RELIEF OFFICIAL SKELTON REVIEWS STRIKE EFFECTS

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the League, thereby adding to the economic burden of taxpayers.

Proposed legislation to take state and county welfare agencies "out of politics," and simplify the relief program was discussed at length by the speaker. Overlapping of duties with the resulting inefficiency are among the problems of the welfare department as it is now organized, Mr. Skelton pointed out.

Legislation proposed in Senate Bills 314 through 318 inclusive, as recommended by the study commission appointed by former Gov. Frank D. Fitzgerald and approved by Gov. Frank Murphy, would provide for a commission of three members, the chairman of which to be appointed by the Department of Public Welfare. The enactment of this legislation would abolish such agencies as the present county emergency welfare relief commission, the soldiers' and sailors' relief commission, superintendent of the poor, the county old age assistance board and investigator, and other county agents, now causing duplication of effort and inefficiency, Mr. Skelton explained.

The commission of three, who would serve without compensation, would in turn, appoint a county director, to be retained or removed at the discretion of the commission. The bills further provide that employes under this director would be subject to Civil Service.

The reorganization of existing state and county machinery, under new legislative authority, is aimed and calculated to insure uniform administrative and accounting methods under state supervision, Mr. Skelton informed the League.

Mrs. Paul L. Penfield introduced Mr. Skelton to the League audience. A brief business session, at which Mrs. Forbes S. Hascall presided, preceded the program.

Precedent

Diner: "I see that tips are forbidden here."

Waitress: "Lor' bless yer, mum, so was the apples in the Garden of Eden."

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BACK FENCING

By
A MAN ABOUT TOWN

▲ Now that Spring is officially here, we suppose that the fair ladies will don their straw hats and Spring suits and start their annual custom of assisting nature in brightening up this old world of ours. Here's hoping that Easter Sunday will be warm and balmy so that all the Spring finery can be put on display. We once happened to be in New York on Easter Sunday and witnessed what really was a Fashion Parade. Ladies and gentlemen, alike, were dressed in the height of fashion and actually PARADED down Fifth Avenue after the morning church services. It was quite a sight—one which will always be remembered.

▲ And speaking of new clothes . . . Have you ever sat back and watched one lady go over another, from hat to boot, as they conversed together. Of course, it is usually done quite adroitly and with a lot of tact, we would say, but we would be amused, just sit back out of the way some time and watch the ladies at some gathering "look each other over" . . . and a real funny incident it is when a couple of the fair ones stop and chat for a moment on the street and then, after having each gone their separate ways . . . they both turn at the same time to catch a last LOOK at the other.

▲ The Rev. Johnson, still the NEW Baptist minister, has now joined the ranks of some of our other local preachers and has adopted the good old DERBY as his current type of head-dress. One can get a pretty good glimpse of his smiling face now that the Texas hat has been discarded. We'll make a Michigander out of him yet.

▲ Purce Burnett, of the National Bank, walks to and from work a good share of the time and he seems to be "lost in thought" as he saunders along his way. He even fails to see passing motorists when they pull up to the curb to give him a lift . . . and that's being really LOST.

▲ Perc Sherman, who formerly managed the grocery department of the East Maple A & P store, has decided to step out for himself in the business way, and now has a store of his own, over on East Maple. One of his clerks was overheard to say, "If all the salesmen who come in here would leave a $10 order, we would be sold out in no time." We suppose that Bill will have to BUY merchandise if he expects to have it to sell. Good-luck to Bill . . . he is a good natured guy.

▲ We recently mentioned the fact that Jane Shepherd was to be a Spring bride . . . and now we hear (and see—by the papers) that her sister Helen, the real estate gal, is also going to step out and sign on the dotted line . . . and march down the aisle with HER Mark to the beautiful strains of a Wedding March. Home won't seem just the same with both of the girls gone from the family fireside . . . but that's the ways it goes.

▲ Can any one remember having seen Harry Bissett, the Frigidaire man, on the street without a big, black cigar in his mouth? He can talk a blue streak, especially about refrigeration, and still keep that big cigar snugly tucked in the corner of his mouth. It's an art—I'm telling you. If some of you ladies and gentlemen don't think so, just try it with a big, black, strong cigar.

▲ Some one told us the other day that this man Egbert was pretty tough on people who forget to pay their water bills. When his office sends out a shut-off notice the maintenance man just naturally grabs his shut-off wrench and awaits the appointed hour. We would say that is as it should be . . . because—after all—what's the use of sending out notices if they are not backed up with action. We do think, however, that Mr. Egbert would listen to reason and permit the water to flow into the home of a person who was "just a bit short right now."

▲ In his talk to the boys of Scout Troop B-4 and their parents the other night, Uncle Otto, a Detroit Scout, who bears the distinction of being the oldest active scout in America, told the folks that he has traveled this country from coast to coast, and has never found a Boy Scout in any of the jails which he has visited. He also stated that Police Officials everywhere were heartily in favor of Scouting and praised the men who gave of their time so that the movement could go on in its work of helping boys to help themselves in their ambitions to become honorable men.

