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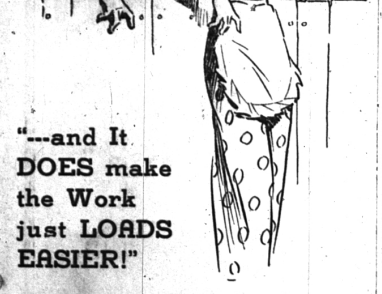

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WELFARE CASE LOAD GROWING

10 New Families Added To Rolls Here In Week, Investigator Says

Birmingham's welfare case load is undergoing a sharp increase at present—an experience which is quite general in most cities throughout the nation at large—according to Charles R. Price, local welfare investigator under the Oakland County Welfare Relief Commission.

On Sept. 26 of this year, Mr. Price said, Birmingham's welfare roll listed 116 families, which is exactly the same number that were receiving relief on the same date last year. Since that time, however, the number has increased to 126 families, and the 10 new cases constitute an abnormally large increase for so early in the fall, Mr. Price said.

He added, however, that this rate of increase was not expected to continue, although a gradual rise could be anticipated for the next 30 days.

Sees Heavy Winter Load

"We anticipate a heavy load this winter, but the actual number of cases will depend chiefly, of course, on how much employment the factories in this vicinity are able to provide," he said. Heads of about half the families listed on the Birmingham rolls at present are employed on government Work Wage projects, while the other half are receiving direct relief, he added.

The chilly weather of the past week and the opening of schools have contributed largely to the current heavy increases in the case load, Mr. Price said. Several families, he explained, were able to survive without welfare help during the summer by "sending their children to live with relatives, but with the reopening of schools, these families have been united again and the need of assistance has asserted itself.

"There are always a certain number of families who drop off the welfare in the spring but come back on in the fall," he said. "Nevertheless, four out of six of my newest Birmingham cases are families which had never received welfare help before."

District Narrowed

The increased burden has made it necessary for Mr. Price to confine his work to Birmingham and Bloomfield Township alone, he said. Formerly Troy Township was also included in his district.

The welfare allowances of all families, whether employed on Work Wage projects or receiving direct relief, are being rebudgeted and made more liberal to meet increases in living costs, Mr. Price said.

Under the new arrangement, an allowance will be included for toilet articles and household supplies, and the allowance for food will be increased. In the case of a family of two persons, for instance, $2.25 per month will be allowed for toilet and household supplies, and the monthly food allowance will be raised from $7.89 to $10.63, Mr. Price said.

"Welfare subjects have never had such a break as they're going to get this winter," he added.

TIRES, WHEELS STOLEN

Clyde Collins, 211 Townsend street, reported to police Monday morning that two wheels, equipped with new heavy duty tires, were stolen sometime Sunday night from his car, parked in front of his home. The tires and wheels were valued at $25.

Pitching, Breaks To Decide Series, Goldsmith Opines

But Tigers Are In Better Physical Condition, He Believes

The kind of pitching the two teams get—and the breaks—are going to determine the winner of the World Series, in the opinion of Fred E. Goldsmith, 452 Greenwood avenue, who, at the age of 82, is undisputed in his claim of being "the world's oldest ball player."

But Goldsmith, who is credited with throwing the first curve ball, and who pitched for Pop Anson's Chicago White Sox back in the 1880's, is quite ready to concede the edge to the Tigers, providing the pitching and the breaks are even.

"Who's going to win the World Series?" he said, repeating the question. "Why, a country school boy knows as much about that as I do, because it depends altogether on the breaks and the pitching.

Tigers In Physical Trim

"Schoolboy Rowe, for instance, is a great pitcher, but he might not be able to do a thing against St. Louis. Likewise, the Cards have a couple of great pitchers in the Dean boys, but they may be ineffective against Detroit.

"All in all, I think the Tigers are a wonderful ball club. I've seen them play and to tell you the truth, I can't find a weak spot in the whole team. As a manager, Mickey Cochrane is a whirlwind. Cochrane doesn't do like Bill Terry, manager of the New York Giants. Terry drives his men, but Mickey leads his.

"But the Cardinals have a splendid club, too, and a good manager. Their record in winning the National League pennant proves that. But here's where the Tigers, I think, have the advantage: Every man is in the pink of condition as the team goes into the World Series. Every single one is in the best physical shape possible—Cochrane has tended to that.

Cards At High Pitch

"But I don't believe you can say that of the Cardinals. They've been keyed up to a high pitch in winning their pennant, and if they should crack during the series, it would be no surprise to me. Their pitchers, especially the Dean boys, have been overtaxed, while the Tiger pitchers haven't.

"No, sir," Goldsmith mused, "I don't think there's a club in the country that could beat the Tigers as they go into this series. But the pitching is going to decide it—the pitching and the breaks."

