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H. R. Baker, William Bray, C. W. Weber and O. S. Haywood drove to Bloomfield Wednesday in the former's car to attend the fair.

Mrs. Sam Crow left Wednesday for Kansas City, Mo., having been called there by the serious illness of her grandson, Harvey Whistler.

Rev. Herman Clark of Washington spent the day at the Des Eshelman home.

Rev. C. C. Williams and family are moving to Humboldt where they expect to make their future home.

Mrs. Elmer Finney left Tuesday evening for Oskaloosa and Des Moines to visit relatives.

Mrs. Mary Rogerson returned home from a visit in Lincoln, Neb., with her sister. She was called to Des Moines by the illness of her son, Leslie.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Alfred will leave this week for a visit in Waterloo with relatives.

The remains of John McCollough, eldest son of Ed McCollough of Des Moines, were shipped through here to Douds-Leando Wednesday for burial, from Baltimore, Md., where he died from a three weeks' illness with typhoid fever.

Mr. McCollough, the father of the boy, accompanied the remains home. Mrs. C. W. Finney, an aunt of the boy, attended the funeral Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. F. B. Nordyke, Jr., returned to her home in Trenton, Mo., after a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. I. P. Smith.

HAS SUCCESSFUL MEETING. Mooresville, Sept. 14.-Rev. Richard Swan, a former Mooresville young man, is holding a protracted meeting in the Christian church here. The meeting has been very successful throughout and Rev. Mr. Swan's sermons have been highly pleasing. Mr. Swan got his early education in the local schools, later taking up the study for the ministry.

REDUCE TAX LEVIES. Ft. Madison, Sept. 15.-The supervisors of Lee county in session here fixed the tax levies for the ensuing year, totaling for the state and county, twenty-nine mills, a reduction of one mill from the levy of the prior year.

HOG CHOLERA NEAR GRINNELL. Grinnell, Sept. 15.-Dr. Weaver, government veterinarian, with Dr. Underwood, of Des Moines, was in Grinnell and the two were taken by Dr. March Green, local veterinarian, to some of the farms where hog cholera is now prevalent. There are many scattered cases although no such raging epidemic as swept this region a few years ago.

STATE FAIR WANTS NEW BUILDINGS. Des Moines, Sept. 15.-Two new buildings on the Iowa State fair grounds may be asked at the coming session of the legislature.

A cattle barn may be erected at a cost of \$50,000 and a dairy building built at a similar expenditure if Hawk-eye voters are in a generous mood.

W. B. Barney, state dairy commissioner, conferred with Secretary A. R. Corey of the state department of agriculture today with reference to the new dairy building.

The dairy interests have in the past used the north end of the agricultural hall for their display of dairy products and the machinery building for dairy machinery.

They claim they haven't room to do the great dairy interests justice.

TREASURER WILL KEEP OFFICE OPEN. In order to accommodate those who wish to pay their taxes at noon County Treasurer C. O. Warren has arranged to have his office kept open continuously from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Taxes for the last half of 1911 are now due and after October 1 a penalty of one per cent will be attached. Not many property owners have paid yet.

IN BURLINGTON SIXTY YEARS. Burlington, Sept. 15.-Charles Bershee, one of the oldest bricklayers in the state, died at his home in this city. Mr. Bershee was born on Long Island 91 years ago and came to Burlington in 1856.

Almost immediately on his arrival he took up his trade, brick-laying, and continued in the business until his death and was probably the oldest contractor in Iowa, if not in the west. He is survived by six children-three sons and three daughters.

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CHARITIES OFFICE DOES NOT LACK FOR VARIETY IN THE DAY'S ROUTINE

A day in the office of the Associated Charities with its variety of duties, meetings with the types that go to make up its visitors and the mixing of the humorous with the pathetic, forms the subject for the following interesting account by Secretary Sara A. Brown, of what an ordinary day in the charities office consists of.

Have you ever spent a day in the office of the Associated Charities? No? Well then let's spend one there and really see what they are doing in that organization which Wapello county and Ottumwa has supported for nearly two years.

The secretary arrives soon after 8 o'clock in the morning and is usually preceded a few minutes by the assistant secretary, who opens the room and gets things in shape for the day.

