

Betty's Day and Night Care Centre

"Golden handshake" was the reason for new private school

THE ESTABLISHMENT of a private school in the Myngenoegen area, is the brainchild of a lady who never gave up hope. When Betty Kennedy, a manager of a fashion shop, was retrenched and received a "golden hand-

shake" of R1 500, she decided to start a crèche in Westenburg.

Betty says she has had a soft spot in her heart for kids since she was very young.

She began by taking care of 5 children in 1990. Her house in Westenburg was adapted to house the children.

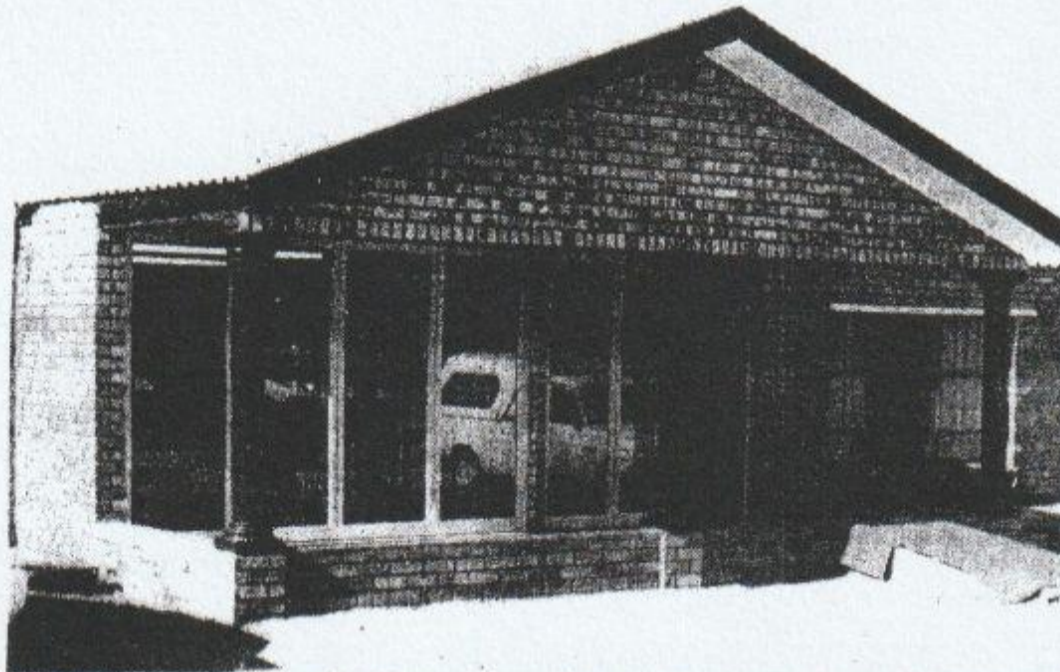
There was a growing need and the crèche was expanded to Betty's mother's house next door.

At that stage it was a daycare service which Betty and her mother rendered, which included the care of schoolchildren after hours.

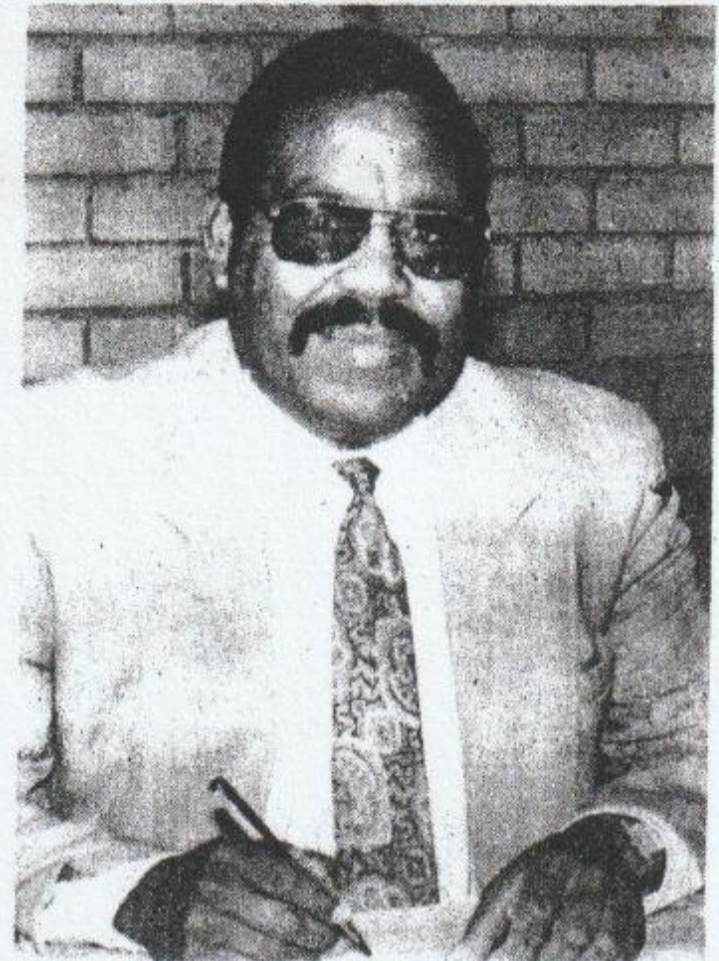
But there was also a need for accommodation for children during the night. The number of children being cared for during the day increased to 90 with four teachers to assist Betty. At first she did it all by herself.

In 1993 Betty realised that the two houses were insufficient to house the growing number of children.

Betty said the Health Department was pestering her at that stage. She decided to look out for a small holding, realising that this would be the only solution to the plan that was unfolding in her mind.



This is the entrance to the Myngenoegen English Primary School. Upon entering you are made to feel at home when you are welcomed by Barbara, Ellis or one of the other staff members.



