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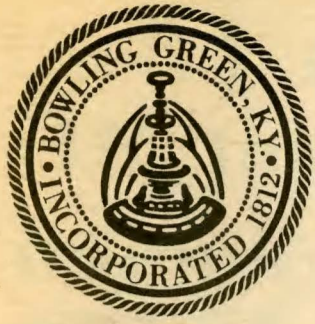
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# The Neighbor



Voice of the Bowling Green Model Cities C. P. Program

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## 'Buck' Patterson

### Program honored by HUD official

The local Model Cities project got a pat on the back last week by the regional manpower and economic development advisor for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

M.C. (Buck) Patterson, speaking at the monthly Chamber of Commerce coffee hour, attributed the success of the Model Cities program locally to the commitment to it by all persons involved.

Patterson assisted Bowling Green in submitting its original application for funding nearly five years ago.

Commenting on the local program, Patterson said, "I have felt a sense of commitment by all persons involved from the earliest days of the local program. Sometimes you didn't know exactly what you were committed to, but you remained committed."

Speaking to one of the largest groups ever to attend a coffee hour meeting, Patterson said the size of Bowling Green may be another reason why Model Cities is more effective here than in other cities.

According to Patterson, Model Cities has taken some important steps:

1. It has handed city hall the most flexible federal money ever given to cities and told them to design programs to meet their problems.

2. It has encouraged cities to coordinate their programs and do comprehensive planning for the entire city.

"We have asked those who deliver the welfare checks and those

who receive them to work together," Patterson said. "Some of you may remember how people were brought together who couldn't understand each other - people who had completely different outlooks toward programs."

For too long, "governments have copped out," Patterson said, "in attempting to cope with the problems of our cities."

The result of the city governments failure to deal with city problems has been a massive number of federal and state "packaged programs" for the cities.

According to Patterson, the Model Cities program was the first step in returning the responsibility of solving city problems to the city governments. He said there are currently two federal laws pending which would go further in this direction.

One of the laws is the Community Development Revenue Sharing Act, which would give the cities federal funds "with very few strings attached" to establish community development projects.

The other law is the General Revenue Sharing Act, under which the cities and states would be given federal funds to use as they see fit.

Patterson also said he feared how some cities would use the funds provided under the general revenue sharing bill. "It would either be one of the greatest fiascos ever, or be a giant step toward solving the problems of the cities."

"It's the cities' turn to develop the programs to solve their problems," the fourth region representative said.



M.C. (BUCK) PATTERSON (second from right) talks with local officials following his recent visit here. Patterson spoke to a group of local citizens during the monthly Chamber of Commerce coffee hour and lauded the local Model Cities Agency as one of the top in the country. With Patterson (left to right) are Bill Liles, HDC; former Bowling Green Mayor R.D. Graham, and Charles M. Moore, Jr., president of the local chamber.

## Local teenagers are named

Several local teenagers have been given separate honors during recent Girls and Boys State conventions.

Ivy Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Taylor, Sr., 1320 Magnolia Ave., was elected governor of the annual Boys State held on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University.

Boys State is sponsored by the

American Legion, and was attended by nearly 400 boys from across the state.

In addition, Taylor is president-elect of the Student Council at Bowling Green High, where he is a senior.

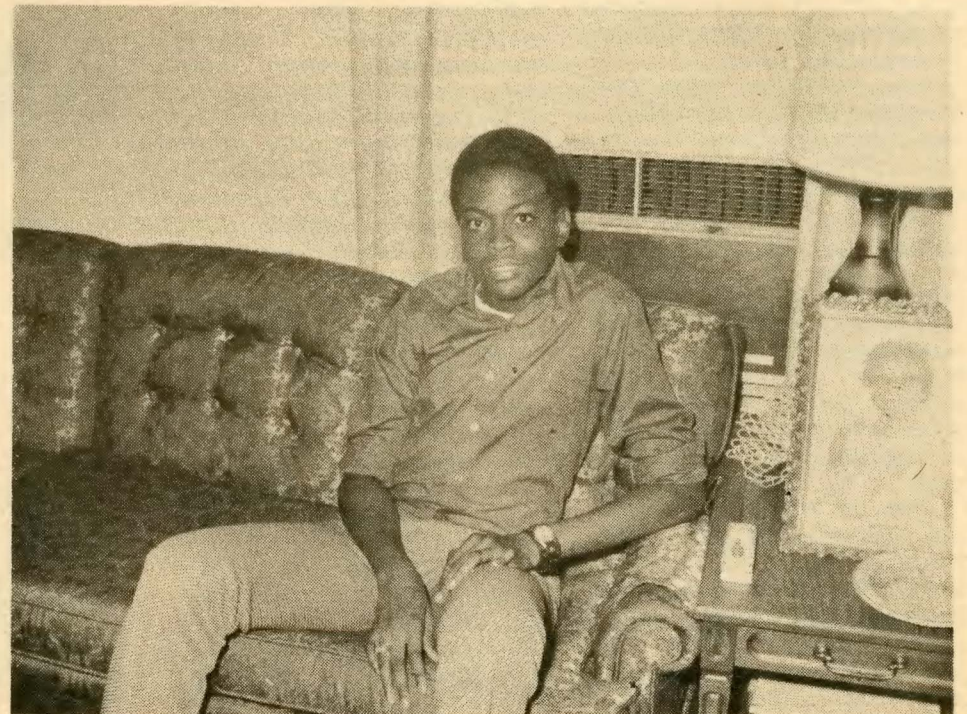
Another Bowling Green High senior, Bettie Parrish, was elected lieutenant governor of Girls State.

The annual event for girls was held on the campus of Morehead

State University this year. Miss Parrish is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Griffie Parrish, 322 Chestnut.

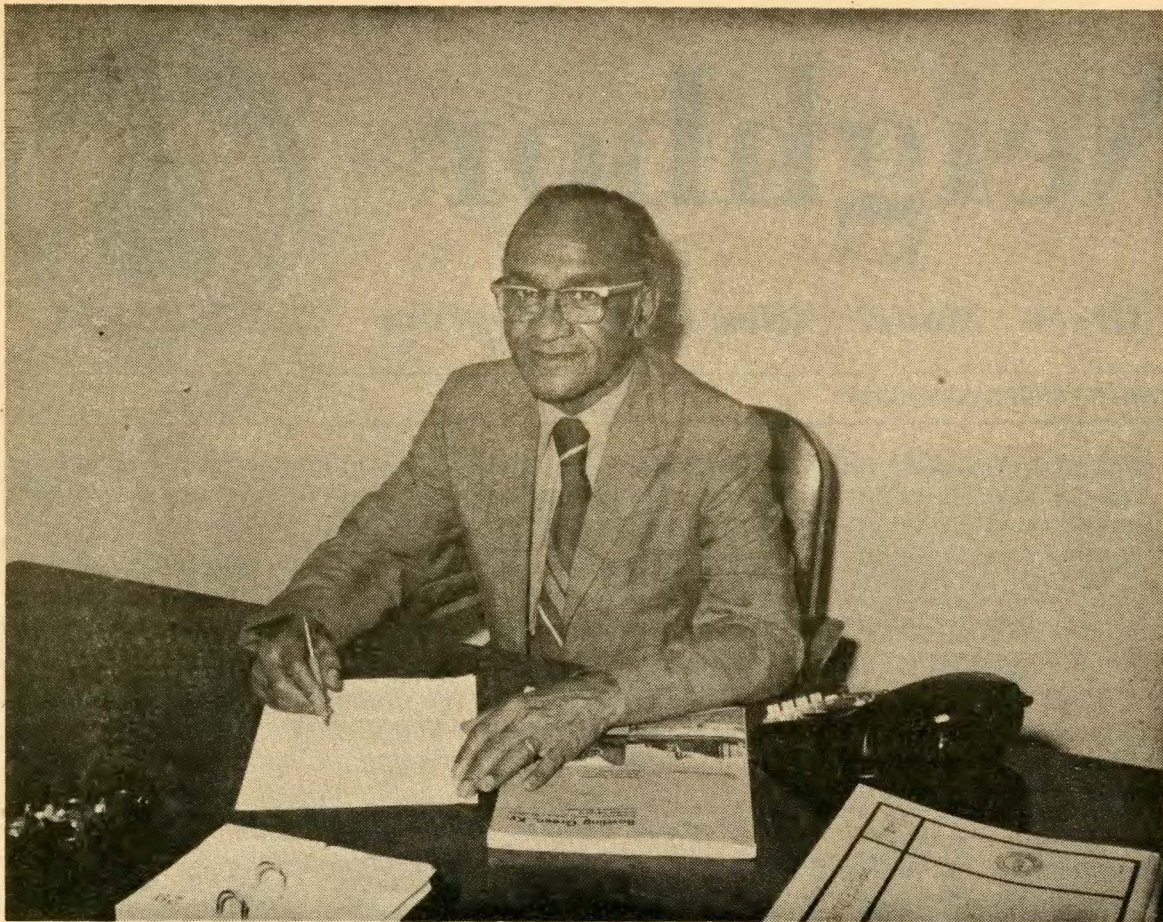
Another Bowling Green High student, Nancy Rue, was elected clerk of the Court of Appeals.

The two programs are designed to give high school students the chance to learn about political operations by actually working in them.



BETTIE PARRISH AND IVY TAYLOR rest in their homes following what has already been a busy summer for them. Taylor was elected governor of Boys State and Miss Parrish was elected Lt. Governor of Girls State

during recent meetings of the two groups. In addition, Taylor is the president-elect of the Bowling Green High School Student Council.



O.A. MOSES, who has been with the local Model Cities Agency since the fall of 1968, has been named the new assistant director. Moses will replace J.D. Hayden, who resigned to take a job with the state highway department. Moses had served as physical coordinator.