▲ The Candid Camera bug does not seem to have hit our fair city as yet, but when it does, there will be some amusing situations and perhaps many startling pictures. One cannot imagine the almost "impossible" expressions one can catch on a person when they do not know that their picture is being taken. We might also say that there will also be some very pretty pictures taken too, as many of Birmingham's ladies are very easy on the eye. When we get our Candid Camera on the job one of the first "steal pictures" we are going to take will most certainly be that of . . . well—guess we'll just keep that for awhile . . . but, if in the mean time you might have some suggestions, why not drop this column a line, in care of The Eccentric, and we'll consider them. Yes, we even might slip a few Candid shots in the column from time to time. Your suggestions will be appreciated.

▲ And now, we must once more stop this chattering for another week . . . and until next week, we hope that the weather will be fair and that your Easter Sedson will be filled with the joys which are associated with this occasion which we celebrate . . . and . . . We'll see you in Church—Sunday.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held January 4, 1937 at 7:30 P. M.

Mr. R. Y. Cutler and Mr. Geo. Boos, well appeared before the Board with the final report of their refunding project. The termination of the contract with Cutler Hubble Company for refunding of our bonds was granted and the treasurer and Business Manager authorized to draw an order on the Debt Service Account for $12,175.00, the contract price. The Business Manager was instructed to communicate with Cutler Hubble Company regarding the Board's action, and state our complete satisfaction with the manner of their operation.

The request from the teachers, who desire certain amounts deducted from their pay on Jan. 25, 1937 and Feb. 25, 1937 to be paid direct to the Birmingham Agency, Agent for the Michigan Life Insurance Company, was granted. The Business Manger was authorized to make the necessary transfer of the respective amounts.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held January 18 at 7:30 P. M., and the following actions were taken:

The legal opinion of Claude H. Stevens, dated Nov. 2, 1936, January 15, 1937, and the amending order of the Municipal Debt Commission dated July 22, 1936 were incorporated in the permanent record.

Permission was given the doctors of the Department of Health to conduct a tuberculin test in the Birmingham Schools under the direction of the Superintendent.

The resignation, effective Jan. 22, 1937, of Evangeline Parsell was accepted with regrets.

The appointment of Hamilton Easton, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Parsell, was confirmed and the appointment of A. Edgar Kherulf to fill the vacancy caused by the leave of absence granted to Frieda Huggett Sage Croll was authorized to draw and sign contracts for the appointment.

The Board will reimburse employees now on the staff for the forty dollars held from their pay from April 1, 1933 to July 1, 1933, the payments to be made not later than Jan. 26, 1937.

Bills in the amount of $4,432.14 including payrolls were confirmed.

Accounts payable in the amount of $4002.39 were confirmed and authorization was given to draw on the general fund for that amount.

Surplus money in the Scrip Account in the amount of $6500.00 is to be transferred to the General Fund.

Requisitions in the amount of $264.35 and $16,910.00 for payrolls were authorized.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held February 1, 1937 at 7:30 P. M., to consider the superintendency for the Birmingham Schools. Official notice of the meeting was waived. By a unanimous vote Howard D. Cody was offered a Superintendent's contract for a period of two years beginning July 1, 1937.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held February 15, 1937 at 7:30 P. M., and the following actions taken:

Bills in the amount of $63,000.00, including payrolls, were confirmed.

Accounts payable in the amount of $2902.13, including the pay water account with the City Water Department were confirmed and authorization was given to draw on the general fund for that amount.

Requisitions to the amount of $9412.29 and payrolls to the amount of $13,000.00 were authorized.

The Board will reimburse part-time teachers for money deducted from their pay in 1932-33, regardless of supply work, the payment to be based on same schedule as that of full-time teachers.

At a special meeting of the Board of Education on Monday, March 1, 1937 the salary schedule as presented but action was deferred until March 8th when the matter is to be given further consideration.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held March 8, 1937 having been called for the purpose of considering the teacher salary schedule for 1937-38, and for the transaction of any other business which might arise. The following actions were taken:

For the school year 1937-38 the salaries for full time staff members of the Principals not included, were increased 12% above the 1936-37 salary schedule. This increase covers 36 weeks of school. Any teacher on the staff who has less than a Bachelor's Degree, and during the summer of 1937 completes six credit hours, applicable toward a Bachelor's Degree or six credit hours or subjects acceptable to the Superintendent is to be given an additional $100.00 salary increment, immediately upon their presentation of properly certified credentials to the Superintendent.

Supply teachers are to be paid $6.00 per day, effective at once.

