

Retailers in Jersey Offer Baby Parking

By FRANCES LEWINE
RUTHERFORD, N.J. — A baby checking service for parents who want to get the family shopping done in peace has been operating here for almost a year under the appropriate title of "Lollipop House."

Despite its name, though, the kids, ranging in age approximately from 2 to 7 can't get any food. They just get a comfortable place to play under the supervision of a registered nurse and two assistants.

The whole idea was worked out by retail merchants and the Chamber of Commerce in this Bergen County community of some 17,411 people.

It is believed to be the first baby checking station in the country and hundreds of other communities have queried Rutherford on how it's working.

Big House
A three-story house at 67 Kip Avenue, a block from the shopping district, is the headquarters of Lollipop House. Here mothers may leave the youngsters and be sure they're well cared for while they shop. There is no charge at all — the entire operation is underwritten by business and professional men's subscription. Indoor and outdoor games and toys are provided.

To get the children back, the parents must present the signature of the merchant or professional man where they have been doing business.

Many Services
Lollipop House is open from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. and the Chamber of Commerce says the whole operation, including telephone service and rental of the house, costs \$125 a week.

In the first five months after it opened in July 1955, a total of 815 parents had taken advantage of the plan, the Chamber of Commerce reported.

At holiday times, they say, it gets rather crowded and sometimes there's a full house.

The reason no food is served, the chamber explains, is that it would require special arrangements under the local health codes.

Mothers have to take into account the appetite problem before they leave the kiddies.

The merchants seem to find the enterprise profitable. Parents are happy. The comments of the children usually aren't solicited.

Russ Church Leaders Go Sightseeing

By TOM WHITNEY
WASHINGTON — Eight Soviet religious leaders who are here as guests of the National Council of Churches went out for a bit of quiet sightseeing Saturday morning in the nation's capital.

They expected to pay a call on Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin and to lunch with him and members of his embassy staff at the Soviet Embassy.

The Russian clerics also scheduled a news conference in late afternoon, before supper at a Congregational church concludes their day.

The eight Soviet religious leaders are staying in the capital at the College of Preachers.

The delegation is headed by Metropolitan Nikolai, second ranking prelate of the Russian Orthodox Church of the Soviet Union. It includes representatives of four churches of the U.S.S.R. — The Russian Orthodox Church, The Armenian Church, the Baptists and Lutherans.

The group arrived in New York June 2 and has visited in four states since. After two days in New York the touring clerics proceeded to Greenwich and New Haven, Conn., and went from there to Corning, N.Y., and Toledo, Ohio. After a day in rural Ohio, the delegation flew to Philadelphia and spent yesterday there.

The Soviet clergymen expect to be in the United States till June 13, when they will return by plane to Russia.

Their visit returns a trip to the Soviet Union by American religious leaders last March.

While here the Soviet religious leaders have participated in discussions with American religious leaders aimed at establishing contact between Christian churches in America and the Soviet Union.

'Girl in Red Velvet Swing' Has Stroke

LOS ANGELES — The condition of Evelyn Nesbit, central figure in one of America's most publicized murder trials, was reported satisfactory Sunday following a cerebral stroke.

Miss Nesbit, 71, was stricken Saturday. Attendants at Parkview Hospital said her progress was "quite satisfactory."

In 1906, her testimony was credited with saving her millionaire husband, Harry K. Thaw, from long imprisonment or death for the fatal shooting of architect Stanford White. Committed to an asylum, he died nine years ago at the age of 76.

Thaw asserted at his trial that White had "ruined" his wife before their marriage.

Miss Nesbit, a sculptor and art instructor, has been living alone here in recent years. She sold her life story to 20th Century-Fox last year for the movie, "The Girl in the Red Velvet Swing."

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