

NEW CLUB LAUNCHED AT FATHER FLANAGAN'S HOME

One of the most unique clubs in the United States, with Spencer Tracy, American ranking movie star, holding charter membership card No. 1, was launched today at Father Flanagan's Boys' Home at Boys Town Nebraska.

The name of this new organization is the Boys Town Bread Club and its sole purpose will be to feed and maintain the homeless boys at Boys Town.

Membership in this club is based on a membership fee of \$5, which represents one day's supply of bread for the 20 homeless boys at Boys Town.

Spencer Tracy received his No. 1 charter membership card when he peeled off a bright new \$5 bill. Actor Tracy is at Boys Town, playing the lead, the role

of Father Flangan, in a M. G. M. production based on the history and activities of this nation-wide boy-saving institution, now being filmed partially at Boys Town.

Besides Spencer Tracy, Mickey Rooney, Norman Taurag, director, and a cast and working crew of sixty-five other from Hollywood are at Boys Town in connection with the filming of the Boys Town picture.

Following Tracy's lead, Mickey Rooney and Director Taurag became charter members of the Boys Town Bread Club: Through the Boys Town Bread Club memberships Father Flanagan plans to obtain at least partial maintenance expense for his ever increasing population at Boys Town.

Dept. of State Assistance and Child Welfare Examinations

The Examining Board for the merit examinations in the Department of State Assistance and Child Welfare has announced plans for the forthcoming examinations. The Examining Board was appointed jointly by the State Association of County Commissioners, Supervisors, County Clerks, Road Supervisor, Registers of Deeds, and the State Board of Control and is composed of Dr. Hattie Plum Williams, Judge Fred A. Wright, and Mr. Thomas J. Dredia. Dr. Williams was elected Chairman of the Board. The Examining Board's chief responsibility will be the administration of the merit system as proposed and accepted by the Board of Control and the committee appointed by the State Association of County Commissioners, Supervisors, County Clerks, Road Supervisor, Registers of Deeds.

Written examinations will be held in the following cities in the State on August 29 and 30: Pawnee City, Lincoln, Omaha, Grand Island, Broken Bow, North Platte, McCook, Scottsbluff, Chadron, Anisworth, and Norfolk. Examinations will be held for the following positions in the County Assistance offices: County Assistance Director, Case Work Supervisor, Senior Supervisor, Case Worker, Senior Visitor, and Junior Visitor. Many of the County Assistance offices in Nebraska, however, have only one or two of the position enumerated, and in a small number of counties, only a part-time worker is needed. Examinations will be held for the following positions in the State office: Certification reviewer, Field Reviewer, Field Representative, Field Auditor, Junior Accounting Clerk, Senior Accounting Clerk, Supervisor of the Division of Research and Statistics, Statistician, Senior Statistical Clerk and Junior Statistics Clerk.

Examination will relate to matters which will fairly well test the capacity and fitness of the applicants to discharge the duties of the positions for which they apply. Examinations will be open to all who meet the educational and experience set up in the specifications.

After the written examinations have been graded, those persons passing the tests will be notified and will be given oral examinations at dates to be set later. When the oral examinations are completed, registers or lists will be made of those who pass the examinations. These lists will be kept in the Personnel Office of the Department of State Assistance and Child Welfare under the direction of the Examining

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Board and will be available to any county upon written request. These lists will be available shortly after Nov. 1.

Members of County and State Assistance staffs whose positions are included in the merit system and who are doing satisfactory work will be eligible to take the examinations even though they do not meet the minimum qualifications, providing they were in the assistance program before July 1, 1938. It is not for the purpose of the Board of Control to eliminate present personnel in the county or state programs but to make possible the selection of persons who will be eligible to fill vacancies and to provide for promotions in the program as they occur from time to time. The merit system makes qualified personnel available for the County Assistance Committees and the Department of State Assistance and Child Welfare.

Official application blanks and specific announcement of the duties and requirements for the various positions for admission to the examinations may be secured by writing to the Examining Board Department of State Assistance and Child Welfare, Room 1014, State Capitol Lincoln, Nebraska. All requests for application blanks should be sent to this address as all applications must be submitted on the official form. The closing date for filing all applications is July 30, 1938.

WHAT Dr. Bellemore THINKS

Federal "pump-priming" is responsible for the present upward spurts on the stock market, but the country is no more out of the recession than it was several months ago, according to Dr. Douglas Bellemore, visiting professor at the University of Omaha.

An associated professor of economics and accounting at the University of Toledo, Dr. Bellemore is a recognized authority on problems of money and banking.

Dr. Bellemore points out that business indexes are not up enough to justify the market upturn but the government spending has stimulated "betting" on the future markets.

He believes that the country's unemployment problem lies in the durable goods industries, and that "pump priming" is not enough to lift them out of the slump.

"Durable goods" is the economists' term meaning heavy machinery, buildings, and like commodities. Dr. Bellemore thinks that whatever unemployment may exist in industries that produce for direct consumption comes from lack of purchasing power in the durable goods industries.

Government could help more by encouraging business than by its spending program, says the visiting professor.

For example, the public utility industries would spend a billion

dollars a year if they weren't afraid of government competition or of being eliminated altogether. The administration should encourage the utilities by ceasing its competition with "Little TVA" and by revamping the Public Utility Act of 1935 so that it would be regularity rather than punitive.

Secondly, the Toledo economist declares that the government should break up the high monopoly prices in the building materials industry. This would give impetus to construction, especially of small homes. Great Britain was helped out of economic difficulties by a boom in her construction industries, he says.

Primarily the problem of cheaper construction would be solved by having the industry on a large scale, mass production basis. Small builders, he avers, can't invest in labor-saving equipment. But this is essentially a problem for the industry itself to solve.

The visiting economist' third suggestion is that government finances be put on a sound basis "by reducing the deficit, by curtailing the spending program so that it will include only essential expenditures for relief, by improving the tax structure so that it does not discourage the accumulation of capital, and above all by balancing the budget."

Returns from BYPU & SS. Congress

Mr. Wm. Cooper of 2624 Blondo St. having just returned from the Annual Session of the National SS and BYPU Congress which was held June 21-26 at the Tuskegee Institute Ala, reports a very pleasant trip, making the trip by motor stopping enroute at Nashville Tenn, visiting the \$1000,000 publishing House controlled and operated by Negroes. On our arrival at Tuskegee, we were more than pleased to find it not the biggest and best one of the most outstanding institutions of its kind in the world, with its most artistic and well laid campus enshrouded with trees, shubbery and upward of 15 beautiful brick buildings maintaining its own postoffice and Bank and with one of the most flourishing Negro districts, just outside the campus and may beautiful Homes. The many opportunities afforded by this great school makes a very promising outlook and a bright future for the Race and all of this topped off by the U. S. Govt. vete-

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