

WPA NURSERY SCHOOL AIDING CITY CHILDREN

Health and Happiness Are Brought to 30 Tots in Local Centers.

It is 11:30 in the morning. Fifteen still slightly sleepy youngsters make their way to low tables where places have been set with a small fork and spoon and a cup of hot chocolate.

At each place is a cardboard disc on which has been painted a brightly colored animal. Little John goes immediately to a place and looks at the tag. It has a bushy-tailed squirrel on it. He sits down. Next to him, Mary finds hers—a grizzly bear. Something new in place cards?

Only the way nursery school teachers have if teaching their children the laws of association. It also is a means of acquainting them with the names of various animals, for each child's tag is changed each week.

Work, Play Scheduled

Nursery school is home to the 15 children between the ages of 2 and 4 who spend their days in the one conducted by the emergency education division of the Works Progress Administration at the American Settlement Annex, 617 W. Pearl-st. They are youngsters who come from homes in which there is no mother, or where the mother works all day.

Every day from 9 to 4 they are at the school, where they are taught to care for themselves and to play with other children.

The daily schedule has been designed to give the proper combination to work and play. First thing every morning they are inspected—hands must be clean, necks must have no high-water marks, hair must be combed.

They Like Cod Liver Oil

Then there is a period of supervised play. Walking boards, teeter-totters, pounding tables, game boards, modeling clay, all are provided for their use. In the middle of the morning they are given orange or tomato juice, or cod liver oil. Unbelievable as it seems, the cod liver oil is much more popular than the orange juice. The youngsters love it. They even lick the spoon!

Singing, and if weather permits, outdoor play follow. Then a short nap before lunch. The youngsters are taught to get themselves ready for lunch. Each has a "hung with his schoolmasters" in a neat row, each distinguished by the same little animal tag that marks his place at the table. His comb, too, is kept in a container on the wall, with his mark beside it.

Lunch is an important event in the day for them. They like the nice sandwiches, the creamy hot chocolate, the crisp lettuce, the hot dish they are given. And it is fun to go over to the serving table, after your plate is empty, and get your dessert—usually a custard or pudding.

Menu Carefully Planned

All of the food is prepared by a cook-maid who plans well-balanced menus every day. Since many of the foods she uses—butter, prunes, cherries, jellies—are Federal surplus commodities, the cost of feeding the children is very low, averaging about 8 cents a day.

After lunch there is another nap. Each child has a neat little cot covered with ticking and a soft downy comfort. When they get up they have a graham cracker and another welcome spoonful of cod liver oil. Then they play until time to go home.

Once a month they are examined at the American Settlement clinic and are given necessary medical attention.

TALKS HERE MAY 20



Lewis Bernays, O. B. E., British consul general, is to speak at the dinner to be sponsored by Dryburgh Chapter, Daughters of the British Empire, May 20, at the Marott Hunter's Lodge. The dinner is in observance of Empire Day, Queen Victoria's birthday.

Each child upon entering the school is inoculated against diphtheria and smallpox.

35 Schools in State

There are 35 such nursery schools being conducted by the Works Progress Administration in the state. Each has an enrollment of between 15 and 20 children. Two teachers are in charge of each school. They are trained kindergarten workers who have had special courses at Purdue to fit them. The cook-maid in each school was given special training in dietetics.

There are two nursery schools in Indianapolis, one for white children at the American Settlement, the other for colored children at the Hill Community Center.

According to Works Progress Administration officials, the nursery schools not only have provided work for unemployed teachers, but have developed the physical and mental well-being of a large number of underprivileged children and have helped their parents recognize the need of providing a wholesome environment for their children.

With better nourishment, better medical attention, more space to play, more toys and expert guidance, the children are given opportunity for more wholesome development.

ATTACKS THEORY FOR ANALYZING PROSPECT

Cincinnati Advertising Club Head Favors Presenting Sales Facts.

W. C. Browne, Cincinnati Advertising Club president, yesterday attacked the theory that a salesman can accurately decide what selling line to use on a prospect from a character analysis based only on physical characteristics.

"The idea that a salesman can look at his prospect's face and find out from the shape of his head or the color of his eyes just what selling line should be used, impresses me as highly impossible. Nothing should overshadow the main facts of the sales talk," he said.

He was addressing the Indianapolis Advertisers Club.

Officer Impersonation Charged

Harry Ett, alias Utt, 50, of 701 Parkay-av, today faced charges of impersonating a Federal officer, carrying concealed weapons and vagrancy. State detectives arrested him at Capitol-av and Ohio-st last night.

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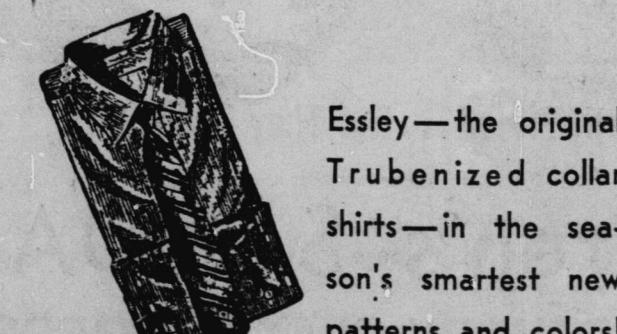
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