FRED E. GOLDSMITH

COMMITTEE NAMED FOR ARMY TAG DAY

Chairman Appoints Assistants For Drive To Aid Home Service Appeal

Mrs. Gordon L. Bailey, chairman of the Salvation Army Tag Day to be held here Saturday, Oct. 13, under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced yesterday that Miss Alyce MacGregor would be in charge of headquarters for the sale, which are to be maintained in the First National Bank Building.

Members of the Auxiliary who will assist Mrs. Bailey in the street sales include Mrs. Charles Coburn, Mrs. Jack Gill, Mrs. Edward Appell, Mrs. Robert Appell, Mrs. Donald Paton and Mrs. Paul Lenz. A large corps of juniors, including both boys and girls, will be enlisted to help in the drive, Mrs. Bailey said.

Proceeds of the campaign will be used in support of the Salvation Army's Home Service program. The Tag Day is planned as a culmination of the Home Service Appeal which began last week with the solicitation of the business district by a board composed of representatives of several different men's clubs, headed by Wesley A. Gibbons.

The solicitation will be continued until the entire business district has been canvassed, according to Harry Harp, Salvation Army envoy who is supervising the campaign. The goal in the drive is $500.

RALLY WEEK TO CLOSE WITH SPECIAL SERVICES

Rally Week at the First Methodist Church will end Sunday, with special programs for all services. Social gatherings will be held Friday evening for all members of the junior, intermediate and senior departments of the Church School, and a party for the beginners' and primary departments is scheduled for Saturday from 2 to 4 P. M.

In addition to being Rally Day, Sunday will also serve as Recognition Day for officers and teachers of the school. Beginners' and primary departments will make special contributions to this service, and the pastor, the Rev. Dr. R. D. Hopkins, will speak on "Our Teaching Ministry." At the regular Church School session at 10 A. M., there will be an assembly of the junior, intermediate and senior departments, with a program in charge of Joseph R. Dalley.

The worship hour at the Fellowship Service at 7 P. M. will be in charge of the cabinet of the Intermediate League. Following this, a social hour will be held, with refreshments furnished by the Senior League.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Rice A. Howell, local realtor: "The Eccentric's recent exchange of letters between its editor and Frank D. Fitzgerald, Republican candidate for Governor, were interesting. Only it is to be regretted that Mr. Fitzgerald was not more explicit in his reply."

CITY ON GUARD AGAINST FIRES

Birmingham To Observe Fire Prevention Week, Starting Sunday

The week beginning Sunday, Oct. 7, and continuing through Oct. 13, will be Fire Prevention Week in Birmingham, as well as in other communities throughout the nation. Plans for the local observance of the event have been announced by Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith.

At any time during the week members of the fire department will be ready to inspect thoroughly for fire hazards any home or building whose occupant requests it, Chief Griffith said. In addition, instructions for eliminating fire hazards and for holding property damage and loss of life to a minimum in case of fire will be distributed through the schools.

"Fire Prevention Week should be heartily endorsed by every individual in the community," Chief Griffith declared. "In 1933, fires in this country caused a total loss of approximately $269,778,480, and 10,000 persons were burned to death. With these losses in mind, every one should co-operate by doing his part in Fire Prevention Week."

Carelessness Is Costly

"The greater percentage of all fires is caused by carelessness on someone's part. Listed below are most of the common causes of fires in homes. We recommend that you check your home thoroughly, and if there is any doubt in your mind as to whether you have a hazard, call the fire department and a fireman will make a complete inspection for you. The hazards are:

"Excess of rubbish and papers in basement and attic; defective heating plants, smoke pipes and chimneys; defective wiring; defective electrical appliances; use of flat irons without heat-resisting stand; use of cleaning liquids in non-ventilated rooms; keeping matches where children can reach them; careless use of kerosene and gasoline.

"Practices which should be carried out throughout the year are these: When burning papers and rubbish in heating plants, see that the dampers and drafts are closed enough so that partly burned papers and sparks do not go out the chimney to set fire to dry roofs; when chimneys are burning out, shut all drafts and dampers to keep the hot pieces of soot from falling on the roofs; never put hot ashes in wooden containers or against partitions; use cleaning liquids in open air.

Other Warnings

"Never keep your supply of cleaning liquids in the same room where you do the cleaning, since static electricity is sometimes generated by the friction of rubbing cloths together and will start a fire.

"If a fire should break out in your home, remember this—Do not get excited. Call the fire department. Give your correct house number and name of street.

"If the fire is in the basement or a room of your home, close all doors to the basement or room. In this way the flames are kept confined and retarded in their progress until the fire department arrives."

