

# BABY HOMES REFUSE TO DIVULGE SECRETS

## Break With Child Welfare Commission Threatened.

### DEMAND HELD IMPROPER

#### Director Says Information Would Cause Broken Homes and Ruined Lives if Given Out.

Trouble brewing between the child welfare commission and children's homes in Portland threatens to reach an open break as the result of demands for data made upon these institutions for which, it is maintained, there is no warrant in law. In at least four cases some of the information asked has been refused point-blank in the face of threats to withhold license.

Chief objection is that such information would be accessible to the public and might cause broken homes and ruined lives, though informal denial was made yesterday that public perusal of confidential records would be permitted by the welfare commission.

#### Demand Held Too Great.

Next Monday afternoon Franklin Thomas, chairman of the child welfare commission, has agreed to appear before the board of trustees of the Boys' and Girls Aid society and explain the matter.

"The law of 1919," declared F. Teuscher, superintendent of the aid society, "provides that institutions may be called on to disclose locations and relations of children placed out. Now the commission asks for 27 additional items, calling for such facts as the cause of dependency, illegitimacy and the like. We are perfectly willing to give all that the law requires, because the commission must keep the two matters mentioned confidential. If we furnished more than the law requires we would have no protection and relatives and parents would immediately get in touch with those children taken from them by the courts. We are all objecting on the same grounds—simply that the commission is asking much more than the law requires."

#### Waverley Director Explains.

"The ruining of several lives and the breaking up of families through the exposition of the acts of some members would be possible if the confidential records of the Waverley Baby home were made accessible to the public," said Mrs. T. G. Allison, president of the directors, yesterday, in explaining why the requested information thus far had been refused.

"The child welfare commission threatens to withhold our license, without which we will be forced to close our doors, unless we comply with the demands made. We believe that we have good reason for holding back the records of the babies, for the strictest confidence always has been observed by us in such matters."

#### Information Refused.

Rev. W. G. MacLaren, speaking for the Louise home and the Albertina Kerr nursery, said he had no objection to turning most of his records over to the commission, but that he refused positively to tell the physical condition of any of the wards in his care.

"Some things asked for are entirely improper," he said last night. "The letter came from the commission about a week ago and things are not settled yet, but I expect they will be soon. There is no disagreement, but we desire to meet with the commission regarding some of their demands before compliance."

"I cannot be required to make known the misfortune of some unfortunate girl. Of course, our objection chiefly concerns the girls at the Louise home and not so much the babies. The board has instructed me that if it is necessary to fill out the cards before the matter is taken up further to leave blank the lines provided for statement of physical condition. We have no objection to giving the rest of the information requested for the records."

#### Publicity Is Denied.

No statement could be secured yesterday from the child welfare commission as to its side of the case, as it was impossible to get in touch with Mr. Thomas. Mrs. Millie Trumbull admitted that numerous institutions have not yet complied with the request and said that unless this is done before the commission's next meeting on March 24 the matter will be given attention at that time.

She denied that information given the commission in confidence could be made public property and declared that all such records always have been regarded as secret.

### DAILY CITY STATISTICS

#### Marriage Licenses.

REYNOLDS-POWER—George Darwin Reynolds, 29, Arthur hotel, and Lily Juliana Power, 29, 4228 Sixty-fourth avenue Southeast.

GESCH-MARCHAL—Edward Gesch, 20, Sandy, Or., and Marcelle Marchal, 19, 624 Rural avenue.

BERRY-COX—Eugene F. Berry, 46, Spokane, Wash., and Myrtle Cox, 28, Portland.

BAKKE-TOTH—Elmer K. Bakke, 25, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Elizabeth Marie Toth, 24, 38 Buchel avenue.

ISHAHL-ESKENAZI—Sam Isahel, 24, 2815 Second street, and Sarah Eskenazi, 18, same address.

WALDELE-HASKELL—Victor Waldele, 19, 829 Spokane avenue, and Laur Haskell, 18, 222 West Trier street.

HEWPHILL-NEWSTEAD—Samuel Grant Hewphill, legal, 625 Pettygrove street, and Charlotte V. Newstead, legal, same address.

RIGGS-SOKALL—Lester F. Riggs, 25, 423 Alder street, and Dora Sokall, 21, 212 Union avenue.

CAMPBELL-McWEILLER—L. Campbell, 49, Third and East Taylor streets, and Lou McWeiller, 24, 1240 East Main street.

NEWMAN-McINTYRE—William Newman, 39, Tacoma, Wash., and Iva McIntyre, 19, New Haven hotel.

SHERQUIST-GARY—Thor Sherquist, 38, 622 Mountain boulevard, and Alma Jane Gary, 25, 1862 Scott avenue.

MORFON-BOGARD—Samuel Cordova, 24, 863 East Thirtieth street North, and Ruth Bogard, 21, 401 East Broadway street.

WALLACE-VAUGHN—Ray Wallace, 27, 709 East Broadway, and Blanche Vaughn, 28, 231 East Taylor street.

HAYDEN-RUCH—William Harvey Hayden, 28, 1142 Hoyt street, and Charles Hayden Ruch, 22, same address.

STEVENS-BURGGRAF—Paul Casey Stevens, 28, Washington hotel, and Maude BurggRAF, 25, 1240 East Main street.

BOWLAND-CHAMBERS—J. B. Bowland, 31, Oregon 49, and Anne Elizabeth Chambers, 24, 846 East Ash street.

TUCKER-WILLIAMS—John Edward Tucker, 24, 629 Hoyt street, and Charlie Edwina Williams, 23, 1140 East Thirtieth street North.

CHASE-SUTHERLAND—Chester Arthur Chase, 35, 815 Thurman street, and Zelma Sutherland, 34, same address.

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He promises to expand the mill to a box factory as well as a shingle mill and to install planers and other machinery. Three subscriptions of \$500 each have been practically assured for the purchase of the building.

Charles Childs, who owns timber land in the section, says that there must be 100,000,000 feet of fine second-growth timber within a radius of six miles from Brownsville awaiting the saw.

Mr. Childs and his mother own 1440 acres of fine timber land on the county road about three miles northwest of Brownsville. The last sawmill that existed in this territory was the McDowell mill of about 40 years ago.

At present there are only three mills in the immediate vicinity of Brownsville—the Scott mill, the Loeb mill and the Stanwood mill. There are others, however, farther up the Calapooia.

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