SALVATION ARMY APPEAL PLANNED

Annual Home Service Drive To Open Monday; Aides Named

L. J. Sluser, chairman of the Salvation Army Home Service Appeal, announced yesterday that this year's appeal will open next Monday. Headquarters have been established in a room in the First National Bank Building.

The following men and women of the various churches and civic organizations have been asked to assist with the appeal:

Lions Club: Arthur Wingerden, Dewey Kimball, Claud Mosher, Joseph Dalley, Grover Cook, Leslie Bergman, Paul N. Averill, Howard Tuggey, William Wood, Maurice B. Simmons.

United Presbyterian Missionary Society: Mrs. L. B. Ried, Mrs. D. S. Evans, Mrs. Herb Moore, Mrs. Robert Moore, Mrs. William Bell, Mrs. Jennie Hickner, Mrs. James McBride, Mrs. Susie Harbison, Mrs. Sam Howting, Mrs. W. T. Wheatly, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Glenn Allen.

Business Womens Club: Miss Hattie Arden, Miss Ruth Collins, Mrs. Norah Eade, Miss Betty Graves, Mrs. Gladys Heinze, Miss Irene Stanley, Miss Marion Hawkins, Miss Becky Perkins, Mrs. Bernice Reule, Miss Thelma Whiting, Miss Helen McIlroy, Miss Florence Whiting.

Presbyterian Missionary Society: Mrs. Paul Penfield, Mrs. F. H. Mellinger, Mrs. Gerald McMechen, Mrs. N. J. Nerkin, Mrs. Joseph Snook, Mrs. Fred Westcott, Mrs. W. L. Cushing, Mrs. Grubbs, Mrs. C. E. James, Mrs. Guy Jenson, Mrs. E. W. Seaholm, Mrs. Guy Parker, Mrs. Sheldon Wingert, Mrs. W. S. Wright.

All workers are requested to report to headquarters Monday morning at 9 o'clock for instructions and assignment of territory.

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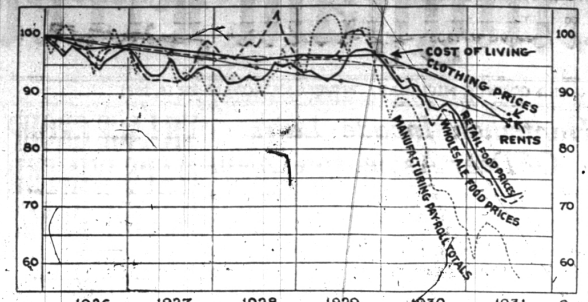
WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

J. B. Minton, local Grand Trunk agent: "The new commuter service continues to show a general increase in traffic, but our ticket sales in the local office have shown a falling off in the past month. This is because Birmingham passengers find more time to secure their tickets in Detroit in the evening than in Birmingham in the morning. However, I wish they would make every effort to buy their tickets in the local station, because the sales total is the only standard by which officials of the road can judge as to whether or not requests we might like to make here for additional service should be complied with."

COMPARATIVE TRENDS OF LIVING COSTS AND PAYROLLS



This chart, prepared by the U. S. bureau of labor statistics, department of commerce, shows the relative movements downward of the general cost of living including some of its component items, and of industrial payrolls since the peak of prices in 1925 to the present time. The decline in wages has been greater than the fall in prices of commodities. According to Ethelbert Stewart, U. S. commissioner of labor statistics, wholesale prices of all commodities fell approximately 35 per cent between December, 1925, and June, 1931, but he adds, "during the same period the cost of living of the workingman's family—made up of many other items besides food—fell only about 25 per cent, and still more significant to the workingman, the total amount disbursed as wages in manufacturing industry dropped almost 40 per cent.

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get the day after it was adopted by the Township Board.

Sees Less Borrowing

"However," Mr. Shain continued, "the committee can still make recommendations for reducing township operating expenses, which, if adopted, will mean the township will be forced to borrow less money than it anticipates."

The statement signed by the three members of the committee, follows in full:

"The committee of the Property Owners" Division, who are examining the township budget, report that they are progressing nicely with their work and that they are very much pleased to know of the improvement that has been made during the last year in developing and systematizing the township office work. Never before has a complete budget of proposed Township expense been prepared and credit is certainly due the office for the improvement in methods. However, the committee find that a careful study of each item is necessary.

"In as much as the budget was adopted before the Property Owners' Division were given any chance to examine it there is nothing that can be done this year in reducing the amount that will be levied on the tax roll. However, there is no reason the Township Board should not adopt some of the methods of economy that will be recommended which will reflect in substantial savings without impairing the service rendered.

"Among the items that are, at present, being investigated, are both the rent that is paid to the village and the rent that is charged for the part the Township Board are sub-letting, also, the Park expenses and the rates charged for its use. Because in four years more the county will have taken over all of the township road work the committee expect to investigate thoroughly the matter of the purchase and maintenance of highway equipment.

