Michigan Mirror

Non-Partisan State News Letter

LANSING, Sept. 29—While local communities look to Lansing for financial aid to solve their problems, Michigan is relying more and more upon a highly centralized federal government at Washington.

The social security system of taxes, collected by the federal government and returned to the states, is one example. Under this setup the aged are guaranteed a small pension, while unemployed persons receive compensation during an interim following loss of work. Uncle Sam gets the money; the state spends it.

The newest evidence of this trend is the action of the Michigan State Medical society in annual session at Detroit this month. Among the policies approved was federal aid to states for the development of public health programs. Poorer communities would be assisted by the state, but the federal government would be expected to step in when the state is unable to meet such emergencies.

Call it state socialism or what not, this trend is commonly accepted by the public.

Hospital Insurance

In the files at Washington is a gigantic health insurance scheme, similar to the social security system, whereby $800,000,000 would be spent annually to bring the benefits of medicine and hospitalization to the masses.

The recent WPA survey of the National Resources Council showed that one-third of all American families had incomes of less than $780.

Whereas the Washington plan, yet to be sponsored by the President, would finance itself out of Medical society favors hospital insurance as a community project. Also advocated is a plan to set up a medical finance service in each county to assist persons needy of medical care.

Education Next

If federal aid is needed for old age pensions, unemployment compensation, medical service and so on, how about federal help for our public schools?

Well, if the National Education association had its way, Washington would be rolling out funds for education, too.

"Pending in the last session of Congress was the Harrison-Thomas bill for Federal aid to education. Government subsidy for the public school is favored by such organizations as the American Federation of Teachers, American Association for Adult Education, Progressive Education association, American Federation of Labor, Committee for Industrial Organization (C. I. O.) and the railroad brotherhoods.

Washington would release funds to states only if the latter fulfilled certain requirements. Among the bill's opponents is J. B. Edmonson, dean of the school of education, University of Michigan. He states:

"If we desire to defend the traditional freedom of state and local responsibility and initiative, the Harrison-Thomas bill should be amended so as to provide a grant of funds without so many strings attached."

$30 Every Week

By this time it looks like "state rights" will be soon as extinct as the dodo-bird.

Government aid has no limits.

Take the newest panacea for national recovery, old age pensions, and what not—the $30-a-week-for-life plan, sponsored in Michigan by the Rev. O. James Crews, pastor of the Detroit Temple of Light, and John H. Maroff, former newspaper publisher in Midland and Iron Mountain.

Like the California "$30 Every Thursday" scheme, which proved to be the ballot downfall of Senator McAdoo, the Michigan plan calls for $1 warrants on which a 2 cent stamp would be affixed each week during an entire year.

Merely by declaring officially that the warrants would be accepted anywhere in Michigan as legal tender, the Reverend Mr. Crews is confident that millions of dollars could be raised for pensions, and nobody would lose a dime.

But before you get too excited, consider these additional points: (1) Dues of 1 cent a day, $3.65 a year, are sought by Mr. Crews; (2) In 1932 Mr. Crews ran afoul of the law in Detroit where he served a prison sentence of six months.

Month-Long Fair

Having staged the biggest state fair in national history, at least in point of paid attendance, Frank N. Isbey, Detroit's $1-a-year manager of the Michigan State Fair, is out to set a new record in 1939 with a month-long exhibition.

In 1936 the fair attendance was 204,146.

Last year, using Hollywood and radio stars as a lure for young people and insisting that everyone should pay a quarter to get in, Isbey boosted the attendance to 421,393.

This year, with a 16-day event at which the emphasis was high class entertainment for little or nothing, Isbey ran up the total to 728,947. It was a national achievement, topping Wisconsin's 624,401 and Minnesota's 548,534.

WPA funds are being sought to provide 45 per cent of the $5,000,000 cost of an automotive building, a 4-H club building, women's building, new horse barn, sheep and swine barn, general exhibits building, and beef cattle exhibition hall.

All of this is quite an undertaking, but in Detroit they say that Isbey can do it—if anybody can.

STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 19th day of September, A. D. 1938.

Present: Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas F. Guyol, Deceased.

Alice V. Guyol, executrix of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 6th day of February, 1939 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

JAMES H. LYNCH, Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
FLORENCE DOTY,
Register of Probate.
25-26-27

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 9th day of September, A. D. 1938.

Present: Honorable James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of The Estate of Warren D. Clithe, Deceased.

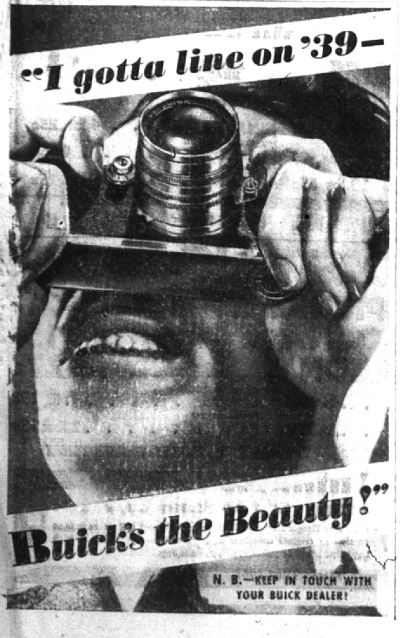
Union Guardian Trust Company, Trustee of said estate having filed in said Court its tenth annual account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof.

It is Ordered, that the 10th day of October, A. D. 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

JAMES H. LYNCH Judge of Probate.

