.00	Official representative to the Senate, volunteer in CACP.
Vernon County Sheriff's Department	\$ 256.00	National Sheriff's Association materials, block watch program. Did not use all the money. Returned \$116 to CACP on November 24, 1980.
Warsaw Police Department	\$ 256.00	Technical and supportive services.

APPENDIX A

Listing of CACP - Produced Materials

APPENDIX A

COMMUNITY ANTI-CRIME PROJECT
Listing of CACP-Produced Materials

SLIDES

Introduction to Community Anti-Crime Project (CACP)

This is a brief introduction to the program. It was produced to acquaint people with the CACP and to explain what groups were or were not eligible for the LEAA funds. Ones who have seen it feel they understand the program better.

A Thief's Worst Enemy - Time

Basically a home security set which details specific measures such as window pinning. This was produced to reflect our rural setting and to give detailed information. It has been well received.

Who's Watching Your Farm?

Deals with neighborhood watch in the farming community. When this was developed, there were no commercially produced sets that dealt with the rural area.

BROCHURES, HANDOUTS

Bike Theft

These were developed for use with the Optimist Clubs' bicycle safety campaigns. They were well received.

Community Anti-Crime Project Four Page Outline

This was developed as a portion of the training packet for new employees. It was very helpful.

Confidence Games

Produced with senior citizens in mind. However, it has been requested for use by police departments and schools. One teacher uses the booklet when teaching media and consumerism.

APPENDIX A (Cont.)

Listing of CACP-Produced Materials
Page 2

BROCHURES, HANDOUTS (cont)

Don't Invite a Burglar Into Your Home

How-to booklet on home security. Was intended as an accompaniment to program on home security. Well received.

Do's and Don'ts for Block Watchers

Identifies what a block watcher can or should do or not do. This was to be added to the block watch packet. Good response.

Farm Watch and Brand Registry Information

The farm brochure was designed for use with farming groups. The brand registry information provides the state address where brands are registered. These proved most helpful.

Farm Watch Article (Letterhead)

Discussed the idea of farm watch. Used for groups having a farm watch meeting.

How and When to Report a Crime

This was also referred to as the "Suspicious Activities" booklet as it detailed activities that could be suspicious and what the activity could mean. Used in block watch packets and training. Good response.

Information Sheets 1 and 2

Sheet 1 was to be a brief description of activities of the CACP and to provide a listing of county opportunity centers for referral to this and other of WEST CENTRAL'S programs.

Sheet 2 was a more detailed program description minus the opportunity center listing.

Letter to Chambers of Commerce and Shoplifting Poster

Permission to reprint was obtained from the Massachusetts crime prevention group. These were sent out after Thanksgiving to area chambers of commerce. The chambers distributed the posters to merchants. These were also given to police departments for distribution. The posters were well received.

APPENDIX A (Cont.)

Listing of CACP-Produced Materials
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BROCHURES, HANDOUTS (cont)

Principles of Security

Discussed purpose behind security measures and what one could do. This was used primarily in training sessions and was well received.

Property Identification System

Detailed whys of property identification, discussed numbering systems. This was used in training sessions. Good response.

Property Marking

This was designed to explain the Operation Identification program and to explain the various numbering systems from which to choose. Used extensively. Well received.

Rich Hill Chamber of Commerce Property Marking Program

Discussed the property marking program co-sponsored by WEST CENTRAL and the Rich Hill Chamber of Commerce. There was some response but not overwhelming.

Safety for Babysitters

This was used for a 4-H meeting. Discussed common sense things many babysitters tend to forget about. Information from the county health department on poisons, poison control centers and rape were included with the brochure. Well received.

School Curriculum Training Packet

Reproduced and summarized various crime prevention curricula for school officials. These were used in WEST CENTRAL'S consumer workshops. The administrators there liked the packets.

Stockton Welcome Wagon Letter

These were to introduce new residents to the CACP. They were handed out with the other Welcome Wagon items. We did not get any response from them.

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Page 4

BROCHURES, HANDOUTS (cont)

What Do You Do If You Confront a Burglar?

Safety tips regarding personal encounters with an intruder. This was to reinforce what had been discussed in a program or to be added to a block watch packet.

Word Scramble and Word Search Games - Four Varieties

These were originally developed for use at the beginning of programs with senior citizens. Some groups liked them; others did not. These games were eventually distributed to an English teacher for use in her classes for word hunts and explanation of terminology.

Items produced by the CACP under the crime prevention activities contract from Mid-America Regional Council (MARC):

Be Alert! Be Aware!

Developed for use with senior citizens. Details personal safety tips for the home, street, and car. Good response.

Operation I.D.

Explanation of the property marking program including the choice of numbering systems. Good response.

APPENDIX B

Media, Literature Listing

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P.O. Box 125
Appleton City, Missouri 64724

COMMUNITY ANTI-CRIME PROJECT - Media, Literature Listing

FILMS

Gun Wise - Aims Instructional Media Services, Inc.
Home Security Survey - Charles S. MacCrone Productions

SLIDES

Introduction to CACP - Community Anti-Crime Project, West Central
A Thief's Worst Enemy-Time - Community Anti-Crime Project, West Central
Who's Watching Your Farm? - Community Anti-Crime Project, West Central
Rural Crime - Harper & Row Media
Security Afloat - Harper & Row Media
Lock-Up - Mid-America Regional Council
Con Artist - Mid-America Regional Council
Crime in the Home - Mid-America Regional Council
Street Crime - Mid-America Regional Council
Protect Your Home - Kwikset
Direct Deposit - Treasury Department

BROCHURES

Community Anti-Crime Project

Confidence Games
Home Inventory
Home Security Survey
Don't Invite a Burglar Into Your Home
Property Marking
What Do You Do If You Confront a Burglar?
Do's and Don'ts for Block Watchers
Information Sheets 1 & 2
Farm Watch
How and When to Report a Crime

Crime Prevention Coalition (Crime Dog-McGruff)

How to Protect Yourself Against Sexual Assault
How to Prevent Rural Crime

National District Attorneys Association's Economic Crime Project

Auto Sales and Repair Frauds
Merchandising Frauds
Senior Citizens Protect Yourselves From Economic Fraud
Home Improvement Frauds
Charity Frauds
Business Opportunity Frauds

National Lock

Make Your Home Burglar Resistant
How to Use Locks to Protect Your Home

BROCHURES (Cont.)

National Retired Teachers Association

How to Spot a Con Artist

Shell Oil

The Home Security Book
The Car Crime Prevention Book
Vehicle Identification Form

Schlage Lock

What You Should Know About Locks for Commercial Buildings
How to Buy a Lock

State Farm Fire and Casualty Company

The Adventures of Surelocked Homes
Inventory
Me? Help a Car Thief?

The brochures listed can be obtained from the following sources:

Crime Prevention Coalition
Box 6700
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Community Anti-Crime Project
West Central MO Rural Development Corporation
P.O. Box 125
Appleton City, Missouri 64724

National District Attorneys Associations Economic Crime Project
A Program of the Adjudication Division Office of Criminal Justice Programs
Law Enforcement Assistance Administration
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

National Lock Hardware
Division of Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc.
Sikeston, Missouri 63801

National Retired Teachers Association
1909 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20049

Schlage Lock
P.O. Box 3324
San Francisco, CA 94119

Shell Answers Book (Free)
Shell Dealers (or write)
Shell Answers Book
P.O. Box 61609
Huston, Texas 77208

State Farm Fire and Casualty Company
Bloomington, Illinois 61701

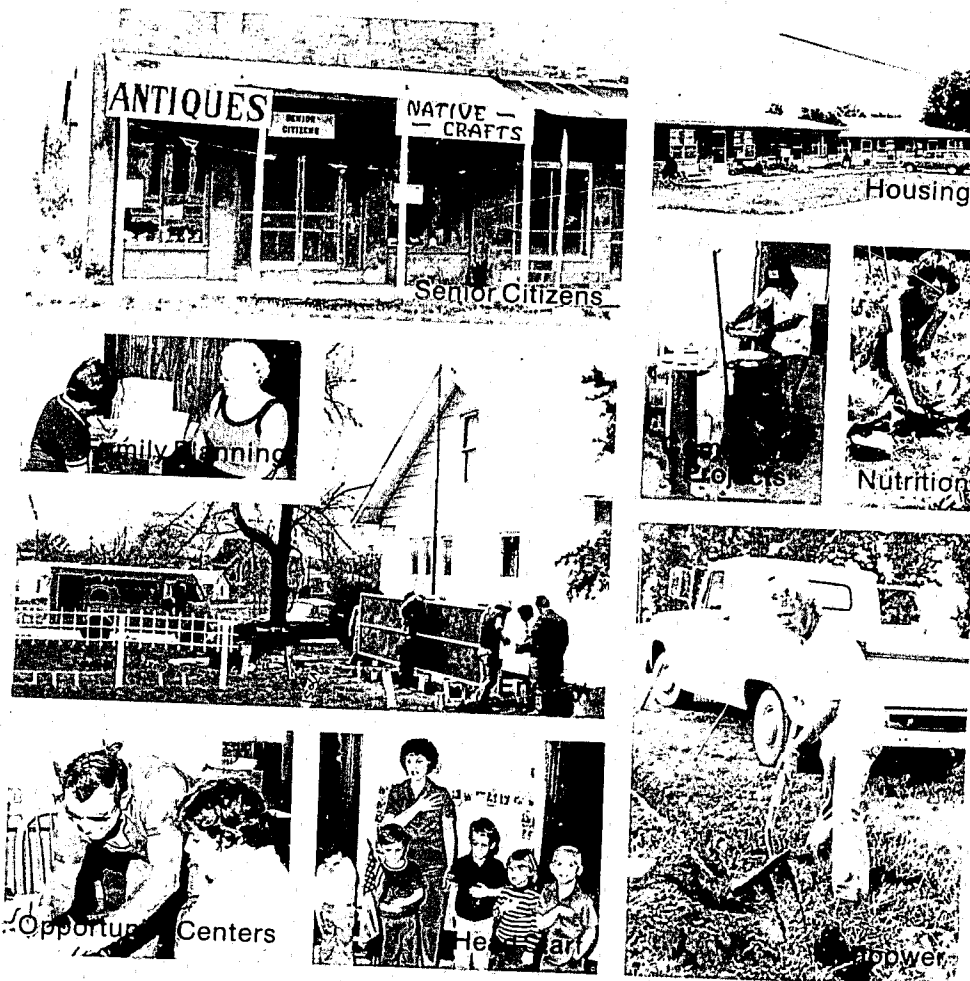
APPENDIX C

WEST CENTRAL ANNUAL REPORTS

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community action now



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ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1, 1978 — AUGUST 31, 1979

