



A COMMUNITY OF PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND CHILDREN

At Salem Pre-School, parents and teachers work together for the development of the children.

THE PRE-SCHOOL STAFF

Helen E. Johnson, directress, has been with the school since its inception in 1969. She has had eight years of experience as a teacher at the Montessori School of Champaign-Urbana, twelve years of teaching at Tot Lot Summer Nursery, and formal training from the University of Illinois and Midwest Teacher's Training Center, Chicago, as well as courses at Parkland College.

Mrs. Johnson serves as membership chairman for the Illinois Association for the Young Child, as treasurer for the board of the Frances Nelson Health Center, and

employed as secretary of the Montessori School of Champaign-Urbana, and as a para-professional at Kenwood School. She is sec'y. of Salem Baptist Church.

Donna Musson, assistant, has had career training in child development at Unity High School, Tolono and at Parkland.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Salem Pre-School Parent Group supports projects which are of service to both the school and community. In turn, community service is rendered to the school by organizations which include Volunteer Illini Projects, Alternate Teacher Education Program (U of I), Parkland Nursing Program and Neighborhood Youth Corps.



In 1959, Mrs. Johnson was elected to serve on the Board of the Frances Nelson Children's Home, which later was named the Community Home for Children.

She served as assistant Church Clerk at Salem, from December 1, 1972 until March, 1976.

On January 8, 1972, she was elected Vice-President of the Urbana Letter Carrier's Auxiliary 230.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Board of Directors of Frances Nelson Health Center from February 28, 1973, until March 24, 1976. She served as Treasurer, a member of the Personnel Committee; Executive Committee, and Chairperson of the Medical Records Task Force Committee.

In 1974 she organized the Champaign-Urbana Reunion Day. She was a member of East Central Illinois Association for the Young Child.

Exerpts from "A MOTHER'S RESPONSE TO MOTHER'S DAY," written by Helen E. Johnson, May 30, 1974, was written to her children, but it could well apply to her many friends.

"The only legacy I have to give each of you will not be tangible, neither finance, property or personal gifts, nor any great accomplishments. If you will accept and use my gift, please take Love and Honesty in abundance, handle it carefully, use it wisely and share it; take Ambition and Hard Work to reach your goals; take my confidence in you and your ability and confidence in yourself to learn and to succeed. These I will give you now, not when I'm gone, but you can keep them forever."

SALEM PRE-SCHOOL

... WHERE

A CHILD
CAN GROW



SALEM PRE-SCHOOL
500 E. Park
Champaign, Illinois
356-8176

When you help a child,
you help yourself"



Preparing for bake sale

Mrs. Helen E. Johnson, staff member of the Salem Pre-School on the lower level of the Salem Baptist Church, 500 E. Park Street, Champaign, helps Leah Grossman, left to right, Omar West and Lonnie Clark complete items for their bake sale, to be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Lincoln Square Dec. 18. Parents of Salem Pre-School are sponsoring the bake sale to help supplement the year's budget and provide additional scholarships. Co-chairmen are Lu Willa Pillar and Betty Hassell. Mrs. Pillar, Montessori Directress, Pat Sibley, parent, and Mrs. Johnson, former director of the Tot-Lot Nursery and the Montessori School, are staff members, assisted by volunteers Dan Downing, Paula Thackeray and Marti Briggs, from the VIP Organizations at the University of Illinois. For additional information call Salem Pre-School at 356-8176.



COOKIES FOR TREE: Making Christmas tree cookie decorations for the Salem Pre-School bake sale are Larecia Shepard, Stephen Pillar and Enette Sibley, under the supervision of Mrs.

Helen Johnson, directress of the school. The bake sale will be Saturday at the Lincoln Square Shopping Center to raise funds for the school and provide additional scholarships.

