

A Boys' Workshop... Where the Problems Are Not Black and



Father Schnacky aids James Aiken, center, and John Whaley, as they prepare some jigsaw puzzles.

Sisters Run Shop at 483 Joseph Avenue, Rochester



Sister Patricia Flynn, Rudy Crumpler, left, and Nolie Morris, make a laminated hot plate as one of the center's many training projects.

The building has all the signs that it is in urban decay.

The front windows are covered with plywood. "Shop," is fading. Paint is cracking and peeling. The sidewalk alongside is partially overgrown with weeds.

But in the back something different is going on.

There is chatter from excited young teenagers. The sounds of hammers, saws, drills and electric tools. The rooms are vibrant with activity.

Black youngsters are at workbenches making projects. Others are being taught how to use tools. Supervising, teaching, helping, and assisting are a nun, a priest, two young black employes and several men from the Eastman Kodak Co.

The Joseph Avenue Boys' Workshop is run by Sister Patricia Flynn and Father Paul Schnacky.

The workshop is but one phase of the St. Joseph's city program which began four years ago. The center is a small store and came afternoons simply to help people and to help in any way that they could. The center itself was swamped with children and, in response, began conducting classes after school hours. (Classes include sewing and cooking for older girls.)

To be a friend is one thing—to be a neighbor is another. Sister Patricia moved into a house in the neighborhood in 1966. At the same time they moved into the neighborhood.

When Sister Patricia came the next year, the center was ready for a boys' workshop.

With Father Paul Schnacky, the assistant pastor of St. Redeemer, the neighborhood church, Sister Patricia has attracted area business people. One offered her thousands of usable scraps of formica; others offered materials. Kodak agreed to supply instructors on computer. Sears, Roebuck donated tools. The firemen installed better lighting.

The result is that for two years now from 3 to 5 p.m. here after school each weekday from 3 to 5 p.m. boys come to come each day before they are allowed to go home. They require an explanation, and the boys are not missed.

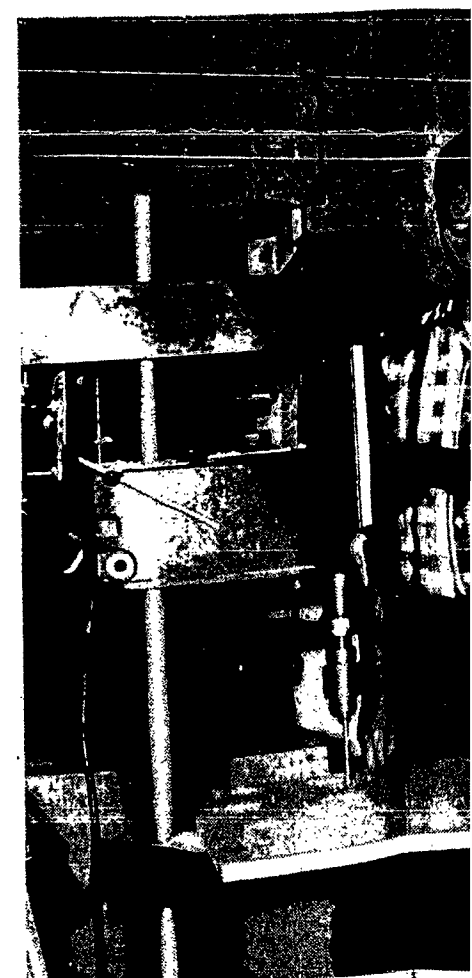
On Mondays and Wednesdays, carpentry is taught. Other days are devoted to sports (swimming at the CYO) and miscellaneous instruction.

The youngsters frequently make items to help raise money for the upkeep of the center. These include stools, doll cradles for Operation Head Start, fences, hot pads, and coat racks for children.

The youths made more than \$3,000. They pay for their own and electricity bills, and maintain a bank balance. This year that money will be used to form a fund. The consultation and support of local business people will receive \$100 to be deposited and then used.

Some of the youngsters at the center are derby racers. Members of the Kodak Park Derby Chamber of Commerce, advised youngsters and in entering the National Soap Box Derby.

Sister Patricia, an authoritarian in the center, is known for her politeness, promptness, and neatness. All v



Frank Humphreys, left, of Kodak, and Father Schnacky to