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## JCAH Update . . .

# JCAH System Brings New Emphasis on Community Support

By Joe McCulley

Our efforts to prepare for the JCAH survey were launched dramatically this August first when provider staff began using the new service records system.

The new records system was designed to accommodate the new JCAH standards and to remain in compliance with standards of our other supporting agencies. I think the Service Records Committee did an excellent job in designing the new system. What remains now is for our provider staff to implement the new procedures and correct any procedural oversights. It's difficult to anticipate all contingencies when designing a new approach to service documentation.

However, in the long run the new records system and the entire JCAH process will have very beneficial results on our delivery of services. It will force us to think in terms of our role among all the other service providers operating in the community. It will encourage us to focus our resources on

consumers who need our services most. And it will encourage the development of private and community self-help groups.

As all staff know who have read the literature on the JCAH Balanced Service System, the emphasis is on strengthening the person's own natural support system so that his needs are met, not in an artificial clinic setting, but in the community environment where the person lives from day to day.

I have included a picture of the Service Records Committee who delivered training on the new system July 31. From left are George Patterson, Director of the Nacogdoches County Outpatient Clinic; Beverly Thaggard, Director of Outpatient and Residential Programs; Barbara Davis, MR Liaison Worker; and Bob Thaggard, Director of the Diagnosis and Evaluation Unit.

### Clients Rights

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



# Constructive Summer in Woodville

Twenty-seven soldiers from Fort Polk, Louisiana, responded to a request for help from the Tyler County Mentally and Physically Handicapped Association. What resulted was a complete renovation of a sheltered workshop and an excellent example of cooperation between local citizens and the U. S. Army.

The old VFW Post Home was gone over by the excellent construction and carpentry skills of C Company, 34th Engineer Battalion. New windows were added, the grounds were cleared, a driveway was constructed, and the interior was renovated to comply with all current standards.

Staff Sergeant Thomas Davis was the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge. Officer in Charge

was Second Lieutenant Walter Pierce.

The men bivouacked at Camp Urland, two miles west of Woodville.

The Tyler County Association provided the materials, and the soldiers from Ft. Polk supplied the labor, machinery and know-how.