"At some later date a complete report of its findings and its recommendations will be made."

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to try the merits of their cases here. But this I cannot help from saying, unless our boasted capitalist system devises ways and means of maintaining a less congested circulation channel for money, by preventing the complete loss of work for the great army of workers, there just won't be any security for any person's justly earned rewards. I visited the homes of both Sherman and Fortin; with me was James Sweinhart, of the Detroit News. Sherman was not at home when we called. But his wife was there, with a small boy about five years old. (Their five other children were at the County Detention Home.) Sherman hasn't been able to find any work for two years. We found Sherman over at another man's house. He was quite willing to talk. With him were several other members of the Unemployed Council. They showed, above all else, a feeling of distrust of Pontiac authorities. "We can't get a fair deal," they uttered. "Why, I can't even get any help from the Welfare Department now," bitterly complained Sherman. Young Fortin was shaving his 23-year-old face when Sweinhart and I entered the small upstairs three rooms occupied by him and his father. He had been cooking a ham bone in an open 10-quart pail. The room was hot and foggy. This mere youth, because of his circumstances, has become fertile soil for the implanting of anti-capitalist thought. He typifies a growing class of people today. He's not only to have his belly filled with food, but his mind should be given a chance (even a required chance) to imbibe the kind of learning that will make him able to earn a decent livelihood. In reality, America is on trial before the great bar of the unemployed. It must not lose its case!

While I understand that the local committee on unemployment relief has accepted the offer of the village to use a vacant house owned by Birmingham from which to distribute certain articles, I wonder if it would not expediate matters if the Community House's facilities were more generously used. The Community House has, ever since it started, been interested in work allied to that to be handled by the committee. To pass up these facilities in the present emergency would, in my opinion, handicap the committee's potential efforts to administer its task this winter. While I do not question the merit of using every facility available to help the unfortunate, I cannot help but believe that the strengthening and more vigorous use of existing agencies in any crisis is preferable to the creation of wholly new organizations. Perhaps the committee in charge of the local work has some such plan under advisement; if it has, putting it to use ought to elicit the wholehearted co-operation of all.

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mission some time to prepare its report," and intimated he would wait a week or possibly two weeks before again urging his demands for immediate payroll reductions.

He declined to state clearly what his first move would be providing the report is not acceptable to himself and others for whom he has claimed to be the spokesman at recent Commission meetings, but intimated that he might attempt the formation of a Taxpayers' League or similar organization for concerted action on his program of budget reductions.

According to Village Manager James W. Parry, who has been the target for much of Tuggey's criticism, the Property Owners' Division's committee has conferred in two meetings with the Commission on the new budget, and is now "about one-fifth" through the job. It will be several weeks, he said, before any definite report of the deliberations will be forthcoming.

The Division's committee is composed of John S. Black, chairman, Henry M. Hart, F. J. Watkins, Charles A. James and Scott Hersey.

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president, as the cool-headed Lieutenant Osborne whose unavoidable death in a trench raid nearly undermines the last lean ounce of dugout morale; and F. Farrington Holt as the young Lieutenant Raleigh whose tragic end comes only after he has found war more instructive than Oxford.

If there was any one exhibition which stood out above the others, however, it seems to this reviewer that it was the one given by Dr. J. B. Hassberger in the role of the characterless Lieutenant Hibbert. Especially in the first act when Hibbert tries to convince his captain he should be sent down to a hospital with a trumped-up attack of neuralgia and is kept at his post only at the point of Stanhope's gun, did Hassberger, in both voice and actions, display talents unusual for the non-professional.

Minor roles were filled by Karel Rickerson R. C. Lewis, Fred D. Farrar, H. Lodyard Towle and William L. Shaffner, all of whom were highly successful in holding up the generally splendid character of the production.

A word should be said of the efficient manner in which the sound effects were handled backstage by a corps of assistants as large as the cast itself, adding immeasurably to the natural vividness of the transactions before the foot-lights.

Truly, "Journey's End" has established a high water mark for Players' productions which it will be difficult for future efforts to attain.

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dubbed themselves "Rowland's Taxers"—because Mr. Rowland is an income tax expert accountant. (Birmingham Rotarian bowlers are offered free lessons from Mr. Rowland.)

There were any number of first class entertainment features at the meeting of the Metropolitan Council of Lions Clubs in the Community House last week, but the real hit of the evening was Russ McBride, local hardware dealer, who blossomed forth as a tenor soloist and literally stopped the show. Even though handicapped by the fact that his regular accompanist failed him when the time came for his appearance, Russ nevertheless acquitted himself like a grand opera veteran, and was vociferously brought back for an encore.