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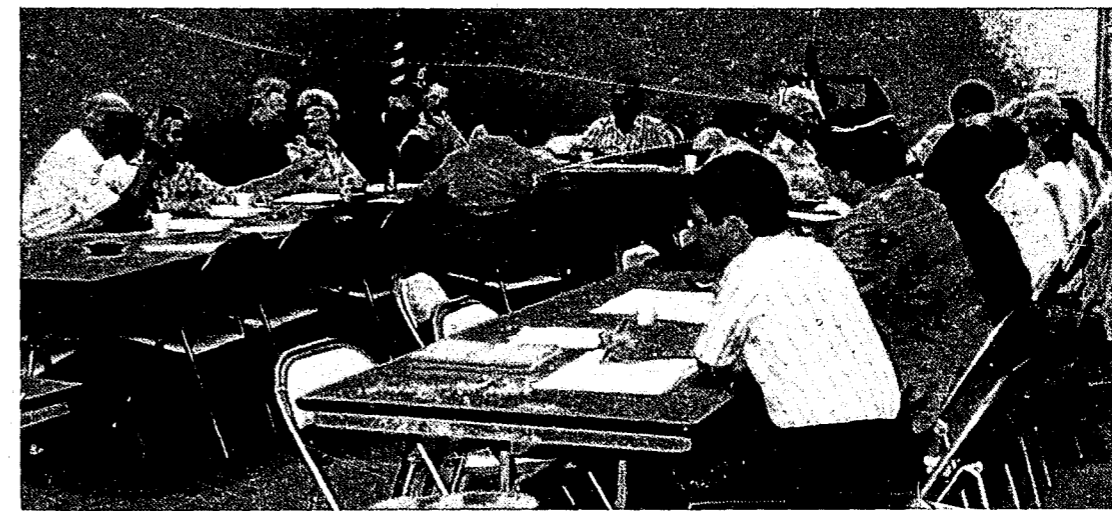
Message to Readers

Community Action Now — More Than Ever!

To the poor who are often forgotten in times of spiraling inflation, this phrase rings even truer now than at any time during the existence of Community Action Agencies. For it is the poor who are the first to feel the impact created by the dwindling fuel supply. It is the poor who are the first to be laid off in times of rising unemployment. And it is the poor who are forced to do without decent housing, medical care and food during times in which the Nation's economy is suffering.

Now more than ever, we as the staff of your local Community Action Agency, with your support and cooperation, must strive even harder to assist the disadvantaged in fulfilling their basic needs and to educate and train these individuals to cope with the social and economic uncertainties of the future.

The pages of this annual report highlight your local Community Action Agency's achievements of which we can all be proud. But if we are to meet the challenges of the months and years ahead, we must work together during these difficult times in order to help others help themselves to a better way of life.



WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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12,211 Persons Provided Supportive Services

Opportunity Centers

County Opportunity Centers serve as the vital link between low-income clients with specific needs and administrators of various self-help programs. Disadvantaged persons are actively sought out to determine their individual needs. Following needs assessments, these persons are enrolled in appropriate programs operated by the local Community Action Agency or referred to other agencies capable of providing the services required.

County Advisory Councils, comprised of local concerned citizens, meet regularly to assess local needs and to develop plans to fulfill these needs.



758 Homes Weatherized
4,831 Persons Provided Emergency Fuel and Food Assistance
50 Solar Heating Units Installed

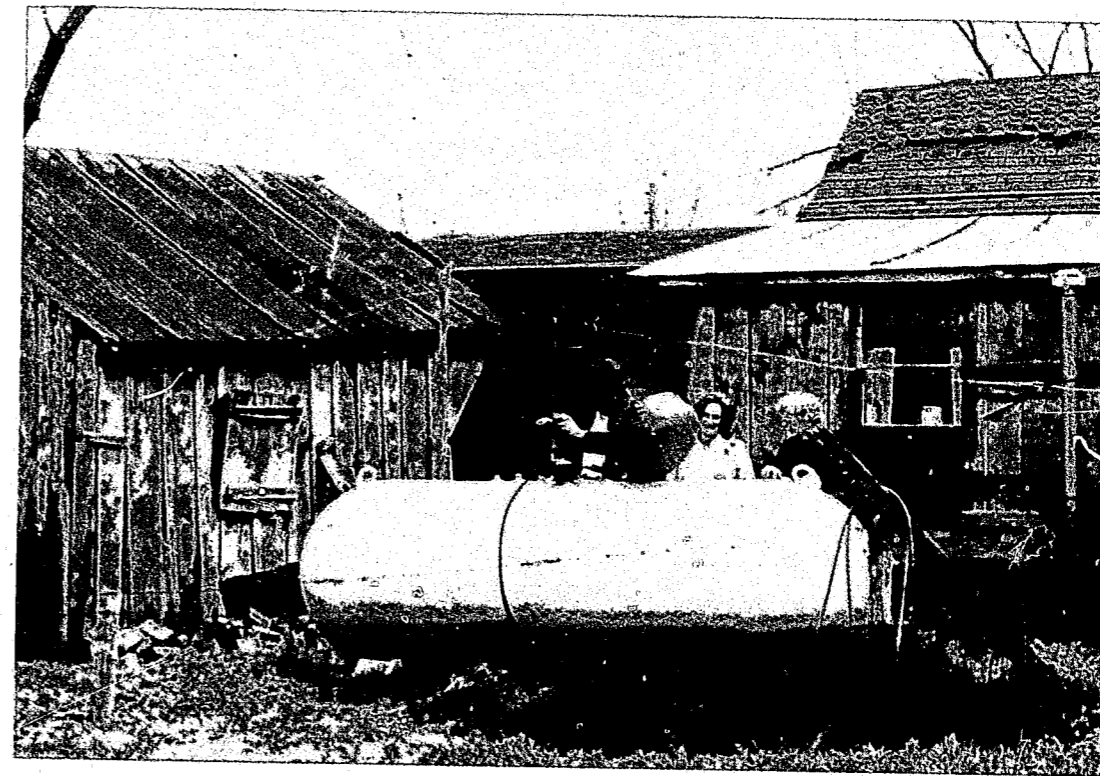
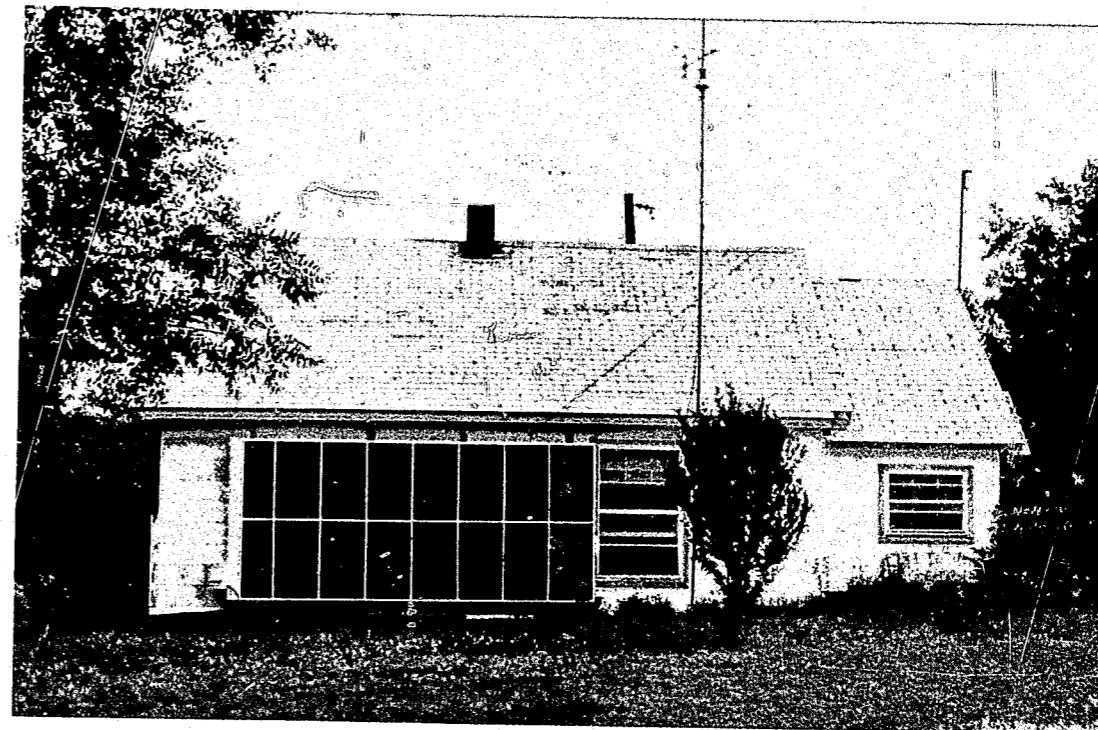
Energy

Conservation of the Nation's dwindling energy supply is the basic goal of both the Weatherization Program and the Solar Utilization/Economic Development and Employment (SUEDE) Project.

To alleviate the physical hardships created by cold, winter temperatures, the Weatherization Program provides such services as blowing attic insulation, replacing broken door and window panes, caulking cracks, inserting weather stripping, installing storm windows and doors, performing furnace efficiency modifications and making minor roof and foundation repairs.

