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# MOTHERLESS BABIES' HOME FILLS EVER PRESENT NEED

Section of East Side Day Nursery, Established with Other  
Emergency Relief Measures in Influenza Epidemic,  
Now a Permanent Institution.

Can imagination picture a more help-  
less bit of humanity than a mother-  
less baby? However, it was not until  
the influenza epidemic four years ago,  
when many children were suddenly or-  
phaned within a few weeks, that there  
was any general realization in this city  
of the extremity of need occurring in  
this class of the poor or near-poor.  
Then there was a quick response and  
emergency relief was provided.

Of all the plans devised to help the  
youngest of needy children at that time  
only one survived and developed into a  
permanent institution—The Shelter for  
Motherless Babies, which has been con-  
tinued as a part of the East Side Day  
Nursery, and is the only place where  
continued care is provided for a little  
baby who is not ill.

No baby is too young to find a wel-  
come there, and no emergency case  
has ever been refused. The youngest  
baby admitted, so far, was two weeks  
old and the longest residence period  
for any one child has been four years.

The purpose is always to get the  
baby back into normal home surround-  
ings as soon as possible and to aid in  
keeping families united. To be classed  
as a motherless baby does not necessar-  
ily mean that the mother is dead.  
Often the mother is in a hospital and  
there is no one in the family capable  
of giving proper care to an infant, or  
some other emergency has come upon  
the household. The baby must not be  
neglected for one day and so the shel-  
ter stands ever ready to meet sudden  
calls for help.

The day nursery work goes steadily  
on, the two projects being harmonized  
and additional features being included  
in the dispensary, clinic and consulta-  
tion station, housed under the same  
roof and handed by the same man-  
agement.

An orderly private home, filled with  
happy children, is suggested by this  
nursery and shelter rather than a char-  
ity institution, only it is a very large  
family that is scattered through night  
nursery, day nursery, sleeping porch,  
playroom, playground, or halls, corri-  
dors and elsewhere. Though there is a  
definite program for the little inmates,  
it is so handled that they do not know  
they are living by rule and have no  
sense of being restricted. There are  
no rooms set apart for managers, from  
which the little tots who can walk feel  
shut out. Both the president of the  
board of managers, Miss Louise D.  
Shugard, who spends much of her time  
in the nursery, knowing the children by  
name and being known by them, and  
the superintendent, Mrs. Grace O. Dur-  
yee, are insistent that the little child-  
ren, whether residents or day visitors  
shall in no wise become in any degree  
"institutionalized," their ideal being  
normal, joyous children, only so far re-  
stricted as to lead them toward self-  
control and a considerate attitude to-  
ward others.

### "The Oldest Inhabitant."

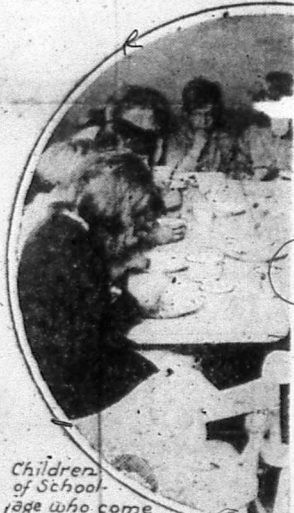
Little Rosie, has been a resident  
longer than has any other child. She  
entered the shelter when about a year  
old and it has been her home for four  
years. Rosie's mother was an influenza  
victim and her death left not only this  
baby, but four other tiny children,  
motherless. These children have a de-  
voted father, but he must go out to  
earn their daily bread, so every day the  
older ones spend their out-of-school  
hours in the day nursery, returning to  
their home when their father returns  
from his work, and next year little  
Rosie will also spend only day hours  
in the nursery. Their father has ex-  
pressed much appreciation for the nur-  
sery care, declaring he can trust no-  
one to take their mother's place in the  
house and give the proper care to the  
children when he is away.

Tragedies other than death bring  
many of the little ones to the nursery—  
family quarrels, drunkenness, desert-  
ion by parents, neglect. The only  
support required is need.

One of the present day nursery cases  
is a baby less than two years old,  
whose mother when going out to work,  
was reported to have left the baby  
in care of another about five years old,  
looking after him in the house. Mrs. Dur-  
yee went to the house and found it  
locked, the older child was playing in  
the street and admitted the baby was  
alone in the house, insisting on ad-  
mittance. Mrs. Duryee was shown by  
the little five-year-old how through a  
trap door admittance could be gained  
to the cellar and from there to the  
other parts of the house. Following  
the small guide, Mrs. Duryee was in-  
troduced to the baby, who she describes

care while the mother is actually  
earning her own and the child's sup-  
port. There are two mothers so em-  
ployed at the nursery at this time.

Fifty-five quart grade A milk a  
day are required to feed this colony  
of little citizens, with all the other  
wholesome things provided, including  
thirty dozen eggs every ten days. Only  
the best is considered good enough to  
use in building up this part of the  
city's wealth. The diet for all the  
children—babies, run-arounds and those



Children  
of School-  
age who come  
for their Mid-day Meal.



The Swing is Popular

of school age—is under the strict su-  
pervision of Dr. Robbin.

Among the day nursery children are  
quite a group who come in from school  
to get their mid-day meal; these are,  
of course, children whose mothers  
must go out from home as bread-  
winners.

Visitors to the nursery comment on  
the plump, rosy, laughing little tots,  
looking so unlike the typical pale child  
of a city's under-privileged class.