She finds waiting a "transient" who declares that fully a dozen men and women have refused to give him a "hand out" asking him to come to the office for work.

After a careful explanation as to the plan to give him work for his meals he graciously accepts the chance to work and is given on order on a restaurant for his dinner.

The assistant explained there was little opportunity for non resident men to secure permanent work in town and should he not secure employment that he should return and work for his meals rather than beg for them.

The assistant then hastened to one of the first tasks of the day. She carefully went over her personal calendar made out the regular relief orders for that particular day.

Some she mailed to old persons too feeble to come to the office and entered all in the proper account book. Then she checked over the temporary scratch pads of the previous day transferring to permanent registration cards all new names and addresses.

The secretary opened her desk with the work of the previous day to be put in permanent form, letters to write, others to answer and the follow up work to map out for immediate attention. The phone rings almost before she is seated.

Husband Leaves Family. A landlady has a family problem on her hands which she wants the association to help her solve. In one of her houses lives a traveling man and his family. The man is inclined to be away at times longer than he is supposed to be.

The wife knows the true condition of affairs but she also knows that if her husband should discover that she was asking for help he would be angry. She is just a little afraid to go very far. But today matters have progressed rapidly. The little woman is sick and the husband has been gone two or three days longer than the groceries and coal hold out.

The wife had let without anything to children are left without anything to eat and little coal. The landlady has given them their breakfast. The secretary goes out to visit the family. She finds that the people are strangers in the city and really have no legal residence. To tide them over the present crisis the emergency grocery order fund is drawn upon and coal consignment of the same class is sent to them.

This begins the drawing out of a tedious process which the secretary is finally able to locate their relatives one of whom comes to care for them during sickness.

Thankful For Visits. The door opens to admit a frail, little mite of a woman. She comes in to show her appreciation for the friendly visitor which had been sent her several weeks previous when she had been overcome with illness to help, had become a friend to the woman, had often visited, conferred and advised with her about her family and household management.

The woman has four small, frail children and the father is detained in a state institution. He takes away the family's only means of support. They are cared for through the county's relief department.

Old Man Wanders. The telephone rings again and a message comes over the wire from a village of the county. They have what is known in the charity office as the non-resident problem.

An old man nearly 80 years of age, who lives in Minnesota wanted to go back to a Kansas town where he had formerly been in an institution for old soldiers. When he reached there he found that he had lost his legal residence and could not be admitted. So he started back to the little Iowa village where lived a brother. There he became sick and the brother was unable to care for him.

The secretary sent a telegram to the town in Minnesota, an answer came that day that his relatives would gladly care for him and to send him on immediately. He was put on the train for Ottumwa. When he arrived here the secretary met him, saw to getting him transferred and started him back to the home. Later a card came from him that he had arrived safely.

Also the secretary was reimbursed for all the expenses incurred, amounting to \$24.00.

Girl Makes Report. Soon after a girl, who had been paroled to the secretary over a year ago in juvenile court, came in to report. She had been placed through the cooperation of the Traveler's Aid, in a private home and had practically become one of the family. The girl was fairly bubbling over with gratitude to everyone who had done so much to protect and direct her into the right way of living.

Man Fails to Appear. The ring of the telephone interrupted the girl's outburst of enthusiasm. The superintendent of labor, in one of the city's industries, was calling to say that a man, who had been sent to his place an hour before by the secretary, had failed to appear. When he left the office he seemed pleased that he had been given an opportunity to work. Later efforts to keep him at work were only partially successful, in spite of his family of three little children.

Relatives Reunited. A brief lull during the morning and the secretary utilizes it to write a letter to the Denver charity organization society. Each state has its forwarding center, which is responsible for the correspondence of the entire state, and Denver is the exchange station for Colorado.

The Ottumwa client is a clerk, convalescing from a surgical treatment and trying to support herself and her eight year old girl. She is a permanently deserted woman, her husband long since leaving the family. Two brothers and a sister are supposed to be in Colorado. There has been misunderstanding and separation and it is to find out about them that the letter is written. In the message the secretary asks that the charity organization society interview the relatives asking them to send directly to the clerk or to the secretary for her use, the amount of \$40 a month for five months.

