

Love Enough To Go Around

Hot Springs Day Care Teacher Must Meet Needs Of Many Youngsters

Meeting the needs of just one child isn't easy, but imagine meeting the individual needs of 30 children, ranging in age from 2 to 6. Talitha Price tries to do just that every day as teacher at the Hot Springs Day Care Center.



METHODS of teaching children is the subject for day care staff during a weekly training session at the Marshall Day Care Center. Nancy Norris (seated right) provides information for Muriel Reed (seated left), Mars Hill; Talitha Price, Hot Springs; Anita Shelton (standing left); and Christine Gosnell, Laurel.

The job is demanding. To keep abreast of new teaching methods and concepts in the field of early childhood education, Mrs. Price, along with several other day care staff in the county, is taking classes through a federally-funded training program administered by Mars Hill College and Land of Sky Regional Council. Mrs. Price is taking two courses this spring in addition to taking a mathematics class taught in Hot Springs under the college's continuing education program.

The training program serves 17 day care centers and 18 day care homes in the 4 counties of the region. College credit classes are offered by trainers in such areas as curriculum planning, speech correction, child growth, physical education and health.

As a special feature of the program, trainers go into each center to demonstrate effective teaching techniques. While there, they observe specific needs and help the staff plan to meet these needs. At the Hot Springs center, Mrs. Price works closely with Nancy Norris, head trainer in the county, who may spend as long as a week in the center modeling teaching techniques. Also assisting with training in the county is B. J. Peery.

Response to the training courses has been good, according to supervisors. Almost all Madison County staff members have taken at least one course. By taking CEP classes in addition to training courses, a staff member may complete as many as four years of college to earn a bachelor's degree.

Mrs. Price is enthusiastic about her experiences in the training program.

"When you've had a class under Nancy, you've really

learned something," she says. "All my professors have been well qualified."

Taking classes gave her pause for thought at first. Before she gathered courage to take her first CEP class in Hot Springs Mrs. Price asked the instructor if he thought she could pass.

"He encouraged me," Mrs. Price remembers, "so I thought I'd just try it and see. It's a challenge really. After I started classes, I didn't seem to stop."

To find time for all her activities, Mrs. Price sometimes rises at 5 a.m. to take care of chores on her farm in the Fairview section before going to the center. However, one semester she made time to take 18 class hours for college credit, a full load in anyone's estimation.

She credits Judy Sears, coordinator for Madison County centers for encouraging her to continue her studies.

"She's the kind who makes you want to go on," Mrs. Price says appreciatively.

If anyone wonders why Mrs. Price puts so much time and energy into her work, a visit to the center will provide at least one answer. As children come to her for a smile, a hug, a word of encouragement or a chance to sit in her lap, it becomes obvious that Mrs. Price and the children enjoy each other's company.

As the mother of two daughters and grandmother of three children, she brings a good deal of experience and insight to her role as teacher. She joined the day care staff about three years ago as a teacher's aide after serving seven years in the Hot Springs school library. She was chosen for the teacher's position about a year ago when the position became vacant.



SHARING a good book are Terri Jean Holt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Holt of Hot Springs and Talitha Price, teacher at the Hot Springs Day Care Center.

Bells Ringing Didn't Add Much To Music Program

By DOROTHY BRIGMAN SHUPE

I was watching the Bing Crosby program last night and when he and Bette Midler (or whoever) were singing "Glow Little Glow Worm" — I just had to laugh about what

steps. I'll declare two big knots jumped up on my shins as big as my fist and I got quite an abrasion on my right hand. Later I discovered I bopped my right elbow a good lick too.

When we got on to Mrs. Shupes in Wytheville that

bottles of diet drinks a day for a long, long time before it would cause cancer! I'll declare we do strain at a gnat and swallow a camel, don't we?

I'm surprised that some people don't approve of President Carter's family living with him. Heck, if my dad were President, I'd want to live in that big house! Anyway, it's saving us money. We'd have to have guards for both sons and their families for 24 hours a day and since they are all there, that in itself should be quite a saving to the taxpayer. Did you see where Carter's food bill last month was \$600. I guess he asked the two boys to drop a little in the kitty — or they probably wanted to anyway. I'm glad Amy's treehouse is built — guess some will be unhappy about that — but I understand that she isn't the first President's child who has had one at the White House.

