

Catholic Social Welfare Bureau Opens Drive For Funds This Week

Although its doors are open to persons of all creeds, the funds realized in the annual drive of the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau are solicited from the Catholic people only.

The only voluntary organization of its kind in the Province, having as its staff headed by a trained Social Worker, it stands alone in the field of private social agencies to serve without charge, regardless of creed or color those unhappy individuals who are in need of the many services it has to offer.

Impelled by a conscious sense of social responsibility it crosses all barriers to translate the Christian social teaching into action. Whether it be in the field of child welfare, family welfare, unmarried mothers, nursing service, or relief from want, the Bureau stands ready, within the limit of its resources, to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Although this great work is undertaken cheerfully, the Bureau is greatly handicapped by the acute shortage of adoption homes, the difficulty in securing high standard boarding home care for the infant pending placement in foster homes and the lack of adequate housing for families in poor circumstances. Add to these the intricate and varied family problems, the many demands for food, clothing and fuel and it is easily seen that the necessity for a larger staff, equally qualified, and thus for funds, is very real.

For the first ten months of the present year the Bureau has served 506 persons in some capacity

or other. It has had 5,628 telephone calls and has made 960 visits. The Bureau has arranged the placement of and supervised 78 children in foster and boarding homes. This year assistance has been given to 46 unmarried mothers to date, besides giving material assistance to those unfortunate people whose standard of living is far below the normal level.

The Bureau maintains a full-time Registered Nurse whose total transactions so far this year number 1,041, comprising hypos, baths, dressings, sick visits and special treatments of various kinds as well as the child health supervision of the foster and boarding home children and many others who need her services. She also assists with investigation services.

The Catholic Social Welfare Bureau is able to carry out a program of such dimensions largely because of its low expense ratio. Its staff of two Sisters and a Nurse are supplied practically free by the Charlottetown Hospital. Its board of directors generously give their time without charge.

During this year the Bureau moved into newer and larger quarters, made necessary by its expanding activities, and it now presents one of the best appointed welfare centres in the Maritimes.

The Bureau has many visitors, particularly since moving to its new quarters. Any person sincerely concerned over the welfare of their less fortunate neighbors will find much inspiration by visiting the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau at 129 Pownall Street.

We wish them every success in their financial campaign this week.



FROM WAR TO WAR—Veterans of the fighting in Korea, representing the United Nations' effort in Korea, pause in their global tour to inspect the Book of Remembrance in the Peace Tower of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa recently. All of these young men, representing 24 nations, were wounded while fighting for the U. N. cause in Korea. They are, from left to right: Sgt. Molla Kebede, Ethiopia; Pte Jushal Both, India; Major Goreko, Greece; Stoker Chuch Haridhi, Thailand; Staff-Sgt. Celerino Mabao, Philippine Islands; Capt. Richard A. Baldwin, Houston, Texas, U.S.A.; Anthony Herbert, Herminie, Penn., U.S.A.; Sgt.-Maj. Goshime, Ethiopia; Sgt. Ziya Buras, Turkey; Seaman Francisco M. Guzman, Columbia, and Quartermaster Kim Chun Sea, (National Defence photo).

LONDON, Nov. 7—(Reuters)—The Duke of Gloucester deputized for the King at an investiture at Buckingham Palace today when he awarded 30 men and women decorations for bravery and long service.

HASTINGS, England—(CP)—A cart horse mounted a rubbish heap alongside its stable here and then got on the roof of an old hut. The adventurous dobin was persuaded to come down by a window cleaner.

LIVERPOOL, England—(CP)—Francis Gerald, placed on probation for shopbreaking, remanded to the judge that he suffered from baldness. The judge answered: "one reason why it does not grow is because you worry about it."

The Birthday Murder

By Lange Lewis

CHAPTER TWENTY

Part Two

"Once in a million times they do," corrected Tuck. "It would seem that we are face to face with the once in a million time. Let's accept that and go once more over the facts we have. To begin with, we know this: Hime was killed either by his wife or by one of the three people who visited his wife on the afternoon of the day he died. There is no apparent motive for any of these four people to have killed him so for the present we'll consider opportunity instead of motive. The opportunity can be boiled down to this: Miss Hastings, Mrs. Saxe, Captain Harris and Mrs. Hime herself all had the opportunity to place the poison which killed Hime in the sugar bowl. The bowl was filled by the servant Hazel the night before, after dinner. It was not again used until four in the afternoon, when Miss Hastings and Mrs. Hime had tea together. Neither of them used sugar in their tea, according to Mrs. Hime. The bowl was then returned to its usual place on the sideboard by the friend Mrs. Saxe, where it remained until Mrs. Hime herself set it on the dinner table, which was at about seven, just before her first husband paid his unexpected call. There it remained until Mrs. Hime and her husband cleared the dinner table, at which time she returned it to the sideboard where I found it the next morning.

