

week and carpentry the next week. The 60 corpsmen are divided into two groups each receiving 26 weeks of Union supervised carpentry training. Their on-the-job training consists of 30% classroom theory and 70% manipulative practical experience.

FOCIS: Past, Present & Future!

Designing and implementing programs in community development among the Appalachian people will have first priority for the Federation of Communities in Service (FOCIS) during the coming year.

The Board of Directors of FOCIS (a lay organization began in August, 1967, by former Glenmary Sisters) met over

Labor Day to review the past year and plan for future activities.

Members of FOCIS residing at Holy Cross Center in Big Stone include Monica Kelly, Director of the Office of Appalachian Ministry and President of FOCIS, who has her offices at Holy Cross Center; Anne Leibig, who coordinates the Religious Education Programs for four parishes; Karen Linzmaier, who attends Clinch Valley College and is a part time Center Worker; Ginny Remedi, who is an art teacher at the Appalachian Elementary School.

Holy Cross Center continues to be a social service center and the People's Art Co-op will again hold their regular meetings there for the banner makers.

Experience of needs and opportunities among the Appalachian people in five states led to the Board decision to give prime attention to designing new programs based on research done by the group, and to seek funds and personnel to carry out the programs.

Emphasis will be on social

change to improve the opportunities for human development among the Appalachian people.

The Board discussed FOCIS membership in view of interest expressed by a variety of people in the purposes and activities of the organization.

To date no new members have been added to the original group, though a number of young people are working in association with FOCIS members in Virginia and Tennessee.

The Board voted on a policy of openness to the possibility of future extension of membership to men as well as women, and to married couples, allowing for suitable organizational adjustments.

The purpose of the Federation of Communities in Service is to build a community of members with a capacity for giving themselves in a life of service, integration and dedication.

The Veterans Administration employs the physically handicapped.

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Council Meets

The Sept. 10 meeting of the S.C.A. Council meeting was called to order by Sheila Goins.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Cecelia Skeen, treasurer of the Council, reported the \$30.10 was made from the bake sale and the present balance of the treasury is \$79.95.

The SCA will have three representatives appear on Classroom Kwiz on Monday, Sept. 16. The program is broadcast at 7:00 p.m. from Channel 5, Bristol.

The council is making plans for the assembly program which will be presented on Sept. 20. Also, a special meeting will be held for the organization of the homecoming.