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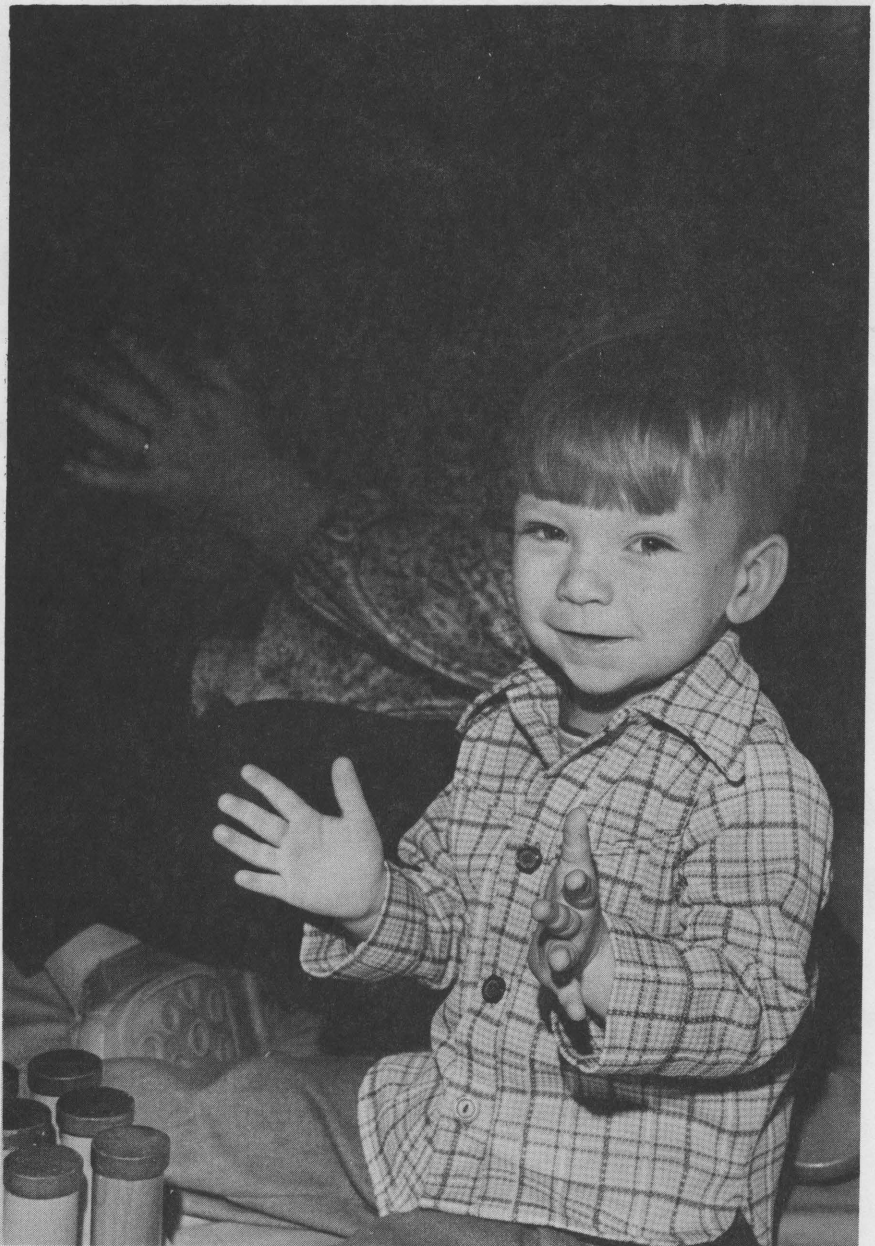
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**Joseph Worsham
Learns Meaning
of Success
(See Pages 3 & 4)**





Board Celebrates Sixth Anniversary

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY --- Board of Trustee members celebrated the sixth anniversary of Deep East Texas MHMR at a recent meeting by enjoying this large anniversary cake presented to them in their honor by MHMR staff. Members shown here with the cake are, from left, the Rev. Robert Carter, Judge Allen Sturrock, Board Chairman V. B. Woods, Ward R. Burke and George Gee.

Information sought . . .

Insurance Needs of Handicapped

In 1979 the Texas Legislature directed the State Board of Insurance to study the insurance problems of the handicapped. The study will be completed and recommendations given to the Legislature in January 1981.

The Board has obtained general information on the problems of the handicapped with auto, homeowner's, life, health, and workers' compensation insurance by holding hearings in Austin. **HOWEVER, MORE DETAILED INFORMATION IS NEEDED.** If you can help in this study by filling out a questionnaire, please send your name and address to:

INFORMATION SERVICES
State Board of Insurance
1110 San Jacinto
Austin, Texas 78786

For more information, call the Information Services Division at (512) 475-4285.

Toll Free Crisis Line - - - 1-800-392-8343

Changes To Note

A sheltered workshop, one of two new units expected to begin operations June 1 of this year, has a permanent address and telephone number now.

It is:

Tyler County Sheltered Workshop
203 Willow Street
Woodville, Texas 75979
Telephone: (713) 283-7607

Another sheltered workshop is scheduled to open in San Augustine June 1, 1980, and will serve the people of both San Augustine and Sabine Counties.

There is a new mailing address for the Newton County Developmental Center:
Newton County Developmental Center
P. O. Box 1146
Newton, Texas 75966
Telephone: (713) 379-8575

Clients Rights

The Public Responsibility Committee will accept complaints regarding abuse and denial of rights for mentally retarded citizens. Mail to P.O. Box 935, Lufkin, Texas 75901.

In Infant Program

Success is Learned Early

"I think what makes our Infant Training Program such a success, and what causes our workers to have such a high morale, is that we feel we're applying our time and resources at a point where we can do a lot of good," comments Marcia Northcutt, Director of Children's Programs at Deep East Texas MHMR Services.