The basic objectives of the SUEDE Project are the reduction of heating costs for low-income families, the on-job-training of unemployed individuals, the preparation of these individuals for unsubsidized employment and the generation of public interest in solar technology.

Temporary assistance with the payment of delinquent fuel bills is available through the Crisis Intervention Program.



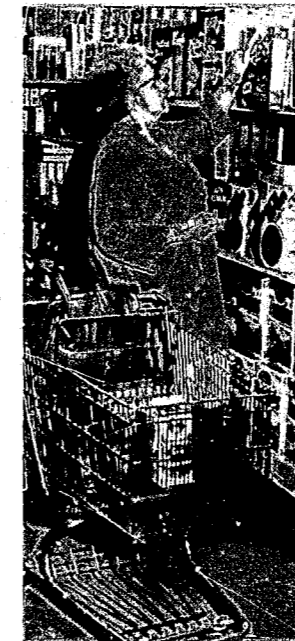
38,643 Hot Meals Served to the Elderly
17,524 Home Visits and Home Services Provided for the Elderly
5,987 Elderly Persons Served by Medical Screening Clinics

Senior Citizens

A wide variety of services are offered to elderly citizens through the 54 senior citizens centers organized as a result of the Senior Opportunities and Services Program. The Program provides information and referral services, health screening clinics, cooperative craft shops and hot meals programs. Special projects are also designed and implemented to meet specific needs of individual communities.

Aides assigned to the Home Visitor Program and the Home Serving Program make regularly scheduled visits to check on the well-being of elderly citizens. The Home Services Aides also perform such tasks as light housekeeping, cooking, personal hygiene, shopping and errands, simple home repairs and arranging medical appointments.

Other projects undertaken during the past year include a senior citizens multi-purpose center and a consumer health education project.



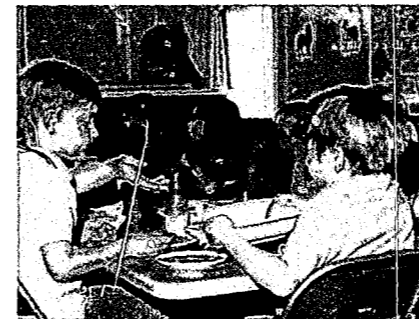
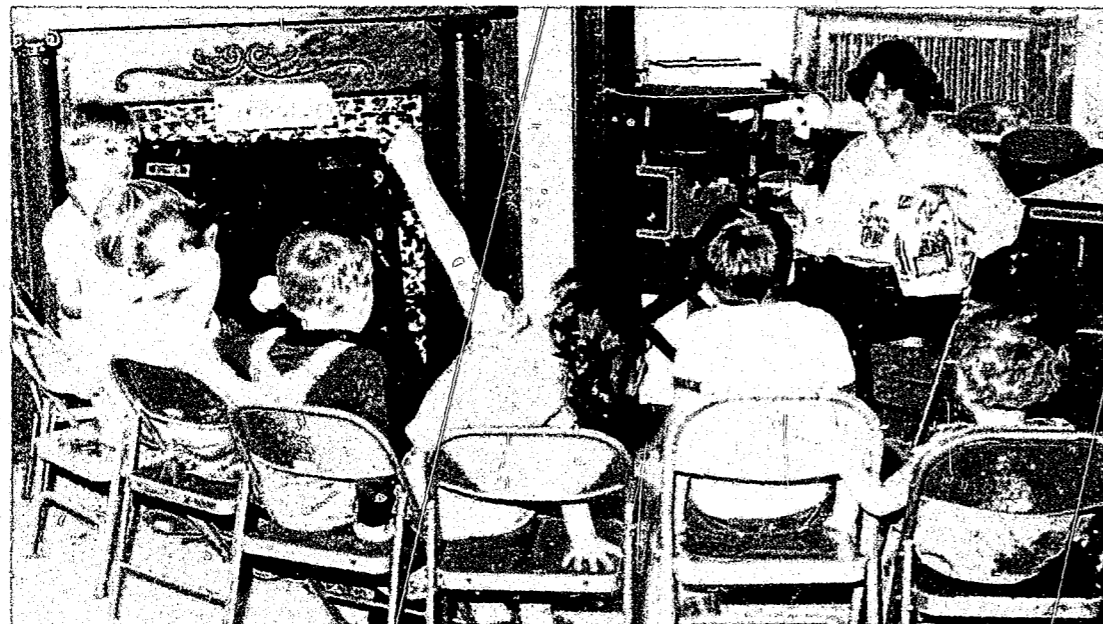
232 Preschool Children Enrolled in Head Start Program

Head Start

Educational, medical and social services for preschool children from economically and culturally deprived homes are available through the Head Start Program. Children enrolled in the Program attend classes for half-day sessions during the school year for the year immediately preceding their entry into kindergarten.

In addition to being exposed to a wide variety of educational experiences, preschoolers enrolled in the Head Start Program receive complete physical examinations, dental examinations and developmental assessments. Individualized, specialized services are available for handicapped children, who comprise approximately 20 percent of total enrollment.

The Head Start Program stresses parent involvement and offers information and services for many family-related problems.



**235 Persons Placed in Permanent Jobs
824 Youth Enrolled in Employment and Training Programs
70 Persons Placed in On-Job-Training Positions
270 Adults Enrolled in Work Experience Program**

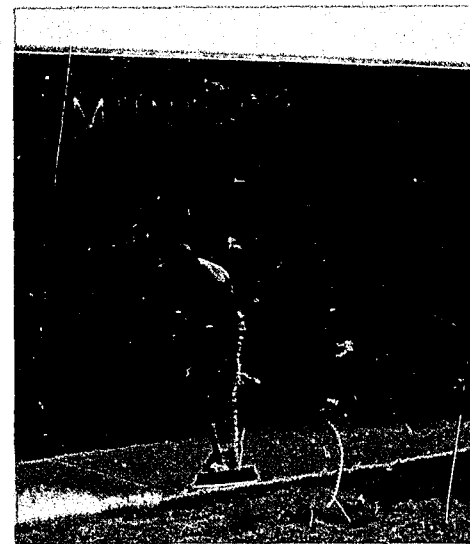
Manpower

The Work Experience Programs focus on teaching good work habits and providing training needed to obtain and hold good jobs. Services are available to both youth and adults.

The Youth Employment and Training Program and the Youth Community Conservation Improvement Project provide on-job-training services for qualifying youth.

For migrants and seasonal farm workers needing to acquire new job skills, the Rural Missouri, Inc. On-Job-Training Program offers a wide variety of work environments.

Participants of all Manpower Programs are assisted in seeking permanent employment following the satisfactory completion of the required education and training.



1,131 Individuals Provided Family Planning Services

Family Planning

Persons desiring to plan the growth of their families are provided both fertility and contraceptive counseling through the Family Planning Program. The Program offers educational and clinical services for those individuals who choose to participate.

With the assistance of local physicians, clinics conducted on regular monthly schedules feature breast examination, pelvic examination, pap smear, urinalysis, rubella test and tests for the detection of sexually-transmitted diseases.



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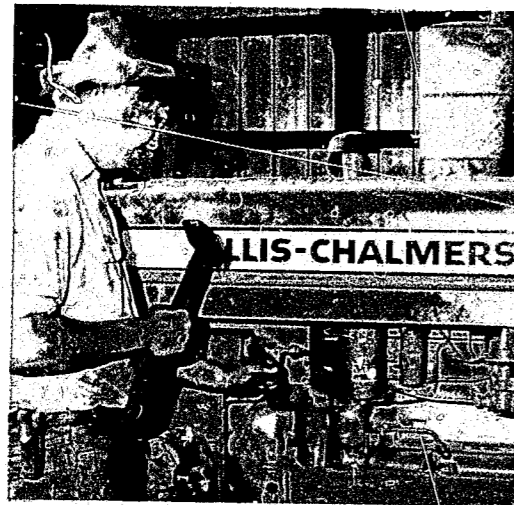


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182 Home-Security Surveys Completed

Anti-Crime

The Community Anti-Crime Project focuses on the reduction of crime in the nine-county rural area served by the Community Action Agency. The Project's major areas of emphasis include public education in crime prevention, property marking, neighborhood watches, home-security checks and crime-awareness services for senior citizens. The services are available, free of charge, to all residents of the area.



235 Individuals Involved in Gardening Projects
9,595 Meals Served to Youth in Summer Nutrition Program

Nutrition

The Community Food and Nutrition Program sponsors nutrition-education workshops, food-buying clubs and individual and community gardening projects. Staff employed through the Program are assigned the responsibility of being advocates of all available nutrition programs.

Children living in areas in which poor economic conditions exist are eligible to participate in the Summer Food Service Program for Children. The Program offers nutritionally balanced lunches, five days per week, for an eight-week period during the summer months.

