

Volunteers Are From All Walks

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If any fair division can be made among the 24 VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) trainees, perhaps it would be between the eager and young on the one hand and the eager and young at heart on the other.

Eleven of the cadre who began a six-week training program at the Bayboro Harbor Florida Institute for Continuing University Studies (FICUS) in St. Petersburg yesterday were born during World War II.

Eleven others were born before the outbreak of World War I. That many are at least 53 years old. Seven are over 60. One is 71.

Among the young volunteers, seven were graduated from colleges last June.

They come from 15 different states in every section of the country with California and Michigan having the best representation of four each.

Among the volunteers are two men who were living in Europe at the time they were notified of their acceptance. And a married couple — John and Alberta Knoob, 65 and 64, of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. — offered their services.

Marc Logie, originally of San Francisco, is a 71-year-old volunteer who rose from the rank of private in World War I to colonel in the Pacific Theatre of World War II.

His entire life has been one of military service — more than 40 years.

"I should be serving my country yet," Logie says. He intends to.

Tentatively, he will be one of seven volunteers preparing for work at one of the job corps centers being set up for youth 16-21 years old where they will teach them remedial education and vocational training. These will be both rural and urban centers.

Also designated for a job corps center are:

— Edward Nungesser, 53, Pinewaugh, N.Y., with experience in commercial arts and

wood carving. He will work with young boys.

—Lamar Marchese, 21, Tampa, a graduate of the University of South Florida with a BA in social science.

—Ernest Martin, 53, living in Europe the last two years and a former professional Army man and retired ROTC instructor.

—Loren R. Ivanec, 21, Sioux City, Iowa, BS in Business Administration from Morningside-Sioux City College. He is tentatively scheduled to teach recreation.

— William Omald, 30, Melissa, Tex. with a BA from Baylor and a bachelor of divinity from Southwestern Baptist. He has had experience in youth counseling.

— Martin Rust, Jersey City, N.J., 45, also retired from the Army with technical training in electronics.

The Knoobs will join Rhoda Kluge, 23, Lakeview, Mich. and Ruth Deviney, Atchison, Kans., 60, for volunteer work at Crawford Mountain, Tenn.

Rhoda Kluge was graduated from the University of Michigan last year with a BA in humanities. She will teach recreational programs.

Ruth Deviney has been a registered nurse 37 years and will be active in health programs.

22-year-old Pam Tegatz of Milwaukee, Wis. and Helen Jarret, 65, Los Altos, Cal., are tentatively designated for Yell County, Ark.

Mrs. Jarret left her part-time teaching job to join VISTA. In fact, she was teaching mathematics until last Monday night.

"I like to take people who are down and out and bring them up," she said. "There is a great deal of satisfaction in doing that."

Miss Tegatz sees VISTA as a stepping stone toward the Peace Corps. She will be working with slow learners among Negro children.

There are three volunteers tentatively scheduled for Reno, Nev.

—Catherine Osterhage, 66, Berryville, Ark. She has been an industrial librarian 16 years and will use her talent to develop a library and create a manual arts neighborhood program in Reno.

— Mrs. Emma F. Fenton, Columbia, Mo., 57, with work in the Grey Ladies, civil defense and mental health groups.

—Robert Adair, 22, Tampa, with a BA in history from the

University of South Florida. He will help create a community workshop and manual arts program.

— Stephen Maskarnecz, 37, Nesquehoning, Pa., is scheduled for Knox County, Ky. as a community action organizer. He has a master in history and a BA in secondary education with 10 years teaching experience.

Four volunteers will be assigned to the Council of Southern Mountains — 11 counties in Kentucky who have gotten together to form an anti-poverty program. They requested volunteers and will get:

—Paul Merrill, 20, Portland,

Maine, who was attending Weber Colylege, Ogden, Utah, before notified.

—William Wagner, 21, of Pasadena, Calif., three years of architectural experience. Wagner has taught swimming to the handicapped and done mechanical drafting work.

He will build sanitary privies and install sewers.

—Mary Jean Honrath, El Cerrito, Cal., has experience in recreation and camp guidance work. She will be working with youngsters six to 14 years old.

Four other volunteers have training for work with migrant farmers in California.

—Carl Lebold, 56, Dover, Ohio, has had 50 years agricultural background and will provide administrative assistance to adult farmers.

—Joseph Salisbury, 23, Pawtucket, R.I., with a BA in sociology from Providence College in 1964 will try to establish a community service center to counsel and aid families.

—Another University of Michigan graduate last year, Lucy S. Norman, Piermont, N.Y., will prepare pre-school youngsters for school.

—Gladys Garrow, Kalamazoo, Mich., 67, also will provide assistance to farm workers.