MUSIC NIGHT SERIES PLANNED BY CHURCH

A series of monthly Music Nights will be inaugurated at the Baptist Church Sunday evening with a varied program of anthems, solos and organ numbers, arranged by A. Shanley Rosso, organist and director, according to an announcement by the pastor, the Rev. L. Earl Jackson.

The series will include contributions by various guest soloists, organists and choirs, in addition to those by the church's own musical organization. Mrs. Herbert H. Gardner, music chairman, is in charge of the promotion of community interest in the series.

The program for Sunday evening will include a group of vocal solos by Henry James, three anthems by the choir, and four organ solos by Mr. Rosso. Mr. Jackson will preach a brief sermon on "The Unfinished Symphony."

9 O'Clock TOWN

We predict that local ice-cream sales for the week will show a sudden drop, but not, as you are probably thinking, because of cool weather. A few of our merchants are offering free, to all purchasers of their less expensive creams, a copy of the song "Tigers on Parade." Our personal feeling is that if this doesn't discourage buyers, nothing can.

The song begins, "Hear all the cheering, something is nearing, O Gosh! Oh Gee!" (That's the smash line, that "Oh Gosh" one). "Here come the Tigers, here come the Tigers, say can't you see; the Parade, the Parade, 'cause the Bengals made the grade."

Well, that will give you some idea, and when you know that "Mickey's aces have sure gone places around those bases", and that the music is on a par with the lyrics, you may begin, faintly, to grasp the complete horror that seizes us at the thought that maybe the Cards will start chanting it, en masse, when the Schoolboy is in a tough spot. It's doubtful that anyone could make the grade with such a handicap. We think the Dean boys wrote it.

Jack Taylor, idle Limey of Harmon avenue, is homesick for the smell of London fog. He is about to publish a book called "Back Doors to Birmingham," which he will attempt to sell, and which will, he believes, be remunerative enough to float him back to England.

"Tiger" Blane may not fight Oliver Drouillard in Windsor tonight, after all. The dusky "Tigah", who is better known to patrons of McKee's service station as Johnny, was slated to trade smashes with the man who once slapped down the redoubtable Ernie Maurer, but there is some difficulty over the Tiger's end of the purse. The matchmakers are down to 25 bucks, and the Tiger will not go for less than 50.

Tiger, who is married now and has a family, long ago back in Kansas City knew Jack Dempsey, who was then a bouncer in a night club at Ninth and Delaware. Dempsey was snatching cigaret butts in those days. The Tiger once saw him lick a cop.

Tiger has been fighting for about 10 years. His best season was down in Florida during the winter of '26, when he won six main bouts.

When you pull on your gloves this fall, you may be wearing what former Birmingham residents have made. Nine erstwhile citizens of this town have, at one time or another, worker in Cloversville, N. Y. Among the group are "Fat" Carnahan, "Curly" Weaver, Dave Wendts, "Red" and Tom Haldane, and others. Occasionally one or another of their number comes home, but always drifts back again to New York. Some of them live there permanently.

The weeping philosopher was an appellation occasionally given to the Greek philosopher Heraclitus.

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Lope Felix Vega Carpio was the most ingenious dramatic poet of Spain.

Baldwin Congress Elects Bob Vinton

Vice-Presidency Filled In Student Governing Body; First Meetings Held

First meetings of the two chambers of the new Baldwin Student Congress were held Monday and Tuesday of this week. The executive chamber met with its president, John Parker, Monday noon, and elected Bob Vinton to the office of vice-president. The office became vacant when Parker, who was vice-president, took over the presidency because Robert Mix, who had been chosen president last spring, was no longer attending Baldwin.

As vice-president, Vinton has charge of the representative chamber. This group is composed of representatives from each session room, and is composed of a dozen members. This chamber met for the first time Tuesday morning and immediately began discussing plans for the coming semester.

Those on the executive committee are Jerry Hart, Jim Schooley, Lloyd Forester, Dick Royal, Charles Savage, Roberta Chissus, Vinton and Parker.

The representative chamber has as its members Donald Scriven, Lucille Hallett, Don Clark, Barbara Pratt, Walter Forbes, Bill Loud, Barbara Sears, Sally Vynne, Richard Dick, Holden Drury, Glen Kendall and Vinton.

SIX LOCAL STUDENTS ENROLLED AT U. OF D.

Six Birmingham young men have resumed their studies this fall at the University of Detroit. They are Harry Wheaton, 187 Adams road, and Joseph Maunders, 1108 West Maple avenue, college of arts and sciences; Victor Ogden, 1276 Smith street, and Wilfred Donaldson, 1415 Yorkshire road, college of engineering; Don Blaw, 772 East Lincoln avenue, college of commerce and finance, and Gaius Dunlap, 287 Ravine road, college of law.

Wheaton, Ogden, Donaldson, and Blaw are seniors.

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Answers will be found on page two, this section