As a result of this letter the brothers and sister in the west were located and immediately sent the money to their sister. More than that they re-established those family relationships which count in many cases for far more than all the money which could be given.

Arrange Hospital Care. One task for immediate attention was to provide care in a maternity hospital for an unmarried mother. The law had failed to bring her any help or justice. A long distance call from the office to the charity organization society in Des Moines was given, asking them to arrange with a hospital approved by them, for all details. Later they phoned all arrangements were completed and patient could be admitted at once. Also, that when patient is ready to leave the hospital, the matron will assist in securing employment to be borne partly by the board of control and the remainder from the Associated Charities' fund.

Can't Get Insurance. No sooner has the receiver on the Des Moines call been replaced than the phone rings. A woman says that her husband has not received his workmen's compensation, which is entitled, and the grocer has cut off credit.

The secretary phoned the superintendent of the plant where the husband was employed and found that the matter had been properly reported and would be adjusted in a few days. The secretary then phoned the grocer and found that he had refused further credit to the family on account of the large bill.

Later she visited the family and arranged with the man of the house to establish credit for groceries for one week, he agreeing to pay the same as soon as he received his back compensation. This enabled him to remain independent of relief.

Request From New York. With the coming of the second mail was a letter from the New York society asking the local office to help locate the brother of a woman under their care. The brother was supposed to live here and the sister had not heard from him for many years. With the aid of the directory the man was found to be living in this city. He had not heard from his sister for fifteen years. Only a few weeks before he had received a letter from a son of the woman, who was in Washington and who had not heard from his mother for several years. The man in the west was trying to establish a relationship with the uncle here and was at the same time attempting to locate his mother. As a result the family was reunited.

Funny Things Happen. Everything which comes up during a day at the Associated Charities office is not an insight to the bitter side of life and the heart aches which humanity endures. There is a humor there and the secretary, her assistant and visitors are apt to laugh.

A widow came in for her regular pension order. She took her order, talked a little about the weather, how much the pension helped her and other things. But it was plainly seen that she was a bit nervous and seemed a trifle downhearted. As she turned to go out she said: "Well, I guess this is the last order I'll need." The secretary asked her how it happened. She did not answer but sighed and turned to go. She seemed so downcast and looked so teary that the secretary was on the point of running after her but the group awaiting attention at that time prevented it.

All the rest of the day the secretary and her assistant were worried. Maybe she was discouraged, maybe some of the children were sick unto death, they were sure that the secretary would not answer but sighed and turned to go. She seemed so downcast and looked so teary that the secretary was on the point of running after her but the group awaiting attention at that time prevented it.

BULLET-RIDDLED CAR CARRYING DISPATCH BEARERS ON SOMME FRONT DRIVEN TO SAFETY BY INJURED DRIVER



This bullet-riddled French army auto is proof that the age of miracles is not passed. The car carried three "officers de liaison," dispatch bearers, across a dangerous zone of the Somme fighting front. German bullets pierced it through and through, ripping the tires to pieces. The officers reached their destination uninjured, thanks to the wonderful courage and coolness of the French chauffeur, who stuck to his driving wheel though severely wounded in the right arm and the left hand.

ODEM FILES HIS THIRD AMENDMENT

Later-The pension was allowed to the full extent of the law, and medical care in addition, but this would not keep them and pay the rent, too, so the secretary secured the cooperation of the relatives who agreed to assume the responsibility of the rent every month.

Phones Principal. The secretary phoned to the principal of one of the grade schools in the city to ask her cooperation in providing clothing for three of the buildings' pupils. The family was supported in part through the county relief department while the father was serving a sentence in the county jail for bootlegging. The school principal took up the matter with the result that she provided everything for the youngsters except shoes and the secretary purchased these.

Boy Doing Nicely. On the third mail of the day came a letter from the state industrial school, reporting that a certain boy in whose family the Charities office is greatly interested, had improved greatly and that he had been put out on parole. The letter told of the great strides the boy was making toward being something in spite of the fact that he was a degenerate and mentally defective.

Want to Give Help. Soon after we had read the letter, a Sunday school teacher came in. She had a class of lively youngsters, girls anxious to help others, and they wanted to do something along the charities office line of endeavor. It was finally decided that they should have the partial family care of a small group.

