



Rev. Richard Parker (right) Director, and Idella Burch, Coordinator, are shown in the office of the Emergency Day Care Center.

Emergency day care

by Joe Haran

Parents, with young children, who are visiting the Multi-Service Center, 5022 N. Vancouver Street in the Model Cities area of Portland, should take advantage of the child-care services offered by the Hughes Emergency Child Care Center, located in the same building.

The Child Care Center, which is sponsored by Hughes Memorial Methodist Church, Rev. Richard Parker, Pastor, offers children from age two through 6 years many educational activities in which to involve themselves while their parents transact business in the Multi-Service Center building. Mrs. Idella Burch is the Asst. Director.

employment interviewing, medical and dental service.

Some types of assistance that is available at the Multi-Service Center are: food stamps, em-

The Emergency Child Care Center, which is open from 8:30 a. m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, is staffed by trained personnel who carefully supervise the children's activities.

An average of 60 children per week are utilizing the Emergency Child Care Center.

Night care is offered until 10:00 p.m. for children on an occasional basis or whose parents are attending meetings in the building. Age for those children is 2 - 8 years.

There are many educational materials available for use by Center. Among these are manipulative toys, such as puzzles, pegboards, large beads and take-apart trucks. There is climbing equipment, if the child desires to participate in physical activity designed to exercise the body's larger muscles.

There are manual dexterity toys, and blocks; transportation toys, such as toy trucks, busses, etc.; There's even color television, for viewing children's educational programs.

Children are served a hot lunch, as well as a snack in the morning and in the afternoon. There are also cots so that the children can take naps if they wish.

Art materials for coloring with crayons, are available.

All of these activities are undertaken in a physically safe environment.

The staff of the Emergency Child Care Center has undergone extensive training. Before the Center opened, staff members were given an orientation course designed to expose them to the many facets of the Day Care program. They visited Head Start centers, where they observed activities and programs in progress, and were given training in supervisory situations.

There were discussions regarding the various materials used for arts and crafts activities. The staff members visited the Albertina Kerr Day Care Center, the Jewish Community Pre-School Program, and the Hughes Memorial Day Care Center.

Mrs. Joyce Vetrane gave a presentation on ways young children can develop, explore, and discover creative activities by using materials of different kinds. Two nurses Dorothy resources. Mrs. Rachelle Bagley, a home economist, and Miss Vicki Magnuson, an educational aide on the staff of the Point of Information and Referral, presented a film on ways of preparing colorful and nutritional foods for young children.

The staff members at the Hughes Emergency Child Care Center, are enrolled in courses given by PCC at the Cascade Center and will continue to receive in-service training at Head Start units one and Three, which are mobile trailers utilized by four and five-year-olds.

information

A new black publication has been established to provide a bi-monthly index of important writings on black people. Called the "Black Information Index," the publication is based in Herndon, Va., and edited by a black librarian and scholar, Burton E. Lampkin. Lampkin says his publication's indexing efforts will center around the following categories: Africa, Art and Artists, Children and Youth, Economics, Education, Employment, Entertainment, General Information and News, Health and Medicine, History, Housing, Law and Enforcement, Literature, Media, Military, Politics and Government, Race, Relations, Reference Sources, Religion, Sports, Urban and Rural Issues. In addition, each category will have up to 13 sub-headings, and considerable attention will be given to miscellaneous writings and events that do not fit neatly into the established categories.

In its first issue, the periodical indexed some 100 articles, books, and reports. Articles from the index, at this point, are expected to come from some 80 regular publications, but Lampkin said an attempt will be made readership might not normally see -- even these and unpublished materials. Help in indexing is being provided by such institutions as Federal City College in Washington D. C.

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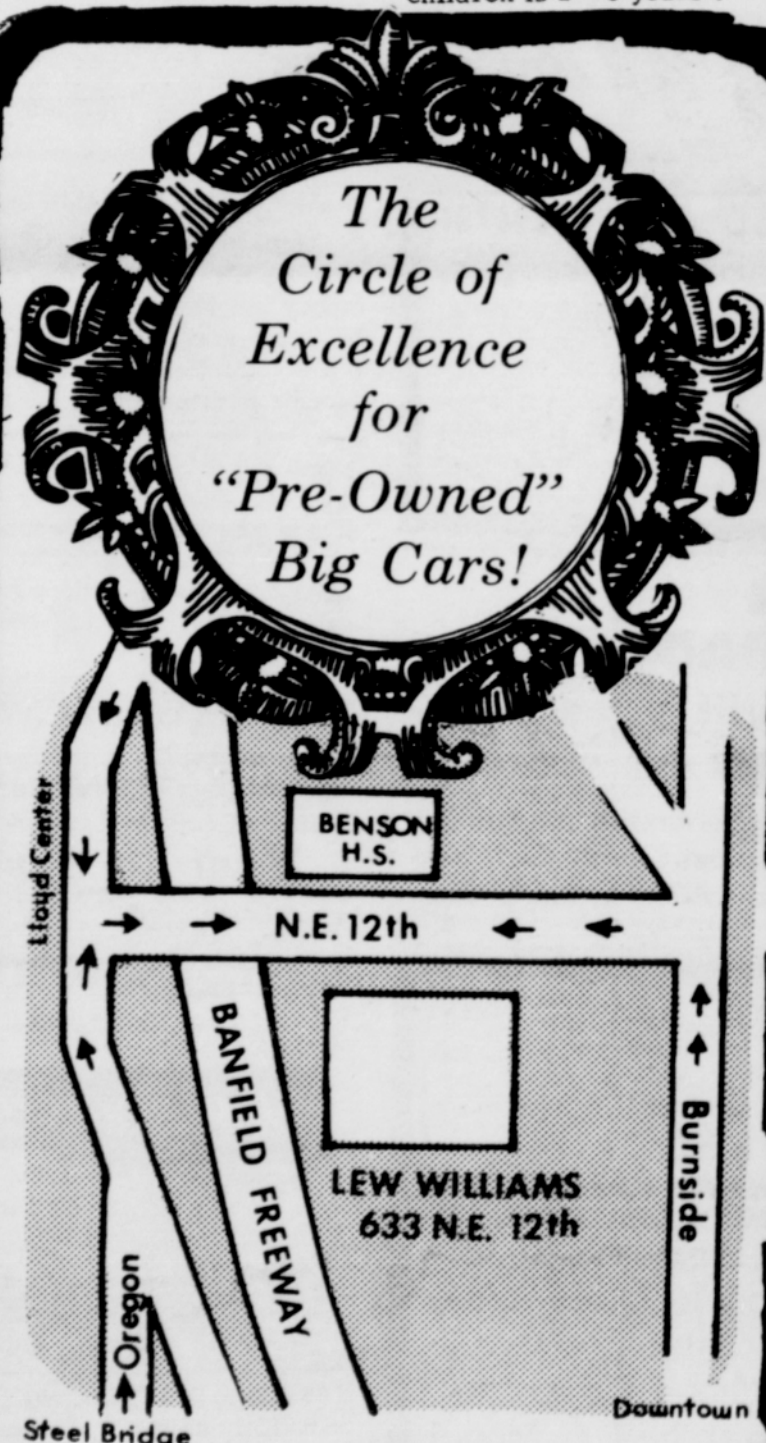
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