O.A. Moses

## New assistant MC director is named

O. A. Moses has been named assistant director of the local Model Cities Agency.

Moses, who had been physical planning coordinator, succeeds J.D. Hayden, who resigned earlier this year to accept a position with the state highway department.

Moses, who has been with the local Model Cities Agency since its early months, is a native of Hickman, Kentucky, and moved to Bowling Green in 1941.

He served as a representative of the Supreme Life Insurance Company before joining the Model

Cities staff in the fall of 1968.

It will be Moses' job to monitor the local programs to see how they relate to other city agencies.

Richard Rector has been named to take over Moses' job as physical planning coordinator. Rector has been serving as housing coordinator for the agency.

Another agency native, Vanaey Absher, has been named administrative and physical management technician. Mrs. Absher has served with the agency since it was created in May of 1968.

All three have already assumed their duties.

## Attention!

There will be a 100-man board meeting on Monday, July 31, at the Warren County Courthouse. The meeting will be an all-important planning session. All members please make every effort to attend.

# New residents of the month named

### DELAFIELD

Mrs. Linda Brooks of 321 Pearl Street is a true veteran of O.E.O.-C.A. and MN-C.P.

Mrs. Brooks served as Area Chairman of Delafield from 1969-1972. She was an original member of the Model Cities Executive Board. Her leadership can be cited as why Delafield has an active C.P. Council, Parkside West, and a Service Center.

When the Citizens Participation Council incorporated, Mrs. Brooks, then Chairman of the Council, was one of the ten incorporators.

Under her leadership the C.P. structure became a reality and C.P. established its base at 640 Center Street, held its first In-service Workshop at the Barren River Resort, and became an effective component of the Model Cities program.

### WEST MAIN STREET

Henry K. Alexander, former High School football and basketball star in the good old days, is one of the strong men of the West Main Street area C.P.

Henry serves on the Full Employment Commission and Education Liaison Committee, is a member of Taylor Chapel A.M.E. Church, and the father of six.

Henry has been actively concerned with community problems for a number of years, and was among a group of alert blacks that entered a suit that resulted in the integration of city schools in 1964.

In the April 8, 1963 case, the group presented evidence to substantiate the weakness and unfairness of the local dual system.

When the Western Area Vocation School accepted blacks in 1956, Henry was the first to be enrolled. He is a firm advocate of M.N. residents having good jobs and opportunities to advance.

The 1963 case points up Henry's commitment to equal education with the school board correcting situations that are obvious to him and other blacks.

Henry says he is thankful for

the steps taken by Bob Graham and the City Commission in getting Model City program going and opportunities it affords M.N. residents.

The Neighbor salutes Henry K. Alexander and congratulates West Main for having such an outstanding, dedicated council member.

### PARKER BENNETT

William (Billy) Link of 444 Webb Avenue is a graduate of State Street High School and an Alumnus of St. Augustine College, Raleigh, N.C.

Billy is an X-Ray Technician at the Bowling Green Warren County Hospital, a position he has filled with dignity and a demonstration of his commitment to people and service.

## Model Cities staff completes report series

Members of the Model Cities staff were busy recently preparing a series of reports on some of the outstanding programs being conducted by the local agency.

The reports were prepared for the National Model Cities Directors Association in Washington and will be used as part of a comprehensive report on projects, plans and results of the nation's Model City operations.

Information included in the reports proves to be interesting to the casual observer of the Model Cities program here, and especially to those who do not realize what model cities means to Bowling Green.

Included is the fact that 136 persons are employed in some phase of the Model City operation. Of that number, 98 are residents of the Model Neighborhood Area.

Another startling fact is that in the three-year life span of the local agency, nearly \$23.5 million has been added to the local worth. This figure includes salaries, grants, loans and new buildings constructed locally.

The Links have one child and both are in the medical area. Billy has a true concern about Bowling Green and Model Neighborhood residents.

Like other dedicated area council members, Billy participates in all area activities. He is willing to give freely of his time to attend workshop, committee meetings, etc.

During the last two workshops at Barren River Resort, Billy spearheaded discussion of many M.N. resident concerns.

The Parker-Bennett area has much to be proud of in having as effective an individual as Billy Link to serve on Redirection Priorities committee, and to assure them guidance and capable help in resolving area concerns.

### CENTER STREET

George Anthony of 347 State Street has served as Vice-Chairman, Representative in the Old Governing Board from Center Street Area.

When the Center Street Area was having problems, George was one of the cooler heads that helped get the area back together. The first area meeting that Chairman Thomas Barksdale chaired found George Anthony and his pipe on the front row.

Many hours of time, and great effort has been expanded by George Anthony, because he wants to see a better community. He wants the Model Neighborhood residents to have relevant information that they can have valid input in the Model Cities program.

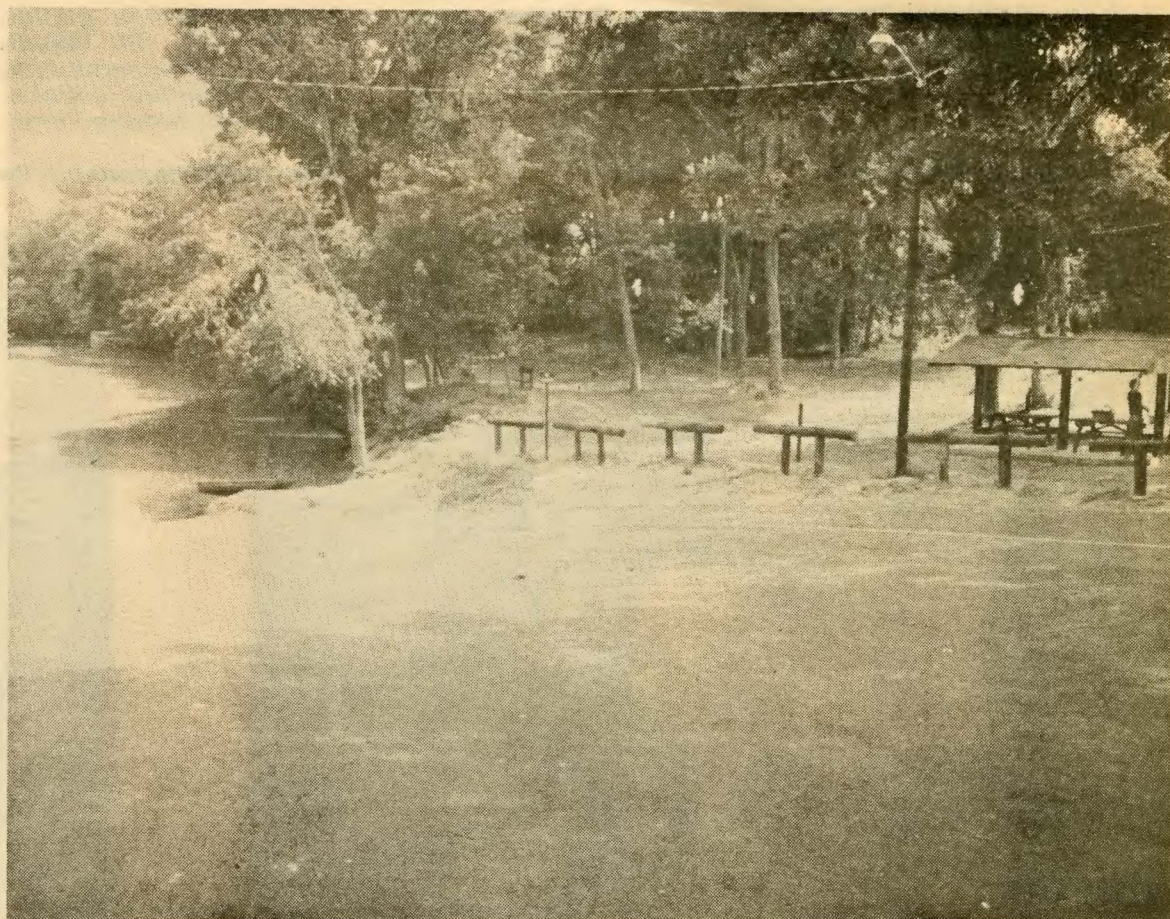
George served on the Relocation Grievances committee, and has participated in the Old Governing Board Training program as well as later workshops.

### HIGH STREET

Mrs. Alice Jewell of 200 Park Street is one of the charter members of the High Street C.P. Council.

Mrs. Jewell, a devoted member of Taylor Chapel Church, is a mother of seven children: Mrs. Cherry Landford, Miss Darnell Jewell, Mrs. Sharnell Brown, Jerry Jewell, Kenneth Jewell, William Howard Jewell and Ronald Jewell.

Mrs. Jewell served on the committee that developed the Parkside East plan.



FORMAL DEDICATION of the recently completed Riverside Park was held this month. The park, most of which was constructed by members of the 101st Airborne Division, has already been put to use by boaters and picnickers alike.

# Letters to the Neighbor

By TOM DAVIDSON

In what may eventually be a history-making meeting, Bob McCormack and the Citizens Participation Council met on July 5th for 2-1/2 hours to resolve concerns and develop a Blue-Print of Citizens Participation role in community-wide involvement and qualitative funding.

This exchange of views and ideas took place in the new Citizens Participatin meeting room at 640 Center Street.

The results of the planning will be evidenced by invitations that will go out to all community groups to participate in three and a half year plan for qualitative funding.

By MRS. DON C. OFFUTT

Work is underway all over the city of Bowling Green due to the Summer Employment Program designed for youth of the ages 16-20.

The program has been going very successfully with youth placed in several agencies in the city which include Urban Renewal, Comprehensive Care Center, St. Joseph Church, Comprehensive Family Services, Model City and Parker Bennett C. P.

