



Lion Ken Buffam with the assistance of a visiting Lionette make one of the Silver Dollar draws at the Lions Rally held in Cobalt last week.

Children's Aid

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also helps unmarried mothers plan intelligently for her child's care, so that he can become a useful and happy member of society.

The society is supervised by the Ontario department of welfare, and the cost of supporting wards of the society is largely provided by grants from municipalities and the provincial government.

However, the important family service work, which is designed to keep children in their homes and hold families together, is financed through voluntary donations or grants obtained by direct campaigns, or through the Community Chest.

This family service work which local people are being asked to support in the coming campaign, has resulted in some 100 children less being in the care of the society than there were a few years ago.

Family difficulties that can result in broken homes or child neglect take a variety of forms. Quarrelling between husband and wife may be due to marriage strains that can be overcome through skilled counselling by a trained worker.

Parents sometimes have behaviour problems with their children, especially during adolescence, and the facilities and advice of the society's workers are available to parents who seek them.

The burden of illness, either physical or mental, imposes a strain on the family unit. Casework can assist the family to adjust to the new situation.

Economic difficulties can cause family breakdowns. Inadequate income, poor housing, can cause neglect in families where there is still a strong bond of love between the members. Casework can assist the family in raising its levels, and train parents to improve their own abilities.

The following is a typical case history from the society's files. Only the names have been changed. It is this kind of work that you are asked to support when the canvasser calls at your door.

In the beginning there were five Goodwins - John, the father, Maizie, the mother and Mary, Mike and Jim. John was a good mechanic, who loved Maizie very much when he married her, but he didn't know her very well. The children came quickly-perhaps too quickly for Maizie. She was never a good housekeeper and when her health broke she just couldn't face her increasing responsibilities. She neglected the children, the house, her husband. There were bitter quarrels. The children ran wild - Maizie sought refuge in drink. John couldn't understand what had happened to the girl he had loved. He did not know where to look for help, tried to keep things going himself but became irritable and finally lost his job. Fed up he cleared out.

With John gone Maizie's drinking became worse. Complaints came from the school about the children's apparent undernourish-

ment and poor clothing. When the Social Worker called she found Maizie a very sick woman. The doctor was called and Maizie went to hospital. The children were placed in foster homes until their father could be found. When John turned up he was a very unhappy man, his self esteem was at a low ebb. He just felt he was no good. With the help of a caseworker he got his old job back and got a homemaker to care for his family until his wife was better.

All this took a lot of time but resulted in a family, who might well have been separated for life, being kept together.

When Maizie returns to her

home the Social Worker will continue to visit her. She may arrange for her to become acquainted with a member of A. A. She may encourage her to take a more active interest in her Church.

John now knows where to go for help if the going gets tough.

Taking 150,000 as the annual average of immigrants coming to Canada, here is what such a movement means to the Canadian economy; formation of 37,000 new households which will spend about \$89,000,000 for new housing, furnishings and other goods and services.

Veteran Claims Inspector Retired by Department

The retirement from government service of Jack A. Gale of Swastika was announced this week.

Mr. Gale, who has been the inspector of mining claims in the Larder Lake and Porcupine divisions since June, 1944, was the first regular inspector in the service of the Ontario Department of Mines, and for the first three years of his service he was responsible for the inspection of mining claims throughout the entire province. The two divisions for which he has more recently been responsible extend north to James Bay and the Albany River, and include all the mines of the Porcupine, the Larder Lake and the Kirkland

Lake camps, which together account for about 75 percent of Ontario's total gold production.

Mr. Gale who has lived all his life in Northern Ontario was an experienced inspector for years before he joined the staff of the Mines Department. It was in that role that he was featured in "The Claim Stakers", a motion picture recently produced by the Department of Mines. He also appears in "The Big Z", a picture of the Elliot Lake uranium mining area, and "A City is Born", produced this year to tell the story of the development of the town of Elliot Lake. An earlier production of the Department in which he had a part was "Rainbow's End."

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