The teacher was followed closely by the school nurse, on her way home from her day's duties at the various buildings. She just dropped in the office to ask what could be done for a tubercular child, ten years old, who was in such condition that it was absolutely necessary that he be taken out of school at once as a protection to others. The parents refused to think of the state sanatorium.

Mother is Thankful. When the day's work seemed to be drawing to a close we were startled by a widowed mother rushing in from her day's work to tell us that she had just been to visit two of her children who are in the state school at Glenwood. She wanted to thank the secretary for urging her to send the children there, for she is sure they are getting care there that she is unable to give them and they are being protected from evil influences which they are unable to resist at home.

Don't Want to Work. Our last callers that day were a man, his wife and two children. They were of the professional beggar type. They had been seen even to the uninitiated. They were transients and they wanted transportation to the next county. They were victims of that bugbear in the life of a charity worker, the passing system. Somebody had passed them on all the way from a point in South Dakota to Ottumwa.

The man and woman were both healthy looking, able bodied persons. The secretary offered them work, but that was the straw that broke the camel's back. No indeed, they did not have to work and what was more they would not work. They left in quick time, highly insulted because honest labor had been offered them. Later they were ordered out of town by the police officers. Correspondence with the town in South Dakota from which they claimed to have started proved that they were professional tourists for eight years.

Many Phone Calls. So went our last callers for that day. There were dozens of phone calls and much clerical work done during the day in addition to the high spots which have been picked out as a representative day in the Wapello County Associated Charities office.

NEEDS 80,000 BUSHELS POTATOES. Des Moines, Sept. 15.-The state board of control, owing to shortage in the potato crop at state institutions, will have to buy 80,000 bushels of potatoes for the 10,000 state wards during the coming winter. As the price is higher, the board will be hit hard. With flour at \$2 a barrel higher than last year, the board must purchase 12,000 barrels for the institutions.

DAY WINS SUIT ON BURTON BOARD BILL

After being out four hours and fifteen minutes a district court jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the case of John A. Day vs. S. A. Burton at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Day was suing Burton for a combined board, room and laundry bill amounting to about \$200. The jury gave him \$7.73. Burton then filed a motion to apportion the costs of the action.

AMES CAMPUS IS BEING IMPROVED

Ames, Sept. 15.-Improvements on the campus of the Iowa state college and in the immediate vicinity of the college property, aggregating nearly one-half million dollars, have been under way during the summer and many of the projects have been practically completed. In addition to the buildings erected for education purposes, many residences, fraternities and sorority houses have been built.

FOURTH VICTIM DIES

Charles City, Sept. 15.-Mrs. Lester Conrad died in the hospital here, the fourth victim of the recent explosion of an oil tank belonging to the Standard Oil company. Mrs. Conrad was sitting on the front porch of her home when the explosion occurred and was severely burned.

UNLOADING FISH

Rockwell City, Sept. 15.-Another car containing thousands of fish was brought to Rockwell City and the fish placed in Twin lakes. The big consignment consisted of good sized pickarel and cripplies and some bass.

JOINT REUNION SEPT. 20

Centerville, Sept. 15.-A joint reunion of the third Iowa cavalry and the Appanoose County Veterans' association will be held here Wednesday and Thursday, September 20 and 21. On the program the first afternoon will be Congressman H. M. Towner, with Senator J. M. Wilson speaking at night. On the second afternoon Elsworth Rominger will speak and at night Rev. C. H. Morton.

STEALS FROM MONKS

Dubuque, Sept. 15.-John McCleary, who stole a horse from the Trappist monks' farm, New Mellary monastery, twelve miles southwest of Dubuque, a couple of weeks ago and entered a plea of guilty, was sentenced to the state reformatory at Anamosa for a term of five years.

COULD NOT FIND LOVE

Des Moines, Sept. 15.-Mollie Ora Fairchild, 23 years old, a telephone operator, is lying dead in a local undertaking parlor, a suicide by gas because she failed in her search for love.

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GIVE US A TRIAL

THREE MORE DIVORCES. Three more divorce cases were filed in the district court today for trial during the October term. They are entitled Eva French vs. Ralph French, Charles W. Eaves vs. Annie Eaves and Susie T. Pearson vs. Frank Pearson.