

Open House Thursday for Nursery's 75th Year



BOARD MEMBERS of the Memorial Day Nursery are shown at planning meeting for 75th anniversary celebration to be held Thursday at the building, 399 Grand St. Left to right, in the first row seated, are: Mrs. Dean Louis, first vice-president; Mrs. Frank Conlon, financial committee member; Mrs. Edmund Bishop, membership committee member; Mrs. William Doremus, and Mrs. G. W. Phillips, associate members; Mrs. Victor Desmet, recording secretary; Mrs. John White, treasurer; Mrs. John Schweizer, personnel committee, and Mrs. Frank Knorr, public relations committee. Standing: Mrs. William Knosp, social co-

chairman; Mrs. Joseph Donato, public relations; Mrs. Rudolph Gagg, personnel committee member; Mrs. Fred Hoelscher, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Edward B. Haines, house and grounds committee; Mrs. Sidney Adlman, president; Mrs. Charles Ludwig, social committee; Mrs. Wilfred Marold and Mrs. Gordon Canfield, both of the personnel committee. Board members not pictured are: Mrs. Alexander MacLeod, Mrs. Ralph Brustlin, Mrs. Arthur Wood, Mrs. George King, Mrs. James Gallo, Mrs. H. F. Gerrish, Mrs. Norman Weir, Mrs. A. Leo Bohl and Mrs. A. M. Denny.

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DAY NURSERY, established in 1904 at 399 Grand St., as a living memorial to the Vice President and Mrs. Garret A. Hobart, is 75 years old this year. An open house celebration held to mark the event Thursday. The nursery was established to provide care for the working mothers and has nearly doubled its daily enrollment since it was organized. The home was first started in 1887.

given a party, and the event became such a success that it soon grew to 100 children with a long waiting list.

In 1905, the penny provident bank was started and in a short period of time, had 98 young depositors. Five years later, the babies' dairy was opened under the medical care of Dr. T.P. Eklings.

At the time of its opening, three babies were enrolled. A few months later, 23 babies were treated and 7,035 bottles were filled with foods best suited to the needs of each child.

Called "Nickel House"

The nursery was first called the "Nickel House" because the daily charge was five cents. Mrs. G. W. Phillips, superintendent for 25 years, was succeeded by Miss Mary S. Bissett, who came to the Grand St. building in 1933.

She stressed an atmosphere to keep children happy, healthy and safe so that mothers could work with contented hearts and have no fears of the safety and well being of their children.

In 1956, Mrs. Emily Baster, R.N., a graduate of the New York Infirmary, who was an assistant to Miss Bissett for 18 years, was appointed new supervisor.

At that time, Miss Henrietta Veenstra, current superintendent, was acting assistant. She was named to her present post in October of 1955.

Presiding at the tea table for the open house will be the following past-presidents: Mrs. Alexander MacLeod, Mrs. H. F. Gerrish, Mrs. John White, Mrs. John Schweizer, Mrs. Wilfred Marold, Mrs. Rudolph Gagg and Mrs. Sidney Adlman, president.

Committee Members

Members of the social committee in charge of arrangements are: Mrs. Charles Ludwig, chairman; Mrs. William Knosp, co-chairman, Mrs. A. Leo Bohl, Mrs. A.M. Denny, Jr. and Mrs. Rudolph Gagg.

Tables and chairs will be donated by Mrs. Frank Conlon.

In addition to Mrs. Sidney Adlman, president, officers are: Mrs. Dean Lewis, first vice president; Mrs. George King, second vice president; Mrs. John White, treasurer; Mrs. Victor Desmet, recording secretary; and Mrs. Fred Hoelscher, corresponding secretary.

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Associate members are: Mrs. Louis Bohl, Mrs. William Dore-



MISS HENRIETTA VEENSTRA
Current Superintendent

Rev. David Magie of the Church of the Redeemer, and the presentation address was given by Hobart Tuttle, Mrs. Hobart's brother.

The name of the Children's Day Nursery was changed to the Memorial Day Nursery of Paterson, and a male advisory board was initiated and the medical staff enlarged.

Saturday afternoon sewing classes were organized when 21 little girls in the neighborhood were

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mus, Mrs. Harry B. Haines, Nevins McBride, Mrs. G. W. Phillips, Mrs. John K. Pollitt, Mrs. William Wollen.

Members of the advisory board are Henry D. Fairhurst, George King, former Congressman, Gordon Canfield, John R. Pollitt, W. Eirich, Harry B. Haines, White, Norman Brissler, J. St. Gillespie and Joseph Weny.