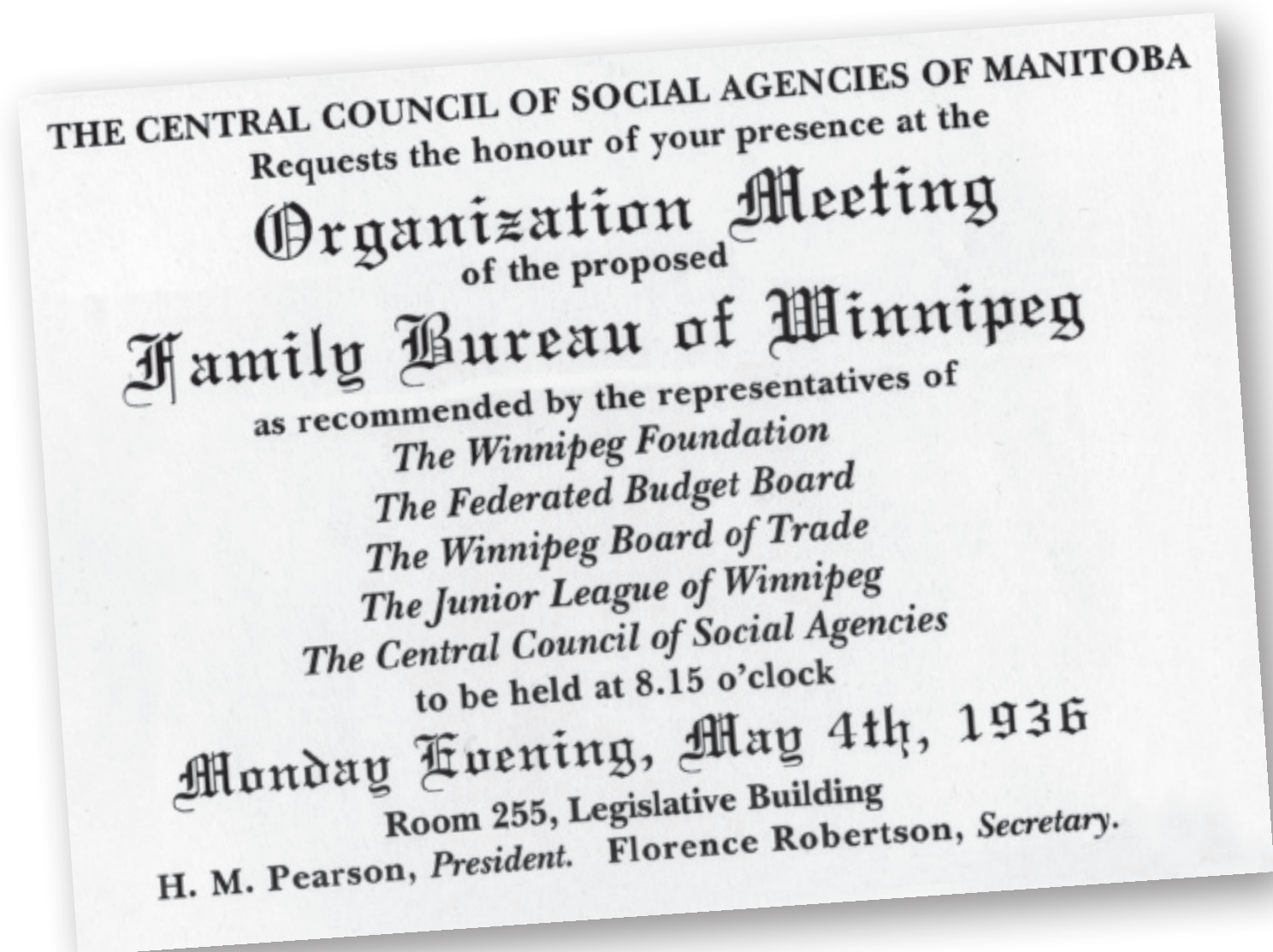


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## Help in the Hard Years

Our organization was born during the depression of the thirties to meet the needs of harassed and wearied people who were facing tremendous odds in a jobless world.

Our agency is unusually free to turn its efforts entirely to a field which offers it special opportunity, namely service to marginal or near marginal families...[annual report 1937]



“Who will care for my children?”, asked Mrs. C, as she was rushed to the hospital. Dr. D replied, “We’ll phone the Family Bureau for a housekeeper.”

- In 1937, 40 housekeepers provided services to 87 motherless families.

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### Family Bureau Starts Task of Co-ordinating Voluntary Charity Work

DESIGNED to advise families facing temporary setbacks and difficulties and to re-establish them on a self-supporting basis, the Family Bureau of Winnipeg has opened temporary offices at 460 Main street. Its new executive director, Miss Elin Anderson, is in charge.

Among its main purposes will be: To co-ordinate the work of existing agencies which assist private families; to test new procedures; and to seek an effective pooling of the resources of the entire community in the family field. The board of 20 directors will meet on Tuesday.

The bureau was created after the Central Council of Social Agencies of Manitoba had caused a thorough and impartial survey to be made of this division of community work. The cost of the survey, which was made two years ago, was borne by the Junior League of Winnipeg. The survey was made by officers of the Canadian Council of Child and Family Welfare of Ottawa.

- The same year, 500 families, most of them in the congested business and residential area of the central part of town, received counselling and assistance.

Plans were made for the mother to go for a rest, the children to go to camp; the budget was gone over and some financial assistance given for a short time to enable the family to begin paying off their debts in an orderly manner.



Our first home, the Confederation Life Building, 457 Main

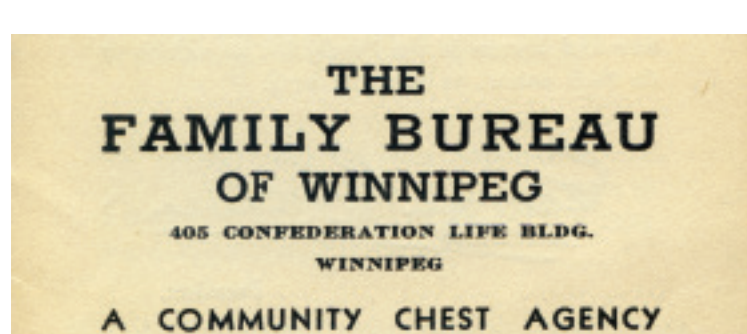


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Our logos over the years



1936



1976



1992



2012