



Peter Buleski at play getting ultra violet rays direct from the sun following the directions of the Infant Welfare nurse. (Left on teeter-totter).

Near the Alice H. Wood station live Peter Buleski, baby Elsa and their pretty Polish mother. The father is in prison because when he was out of work, his family hungry and he too unfamiliar with Chicago to know where to go for help, he robbed a grocery store. The "home" is two rooms in a basement—one entirely dark, the other insufficiently lighted by two windows opening on the alley and a narrow back yard. For furniture there is one bed for mother and two children, a small stove, two chairs, a table and a few dishes—no floor covering, little bedding, no pictures, no toys, nothing to relieve the drab monotony of poverty for either mother or children. In these surroundings Marie Buleski is making a valiant fight to maintain herself and her babies until "Orloff" comes home again. Of her husband the young wife says, "Good man, good father; never did wrong before. Things better when he comes back."

Helping the mother in her desperate need and making it possible for her to keep the family together until her husband comes back are two organizations in Chicago—the Infant Welfare society and the United Charities. Neighbors, hundreds of them, were going to Infant Welfare with their babies and one of them told Mrs. Buleski that it would be good for her babies to go too so while the husband was being tried for robbery she took her babies, Peter—eighteen months, and Elasa—two months old to the Welfare. The doctor at the Infant Welfare station found the children well so far as absence of any specific disease could be termed well but the pale, listless, anaemic little Peter obviously needed good food and sunshine—milk, plenty of it, vegetables, bread, orange or tomato juice, and cod liver oil. Marie Buleski had nothing to say to either doctor or nurse at the welfare station the first time but to the neighbor on the way home she said, "I cannot get all these things. Maybe my boy must die."

Dark and Cold

When the Infant Welfare nurse called at the home the first time, one stormy morning in January, 1931, two days after the husband had been taken to prison, she found the place dark and cold, light turned off because the bill could not be paid, no fire, no food, two babies in bed for the sake of warmth, and Mrs. Buleski trying to do her washing in cold water, tubs close up to the win-

dow to get what little light the cloudy day afforded in a rear basement flat. The immediate need was light, heat and food. Kerosene for the one lamp was secured by the nurse from the corner store, paid for from her own pocket; milk for the babies came from the same source. A telephone call to the United Charities by the nurse brought a case worker at once and shortly an emergency supply of coal and food. Since then the Buleski's have received a monthly supply of coal and weekly an order for food which can be traded in at the corner store carrying a placard in the window reading, "We take all charity orders."

Infant Welfare Helps

Besides giving the two babies regular examination by the doctor in the station, watching their weight and growth, and giving the mother careful instructions on what she should do to keep these two particular babies well, the Infant Welfare society is helping Marie Buleski to spend her grocery order so as to get the maximum of nourishing food with it. Prices in the corner store are reviewed by the Infant Welfare nurse and with the doctor's instructions in mind she lays out a food schedule for the babies to give them the strength they sorely need. The food schedule is one that the mother can easily follow, but palatable and nutritious as well as inexpensive. In demonstration classes at the Welfare station and by instruction by the nurse in her home this Polish mother, entirely ignorant of dietetic knowledge, is being taught how to prepare the food in the best way.

Hand in hand with the rest of the Infant Welfare program for well babies comes cod liver oil. Mrs. Buleski receives a regular supply of this prime necessity and is learning that it is not medicine, but food which her children must have regularly if they are to withstand the hazards of childhood. A year of intensive Infant Welfare care has carried little Peter from the zone of constant danger to life and health where he has a good chance to be a happy child and to become a useful American citizen. The mother also has profited by the lessons she has learned and is better equipped mentally and physically for the struggle she must continue to make and baby Elsa is starting her second year as healthy and happy as it is the natural right of every baby to be.

Other Aid Provided

One other help Infant Welfare provides for its babies — clothing made by women of Infant Welfare centers in the more prosperous residential sections of Chicago and suburbs. Last year the women of Highland Park-Ravinia center made 727 garments for Infant Welfare babies, some of which helped to keep these two Buleski children comfortable.

Never in the twenty-one years since the Infant Welfare society was organized has there been such appalling need of and for the babies as there is now; never have funds been so inadequate. For thousands of helpless babies the Infant Welfare society of Chicago is the only means to save them from sickness—some of them from death, some of them from lifelong suffering and permanent physical handicaps resulting from the privations and underfeeding of the present day. Highland Park-Ravinia center of the Infant Welfare society which supports the Alice H. Wood station is now making its annual appeal for funds and is asking all of the citizens of this community to dig down deep and help these babies.

Who remembers the good old days when all of the Roosevelts ran for office on the Republican ticket?

St. Patrick's Party at Dietz Stables

There will be a big St. Patrick's celebration party out at Dietz Stables near Mundelein on Routes 59A and 176 Ivanhoe, tonight, March 17th. Everyone is invited. Lots of fun for everyone. Favors for all. Dancing from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. to the tunes of Hapke's orchestra. All for \$1.00 per couple. Also big dancing parties every Saturday night. \$1.00 per couple.

Deerfield Man Files Suit For Damages

Andrew Huhn, of Deerfield, through his father John Huhn, last week filed suit for \$5,000 damages in the circuit court against Berthil Berg, Deerfield, for an automobile accident last fall at the intersection of Deerfield avenue and Waukegan road in Deerfield. Attorney E. M. Runyard, of Runyard & Behanna, filed the praecipe.

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