

Agreement Signed for Training of Retarded

Culminating a comprehensive study which has been under way for a year, the Southwest Association for Retarded Children (SARC) has initiated the first phase of a new program to employ the trainable and educable mentally retarded person in productive work.

The Exceptional Children's Foundation of the Los Angeles and SARC have signed an agreement which will

establish a sheltered workshop for retarded persons in the area.

The workshop will be administered by professional personnel from the foundation under the terms of a three-year grant from the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

UNDER THE terms of the

agreement, SARC will receive the services of a project director, a workshop manager, a research specialist, social and psychological workers, a contract specialist, and a vocational placement counselor from the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Federal funds will provide part of the monies necessary to operate the workshop. Remaining expenses will be matched by SARC, according to Harry Reach, chairman of the SARC rehabilitation committee.

The workshop, known as PAR Workshops (Production and Rehabilitation), provides a place where the retarded may work at such jobs as packaging hardware items, assembling of toys, mailer stuffings, stamping and stapling, collating, punching and assembling books on plastic spiral binders, sorting and

salvaging small parts for local industry, and repair of shipping pallets.

TO QUALIFY for the program, persons must be 16 years of age or older, and considered to be a trainable or educable retardate residing in the Southwest area. Eventually, SARC hopes to provide a program for 50 or more persons, despite a modest start.

"There is no end to the number of projects these young people can do," Mrs. Dean Thurman, president of SARC, said. "Above all, it is useful work and each worker will be paid according to his ability," she added.

Thirty-five persons have applied for the workshop program at the present time. Parents whose children may qualify may call Mrs. Harry Reach at FR 5-3165 for additional information.



WORKSHOP TASKS . . . Students at Columbia School are trained for tasks such as spiral book binding, stapling and stamping, or collating at the school. Southwest Association for Retarded Children recently concluded an agreement with the Exceptional Children's Foundation which will permit a continuation of this training in PAR Workshops (Production and Rehabilitation).

Holds Varied Monthly Meet

All dens of Club Pack 755-C were active in the monthly meeting. The pack is sponsored by the 223rd Sareet PTA.

Den 1 opened the meeting with the flag salute under the leadership of Mrs. Willard Hober. Den 2 presented a skit of The Beatles with the help of Mrs. Karl Black and Mrs. Gomez. Welcoming of parents was performed by Den 6. Inspection tomahawk went to Den 5 and the parent count to Den 2.

Upcoming projects included Good Will bag distribution and a trip to the Arabian Kellogg Horse Farm for parents, cubs and friends.

FRANK MARCUS, adult leader, was presented a two-year pin.

Other awards included:

Den 1—Robin Jardon and Glen Smith, bobcat pin.

Den 2—John Rode, Michael Cook, and Trinidad Gomez, one-year pins.

Den 5—Pete Hill, bear badge, one-year pin, two gold and two silver arrows; Joseph Danford, two-year pin, one gold and one silver arrow; and Randall Mitchell, bear badge.

Den 6—Myles Olson, bobcat and denner bars; Andrew Anderson, bobcat and assistant denner; Chris Williams, Steven Hawkinson, and Donald Crane, bobcat.

Den 4—Colby Martinez, bear badge, one gold and five silver arrows.

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