

New Location for WLW Child Care Center

OPERATION INDEPENDENCE'S first major project, the Child Care Center, this week moved to new quarters in Vegas Heights from its temporary summer location at Matt Kelly School.

The center is now located in the former Clark County elementary school building at the intersection of Bartlett, Balzar and Concord streets. Removal to the new site in order to permit resumption of regular classes at Matt Kelly was made possible through the cooperation of the County School District, the Service League and other local organizations and individuals according to Operation Independence supervisor Mrs. Lubertha Johnson.

Mrs. Myrtle Banks will continue to serve as supervisor of the Child Care Center along with Mrs. Hattie Mitchell.

Mrs. Johnson and the Operation Independence Planning Board, composed largely of men and

women who live or work in the West Las Vegas area, have been widely commended for continuing to provide a much-needed service to the working mothers of this community.

OPI also was responsible for establishing a second Las Vegas library at 408 Van Buren St. Since its opening Aug. 2, the library--like the Child Care Center which preceded it--has been used increasingly by West Las Vegas.

In expressing the OPI board's gratification for public response to its initial projects, Mrs. Johnson emphasized that both the library and the Child Care Center could not have been successfully launched without the full support of West Las Vegas residents.

"We urgently solicit continued support from all segments of the community," Mrs. Johnson said. "Needless to say, this is extremely important to the success of Operation Independence."



CHILD CARE OPERATION--Shown above with supervisors are some of youngsters who have been attending Operation Independence (OPI) Child Care Center at Matt Kelly School before this week's switch to new location in Vegas Heights. Lower photo shows Supervisor Myrtle Banks with younger children, including Reggie Daniels, Deanne Marshall, D'Ann Porter, Van Porter, Byron Johnson Althea Nelson, Taffero House, Byron Jefferson, Wallace Daniels, Valerie Marshall, Maurice Marshall, Armida Denny, Karen Chapman, Steven Dunn, Curtis Hutchin, Kevin Chapman, Rodney Ormond, Ray Hudson and Richard Ormond. Upper photo shows Associate Supervisor Hattie Mitchell with older children, including Debra Jefferson, LaJuana Johnson, Charles Marshall, Pier Porter, Terryish McClodden, Gary Bryant, Eric Marshall, Jereld Cleveland, Michael Porter and Harry Daniels. (See story.)

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