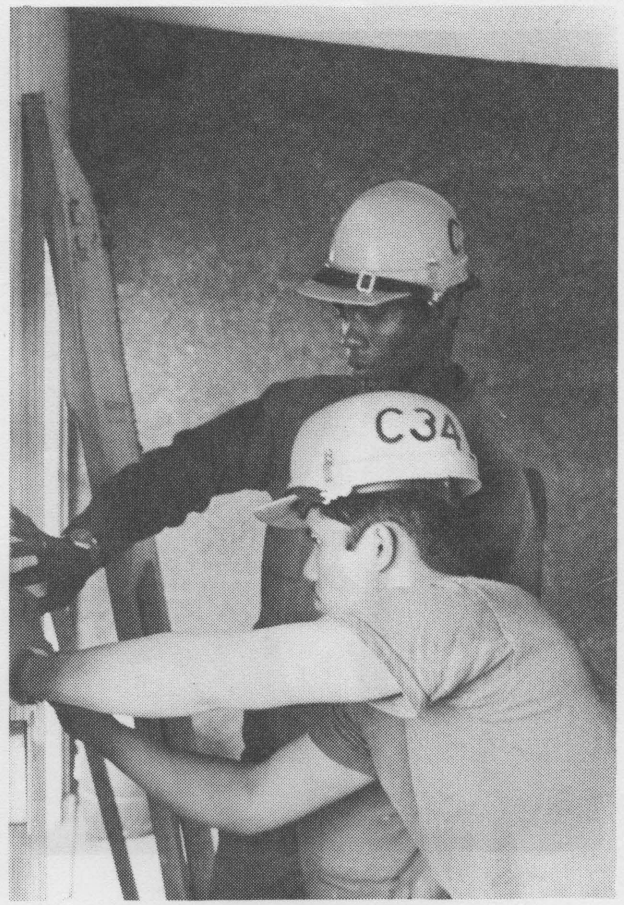
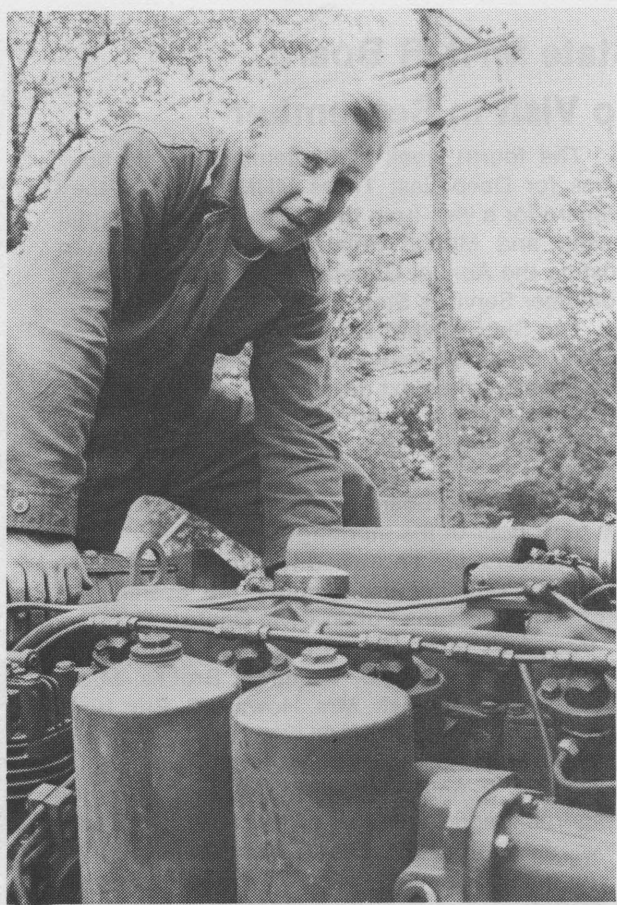
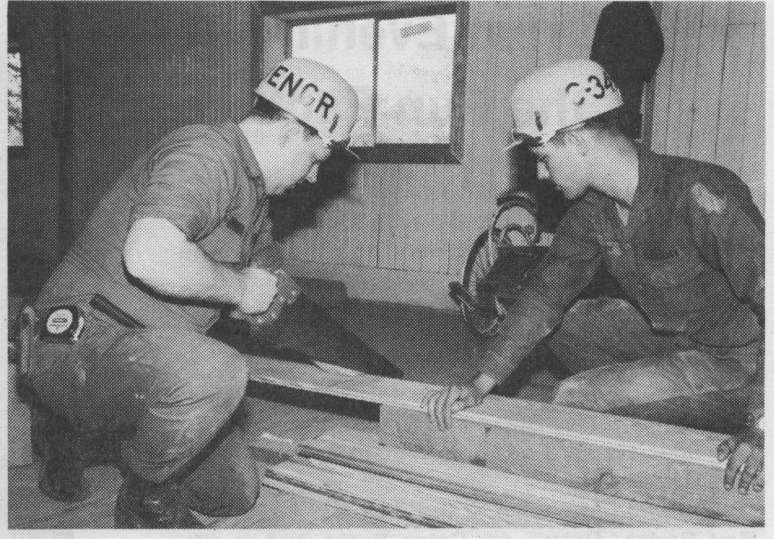
Pictured below is State Senator Roy Blake cutting the ribbon at dedication ceremonies June 12th.

Far right are Private Roger Knopp and Sergeant Richard Brown.

Below, far right, are Sergeants Leroy Well and Albert Callo doing some electrical work.

Below, right, is Sergeant John Blue who kept all the machinery in operation throughout the project.