The jobs include gardening, farm work, filing and research, janitorial, night watchman, and secretarial.

A special thank you goes out to all of the cooperating agencies for their help in this project because if not for these agencies the Summer Employment Project could not have been a success.

By SHEILIA KAWAI

I have enjoyed working at the C. P. office. I am thankful for the N.Y.C. Program for getting me this job. My boss, Mr. Davidson, is the greatest person I have ever known.

He understands a person and their troubles. If I ever have a problem, I'll know whom to turn to. I hope that I get to work in the C.P. office this coming fall.

I am very grateful to Mr. Davidson and all the C.P. office workers who have made my summer a nice one.

By WANDA DUNCAN

I enjoy working on the N.Y.C. Program, and also like to say I think Mr. Davidson is the nicest person you would ever want to work with. I also find that he wants to help the people of Bowl-

ing Green, he has helped me a lot, and I won't ever forget him.

Mr. Davidson is a hard-working man and if I have a problem I feel that I could talk it over with him. The staff members, the other girls and I have learned a lot about the C.P. office.

And I just want to say thank you, Mr. Davidson, for helping me get this job. And I hope and pray that I can continue to work with you and in this office.

By DEBORAH CLAYPOOL

I, Deborah Claypool, was able, with the help of Mr. D., to get on the N.Y.C. Program at school. I have enjoyed working on the N.Y.C. Program but working at the C.P. office has been real nice, but it has been even nicer working with Mr. Davidson. He tries to help any and everybody that he can. I think anyone with a problem, or anyone who needs help should come in and talk with Mr. Davidson.

I am sure that they would see as well as I, that Mr. Davidson wants to help the people of B.G. He also tries to make C.P. better for everyone.

By ROBIN VAUGHT

In the six and a half months I have worked at the Citizens

## 'Innerbelt' brings heavy opposition

At least a portion of the proposed transportation study conducted by the State Highway Department has come under fire from local residents.

During a recent City Commission meeting, persons appeared to oppose the innerbelt portion of the proposal, which had been placed on the agenda for commission consideration.

State Representative Nicholas Kafoglis has served as the spokesman for the group, many of whose houses would be removed or cut-off by the road.

Local officials were quick to point out that the plan is just that and that no official action has been taken. A final location for the road has not been determined, according to officials.

Another high-priority item on the proposed list is the construction of a four-lane bridge across Barren River at the end of Center Street.

The road, which would extend to the Louisville Road, would direct traffic to the Kentucky-Adams Street one-way pairing, producing a major throughfare through the city.

Participation office, I have found it a rewarding experience; not only in the learning of office procedures, but in the understanding of people.

The C.P. structure has set its goals high and I must say, that at the rate it is going it will soon meet these goals. I attribute this fine work to the fact that those who work in this structure have a true interest in peo-

ple and their surroundings. Another contributing fact is the great participation of the people in this program. No doubt, the Citizens Participation structure is and will continue to be a success.

I take this opportunity to thank all those who made it possible for me to work in this office, and I recommend that the people in the communities of Bowling Green get involved in this program.

## C.P.

ACTIVITIES:

1. TRAINING WORKSHOPS
2. LEADERSHIP TRAINING
3. "SUMMER 72" WORK PROGRAM (Funded by C.P. operated by the Youth Bureau)
4. SUMMER SCHOOL EXPERIENCES (40 Children of the MN are at Jones-Jaggers in Grades 1-6, funds from C.P. Inc.)
5. THE "NEIGHBOR," 5,000 COPIES ARE DISTRIBUTED MONTHLY
7. WORK WITH AREA PLANNING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
8. SOURCE OF MODEL CITIES INFORMATION

## Wanted

By the Adult Learning Center

1. A person that wants to study for his or her high school diploma.
  2. A person that has failed his G.E.D. and needs to study in a subject area so that he might pass.
  3. A person that is going to take a test in industry, a test for the state, a college entrance exam, or a test for promotion on his job.
  4. A person that needs to read better, spell better, or write better.
  5. College students that need building up in basic subject areas so that he might relate to his basic subjects better.
  6. A person that wants to know more about their history, or in any subject area plus learn more about jobs.
- No, the Adult Learning Center is no miracle educational center; it can't solve all problems, but it is one of the keys, and it is for the people of Bowling Green and Warren County. "Try it, you might like it."

Contact George Esters, 781-1911—Located at 300 State St.

## Who are Model Cities people?

Bowling Green's Model Cities is a contracting and coordinating agency which works with local agencies and people. It is fully responsive to the needs of all local people.

A few problems the program has addressed itself to are, housing, unemployment, recreation, social services and health. Some efforts have been crime, juvenile delinquency and low levels of education, other efforts are forthcoming.

It is quite apparent in this third action year of the Bowling Green program that solution have been found and things are happening — but so much remains to be done.

## The Neighbor speaks

By F. O. MOXLEY

Two news items making the front page of the Park City Daily News, both reflecting negative Model Cities feelings prevalent in Bowling Green, are of particular interest to M.N. residents.

The item titled "Model What?" had Sunday front page coverage. This article was based on a report from Roman Emde's sampling of citizens — 138 to be exact.

To be valid, the sampling should have been made of at least one per cent of the population. This would have been some 360 to 420 residents.

How local residents having high school children could forget so quickly their negative feelings so loudly expressed with respect to vocational experiences offered at the high school in a building built by Model Cities (the OTC annex) is very odd.

The second front page story was "Innerbelt Draws Heavy Opposition." It is understandable that citizens are concerned about their homes, but these same citizens are concerned about a dying downtown area.

They can't have their pie and eat it, too.

The transportation study recommendations focus on supporting and supplementing Operation Townlift and the Civic-Center Complex. Action by the commission to return the study removes the ace card from what was a strong hand.

A suggestion would be to take a good look at what this means to the total city and work to develop alternatives.

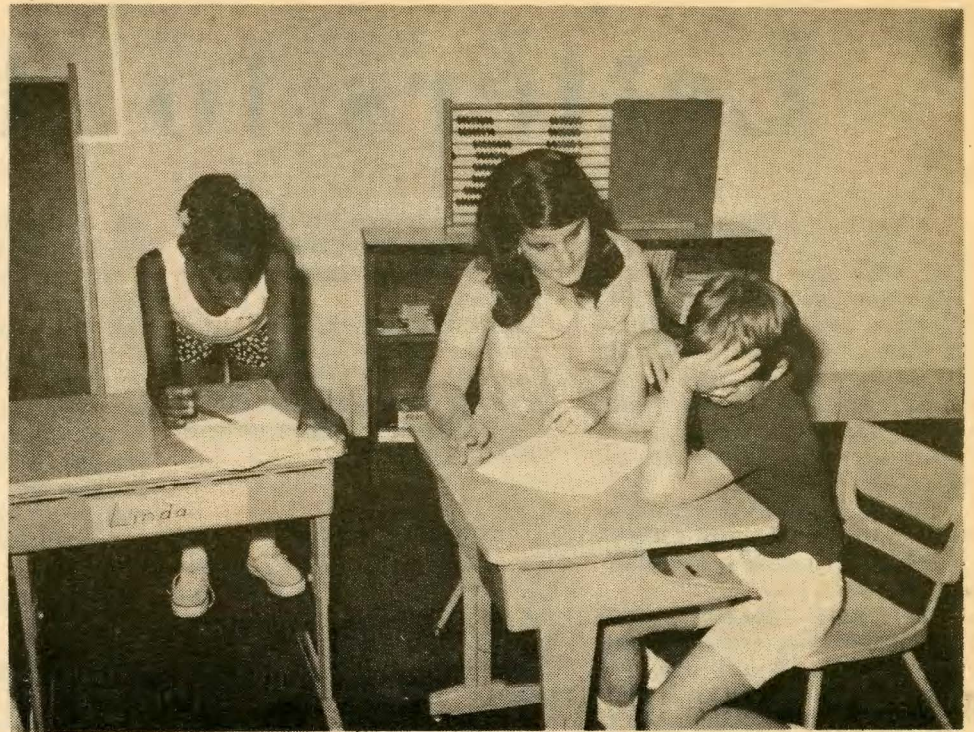
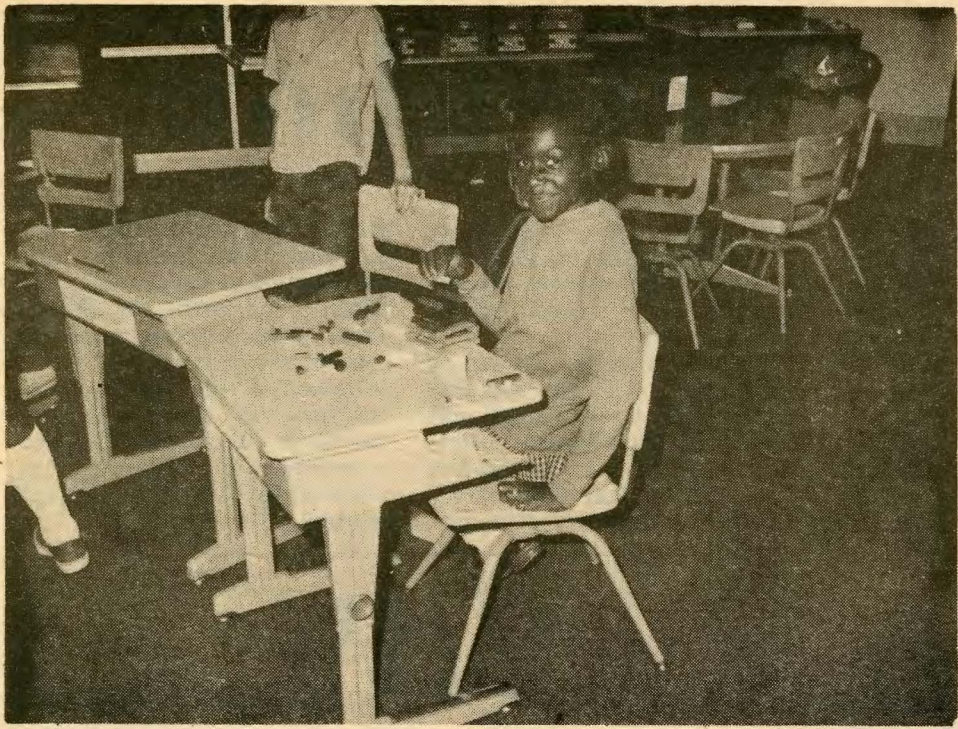
The Park City Daily News truly presented the picture in a follow-up story called "Long Trail A'Winding." I wonder if those so concerned about property values truly read this and the previous article.

