

ACTORS NOW WORK FOR GOVERNMENT

Works Progress Administration To Launch Theatrical Project Soon

EXIT—the door for actors and actresses.

ENTER—jobs at security wages.

Such is the action which the Michigan Works Progress Administration expects to write into its fast-moving drama of employment.

With money available and plans perfected, the State WPA is ready to launch a theatrical project of major proportions if a sufficient number of qualified players can be found on relief.

Just how many show people are receiving welfare aid in Michigan has not been established. It is known, however, that many players, unaware that they would be given a chance to earn a living in their chosen profession, have registered or accepted WPA work in other capacities.

In such cases the individuals are free to change their classifications or transfer to the theatrical project. State Administrator Harry L. Pierson, stated.

All but 10 percent of the personnel have been on relief before November 1 when certification for WPA employment ended.

STUDIO COUNTRY HOME



This attractive type of Studio English Country home, located on a high knoll, on Normandy Road in Franklin Village, has been sold by the Booth Investment Co. to William H. Colvin, Jr., Snyder, Buck & Bennett made the sale.

Talented amateurs as well as professionals are eligible. Applications for places on the project are being received from welfare clients at an office on the third floor of the Main Library. Mrs. Helen Robinson, president of the Women's Civic Theatre Committee, and Mrs. A. N. Taylor, secretary, are in charge, pending the appointment of a State Director.

Thomas Wood Stevens, nationally known producer and creator of the Little Globe Theatre at the Chicago World's Fair is Regional Director of the WPA's stage enterprise. His plans call for the organization of several troupes of players in Michigan at least one of which will tour the State.

Audition boards, similar to those which have been paring on the qualifications of applicants for jobs on the musicals' project, will be set up.

Hollywood's gift to women, Gable, is making Hollywood look like an Indian giver.

"Babe Ruth arrested as hit-and-run driver." Proof that a habit of years' standing is difficult to break.

The epidemic which is killing thousands of cats in all parts of Britain may be just improved marksmanship on the part of insomnia victims.

Pride goes before a fall, but in the case of Billy Evans of the Cleveland ball club, it seems that a bad Indian summer does, too.

What's What at a Glance

WASHINGTON WORLD

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — Although it generally is agreed that times are improving, Democratic party managers confidentially are afraid that the improvement will not rebound to the administration's advantage in 1936 as it should, according to all rules of political logic.

The theory is that an administration in office when an economic crash occurs is held responsible for it whether or not it is to blame; that an administration in office during a period of prosperity is given all the credit for it whether or not it is entitled to any.

Pessimistic Democratic investigators are not so sure that such credit will be given to the Roosevelt regime on next election day, no matter how decided the revival may have been in the meantime.

SOME ARE NOT BENEFITED For one thing, while New Deal policies undoubtedly have benefited certain fortune elements, other elements manifestly feel that they have suffered by them.

Illustratively, owners of corn, hog, cotton and tobacco producing areas have profited from process taxation, but the landowners' tenants have not shared in these profits. The owners have gobbled most of the government's checks for crop reductions. The tenants are worse off. Naturally they are disgruntled. And tenants are somewhat more numerous than landlords.

As for the processors (packers, spinners and tobacco manufacturers) and all their dependent workers, these feel that they are being unduly burdened to help agriculture. Of course they, too, are furious. Indeed, Democratic strategists already tacitly admit that industrial New England is lost to the administration. It may not be New England alone, either; there are other processing areas to be reckoned with.

RELIEF "NOT ENOUGH" At first it was presumed, by Republicans as well as Democrats, that folk on relief would be grateful to the administration for dispensing it.

It now begins to appear that they think they have not had enough of it.

The Townsendites encourage them in this belief, with their advocacy of \$200 monthly pensions for the aged. The social credit movement, with its demand for a \$100 monthly "dividend" to everyone (not the aged alone; everyone) is gaining ground rapidly.

Relief looks like "small potatoes" in comparison with these promises.

Besides, the government is trying to withdraw even the relief that it has been granting. It is axiomatic that a beneficiary whose benefit is cancelled is worse off than he was when he never had one.

Minnesota governor asks youth of nation to join a third party. A wiser move might have been to bar them; then they'd crash it.

The Press—Guardian of Liberty

By RAYMOND FITZCARRINE National Chairman Sentinels of the Republic

Steadily the dark stain of censorship is spreading over the newspapers of Europe.

What is the result? The headlines tell. Let's see what dispatches from the nations that have shackled their Press describe:

War—imperialistic war . . . religious intolerance . . . the red flag of Communism!

In each of those nations the Press is in chains. In each of them free speech and free presentation of the news is forbidden. The papers print, and the people read, only what a dictator permits.

That's how despotism is created and preserved. That's why Napoleon admitted that if he allowed freedom of the Press his power could not last six weeks. That's why the autocrats of Europe have hand-cuffed their nation's newspapers.

Such things aren't happening in America today. The newspaper on which you rely for knowledge of what goes on—in the world and in your home town alike—gives you the facts undistorted by the hand of a Dictator. Here the Press is free—and with it the people.

Who kept it that way? It was the newspaper, and the men who make them—supported of course by the public. Throughout our history they have fought to retain the freedom of speech and of the Press that was written into the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Their fight was not dominated by self-interest; for newspapers, as Europe has proved, can survive under a Dictator's thumb and profit by his favors. It was, instead, a fight for all the people.

The newspapers knew—and know today—that an enslaved Press means an enslaved people. They realize that so long as the Press remains free, and the editors courageous, America can never fall under the iron hand of despots or dictatorship.

They remain, as always, the shock troops of our liberty.

To them is due our appreciation—and our devotion. For—on the basis of freedom of the Press are every citizen's concern.

Lecturer: "If I should load a jackass up to a pail of water and a pail of beer, which do you suppose he would drink?"

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