

It is expected that Buddy Rogers - Mary Pickford's husband and himself a famous silent screen star - will open the tribute on September 11 with a screening of *My Best Girl*, comedy-romance of 1927 in which he and Mary co-starred. Other titles, include *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*, *Polyanna*, *Sparrows*, *Little Lord Fauntleroy* and *The Taming of the Shrew*.

CONFERENCE ON DAY-CARE SERVICES

Reuben C. Baetz, executive director of the Canadian Council on Social Development, announced recently that the Council would hold a national conference on the day-care of children from June 20 to 23. The conference, the first of its kind, will include some 450 people - parents, specialists, representatives of labour and industry, and elected public officials and public servants from all levels of government.

A number of the participants, who could otherwise not afford to attend, will receive financial assistance for travel and lodging, Mr. Baetz said. These are users of day-care services, with special emphasis on one-parent families; board members of day-care centres; representatives of low-income groups; and staff members of some small day-care services. The Government of Canada and private foundations have been asked to contribute toward these costs.

The purpose of the conference, said Mr. Baetz, in a speech to the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies, is to provide an opportunity for people in the area of day-care to exchange ideas on legislation, staff training, program content, financing and day-care services as a community resource. A major input to the conference will be discussion, with the delegates, of the findings of the Council's two-year cross-Canada study on day-care services.

LABOUR FORCE

The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate went up sharply in April to 6.7 from 6.0 in March. The increase in employment during March and April was considerably less than usual for this time of year. Total employment in Canada stood at 7,737,000 in April, 51,000 higher than that of March. The number of unemployed persons, at 659,000 in April, was slightly higher than the March total (it usually

declines during this period). The unadjusted rate of unemployment was 7.8 in both March and April.

Compared to last year's figure, the labour force was up by 198,000 (2.4 per cent), and employment by 83,000 (1.1 per cent). The number of unemployed persons had increased by 115,000.

EMPLOYMENT

Among the various industries surveyed, employment increases between March and April were above average in agriculture (66,000), and construction (26,000) and were below average in trade. Employment in community, business and personal services declined for a second successive month, down by 12,000 from the March level, in contrast to sizable March-April gains in previous years. There was also a reduction of 12,000 in public administration. Smaller declines in manufacturing and in transportation were in contrast to the usual employment gains at this time.

Employment of women as a whole showed little change instead of the normal March-April gain. Employment of men increased a little less than average for the period.

The seasonally-adjusted employment level for Canada went down by about 1 per cent in April. There were declines in the Atlantic Provinces (2.7 per cent), Quebec (1.8 per cent) and Ontario (0.6 per cent). In the Prairies and British Columbia the seasonally-adjusted employment showed virtually no change during the month.

UNEMPLOYMENT

From March to April the number of unemployed younger persons increased by 20,000 in contrast to a usual decline. There was a reduction of 11,000 among the unemployed 25 years of age and over. The reduction in the older group, which was smaller than average, occurred among men.

There were 56,000 more unemployed in the 14-24 age group in April 1971 than in April 1970. The year-to-year increase in the number of unemployed persons 25 years and over was 59,000.

After declining from 6.6 to 6.0 during the last four months, the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate rose to 6.7 in April, the highest since September. A large increase from 11.1 to 12.3 in the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates was recorded for persons 14-24 years of age. Among adults 25 years or older, there was a larger increase in the seasonally-adjusted rate for men than for women.