



Photo by Pat Petraske

Mrs. Beverly Clark, director of the Southwest Day Care Center, gives a boost to her daughter, Kristin, 7, who joins her brother, Gary Jr., 6. Swinging high is Lachonne Haynes, 6.

Day Care Center Opens

By PAT PETRASKE

Women's Lib has freed many mothers from the pitter patter of little feet but the problem remains of how to get adequate care for the children left behind. Mrs. Beverly Clark, director of the Southwest Day Care Center, is attempting to provide a service not only for women who need a babysitter but also for women who desire to care for other children in their homes along with their own.

The center was launched after Mrs. Clark was plagued with requests for her day care services. Presently she is one of only two women on her street in the 19th Ward who stay home during the day. A peek into her backyard reveals not only her own five children and four day care children at play but several others from the neighborhood who want advice, comfort or a listening ear.

Fifteen women are available for child care in their homes; a concept which has become popular "because many mothers prefer a home environment for their children," Mrs. Clark said. In an effort to "upgrade the day care center" mothers who apply are screened through an interview and their qualifications are placed on file.

"We were rather starry-eyed when we first began but the state stepped in with certain rules. We strongly suggest that all mothers be licensed," the director said. A Family Day Care license is issued by New York State after a home is inspected by a member of the social services. No mother can

have more than six children under 13 nor more than two under two years of age. Most women watch only two children.

Services of the center are free although mothers who are registered must pay \$1 per month. The center that has provided homes for 30 children recommends that each sitter have an X-ray and that each child have a physical check up. A rate of \$5 a day per child is suggested by Mrs. Clark since "many mothers are hesitant to talk about money."

Mothers who belong to the center meet monthly for discussions. Speakers at the meetings have included a social worker and a fireman; a dietitian from RC&E will discuss nutritional snacks.

Some mothers who request a sitter will refuse to call a particular woman "because they assume from her name that she is black." Mrs. Clark stated that these mothers are not given another name and are refused the services of the center. The major problem faced by the center, however, is not enough mothers who are willing to watch children. "We need people who will take kids that are dropped off at 7 a.m. or who are not picked up until after 7 p.m. We also need people to go into homes when children are sick," she explained.

The Southwest Day Care Center has been taken under the wing of St. Augustine's human development committee, which helps with advertising and interviews.

Charismatics List Prayer Meetings

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On Thursdays, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hauser, 1570 Culver Rd., Rochester.

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Weekly prayer meetings are held at St. Peter and Paul Church at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at St. Theodore Church at 8 p.m. on Mondays.

Mass is celebrated at 8 p.m. every First Friday at St. Lawrence Church and at 7:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Persons wishing to be included in this list should contact Mrs. June Borreggine at 458-5365 or Mrs. Shelby Reid 352-4329.

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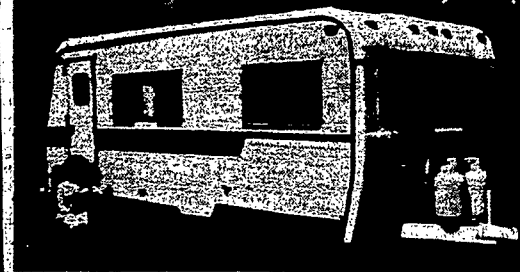
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