



To Be Established at Hospital

Ad Hoc Group Key In Outpatient Clinic

After years of discussion and hard work, Model Cities' Health and Social Services task force has finally been assured of an outpatient clinic at High Point Memorial Hospital.

The board of trustees at the local hospital authorized the establishment of the clinic, which is envisioned to be primarily for indigent families, those who have no family doctor, and those who need non-emergency care at night and on weekends.

A similar clinic has been in operation in Greensboro and funded by the Guilford County Health Department for a number of years. Efforts to establish a clinic of this type here had been blocked earlier by the local medical society.

In recent years, interest had gradually increased in the plan to set up an out-patient facility at the hospital, and was spurred by the formation of an ad hoc committee by Model Cities in early summer.

Virgil Early, a member of the Health and Social Services task force, was chosen chairman of this 12-member group, which consisted of members of the hospital trustees and staff, United Community Services, a City Councilman, a Guilford County Commissioner, local doctors and Dr. Sarah T. Morrow.

Dr. Morrow, director of the health department, estimated the out-patient clinic would cost about \$36,000 a year. No Model Cities funds are committed for the operation of the clinic, al-

though the local agency has funded a Demonstration Health Clinic on Elizabeth Street in the Model Neighborhood for two years.

The health clinic serves patients from the target area on an out-patient basis at no charge.

The proposal to establish the outpatient clinic at the hospital will now await final approval by the county commissioners. No opposition is expected.

Although financially supported and

operated by the health department, the clinic will make use of local physicians. It is designed to relieve the already overloaded emergency room of its burden, and will offer services much the same as has the Elizabeth Street center.

Many of those cases now treated at the emergency room are not considered real emergencies.

Cooperation among Model Cities and the principals in the establishment of the outpatient facility is not new.

Last year Model Cities donated \$179,000 to the hospital for its establishment of a cardiovascular catheterization lab (for diagnosing heart ailments), and approved an additional \$101,000 grant for its coronary care unit.

The latter sum has not yet received final approval from the region 1 office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The outpatient clinic, conceived as far back as 1968, will probably be in operation within six months.

Sandy Ridge Lab Is Final Link In Prison's Education Program

The administrators at Sandy Ridge Advancement Center try to make inmates "a deal they can't refuse."

One of several "advancement centers" operated by the N. C. Department of Corrections, Sandy Ridge in rural Guilford County is primarily for adult male prisoners on the last lap of their sentences. It is a minimum security unit geared to readjusting inmates to society before they are released.

The majority of the approximately 100 inmates at Sandy Ridge, which has a high turnover rate, are either waiting for parole, conditional release or final release.

It is during this final phase of their

confinement that prisoners at Sandy Ridge have special opportunities to "turn their lives around," according to unit superintendent L. H. Cashion.

There are several programs available for the inmates who are selected to come to Sandy Ridge. Most prisoners brought to the advancement center—which differs from a regular prison because of the amount of responsibility placed on the inmates themselves—are accepted only because Cashion and his staff feel that Sandy Ridge can fulfill a need these individuals have.

One of the most pronounced needs Cashion and his staff have identified is education.

For this reason, the Sandy Ridge administration has developed a concept and an educational program unique to prisons in the state.

Although other prisons offer at least adult basic education to their inmates, none in North Carolina have the broad program which Sandy Ridge now has, to Cashion's knowledge.

STEP BY STEP

Now it is possible for a man there to go step by step from first grade through a college degree, using the resources of the Sandy Ridge staff, County and City extension courses, Greensboro Literacy Council, Guilford Technical Institute, and even the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The final link in Sandy Ridge's sequential education program was furnished recently by a \$13,200 grant by High Point Model Cities to the center for the creation of a learning laboratory, where inmates may go to study independently in high school and college subjects they are weakest in.

An additional \$500 gift by the High Point Kiwanis Club supplemented the Model Cities money to make possible the purchase of a mini-bus to transport men to and from GTI for classes.

