

WELFARE SOCIETY AIDS "BABY WEEK" PROGRAM

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April 29 to May 5, is "Baby Week" when the Infant Welfare society is trying to tell parents of all classes in Chicago what a baby needs for a good start in life. The Infant Welfare society all the year round by its work with Chicago's poorest babies is proving that infant deaths are largely unnecessary and a very high proportion of the permanent defects from which humanity suffers could be avoided by taking proper precautions.

The Infant Welfare society has twenty-three stations in congested districts of the city each equipped with a staff comprising a doctor and nurses. Mothers bring their babies to these stations, undress them and they are weighed and measured and examined by the doctor who advises the mother what to do to keep the baby well. The nurse then makes regular follow-up visits in the home to teach the mother how to carry out the doctor's instructions and keep the baby well.

Guard Child's Health

Babies who are definitely sick are sent to the mother's own doctor or to a free dispensary but children who are suffering from malnutrition or unsanitary living conditions are the special province of the Infant Welfare society. At nineteen of the twenty-three stations care is given to the child from two to six years of age as well as to the baby and for these older children there are trained dietitians to handle food problems of the growing child. Eleven of the stations give pre-natal care to the mother which means that more live babies are born and babies start life in better condition.

The society's infant mortality rate for the year 1927 was 9.9 deaths for every 1,000 babies cared for from birth to two years of age. The mortality rate for the whole of Chicago was 62.75 deaths per 1,000 live babies born from birth to one year of age. The rate achieved by the Infant Welfare Society is based on two years of life as compared to one year for the city, but the result shows what could be accomplished by proper health supervision among babies of all classes.

Community Chest Helps

The New Trier Welfare station is located at 2150 West North avenue, Chicago, and is maintained financially by the Wilmette Community Chest and the Kenilworth Neighbors. The work is carried on by the doctors and nurses provided by the Infant Welfare, assisted by the members of both the Senior board and Junior Auxiliary of Wilmette and the Kenilworth Neighbors. This work is arranged by a yearly schedule.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wolf of 625 Maple avenue had as their guests over the last week-end, Mrs. Wolf's mother and father, Judge and Mrs. Willas D. Perkins; her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Hunter Applegate, and their daughter, Mary Ellen, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Jean Culver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Culver of 103 Broadway, is leaving tomorrow morning to spend the week-end at the University of Illinois, where she will attend the Phi Delta Theta fraternity dance tomorrow night. She will return Sunday evening.

Mrs. Herbert B. Mulford of 835 Elmwood avenue, left Thursday for a visit with her daughter, Miss Betty, who is completing her freshman year at Wellesley college.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SUBJECT
"Adam and Fallen Man" will be the subject at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Wilmette, Sunday morning, May 6, at the 11 o'clock services.

Frank Buckland of 601 Linden avenue, who has been in Europe for two months, is to return to Wilmette in June. While abroad he visited Germany and Czecho-Slovakia.

Miss Isabel Thompson of 1219 Ashland avenue, who attends the Frances Shimer school at Mt. Carroll, Ill., will spend Mothers' day at her home.

Mrs. Charles E. Sharpe and daughter, Mrs. Daniel Boone, of Rock Island, will spend the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hope Thompson of 1219 Ashland avenue.

Hope Thompson of 1219 Ashland avenue has left Wilmette on a business trip which is taking him to California. He expects to return in about a month.

Mrs. E. P. Fatch of 611 Washington avenue returned recently from Downers Grove, Ill., where she was called because of the death of her mother.

Junior Billington of Chicago is spending his spring vacation at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Higgins, 205 Dupee place. Junior is a student at the John Marshall High school.

The Wilmette Order of Martha will meet to sew at the home of Mrs. J. Joseph Koza, 627 Maple avenue, next Monday afternoon.

John Downey, Jr., a pupil in the third grade at St. Francis Xavier school, who has been ill with flu-pneumonia, is reported on the way to recovery.

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