"Now, after Mrs. Hime had somewhat recovered from the shock of learning that there was no ant poison in the kitchen canister, I went over all the events of the day before in minute detail. I have a notebook full of minute details. She hasn't been eating, she was knocked out, she sat on the sofa in the living room smoking cigarettes, she walked up and down the room. She seemed to want to talk. I know every moment of that rather full Thursday afternoon. I could not help noticing that each of those three visitors had the physical opportunity to put poison into the sugar unknown to Mrs. Hime. She was called away to the telephone during Miss Hastings' visit and remained there talking long enough for the act of poisoning the sugar to have been committed. And Mrs. Saxe was left alone for about ten minutes while Mrs. Hime changed her dress, and the first husband, Harris, was alone in the house for a possible half hour while Mrs. Hime was driving her husband home.

"If one of those three visitors for an unknown reason, put poison in the sugar bowl, that person had poison with him when he entered the house. The reason is clear. Neither Miss Hastings nor Harris had been there before and could not possibly have known of the box of poison in Mrs. Hime's den."

"Mrs. Saxe could have known," said Gufferty.

"There seems a chance of that yes. But she could not have got at it without attracting the attention of Mrs. Hime, who was dressing in the bedroom which opens directly off her den, where the poison was.

"Now, granting that one of these three persons entered the house armed with poison with which to commit murder, there are three alternatives. The person intended to kill Mr. Hime, Mrs. Hime or both of them.

"And here's where the whole thing becomes illogical. Let's take each of these three people one by one. Moira Hastings did not apparently know of Mrs. Hime's diet. Therefore, if she had poisoned the sugar, she must have wished to kill both Mrs. and Mr. Hime. Would she want to kill the producer through whom she hoped to get a fat part? It seems to me impossible to consider it for even a moment.

"Bernice Saxe. She knew Mrs. Hime was not using sugar. If she put poison in the sugar bowl, she intended to kill Albert Hime. She went to that house with poison in her purse to kill her best friend's husband. There is not the slightest inkling of any possible motive.

"Captain Harris. Even more impossible, when he went to Mrs. Hime's he did not know she had a husband! Therefore, to qualify as the murderer, he must have gone there armed with poison with which he meant to kill Mrs. Hime. But he learned she was not using sugar. So would he have then poisoned the sugar in the bowl?"

"Are you sure Harris and this Mrs. Saxe knew Mrs. Hime was not using sugar? I mean, she may have mentioned it in passing, but they may not have been listening," Gufferty said.

"I checked that point carefully with Mrs. Hime. They knew. Mrs. Saxe herself brought up the matter of the diet. Mr. Harris mixed some old-fashioned sugar. Mrs. Hime asked him to leave sugar out of hers, and told him that she was watching her weight. The next drink he brought her was without any sugar; he had heard all right.

"I said there four people who had an opportunity to put poison in the sugar. There was really five, the servant Hazel having had an opportunity to do so the night before when she filled the sugar bowl. And Hazel also knew Mrs. Hime was not using sugar. Setting aside the glaring lack of any motive, does it seem likely that she would have chosen to murder Mr. Hime by a method which put so many lives in danger? It was just chance that the sugar bowl was not used during the day, before Mr. Hime took that fatal sugar. And furthermore, would she choose a method which could be traced directly to her?"

"It seems to me," said Gufferty, "that you've sealed, signed and delivered a case against Mrs. Hime."

Tuck sighed heavily. "Now we'll look at that. Again we have to assume some strong motive, of which there is absolutely no indication. For some reason, then, Mrs. Hime desired to get rid of her husband..."

"Insurance?" suggested Gufferty suddenly.

"Out." Mrs. Hime made about three times as much money as her husband did. He carried no life insurance policy for this reason," said Gufferty.

"For some reason Mrs. Hime wanted to get rid of her husband..."

"Maybe something about this Hastings dame? Jealously," Gufferty said.

"Maybe. So Mrs. Hime carefully chooses the same poison she had a character in her last book use in killing her husband. She leaves roughly a pound of this poison in her closet. She puts the

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