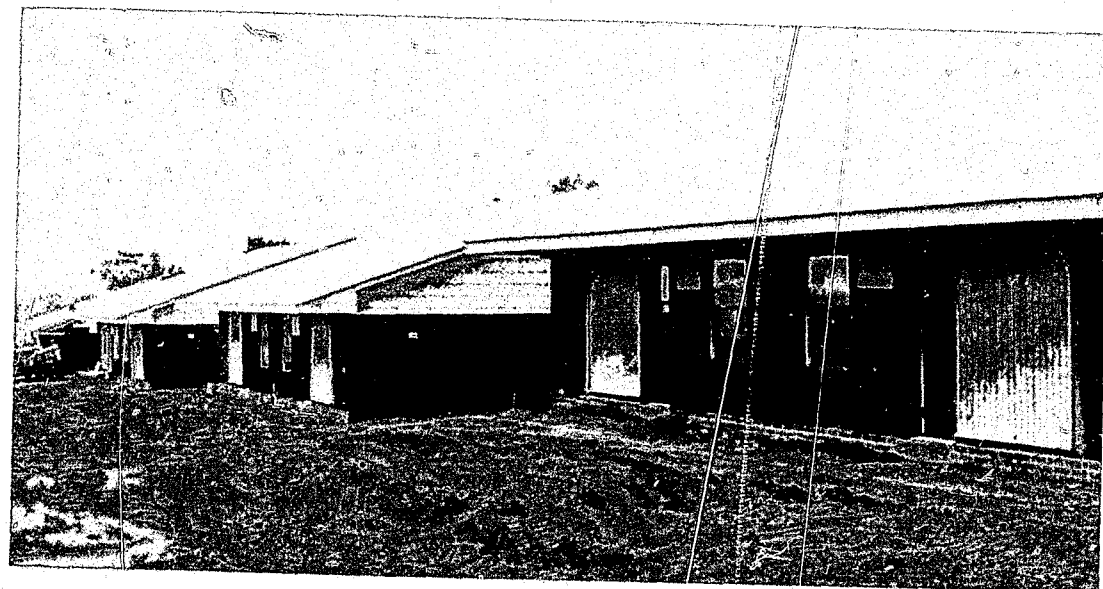


**854 Families Provided Housing Counseling
465 Housing Units Certified for Housing Assistance Program**

Housing

Holding the cost of decent rental housing to a level of not more than 25% of a family's adjusted annual income is the goal of the Housing Assistance Payments Program. Inspections are made to ensure that landlords maintain decent, safe and sanitary rental properties. Tenants are provided counseling in budgeting, home maintenance, financing methods and procedures, ownership rights and responsibilities, money management, home selection and property care.

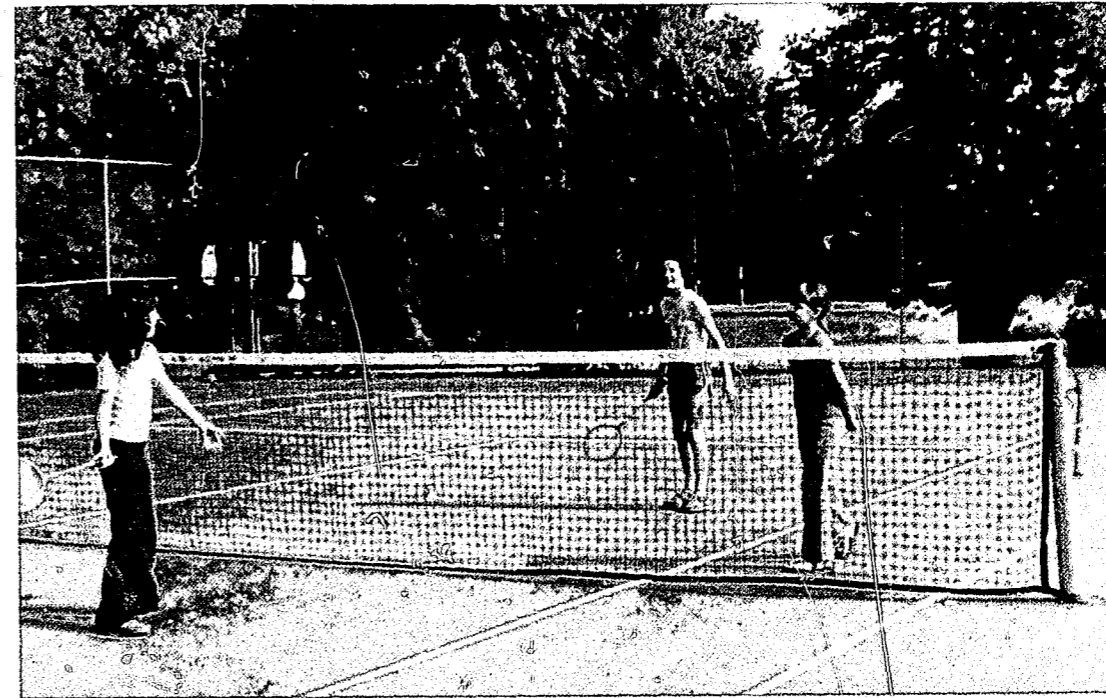
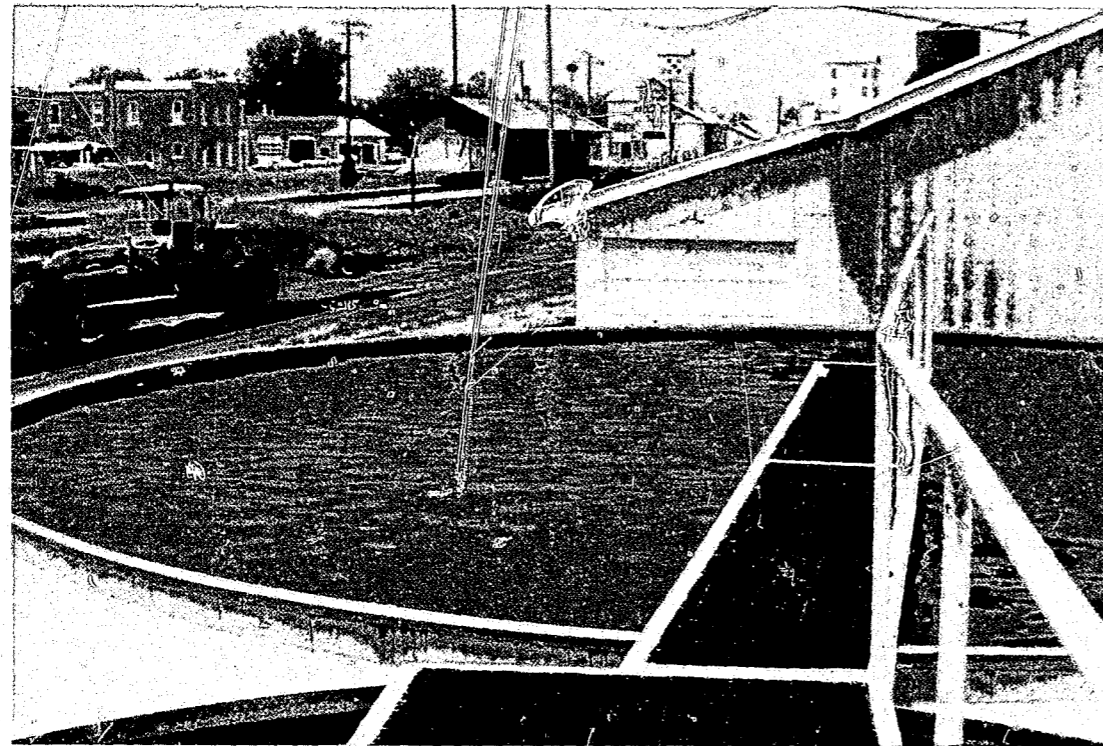
Many local communities have benefitted from the Community Action Agency's successful efforts to develop low-rent housing projects for the elderly.



589 Youth Enrolled in Summer Recreation Program

Community Projects

A long-standing goal of the Community Action Agency has been to become involved in various local projects designed to fulfill specific needs of individual communities. Projects undertaken during the past year include a Summer Youth Recreation Program and a Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Several smaller communities have been provided technical assistance in the development of water and sewer improvement projects.



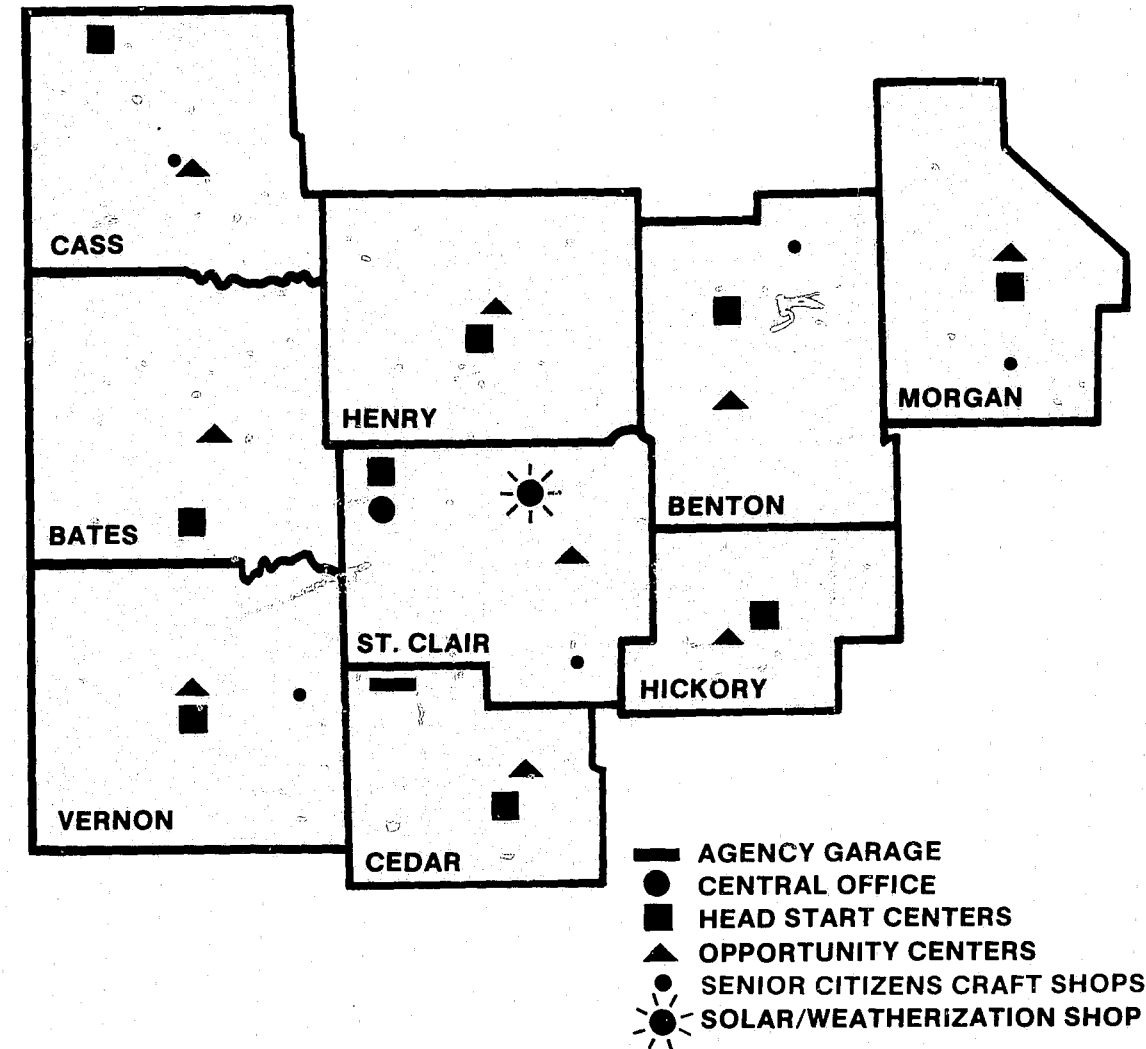
**West Central Missouri Rural Development Corporation
Budget Review**