From several sources this Wanderer has been requested to make the suggestion to the Birmingham Thursday Musicale that it sponsor a community male chorus. So this department is passing on the suggestion to those in authority—and may the Carusos and Evans Williams and Werranraths and similar song birds respond. What about it, ladies?

Speaking of the Thursday Musicale again, did you know that Mrs. Gail Bangs is one of the organization's most accomplished pianists, while Mrs. William E. Holler is a member of the vocal chorus?

According to report, the old Grand Trunk tracks in the village will be removed by Dec. 1. The former freight shed and station were torn down two weeks ago. Plans of the State Highway Department include a new pavement for the old right-of-way some time next year, although this Wanderer learns that only one piece of property has been secured to date.

The Eccentric maintains three telephone numbers: 11, 12, and 13. A courteous switchboard operator will answer your call, whether it be for the placing of a news item or an advertisement, or information on your printing needs.

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ignore the state's valuations," Mr. Vaughan said, "but the attorneys advised me against this procedure for fear Governor Brucker would remove me as supervisor and replace me with a representative of the State Tax Commission."

Although the new valuation on Bloomfield Township is only slightly higher than the state's equalized valuation last year, opposition against the new figures continues on the grounds they are discriminatory and not equalized.

"People have tried to tell me it would make little difference which rolls I used," said Mr. Vaughan, "but it will make a considerable difference to individual taxpayers whose valuations have been raised unfairly."

That the townships of Royal Oak and Pontiac, and the cities of Pontiac, Royal Oak, Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge are not included in the new valuation is another argument advanced by residents of other sections of the county that the assessment is unfair.

Mrs. Leland J. Bunyan entertained Wednesday afternoon in honor of her small daughter, Merylee, who is celebrating her third birthday. The guests were Shirley Bunyan, daughter of Mr. Edmund Bunyan; Frances MacKay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. MacKay, and Joyce Stephens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stephens. Supper was served at a small table in the nursery. There was a cake with three candles for each guest, and souvenir dolls.

RANDOM DOINGS OF A RANDOM WORLD

Chicken raisers bought, in 1929, incubators with a total capacity at any one time of 48,000,000 eggs.

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The Egyptians were the first people to determine the true length year—365.242 days—and divided it into 12 months of 30 days each. The five extra days (or six extra days in Leap years) were devoted to festival holidays.

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The maximum of a fly's life is 62 days.

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A recent survey reveals that about 90 per cent of women living on farms never have vacations.

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The 1930 drought helped corn breeders by proving which of several new strains of corn had high resistance to drought damage.

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The skyscrapers of more than 50 stories in New York City obtain about an hour more of sunlight each day than do objects at street level.

SALLY'S SALLIES

A diplomatic woman can say things in such a way that nobody can tell exactly what she means.

First State Bank Stockholders Get 100% Assessment

Stockholders of the First State Savings Bank, which closed its doors here June 16, yesterday received notices from the receiver Charles W. Lee, of a 100 percent assessment upon their stock holdings, payable Jan. 2, 1932, or at some other date arranged by the receiver. According to M. D. Watts, assistant to Mr. Lee, the stock assessment is being made at this time in an effort to provide a portion of the funds necessary to re-organize and re-open the bank.

The assessment order was obtained before Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty, in a hearing held in Pontiac on Nov. 10. Part of the Court's decree in the matter reads: "And it appearing to the Court from said petition, from the pleadings and decree in said cause, and from testimony taken, that all the effects and assets of said bank are wholly insufficient to pay its obligations to creditors and depositors, and that it is necessary to levy an assessment equal to one hundred percent of the par value of the stock of said bank in order that the obligations to the depositors and creditors may be paid, and . . ."

"In nearly every instance the inexpensive classified ads insert in The Eccentric get me quick and satisfactory results," one Birmingham woman told another. "I have found that 25 cents will take my message to the entire area—and that is what gets me a new maid, or sells some article I no longer have use for in my home."

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LIONS CLUB HEARS SCHOOL BOARD HEAD

Ray A. Palmer, president of the Birmingham Board of Education, addressed the Birmingham Lions Club yesterday at its regular meeting in the Community House. It was the last in a series of addresses given by Mr. Palmer before local service clubs in which he explained the circumstances surrounding the recent issuance of scrip by the schools, and urged his listeners to give their best support in this time of crisis.

Benjamin E. Holfus, manager of the S. S. Kresge Company store in Birmingham, was made a member of the club.

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Peanut Brittle, lb. 20c
Grape Juice, Pint 19c
Dry Ginger Ale, Large Bottle 15c
Sunshine Nobility Assortment
A Full Pound of English Style BISCUITS
Special, Box— 30c
Famo Pancake Flour 20 oz. Pkg.— 10c and One 20 oz. Pkg. FREE!
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