The Infant Training Program is designed to serve the needs of children from birth to three years of age who may not be developing at the usual rate in one or more skill areas. A child who has an identifiable handicap would certainly benefit from this training. But many children may simply lag behind in their development and there may be no specific handicap that can be diagnosed.

The best time to help a child who is not learning basic skills at the usual rate is in the early months of growth. In the first few years of life a young child is learning and growing at a very rapid rate.

There are many things that a baby learns during those early years that we often take for granted.

Babies just seem to start doing some things naturally--such as lifting their heads, rolling over, sitting up, making babbling sounds, and later

crawling, walking and talking. However, babies are not really "just doing these things naturally." They are constantly learning from their environment---from parents, sisters and brothers, grandparents, and many others.

But some babies do not seem to respond as most other babies do.

Some babies may not try to roll over or crawl; others may not make very many babbling sounds or may not try to pull up and stand alone at the age that most babies do.

Since babies are learning so many things at this young age, if they fall behind in learning some of these skills, they may have a difficult time catching up later unless they receive extra help. Or if a baby has been diagnosed with a specific handicap such as Down's Syndrome or cerebral palsy, then he will certainly need early training to help him learn as many skills as possible.

A very important part of a young child's learning is the help and encouragement that he receives from his mother and other family members. Both children and mother profit from being involved in learning together.



Therefore, the Program is a home-based program where staff, mother and baby work together to help baby acquire different skills. Trained staff will demonstrate ways of playing and working with baby that will help him learn. Then mother will be given some written suggestions about how she can play and work with baby, too. Parents will also be

encouraged to attend regular parent training meetings in the area to learn more about how to help their child.

If you know of a child between birth and three years who is handicapped, or if you suspect that the child may not be learning some of the skills he should be learning, please contact us at MHMR. We want to help.

Each child will be evaluated by a team consisting of a psychologist, nurse, social worker and an educational specialist. If screening test indicate that the child is significantly delayed in areas of language, gross or fine motor, personal-social or other learning skills, the child may be eligible for service through the Training Program.

There will be no fees charged either for the diagnosis and evaluation or for the infant training.

For more information, contact the Center nearest you.

Kirbyville Developmental Center
602 N. Vallie
Kirbyville, Texas 75956
423-3025

Newton County Developmental Center
Courthouse Annex
Newton, Texas 75966
379-8575

San Jacinto County Developmental Center
Coldspring, Texas 77331
653-4410

Tyler County Developmental center
101-A Pecan St.
Woodville, Texas 75979
283-3773

Or contact our office in Lufkin,
Deep East Texas Regional MHMR Services

4101 S. Medford Dr.
Lufkin, Texas 75901
634-8241



Unit Director Sally Navarre, based in Kirbyville, Jasper County, uses a range of activities to help infants catch up mentally. In photo on far left, Mrs. Navarre guides Joseph Worsham in his play and learning as mother Mrs. Roy Worsham, assists. With infant Regina Cline, immediate left, Mrs. Navarre works on more basic skills. With her is Regina's mother, Mrs. Bill Cline.



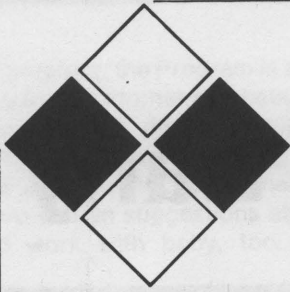
Local Support is Key to Success in Hardin County

Local support is the key to the success of community care for the mentally impaired, and Santa Fe Railroad employee Gary Boddie, left, is a perfect example of local citizens taking an active role in the MHMR Units in their community.

Mr. Boddie spends his days off on a regular basis making repairs and doing fix-up projects at the Hardin County Sheltered Workshop in Silsbee.

Student volunteers from Silsbee High School, shown below, donated many hours of service this year, teaching sign language to client Mary Miniffee, left. Center and right are Kim Bryson and Le An Bayless. Mary is a client at the Hardin County workshop.





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Leave A Living Memorial

MHMR has a Living Memorial Plan which provides an opportunity to express sympathy to the family of someone who has passed away. The Plan not only provides a method of showing sympathy for the family and appreciation for the deceased friend or loved one, but it also provides opportunity to show concern for handicapped citizens in the East Texas region. Each MHMR program unit has brochures describing the Living Memorial Plan, telling how to make a contribution. If you would like additional information about the Memorial Plan you may contact Gwen Cunningham at 634-8241 in Lufkin.

Donations to the Living Memorial Plan which have been received since the beginning of the Plan in the fall of 1978 include:

In Memory of Mrs. Henry McCullough by
by M/M Dick Gardemal

In Memory of Mrs. Alice Dill by
Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Lawrence, M/M James
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Johnson, Kathleen Sanders, M/M C. W. Bird,
the Fredonia State Bank

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M/M R. L. Cunningham

In Memory of Craig Trout by
M/M Dick Gardemal

In Memory of Luther Hill by
M/M Dick Gardemal

In Memory of Wesley F. Bryan by
Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Lawrence

In Memory of Pearl Adams Hassell by
Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Lawrence and M/M R. L.
Cunningham

In Memory of Jerry Wayne Kimbrough by
Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Lawrence

In Memory of H. C. Walker by
Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Lawrence

In Memory of Mrs. E. W. Leach by
Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Lawrence

In Memory of David Schick by
Mrs. Olene King, Charles Collins, Warren
Ferden, Bob Hinkie, Wayne Flowers

In Memory of Dixon Abney by
Dr. & Mrs. Wayne Lawrence

In Honor of Dr. George Tipton by
Betsy Burke and parents

In Memory of C. N. (Buster) Rowin by
M/M Lee Walton