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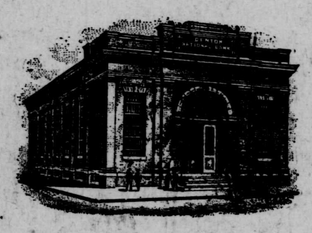

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Pa Explains

"Pa, what does 'sic transit' mean?" asked Clarence.

Oh, I dunno. I suppose it refers to the condition of the street cars and interurbans since the motor cars have put such a crimp in them," growled his dad.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

WILLISTON

Miss Reba Rice entertained about thirty of her friends at a Hallowe'en party, last Friday night. All were masked and had a jolly good time with the witches and goblins until a late hour, when delicious refreshments weer served.

Mrs. S. Legates, Mrs. Emma Gambrell and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wheeled of Federalsbburg visited relatives here on Sunday last.

This community was saddened by the news of Colonel Uhler's death.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. epew attended a Hallowe'en party given at the home of Miss Elva Perry.

Miss Matilda Smith of Catonsvillt is spending a few days at the home of Mr. F. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mitchell and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Gelletly.

CONCORD

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Frye and son Lorain of Church Hill visited friends at Concord Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Todd and Mrs. C. E. Todd visited the M. E. Parsonage at Ridgely, Sunday afternoon.

Who Cares for the Baby?

By I' ABETH A. PERKINS

Who Cares For The Baby

Who really cares for the baby? We remember very well that old Mother Goose Jingle, Who Killed Cock Robin?

Who killed Cock Robin?
"I" said the sparrow,
"With my little bow and arrow,
I killed Cock Robin."

Who saw him die?
"I" said the fly,
"I saw him die,
With my little eye."

Who'll make his shroud?
"I" said the beetle,
With my little needle,
I'll make his shroud."

And on and on the jingle goes until
All the birds of the air
Fell sighing and sobbing
When they heard the bell toll
For poor little Cock Robin.

When you read the title of this paper, Who Care for the Baby? you thought "why, the mother of course; the mother cares for the baby" and then another thought came, "and the father and all the family care for the baby, of course" and then another thought came, it too was a beautiful one, "We all care for the babies".

Who cares for the baby?
"I" answers the district nurse,
"I give the mother special instruction and help during those long months of waiting,
I care for the baby."

Who cares for the baby?
"I" answers the big sister in the Y.C. T. U.
"I help the mother with the little garments,
I am her friend if she is lonely, I stay with her during the trying hours,
I care for the baby".

Who cares for the baby?
"I" answers the Doctor,
"I give the mother advice and watch over her physical condition,
I care for the baby."

Who cares for the baby?
"I" answers the state,
"I furnish maternity clinics,
I register the baby's birth,
I send the mother literature on child care
I care for the baby."

Who cares for the baby?
"I" answers the Baby Clinic,
"I invite the mother to bring the baby to the clinic every week, and have the baby examined and weighed
I care for the baby."

But do we really care for the baby? Do you employ a district or county nurse in your community? Is there a pre-natal clinic, and a baby clinic? Are there wide stretches of territory where no physicians are located? Is there a birth registration law in your state and is it well enforced?

The care of the baby, the care of the mother is more than a home responsibility, it is also a community responsibility, it is also a state responsibility.

If we who are studying this paper, have no children, or if our children are grown and are out in the world, strong and splendid citizens, yet who cares for the baby is a vital topic for us.

A little time ago I heard someone say,"If the mothers today would take the care of their children that we moth ers did, there would be little need of child welfare work." Dear mothers, we didn't take very good care of our children. We did not know how.

When the first selective draft was made, in the great world war, twenty-eight per cent. of all the men were rejected because of physical defects and I am very sure if the young women of America had been given an equally complete examination, fully as large a per cent. would have been found with physical defects. We did not know how to take very good care of our children.

A dear little district nurse told me this experience. She was speaking one day to a group of women, fine appearing women of marked intelligence. The nurse in her address stated that about one baby in every ten, in the United States, dies before it is a year old.

The women looked at each other, and she could hear the soft whispers, "that is not true here in our community; one baby in every ten does not die here".

After talking a bit longer, the nurse said,"Let us see just what the death rate has been here among the babies; and she asked first one woman and then another "How many babies have you had? Did any of them die?" and in that group it was found that instead of one baby in every ten having died, one baby in every five had died:

As a nation we had not cared for our babies, we have not cared for our mothers, we have not ranked well with the nations of the world. Each year twenty thousand mothers have died needlessly, at time of child birth; two hundred fifty thousand babies have died each year.