94,686 Total Services Provided By Community Action Agency



SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNT OF FUNDS	LOCAL PARTICIPATION
Community Services Administration	\$995,221	\$143,993
Department of Health, Education & Welfare	419,174	96,855
Department of Agriculture	42,792	*
District III Area Agency on Aging	42,000	2,266
Mid-America Regional Council	14,520	4,905
Missouri Division of Family Services	64,549	*
Rural Missouri, Incorporated	27,090	*
Kansas City Consortium	252,614	*
Governor's Manpower Planning Section	983,431	*
Department of Housing & Urban Development	633,796	*
State Economic Opportunity Office	38,059	*
Missouri Department of Natural Resources	373,333	*
Law Enforcement Assistance Administration	56,660	*
TOTALS	\$3,943,239	\$248,019

*Not Applicable



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COUNTY OPPORTUNITY CENTERS

Bates County Opportunity Center
Bates County Courthouse
Butler, Missouri 64730
Telephone: 816/679-4108

Benton County Opportunity Center
1037 Highway 7 South
Warsaw, Missouri 65355
Telephone: 816/438-5158

Cass County Opportunity Center
104 South Independence St.
Harrisonville, Missouri 64701
Telephone: 816/884-5743

Cedar County Opportunity Center
Cedar County Courthouse
Stockton, Missouri 65785
Telephone: 417/276-3758

Henry County Opportunity Center
106½ West Jefferson Street
Clinton, Missouri 64735
Telephone: 816/885-5508

Hickory County Opportunity Center
Main Street
Wheatland, Missouri 65779
Telephone: 417/282-5936

Morgan County Opportunity Center
310 South Fisher Street
Versailles, Missouri 65084
Telephone: 314/378-4432

St. Clair County Opportunity Center
St. Clair County Courthouse
Osceola, Missouri 64776
Telephone: 417/646-8147

Vernon County Opportunity Center
315 East Grand Street
Nevada, Missouri 64772
Telephone: 417/667-5741

*Opening to the disadvantaged
the opportunity for education and training,
the opportunity to work,
and the opportunity to live in decency and dignity.*

15yrs
A Continuing
Commitment
 People Against Poverty

ANNUAL REPORT

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AN AMERICAN DREAM

This year marks the fifteenth anniversary of our Agency's efforts in the battle to eliminate the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty.

When President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, this Nation launched a massive effort to mobilize the human and financial resources of the Country to combat poverty in the United States.

However, the "War on Poverty" has often been sidelined. A major conflict in Viet Nam, the depletion of the Nation's energy supply, a deepening recession and various other economic and social woes have often caused the plight of the poor to be relegated to a position of secondary importance.

Yet the commitment of Community Action Agencies throughout the United States, such as West Central Missouri Rural Development Corporation, remains as strong today as it was 15 years ago. By working together, we can continue to help people help themselves escape the bonds of poverty and join the mainstream of American society.

May the American dream of eliminating poverty in the midst of plenty become a reality within our lifetime.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of West Central Missouri Rural Development Corporation is comprised of twenty-seven members, three from each of the nine counties served by the Agency. One-third of the board members are public officials, consisting of the chief elected officials or their representatives. One-third of the board members are democratically selected low-income representatives. The remaining one-third of the board members are officials or members of business, industry, labor, religious groups, private welfare, private education, significant minority groups and other major private groups and interests in the community.



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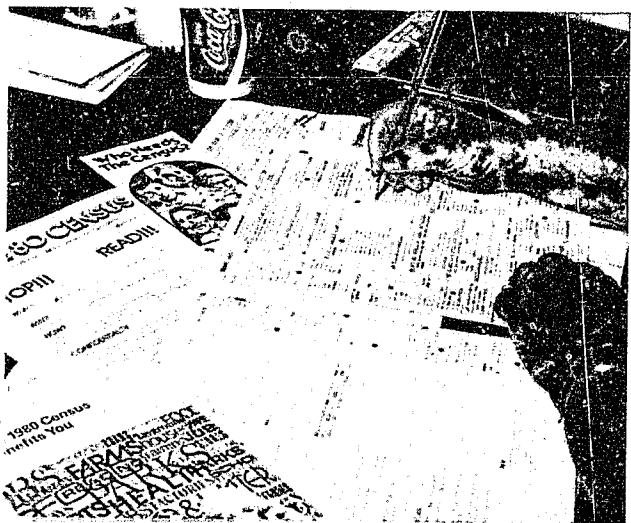
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Roswell Wayne

Vernon County
Edna Bullock
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OPPORTUNITY CENTERS

County Opportunity Centers are the local contact points from which disadvantaged persons with specific needs are actively sought. Individuals who qualify are either enrolled in programs operated by the Community Action Agency or referred to other agencies capable of providing the services required.

Local concerned citizens serve on County Advisory Councils which meet regularly to assess local needs and to make recommendations on ways in which these needs can be fulfilled.



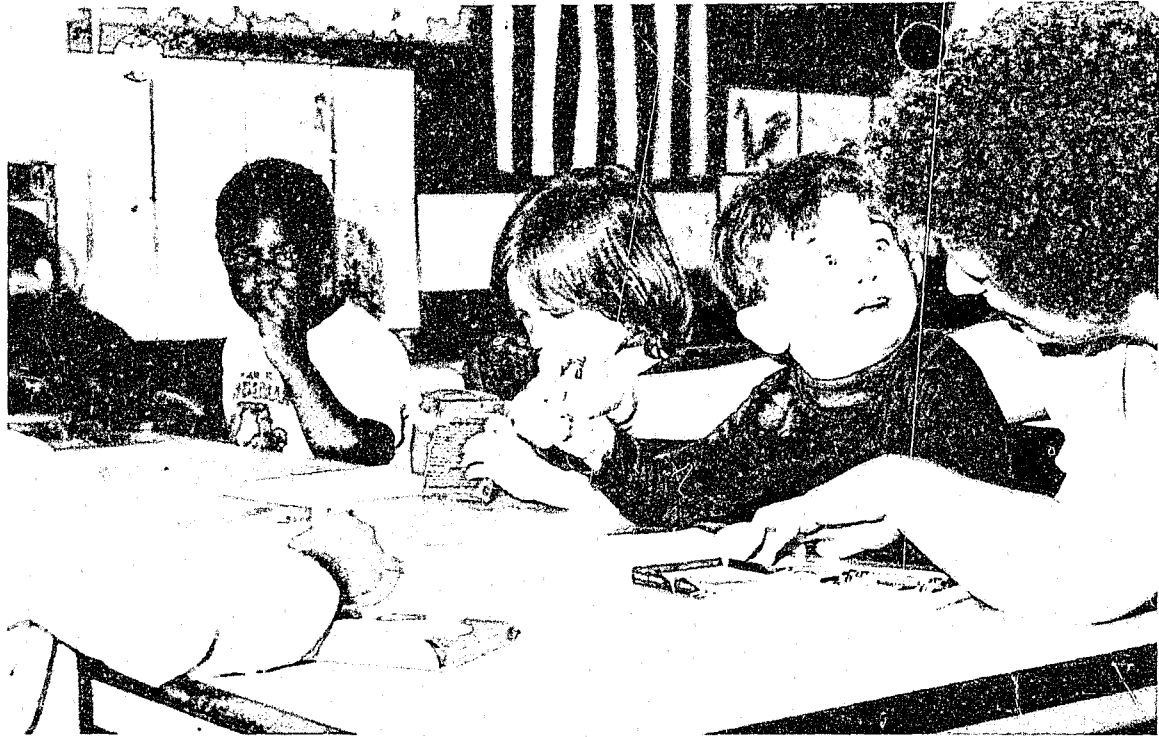
HEAD START

For children from economically and culturally deprived homes, the Head Start Program offers the opportunity to enter the public school system on a level comparable to their peers. Children enrolled in the Program attend classes for half-day sessions during the school year for the year immediately preceding their entry into kindergarten.

Children enrolled in the Head Start Program receive complete physical examinations, dental examinations and developmental assessments as well as being exposed to a multitude of educational experiences. Individualized, specialized services are available for handicapped children, who comprise approximately 20 percent of total enrollment.

Parent involvement is strongly urged in the Head Start Program and a complete social services component provides information and services for many family-related problems.





EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

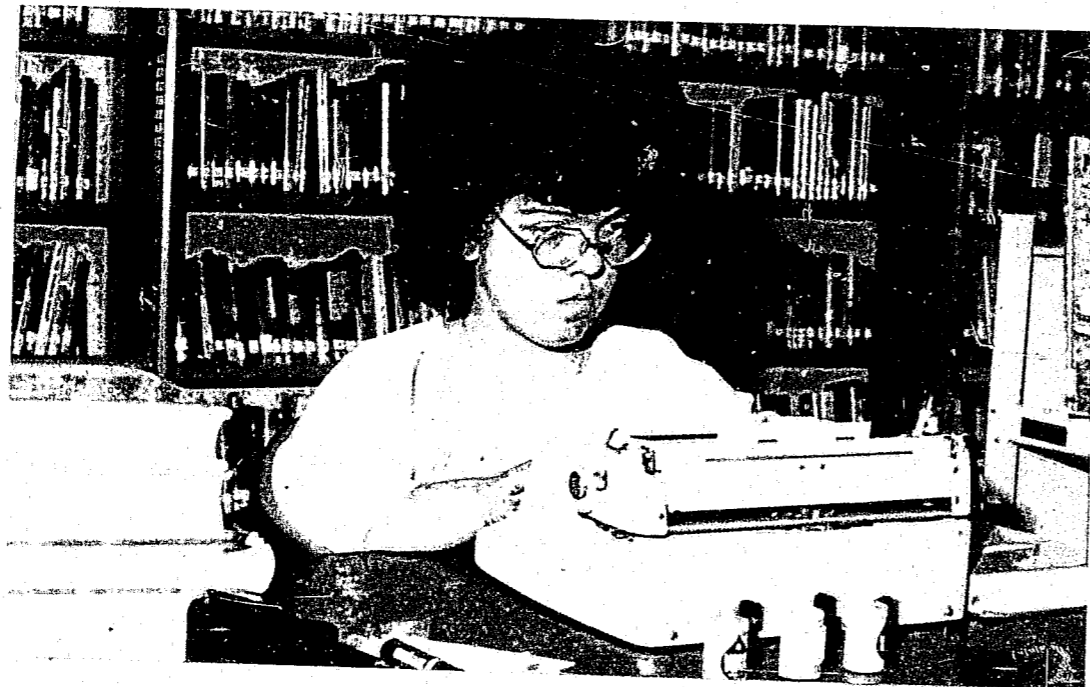
Education, on-job-training and career exploration are all benefits of participating in the various programs administered through the Employment and Training Department.

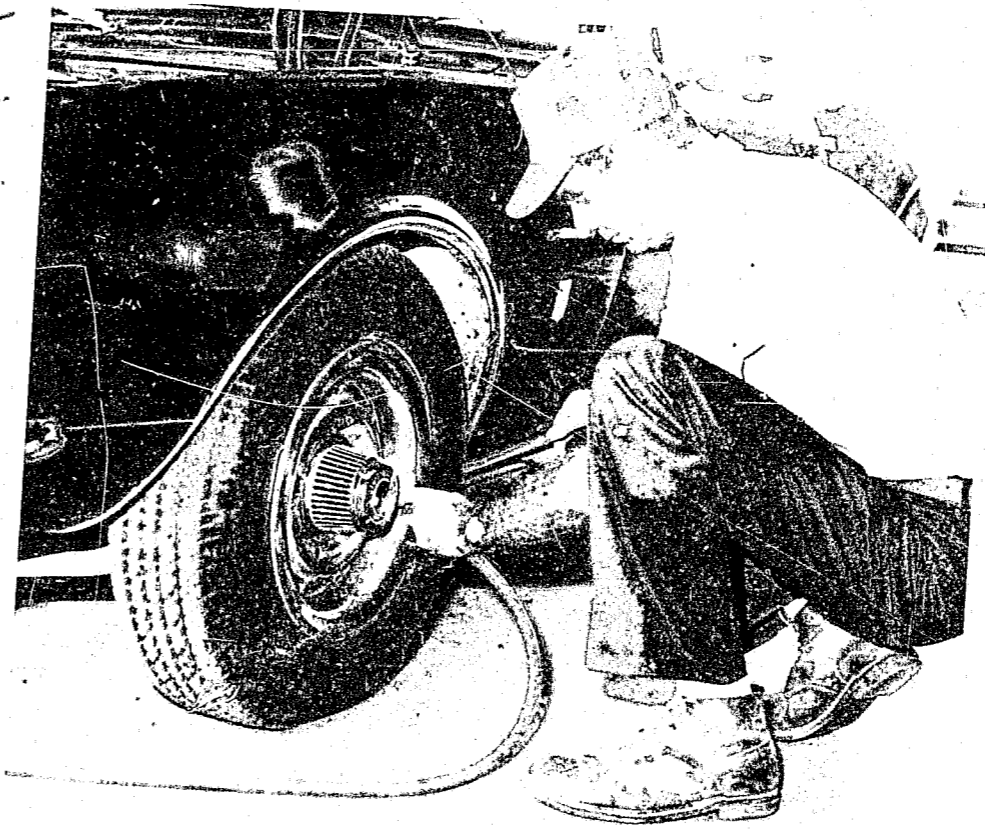
The Work Experience Programs focus on teaching good work habits and providing training needed to obtain and hold good jobs. Services are available to both youth and adults.

Qualifying youth receive on-job-training through both the Youth Employment and Training Program and the Youth Community Conservation Improvement Project.

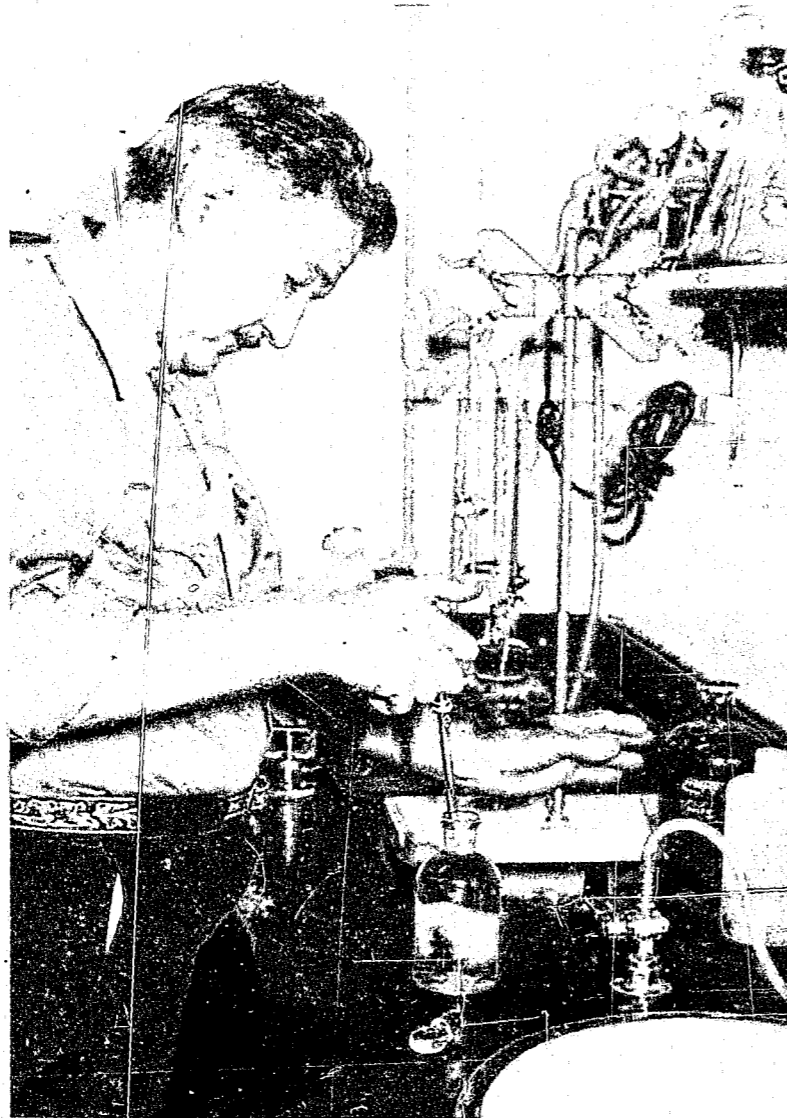
For migrants and seasonal farm workers, the Rural Missouri, Inc. On-Job-Training Program offers the opportunity to acquire a variety of job skills.

Participants of all programs operated by the Employment and Training Department are assisted in seeking permanent employment following the successful completion of the required education and training.





COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE



Technical assistance to meet specific needs of individual communities is available through the Community Assistance Department.

During recent months, the Community Action Agency has been actively engaged in water and waste-water activities. The Community Assistance Department has assisted individuals and municipalities in preparing loan and grant applications for submission to various funding sources for the construction of water and waste-water systems.

The Community Action Agency has also been involved in a Retired Senior Volunteer Program and a Summer Youth Recreation Program.





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FAMILY PLANNING

Educational and clinical services for those persons who choose to participate are available through the Family Planning Program.

Under the direction of local physicians, clinics feature breast examination, pelvic examination, pap smear, urinalysis, hematocrit screening and tests for the detection of sexually-transmitted diseases. Permanent medical records are maintained for each participant.

Educational sessions include both fertility and contraceptive counseling for persons desiring to plan the growth of their families.





SENIOR PROGRAMS

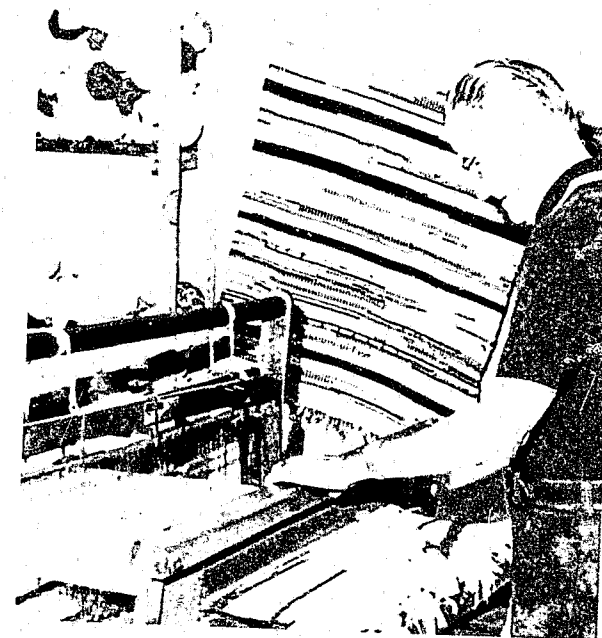
Through a network of 54 senior citizens centers, a comprehensive array of services is offered to older adults.

