

CountyAid Commission Opens Local Office To Assist Poor

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN
Completely without fanfare, an office that may be a boon to Farmington poor opened recently on the second floor at 33423 Grand River.

It is a sub-center for the Oakland County Commission on Economic Opportunity (OCCEO).

To see how it operates, the Enterprise visited the center and talked to Charles P. Holmes, deputy OCCEO director for the south Oakland area.

GREATEST difficulty the center's staff faces, according to Holmes, is reaching this area's poor. Like every one else in suburbia, they are scattered all over the place.

Space for the sub-center has been provided by the Farmington Youth Guidance Committee. Clients waiting to be interviewed find a somewhat homey surroundings with curtains at the windows, a few floral arrangements, a couple of couches and some easy chairs.

Interviews take place in offices that are completely business-like with desks, typewriters and telephones. OCCEO pays for these phones and the two counselor aids who staff the offices.

THE COUNSELOR aids work under the direction of an aid supervisor. They are high school graduates or the equivalent and, if possible, a member of the poor.

The local counselor aids are both former ADC mothers. They have taken eight weeks of training in interview techniques, learning how to deal with different attitudes on the part of the clients. They have been taught the use of record forms, how to fill out case records, telephone techniques and services available for relief of the poor.

There are also two neighborhood organizers, Mrs. Willoughby of Southfield, and Mrs. Elsie Carps, of Clarencville. They do a great deal of client contact work in the field.

Block plans for organizing area low income families would not work out here, according to Holmes. Local poor are not concentrated into given areas. Most are isolated at three school areas — Grace, Gill and Shawwassee.

WORKING WITH facts gleaned from schools, welfare and other agencies, OCCEO

has found 579 families in this geographical area to be potential center clients.

Greatest difficulty in reaching them, says Holmes, is lack of communication.

"These people," he says, "are completely out of touch with what help is available to them."

Initial contact with them will be made by Mrs. Lippert, Mrs. Carps or a counselor aid visiting the home.

They will be asked directly, "What is your problem?"

Case histories will be taken, including personal facts, income, work record, number of dependents, medical record and information about the children and any problems there.

EACH CLIENT is given a complete physical examination at Mt. Carmel or Providence Hospital. Free complete dental care is provided.

Services the center offers are job counseling, testing and

placement through the Michigan Employment Security Commission, debt and family budgeting, individual and family counseling and guidance on neighborhood problems.


At present, the local center is operating on a shoe string, says Holmes.

The center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Wednesday of the interview, no clients were in and the telephones weren't too busy, but this is expected to pick up as word gets around that help is there waiting to be given.

By June, hopes are to reach local senior citizens with a drop-in center. Holmes has been offered three locations for it.


But here, as with the problems of serving clients at the center, transportation presents difficulties.

Area people, poor or not, live spread out.



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GEORGE P. MORRISON is assistant director for South Oakland area for OCCEO.

Garden Club Sets Meeting May 11

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Mrs. David Camp will be hostess chairman. Mrs. Fred Hulman will preside as president.

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WEDNESDAY
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Rev. Badon Brown, speaking

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Rev. Charles Fox, Pastor
GR. 4-0584

Peterson Finishes 10 Weeks Training
Lanny Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar P. Peterson, of 31846 Merton, was graduated April 21 after completing 10 weeks of training at the Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. After a 14-day leave at home, Airman Apprentice Peterson will report to the naval station, Key West, Fla., for duty as an Aviation Electronics Technician.

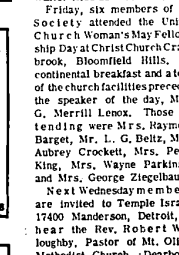
Airman Apprentice Peterson is a graduate of Farmington High School.

Luncheon Honors New Members

New members who joined the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Orchard Methodist Church this past year were honored at a recent luncheon at the church. The new members were presented and welcomed by the Society's membership and cultivation secretary, Mrs. Wayne Parkinson. Co-chairman of the pledge and commitment service both the old and new members was treasurer Mrs. Donald Dittmar. Hostesses for the luncheon was the Dorcas Circle with Mrs. Walter Kidd as chairman.

Friday, six members of the Society attended the United Church Woman's May Fellowship Day at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. A continental breakfast and a tour of the church facilities preceded the speaker of the day, Mrs. G. Merrill Lenox. Those attending were Mrs. Raymond Barger, Mr. L. G. Deltz, Mrs. Aubrey Crockett, Mrs. Peter King, Mrs. Wayne Parkinson and Mrs. George Zieglerbauer.

Next Wednesday members are invited to Temple Israel, 17400 Manderson, Detroit, to hear the Rev. Robert Willoughby, Pastor of Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, Dearborn. Mr. Willoughby, who is an active leader in the civil rights movement, is being presented by the Woman's Division of the Detroit Roundtable. Refreshments will be served from 12 to 1 p.m. and a tour of the Temple has been arranged following the meeting.



Adrienne Hicks, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hicks, 25825 Fourteen Mile, will be leaving Tuesday for Fort McClellan, Ala. to begin her eight week basic training for a three-year stay in the Women's Army Corps (WAC). A 1964 graduate of North Farmington High School, Miss Hicks plans to go into army administration following her basic training. She is currently a freshman at Oakland Community College.

Science Topic
"Adam and Fallen Man" is the subject of the Lesson Series to be read in all Christian Science churches this Sunday. The Golden Text is from Proverbs: "Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."

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