

Center City

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REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Many people in this community do not know where to turn when the suspicion of pregnancy arises. Fertility related issues are being hotly debated in communities across the nation, and those agencies which deal with family planning and related services are often subjected to strong scrutiny. The Memphis Center for Reproductive Health welcomes inquiry from any persons who might be themselves in need of their services, or who might consider recommending the facility to clients or friends.

Counseling is given a high priority at MCRH. "These are very sensitive and intimate aspects of patients' lives that we deal with, and we strongly feel that the quality of counseling and medical services must be confirmed to assure that humane and highly competent care is given," said Priscilla Chism, clinic coordinator for the Memphis Center for Reproductive Health. The role of counseling is not to shape the patient's decision, but to help her evaluate her own best interest based on her personal values and needs, and her particular situation. Once a decision has been reached, the patient receives the full support of their medical and referral services to assure that she obtains the best care available in the community whether that be family planning, prenatal care, abortion, or other social services.

A comprehensive family planning center, the Memphis Center for Reproductive Health was established as a non-profit agency this past July to offer women of the Mid-South area the highest caliber medical care for the lowest possible cost. All physicians who work in MCRH are ob-gyn specialists, and the counseling team has been hand-picked to assure that patients receive highly

individualized care sensitive to their needs, and on their own terms.

The first innovative service provided by MCRH is its program of free pregnancy testing and counseling. In addition, patients may obtain family planning, menstrual extraction, and early abortion in its downtown facility, located at 202 Union Avenue, Suite 401. Counselors are available to meet with patients and take appointments for counseling or medical care from 8:30-5:00, Monday through Saturday. The phone, 527-3505 is answered at all times by a counselor trained to deal with the needs of a woman in a potentially critical circumstance.

Parental consent is not necessary for counseling, pregnancy detection or family planning, although it is required to authorize the termination of pregnancy.

SAMPLE OF MCRH SERVICES

Free pregnancy detection is done by the center by means of a simple lab test. Patients requesting a pelvic examination as well pay a \$25 fee. Family planning patients receive appropriate lab tests, a pelvic exam, the birth control method of their choice, and a follow-up appointment for \$25. Patients seeking a termination of pregnancy will qualify for one of three programs: Patients who are no more than seven weeks pregnant qualify for a \$100 early pregnancy termination program. Those who are no more than 12 weeks from the beginning of their last menstrual period are charged \$150 for the procedure. Patients beyond this point are referred to an appropriate facility.

Another organization, the Memphis Association for Planned Parenthood (525-0591), was granted a Medicaid provider number by the State of Tennessee on November 15, 1974. This number will enable them to be reimbursed by the State for Medicaid eligible patients for birth control services, pregnancy detection, abortion and vasectomy.

The Trial of Wm. Peterson

Conclusion

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No blood had ever been seen in the road, and no appearance of a struggle there. If the killing had been done in the road, the horse, whose rapid flight and wild flight on that morning must have been occasioned instantly by the death struggle, would have known nothing of the tree in the wood. The whole scene was vividly pictured before the minds of the jury—as if typed by the glorious art of Daguerre; the decoy into the wood—the robber's demand for gold or blood—the death—the struggle at the tree—and the instant flight of the frightened steed whose noble instincts were destined to vindicate as if by a miracle, the unerring certainty of retributive justice: and thus the venue was proven—thus the doom of the prisoner was sealed, and thus,

“A pebble in the streamlet scant,
Hath turned the course of many a river,
A dew drop on the baby plant
Hath warped the giant oak forever”.

The verdict of the jury was, that the prisoner was guilty of murder in the first degree as charged in the bill of indictment, and the sentence of death was pronounced against him, which was afterward commuted to imprisonment for life in the State penitentiary. In that gloomy catacomb of human hearts and hopes, where time is as eternity and the very sun light that enters there seems subdued by a sense of liberty lost, William Peterson now expiates his dreadful crime.

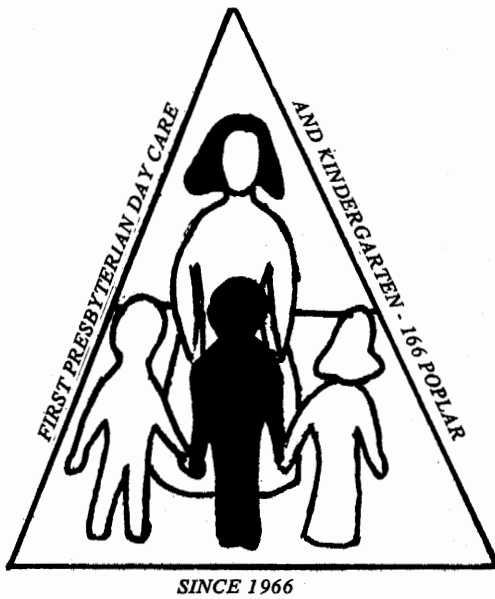
EPILOGUE

The writer of this account of the trial of William Peterson was writing for the Nashville True Whig, however, at the time of the trial itself he was the Attorney General for the Memphis District and engaged in the prosecution of Peterson—a fact which may have blunted his objectivity. The MEMPHIS DAILY APPEAL called this case the most unusual example of “...retributive justice, upon purely circumstantial proof...” that it had ever witnessed. It would be interesting to see if these circumstances would be strong enough to convict Mr. Peterson today.

