

EOC Commissioners List Seven Goals

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What forms of help do the low income people need to help themselves?

This is what they themselves asked last night at a meeting of the Santa Cruz Area Service Center, 823 Pacific Avenue, and came up with seven points which they hope will be the goal for the coming year.

The suggestions will compete with those from the Watsonville Area Service Center and will be settled by the Economic Opportunities commissioners who have a potential \$200,000 to develop the ideas in the next fiscal year.

They are:

1. Housing—A big push for establishment of a housing au-

thority which will seek funds for low cost housing.

2. Day Care Center—a place for children whose mothers are working.

3. Vocational job training for youth.

4. A district distribution center to receive food and clothing for those who need them.

5. A "kin thing"—This was a suggestion to encourage youth to direct some of its energies toward helping the elderly.

6. Youth center for teenagers of both sexes.

7. Some sort of shuttle transportation.

Service Center director Chuck Keaty, said that the Center has had its greatest success in finding employment.

"And that's what it's all about," he said. "A job means money in the pocket, food on the table, and self respect."

Keaty also reviewed the work of his staff. Under him are four people who deal with: information (guiding the poor to the many organizations where they can be helped); training and employment; intake and placement, and community development.

Among the projects undertaken this summer were the start of a senior citizens center in Capitola; a recreation project at the Live Oak school; setting up of a welfare rights specialist; and a specialist who helps elderly people obtain jobs.

Joe Esparza of Davenport told of English classes being held in Davenport for migrant Mexican workers.

He said he has been distributing clothing to the migrant poor in the area, but more clothing and more food is needed. It may be taken to the Santa Cruz center at 823 Pacific for distribution to Davenport.

Esparza also said a place to show Mexican movies is needed in the area.

Keaty, in further reviewing the past year, said that now all personnel on his staff, except himself, are low income people.

He also stated that the center has had some success in the self-help program where volunteers join together to improve each other's houses.

A black history class has been established at the center and a class was held last night in another part of the building.

Jim Heth, new EOC director

First of the Dead Sea Scrolls came to light in 1947, when a Bedouin shepherd boy stumbled upon a cave holding a cache of ancient writings. They are thought to be the 20th century's greatest manuscript find.

for the county, announced at the close of the meeting that the long struggle for low cost housing could be terminated by going ahead and putting up low cost housing.

"There are some 200 federal housing programs," he said.

"We are looking over two rural areas for a housing program which could be funded under the Farm Home Administration and if need be we will build the houses ourselves," he said.

Those sitting on last night's board were: Edith Couey, Joe Wampler, chairman, refunding committee; Sue Miller, Pat Gilbert, Pat Bronson, Joe Esparza, James Erquhart, Jack Takayanagi, George McKague, Adele Walker, and the Rev. Cassius Ellis.

A EOC commissioner, Mrs. Pat Gilbert, announced that she is available to all low income people to discuss problems and possible help. She may be reached at 475-0104.



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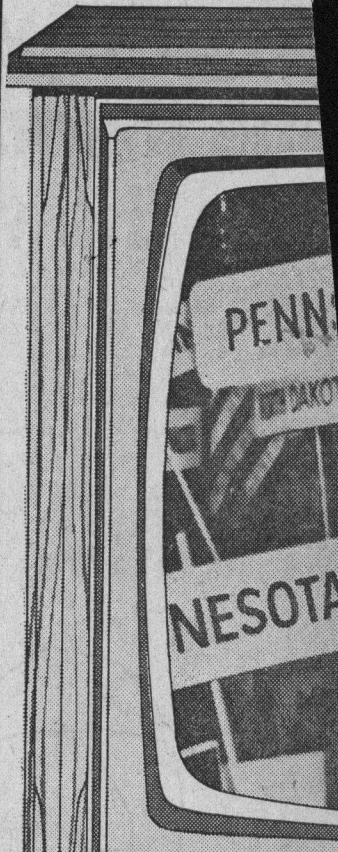
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