

Day care center closed; seeks federal approval

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The Campus Day Care Center was closed today. According to Rev. John Wigle, pastor at St. John's Church where the day care center is held, "It is too bad that it takes such drastic action to get the bureaucracy going."

In this case the "going" part of the above statement refers to the federal stamp of approval that the Day Care Center needs to operate. On February 15 the Center's federal approval ran out. Ida McGee, director of the center, stated that the Center immediately applied for a ninety day interim approval to operate. That approval was granted and the Center stayed open until May 15 when the extension expired. It was at this point that the Center decided to close until the federal approval could be obtained.

McGee explained that a verbal "ok" had been given for the operation of the Center, but she said that wasn't enough for either her or her staff. "I'm tired of hearing that old routine of 'we'll be there as soon as possible' or 'the papers are in the mail,'" said McGee.

The Social Service Department of the Ohio Public Welfare department is in charge of granting the Day Care Center the necessary

seal to operate. McGee said that they were scheduled for a visit to the local center in February. At last notice they said they could not send a representative until the week of May 23. That was when the Center decided to take the drastic action and close its doors, according to McGee.

This morning parents who brought their children to the Center were greeted by the sign stating that the Center was closed and for information they should see McGee. When the mothers and fathers heard the story, many called Columbus to make themselves and the problem known. Results were fast in coming. The Day Care Center will be open tomorrow and the federal representative will be here tomorrow morning to grant the approval in person.

McGee would not name the officials in charge who have put off the necessary approval, but she did say they were "cool and hard" and "very business-like" so McGee and her staff decided to try the same approach. She said there would be "no work without recognition."

As far as tomorrow's approval goes, McGee said she doesn't expect any complications and that once the approval is given the

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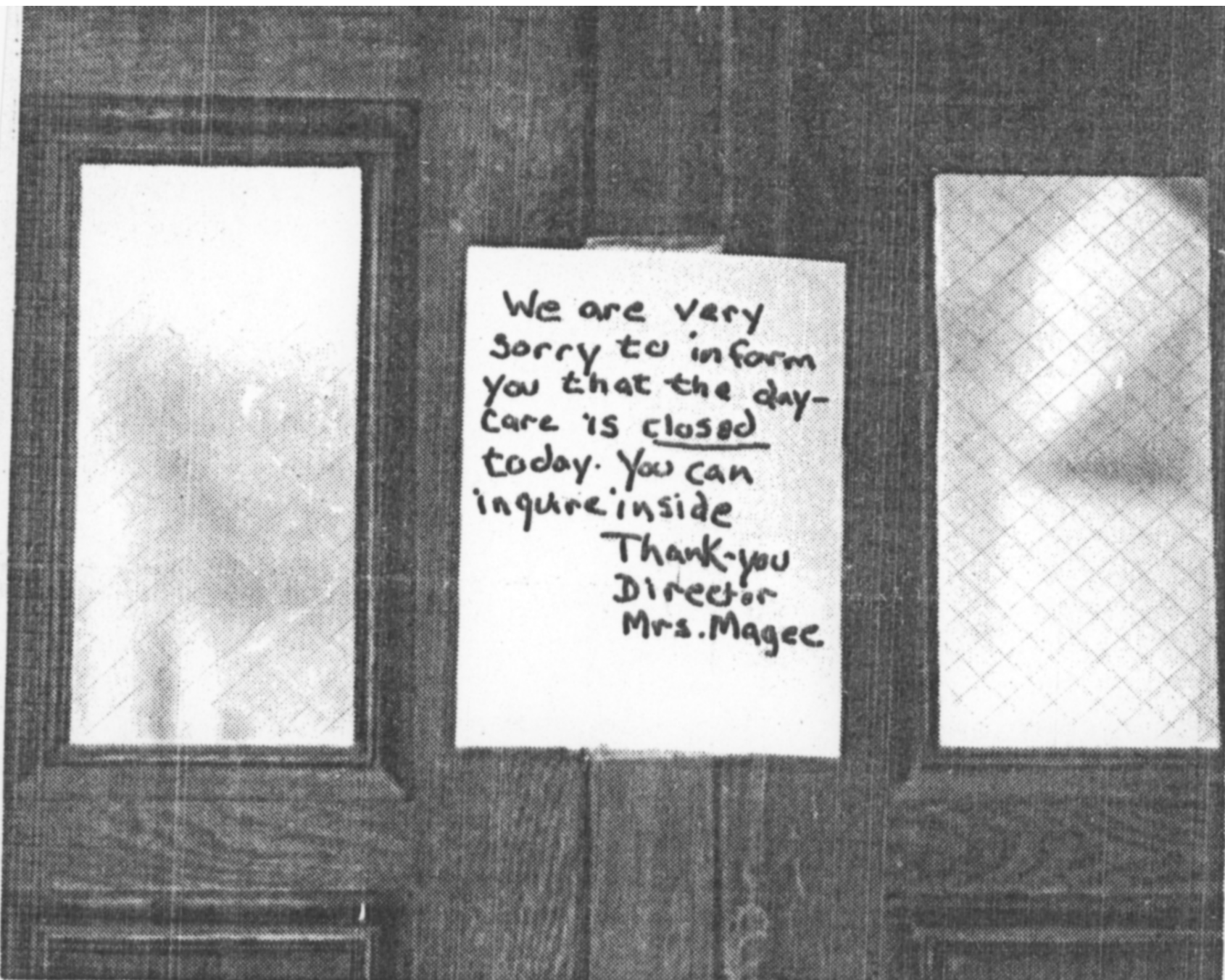
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Center should remain open without any problems.

McGee further stated that when the center first opened in 1973, she expected that eventually YSU would have their own Center. She said, "I have no qualms that there would always be enough children to fill it.

"What is the problem?" she said. "It is important for you YSU students and faculty to prove to the administration that the need is there for a YSU day care center. Our enrollment is 75% filled with the children of YSU students and faculty," she added.



We are very
sorry to inform
you that the day-
care is closed
today. You can
inquire inside
Thank-you
Director
Mrs. Magee

OH MOM! OH DAD! THE DAY CARE CENTER'S CLOSED AND WE'RE SO SAD—The Campus Day Care Center was closed today because of not receiving the federal "stamp of approval" which it needs to operate. After many irate parents called the Columbus office, fast action was taken and the federal representative will be at the Center today to grant the necessary approval and the Center will be able to continue.

Photo by Mike Braun