

BABIES, GET READY; THIS IS YOUR WEEK

**Father Knickerbocker Coming
Around to See How You Look
and Are Cared For.**

HE WANTS YOU TO BE STRONG

**And He'll Show Mothers and Fathers
How to Help You Grow Up
to be Fine Big Citizens.**

I pledge to be a baby's friend
And everybody tell
Clean air, clean clothing, and clean food
He needs to keep him well.

This will be the refrain sung this week in every public and private school in the city as part of the exercises of baby week, a seven-day educational and uplift campaign, which opened yesterday. By his verse alone it is expected that children and parents will be impressed with the necessity of at least keeping baby clean.

Yesterday was baby Sabbath, and in every synagogue in the city a letter from Mayor Mitchel was read. Today the letter will be read in all the city's churches. These two days are really preparation days, for in the five days that follow the activities of those who are in charge of the work will be many and varied. Besides lessons in the proper care of babies and exhibitions of what is being done to guard their health, there will be free boat rides for all who care to go, automobile rides for tired mothers and their little ones, and baby contests with prizes to go to the most perfect babies in the five boroughs. In his letter the Mayor says:

"Much has been accomplished within the last few years in the saving and protecting of child life in New York. In order that we may progress still further in reducing infant mortality and promoting the welfare of the children of the city, we must have the active co-operation of all citizens, and especially of the religious and civic organizations which have, so much concern for the city's welfare."

Hundreds of Boy Scouts have been through the city distributing posters and placards, which are to call to the attention of every one the need for "better babies, better mothers and so a better city." The Campfire Girls are delivering to milk dealers tags, which are fastened to milk bottles, and which carry this message to parents: "Keep baby well by keeping the milk clean, covered, cold."

Many druggists have agreed to put a Baby Week paster on every package sold, and in the department stores there are to be special sales of infants' supplies. Dr. Goldwater, Health Commissioner; Walter Laidlaw, Executive Secretary of the New York Federation of Churches, and the 5,000 or more who are taking part in the campaign, believe that through their combined efforts every mother in the city will be reached with the message of good health and good cheer for the children.

"Of all the various activities of the Board of Health," said Commissioner Goldwater, "none has been productive of more gratifying results than the campaign against infant mortality. In 1904 of every 1,000 infants born in New York City 162 died in the first year of life. Last year the death rate was only 102. With approximately 135,000 births in 1913, this represents more than 8,000 infants saved last year. The showing is still more striking when only the deaths from diarrhoeal disease is considered, for here the rate has fallen from 47 per 1,000 to less than 23. A great share of the credit for this condition must be given to popular education in infant hygiene."

Mr. Laidlaw predicts that if Baby Week is successful, it may cut the infant mortality of July, August, and September to 3,000 and bring the infant death rate below 100 to the 1,000. There are on an average 134,000 babies a year born within the city limits.

Tomorrow will be Little Mothers' Day, and in the public and parochial schools a letter from the Mayor to the children will be read, and 1,000,000 pieces of literature will be distributed to scholars and their parents. Greater in importance to some, however, will be the examination of the babies who have won prizes in the last two years. The best of these will be declared winner of the "Grand Prize of Greater New York." This prize will be awarded on Thursday, and will be a feature of the automobile parade of babies on Nursery and Demonstration Day. This committee has charge of the Better Mother Contest:

DR. ROGER H. DENNETT of the New York Post-Graduate Hospital, in charge of physical examination.

DR. ALFRED SHIPLEY of the Division of Child Hygiene of the Board of Health, in charge of maternal examination.

DR. GODFREY R. PISEK of the New York Post-Graduate Hospital.

DR. STAFFORD McLEAN of the Babies' Hospital.

DR. PHOEBE VAN VOAST of New York County Medical Society.

DR. MINER HILL of the New York Milk Committee's Health Centre.

These inspectors have been appointed by Dr. S. Josephine Baker, Chief of the Division of Child Hygiene of the Board of Health, to examine mothers:

Dr. Margaret Darvas, Medical Inspector of the Bronx.

Dr. Maurice Freiman, Medical Inspector of Manhattan.

Dr. O. M. Vanderbeck, Medical Inspector of Brooklyn.

These prize babies make their mothers eligible to the contest:

HARTLEY HOUSE—George Stor, 447 West Fifty-second Street; Emile Deutsche, 604 Tenth Avenue; E. Tristan Beplat, Jr., 103 West Fifty-sixth Street; Elizabeth Doran, 415 West Fifty-second Street.

CHELSEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION—First District: Walter Conlan, 518 West Thirty-ninth Street; Anna Connolly, 500 West Forty-first Street; Charles Koenich,

426 West Thirty-sixth Street, Second District: Michael J. O'Brien, 407 West Thirty-fifth Street; Francis Kehoe, 431 West Twenty-fourth Street; William Sampson, 410 Tenth Avenue, Third District: Thomas Nolan, 348 West Thirty-second Street; Christine Ferguson, 272 West Eleventh Street; Edward Cook, 150 Ninth Avenue.

LITTLE MOTHERS' AID ASSOCIATION—Thomas Moore, 402 East Twenty-third Street; Helen Walz, 170 First Avenue; Jack Halpern, 222 East Twenty-first Street.

