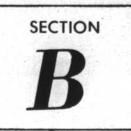
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Development Centers Boost Tots' Potential

243 Children Cared For Under Program DOROTHY OSBORNE

They begin arriving soon after 7 a.m., their eyelids still heavy with sleep. They come, these little ones, from all sections of the county, to be cared for while their parents are busy elsewhere.

Times Staff Writer

By 9:30 a.m., the last of them have come, and the early arrivals have eaten breakfast and are ready for the day's activities.

planned for parents who work

the 4 p.m. to midnight shift at

American Thread. But the

need for that did not develop; therefore, the home offers

The difference in a home

and a center, Miss Provence,

said, is that the home only

takes five children, ages two

"It has enabled us to serve

some little tinies we could not

serve in a center." Miss

Provence said. It also means

that two or three children

from the same family can be

cared for, some of them after

their parents in the homes,

each working with about 25

The home based program is

directed toward the parent -

"to teach the parent how to be

the most effective teacher of

her or his child or children.

It's an exciting program for

identifying limiting factors

that need to be corrected in

order for a child to be free to

develop to his maximum

potential - factors such as

medical problems, dental

problems, speech difficulties,

hearing and visual problems,

regular day care.

months to 14 years.

school hours.

children.

They will remain until late afternoon, the first ones leaving about 3:30 p.m., the last ones picked up by 5:30.

These children, ages 2 to 5, attend one of four child development centers in Transylvania County, operated by the county.

The four centers are Quebec, housed in the community club building; Cherryfield, housed in the Cherryfield Baptist Church; Stepping Stones, housed in the Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church; and First Adventure, housed in the First Methodist Church.

Miss Elizabeth Provence is director of the program, which also includes one day care home, a home-based program where home visitors work with the parents, and supervision of the county head start program. Her staff numbers about 40.

A new center for infants and toddlers will open this month, Miss Provence said, and applications for this service are being taken now.

The day care home, operated by Mrs. Clara Bryson in her home located on highway 64 West, five miles from Brevard, was originally



TODD HARRIS beats the drum at First Adventure Child Development Center.

Two home visitors — a third and emotional problems. one will be added this month work with children and

"It's a sort of discouraging order without rigidity. "It reality, but unless you have takes a lot of work to have a identified and corrected situation that is free and orproblems by the time a child is derly. But it is possible," she four, from here on out, you are said. doing remedial work. All the school can do is remedial family. You have to help the work. He never can catch up," child in the midst of his Miss Provence said.

isolation. And it's expensive. The staff is composed of skilled, dedicated people, enough of them so that the prehensive child care, there is staff-child ratio is one to no such thing as its being a seven, so that each child profitable business. This is not received individual attention. to say that private operators don't do a good job. They do. But they can't do a job as

Miss Provence defines a good child development center Her Concern: People

as one which provides **BY DOROTHY OSBORNE** freedom without anarchy, **Times Staff Writer**

> When Elizabeth Provence came to Brevard in August two years ago, she left East St. Louis, a city of 85,000 people, for a town of 5,000.

It was no chance move on family. You can't help him in her part. Rather, it was wellplanned.

> "I had been vacationing here over a period of summers for about 10 years. I wanted to retire here. After 12 years in the heart of two big cities, this just looked very promising to me," the director of the Transvlvania County Child Development Program said.

"You find yourself helping people at the convenience of

Orleans for more than three

years. Earlier she worked at a

Baptist Goodwill Center in

Miss Provence believes, she

said, in the infinite value of the

individual. In some situations

she believed she hleped the

individual, but could not

change the system. "Unless

you change systems, you don't

solve human problems," she

Everyone in this area of

work runs the risk of

becoming institutionalized

and hamstrung by all kinds of

rules and regulations, she

Miami

said.

said.



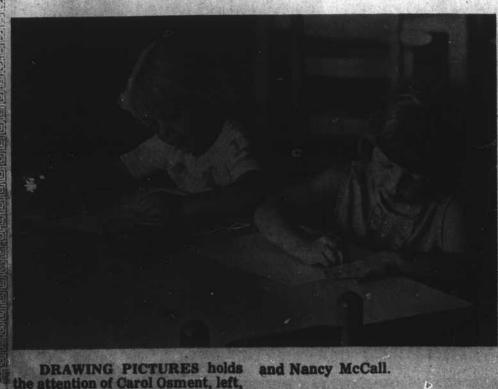


READING STORIES to some of the children are Eddie Daugherty, Kim Simpson and Lavonia is Debra Gentry, right. The children, from left. Sharpe.



LOADING TRUCKS with blocks and hauling them places provides happy moments for Todd

Harris, left, John Gray and Bill Cash (in front).



program this year is \$288,545. A big part of it goes for medical and dental care.

The annual budget for the

fully."

"We work with the whole

"When you do com-

"The dental expense is the biggest expense we have," Miss Provence said. "Poverty shows up more vividly in the mouths of people than anything else about them."