As is the custom in day nurseries a  
small fee is charged to those mothers  
who can pay and in the shelter where  
the fathers are able some contribution  
is made toward the cost of the care  
given the babies. The total budget is  
something in excess of \$19,000, a sum  
that for the most part must be raised  
from voluntary contributions and from  
benefit affairs under the auspices of  
the board of managers.

Occasionally there is brought to the  
nursery to call one of its former wards,  
a little girl of five years, now the  
adopted child of a wealthy home.  
She is a sort of Baby Cinderella, hav-  
ing stepped from poverty and a

at unveiling of plaque are Mrs. A. E. nursery superintendent. Mary since she was 1 month old.

## Shelter Named in Honor of Late Miss Shugard

The East Side Day Nursery and Shelter, 317 Elm street, was re-dedicated yesterday as the Louise D. Shugard Shelter and Day Nursery. The agency was renamed in honor of the late Miss Shugard, former president and board member, whose will provided an annuity of \$25,000 a year for its maintenance.

Mrs. A. Edward Zellers, president of the board, paid tribute to Miss Shugard as the new name plaque at the agency's door was unveiled. Praising her long and devoted service to children, Mrs. Zellers said, "Even death could not still her zeal to insure that there would always be a home and love provided for any child, regardless of race, creed or color, who was in need."

Rev. Frederick F. Jenkins of Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation. About 50 board members and friends attended the ceremony and a tea.

The day nursery cares for an average of 85 children a day. The shelter provides temporary care for abandoned children and children of broken homes. The agency was organized as a day nursery in 1905 in a vacant store in Market street and moved to its present quarters in 1917.

In 1918, during the flu epidemic, Miss Shugard started the shelter work by taking in babies whose mothers had died of the disease. A few years later she donated the shelter building adjoining the nursery in Elm street as a memorial to her family.

Miss Shugard, who was active in many civic and charitable causes, died last March 24.

# Abandoned Tots Find Haven

## Shugard Shelter Fills Needed Role in Newark

By MARYLYN LOPRETE

At 2 a.m. last Tuesday three abandoned children were picked up by Newark police and brought to the Louise D. Shugard Shelter at 317 Elm St., the only city agency providing 24-hour emergency care for children up to three years old.

On Monday night their mother and cousin had left them at home with a baby-sitter hired to remain until 11:30. By 1 the adults had not shown up or called, and the sitter left. Shortly afterward neighbors awakened by crying children called police.

The sleepy children were first

taken to Martland Medical Center, where they were examined for communicable diseases. None was found and beds were available at the Shugard Shelter, so they were delivered there. If all beds had been occupied at Shugard, the children would have had to remain at the hospital at a cost of \$31 a day each.

### Naked and Hungry

Some children are found naked and hungry in rooms bare of furniture. The parents of some are alcoholics; one mother is facing seven years in prison on a narcotics charge.

Another family was broken up

because a mother became mentally ill. Two children in this family are at the shelter.

The shelter occupies one side of a yellow brick building that also contains a day nursery. A sunny, airy front room of the shelter contains 10 wooden cribs for infants requiring night feedings.

A back room contains 10 iron cribs for toddlers. Only six of these were occupied last week. At one point last year there were three infants occupying toddlers' cribs.

### Burden of Costs

When city children who are abandoned are brought into the shelter, their care is paid for by the city until the State Board of Child Welfare processes the applications for care to be obtained from the state. This usually takes two months.

The State Board then tries to find a foster or adoptive home for the child. But because of the lack of available homes, especially for Negro children and children of interracial unions, some infants remain at the shelter for many months. One little boy stayed more than a year.

Lack of space is not the only problem at the shelter.

In the fall of 1962 an accountant reviewed its financial situation. The city and state pay for care at a rate of about \$2 a day per child. But the actual cost estimated by the shelter is \$7.75 per day.

Interest on an endowment left by Louise A. Shugard, a community leader in the welfare field, provides approximately \$3 per day of that cost per child.

To make up the deficit, the shelter has had to dip into its capital for the last two years, a situation that many private agencies, faced with similar rising costs for care, have had to do.

The city administration, aware of the lack of funds, has been making a yearly \$2,500 contribution to the shelter, over and above the amount paid for daily care that is set by state regulations.

At a council meeting last week, this grant was raised to \$6,500.

### Fund-Raising Drive

Frederic Messina, president of the shelter's board, said that the increased grant would probably make up the deficit this year, but to plan for future needs and improvement of facilities a fund-raising drive was launched a week ago.

One of the aims of the drive is to provide a larger staff. There are now seven full-time and two part-time workers, including a cook and cleaning woman. Only one staff member furnishes all-night care for the children.

The shelter also hopes to convert space in the toddler section for care of infants. Another long-range goal is the acquiring of property adjacent to the present building for additional playground facilities.

## Re-elected President Of Shugard Shelter

Frederic Messina, mayor of Shrewsbury and purchasing agent of P. Ballantine & Sons, has been elected to his fourth consecutive term as president of the Louise D. Shugard Shelter and Day Nursery, 317 Elm St.

Other officers re-elected are: Vice president, Irving Newman of Verona; treasurer, Mrs. Sidney Hicks of Verona; secretary, Mrs. Albert Walsh of Glen Ridge, and corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. W. Nuffort of Belmar.

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last during the 13-hour. The New Jersey High Authority, which operates the toll road, reimburses restaurants for the cost of snacks.

## Frederic Messina Re-elected Shelter Position

Frederic Messina of Shrewsbury has been re-elected to his fourth term as president of the Louise D. Shugard Shelter and Day Nursery, 317 Elm St.

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