It was strange paradox that when we were losing our men on the fields of France, we began to seriously think of the babies at home. And the great work in behalf of a Federal appropriation to promote the welfare of maternity and infancy began.

This work in very truth, was that of Rachel weeping for her children. "In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they were not".

On the day before Thanksgiving 1921, the Maternity-Infancy Bill having been passed by Congress, was signed by President Harding. So eagerly was the passage of this bill awaited that at least six states in the sessions of their legistatures had passed laws accepting the Act, if it should become a law.

We are to save the lives of mother and her baby through instruction and prenatal care of the mother and baby at time of child birth, care of the baby during the first year of life.

The appreciation to the states by the provisions of the Maternity-Infancy Act, supplemented by appropriations from the states will permit the establishing of Maternity Centers, and an increase in the number of district and county nurses, thus giving the mother definite instruction and help.

The greatest foe to the maternity and infancy death-rate is definite knowledge. What is the state of the mother's health? What is the condition of the heart, of the lungs of the kidneys, of the blood pressure? Does the mother realize that so far as her circumstances will permit, she must have plenty of rest, good food, fresh air and exercise in moderation; that she must lead a cheerful, normal life.

No less important is the special care and attention which should be provided for the mother and babe, at the time of the baby's birth. Already it has been proven that when pre-natal care and instruction are given the mother, when the mother and babe are well cared for at the time of childbirth, the maternity and infant death-rate has been greatly reduced.

Special help must be given mother during the early months of the babe's life. A mother does not intuitively know how to care for the baby. She must study the care of the little body, the feeding, the clothing, habit formation. There must be no "guessing" as to the child's weight and condition, but a regular and thorough examination.

Will you help care for the baby?

Will you study the laws of your state on child care?

Has your state accepted the Maternity-Infancy Appropriation?

Wll you send to The Children's Bureau Washington, D. C., for a copy of the Act, and for its provisions? Will you urge the cooperation of your community, in accepting these provisions?

Will you send to The Children's reau for their leaflets and pamphlets on the Care of The Baby, will you send to your own state board of health for their material, and keep this for distribution?

Will you be a big sister to some expectant mother?

Will you glorify motherhood and child-hood. Will you have a great and abundant sympathy and love for all mothers.

I am the baby.
I am the youngest institution in the
When I am a little older I shall world and the oldest.
The earth is my heritage when I come into being, and when I go I leave it to the Generation of babies.
My mission is to leave the earth a better place than I found it.
With my million little brothers and sisters, I can do this, if the world does not impose too many handicaps.
Now I need pure milk and fresh air and play.
When I am a little older I shall need good schools in which to learn the lessons of life.
I want to live, laugh, love, work and play.
I want to hear good music, and read good books, see beautiful pictures.
I want to build houses and roads and railroads and Cities.
I want to walk in the woods, bathe in the waters and play in the snow.
I am Yesterday, To-day and Tomorrow.
If you will make my way easy now I will help you when I grow up.
I am your hope I am the baby"

Who cares for the baby? We can. We will.

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SMITHVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Williamson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davis visited relatives in Harrington, Del., on Sunday.

Mr. Horace Robinson and Mr. Kemp Todd collided last Sunday one driving a Ford the other driving a horse and carriage, the horse was badly cut and bruised and the carriage very badly wrecked, but futher very little damage was done.

Mr. Fred Scott's son met with a very painful accident Thursday, falling from the steps of the barn loft, on a pumpkin which was on the floor under the steps breaking his arm in two places at the elbow. He was taken immediately to the Cambridge Hospital where surgical aid was rendered.

Mr. Herman Smith has moved to the home vacated by Mr. Calvin Scott which is now owned by Mr. William H. Robinson.

The farmers have completed their fall work of shredding fodder now of this neighbborhood.

Mrs. Evelyn Williamson has been suffering severe attack of neuralgia of the head and face for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Davis motored to Wilmington, Del., Brandywine Summit West Chester and Chester, Pa., Sunday, and made their return home Monday night.

Mrs. W. A. Alford and son Earle and Mrs. Oscar Alford motored to Chester Sunday where they will spend a few days and return home Thursday

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