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Visiting Nurses School for Mothers at Elmwood Park

MISS JOSEPHA ROBERTS
In charge of the camp

Next to Nature

Home of the Campers

The Family

Something he didn't like

One of the "Campers"

Summer Camp for Babies Located Near to Nature

AS YOU enter Elmwood park from West Leavenworth street the first sound you hear is a mingling of babies' cooing and crying and children's happy shouts, and the first sight you see is a lively colony of infants and small boys and girls in a clearing among the trees. The babies are in charge of uniformed trained nurses and the children romp on the green grass or dig tunnels in the sand pile.

This outdoor colony of little people is the Baby Welfare Day camp, conducted by the Visiting Nurse association for the benefit of infants who are sick from heat or improper or insufficient nourishment, and for the older brothers and sisters who have no trees or grass or sand piles at their homes. Many weary mothers also come with their babies and find refreshment in a few hours' rest and relaxation in the cool, beautiful park.

These mothers go away from the camp, not only refreshed, but greatly enlightened with regard to proper mothod of caring for babies. For while the trained nurses—Miss Josepha Roberts, Miss Carrie Kolarik and others—bathe and feed and tend the sick babies they explain to the mothers the best ways of doing these things and teach them what to do when baby has a fever or colic or other ailments. The nurses, under the direction of Miss Lillian Stuff, follow up their work of care of babies and instruction of mothers right into their homes.

During the two weeks the camp has been organized thirty-six sick babies have been cared for there, many times that number of children have used the place for a recreation ground and many mothers have learned things about child culture which they probably would never have known otherwise.

Miss Louise McPherson, president of the Visiting Nurse association; Mrs. Victor Caldwell, and other directors, were instrumental in starting the work of the camp this season, and it is now in charge of a committee headed by Mrs. Charles Metz. The good women of the association hope to save many little lives this summer and to prevent future sickness by instructing the mothers.

In the sand pile