Here a twin, there a twin, everywhere a twin-twin

By LORAINE McCLISH
Sets of twins ran, toddled, crawled, or rode in double-seated buggies and strollers into Farmington Gity park last weekend for the first picnic of the Farmington Mothers of Twins Glub. It was the first time many of the members had met one another's children, or the first time many of the sets of twins had met each other. The Farmington chapter is an off-shoot of the Birmingham and Livonia chapters, two of the largest chapters in the state.

The member ship in those chapters had some the same of the set of the founders of the new chapter, who was just voted president of the 15-member group.

Sharing experiences is of prime importance to the mother who has had a multiple birth. "Our problems are unique." Mrs. Sands said.

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"When they get into school you're borner free, you've just about made it," said Mrs. Sands, mother of lomoth-old boot impossible to self-own free, word of the self-own free prom 10 p.m. to midnight, and that too. Is about par for club

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Another member added, "I get along just fine until they are quiet That's when I jump because I know they are into something. One of them has thought of something the other one didn't."

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One of the members had spent the picnic morning cleaning up maple syrup from her kitchen carpeting. Another, Helen Spieler, an officer in the club. had spent the morning cleaning the freezer. Her 7-year-olds had managed to get what they wanted from the freezer. but had not snapped it shat after heisting the goodies. Other problems can be far more serious. One set oft twins at the past, were going through what most mothers have experienced, the bitting stage. But these children have taken to bitting one another.

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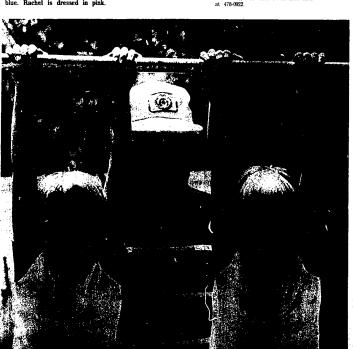
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The Gallagher twins get an assist on the teeter-totter from their big sister. The 3-year-olds are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Gallagher, who live in Chatam Hills Subdivision. Mrs. y has straight hair. Her sister, Stephanie, has naturally-curly hair. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)



Nancy Clervi, membership chairwoman of the Farmington Mother of Twins Club, with her twin daughters, Christine (left) and Jennifer.



Erin and Kelly LaCosse live on Violet Street in Farmington, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaCosse.