OBSERVED — Did you know that Charlie in "Charlie's Angels" is John Forsythe? — Believe I'll try to get up one night to hear Billy Graham — I haven't always agreed with him on everything, but I believe he is sincere — Been also looking for a Howard Hughes will in my house, but so far not one has showed up — How about how well UNC-C and UNC-CH have played in the basketball tournaments — and Wake Forest too, although they did get beat over the weekend — I'm glad Janet Guthrie is doing so well in the car races — Hope how soon she wins one — Sorry Indra Ghadi got beat in the election — Don't know how that country will get along without a woman to lead them! — Wonder what James Earl Ray will really tell if and when he gets the chance? — Bet Lucille Burnette, Inez Henderson, Page and Pricey Brigman are having fun on their tour of the south along with several others — Gee, it must be nice to have money to just go where you please — Wish I had been rich instead of so pretty — or is that witty? — or just plain awkward? Have a good day!

Seventy-five per cent of Delaware's crop production is in corn and soybeans.

Just A Woman's Observation

happened years ago at a graduation here at Walnut. I was directing the glee club and that was one of our songs. We were singing along beautifully, I thought, with each section singing in the proper notes when all of a sudden — the bell for class changes started to ring! Some little bugger had slipped to the switch and turned the bell on! Well, we just sang on, and some kind soul stopped the ringing of the bell! It's funny now but I wasn't too happy at the time, however!

Well, I've now officially joined the Lucille Cantrell "Fall Down" club! I was visiting friends in Greeneville, Tenn., Saturday on my way to Virginia with Shupe to see his mother when the great fall happened. I was coming down some steps, looking away from where I was going, missed a step, and tumbled about two or three feet down

night, she had me bathe my legs in salts and hot water and the swelling had gone down considerably and now I do believe I'll live. However, when I got home last night (Sunday), I looked for the salts I had used for my sore heels the first year I was at Madison High, and when I had cleaned the place I had stored them, I had hidden them so well that I can't find them. I just used hot water and I'm in pretty good shape. Thank you! Send all cards to me at 44 Walnut Station, Marshall!!!

I'm mad at that bunch in Washington about trying to do away with my saccharine. I've used that stuff for the past 30 years or more — always have it in my coffee when I eat a piece of chocolate pie or a piece of cake. Why can't they just put a warning on the bottle like they do cigarettes. Did you see where one would have to drink 800, yes, 800

Sleepy Valley Club Marks Anniversary

On March 9 the Sleepy Valley Ladies Extension Homemakers Club celebrated its 23rd anniversary. The club was the original Sleepy Valley Home Demonstration Club which was organized in March of 1954. Mrs. Marie Osteen was the charter president and Mrs. Reva Foster was the charter secretary. Both of these ladies are still active members of the club.

The club members have been very active in the area carrying out many programs and projects over the years. The Sleepy Valley Home Demonstration Club sponsored the Sleepy Valley

Community Development Club which was organized in May of 1964. The development club remains an active club.

Working together the two clubs built the Sleepy Valley Community Center which has become the center of activities for the community.

Other projects include clean-up campaigns, tearing out old fences and cleaning fence rows; they built and painted road and church signs; painted mailboxes; built mailbox posts and many other things to enhance the beauty of the community.

Mrs. Ethel Wallen, Madison County extension agent, is doing a beautiful job with the club. She has had many workshops such as sewing classes, tailoring classes, ceramics, macrame, yeast bread making and others.

During the meeting Mrs. Margie Self gave an inspiring devotion. Mrs. Ada Moore from Hot Springs, a visitor, sang very beautifully, "Fill My Cup Lord."

The 20 ladies present enjoyed cake, mints and nuts, coffee and Russian tea, served by the hostesses, Mrs. Marie Osteen and Reva Foster.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph David Worley announce the engagement of his sister, Deborah Lynn Worley, to Tommy Candler of Marshall. Deborah is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O'Neil Worley. Candler is the son of Mrs. Marie Candler of Marshall and the late John Candler.

A June wedding is being planned.

Health News and Views

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COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER PHARMACY

How to keep a safe home

Q: How can I help prevent poisoning accidents around the house?
A: Number one, keep household products beyond the reach of youngsters and locked up when not in use. While in use, however, never let them out of sight, even when answering the phone or doorbell.

Also, keep items always in original containers, never in cups or soft drink bottles. Any one, especially kids, can mistake the liquid for "pop." Never call medicine "candy." Avoid taking drugs in front of children. They like to imitate grown-ups.

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