Mr Jeff de Beer is the headmaster of the newly established Myngenoegen English Primary School. He is an experienced man in the teaching profession and sees this new appointment as a challenge.

Betty's Centre gets a new home on plot

PLOT 2, Myngenoegen, with a house, flat and storeroom, was the ideal place for Betty's planned care centre - which was no longer the crèche with which she started off.

She brought the smaller kids to the plot and used the house as boarding house for the children. The workshop was also converted into a boarding house.

This was also becoming too small to house the number of children who came from Venda, Phalaborwa, Giyani and even as far as Mpumalanga and Gauteng.

Some more buildings were erected on the plot. The 13 rooms at first also served partially as a boarding house. Today there are 6 classrooms as well as boarding house facilities for the girls and boys.

When the schools reopened at the beginning of 1996, the school was started at the request of the parents. School-going children in the city were being transported in Betty's vehicles to the centre and parents reasoned why not start a school on the premises of the care centre.

Today there is a nursery school with 90 kiddies. Four teachers take care of them.

Betty says she can hardly afford to keep up



To care for children has been close to her heart through all the years says Betty Kennedy.

Another private school was added to list

ANOTHER private school in Pietersburg, the Myngenoegen English Primary School, was recently registered.

At present 10 teachers are instructing 200 children (Gr 1 to Std 5). The number of scholars is increasing daily.

Mr Jeff de Beer is the newly appointed head-

master. He is an experienced teacher, well-known in Pietersburg. He was teacher, head of a department (Afrikaans) and deputy principal at Westenburg Secondary School.

He sees his appointment as a new challenge and an opportunity.

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Betty's Centre

This centre is a haven for many children

BETTY'S Day and Night Care Centre developed into a haven for many children.

Vegetable gardens were planned to make the centre self sufficient.

The foundations for new buildings - a proper kitchen, storeroom, laundry and cold storage, have already been dug.

A mini traffic lane to make the children aware of road safety and a mini town are being planned. Application has been made to extend the school to a high school while sport facilities are also being planned.

Betty's dream is rapidly growing and parents are enrolling more children daily.



Betty Kennedy is the brain behind Betty's Day and Night Care Centre which also resulted in the establishment of another private school for Pietersburg. Here she is pictured at the foundations for a storeroom, coldroom, laundry and kitchen.

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Betty is supported by her family and this is one of the reasons for her success. Barbara Losper (photo top), her daughter, and Ellis Pemma (photo above), a cousin, are responsible for the administrative work.

Betty has a strong belief in God. He helps ... she is the clay and He is the Maker.

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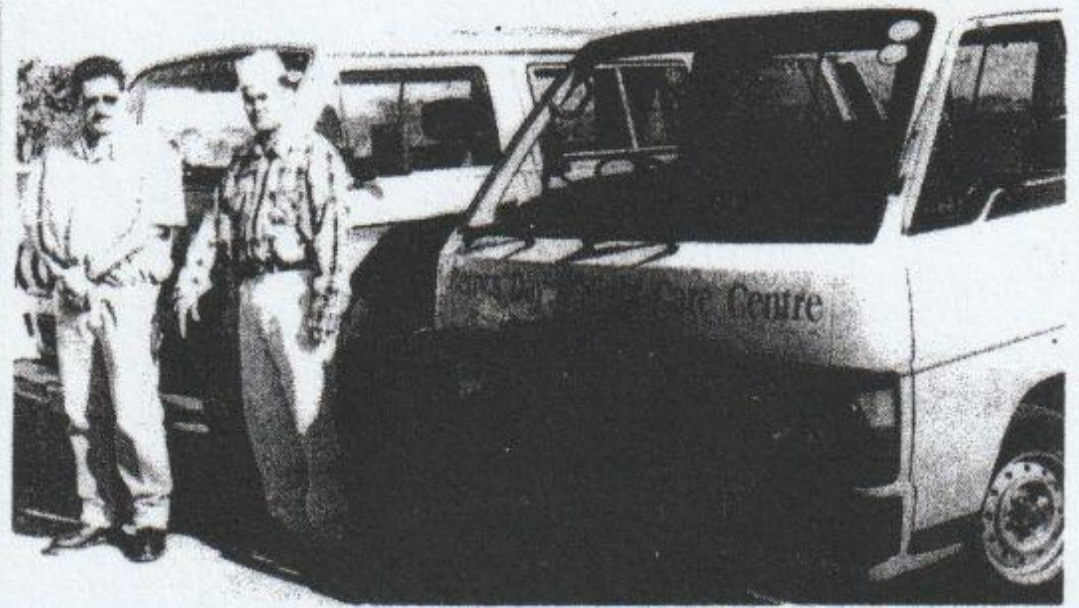
and entire membership, congratulate your centre of care and learning Myngenoegen English Primary School (M.E.P.S.) for having attained the status of recognition by the Northern Provincial Government.

Let me once more congratulate you with the following quotation from one of the world's greatest sons.

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School-going children staying in the boarding houses at Betty's Day and Night Care Centre who are attending schools in Pietersburg are transported daily by two Combis. In this undertaking Betty is also supported by her sons-in-law, Solly Losper and Shafick Jardine.



Photographed here are the teaching staff of the Myngenoegen English Primary School. Standing at the back are Judy Andreas, Maranata de Beer, Freddy Greaver, Salome Sempe, Halien Whitehead and Ruth Barbour (remedial education). In the front row are Marietjie van Wyk, Mr Jeff de Beer (headmaster) and Lucy Rossouw. These teachers attend to 200 children. According to the headmaster, Mr Jeff de Beer, there is a growing interest in the school as school fees are reasonable and the children enjoy their education.

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