

Miss Gale: So you have great need for a Day-Care Centre too.

Answer: Very much.

Mr. S. You not only have need for a Day-Care Centre, but you also have need for some sort of housing that belongs to you as a family.

Answer: I don't feel like I'm their mother. I feel like I'm their older sister.

Mr. S. You have a fairly good job, don't you?

Answer: I have a good job, but it doesn't pay as it should. I'll be blunt. I'm making \$50 per week.

Mr. S. What job do you do?

Answer: I'm a legal secretary.

Mr. S. Your speed would be 80 words a minute typing and 40 words a minute in shorthand?

Answer: My speed in typing might be 75 and my speed in shorthand might be 90.

Mr. S. Is this a large or small firm you're working for?

Answer: There are three lawyers.

Miss Gale: Have you ever asked them for more salary?

Answer: I got a raise last summer—\$5 raise.

Mr. S. How long have you been working with them?

Answer: A year.

Mr. S. Let's talk about the total working conditions—levels of salaries. How do you think they could be changed?

Answer: They should be brought up with the rest of Canada as far as I'm concerned. I made much more money when I worked as a secretary at St. Vincent's High School than I do now.

Mr. S. If you went on welfare, you'd be eligible for more than you're making. Did you know that?

Answer: I didn't realize this—no. The social welfare worker never ever told me what I could have and what I couldn't have.

Mr. S. He was just happy to get you off the rolls.

Answer: That's right.

Mr. S. Your father support the rest of the household?

Answer: That's right. He makes about \$50 a week.

Mr. S. And there's other income from other members of the family?

Answer: From one sister.

Mr. S. So the total income in your family of 14 would be about what, \$150 per week?

Answer: At the best.

Kathy: When I lived on welfare, they allowed me \$153 a month for everything. They never told me that I was eligible for any extra—life for bedding—if I needed a new stove, a new frig or anything like this. There is a special amount that is allotted each year for replacement of household goods.

Mr. S. There's a school allowance too, isn't there?

Answer: At the beginning of the school year. If they think what you've put down is too much, they'll cut you back.

Mr. S. Let's talk about the kids at school. Do your kids go to school?

Joan: Yes, I have three in school.

Mr. S. What school do they go to?

Answer: One goes to St. Francis and the other two go to St. Malachy's.

Mr. S. How do they get along?

Answer: Not bad, but I think boys are all lazy more or less in grades seven and eight.

Mr. S. Why do you think they get lazy?

Answer: I think it's just natural, isn't it, for all children in that age group more or less.

Mr. S. What are their major interests?

Answer: Really, not too much. He works up at the store at Hillside once in a while. He's not the sporting type at all. I've tried to get him into Scouts and to go to Recreation, but he doesn't like the children down around here. I don't know what it is about it. He feels uncomfortable about it.

Mr. S. Why would that be?

Answer: He ust can't make frineds with the children in the neighborhood. I don't know what it is.

Mr. S. How about school? Does he get along in school?

Answer: Yes, he seems to. He passes, that's all; but he doesn't have any trouble.