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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER SPOTLIGHTED

This section will be a regular feature for the next several months in order to introduce each Board member to the citizens of the region.

Judge Emmett Lack is currently serving as a DETRMHMRS Board of Trustees member representing Hardin County.

Judge Lack was born in Alexandria, Louisiana, later moving to Kountze, Texas, where he completed his high school education. He later enrolled for various courses at Lamar University.

During the depression Judge Lack was a crew leader over a fifty man crew in the Civilian Conservation Corps. During this time his crew mapped a section of Texas from Athens and Mt. Pleasant on the North to Angelina County on the South.

During World War II he served from 1941 - 44 in the United States Maritime Service. He served aboard several ships and made many trips to various ports in Europe and the Caribbean.

Judge Lack later served as State Representative in the 57th and 58th Legislatures. He presently serves as County Judge for Hardin County.

Judge Lack's civic interest is primarily labor oriented. He has been affiliated with Boilermaker's International, the International Maritime Unions and the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union.

He is a long time member of Bethel Baptist Church, an Independent Baptist Church where he has served as a Sunday School teacher for seventeen years and has also served as Sunday School Superintendent.

Judge Lack's family include his wife Virgie; three sons, Lee and Adlai, employees of East Texas Pulp and Paper Company and Jerry Paul, an electrician in the chemical industry.

The Lacks have four grandchildren. They are Jody, Stephen, Monica Lynn and Mark.

SAN JACINTO COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS

The San Jacinto County Advisory Council met April 30, at Browder's Restaurant.

Members present were Charlotte O'Quinn who presided, Bessie Sanders, R. N. and Elizabeth Frailey, R. N.

Visitors present included Judge K. P. Bryant, County Judge for San Jacinto County, Board Member Ben Hille and Minnie Thomas of Shepard.

Staff members present were Alta Patrick, Juanita Hoot and Si Morrison.

Major topics for discussion included: referral of mental health clients, transportation for clients and plans for Open House.

The council appointed Mrs. O'Quinn to meet with the senior citizens group to seek use of the mini-bus for client transportation.



Present at the San Jacinto County Advisory meeting were: L to R - Elizabeth Frailey, R. N.; Judge K. P. Bryant; Bessie Sanders, R. N.; Juanita Hoot, Alta Patrick and Minnie Thomas.

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MENTAL HEALTH VOLUNTEER PROGRAM ASSESSED

The Mental Health Programs are growing steadily in terms of the number of persons served. The programs admitted 121 persons to their services between March 20 - April 20. As of April 25, 1975 a total of 423 persons have been served in the Mental Health Programs since the first program began in October 1974.

Outpatient Clinic Statistics

Program	Clients Served
Trinity Co. OPC	51
Angelina Co. OPC	172
Tyler Co. OPC	55
Newton Co. OPC	24

Community Counseling Centers

(Since January 1, 1975)

Program	Clients Served
Angelina Counselor	22
Jasper Co. CCC	34
Nacogdoches Co. CCC	26

The Outpatient Clinics are beginning their Volunteer Programs at the present time. Trinity County OPC has begun their volunteer program, and volunteer orientation meetings are scheduled in the Angelina and Tyler County Outpatient Clinics during May. Volunteers will be utilized as office volunteers, who will type, file, and answer the phone; and as clinical volunteers, who will greet clients, assist with client flow to and from staff offices on busy days, provide local transportation when needed, and make home visits with staff members.

Newton County Outpatient Clinic will hold a volunteer orientation meeting in June.

Volunteers will also be invited to attend the monthly staff development meetings in Lufkin.

OPEN HOUSE TO BE HELD

On Friday, May 23rd, each program currently operated by DETRMHMRS will hold its own Open House from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend any of these Open Houses in order to obtain first-hand knowledge about the services being offered by DETRMHMRS at the local community level. Posters will be placed in numerous local businesses in order to provide details concerning addresses of the programs and Open Houses.

DETRMHMRS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS IN CROCKETT

The Board of Trustees of the Deep East Texas Mental Health Mental Retardation Services held its regular monthly meeting in the Community Center in Crockett on Thursday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m.

W. J. Gentry, Houston County board member and Vice-Chairman presided.

Items of business discussed included: considered a cooperative agreement with the Lufkin Council for Retarded children for a transportation grant request; accepted a proposal by the Psychology Department at Stephen F. Austin State University for a program evaluation and accountability proposal; agreed to enter into lease-purchase agreement for the acquisition of the property presently housing the Nacogdoches Sheltered Workshop; discussed the feasibility of a regional crisis line (Hot Line) system to be initialed in the fall; and approved the use of legal services for review of contracts and other legal matters.

The Board also approved nominees to serve on the local advisory councils as follows:

Jasper County Advisory Council: Father Jack Murray, Ken Poston and Father Tom Huhn, all of Jasper.

Shelby County Advisory Council: Wallace J. Pate of Joaquin and Marcellus White of Center.

Hardin County Advisory Council: David C. Digmon, Lumberton; Tommie D. Easley, T. S. Hooks, Buddy Moore and Gladys Williams of Kountze; and Mae Nichols and Houston Thompson of Silsbee.

Trinity County Advisory Council: Joe N. Dean of Groveton.