Three years after this trial the Board of Inspectors for the State Penitentiary reported that William Peterson had for a second time in six months made an attempt to burn the State Prison:

“...This man Peterson, it appears, was concerned in the previous plot, and his design in the present instance, was to set one wing on fire in the same manner that it was fired in March last, and in the midst of the confusion that would, as he supposed, be created thereby, he intended to set fire to the other wing, which communicated with the front buildings; but fortunately he was foiled.”

DAY CARE



Due to an expansion program currently underway at the First Presbyterian Church Kindergarten and Day Care Center there are openings available for pre-school children, ages 3-5, for full-day (8-5) care.

One of the first day-care centers in the "center city" area, the First Presbyterian Church Kindergarten and Day Care Center teaches moral and spiritual values by lesson and example; however, doctrines are not a part of the curriculum. A carefully selected staff offers love, understanding, and a gentle firmness in the education and discipline of those under its care. Weekly contact with the pastor is part of the overall program. A

wide variety of experiences are tailored to the individual child with activities, both guided and "free play", designed to develop mind and muscle. The expansion program will provide for more equipment, more space, and a broadening of the over-all program. Parents of pre-school children who work in the downtown area are invited to discuss the center's programs and plans with the *Director, Mrs. Margaret Griffin, at 525-5619*

The downtown day-care center offers parents working in the downtown area who are concerned about being away from their children the opportunity of being nearby. For a nominal charge parents can eat lunch with their children as part of the Civic Center Community Culinary Club. The convenient location at 166 Poplar provides the security of knowing that the child is nearby should emergencies arise.

The Civic Center Community Culinary Club provides the lunch meal for the children, offering a three-week schedule of menus to provide variety in the diet.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">COST</p> <p>Weekly payments are based upon a sliding scale furnished by the State Department of Welfare. Consideration is given for special circumstances. More than one child from the same family pays only 50% of the basic rate. The maximum is \$18/wk. for each additional child. (Less than 37¢/hr.)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">STAFF</p> <p>Mrs. Margaret Griffin, Director Miss Paula Garrett, Teacher David R. Freeman, Pastor Jerry M. Evans, Bus. Manager</p> |
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The Center is in compliance with Title 6 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Dear Mrs. Griffin:

Please call me with further information.

Phone _____

I would like to visit

Date _____

Children: Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____ Name _____ Age _____

Parent's Name _____ Address _____

I know a friend who might be interested

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

words
swords

*To be unhampered, yet not left to self,
Absent from the confident in knowledge,
Who obtrusive, force their rapine words
Upon fine, chaste thoughts,
Marring their self-reliant musing.*

*Truths in heedless phrases forsake
most of what is true,
As desire without obstruction
an aspect of its beauty.*

*Silver dust shrouds a pearly moon,
Peeking from behind a mask of blackened clouds,
Stilling the hour in a captured strike of light.*

*At the edge of a passing storm
An ethereal white marks the calming night,
Illumined.*

*Marriages made are a refuge bought;
The suicides sought rudely taken.*

CENTER CITY invites all individuals, organizations and institutions to utilize its services for any pertinent, non-commercial announcements to the downtown community. Please write or call the editor at: First Presbyterian Church, 166 Poplar, 38103 (525-5619).

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First Presbyterian Church
166 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

MEMPHIS FILM SERIES

Jewish Community Center

December 3-- "Images"

Lyceum Film Theatre

December 3-- "Stagecoach"

MSU

December 4-- "Open City"

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December 6-- "Orpheus"

Memphis Public Library

December 6-- "The Clown Princes and Two Tars"

CIVIC CENTER COMMUNITY CULINARY CLUB

Serving from 11:30 to 1:00

First Presbyterian Church, 166 Poplar Avenue

MENU FOR NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 6

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Closed, Happy Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Closed

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Country-fried Steaks, Blackeyed Peas, Creamed Corn, Corn Bread

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Oven-baked Chicken, Rice and Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Rolls

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Spaghetti, Cole Slaw, French Bread

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Corned Beef, Scalloped Cabbage, Buttered Potatoes, Corn Bread

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Beef Stew, Tossed Salad, Corn Bread

*Second-class
postage paid at
Memphis, Tennessee*