I also wonder if they now know how people moved by Urban Renewal (Jonesville, Parker Bennett, High Street and Delafield) felt. They did not have to be concerned with just losing money — they lost all they had.

## The Neighbor staff

Clark Hanes, Editor

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## Neighborhood kids attending Jones-Jaggers

Some 30 youngsters from the Model Neighborhood Area are among the students attending summer classes at the Jones-Jaggers lab school on the Western Kentucky University campus.

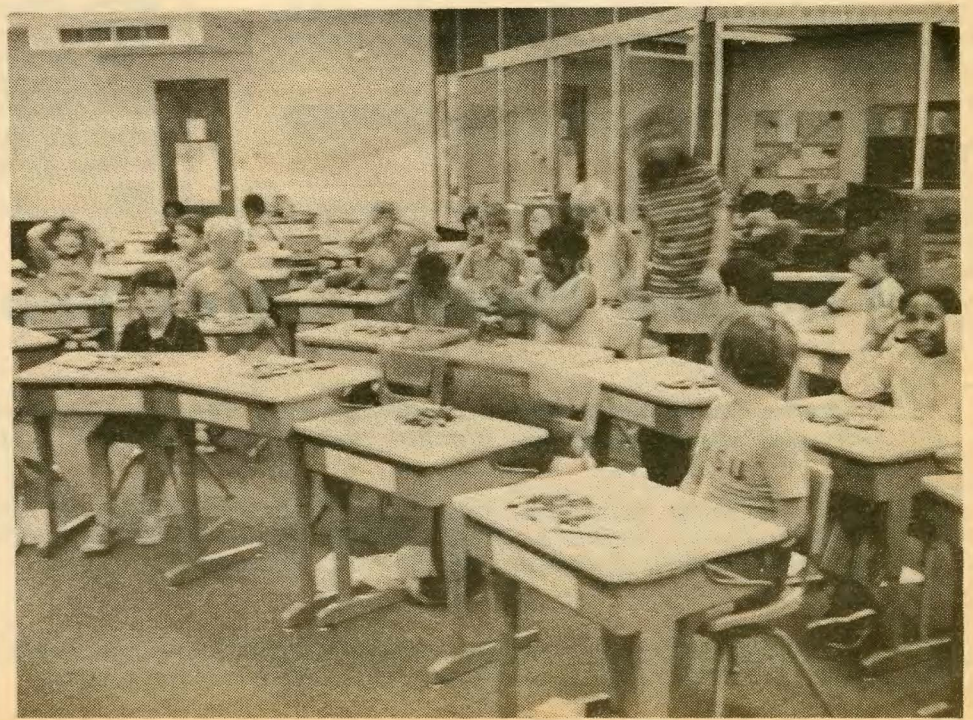
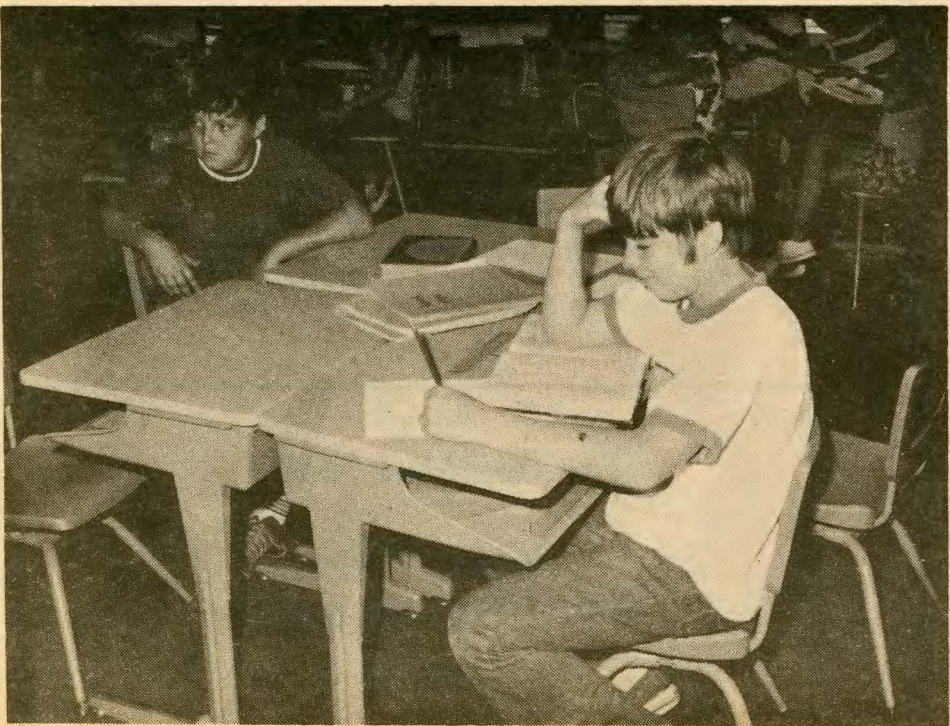
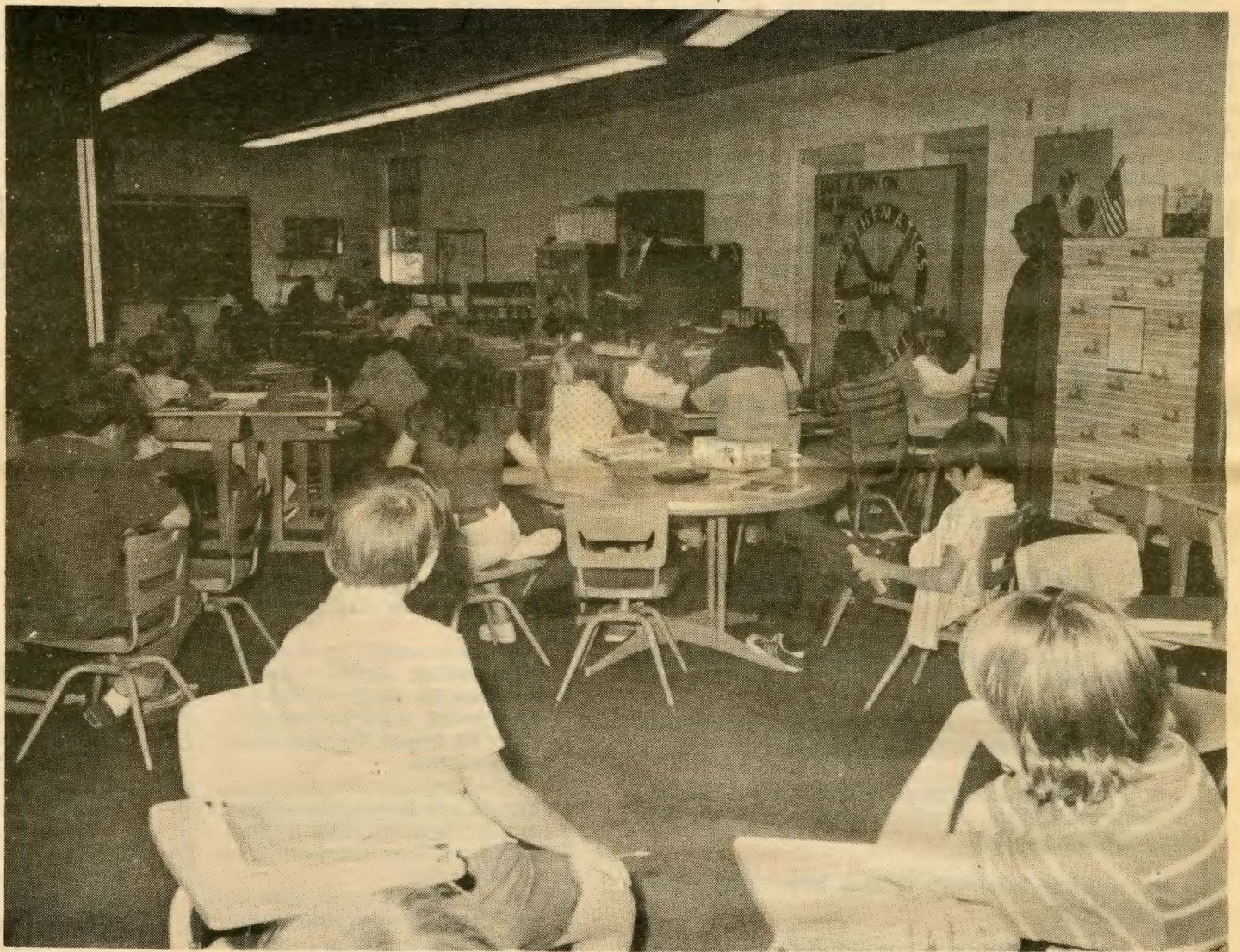
Tuition and busing fees for the children are being paid for by the C.P. Council.

