

WANTS U. S. AID FOR BABIES OF ILLINOIS

Urges Women to Work for Passage of Sheppard-Towner Act to Save Babies

Women of Winnetka were urged to write Representative Carl Chindblom of this district requesting his support for re-appointment under the Sheppard-Towner Act by Miss Sara Place, president of the Illinois State Nurses' association, who spoke before members of the Winnetka League of Women Voters, at the Community House last Monday.

"The death rate of babies in Chicago is 1½ per cent," said Miss Place. "In many outlying districts of the state it runs as high as 10 or 11 per cent. In a few places it is 15 and 16 per cent. In practically every case where the percentage is high it is because women do not know where to get information and medical aid during pregnancy and childbirth. The mothers of children in every enlightened community must work together in order to get the Sheppard-Towner act put in force here, and thus prevent, through knowledge, the loss of many thousands of babies every year.

Illustrates Talk

Miss Place illustrated her talk with a film, "Well Born," which was prepared by the Children's Bureau to be shown in the rural districts. This film contrasts the ease with which the young city mother can get medical care and information with the difficulties the farmer's wife has in overcoming all the old wives tales of wrong information brought to her by gossiping neighbors.

Miss Place urged those present to write their representative at Washington asking him to work for national re-appropriation of the Sheppard-Towner act at this session of Congress as the first step toward getting the act established in Illinois. The five year national appropriation passed in 1921 expires this spring, she said.

Other Women Speak

Mrs. Walter Benson, president of the Winnetka League of Women Voters, announced that Mrs. John Vander Vries had been elected to represent Winnetka at the annual convention of the National League of Women Voters. Mrs. Charles Strong, chairman of the committee on child welfare, read a telegram concerning the Sheppard-Towner act sent to Representative Chindblom, and his reply.

Miss Florence Harrison, regional secretary of the league, spoke briefly on the value of the bill. She pointed out that the chief argument being used against the Sheppard-Towner act was that against federal aid in general, but that as Illinois has already accepted a large amount of federal aid annually for use on roads, that argument is not valid here. Mrs. William Hale spoke briefly on the league's satisfaction that the United States had entered the World Court.

DISPLAY OIL PAINTINGS

E. L. Nygaard, superintendent of the Joseph Sears school Kenilworth, has brought an interesting collection of oil paintings to the halls of the school. The exhibit was open Monday and Wednesday evenings of this week when the program included the showing of motion pictures of Mr. Nygaard's summer camp for boys in Wyoming.

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