



# Day Care Program Adapts To Community It Serves

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Children at the Madison County Day Care Center are learning from their neighbors.

An "onk" or a "whinny" is about the best the friendly critters next door can offer but the way of conversation but no one seems to mind.

Day care students are allowed to visit the barn of a farmer living nearby to get to know the resident farm animals. It's an experience few children in an urban area could ever share.

Mrs. Bea Wisniewski, coordinator of three Madison County day care centers, recognizes the unique needs of children in the rural environment of a town like Marshall.

"Top priority is for them to engage in group activities," she said. "Many of these children live in an area with only one other child in the neighborhood."

"And we emphasize familiar objects such as the farm animals... working to help them learn how to learn."

The Madison County Day Care Centers, located in Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs, are funded by the Appalachian Regional Committee as a Community Coordinated Child Care project.

Governed by a council of public officials, private citizens and parents, the Madison County staff includes the coordinator, a nutritionist and a secretary. Each center is manned by a certified teacher and two aides.

All staff members are required to live in Madison County and aides are often natives of the county and neighbors of the children's families.

The rural environment provides the centers with beautiful scenery, clean air and a lot of chances for the children to learn about nature. Mrs. Wisniewski said.

She sees some disadvantages in working in a county like Madison with a child development system which, she says, is often geared to the needs of an urban area.

Madison County day care centers are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. but for aides the day is longer. They must begin transporting children to the centers at 7 a.m. and don't usually finish until around 5 p.m.

"Transportation is our biggest problem here," Mrs. Wisniewski said. "It takes about an hour of travel to get to the centers."

A child may live only 10 miles off the main road but 10 miles in Madison County is different from 10 miles in an urban county. It might take 30 minutes driving time on winding, narrow roads which during rainy or snowy seasons are impassable.

"Some of our children live a long distance away," she said. "But these are the very children who are most in need

of interaction with other children."

And, the coordinator added, "The families and the children seem to think the trip is worth it."

Madison County 4-C Day Care Centers serve 61 children, aged 3-6, during full operation. There are 25 children registered at the Marshall center, 18 at Mars Hill and 18 at Hot Springs.

Finding buildings which would meet day care center regulations was another problem officials had to face.

The center in Marshall was formerly a nursing home while in Hot Springs an old drugstore building is used.

The Mars Hill Day Care Center is located in a community center building.

All have been renovated in an effort to make them bright, cheerful and impeccably clean centers for the county's youngsters.

The emphasis at all the day care centers is on quality, Mrs. Wisniewski said. "We're not here just to babysit for the children. These are trained adults working with each individual child."

The staff in addition to other training, is required to take part in the Asheville Child Development Training Program.

Center facilities are free for



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Contact lenses continue to be popular, and optometrists remind wearers to wash their hands carefully before inserting the lenses and touching the eye area. Use soap, or a liquid skin cleanser such as pHisoHex, which many individuals find less irritating to the skin.

current Title 4-A children and other students are charged on a sliding scale according to income.

The curriculum is much like that of a nursery school with structured activities and unstructured free play. Children are given a hot lunch and two snacks a day with facilities provided for naptime.

"Madison County has had a very good community response to the day care

centers," Mrs. Wisniewski said. "Each of the centers is becoming a part of the community with townpeople often dropping in to see what's going on."

Although the 4-C program is threatened by a cutback in funds, Mrs. Wisniewski is optimistic. "We hope that this program can be used as a model upon which other day care programs can be expanded and improved," she said.

## Deaths & Funerals

J.R. HUFFMAN

John R. Huffman, 91, of Rt. 2 Marshall, died Wednesday Feb. 13, 1974 at the home of a son, Fred Huffman, after a long illness.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, he was a member of California Creek Baptist Church and a retired farmer.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Charlie Shook and Mrs. Mollie Burnette of Marshall, Mrs. Charlie Griffin of Mars Hill and Mrs. Shannan Glacia of Lathrop, Calif.; a son, Fred Huffman of Marshall; 33 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Oak Grove Baptist Church. The Revs. Sherman Tweed, Dearly Ammons and Arthur Hensley officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. Grandsons were pallbearers. Capps Funeral Home was in charge.

MRS. HATTIE SUTTLES

Mrs. Hattie Allison Suttles, 89, of Hot Springs, died Friday Feb. 15, 1974 in an Asheville nursing home after a long illness.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Cora Gardin of Hot Springs and Mrs. Lillie Wyatt of Hendersonville; 34

grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Fairview United Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

WALTER ROBERTS

Walter Roberts, 56, of Rt. 7 Marshall, died unexpectedly Sunday Feb. 17, 1974 at his home.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, he was a farmer.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Gliffie Worley Roberts, four sons, L. D., Ronald and Dean Roberts of Marshall and Roger Roberts of Detroit, Mich.; a daughter, Mrs. Clyde Barnett of Strongsville, Ohio; the father, Ben Roberts of Lincoln; two brothers, Ace Roberts of Richmond, Va., and Kermit Roberts with the U. S. Army in Virginia; a sister, Mrs. Moser Griffith of Richmond; and five grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Lower Big Pine Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The Revs. Clifford Cable, Frank Clifflmons and Charles Sprinkle officiated. Burial was in Worley Cemetery. Nephews were pallbearers. Bowman Funeral Home was in charge.

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THE NORTHWESTERN BANK  
By Gary C. Jordan  
assistant Treasurer.

Eggs-actly what's going on here? Children at the Marshall Day Care Center take advantage of a neighbor's farm to get to know some friendly fowl. Center teacher, Miss Emma Jean Pegg, helps students (above) give the brood their morning meal. Children include Rodney Chandler, Jeffrey Espina, Lee McDevitt, Cindy Gosnell and Melena Nix.



Putting the pieces together, these children (right) at one of the Madison County 4-C Day Care Centers are getting a lesson in learning. They are (L-R) Danny Treadway, Scott Haynie and Christie Rigby. (Staff Photos by June Glenn Jr.)

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