

ACTION NEWSLETTER

Action Opportunity Center, 1601 8th Ave., Huntington, W. Va. January, 1967



AVAILABLE HOUSING FOR SALE FOR RENT

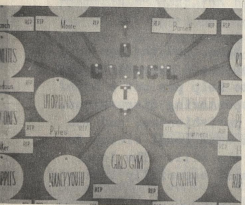
HOUSING AIDE PROVIDES VALUABLE SERVICES TO TARGET NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS. A CURRENT LISTING OF AVAILABLE HOUSING FOR SALE AND RENT ARE POSTED DAILY. LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE ASSISTED IN OBTAINING BETTER HOUSING.



SOCIO-ECONOMIC WORKER AIDS TWO YOUNG MEN FROM THE TARGET AREA IN APPLYING FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE SEAFARER'S WELFARE PROGRAM.



QUEEN CHOSEN - Fredency Hill, 15, right, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Tennant of South Point, Ohio, was chosen Miss Premier of 1966. She along with the runner-up, Shellie Johnson, 15, daughter of Mrs. Edith Johnson of Huntington, were chosen by the Premier Mothers Club of Action, Inc., of Huntington. Miss Hill and Miss Johnson were presented at a party held in their home Saturday night at the Action Center.



YOUTH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION BOARD, THESE YOUTH HELP TO DETERMINE THE TYPE OF PROGRAM. THEIR CHAIRMAN SITS IN ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS.

The Herald-Dispatch

HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1966

New Anti-Poverty Program Includes Help With Studies

A comprehensive youth program starting next week under auspices of Action, Inc., an anti-poverty organization, will include tutoring for students, club, special interests groups and recreational programs. Registration for the study program for those in Grades 4-12 will be 2:30 to 3:30 p. m. Thursday at the Action Opportunity Center, Sixteenth St. and Eighth Ave. and club leaders contacting members and establishing new meeting times.

The special interest groups will be in charge of the program in the community to teach

both centers on Monday. It will include direct such groups as reading, English, Spanish, mathematics, science and social studies and other groups. A weekend recreational program will operate on Friday and Saturday nights and other special days offering dances, movies, educational and musical, talent shows, fairs, tournaments, fashion shows and other group recreation.

A big brother - big sister plan will be started to give initial club leaders training and help by being companions and mentors to young persons.

The Rev. Charles Smith, Action director, said tutors are needed either on a pay basis or as volunteers and that volunteers are needed for the program. David Forinash, Action youth director, is in charge of the program.



Ooh!
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Oops!

Above, words cannot express the depth of joy and wonder glowing from the faces of small children with Santa Claus. At right, milk is spilled but no one's crying. Pictures were taken at a Christmas party in the Marcum Terrace recreation room given by the youth department of the Fifth Ave. Baptist Church in cooperation with ACTION, Inc. About 35 four and five-year-olds attended, received gifts from Santa and had refreshments (and accidents).

The Herald-Dispatch

HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA, MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1966



Everyone Happy, Including The Donkeys

Pinning the tail on the donkey was part of the traditional fun at the community Halloween party sponsored by Action, Inc. Saturday night at the Action Center on Sixteenth St. and the Fairfield School gymnasium, and judging from the smiles flashed by the group photos at the Action Center, it was a happy evening. The Rev. Charles H. Smith, projects director for Action, reported a large attendance at each event. The next event designed to provide young people with a wholesome entertainment during the Halloween season.

Staff Photos by Jack Burnett



NEIGHBORHOOD SUPERVISOR DISCUSSING NEW METHODS OF RETRACING THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO FIND AND COMMUNICATE WITH THE "INVISIBLE POOR".



NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH ASSISTING IN "OPERATION CLEAN-UP".



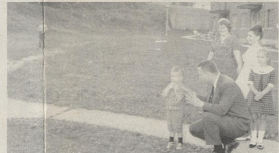
Project Administrator outlines the area to be covered by Action to his staff members.



Floyd Meadows, Group Work Coordinator, discusses day's report with Neighborhood Aides.



Action Project Director explains the program to interested residents of Marcum Terrace.



Youth Maximization Leader, David Forinash, interests this young fellow in the Tot-Lot program.



Neighborhood Aide, Mrs. Roberta Ferguson counsels a family in Northcott Court on a phase of the Action Program.



As a result of counseling by Action LPN, this student is now enrolled in a Nursing program.



Community leaders meet with U. S. Labor Department representatives.



Mrs. June T...



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Let's Get Behind Action And Go.

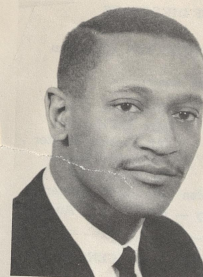
Atty. HERBERT HENDERSON
Chairman of the Board of Directors
REV. CHARLES H. SMITH
Project Director

ACTION CENTER

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Huntington, W. Va. 25701**

OBJECTIVES

1. To involve the total community in the awareness of the value of preparation.
2. To foster and nurture a sense of Self Pride which will give the residents confidence in themselves and enable them to participate with dignity in the total society.
3. To emulate Loyalty and Pride in the community, a sense of Brotherhood involving all religious, racial, cultural, political and other groups.
4. To develop an awareness of man's relationship and responsibilities to his fellowman along with the ability to act in a constructive manner in the community and the world. Hence, Action Opportunity Center will seek to develop the Whole Man.



CHARLES H. SMITH, B.A., B.D.
PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR

Serving as the first Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Smith has played an outstanding role in ACTION since its inception. He directed the writing of the program, traveled to Washington on several occasions in its behalf, and consented to the unanimous request of the Board of Directors to serve as Administrator. His dynamic leadership, ability, and the optimism used in the execution of difficult situations have earned him the respect of the people. Aside from his busy schedule as Pastor of the First Baptist Church, he has been involved in numerous human rights affairs.

Well qualified for this position, Mr. Smith is a graduate of Virginia Union University; he has done graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and the University of Kentucky in the fields of Human Relations and Clinical Psychology, respectively.

Mr. Smith has worked as director of a Community Service in North Philadelphia; Community Development and Gang Control Leader; and Investigating Officer in communicable diseases in Philadelphia.