The Senior Opportunities and Services Program serves as an advocate for local senior citizens. Participants have a voice in setting goals and objectives of the Program, which provides information and referral services, cooperative craft shops, consumer education, arts and crafts, social activities and other services related to the field of aging.

The purpose of the In-Home Services Program is to assist individuals to improve or maintain adequate living conditions basic to individual and family well-being. This is accomplished through personal care and home care.

Relieving the isolation of elderly individuals who are unable to maintain regular contact with persons outside the home is the responsibility of the Home Visitor Aides, who may also, from time to time, perform minor tasks and errands for elderly participants of the Home Visitor Program.





HOUSING

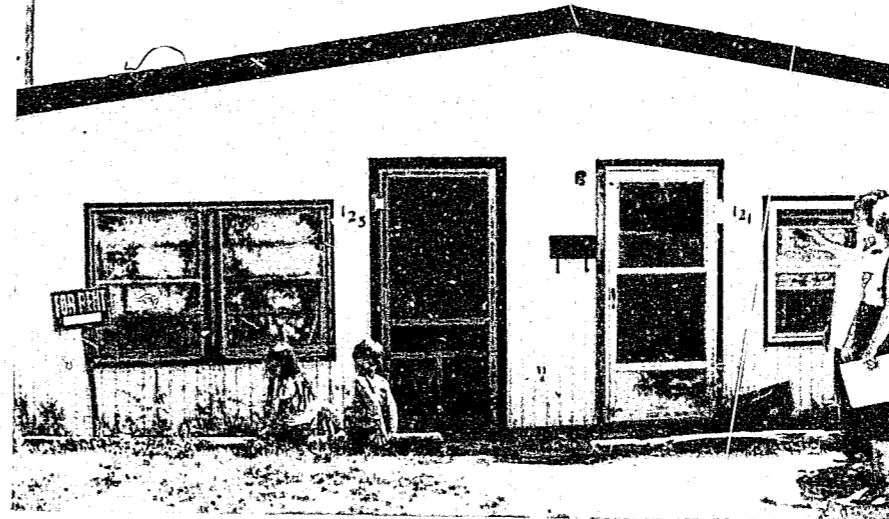
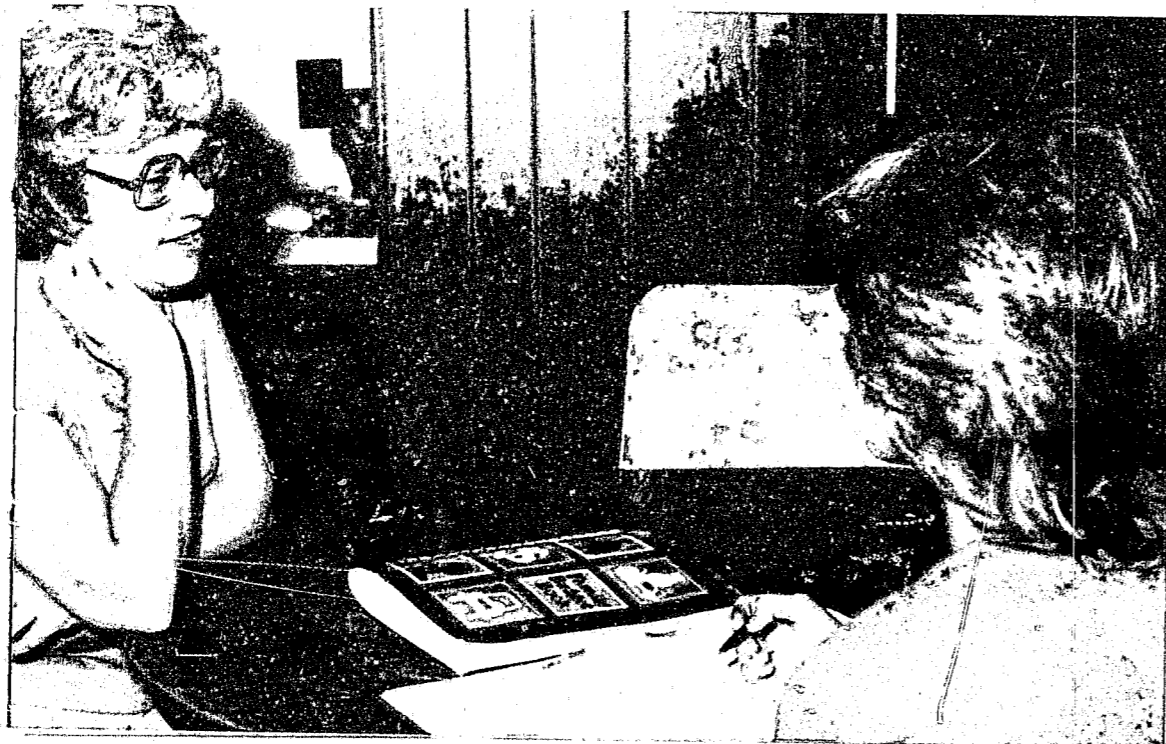
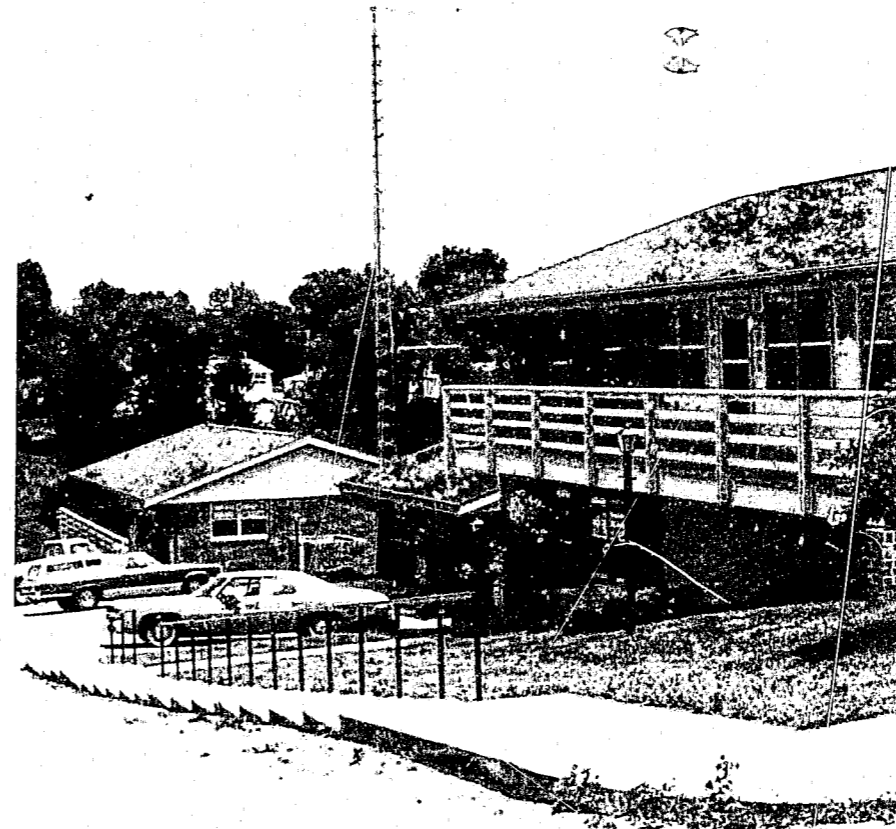
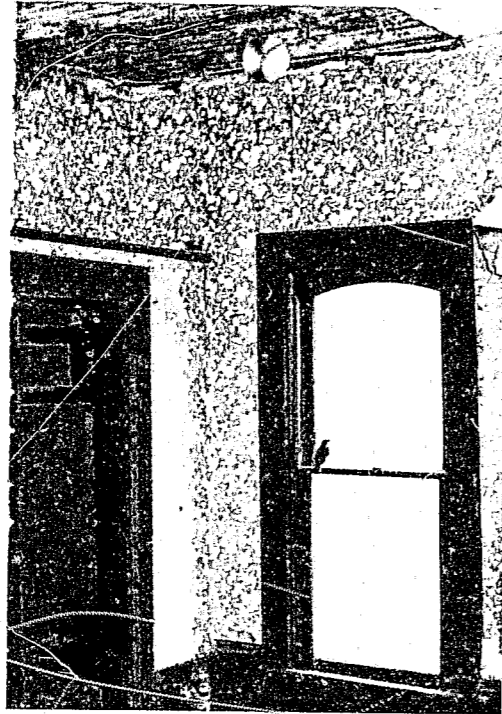
The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 Housing Programs are aimed at improving local housing conditions.

The Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program concentrates on making rental housing available at a cost which a person can afford. Inspections are made to ensure that landlords maintain decent, safe and sanitary rental properties. Tenants are provided counseling in budgeting, home maintenance, financing methods and procedures, ownership rights and responsibilities, money management, home selection and property care.

The Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program encourages owners to rehabilitate rental units which are substandard or which have major components requiring repair or replacement.

The Community Action Agency has been active in working with local communities in securing low-rent housing projects for the elderly as well as working with individuals in obtaining home-repair loans.





