

Kids are having fun in teen's summer classes

An enterprising 14-year-old HHS student "too young to work" invented her own job this summer, one which has been fun for a group of young children in the neighborhood. Ann Beck of Ogilby Drive organized a Crafts School for youngsters 4-8 two mornings a week at

her home, and the project has turned out to be so successful she would like to run a second session in August for another group of kids.

Each day, Ann has led the children in a craft activity followed by games, a snack,

a story and a second craft. The size of her group varies. "I've tried to make it flexible," she says, explaining that parents are not asked to sign up for every session. Instead, children may come whatever days they wish. Questioned, Ann said it did seem as if more showed up on

rainy mornings.

Her crafts have included such things as pressing leaves and making pencil containers. The "classroom" is a simple one—the Beck garage in which the kids sit on towels on the floor at fabricated tables covered with newspaper. Ordinarily sessions run from 9-11 a.m. but, since Ann lives near a park, she's also been able to have special days on which the children bring their lun-

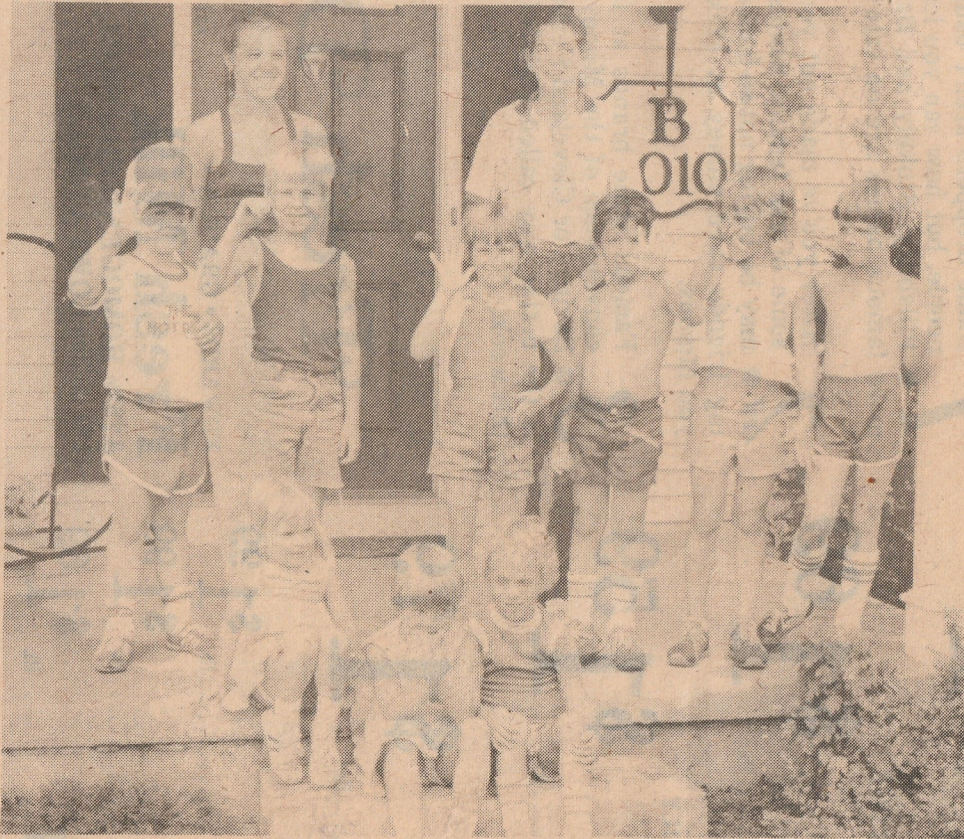
ches and eat in the park. On those mornings the kids have stayed longer.

Judging from the enthusiasm of the children returning from a park outing on a hot morning Ann's summer school has been a success. Many of the kids walked, Ann said, but some were brought over and picked up by their mothers since they lived some distance away. Some days she's had the help of her friend Maria Maher,

other times she's managed her group alone.

Ann would like to have a second two-mornings a week class in August "if enough kids are interested." She would present the same crafts again so thinks it would be preferable to have a different group of children "so they won't be bored."

Anyone wanting to discuss sending a child to Ann's small school may call her at 656-3606.



ANN'S CLASS waved to the photographer from the porch following their return from a picnic lunch in the park.

Brian is on the far left, wearing a hat.