

Answer: I think so, yes. Not just this. Now that I'm out working, I still need a baby-sitter. I'm fortunate enough that my mother is taking care of the two youngest ones, and my oldest one that is in school here at Crescent Valley, he comes home with me.

Mr. S. It would be a real asset to have a Day-Care Centre both for those people who are going through the training course as well as those who are out working, or even for the mothers who have large families, and could get two or three of them out of the home for a while perhaps, and could attend to the others a little more—give them that primary attention that the younger child will normally need. Do you think that sounds like a useful facility?

Answer: Yes I do, and it's very much needed here in the Valley.

Miss Gale: Do you feel that there are a lot of working mothers who would make use of this kind of service, and be much more calm about going out to work or to school?

Answer: Yes, I do.

Mr. S. You are now working, and are no longer on welfare rolls as such. Is that correct?

Answer: That is correct.

Mr. S. If there were a Homemaker program, could you afford to contribute toward that program, or would you hope to have the community provide it?

Answer: I could afford a certain amount.

Mr. S. What would you see in this program for the children, according to your needs?

Answer: I start work at 8 o'clock... a lot of people start work earlier than that. I find it would be most beneficial, because my children are used to being in the Valley. Right now, I have to take them out of the Valley to have them taken care of. I don't feel that if I bring anybody else in, that the children will get the care that I feel that I can give. Taken to a Day-Care Centre, or something like this, the people there are trained to take care of children, and I know the baby-sitter isn't going to lie down and go to sleep, and let the kids do what they feel like doing.

Mr. S. In other words, it would be a real help to you, all the way round, and primarily also to the children, and they would get the proper care, and they would get the kind of socializing experience that they would normally not get with, say, a teenage baby-sitter

or one who is doing a job for the sake of doing a job.

Miss Gale: Your children are pre-school, are they Kathy?

Answer: Two of my children are pre-school. The others are six and eight.

Miss Gale: Are there any other girls here who have this problem?

Mary: The way I find it... my husband works, and he doesn't make that much money. If I were to go to work, my rent goes up so high that I can't afford it. I have six children. Who can afford to go to work, pay double rent really, and then pay a baby-sitter for looking after children at home?

Miss Gale: Do you think this rent scale is unfair?

Answer: Yes it is.

Mr. S. How does it work? Can you tell me about it?

Answer: My rent now is based on my husband's yearly income. He was out of work for about two months, I still have to pay the same rent.

Mr. S. You mean when he's out of work, not earning anything, that's not taken into consideration?

Answer: Not when it's on a yearly basis. You've got to pay it whether he's working or he's not.

Mr. S. Have you ever gone to the authorities to tell them this is a little unfair?

Answer: My husband was down to talk to them, and they said it's based on a yearly basis.

Mr. S. How much do you pay?

Answer: I pay \$61.50.

Mr. S. And that's based on what—25 or 27 per cent of our husband's income?

Answer: Approximately.

Miss Gale: When your husband was unemployed, was he getting unemployment insurance or was he on social welfare?

Answer: No, he wasn't on either.

Mr. S. Are you getting social welfare supplementation now?

Answer: No, he's working now.

Mr. S. But when he stopped working, were you getting welfare then?