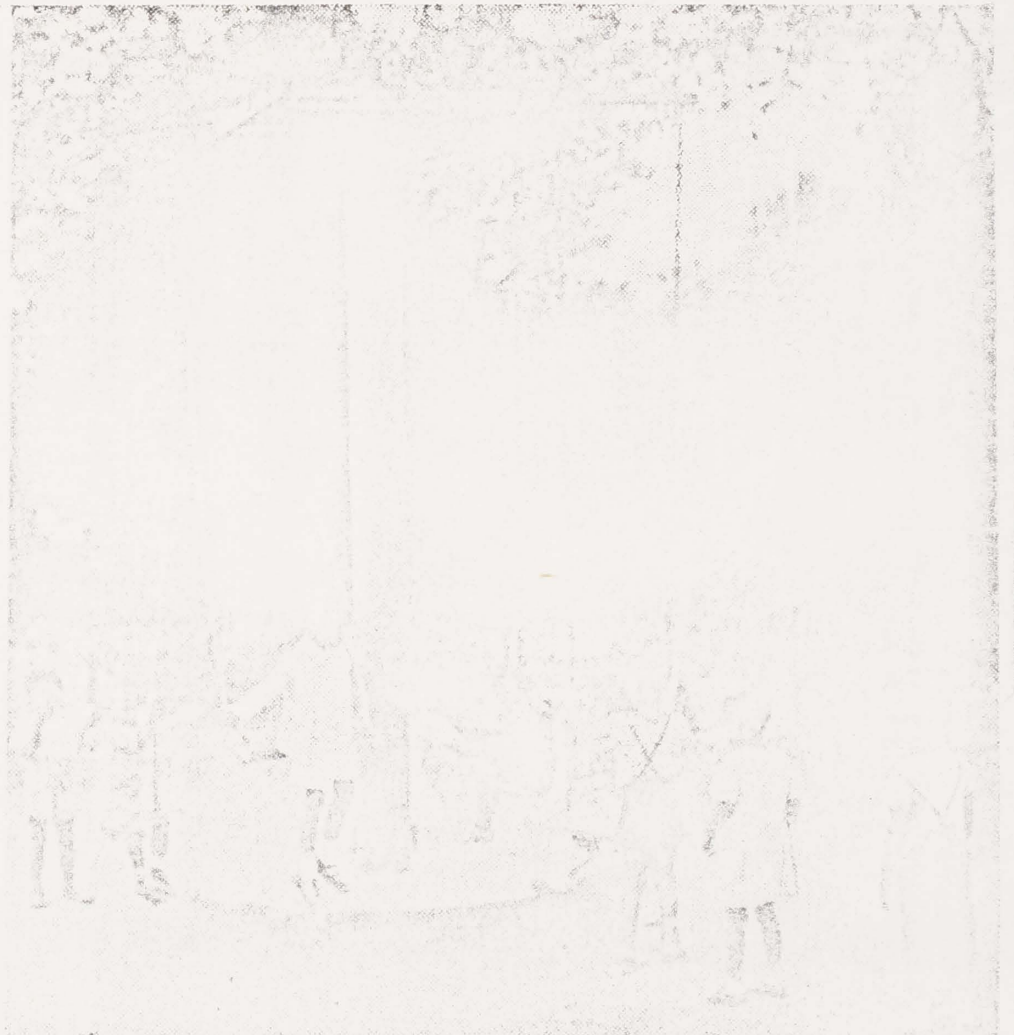


Day Camp run by the Watchman's Industrial School in Scituate, R. I.

Dr. William S. Holland, Director

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INGENUITY PAYS OFF: Nothing usable is thrown away at the day camp conducted at the Watchman Industrial School in Scituate. At left, above, children enjoy a slide improvised from part of an old fire escape. At right, above, is the swing, made from a piece of old water pipe and a discarded wagon wheel. Below: The Rev. William S. Holland, camp director chats with one of the children.

—Staff Photos

by Mr. Holland, on a fair-sized piece of property off the Hartford Pike.

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Perseverance Overcomes Poverty for Negro Day Camp

"Find a way or make one."

With this motto plus perseverance against disheartening setbacks, the Rev. Wilham S. Holland, 81-year-old Negro clergyman, has built up at North Scituate the only day camp for Negro children in this part of the country.

The camp cares for 75 to 100 children every day and gives them the kind of semi-country and outdoor life they could not get in the crowded Providence streets. For some children, the daily cost is 25 cents. For many it is free.

They can play games, wade in two pools, or dunk all over in big barrels of water, slide on slides and swing on swings. They can have as much fun as kids in any other camp, despite the fact that equipment and facilities are either second hand or homemade.

Mr. Holland's camp has very little money to work with. But with bailing wire and shoestrings, he and his loyal associates have made the project a reality.

The camp is located at the Watchman Industrial School, also founded by Mr. Holland, on a fair-sized piece

Beside the playfields, there is the large old mansion that used to be the Smithfield Seminary, and a number of outbuildings, all in bad repair.

The children have a revolving swing because Mr. Holland himself made one out of an stout old cart-wheel mounted on a length of second-hand water pipe filled with concrete. One of the slides is partly made out of an old but sound fire escape ladder.

In the nursery play area for younger children, there are patched pup tents for the afternoon nap, and a couple of rather tattered navy hammocks for the mothers. The children yesterday were having just as good a time there as if the equipment were all brand new.

The children are collected each day in Providence in a bus and brought to the camp. Their play is supervised by teachers, some volunteer, others paid. The children also help in the vegetable gardens, the income from which provides some money for the camp.

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