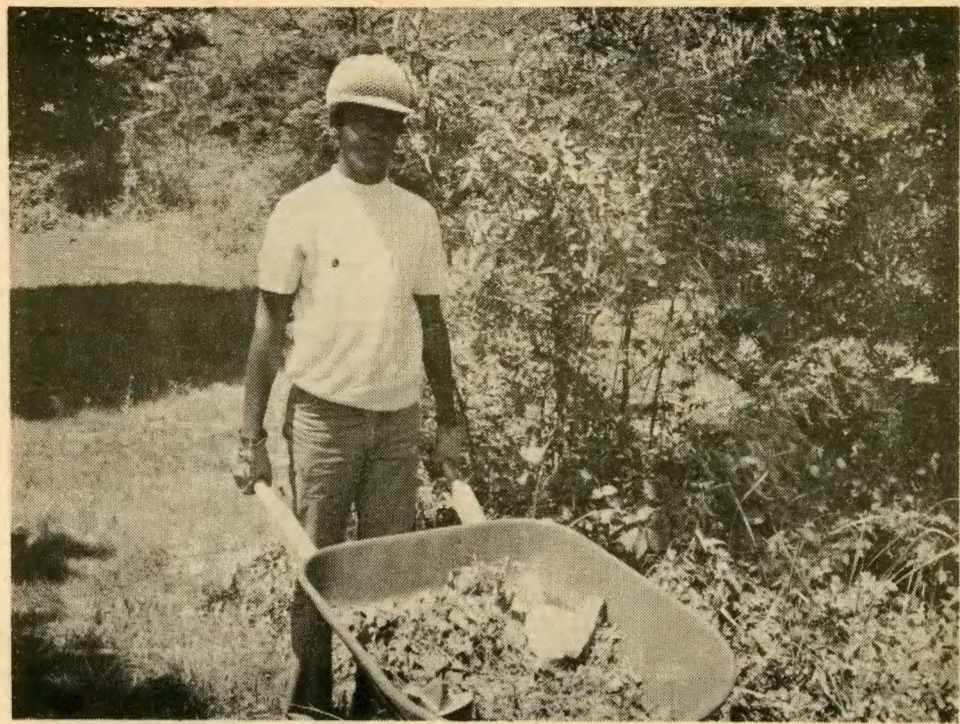
Curriculum for the eight-week courses include mathematics, language arts, social studies, science, art, music and physical education with all classes being taught by master teachers.

The students also have the opportunity to use the well-equipped resource center at the school, which contains a variety of elementary learning materials.

The students began attending classes the middle of last month and will continue until August 4. The classes are conducted from 7:30 until 11:30 a.m. each weekday.

The cost per student for the two-month session is \$25.





### *Neighborhood youths obtain summer jobs*

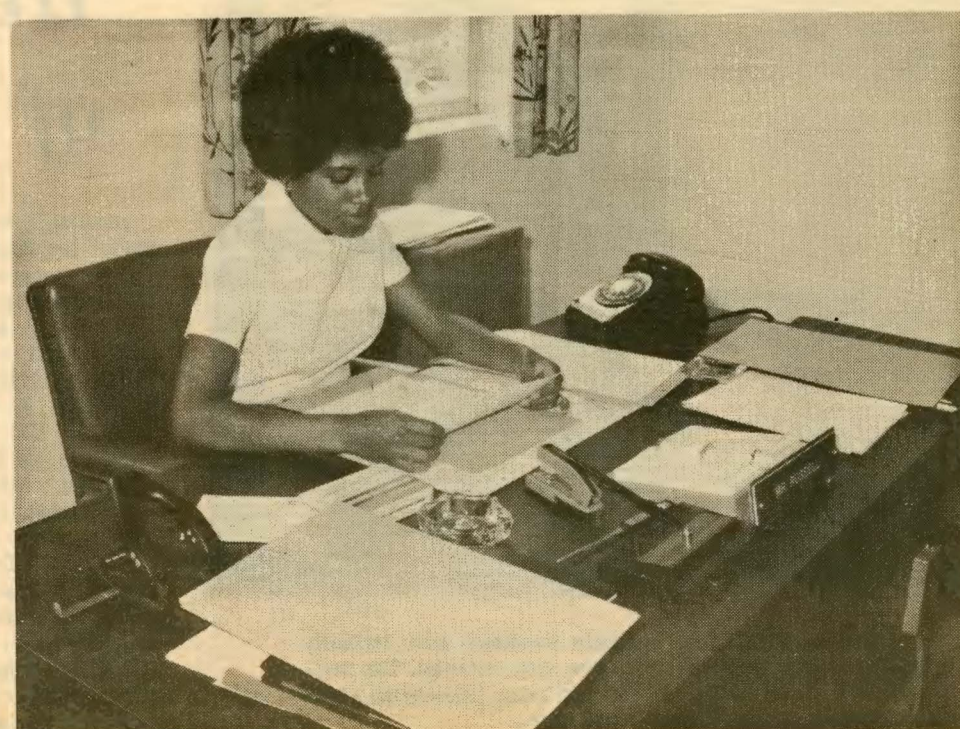
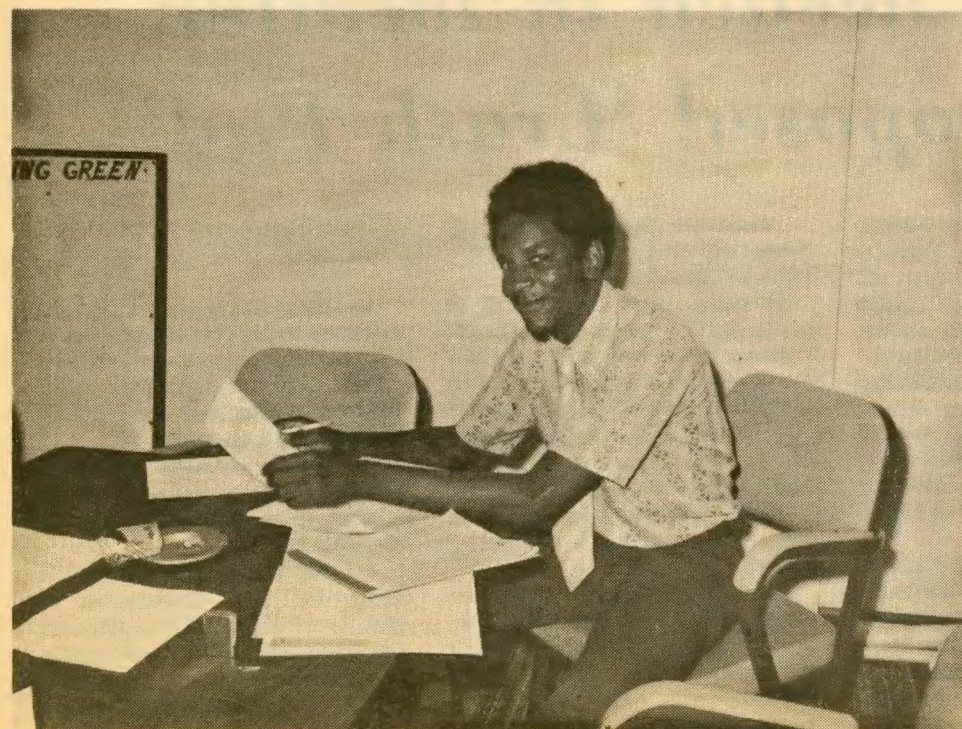
Eight youths from the Model Neighborhood area who might otherwise not have found jobs this summer are working at various jobs in the city thanks to the Youth Bureau.

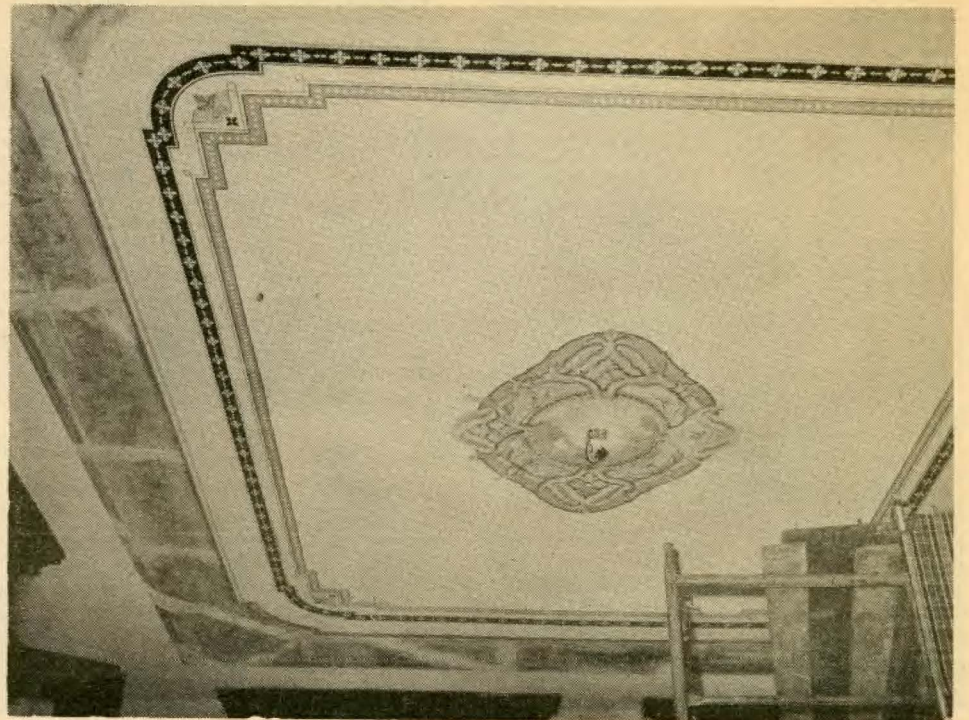
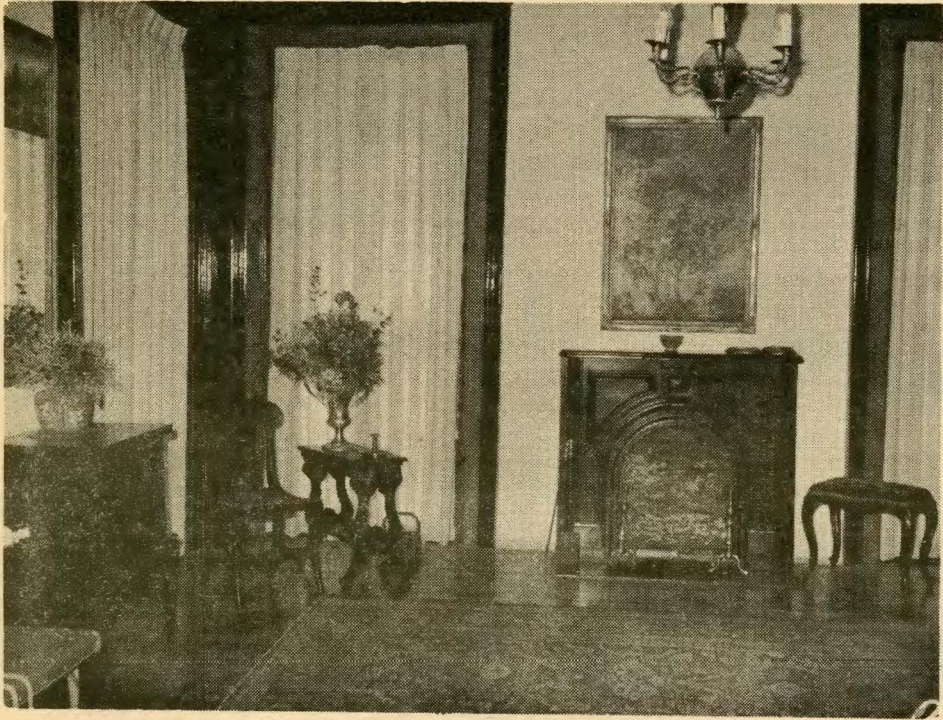
The youths, employed under a special program designed to provide jobs for the youngsters, are paid \$1.60 per hour. Of the total wage, the employer pays only 60 cents with the \$1 paid by Model Cities.