(A true Copy.)
FLORENCE DOTY
Probate Register.
24-25-26



Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

Fifty Years Ago

The Cleveland and Thurman club of this place celebrated Tuesday to quite an extent. In the afternoon, without anx extra fuss and feathers, they elected to erect in front of O. Poppleton's store, a magnificent hickory pole, over 160 feet out of the ground and floating to the breeze from the top of the tallest pole in the country are the grandest flags. The first is the grand old Star and Stripes. Next comes a 25 foot bunting streamer, 12 feet wide next to the pole and tapering almost to a point 25 feet away, with large portraits of Cleveland and Thurman and their names in large red and blue letters, showing alike from both sides. This is not all. Underneath, floats the name of the union candidate for governor, W. R. Burt; and our next state treasurer, the genial, popular and sure-to-get-there J. D. Norton of Pontiac. Mr. Norton needs no praise from us. He is too popular and well known and no doubt when his majorities are counted, it will be found that Bloomfield did herself proud towards his election. To be brief, he's all right. In the evening, our former townsman, F. F. Williams, spoke to a large and enthusiastic gathering at National Hall, which was filled to overflowing by an attentive and warmly sympathetic audience, who listened to his remarks with pride. His speech was replete with information as to the requisites of the nation, its duties to the people, how to govern with less expense and why, to gain this great desiratum, it is necessary to vote for Cleveland and Thurman. The speaker was introduced by A. Partridge, who presided and who, at the close, called for three rousing cheers for the speaker. They were given with hearty good will.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Lately we mentioned in the columns in this great moral engine, something about Standart time, and not a few of our many readers have given us "the merry ha ha," not once but over and over again. But gentle reader, "dos vas no mistake." We meant just what we said, Standart time. Doesn't everyone who knows Frank Standart or meets him in a business or social way have a good time? Say, don't they? Sure they do. Isn't he looked upon and respected and admired by all? He sure is. Don't anxious and hopeful mothers admonish their youthful off-spring to grow up like Mr. Standart, a great and good man? Don't they? They do. So now, all hark ye! Standart time means many a good, true, jolly, pleasant time. Yess indeed, Standart time means upright, just, excellent, proper, beneficial, useful, suitable, humane, convenient, kind, friendly, gracious, unblemished, expert, genial, honorable, cheerful, skilful and ready time. Ask the man.

Other towns who have civic committees, beautify the streets and general appearance of their native town. Why do we not have one? The very first work for a body of townspeople, provided such a committee was formed here, would be to tear down the fire tower. This eyesore to our civic beauty causes more ridicule from strangers than any other undesirable feature of our vicinity. Let us rid ourselves of this ancient, horrible joke.

The men's bible class, assisted by the women's bible class of the Baptist church, will give a reception to members of the Home department Thursday evening. Light refreshments will be served and a program, with toasts, recitation and music will be given and a good time socially enjoyed. Carriages and even automobiles will be provided by the boys and girls for Home depamenters who wish to attend.

Five Years Ago

First State Bank depositors will get $83,000 dividend. Charles W. Lee, receiver, declares five percent payoff, beginning about October 5. Loan approved by Circuit Court Judge Frank L. Doty. Money will be dealt with in alphabetical order.

$9,500 goal is set in Community House drive. Roll call will open October 9. Mrs. Norman Lyle will head women's solicitor teams. Mrs. L. N. Pyle, president of Association, will seek the aid of members of three Birmingham service clubs.

Warning is given to violators of N. R. A. code. Local compliance board will meet early next week, say Howarth and Jordan. Several complaints already received are under advisement from Detroit.

Arthur J. Kane is named to City Commission. Resident of south end of city is chosen to succeed the late T. B. Smith. Dave Levinson will take over duties of Smith's berth in Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

Teachers will get first pay in cash on Friday, Randall says. $28,000 state primary fund assures non-scrip pay day for first in year, anyway.

Maroons will open season Friday. To meet Hazel Park in 1932 grid debut on Pierce field. Line offers problem says Miles W. Robinson, coach.

Bloomfield Township balks at cash payment. Will give Birmingham only $1,700 for release of note held as collateral, says Vaughan.

School problems will be discussed as public mass meeting, to be held at same time as those all over state. E. J. Lederle, county school commissioner, and Ray A. Palmer, president of the board of education, will address meeting at Barnum School tonight.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 22nd day of September, A. D. 1938.

Present: Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Albert W. Wiley, Deceased.

W. Whiting Raymond having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said est ate be granted to the executors named in the will or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered That said 24th day of October A. D. 1938, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

JAMES H. LYNCH
Judge of Probate.

(A True Copy.)
LEAH KOCH (MARTIN),
Deputy Register of Probate.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 10th day of September, A. D. 1938.

Present: Honorable James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Glean G. Morrison, Deceased.

Alma T. Morrison, Executrix of said estate having filed in said Court her final account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof, determination of the heirs of said deceased, assignment of the residue of said estate and the discharge of said executrix.

It Is Ordered, that the 10th day of October A. D. 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It Is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

JAMES H. LYNCH
Judge of Probate.

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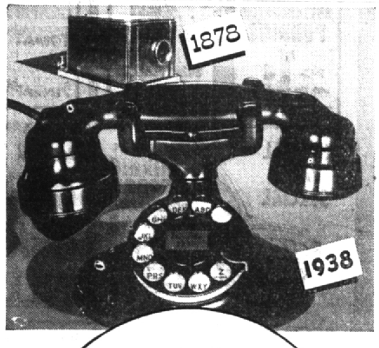

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