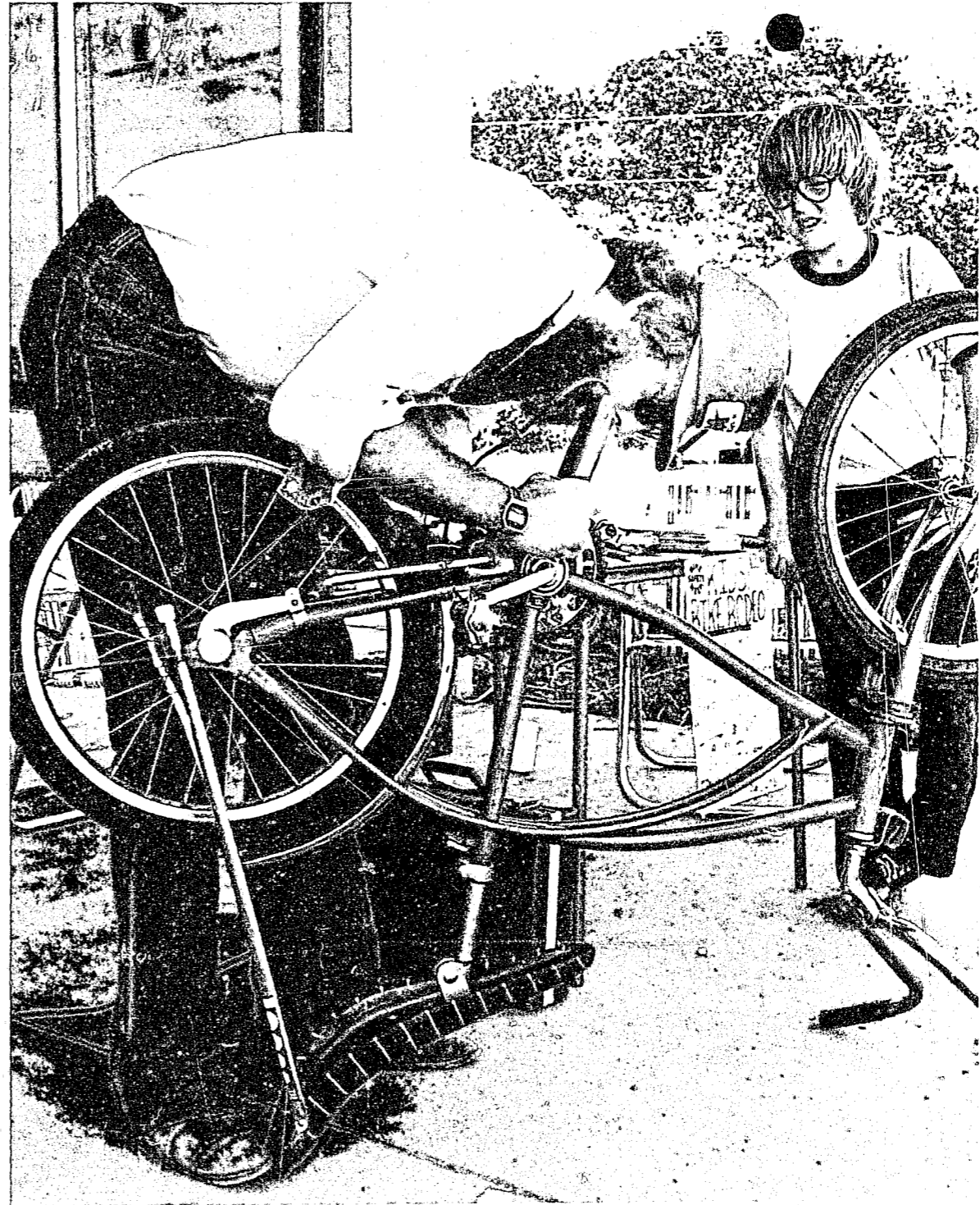
CONSUMER ASSISTANCE

The Consumer Assistance Department provides services through the Community Anti-Crime Project and the Community Food and Nutrition Program.

Reduction of crime in the nine-county area served by the Community Action Agency is the focal point of the Community Anti-Crime Project. Major areas of emphasis are public education in crime prevention, crime-awareness services for senior citizens, property marking, neighborhood watches and home-security checks. Services are available, free of charge, to all residents of the area.

Local gardening projects, a community cannery and a limited amount of emergency food assistance are some of the activities undertaken through the Community Food and Nutrition Program. Individuals are also assisted in securing nutrition services available through other sources within their communities.





ENERGY

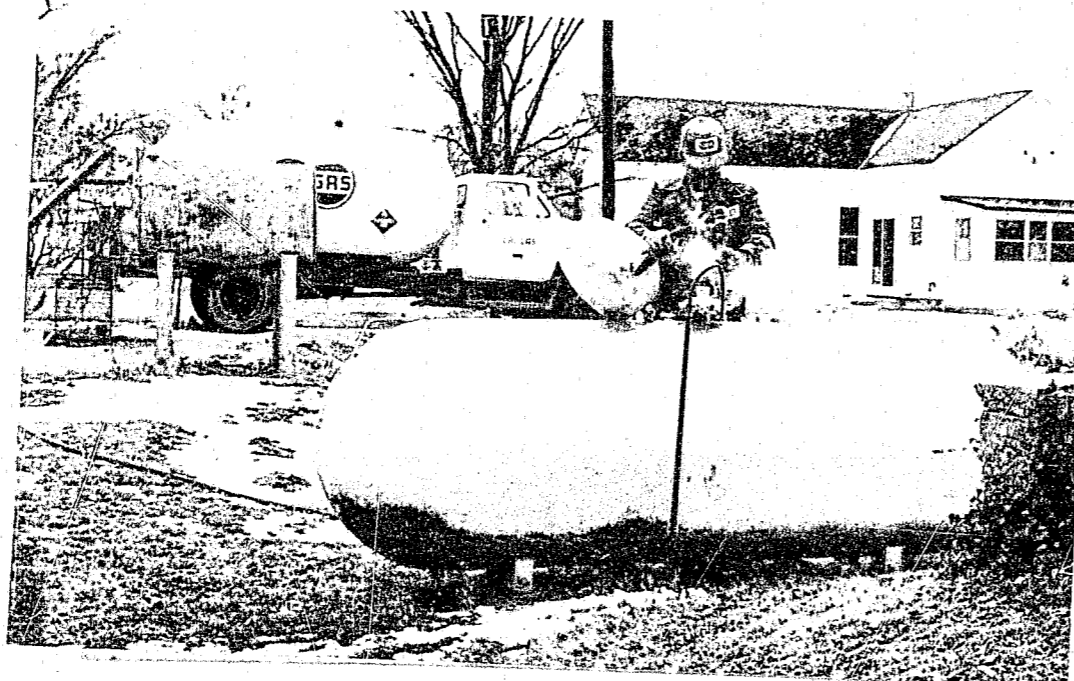
To persons living on limited incomes, the spiraling cost of fuel consumption has become an economic burden. Both the Weatherization Program and the Solar Utilization/Economic Development and Employment (SUEDE) Project are aimed at conserving the Nation's dwindling energy supply and simultaneously reducing the percentage of an individual's disposable income which must be spent for this purpose.

To alleviate the physical hardships created by cold, winter temperatures, the Weatherization Program provides such services as blowing attic insulation, replacing broken door and window panes, caulking cracks, inserting weather stripping, installing storm windows and doors, performing furnace efficiency modifications and making minor roof and foundation repairs.

The basic objectives of the SUEDE Project are the reduction of heating costs for low-income families, the on-job-training of unemployed individuals, the preparation of these individuals for unsubsidized employment and the generation of public interest in solar technology.

Assistance, on a temporary basis, with the payment of delinquent fuel bills is available through the Energy Crisis Assistance Program.





FUNDS

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNT OF FUNDS	LOCAL PARTICIPATION
Area II Health Systems Agency	\$ 3,000	*
Community Services Administration	\$670,091	\$141,251
Department of Agriculture	\$ 23,291	*
Department of Health & Human Services	\$450,607	\$ 99,038
Department of Housing & Urban Development	\$847,952	*
Department of Natural Resources	\$623,700	*
District III Area Agency on Aging	\$ 43,876	\$ 4,875
Division of Family Services	\$142,004	*
Division of Manpower Planning	\$838,454	*
Kansas City Consortium	\$232,245	*
Law Enforcement Assistance Administration	\$ 78,223	*
Mid-America Regional Council	\$ 4,400	\$ 1,377
Midland Energy Institute	\$ 2,292	*
Midwest Demonstration Water Project	\$ 29,994	*
Rural Missouri, Inc.	\$ 11,237	*
State Economic Opportunity Office	<u>\$875,261</u>	<u>\$ 4,150</u>
TOTAL	\$4,876,627	\$250,691

*Not Applicable

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Youth Enrolled in Summer Recreation Program
Homes Connected to Sewer Systems
Housing Units Certified for Housing Assistance
Payments Program
Individuals Involved in Gardening Projects
Families Provided Housing Counseling
Opportunity Surveys Completed
Individuals Provided Family Planning Services
Persons Provided Property-Marking Services
Adults Employed in Work Experience Program
Person Enrolled in Head Start Program
Persons Placed in On-Job Training Positions
Hours of Home Services Provided for the Elderly
Youth Enrolled in Employment and Training Programs
Hot Meals Served to the Elderly
Persons Placed in Permanent Jobs
Water Heating Units Installed
Persons Provided Emergency Fuel and Food Assistance
Home Medical
Persons Provided Paperwork Services

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County Opportunity Centers

**BATES COUNTY
OPPORTUNITY CENTER**

Bates County Courthouse
Butler, Missouri 64730
Telephone: 816/679-4108

**BENTON COUNTY
OPPORTUNITY CENTER**

108 Jackson
Warsaw, Missouri 65355
Telephone: 816/438-5158

**CASS COUNTY
OPPORTUNITY CENTER**

3001 Highway 291 North
Harrisonville, Missouri 64701
Telephone: 816/884-5743

**CEDAR COUNTY
OPPORTUNITY CENTER**

Cedar County Courthouse
Stockton, Missouri 65785
Telephone: 417/276-3758

**HENRY COUNTY
OPPORTUNITY CENTER**

215 South Washington
Clinton, Missouri 64735
Telephone: 816/385-5508

**HICKORY COUNTY
OPPORTUNITY CENTER**

Main Street
Wheatland, Missouri 65779
Telephone: 417/282-5936

**MORGAN COUNTY
OPPORTUNITY CENTER**

310 South Fisher
Versailles, Missouri 65084
Telephone: 314/378-4432

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY
OPPORTUNITY CENTER**

St. Clair County Courthouse
Osceola, Missouri 64776
Telephone: 417/646-8147

**VERNON COUNTY
OPPORTUNITY CENTER**

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