WARREN GODDARD HOUSE—Johanna Wiggins, 231 East Twenty-eighth Street; Francis Campbell, 550 Second Avenue; Harold Anderson, 331 East Thirty-third Street.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 101—Andrew Joseph Keller, 2 West 136th Street; Ester Friedman, 1,578 Lexington Avenue; Margaret Hanner, 1,669 Avenue A.

LENOX HILL HOUSE—Lawrence Bienbacher, 243 East Seventy-eighth Street; James Freeley, 200 West Sixty-first Street.

UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT—Olga Cohen, 56 Chrystie Street; Ruben Coughman, 285 Grand Street; Jeanette Shapiro, 46 Eldridge Street.

GREENWICH HOUSE—Robert Berry, 7 Gay Street; Raymond Falbabo, 30 Grove Street; Francis Strahl, 19 Abingdon Square.

LITTLE ITALY—Anna Tocci, 8 Third Street; William Foby, 18 First Street; Virginia Shea, 88 Dikeman Street; Marie Danaher, 363 Baltic Street.

WILLOUGHBY HOUSE—Clement Lazerwitz, 168 Fulton Street; John J. Kane, 183 Wyckoff Street; Mary Bellyou, 145 Adelphi Street.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 91—Charles Milton, 537 Brooklyn Avenue; Mary G. Riley, 672 Lincoln Road.

SCHOOL SETTLEMENT—Milton Adler, 224 Metropolitan Avenue; Herman Solomon, 217 Graham Avenue; Ruth Lowenkron, 140 Havemeyer Street.

PUBLIC SCHOOL 124—Joseph Clar... 647 President Street; Margaret Phillips, 345 Seventeenth Street; Elevelina Nielson, 731 Sixth Avenue; Robert Barteo, 363 Seventh Street.

Every one of the fifty-five milk stations, including those under the jurisdiction of Nathan Straus, will be opened for inspection on Tuesday. So will the eight diet kitchens. Automobiles will take official visitors around the city on a tour of inspection. Nurses will be in attendance at the stations during the day and physicians will give their services during certain hours in the morning.

Wednesday will be Hospital and Clinic Day, and those interested will be enabled to see just what is being done to care for babies and to cure their ailments. Beside inspection there will be a practical side to the observances of the day, and in the hospitals, clinics, and dispensaries much time will be devoted to child work.

Somebody has figured that at least 1,000,000 children will get a free outing on Friday. On this day there will be free ferry rides, and several lines have placed boats at the disposal of the committee having Outing Day in charge. There will be special music in the parks and on the recreation piers, and every playground in the city will be open from early morning until nightfall.

S. M. EGAN GOES TO PRISON.

**Former Collector of Hudson County,
N. J., Expects a Pardon.**

Stephen M. Egan of 125 Sip Avenue, Jersey City, former Collector of Hudson County, was taken to the State Prison at Trenton yesterday to serve a sentence of from one to seven years for having embezzled funds of the county. Egan was convicted more than two years ago, but appealed his case to the Court of Errors and Appeals, and then, the decision being adverse to him, to the United States Supreme Court. The remittitur from the United States Supreme Court was filed with the Hudson County Clerk on Friday, and yesterday morning Egan surrendered himself to Constable Bogie.

The crime for which Egan must pay the penalty was the lending of county funds to Robert Davis, then Democratic leader of Hudson County. When scandals in connection with the erection of the County Court House led to a general investigation of county affairs Egan was found to be more than \$100,000 short in his accounts. For the amount of the shortage he held notes from Davis, who had died while the investigation was pending and before the exposé of Egan's transactions with him. The Davis estate made good the shortage.

Anticipating an adverse decision by the highest court, Egan's friends more than a year ago started a petition for his pardon. That petition now contains the signatures of more than 20,000 citizens of Hudson County, and soon will be presented to the Court of Pardons. Although many others were involved in the irregularities found in the management of the affairs of the county, Egan and a money lender, to whom at the behest of Davis Egan loaned county funds which were in turn loaned by the money lender to county and city employes, were the only ones convicted. The money lender pleaded guilty and escaped with a fine. Egan's jail sentence was imposed at a time when feeling ran high among citizens of the county because of the exposures.

TEST FOR EDUCATION LAW.

**Mother of Child Actress Takes Case
to Supreme Court.**

The validity of New Jersey's compulsory education law is to be tested in the Supreme Court of that State on the ground that the law does not provide for a jury trial of offenders and does not provide a specific penalty for those found guilty.

Mrs. Bridget Lee of 88 De Kalb Avenue, Jersey City, yesterday procured from Supreme Court Justice Swayze in Hudson County a writ of certiorari through which the Supreme Court will review the action of Judge John Warren of the First Criminal Court, Jersey City, in fining her \$25 for having failed to keep her daughter Alice, 9 years old, at school.

The child was one of nine, who traveled under the direction of Miss Vallah Clapp as the "Jolly Juveniles," doing a singing and dancing act on a vaudeville circuit. Judge Warren persistently punished the parents of the children, under the compulsory education law, until they returned the "Jolly Juveniles" to school.