Funding for the project came from an excess of just over \$6,000 from the Teacher's Aide program.

Original plans had called for the hiring of 30 youths this summer, but enough funds for only 11 were found. Three more workers have yet to be hired.

The project is being administered by the Bowling Green Youth Bureau. Mrs. Don Offutt is serving as coordinator.





TOURS of the nearly restored Hobson House, located in Hobson Grove Park, got underway the first of the month, following a restoration project which cost more than \$125,000 in funds and in-kind services to carry-

out. Local leaders of the project were surprised recently when three families donated a large quantity of furniture, nearly enough to completely furnish the more than 100-year-old home.

## Civic center: to be or not to be?

For Dan Whittle, the coming year will be one of a giant question: "Can funding be found to finance construction of a \$12-million civic-government complex?"

It will be a question Whittle will be asking himself and officials on the local, state and federal levels as he begins a year-long study to find the necessary financing to enable the seven-building complex to become a reality.

Whittle, a former planner with the Tennessee Valley Authority, has assumed the duties of coordinator for the proposed complex with funds from a \$40,000 grant to the city from the local Model Cities Agency.

Whittle said he is confident the project can be built. "The complex can be built and will be built," he said.

Included in Whittle's duties at his new post will be:

1. To establish a list of the priorities for construction of the individual buildings to best benefit the needs of neighborhood residents and the city government.

2. To find sources of revenue to finance construction of the project estimated to cost \$11,872,000, and to prepare applications for those funds.

3. To coordinate the efforts of all the local agencies which will work on the complex or in the area of the complex.

At the top of the list priority-wise, according to many city officials, is construction of a neighborhood facilities building and a civic-recreation building. Those two buildings alone amount to about

one-third, or approximately \$4 million of the total cost.

The neighborhood building would house officials of the Citizens Participation Council, the Model Neighborhood Employment Service, a branch welfare office, a branch parole office, a branch of the local health department and the Barren River Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board.

The one-story building would also include a large multi-purpose room, a reading room-library and two conference rooms. This building alone would cost slightly less than \$1 million.

The civic-recreation building would include many indoor recreational facilities, meeting rooms, a restaurant, youth centers, two classrooms and a large assembly room. Cost of construction of this building has been estimated at slightly less than \$3 million.

Other buildings would include a nine-story governmental complex to house city departments and agencies including Model Cities, the Full Employment Commission and Urban Renewal.

The top two floors of the building would be rented to government-related agencies. The building,

which would replace the present city hall, would cost nearly \$2.8 million.

Also proposed for construction is a new central fire station and a new police station, both costing about one-half million dollars apiece.

The complex would also include a 1,660-seat auditorium for dramas, theatre and music activities. The building would cost about \$1.4 million.

The final structure would be a five-story parking garage, which could park 545 cars. Cost of that building has been estimated at just over \$2 million.

Whittle's job is a little easier at the first. The city has already applied for a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to help finance the neighborhood facilities building. The city is seeking \$846,168 from HUD. Model Cities has pledged \$135,000 to the project to help finance the local match. If the grant is approved the city could construct the new million-dollar building for only about \$10,000 in city funds, according to Robert McCormack, Executive Director of Model Cities.

Included in the grant application is the cost of relocating families currently living in the site of planned construction bordered by College, Eighth, Kentucky and Sixth Streets, according to McCormack.

The grant would also include funds for the extension of Fairview Avenue between Center and Kentucky Streets.

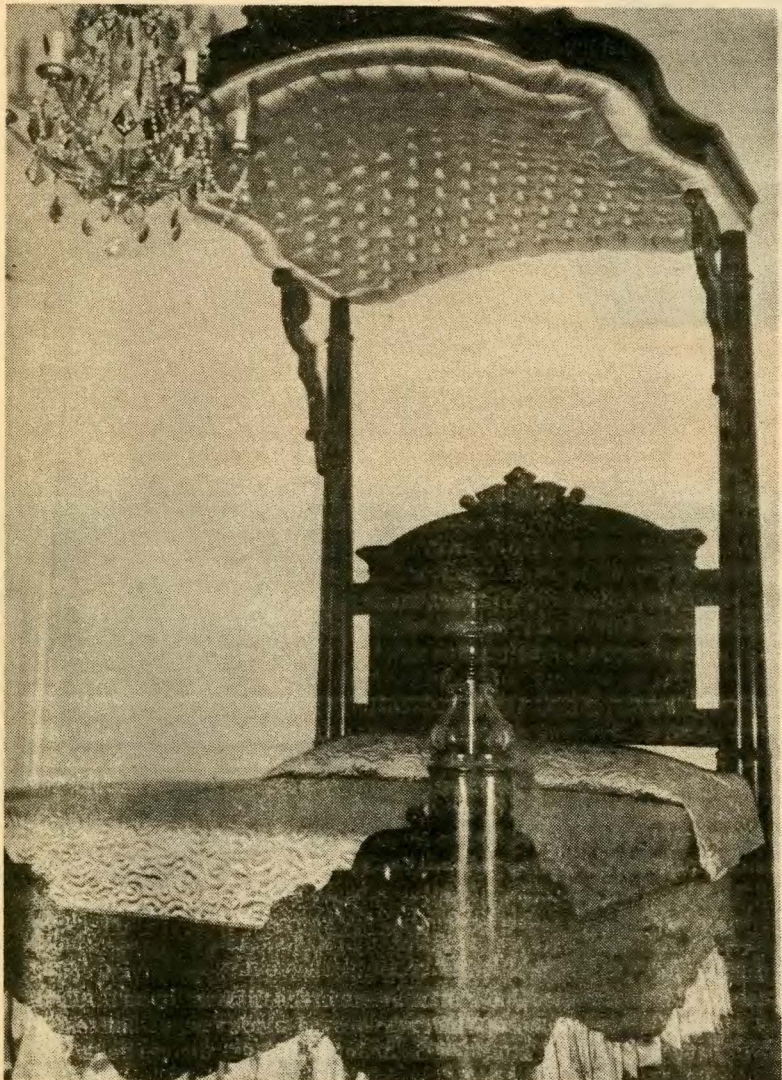
According to McCormack, the area HUD office in Louisville has expressed interest in the grant, but currently it does not have sufficient funds to issue the grant.

However, the Model City chief said he was confident the city would receive the grant.

The neighborhood services building was given first priority because it would house the agencies most used by the neighborhood residents. Currently the agencies are scattered across town, making it difficult, if not impossible, for some residents to visit them.

The building would put the agencies the Model Neighborhood residents use most in one location easily accessible to the MNA, according to McCormack.

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SEVERAL PIECES of valuable furniture were recently donated to Hobson House by a few area families. The majestic bed shown above is just one many attractions which are included on the Hobson House tour.

### City asked for assistance

## Help needed in location of proposed 'Crash Pad'

Bowling Green has been asked to assist the Barren River Regional Crime Council in locating a site for a counseling center, or "Crash Pad" as it has become known.

The "pad" came under fire recently when the council attempted to locate it on College Street.

Nearly 100 residents, most of them living in the immediate area, came out to oppose the counseling center being located in their neighborhood.

Executive Director of BRADD, Jack, Eversole, said, "The Council, because of drug crackdowns in other parts of the state, feels the center would be important in helping curb burglary problems in the city and surrounding areas."

Crackdowns had forced the drug pushers to cities across the state, including Bowling Green.

Eversole said the council is particularly interested because "when a drug-user does not have the money to buy drugs, he often turns to stealing to get the money."

