



NEWSLETTER



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NEIGHBORS RAISE TUITION FOR SIX

Six unemployed, unskilled women are taking an Industrial Power Sewing class at Hoke Smith Technical School. Their neighbors', advisory committee members for Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc's., Price Neighborhood Service Center, raised the money to send them.

The EOA-Price Citizens Neighborhood Advisory Council, collected \$250.00 to send the women to school. Neighborhood businesses, civic organizations and churches contributed \$50.00. One church, the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, where Rev. P. J. Dotson is pastor, contributed \$100.00. An anonymous donor contributed another \$100.00.

One of the biggest problems in the Price area is that of finding employment for the unskilled woman.

Geoffrey Heard, Acting Director of the EOA-Price Neighborhood Service Center said, "During the month of December, our Center received over twenty-six requests for trained female power machine operators from five local manufacturing companies. Our unemployed women were not trained.

When we were unable to fill these requests, which would have helped so many of the needy women in our area, we realized that something just had to be done."

Mr. Heard presented the problem to the residents of the community at the December meeting of the Price Citizens Neighborhood Advisory Council. The Citizens Neighborhood Advisory Council Manpower Committee decided to launch the fund raising project.

The Committee, realizing that records kept at the Center are confidential, requested the Center's Social Service and Manpower Departments to select six persons to pioneer the project, from their list of unemployed females.

They further requested that the applicants be screened to find the most needy women, who had some sewing abilities and who had been most persistent in their job seeking efforts.

On the basis of these requirements, six women were selected: Mesdames Minnie L. Colbert, Catrean Fountain, Noble Grey, Sadie Parham, Eula Mae Williams and Dorothy Wortham.

The Committee gave each woman twenty-six dollars; twenty-one dollars for tuition and five dollars for sewing equipment such as scissors, tape measurers, and hem liners.

The six women themselves suggested to the group that the funds be made a "revolving fund." They plan to replace the money when they complete the course and get jobs, thereby allowing others to have the same opportunity.

The twelve week course started on January 3rd and will run until March 28th. Classes are held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., five days per week. Another class is scheduled to start in the spring. The Committee hopes to have at least ten enrolled in it.

Financial assistance is not the only help these women have received.

The Price staff has also been successful in finding part-time employment for them. Several are working as domestics and the others have jobs as cafeteria workers.

Most of the women are either separated or divorced from their husbands. Each has at least three children. The women had to have some type of employment while they went to school to sustain themselves and their families.

They say they don't mind the hard schedule now because soon they'll be making a much better living.

"I feel wonderful. I don't have no kind of training and now I'll be able to make something of myself," said a member of the class, Mrs. Eula Mae Williams.

Another member, Mrs. Minnie L. Colbert, said, "I'm just so happy. All I can say is that I never knew my neighbors were so nice and would do something like this for me."

Members of the EOA-Price Neighborhood Service Center Manpower Committee are:

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| Melvin Barnes | George Brumfield |
| Robert Barnes | James Dean |
| Rev. O. L. Blackshear,
Chairman | J. T. Fagan, Director
Manpower - Price |
| Thomas Goosby | Alfred Kimpson |
| Lewis Newell | Melbo Peek |
| Henry Phipps | L. D. Simon |
| Henry Whiteside | James Willis |
| Rev. H. R. Green | Rev. W. A. Jacobs |

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- MARCH 8: Mr. C.O. Emmerich will speak at the St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 8:00 p.m.
- MARCH 9: Mrs. Gloria Gross will speak to the Board of Women's Work of the Presbyterian Church of the United States about EOA.
- MARCH 15: Mrs. Doris Bridges will meet with a committee from St. Mark Church to discuss a volunteer child care project.

Senior Citizen Services of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc., will hold its first Annual Meeting at the Riviera Motor Hotel, 12:00 p.m.

STAFF NOTES

NORTHWEST-PERRY: A program to pay tribute to local community leaders is being sponsored by the Extension Area Department March 12th, at 4:30 p.m., at William Scott Elementary School. The Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will be guest speaker. Everyone is invited.

PRICE: A meeting of community residents was held at the Price Center on March 1st to discuss the recently proposed Comprehensive Health Program. Members of the Emory University Medical staff, participants in the proposal, led the discussion. They were Dr. Thomas Sellers, Jr., Mrs. June Gray, and Dr. William Marine.

Mr. J. T. Fagan, former Manpower Director, has been promoted to Assistant Manpower Coordinator for EOA. Mr. F. A. Humphries will take his place at Price.

One of the Price community block clubs, Area Block 2 B, from the Carver Homes area, received first place honors for table decorations and originality at the Martha Washington Tea, February 26th. The Tea was sponsored by the Red Feather Clubs of the area. Mrs. Nettie Bennett heads Block 2 B.

VISTA: Mrs. Jean Feldman, VISTA Volunteer working at the Antoine Graves Center, has sent out a call for help. Since recreation funds were cut she has few supplies. The Center has four sewing machines, but her class need NEEDLES, THREAD, PINS and MATERIAL.

If your club or church would like to help Mrs. Feldman with her project, please call her at 577-1793.

DOES YOUR CENTER HAVE NEWS? CALL VIRGINIA BROWN, 525-4262, ext., 39-40, OR MAIL TO MRS. BROWN AT 101 MARIETTA STREET, N. W., BY 10:00 a.m., THURSDAY OF EACH WEEK.

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