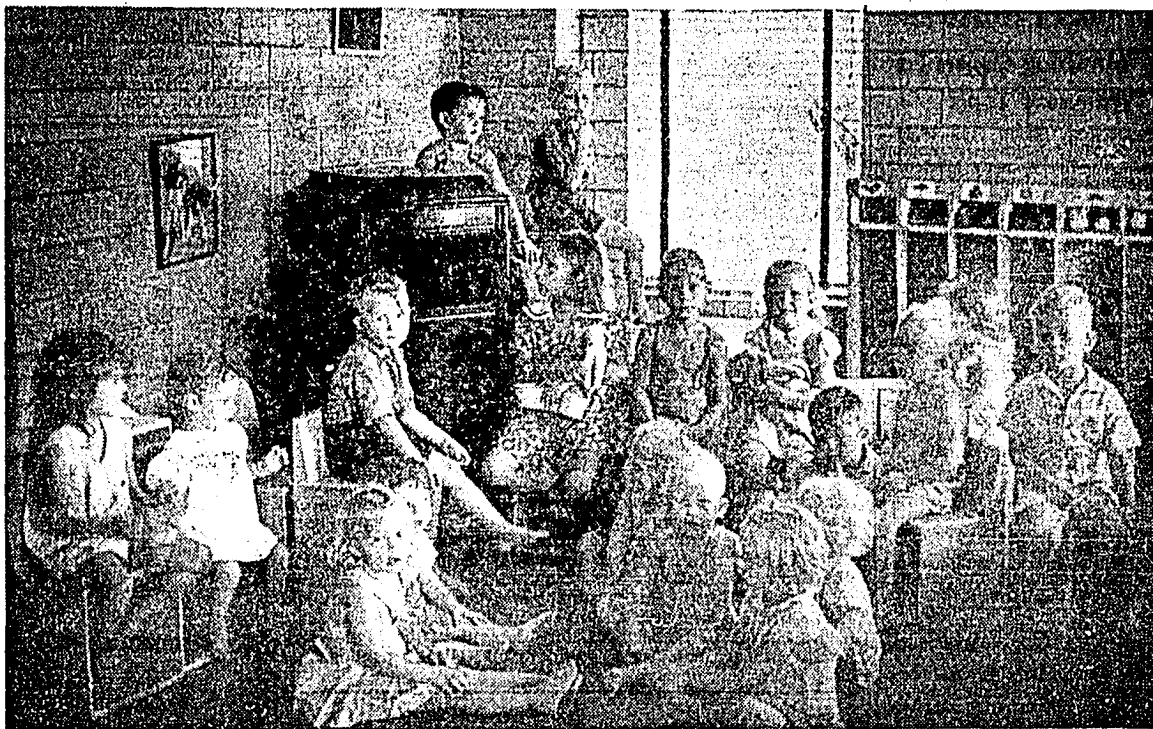


## Youngsters Get Daily Supervised Care



Shown here are children of working mothers in Austin, who have had their problem of where to send their children during the day solved by the **Chalmers Nursery school**. This school, open from 7:30 to 6:30 p. m. each day except Sunday, is a com-

munity supported institution and is located in the Federal Housing Project for white people in Austin. Training, art, story-telling, supervised play, good food and rest periods are provided for the children.

### Chalmers Nursery Cares For Children of Working Mothers

Working mothers of Austin who are having the problem of finding competent help to care for their children during working hours, will find an answer to this need in the **Chalmers Nursery school**, a community supported institution, located in the federal housing project for white people in Austin. The school opens at 7:30 a. m. and closes at 6:30 p. m. each day except Sunday.

This nursery school was originally set up by the Austin branch of the American Association of University Women in cooperation with the works progress administration. The Austin merchants, city officials, the Austin Housing authority, the community chest and others gave the most assistance. The Austin public schools are the legal sponsor of the nursery. Dr. Bernice M. Moore, who has been very active in the organization of this project, is chairman of the sub-committee on nursery schools of the family security committee, war service division, Austin defense council.

The program as worked out for the nursery school is designed to give the maximum of care to the pupils, and at the same time to provide the parents with confidence that the children are not being neglected. Beginning at 7:30 each morning, except Sunday, the school opens with the usual inspection procedure. Every Monday morning health examinations are given by the well baby conference.

Training as well as play is offered. Art, story-telling, supervised play, good food and rest periods are provided.

#### Meals Served

Regular meals are served as follows: breakfast, morning lunch, luncheon, afternoon lunch and supper. Well-balanced menus are served.

The Red Cross canteen workers help at the nursery school when needed and the regular staff is well qualified.

Mrs. Stuart MacCorkle, the former Lucile Emerson, is supervisor. She has been the director of the nursery school, N. E. Settlement house, at Minneapolis, Minn. For the period of 1932 to 1942 she was director of the nursery school, and assistant professor of home economics at the University of Texas.

For the past year, Mrs. MacCorkle has been associate technical advisor, office of community war services, Washington, D. C., an office which was responsible for the planning

and coordination of federal and state programs for the care of children of working mothers. A graduate of the University of Minnesota Institute of Child Welfare, she specialized in nursery school education and administration.

Miss Juanita Rushing is head teacher. Miss Rushing is well known in Travis county where she has taught for the past three years. She holds the bachelor of science degree from the Southwest Texas State Teachers college at San Marcos, with a major in vocational home making. She also has taken special training in nursery school procedures at the Texas State college for Women at Denton.

Mrs. Frances Harris is also one of the staff. She has taught home economics and parent education in Austin for the past eight years. Her training was in the field of nursery school procedure and has been at the University of Texas.

Experienced Assistant Mrs. Dorothy Chervenka, another assistant, is well experienced in nursery school work.

Mary Easter, the cook, has cooked for nursery schools since 1936, and has been with the Chalmers Nursery school since its beginning.

The executive committee for the nursery school project is composed of: Dr. Bernice Moore; Mesdames C. F. Arrowood, David Miller, E. B. Kuehne, Rex Hopper; Misses Josephine Dunlop and Vera Powell. The contributing agencies are: the Austin community chest, A.A.U.W., A.W.V.S., city of Austin, housing authority, and individuals and churches.

The assisting groups are the university girls and high school girls under the direction of Miss Leigh Peck, educational psychology department, University of Texas; the Red Cross canteen, under the direction of Miss Anna Janzen and Mrs. Everett Smith; the child care division of the office of civilian defense committee; the Austin public schools, and the Hogg foundation.

Any information which may be desired may be procured from the following referral agencies: Chalmers nursery at 1640 East Third; the Austin housing authority, Mrs. E. B. Kuehne, 302 Chalmers; the family service group, Miss Nellie Hall, 610 Guadalupe; the public welfare department, Mrs. Katherine Pirie, 303 West 45th; the children's bureau, Miss Josephine Dunlop, 112 East Ninth.