Up until this time, staff members had had to use "anything that walks or runs" to carry men to class, according to programs assistant Susan Adams, who with John R. Stewart will coordinate the education system at Sandy

Ridge. "We used everything but a taxi—personal cars, anything. We did everything but stuff them into wagons," added Stewart.

With the mini-bus, Sandy Ridge will be able to draw even more heavily on the facilities in Greensboro and at the Jamestown school to fulfill the educational needs of the men.

SELF-TEACHING

Materials available at the newly-established learning lab, all geared for self-teaching, are in the high school subjects of math, English, reading comprehension, and basic science. Miss Adams says, however, that if a man shows he is sincere in his desire to learn, materials and books can be ordered for him in any subject, including foreign language.

The learning lab will be monitored by a full-time teacher, who will tutor the inmates in whatever subject they are interested in. Students advance at their own pace on their individual study program. The lab will supplement the prison unit's already well-stocked library, and will also include audio-visual equipment.

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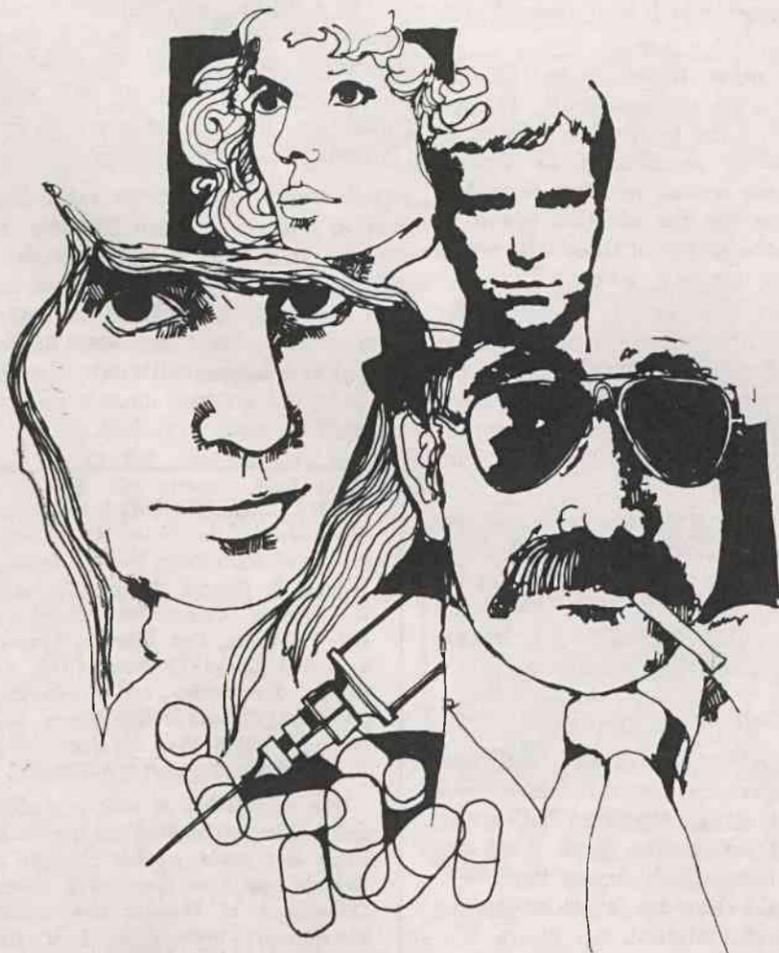
Romper Room Vacated; Toys Donated To CP By Local TV Station

WGHP-TV, Channel 8, has donated about eight boxes of toys and child care equipment to Model Cities Citizen Participation unit, 1305 Franklin Street.

The toys, games, books and children's furniture was presented to Citizen Participation director Milton Stallings by Channel 8's community affairs director Don Forney, former executive director of Model Cities.

The equipment will be used in the Citizen Participation office's Kiddie Korner, where children may stay while their parents are in neighborhood meetings, for example.

It was previously used on Channel 8's local version of "Romper Room" show, which was recently discontinued.



Drugs Are A Nightmare

A series on the dangers of drug abuse begins this week on page 4.