Mrs. Gibson shields problem-laden girls

By PAULA BROOKS

"The children who come to Montrose are special," said Mrs. Alice B. Gibson, vice principal of the Montrose School for Girls in Reisterstown, Md.

"They need special attention because they have emotional problems. We get children from all walks of life with all types of backgrounds," she added.

Montrose is not a correctional institution, but it's a training school for girls who are either delinquent, or in need of proper guidance. "The fain function of the school," she said, "is rehabilitation."

Mrs. Gibson explained that the school is operating under a new program which just started in Sept. 1971.

"The program was started because of a legislation passed that girls who have committed a crime must be separated frim those girls who have only behavioral problems."

Children at the school are classified as either CINS (Children in need of supervision) or delisquents. The CINS are housed on a separate campus.

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The Field School is for CINS students, there they receive a regular academic program in addition to receiving training in the industrial arts.

The Gill School is specifically for delinquent girls. They receive industrial training.

The school which is situated on rolling green fields, surrounded by trees and picket fences looks like any college campus in a rural area.

The stone buildings set on winding lanes and green lawns are well manicured and neat.

Presently, there are 149 girls come to Montrose.

Mrs. Gibson said that the usual length of stay for the girls is 4.5 months. She said that during the year approximately 600 or more girls come to Mostrose.

"When the child is released by the school, she is releasel to the court, the court in turn, releases the child to her parent, boarding school or foster home."

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"The After Care Worker," Mrs. Gibson said, "is assigned by Juvenile Services to work closely with the child and her family in order to establish a stronger understandisg when the child is released into the home."

"When the girls are released from the school, some go on to a happy normal life," she said. Mrs. Gibson sighted one example of a Montrose girl going on to Antioke College. "We have failures too, we have cases of Mostrose girls winding up in places like Jessup."

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"The school is good in many ways. One of the big problems of our people is that they don't know how to relate to others, but here, they meet social workers, nurses, whites, etc."

"We try to hiress trat there are people everywhere and you must learn to form relationships. They must learn that there is another way of doing things."

Mrs. Gibson, who has been vice principal for six years, received her B.S. degree from St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va. and is completing her Master's degree thesis at Coppin State College.

Married ot Willie J. Gibson, foreman at the B and O Railroad, they have three sons: Frank, a fifth year pharmacy student at Howard University, Larry, a junior at Delaware State College and Victor, a senior at Polytechnic Institute.

She is a member of the Library Board of Turner Station, the Order of the Eastern Star-Chapter 13, NAACP and Mt. Washington Improvement Association.

They live on Greenspring Ave., and are members of the New Shiloh Baptist Church.

Mrs. Alice B. Gibson

How to pack Xmas cookies for mailing

Like people, some baked goodies take to traveling better than others. Bar cookies are among the best travelers to both domestic and distant overseas locations.

The length of the journey and destination make a difference in the type of packaging used. Heavy corrugated boxes are convenient and satisfactory for most normal mail handling within the country. It is essential to use metal containers sealed air-tight as possible if the package is being sent to a tropical climate. Also, it's advisable to send several small packages under 5 pounds rather than one large package.

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To cushion the cookies for their trip choose from excelsior, shredded paper, crumpled paper napkins, paper-toweling or waxed paper. Unbuttered popcorn, a popular filler for domestic mailing, is sot recommended for overseas mailing since it absorbs odors and moisture. But if it is used, a note should be included warning that it should not be eaten because it might cause illness.

If using a corrugated box, line it with foil or plastic film; this is not essential for metal cans. Wrap 4 to 6 of the same size cookies together, in foil, plastic wrap or plastic bags and seal securely with freezer tape. Place the heaviest cookies on the bottom and layer the wrapped cookies with cushiony material.

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Outer wrappings are equally important, especially for overseas mailing. Use plain heavy paper — the kind used for grocery bags.

Print the address clearly. Use permanent ink or cover the printing with clear plastic tape or colorless nail polish. Be sure to mark the package "Perishable — Food" with the hope that it will receive more rapid and careful handling.

Fourth class mail should be satisfactory for short domestic travel; air mail is best for longer distances and for overseas shipment.

And now a few precautions about what foods to mail:

Bar and drop cookies are best travelers.

Fruit in the cookies help keep them soft.

Brownies can usually be relied on to arrive in fresh and tasty condition.

Delicate, tender cookies are apt to crumble when handled roughly in the mail.

Very moist breads or cakes may develop mold quickly and are risky when the journey is a long one.

Frosting tends to become dry and brittle; cookies and cakes should be mailed unfrosted unless you are sending them to a nearby location or via a quick airmail trip.

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Women engaged in businesses at home

NEW YORK (UPI) — One way to get rid of the "I'm just a housewife" syndrome is to start a business in your home.

Some one million women already are operating home businesses successfully, doing everything from cooking to crafts, reports the National Home Study Council. Some of them are earning only $1,000 to $5,000 a year.

Others are seeing what started in the household turn them into millionaires. At the same time, almost all are balancing their home careers with organizing for house, husband and children.

You're familiar with some of the tycoon-type success stories — how Margaret Rudkin's home-baked bread for her child needing a special diet became Pepperidge Farm, how Ruth Handler created an adult doll for her daughter, named it "Barbie" and ultimately became president of Mattel, which calls itself the world's largest toy company.

Whether you want just to earn extra money, say, for home improvement, putting the children through college or buying yourself a mink coat, you can get into the act with the other one million.

In a new publication, "The Family Circle Book Of Careers At Home" (Cowles), Mary Bass Gibson outlines the methods of starting a business.

To the housewife who says, "But I have no talent," she answers, "sit down and make a list of things you do at home that are special . . . cake decorating, flower arranging, needlework, dressmaking, crocheting and knitting . . ."

"Discovery of her own worth is the first and most important reward to a housewife who launches a career at home," she says. She warns, "The whole thing is totally impossible without a husband who wants it to work."

Among the pitfalls are over-extension, financially and in optimism. Start small, she says. Test your market thoroughly. Keep your financial paperwork up to date and don't go overboard in inventory.

She lists a 4-E (for energy, enthusiasm, ego and excellence) aptitude test to a woman planning a home career. Here it goes, in 20 question form:

Do you enjoy being busy? Do you get your housework done early in the day? Do you like to try out new ideas? Are you more concerned with pleasing than being pleased? Do you feel you have a special talent that is a money-maker (potentially)?

Do your friends and family believe you have a special talent? Are you a perfectionist? Is your husband easy to get along with? Are your children cooperating? Did you hold a job before you were married? Do you throw yourself wholeheartedly into whatever you do? Can you take criticism and/or rejection?

Do you have a hobby you can turn into a career at home? Does boredom seem unnecessary to you? Do you need to make money? Would having your own money make you feel more important? Do you have patience?

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