

# WELFARE OFFICERS TO VISIT STORES

My good friend Malcolm Binney tells Free Press readers that "murder is a violation of a natural moral law. It is wholly different from violation of the prohibition amendment." If "Binny" will trace the motives that placed the prohibition amendment upon the federal statutes he will discover that it had its roots in the commercial nature of the "prohibition for good." For sobriety is a quality of goodness. And "goodness" is a high moral quality. It is a quality of goodness, according to students of the Scriptures, the revered name of "goodness." It seems to me, that if "murder is a violation of a natural moral law" then the human failing to get into some stage of intoxication is also a violation of a natural moral law. Because, you see, a murder man is a violation of the law of life; and any influence that attracts man from being keenly alert to his environment upon earth that is constantly preying upon his safety in, like murder, an enemy.

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# Motorcade Returns With Assurances Of School Aid

State Administrative Board Gives Encouragement To Southern Oakland Parents

A delegation of approximately 300 men and women, mostly parents of school children from Birmingham and other Southern Oakland County communities, returned from Lansing Tuesday afternoon with encouraging assurances from the State Administrative Board that it has the cause of the public schools of Michigan at heart, and will do everything in its power to relieve their financial distress.

The delegation travelled to Lansing in a motorcade, the mission of which, as stated on banners attached to the cars, was to "Save Our Schools." The Birmingham contingent led by the Rev. J. M. L. M., joining the delegation from Royal Oak and surrounding communities at Twelve Mile and Southfield streets.

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And this goes for the nights here would reduce the cash needed for operating expenses in exactly the amount it is accepted. Mr. McKinnon said the trustees, declared the acceptance of 1932 scrip alone "would just about cover one month's operation" of the school calendar, providing the entire issue were applied on 1933 taxes by persons who would otherwise pay in cash.

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# PROPOSAL ON SCRIP LOSES

Board Tells Merchants It Can't Take 1931-32 Series On '33 Taxes

The Board of Education will be unable to accept past due school scrip on 1933 taxes, representatives of the Retail Merchants Association were informed yesterday when the Board last Thursday night.

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# Two Cities Will Take Legal Action Together In Attacking State Tax Commission's Figures On Oakland Property

ATKINSON RETAINED BY BOTH UNITS

Bloomfield Hills will be a joint plaintiff with Birmingham in the latter's suit attacking the State Tax Commission's revaluation of Oakland County property. At a special meeting last night, the Bloomfield Commission voted to participate in the suit and share in the expense in the ratio of one assessed valuation of Bloomfield to two of Birmingham.

Frank W. Atkinson, commissioner and city attorney of Bloomfield Hills, who has been retained by both cities to represent them in the suit, was contacted this morning with Mayor Harry Tenen of Birmingham on what form the action will take.

What Not Stop Collections

Mr. Atkinson said last night he was inclined to believe it would be a suit attacking the validity of the county's 1933 assessment roll, rather than the present ratio of taxes and thus cripple school district and other municipal operations, he said.

In the event a suit of this kind is won, the 1933 tax would be reassessed in another year on the new valuation resulting from the litigation, he explained. The action, whatever its form, is expected to be filed within a week.

Mr. Atkinson was not optimistic about the success of the suit, however, in his talks with either the Bloomfield Hills or Birmingham Commissions. The latter voted Monday night to begin the suit, regardless of whether Bloomfield Hills decided later to participate.

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# 3 PLEAD GUILTY IN GAMING QUIZ

LeFave Two Others Will Hear Sentences Nov. 6

Three men, including one from Birmingham, pleaded guilty yesterday in Circuit Court to charges growing out of Judge H. Russell Holland's one-man grand jury inquiry into gambling and rackets in Oakland County. All three will receive their sentences Nov. 6.

Joseph LeFave, 43-year-old barber, of 568 Ann street, Birmingham, pleaded guilty to accepting money for gambling purposes. His bond of \$500 was released.

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# 29 Per Cent Of City Tax Levy Collected

Collections of 1933 city taxes up to yesterday totalled \$65,795.32, it was announced at the treasury office. This is slightly less than 29 per cent of the total levy of \$226,000.

Collections on Oct. 31 last year amounted to \$110,000, or 40 per cent of the total levy of \$275,000. An additional penalty of three-quarters of 1 percent will be applied on taxes paid after next Wednesday, Nov. 1. Accumulative penalties of three-quarters of 1 percent are applied monthly until the taxes are returned to the county treasurer.

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# NRA Called Step Backward In Capital-Labor Relations

Brandt Says Act Retards Natural Evolution Of Mutual Benefits

Arthur J. Brandt, Birmingham, who is an authority on industrial relations relating to manufacturing in Birmingham, today announced Monday noon that the collective bargaining provisions of the NRA are steps backward in the otherwise natural evolution of the employer-employee relationships.

Mr. Brandt, a consulting engineer and a member of the City Commission, declared that such a movement in this country is comparable to the one now going on in Russia, and that the experiment to date cannot be called an industrial success.

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# Bits O' Birmingham

By THE WANDERER

written by Warren C. Hull, who was superintendent of the Birmingham public schools from 1884 to 1904 and who now lives in Lansing. The other is the final installment of "My Memories of Old Detroit" by Dr. Hugo Ericksen, 415 Harmon avenue.

A photograph published recently in the rotogravure sections of the Detroit News, the New York Herald Tribune, and other papers, showed a young man, who was an army plane laying a smoke screen while hundreds of spectators watched, the scene was taken at ground at the National Air Pageant three weeks ago at Roosevelt Field, New York.

This week-end Chief Hackett and Mrs. Hackett will take their prize winner and her kennel-mate, Hot Pepper, a wire-haired fox terrier, to the White House, where they entered in the annual Ingham County Kennel Club show to be held Saturday and Sunday.

The wonders of the Ford Exposition, progress now on exhibition on the grounds of the Detroit, were explored and marveled at Tuesday by members of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, who, on their way to the Exposition followed the city's regular weekly luncheon in the Community House. They took the place of a speaker or other program attraction.

The latest issue of the Michigan History Magazine contains two articles of particular interest to the Birmingham reader. One is "A Minor Mystery of Michigan," an article attempting to prove the truth of the legend of the regular bill, Mr. Holsh said.

Folks! Look in the Want Ad Columns of The Economist.

Rooms For Rent