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a pre-school program. Since Nursery School is NOT Day Care many families involved are those whose mothers do not work outside the home. Unfortunately, it is often difficult to provide transportation for the children at the class time.

An executive committee is responsible for collecting fees, paying teacher, rent and other bills. In addition, much work must be done in the line of publicity. The co-operative works best when every family takes an active role in the school's operation.

Regular meetings are held for discussion of administrative details as well as of the program being provided for the children.

The next meeting of the Elgin & District Co-operative Nursery School will be held Monday, April 2nd, at 8:00 p.m. at the Elgin United Church (location of the Nursery School). At this meeting parents and any other interested members of the community will be hearing from several professionals involved in education of young children: kindergarten teachers of the three area schools, a staff member of St. Lawrence College's Early Childhood Education Dept. and Heather Green, teacher at the Elgin and District Nursery School. Guests will be invited to ask questions of the speakers as well as of parents now involved in the Nursery School.

WHAT IS A PARENT CO-OPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL?

A parent co-op is one in which the responsibility of administration is that of the parents of the children attending the school. Major responsibilities include hiring and paying of a qualified teacher, providing of adequate adult assistance (number depends on the class size) during class time, providing

of adequate housing and equipment. In most cases the teacher, who spends more time than any other adult in the school, works closely with parents. Together they maintain the physical condition of the facility to the optimum standard required for the Nursery School program.

Most co-operatives are formed by a group of parents (living in areas where a Nursery School does not exist) who feel their children would benefit from

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