It is felt that everything that can be done, must be done in an effort to curb the flow of drug use.

The Barren River Mental Health Clinic is seeking the counseling center.

Meeting in regular session last month, the council also listed several recommendations concerning the recently completed report on burglary in the county. Three main recommendations which will be

presented to the state for consideration are:

1. Authorizing state insurance agencies to give residence owners rate benefits on policies for homes where burglar alarms, safety lights and inscribed markings on valuables are utilized.

2. Steps be taken to forbid stock yards from buying or selling unmarked or unbranded cattle in the state.

3. The encouraging of a civic group or state organization to sell inscribing tools. Eversole said the small tools, which are similar to wood burning tools, are now being used by persons in larger cities.

From Calloway

## C.P. office gets improvement list

The city's new soil conservationist has compiled a report listing recommendations for improving the looks and efficiency of the land surrounding the Citizens Participation office at 640 Center Street.

In his report, Curtis Calloway cited the lack of a grade to allow proper runoff of water, the lack of a good ground cover such as want-

ed grasses and the need for a paved parking area.

The three-page report calls for addition of top soil, grading and planting a good grass seed. The planting of scrubs around the building and installation of downspouts for water drainage from the roof is also called for in the plan.

The report also included a drawing of the proposal showing how the improvements could aid the building looks and value.

Calloway, a career employee with the United States Department of Agriculture-Soil Conservation Service, came to Bowling Green as the result of cooperative efforts of the local Model Cities Agency, the Warren County Conservation District and the USDA-Soil Conservation Service.

He will be working in the Model Neighborhood areas on problems of resource conservation and development.

## BG grad paints officials

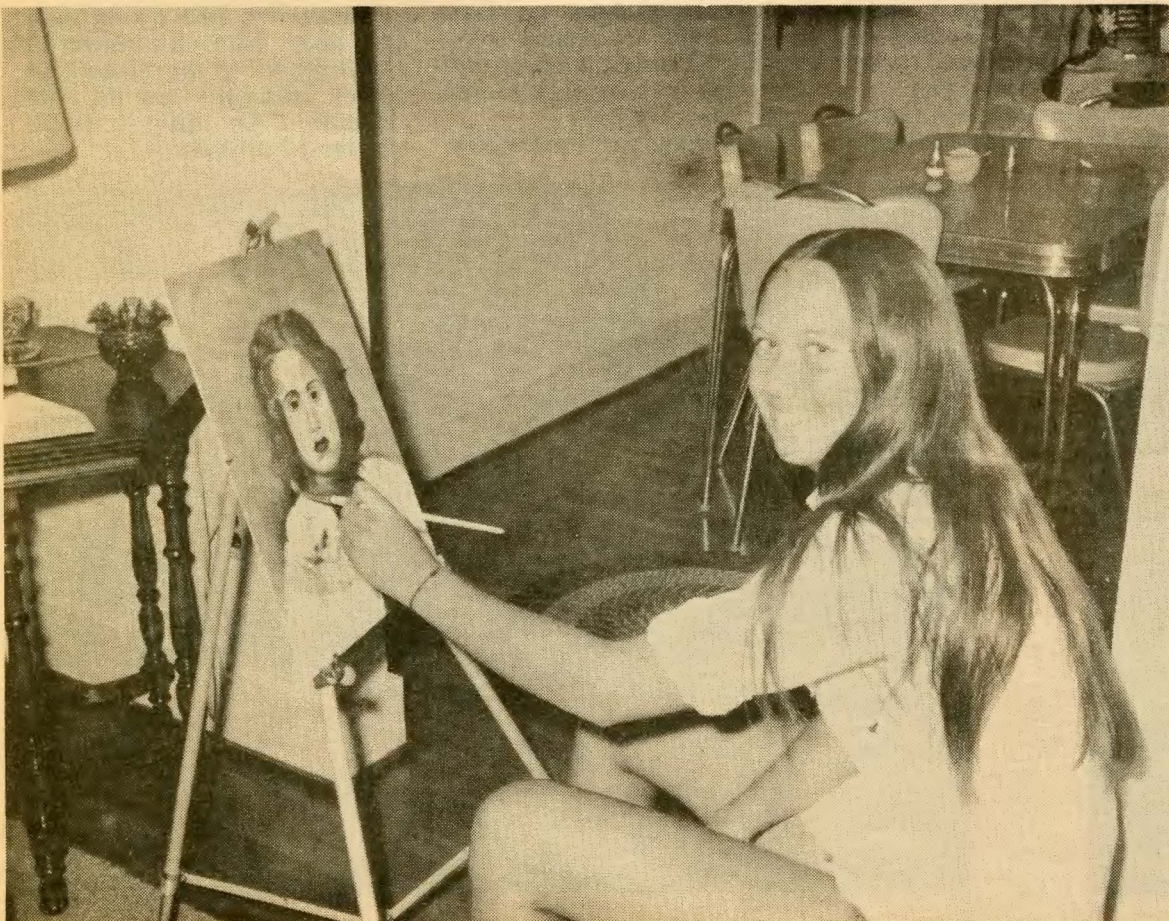
Color portraits of Tom Davidson, C-P Coordinator, and Rev. Grider, Assistant C-P Coordinator, were recently painted by a May graduate of Bowling Green High School.

Cynthia Edwards, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Edwards, 1841 Old Russellville Road, painted the portraits soon after the two C-P officials visited the high school to meet with a group of students.

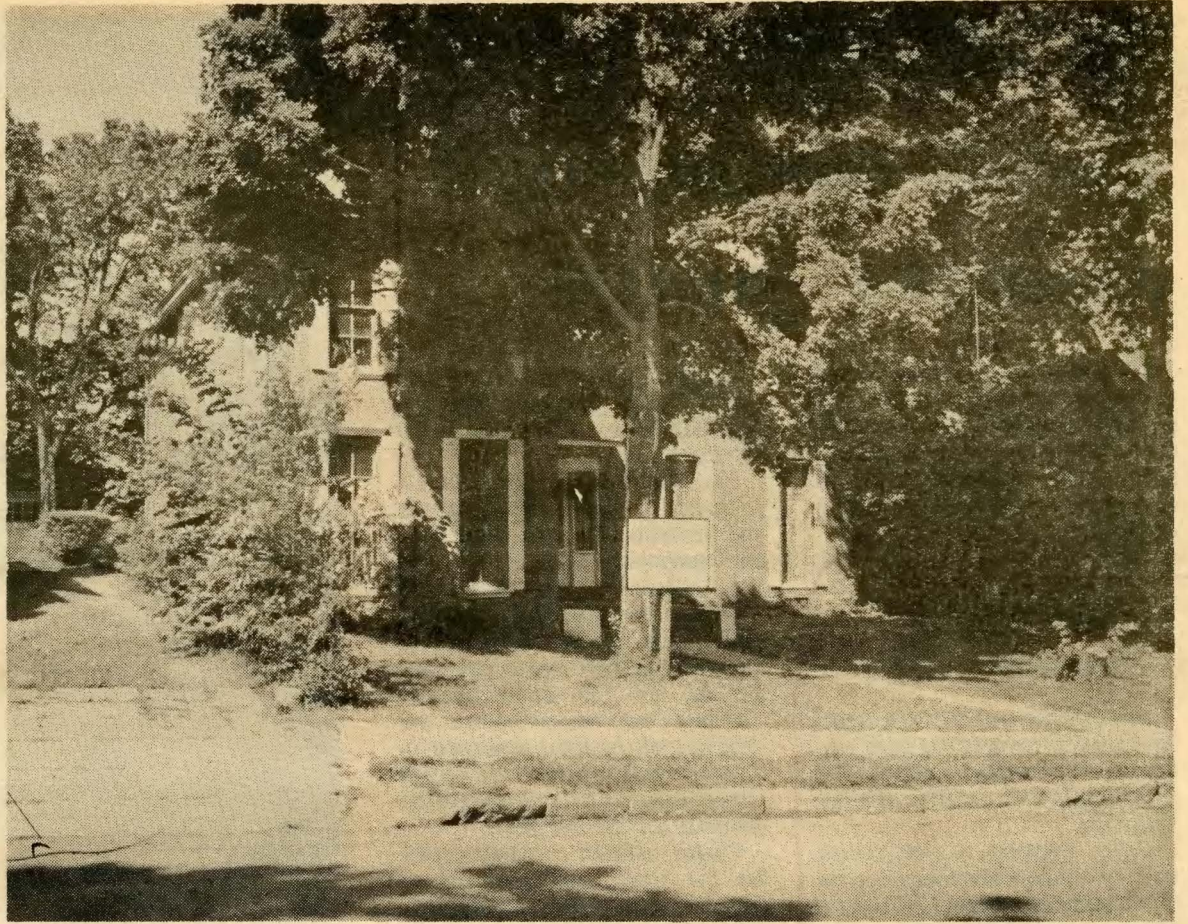
Miss Edwards said she started out with the usual sketches when she was in grade school and progressed to oils of people, landscapes and some abstracts. In addition, she enjoys ceramics and weaving.

This summer is expected to be a busy one for the young coed. As part of a history class, she is spending this month on a tour of Europe and several Scandinavian countries.

Plans for the fall include college . . . she is to enroll at Murray State University.



CYNTHIA EDWARDS, a May graduate of Bowling Green High, puts the finishing touches on an oil portrait. Miss Edwards recently painted portraits of Tom Davidson, C.P. coordinator, and Rev. S.H. Grider, assistant coordinator.



IN ITS FIRST three months of operation, the Comprehensive Family Planning Service has increased its number of patients to 250. The service, headed by Craig Evans, is located at 549 E. Main St. and is available to all residents of Bowling Green and Warren Co.

