



Camp Fisher group hikes in Ellison Park.



Lisa Crandall dreams of castles.

Days drift by, filled with boon-doggle, baseball, swimming, and maybe tie-dyeing or hiking. Day camps have a rhythm all their own. They begin, last forever, and then suddenly never were.

At Charles and Genesee Settlement Houses the day camps are drawing to a close. Eileen McCarthy, director of Charles House, reported that this summer about 160 children enrolled. At Genesee Settlement House, Camp Fisher director Connie Perry said that 175 children from both the neighborhood surrounding their Duke Street location and others from outside are registered for camp. Both houses are social service agencies of Catholic Charities funded by the Community Chest.

A typical day at either camp begins with songs and announcements at the settlement house. Then buses are boarded and each day campers visit a different park for games, crafts, music, and sports. Charles House children over 10 years old receive swimming instruction. Miss Perry of Genesee reported that their staff includes specialists in both music and art. A librarian visits the camp weekly for a story time. Frequent cook-outs and an overnight camping experience for the older children round out the six-week schedule.



Teens Bonnie Van Hall, left, and Migdalia Vazquez work with tots as part of a joint project between Charles House and Action for a Better Community.



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