

CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE STATISTICS OF EVERY CHILD IN DULUTH

Splendid Co-Operation of Doctors Made First Campaign Huge Success.

Two Thousand Children Already Examined; 10,000 Remain.

WITH the establishment of a permanent center at the Glass Block store for weighing and measuring the children of Duluth, the child welfare committee of the council of national defense feels that a good beginning has been made towards obtaining the statistics of every child in the city under six. Though over 2,000 children have been examined, the problem has only been partially solved as there are about 10,000 children still to be tested and there is much follow-up work to be accomplished.

Many incipient ills are discovered in children who have been regarded as perfectly normal by their parents. By remedying such ills excellent preventive work is done. Of immense value in the follow-up work will be the child welfare clinic which is soon to be established.

The Minnesota state board of health has created a new division called the "division" of child conservation. At its head is Dr. E. J. Hvenekens. The plan is to co-operate most closely with local physicians and cases needing attention will be referred back to them.

Through the three days of the campaign in the East End the doctors and nurses contributed most liberally of their time. The work could not have been done without their splendid co-operation. Dr. C. J. Wallace and Dr. H. Hovde attended to the Park Point district assisted by Dr. Irene M. Dunn who in private life is Mrs. Frank G. Dunn. Before her marriage Mrs. Dunn was a practicing physician in the state of New York where she acted as school physician. She was consequently ably fitted to meet this emergency.

Dr. Olin W. Rowe and Dr. C. A. Scherer, with the help of Mrs. Rowe and the precinct chairman, Mrs. L. P. Larson and her corps of block captains, took charge of the Emerson school district. Here the thorough organization of the council of defense resulted in most effective work.

Dr. A. E. Walker with Miss Irene Thorstadt examined the children in the Lowell school district, and at Duluth Heights.

Dr. Stella I. Wilkinson put in many hours at the Masonic Temple with Miss M. J. Donnelly and Miss Mary Laskowski as assistant.

Dr. Mary McCoy, Dr. W. H. Salter, Dr. N. A. Nicholson, Dr. D. F. Pennie, Dr. Graham and Dr. Kraft examined children at the courthouse where the work was heaviest. Here Miss Lena Anderson, city visiting child welfare nurse, was on duty for three days without any intermission.

Dr. Arthur Collins, Dr. James McAuliffe, Dr. Drenning and Dr. Tufty made the tests in the Munger school district.

Dr. Lepak attended to the Franklin school.

At the Endion church the work was done by Dr. A. L. McDonald and Dr. D. D. Murray while Dr. Hirschfield took care of the Baptist church.

The children in the Washburn district were examined by Dr. John H. Carson, Dr. E. L. Cheney and Dr. Schroeder. Dr. Webster attended to the Lester Park school. Dr. Oredson assisted by Dr. Schwartz made the examinations at the Salter school.

Dr. Oliver S. Olson and Dr. J. E. Nyquist, although signing up for work in the West End were needed and generously responded. Dr. Arminen had charge of the Webster district.

Dr. Budd and Dr. McGiffert attended to the district near the Masonic Temple. Dr. Wunder worked at the First Christian church and Dr. E. L. Twohy, Dr. Martin and Dr. Nicholson filled in wherever needed.

In addition the following graduated nurses gave indispensable service: Miss R. Wilson, Miss Eunice Smith, Miss Jessie Douglas, Mrs. Frank Otto, Mrs. Anna McCabe, Miss Grace Grolet, Miss Louise E. Schreller and Miss Kersol.

St. Luke's and St. Mary's hospitals supplied student nurses to fill vacancies.

The child welfare committee also wishes to express its thanks to the Kelley-How-Thomson and Marshall-Wells companies for lending equipment, the churches and Masonic Temple for use of buildings and heat and to Miss Lillian Shapiro who for two days placed herself and her car at the service of the committee and delivered much necessary equipment.

The posters used during the campaign were sent from Cincinnati by Courtney Dinwiddle, the former head of the Associated Charities in Duluth.

Any parent who has not had his child examined may take it to the Glass Block store or have the work done by his own physician. Cards to be filled out may be obtained at the information desk on the second floor of the Glass Block.

The weighing and measuring tests will soon be undertaken in West Duluth and the West End under the supervision of the child welfare committee which consists of Mrs. F. J. Dunn, Mrs. L. S. Loeb, Mrs. J. H. Madden, Mrs. Oscar Mitchell, Miss Frances Smith, Mrs. E. L. Twohy, Mrs. Henry Turrish, Mrs. Whitney Wall and Mrs. H. G. Gearhart, chairman.