



### Companion And Nurses Association

# Home Nurses Association Formed For Unemployed Women In EOA Area

Several months ago, Dorcas R. Langley, a VISTA volunteer from Baltimore Maryland and now working in the EOA West Central target area, came up with the idea of a Home Nurses Association for some of the unemployed women in the area.

She then called the Red Cross Association and Hughes Spalding Pavilion to see if they could provide nurses on a volunteer basis in order to help set up training clas-

ses for the women. The Red Cross supplied a nurse and printed materials, and the Director of Nursing at Hughes Spalding gave additional assistance.

Mrs. Langley's next step was to find a place to hold the training classes. She approached the Dixie Hills Baptist Church which offered its facilities for the first session, lasting 6 - 8 weeks. The second training class was held from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Trainees of Mrs. Langley's classes become members of the Companions and Nurses Association which works to develop the skills of home companions and home nurses, and to teach practical home nursing skills for the low income and the uneducated. It has also helped to teach some low-income women to read and write.

Out of all the participants, who range in age from 16 to 67, 100 have completed

the training and 90 are employed.

Graduate trainees have been successful in finding employment in private homes (Mother and Baby Care) Piedmont Hospital, Fulton County Medical Association and Wesley Woods Convalescent Home.

Although almost all the participants are women, two males, one a lifeguard and the other a policeman, have completed the course.