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SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED



Inspecting DETRMHMRS' new Mobile Evaluation Unit are (l. to r.) Board members Judge Tom D. Mann, George Gee, W. J. Gentry, Houston County Court-at-law Judge Dan Julian, Board Members Judge Emmett Lack, V. B. Woods, Ward R. Burke, Reverend Jerry Self and Ben Hille.



DETRMHMRS' employees Lee Mayberry and Byron Crawford decorate the Mobile Evaluation Unit coach for entry in the Lufkin State School July 4th parade.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS CROCKETT BOARD MEETING

Over 50 Houston County officials and residents attended the meeting of DETRMHMRS' Board of Trustees meeting held at the Crockett Public Library on June 22. County Court-at-law Judge Dan Julian and Mayor J. B. Sallas made speeches of welcome to the Board and guests. Dr. L. E. Lake of Grapeland gave the invocation.

Members of the Houston County Advisory Committee were introduced by W. J. Gentry, Vice Chairman of the DETRMHMRS' Board of Trustees. Others recognized included local pastors and school officials and representatives of local organizations that have been active in the support of Houston County programs.

Items on the agenda included consideration of Professional Advisory Committee and Peer Review proposals; consideration of proposed contracts with the Beaumont State Center and the Rusk State Hospital; and the consideration of a contract proposal for physical therapy services.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION AWARDED

At the June 22 meeting held in Crockett, the DETRMHMRS' Board of Trustees awarded certificates of appreciation to the Davy Crockett Pilot Club and to Radio Station KIVY, both of Crockett. These certificates are awarded to individuals or organizations who make an outstanding contribution to the citizens of the region.

The Davy Crockett Pilot Club has been a continuing supporter of DETRMHMRS' programs and Station KIVY has provided Houston County programs with outstanding public education information during the past two years.

Jim Gibbs accepted the award for Radio Station KIVY and Mrs. Lorene Driskell accepted the award for the Davy Crockett Pilot Club.

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ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT HAPPENINGS

Nacogdoches County Sheltered Workshop

The Piney Woods Association for Retarded Citizens has purchased a 12 passenger van and has made it available to the clients at the Workshop. Mrs. Marian Goodrum, president of Piney Woods ARC, presented the white, air-conditioned vehicle to Workshop Director Allen Micheletti recently. The van will be used for outside contract work such as janitorial and yard work. This vehicle has solved the Workshop's long-time need for a vehicle, and the use of the van is greatly appreciated.

Houston County Developmental Center

Eight clients and their chaperones from the Center participated in the State Special Olympics in Austin, Texas, May 26-28.

Two silver medals, one gold medal and a team trophy were brought back to Crockett, along with a number of participation ribbons.

The trip which included a visit to the State Capitol buildings was a memorable experience.



Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation Developmental Center

The Center is now situated in brand new facilities at the Community Center on Highway 190, and welcomes any visitors.

The summer program is in full swing with cultural trips taking place. The children have been to see "Cinderella" at the new Texas Theatre in Houston. Future trips include Heritage Village in Woodville, a television station in Beaumont and hopefully, a special trip to Hodges Gardens. There will also be short excursions to see the new Reservation pottery factory, the Library and a visit backstage at the Sundown Theatre.

In all activities the Bicentennial theme has been emphasized, culminating in a weiner roast picnic on July 3.

O. U. Happenings (Cont.)

San Jacinto County Developmental Center

Inclement weather prevented a planned trip to Ellen Trout Zoo in Lufkin, but the clients at the Center had plenty of fun on a big fishing trip on Lake Livingston, where they also enjoyed a picnic lunch.

However, it's not all play for the clients. Three have just graduated to the Polk County Sheltered Workshop, and another client from Coldspring has joined them. They are very happy at the workshop and are getting adjusted to the new conditions with the help of the workers there.

Shelby County Sheltered Workshop

Completing an order of 12 typewriter tables for Hibbard Office World in Center, made it a busy month of June for the Workshop.

The Workshop participated in activities at the Bicentennial Fair June 26, with a display of kitchen appliances.

