



Donna Cooper cleans up discarded dolls for resale at the Goodwill retail store at 204 Union Street. She is among

the many handicapped trainees at the Goodwill Industries plant at 350 Encinal Street.

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Congressman John Tunney

Goodwill--Vocational Rehabilitation For Handicapped

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Today marks the beginning of Goodwill Week across the nation.

The annual event pays tribute to the thousands of Goodwill shops that provide vocational rehabilitation to handicapped persons.

Goodwill Industries locally provides training to several score of persons in more than 100 different jobs. Most of those persons remain at Goodwill for periods of several weeks to several months while they learn an employable trade.

Duane Adamson, director of personnel and rehabilitation services, said the Goodwill plant at 350 Encinal Street has more than 120 persons in the training program presently.

Thirty-five persons left the program last year to enter private industry or business.

Goodwill has been in Santa Cruz County for 35 years, and now serves Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties as well.

The budget of \$550,000 a year is met for the most part by sales of refurbished articles through the five retail outlets in the three counties. The local Goodwill retail store is at 204 Union Street.

Several months ago, the State Department of Rehabilitation

gave the shop \$51,000 with which the agency is expanding its facilities. Offices, two new trucks, a dry cleaning plant for training purposes, and a mattress sterilizing machine are among the new acquisitions, Adamson said.

Training is provided in such jobs as metal working, carpentry, TV and radio repair, sales, welding and furniture repair and finishing.

John Murillo, supervisor of the furniture repair department, said his clients need more repairable furniture on which to work.

Goodwill depends entirely upon donated items and both he and Adamson urged that persons with usable items they no longer want or need call Goodwill. A truck will pick up the goods.

Goodwill trainees come from a variety of sources. Presently, the Community Mental Health Department has referred five persons for training, while the State Department of Rehabilitation has sent over 18 persons. Eleven come from the Probation Department. Each week day these boys spend four hours in the classroom on the premises and four hours in the shops.

Those persons referred from agencies have a portion of their pay allowances reimbursed by

the agencies. Others who seek rehabilitation as private individuals are paid by Goodwill. The training program is not an employment program and "wages" range from 20 cents an hour to \$2.05 an hour.

Five of the present staff of workers are conscientious objectors doing alternative service.

Goodwill also does separate contract work for private industry — packaging, stamping, soldering and other jobs that can be done at Goodwill and returned.

Only about 5 per cent of Goodwill's income stems from such contracts, however, and officials continue to seek such jobs that can be done by handicapped persons.

Last year, the retail shops sold more than \$300,000 worth of repaired, refurbished household goods.

It is a bustling business, said Adamson, and one that helps persons get useful jobs and develop a sense of accomplishment.

Budget Talk For Pajaro Trustees Set

Pajaro Valley Unified School District trustees will receive information on the 1969-70 preliminary budget Tuesday at



While his supervisor, John Murillo, looks on, Sammy Martinez spraypaints a small cabinet. Sammy is a Goodwill In-

dustries trainee. Murillo was once a trainee, and is now supervisor of the furniture re-

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pair shop. He will stay at Goodwill until he graduates from Watsonville High School in two years.

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