## Family planning is in gear

The number of persons taking advantage of the recently opened Comprehensive Family Planning Center more than doubled last month, according to Craig Evans, project director.

Evans said more than 130 new patients were added to the local project during June, to bring the total now being given assistance to 250.

Of the total now being treated, 126 or just over half of them are from the Model Neighborhood Area.

Evans said he felt this percentage was good, since the MNA accounts for less than one-fourth the total population of the county.

Funds for the project, which began about three months ago, come

from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the local Model Cities on a 75-25 basis.

Evans said, "The family planning program has attempted to bring family planning and birth control services to the residents of Warren County, and the MNA particularly."

Evans said the goal of the project is for workers to go into the community and talk to individuals "concerning their desire to plan their families."

The goal is not to determine how many children each family will have, but to see that the family is allowed to plan the number of children they want, and plan to have them when they want them."

The program provides each of

the 250 participants with a brief background in family planning and birth control, to assure that they are able to make a rational decision "based on their choice when the time comes to decide upon a contraceptive method," Evans said.

Each patient in the project is given a comprehensive lab workup which includes an urinalysis, blood test, venereal disease test, TB test, diabetes, sickle cell anemia and, if requested, pap smear. Pregnancy testing is also available on request.

Following the lab work, each patient sees a licensed physician who gives them a physical and pelvic examination to be sure there are no problems with using contraceptives.

The physician then prescribes the contraceptive method of the patient's choice, unless medically unfeasible, and the program then supplies the contraceptive free of charge to the participants.

Evans said at this time the number of doctors assisting in the program is slight, with only a few

doctors carrying the entire load.

Evans said he felt there was a reluctance on the part of some local doctors, to participate in the program, possibly because "they are not completely familiar with the program and its goals."

"I am not sure that all doctors would want to participate if they became more familiar with the local project," Evans said.

Plans call for the addition of a full-time counselor to the staff soon. It will be the job of this counselor to see that each person dealing with the program receives the proper follow-up and related counseling necessary for their own benefit.

The counselor will deal with all types of problems that could face a resident of the area.

Included would be marital and family counseling, job, psychological and emotional counseling, as well as the other types of help that a person might need in dealing with the other social service agencies in Bowling Green.

Evans said the program is not equipped to supply all the services that are necessary and deserved by residents of the county but will work with the other agencies to see that the services to be rendered are being rendered and the patient receives the best possible care in the county.

Evans said sterilization operations for both men and women are available through the program. The operations themselves are handled by doctors in the county on a referral basis, with the actual medical expenses paid for by the Family Planning program.

The local program has just received its second year's budget approval from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The new budget will allow expansion into outlying parts of the county, and hopefully into surrounding counties during the coming year, according to Evans.

Eventually, the Comprehensive Family Planning Services program will hopefully serve all 20 counties in the Barren River Area Development District.

## BG vocational school offers new programs

Three new programs being conducted in conjunction with City-County Hospital have been announced by the Bowling Green Area Vocational School.

A nurse aide-orderly course, consisting of 180-hours of class-work in a six-week period, was to begin the 17th of July.

A ward clerk course, a four-month 420-hour course, is set to begin Aug. 28.

The surgical technician course, which will begin Aug. 7, will last eight months.

The cost for each course is \$5 registration and \$4 per month tuition, plus the cost of books and uniforms.



## Best in the region

# Local commission receives praise

The local Full Employment Commission's manpower program has been chosen as the outstanding operation of its type in the entire Southeastern Region, according to John Napier, Full Employment Coordinator.

## Civic center

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McCormack said he was confident that if "everything goes smoothly, the complex could become a reality in just a matter of a few years."

Urban Renewal is also getting into the picture after applying for a \$500,000 grant from HUD for a one-year renewal project in the area of the complex. The project would aid in securing the land for the complex.

Although not everyone is agreed on what order the buildings should be constructed in, they are agreed that the construction of the complex must be a community effort.

McCormack said a complex of this magnitude would have a tremendous effect on the city, not just the area in which it is built.

## Bus is provided for local users

Residents of the city who have been having problems with transportation in trying to attend classes, get to the Day Care Center or several other places have been rescued.

A bus has been put into operation on a joint effort by the Full Employment Commission and the Area Vocational School.

Under the agreement, the FEC will provide the bus, driver, plus parts and gas and the vocational school will provide needed repairs.

Persons going to the Day Care Center, Training Center or participating in the Work Incentive Program are just a few of the persons taking advantage of the bus.

According to Napier, representatives of the region will be in the city July 5-7 to make a film of the local program.

The film will be edited into a program on the local operation, and presented to show the regional conference when it meets in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., in August.

While here, the representatives will assist in the evaluation of the local project which had been set for the 10th of the month.

Napier said he felt certain the choosing of the local operation as the most outstanding in the region almost assured the refunding of the program for another year.

Napier refused to accept credit for the honor, and was quick to note the local manpower program was a joint effort between all the local agencies to get the training center working.

The Southeast Region is made up of eight states including Kentucky.



THIS BUS is a welcome sight to many residents of the MNA. It is operated by the Full Employment Commission, which is furnishing the gas and driver while the Area Vocational School is providing needed repairs. Persons going to the Day Care Center, Training Center and the Work Incentive Program are just a few of those who use the bus.

## By State Department of Education

# OTC units are approved

The State Department of Education has approved three of the five vocational units for the coming school year for the Occupational Training Center at Bowling Green High.

According to Otto Mattei, director of career education for the city school system, the three units approved so far will be used to employ teachers for the building trades, health occupations and auto mechanics.

A unit is a teacher and teaching supplies valued at about \$10,000.

Mattei said he hopes the two additional units will be approved by the state prior to the opening of school this fall.

If the units are not approved, fewer courses would be offered

during the coming year, according to principal Basil Jones. But the courses would be more suited to the needs of the students.

The teaching center, completed last fall, was built and equipped under a \$469,000 grant from the local Model Cities Agency.

Model Cities Director Robert McCormack said the center was constructed with the impression the state would approve the vocational units to staff it. He said the local agency is giving the school board all the assistance it can in the drive to obtain all the asked for units. Dr. James Graham said the contracts of six teachers for the training center have not been renewed for the coming year.

Graham said there were several reasons for not rehiring the teach-

ers, including a lack of interest in the courses they taught and displeasure with the work of some of them.

Courses for the coming school year are currently in the planning stages. Last year the training center offered 26 different courses with sophomores required to take at least three of them. The course was closed to juniors and seniors.

Last year only "survey" courses were offered, giving the student a background of information on a particular job, but no actual training.

According to Jones, the survey courses will be offered at the junior high school this year, with the center's courses to provide more actual training.

Included this year will be cour-

ses in auto mechanics, electronics, building trade, welding, small engines, law enforcement, drafting, aeronautics, fundamentals of flying, health occupations, and home mechanics.

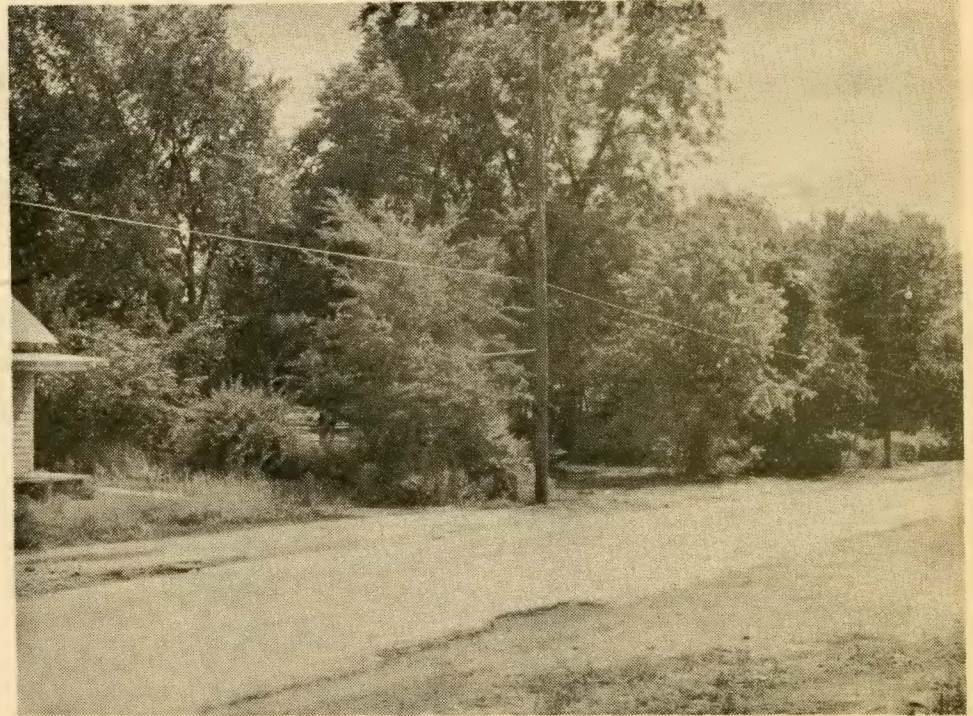
The eleven courses were the most popular during the past year with more students registered to take them this year than last.

The training center was not designed to duplicate the Area Vocational School, but to give students a chance to learn about a particular trade without taking a vocational training curriculum.

McCormack said it was hoped the center would give students an "alternative" to the regular academic curriculum with the main purpose of the center to merge the two curriculums.



THIS NEW SIGN is just one of many new looks in the High Street area. Urban Renewal has already begun clearing houses from the area and many families have been relocated to all parts of the city. Completion of the project, similar in scope to that in the Parker-Bennett area, is expected



to take several years. Vacant houses and empty lots are dotting the High Street area. The project will include the removal of most buildings in the neighborhood, the construction of new streets, curbing, street lights and other improvements.