

## Professional Groups Return Questionnaires In Services Survey

The Mental Health committee of Jackson county reported that more than half the members of nine professional groups contacted have returned questionnaires in the survey of local needs for family counseling services.

The subcommittee of the Mental Health committee of Jackson county met last week to review findings and study recommendations to give at the Oct. 25 noon meeting.

Some groups had a higher percentage of returns such as personnel managers of the industries, social workers, law enforcement officers and lawyers. They were the groups first contacted.

Returns from medical physicians, school principals, ministers and doctors of osteopathy are still being returned. The subcommittee hopes to have a 75 per cent return by the end of the month.

### Opinions Vary

Different professional persons' opinions vary according to the kind of situations seen in their practice.

Lawyers were aware of the great need for help to couples where marital discord is present. Doctors noted a moderate need for counseling physically handicapped persons to assume normal responsibilities. Public welfare workers and the public health nurses recognized the need to help to solve problems of retirement leisure time, make friends, find congenial living arrangements and make adjustments to the physical condition of older persons.

Almost all groups showed interest in the problem of the employed mother without a father in the home who has to find suitable work hours and day care for her children, returns showed.

### Family Relationships

Ministers, social workers, and law enforcement officers saw a great need for more services for families who have disturbed parent-child relationships or relationships among children; lawyers and doctors saw a moderate need in this area.

Although almost half the re-

turned questionnaires indicated a slight need for pre-marriage counseling, several emphasized the feeling that the need is great for young couple to understand themselves and each other, especially with early marriages on an increase.

A report of the returns and recommendations for further study will be made at the Oct. 25 meeting in the conference room at the courthouse annex at noon. Residents of Jackson interested have been invited. Coffee is provided to go with the participants' sack lunches.



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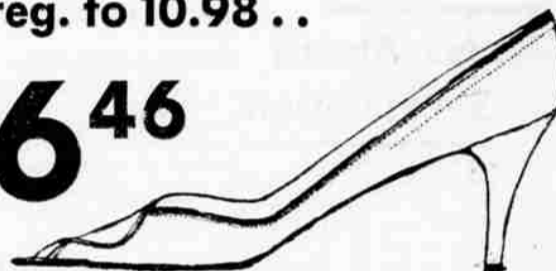
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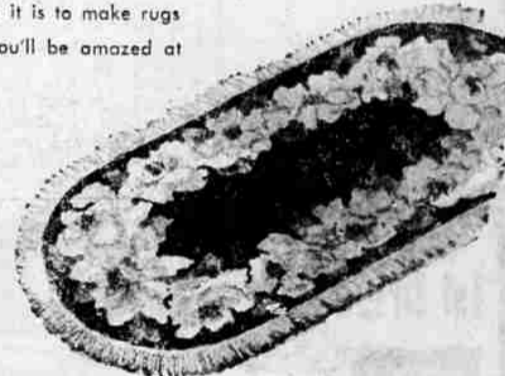
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