The Board also approved the nomination of John W. Reynolds of Groveton to serve on the Regional Mental Health Advisory Committee.

ALCOHOLISM INSTITUTE

A regional institute on alcoholism was conducted on Tuesday, May 6, at the Stephen F. Austin State University. The institute was sponsored by the University, Deep East Texas Council of Governments, Texas Commission on Alcoholism, and DETRMHMRS. Topic of discussion at the institute included services available for the alcohol abuser, referral of clients between agencies, modalities of treatment, and family interaction. The institute was well attended by numerous individuals from service agencies withing the Deep East Texas region as well as interested individuals and other professionals.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

DETRMHMRS' programs will be closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

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COMMISSIONERS COURTS GIVEN STATUS REPORTS

The DETRMHMRS staff is in the process of meeting (or scheduling meetings) with each of the Commissioners Courts in the Deep East Texas region. These meetings will enable the staff to inform the County Commissioners of DETRMHMRS' programs in each of the respective counties. Information concerning numbers of clients served, as well as types of services being rendered, will be provided to each County Court.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 6 - Alcoholism Institute at SFASU in Nacogdoches

May 11 - DETRMHMRS' Programs Discussed on KTRE-TV's "Feedback Program"

May 11 - Mother's Day

May 15 - Nacogdoches County Mental Health Association Meeting in Nacogdoches at 7:30 p.m.

May 15 - Lufkin Council for Retarded Children Meeting in Lufkin at 7:30 p.m.

May 22 - Board of Trustees Meeting in Jasper at 7:00 p.m.

May 23 - Open House Day

May 26 - Memorial Day Holiday

May 28 - Mental Health Panel Discussion on KTRE-TV at 6:30 p.m. sponsored by Kiwanis

May 30 - Staff Development

STAFF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP TO BE CONDUCTED

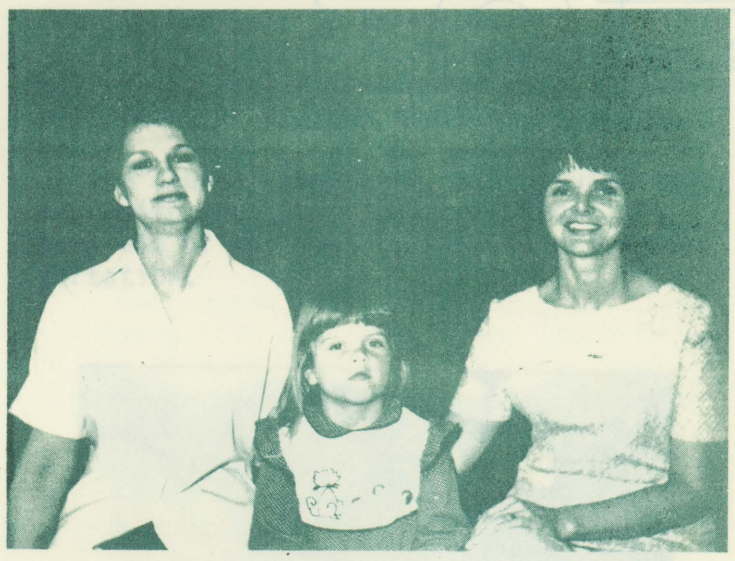
The regular monthly Staff Development Day for employees of DETRMHMRS will be conducted on Friday, May 30. All DETRMHMRS' employees will travel to Lufkin to meet with the professional staff for in-service training. Consequently, most of the programs will be closed on this day with some being manned by volunteers who will answer the telephone and schedule appointments.

TYLER COUNTY VOLUNTEERS

The Tyler County citizens should be highly commended for their efforts on behalf of the Tyler County Developmental Center. The following have contributed to the hot lunch program: Brad Smith, who founded the program; Irwin Mott, Eileen Mason, Launell Hays, Marie Stacey, Gladys Smith, Carl Jones, Bish Arnold, Jack Ogden, Judge Mann, Mrs. Owens, Marge Esler, Dr. Nichols, Virginia O'Quinn, Ruth Thomas, Zera Smith, Janice Grillot, Henry Shettles, Barbara Arnold, Joan Lorodice, Ozelle Lachausse, Linda Durham, Myrtis Martindale, Flora Thomas, Ivy Cook, G. Parks, Trudie Smith, Cynthia Self, Dolly Laux, Mrs. Phillips; Commissioners Parks, Belt, Best, Jordan; and Bonnie McKean and Virginia Jones.

The Dorcas Sunday School Class has agreed to serve four hot lunches.

Milk for the program will be provided by the Hillister Baptist Church for January, The Optomist Club for February, Edwards Funeral Home for March, Nichols Veterinary Clinic for April, First Christian Church for May, Our Lady of the Pines for June and A.B.W.A. for July. These individuals and organizations are to be commended for their efforts and are setting an example for other communities to follow.



Mrs. Elmo Gibbs and Mrs. Robert Salmon, volunteers at the Tyler County Developmental Center located in Woodville.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MEET IN JASPER

The regular monthly meeting of DETRMHMRS' Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. in Jasper, Texas. The meeting will be held in the Jasper County courthouse and, as usual, the public is invited and encouraged to attend. Y'all come!

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