The program, with the four centers, home care center, home visitation, and head start program, serves about 243 children.

The program, the former Transylvania County Coordinated Child Care (4C), was a private not-for-profit organization, Miss Provence said.

It is now the Transylania Child Development Program, with \$25,000 coming from parents' fees. Of the remainder of the budget Transylvania County provides 121/2 per cent; N. C. State budget provides 121/2 per cent; federal funding provides 75 per cent.

Of the federal funding, one third comes from the Appalachian Regional Commission and the remainder from Title 4-A money.

"We do have United Fund money and parents' fees and miscellaneous private donations," Miss Provence said. But that is a very small per cent.

Fees paid for each child are determined by a sliding scale, mandated by the state, and based on family income and size of family.

The majority of children are from homes of working parents, but about 45 per cent are from single parent families.

The program is open to Transylvania County families with gross incomes up to \$17,000, according to Miss Provence.

Application for all phases of the program may be made at the office, 308 S. Broad Street.

"I was impressed with the high calibre of citizen leadership involved. I felt like there was a group of people here who had put something welcomed the opportunity to come help do it.

"I tell my friends that Transylvania County has all the problems that anywhere has, but they come in small enough sizes to feel like you can solve a lot of them, and you can help alleviate the situation.

"In the crowded metropolitan areas, they come in such overwhelming density that it just looks impossible."

Miss Provence, a native of Denton, Texas, has done a variety of social work since she graduated from Texas College for Women, now of which was a day care Texas State Women's University, at Denton, with a Miss Masters journalism degree.

On the same day, her brother graduated from Baylor University with a journalism degree, and went to work for the Waco News 34, of Rosman died Friday in Tribune. Today, he is her home. Miss Masters was a executive editor for a chain of life long resident of Trannewspapers that includes the News Tribune, she said.

But she did not go into the newspaper field. She has used her training, she said, in writing for magazines and in authoring two books, both biographies of missionaries.

One, God's Troubadours, is about the Florida Baptist foreign missionaries. The other, Sawgrass Mission, is the story of Willie King, an Oklahoma Crete Indian who

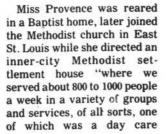
served the Seminole Indians in Florida.

She worked for the Florida Frank Moody Funeral **Baptist Convention for 16** years, directed a Baptist Home, Inc., was in charge of Goodwill Center in New arrangements.

the system that was set up to serve them," with little concern "for the people who fall in the cracks. I have found together that was valuable an encouraging concern in this and needed doing, and I county for the people in the cracks," she said.

In the church-related social

work, she said, " we weren't tied up with political and governmental regulations that kept us from doing what we want to do . Some days that's one of the frustrations of this program, but we have been able to find ways of doing what had to be done."



Taken By Death At Rosman

Miss Glenda Jean Masters, sylvania County.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Masters of Rosman; two sisters, Miss Wanda and Miss Maybelline Masters, both of the home; three brothers, Jerry Masters of Brevard, Dolus Masters of Hendersonville, and Carl

Masters of Longwood, Fla. five nieces and a nephew.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Rosman Church of God. Rev. Ralph Pressley officiated. Burial was in the Whitmire Cemetery.

ELIZABETH PROVENCE gets acquainted with Windy Kelly, one of the children at First Adventure child development center.

center."

She is a member of the First United Methodist Church here, where she teaches a Sunday school class and heads the social concerns work area.

"I like to think of myself as an ecumenical Christian," she said. "I think a church must be involved in mankind. It must be involved in more than preserving itself.

Jean Stamper, who directs one of the county's day care centers, share a house on Far Hill Terrace

"We keep bird feeders up and get excited about new birds that come and the birds that are there everyday.

"I read. I love to read. Camping is one of my chief loves. I don't do a lot of it anymore. I love the natural world

"I guess people are one of

visiting from other areas.

Norlina and Mrs. John O.

Wilson of Louisburg; two

brothers, Tasker Hicks of

Norlina and Everette Hicks of

"I think we need to learn that Christendom is made up of all kinds of people from all my chief enjoyments," she walks of life.' said, adding that their house is frequently filled with friends

Miss Provence and Miss

Mrs. King's Final RitesConducted

Mrs. Blanche Hicks King, 77, of Weehawken, N.J., died Thursday in Lexington, Ky., following an extended illness. She was the widow of James Alonzo King, Brevard native, who died in 1968, and who was buried in King Cemetery in Brevard.

She was born in Norlina and had lived in New Jersey for a number of years.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. E.G. Glenn of Henderson, Mrs. Joseph Heid of

Cary; and several nieces and nephews. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Warrenton. A second service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel

of Moore Funeral Home. Dr. Robert G. Tuttle will officiate. Burial will be in King Cemetery in Brevard. Nephews will be pallbearers.