

Vital programs offered

Clinic helps mentally ill

By KARLA TIMMONS

Mental health center—the words create visions of a white hospital with padded rooms and straight jackets, surrounded by a towering fence.

These visions are dispelled by the Brazos Valley Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center. The center is located at 202 E. 27th in Bryan. It serves a seven county area with a drug abuse program, an alcohol abuse program, training programs, mental retardation and psychological evaluation, and counseling on an inpatient or outpatient basis.

The counties served are Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington. People of any age are eligible for the services.

For developmentally disabled children from birth to age three there is the First Steps Forward program, located in the center. The program provides evaluation of the child's hearing, mental, sight and speech abilities.

Parents of these children are eligible for therapeutic and educational counseling services. Payment for this and other programs is based on

the families' various incomes. No one is excluded because of income.

The center owns Dilly Shaw farm, a nine acre tract located near Bryan. It features a hortotherapy program that features an orchard and a greenhouse. The greenhouse was built by agricultural engineering students at Texas A&M. Houseplants grown there are sold locally, with the help of Dr. Roberta Smith of Texas A&M. A truck farm is planned for the future.

A special education services program teaches job skills to mentally handicapped persons between the ages of 12 and 21. With these skills they are placed in jobs in the community. Charlene Stewart, director of mental retardation programs, said participants are working as janitors and employes in the food services department on the A&M campus.

A sheltered work activities program is available at Dilly Shaw for persons over age sixteen who have a more severe mental handicap. The program allows the patients to earn money and be productive.

The drug abuse program, Outreach Crossroads Center, is located in the mental health center. Personal counseling is available for pa-

tients of the program. Group counseling sessions are used by the alcohol abuse program to help their patients.

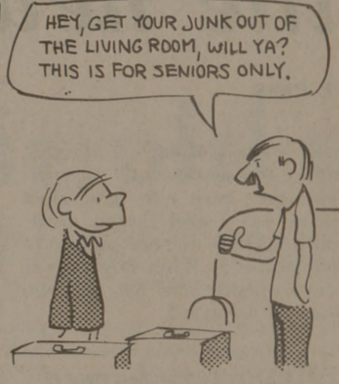
Mental retardation services are offered to all ages and degrees of retarded persons at the request of an individual or his family, schools and probation officers. These services include health screening, home management, individual and group counseling and medical referral. Psychological evaluation, social assessment and social aid referral services are also offered. Community education is available to any group interested.

Medical needs of the center patients are being handled through local physicians and clinics.

The Family Tree, a residential program, has a 23-bed facility at 408 N. Washington in Bryan. It provides inpatient and outpatient services for the retarded. Like Dilly Shaw farm, housekeeping duties and money management enable the patient to live on his own.

A staff of 35 is required to operate the center. The staff includes two psychologists, John McBeth and Dr. Albert Casey.

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Proposal requires labeling baby food

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration, expressing concern that mothers aren't getting enough information about their children's food, said Tuesday it is proposing new ingredient labeling requirements for baby foods.

The proposals would require baby food manufacturers to label the percentage of the main ingredients in both infant foods and junior foods only, to label the percentage of each major ingredient.

For example, a label on a jar of carrots and peas might say, "Carrots and Peas—contains 60 per cent carrots and 20 per cent peas."

Infant foods are marketed for chil-

dren up to one year of age. Junior foods are designed for children aged one to four years.

The FDA said that baby food labels, under the proposals, would have to continue listing ingredients in the orders of their predominance, beginning with the ingredient that is present in the largest amount.

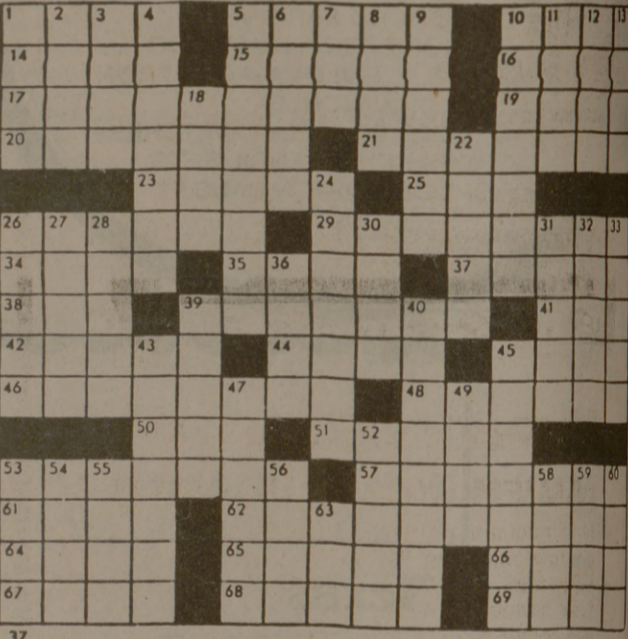
The changes were suggested in a petition by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a nonprofit consumer organization based in Washington, D.C.

The public may comment on the proposals by writing before Nov. 8 to Hearing Clerk, Food and Drug Administration, Room 4-65, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Md., 20852.

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