On Monday June 14, the Women's League gave a party for all the clients at the Workshop.

Lloyd Lambert, CETA program employee, is a welcome addition to the staff. He will be here for a six month period. This has helped lower the ratio of clients to staff members, resulting in improved services to each client.

Newton County Outpatient Clinic

The Clinic's craft program began operation in June, with a volunteer teaching Director Charlotte Wolfe and the clients how to make a macrame belt. Other clients are being contacted regarding the craft sessions and it is hoped that 6 or 8 people will participate on a weekly basis each Monday from nine to twelve.

Polk County Community Counseling Center

During June the Center, based in Livingston, added 15 new cases drawn from the 4 counties it serves which include Trinity, Polk, San Jacinto, and Houston Counties.

Perhaps the most exciting news is the addition of new volunteers Rita Bloodworth, Paula Burnett and Diana Koch. The Center is especially proud of Diana as she speaks, reads, and writes Spanish fluently. With professional staff that can speak with deaf clients using the manual alphabet, the Polk County Community Center can offer the range of DETRMHMRS services to the deaf as well as Spanish speaking clients in the area of mental health, alcohol and drug abuse. These services are about as comprehensive as you will find anywhere.

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Polk County CCC (Cont.)

The AA group that meets at the Center did an invaluable service when they joined forces and completely carpeted, wired and paneled the 3 room complex that consists of office, waiting room and group meeting room. These people are also one of the Center's best sources of referrals and help with the alcoholic caseload.

Former Counselor at the Center, David Smith, who is now Coordinator of Alcoholism Aftercare Services at Rusk State Hospital, was guest at a Round Robin meeting in Livingston hosted by the Livingston AA chapter. Counselor Bill Burnett sat in on the meeting.

DETRMHMRS INCLUDED IN TIME CAPSULE

On July 1, 1976, a time capsule, sponsored by the Lufkin National Bank, was filled with articles that will become memorabilia in future years. Various organizations, industries, churches and individuals contributed articles that will depict what life was like in the year 1976. The capsule will be buried at the entrance to the Lufkin Civic Center and will be opened in the year 2076. Si Morrison, representing DETRMHMRS, presented copies of the 1975 annual report, a Sunrise Manor pamphlet, a DETRMHMRS brochure and a directory of current programs for preservation in the capsule.

JULY BOARD MEETING AT NACOGDOCHES

The next regular monthly meeting of the DETRMHMRS' Board of Trustees will be held July 27, 1976, at 5 p.m. in Nacogdoches at the Texas Power and Light Building at 513 North Street.

The public is cordially invited and urged to attend.

OPEN HOUSE WELL ATTENDED

An open house held at the Shelby County Halfway House on Sunday, May 23, was well attended by Shelby County residents. The event was sponsored by the DETRMHMRS' Shelby County Advisory Council. Refreshments were served and guests were provided a tour of the facility.

CLIENTS TO ATTEND SUMMER CAMP

Approximately 50 DETRMHMRS' clients from throughout the region will attend a 5 day camp at Camp Leander near Austin, from August 9 through August 13. Camp Leander is owned and operated by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for the benefit of clients and residents of State schools and hospitals. The facility has now been made available to clients of community centers.

Campers will have the opportunity to ride horseback, fish, swim, ride paddleboats, and will be treated to hayrides and other entertainment.

For many of the adult retarded, this will be their first opportunity to participate in overnight camping away from home and parents.

Tuition for the camp is $20.00 per person. If you would like to sponsor a camper or campers, please complete the form below and return along with your check to "DETRMHMRS Summer Camp", 303 Angelina Building, Lufkin, Texas, 75901.

The mental retardation staff plans to make this an annual event, so give a mentally retarded person a thrill by providing this opportunity.

For your convenience, please use the form printed below.

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I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR _____ PERSON(S) TO SUMMER CAMP

NAME OF SPONSOR _____

ADDRESS _____

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PHONE _____

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR $ _____

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Please address correspondence to: DIRECTIONS, Deep East Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Services, 303 Angelina Bldg., 106 N. First St., Lufkin, Texas 75901

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