

Government Provides Funds For Migrant Work

\$8,500 To Be Used For Health

Similar Amounts Promised For 1964, 1965 With County Being Guinea Pig

The U. S. government has appropriated \$8,500 for a health project for migrant workers in Frederick County this summer.

Mrs. Dorothy D. Watts, director of the project, said similar appropriations have been earmarked for the health program here in 1964 and 1965.

A health clinic will be set up at the migrant camp in Frederick and another will be located at the Thurmont camp, she said, to treat the several hundred migrants expected here at the peak of the corn and bean canning season.

Mrs. Watts said the clinics should be stocked and opened by mid July.

The clinics, which will be set up in surplus Navy trailers, will each be open one night a week. Two medical students from Howard University will work at the clinics the night they are open and will work directly with the migrants throughout the week.

Dr. Vernon C. Straughn, a member of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health School at Howard University, and Dr. D. W. Harrison, a surgeon at D.C. General Hospital, will direct the medical work in the clinics.

Mrs. Watts, also a member of the Howard Medical School, said the clinics will be equipped to give treatment for minor injuries, injections and medications.

Pilot Project

Mrs. Meredith Mackley, secretary of the Frederick County Migrant Ministry Committee, said the operations of this committee, the Health - Education Committee of the county and the health project will be dovetailed to administer to all the needs of the migrants in a pilot project that many eventually be applied nationally to other migrant or low-income areas.

Mrs. Alice B. Finlayson, a former elementary school teacher and lecturer at Morgan State Col-

lege, will be the social services coordinator of the project.

She will screen the migrants, Mrs. Watts explained, and try to help them with their social problems.

About 60 volunteers from the National Council of Negro Women, which has backed the project, will work with the migrants. Local volunteers will also work with the workers.

Many of the volunteers from the National Council will be here only a few days, Mrs. Watts said, but will use the training acquired here to do similar work in other migrant areas.

Motivation Is Key

Mrs. Mackley explained that much work of the volunteers and the entire program will be directed toward motivating the migrants to take advantage of the health, recreational, educational and other facilities already available to them.

She said there is also a community responsibility to recognize the plight of the workers and help them.

Frederick County was chosen for the grant because of its proximity to Howard University and Washington, the existing conditions in the white-Negro work ratio, agricultural populations and desegregation policies.



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r, Daniel Gaither, a medic in Howard University; Annarrie Menzel and Janice Ausherman. Other volunteers not shown in the picture are Carmichael Sr., technical advisor; Francis Ausherman, Bill Castle, Francis Miller, Carolene Grossklee, Betsy Goodman, Becky Fer and Larry Williams.