## Great Evening at the Fun Factory

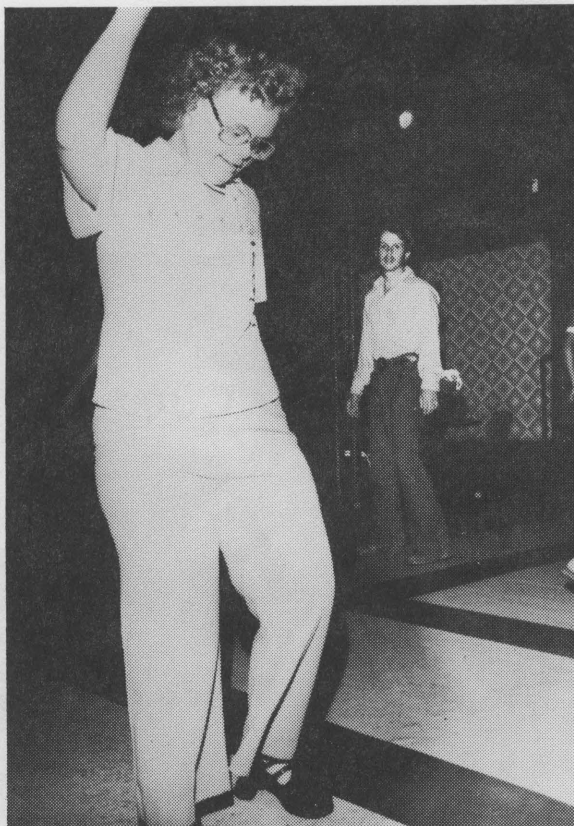
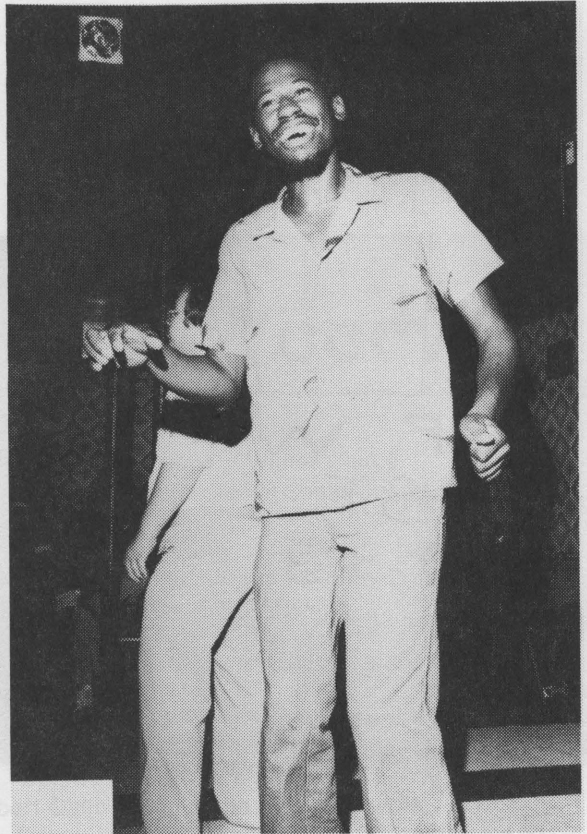
Clients and friends involved at Deep East Texas MHMR units in Lufkin and Nacogdoches gathered for a fun evening of disco dancing recently at the Fun Factory in Lufkin.

Climax of the evening was a dance contest won by; first place Debbie Pesce, second place Kenneth Harold and third place Lawrence Glenn.

Honorable mention went to Jackie Bouslog, Mike Lyles, Betsy Burke and Ray Bartee.

Special award was presented to Debbie Allison and Ray Bartee.

Pictured are some of the dancers. At right is Ray Bartee. Below are Betsy Burke and in the background, Brett Woods.



## State MHMR Board to Visit in September

The fourth week in September will be busy times for Deep East Texas MHMR staff as they prepare for a visit from the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, in addition to hosting the Annual General Meeting of the Texas Volunteer Services State Council.

The State MHMR Board will begin arriving in Lufkin, Thursday, September 25, in preparation for their meeting the next day.

