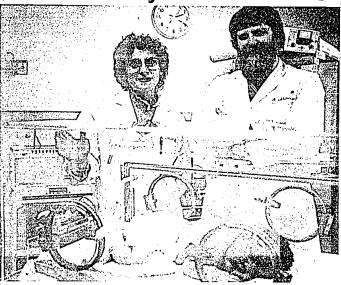
TLC delivery: Clinic offers prenatal care to needy



at Garden City Hospital, and Dr. er Shomo, chairman of obstetrics/

Resale shop begins sale

All winter merchandise has been greatly reduced in The Second Edition, the resale stop operated by Farmington Community Center volunteers on the second floor of the center, 24705 Farmington Road.

As Mary Feerey, who heads up the shop and coordinates the workings of the volunteers manning it, weeds out the winter clothes for sale, she looks forward to spring consignments and donations

LUSed clothes in good condition are accepted on consignment, with a tax-deductible receipt if re-quested, or as an out-and-out donation. All proceeds that come from Second Edition sales are given for the operation of the center and the activities it offers to the community.

Shop hours are from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday.

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Prenatal examinations "pick up compileations of pregnancy and treat them before they become serious," said Dr. Roger Shomo, chairman of the obstetrics/gynecology department at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

These compileations could be blood pressure elevation, gestalional diabetes or placenta previa.

Obstetricians can also detect a multiple birth or a baby of small size, information of great importance when birth begins. The obstetricians at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital have formed to the control of t Cesarian the Manager Cesarian the Manager Cesarian the Manager Indiana prenatal complication and infant mortality, stressed Dr. Diane Moch of Garden City, chief obstetrics/gynecology resident City, chilef obstetries/gynecology resident.

The hespital pays close attention to the infant mortality issue, which is currently troubling Detroit. It is doing its part to prevent needless infant deaths through prenatal care in its obstetries/gynecology clinic. This care is offered to those without insurance, or whose income is too large to quality for Medicald, yet not enough to pay full hospital costs.

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Phyments are based on ability to pay. It is a flat fee, and these patients are not billed for extra lab work. In-

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stead of being socked with a \$3,000 bill, the families pay a maximum of \$1,750. However, the average patient pays be-tween \$300 and \$1,000 over a period of time worked out with the financial de-

partment.

THE CLINIC opened for two reasons. First, the hospital wanted to offer its resident physicians training in office prenatal care. Second, it was a chance to give a needed community service at a time of heavy unemployment and reduced insurance.

The need for this service was mentioned at one time by Jackie Kearns of the Family Planning Association in Westland, according to Gary Ley, assistant hospital for pregnant teen-agers, who had no insurance.

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had no insurance. "We didn't have a program bere," said Ley. "We referred them to Wayne County General Hospital." However, before long a program, which is now in its third year, was launched. Through it about 100 bables were delivered each year to mothers on the clinic program. Pattents have an initial visit and monthly visits to the clinic. As they go

down to the wire, they see a doctor every two weeks at eight months and every week at nine months. They also get a six-week checkup after delivery.

"About two-thirds of our (clinic) patients are from the Family Planning Center," said Ley, "We stress patient education."

He also said that the residents are under the supervision of certified obstetricians.

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SHOMO DISCUSSED further the need for prenatal care, and why it is important.

We look at the size of the baby, he said. "If it is smaller than it should be at that time, we stress notrition. It is something that would be ignored if the mother were not seen by a doctor.

He said if the placenta were too small and not getting enough nutrition to the baby, it would be better to deliver the baby. Otherwise it might lose weight and decrease in size.

Other advantagers of early detection

Other advantages of early detection are making the physician aware of placenta previa, a situation in which the placenta is ahead of the baby and blocks the opening of the uterus.



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