Additional teachers were authorized as follows:

1 Kindergarten and Sixth Grade
1 Manual Arts Teacher—Printing and General shop
1 Mathematics Teacher and
1 Vocal Music

Arrangements were made for a Counselor, without extra cost to the Board of Education, whose duties will be to make studies and recommendations for adjustment of individual pupils where such adjustments are necessary for the well being of the pupil.

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WATCH FOR HER on April 1
The Birmingham Eccentric

Helping Newcomers to Make Friends and Entertaining Youth are House Functions

The ladies were sipping tea and discussing the things that ladies discuss, when doing so.

"It seems as though everyone in Birmingham uses the Community House," exclaimed Mrs. Newcomer. "And everyone who mentions it does so in terms of highest praise."

"Why shouldn't we?" asked the hostess. "Besides running in and out of the House a dozen times a week for meetings and such, I'll never forget how many new friends it helped me make when we first moved to Birmingham."

"I only wish," Mrs. Newcomer signed, "That the House could help my two children make friends. They're terribly lonely and fretful."

"My ten-year old is up there constantly," put in someone else. "I just know the person who runs the House are too smart not to make the Rouge High school students. Ask Mrs. Kinnison here to tell you something about the Allied Youth group that she and her husband sponsor."

"I've been intending to look into that organization more closely," mused Mrs. Newcomer, "Can't you tell me something about it?"

"Allied Youth," explained Mrs. Charles S. Kinnison, "Provides a good time for many young people. It augments their social life and poise, and even improves their minds, in a painless fashion. At the business meetings in the House, an outside speaker usually addresses the members on a topic of general interest. And it must help develop their character when you think that the running of the group as well as its support is left entirely up to the members."

"Could my Tom attend one of the meetings, sort of on approval?" Mrs. Newcomer wanted to know.

"Yes indeed, visitors are always welcome. Anyone who is willing to maintain the group's standards is eligible to join, too. You know," she continued, enthusiastically, "We just couldn't get along without the Community House. No matter how pressed for room they are there, they always seem to have some place to meet."

The fifty young matron sighed, reminiscently. "While we're trying to figure out ways for the House to help your children," she said, "I can still remember how much fun the Saturday Night dances at the House were when I was in High School."

"I meant to ask someone about them. My daughter's been invited to one. Do you think she'll like it?"

"I don't see how she can help it. There's no better opportunity for her to get acquainted with her classmates. Why, as long as I can remember, it's been the custom to have a dance at the House on Saturday night. I guess they've been successful right from the start, too. The young sters are wild about 'em, of course. Besides being a good place to meet the gang, they're economical and conveniently located. Our mothers used to love having us go to them. They know we were having a good time in the best possible surroundings, and the dances were always chaperoned by some of the town's first families."

Our Government of Balanced Powers
By RAYMOND PITCAIRN
National Chairman Sentinels of the Republic

Among the famous admonitions of George Washington recalled by many Americans on his recent birthday celebration was the following:

"If in the opinion of the people the distribution or modification of the Constitutional powers be in any particular wrong, let it be corrected by an amendment in the way which the Constitution designates. But let there be no change by usurpation, for though this in one instance may be the instrument of good, it is the customary weapon by which free governments are destroyed."

As this is written that admonition remains strongly in the minds of the American people.

Various members of Congress are pointing out in public utterances the necessity of preserving the independence of our three co-ordinate branches of government—Legislative, Executive, and Judicial—as established in the Constitution to safeguard individual liberties.

Nor are their words unheeded, as public sentiment, expressed in the press and in letters to Congress, demonstrates. Seldom has any public question aroused so widespread, non-partisan a discussion.

Undoubtedly this discussion will continue. And that is an encouraging sign in a republic which lists free speech and full discussion of public questions high among the rights of citizens guaranteed under the Constitution.

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Funeral service for Carrie Allen Forshee will be held at 2:30 p. m. today in the S. D. Wylie Bell Funeral Home with burial at Franklin cemetery. Mrs. Forshee died Monday at 4 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Carl Tibbits, on the Twelve Mile road, at Townline road, at the age of 76 years. She was born in Franklin. She was the daughter of the late Amy Van Every and her grandparents settled in Franklin in 1818.

BRIDES CARRY KNIVES

Canton, China.—When forced into marriage by old fashioned families, women members of the Spinsters' Society of Canton, sworn to live single, always carry knives to their weddings. Rather than live with their husbands, they may stab anyone who goes to the wedding feast for the husband.

Suspicious

Hobo: "Boss, would ya give me a dime for a sandwich?"
Marine: "Let me see your arm."

Reason

Husband: "I never get a kind word from you."
Wife: "You must be color blind."

Caution

A Yankee was on a Christmas walking tour of Scotland. Snow had fallen and he was struggling along a narrow road when he met a Highlander.

"I guess, friend, I sure am lost," he said plaintively.

Scot: "Is there a reward out for ye?"

American: "Nope."

Scot: "Well, ye're still lost."

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