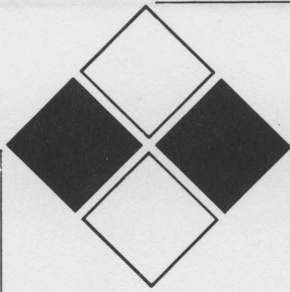
The Board will gather at 9:00 a.m. Friday, September 26, in the MHMR Day Treatment Facility at 4101 S. Medford Drive in Lufkin.

Their regular board meeting is expected to last the remainder of the morning.

Members will be invited to attend the Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet the evening of September 25 at the Lufkin Civic Center.

Members of the Board are Chairman L. Grey Beck from San Angelo, Walter A. Brooks, M.D., F.A.C.S., from Quanah, Mrs. Howard E. Butt from Corpus Christi, Margaret G. Cigarroa, M.D., from Laredo, A. L. Mangham, Jr., from Nacogdoches, William B. Schnapp from Houston, Mrs. Marvin Selig from Seguin, Mrs. Iris B. Thomas from Prairie View, and Edwin R. VanZandt from Rusk.

John J. Kavanagh, M.D., is Commissioner of TDMHMR.



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## MHMR and State School Host Volunteer Council

Deep East Texas MHMR and the Volunteer Council at Lufkin State School are jointly hosting the Annual-General Membership Meeting of the Volunteer Services State Council, Thursday and Friday, September 25 and 26, 1980.

Tentative schedule for the meeting includes tours of the Lufkin State School and Deep East Texas MHMR facilities in Lufkin and Nacogdoches.

An awards ceremony will be conducted at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet at the Lufkin Civic Center Thursday evening. The ceremony will honor volunteers from Deep East Texas MHMR and the State School.

Friday, the session will continue with regional meetings at 9 a. m. when representatives of the councils within each of the five regions of the state will meet.

Reports will be made by the regional groups later in the morning. Just before noon, Joe McCulley, with Deep East Texas MHMR will present the agency's slide and sound, multi-media presentation, "Deep East Texas MHMR, Local Solutions to Local Problems".

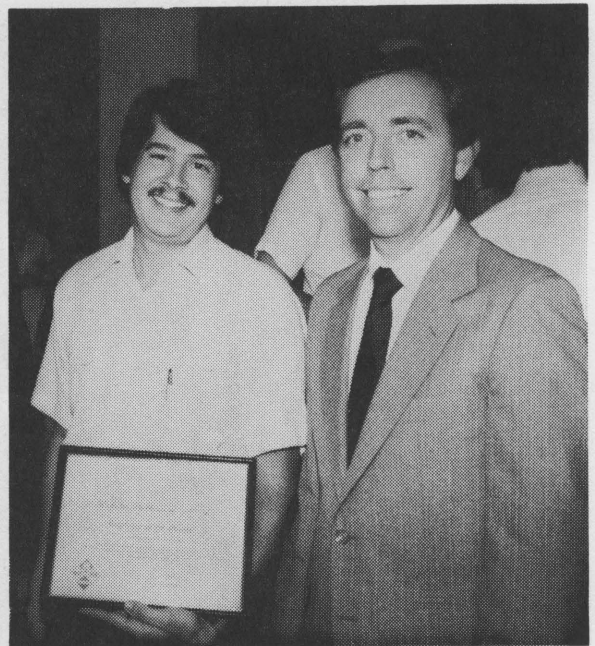
The afternoon session will be divided between a business meeting of the councils and concurrently held educational workshops.

Topics scheduled for the plenary session are, "Executive Committee Report on Volunteerism", "The Texas Council's Role in the Community Center Concept", "A Special Place for Special People", and "A Commentary on Cohesiveness".

The Presentation "A Special Place..." is to be made by Calvin C. Evans, Director of the Leander Rehabilitation Center.

The meeting will conclude Friday evening with "An Evening of Entertainment" led by noted humorist Bob Murphey of Nacogdoches.

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*Robby Patterson, left, Psychologist at the Angelina County Outpatient Clinic, received this summer his award as Outstanding Employee of the Quarter by Executive Director Wayne Lawrence, Ph. D.*