

### Father Loses Fortune; Wilmette Welfare Aids Family in Dire Need

From an annual income of approximately \$75,000 only five years ago to poverty, seems unbelievable, but it has happened right here in Wilmette.

Five years ago, Mr. A. was an executive of one of the largest financial organizations in Chicago, lived in a beautiful 12-room home on the north shore, owned large oil interests in the southwest, was a large investor in Insull stocks, and was on the boards of several large corporations. The family was prominent in social circles; the children enrolled in exclusive boarding schools. And then came the crash.

#### Fortune Disappears

Slowly but with deadly certainty the fortune disappeared. Mr. A. lost his position, due to general conditions; his investments were washed up; he mortgaged everything he owned in an endeavor to stave off the inevitable, but without success. Only last year he lost his home, and every one of his large holdings, through foreclosures. 1935 found him penniless.

The family moved into a very modest cottage on the outskirts of the village, only to be evicted three months later because of inability to pay the small rent. Along with the loss of wealth and social position went the loss of pride, ambition and courage. Mr. A. became ill, wrecked in body, mind and soul.

#### Wife Seeks Aid

In desperation the wife, the mother of two fine children, appealed to the Wilmette Welfare board. Food was supplied, an oil stove on which to cook, candles for lighting and a place to live. But even of greater value was the human touch of the welfare worker, who stirred up new ambitions, new hopes in the lives of this couple. Contacts were made and introductions given to men of business, which led to securing a more comfortable place in which to live, and developed a new position for Mr. A., who, within 60 days, earned enough in commissions to provide the modest family budget for the entire year. Today the family has taken a new lease on life.

The Wilmette Welfare board is one of the nine agencies of the Community Chest. The story told is only one of the 153 families in Wilmette that look to the Welfare board for life. It is hard to believe that Wilmette will turn a deaf ear to such desperate need. The committee which listened to the story of human need and how it was met by the Welfare board, determined that Wilmette would complete the job of providing for the Chest for 1936.

### George E. West Will Address Townsend Club

The Townsend Club No. 1 of Wilmette will hold its regular weekly meeting in the Village hall Friday evening, December 13, at 8 o'clock. The speaker will be George E. West of Wilmette, a certified public accountant, who knows the plan thoroughly and will give a lucid explanation. The club membership now totals 650. Each meeting adds approximately thirty-five to the roster.

An innovation is a Townsend Plan broadcast, which will be heard over station WCFL each Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Speakers of national reputation will be included on these programs, it is stated.

The local club has established an information bureau at Taylor's dry goods store, 1125 Central avenue. Townsend periodicals may be secured at Irving's battery service, 440 Prairie avenue.

### Funeral Services Held for Chester A. Bland

Funeral services were held last Thursday afternoon at the Memorial Park cemetery chapel for Chester A. Bland, 2010 Kenilworth avenue, Wilmette, who died suddenly at Elgin on Tuesday, December 3. Mr. Bland, who was 51 years old, was a partner in the Associated Millinery Stores, Inc., 308 N. Michigan avenue, Chicago. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna Wilson Bland, and by three children, Doris, Chester W. and Barbara Jean. The son, Chester, attends New Trier High school. He is a golf star and also is on the varsity basketball squad.

### Heart Attack Fatal to James Walker Dec. 5

James Walker, father of Mrs. D. S. Campbell, 523 Essex road, Kenil-

worth, died suddenly of a heart attack last Thursday at the Woodlawn hospital in Chicago. Mr. Walker, associated for many years with Swift and company and superintendent of the cattle killing department at the time of his retirement ten years ago, was 67 years old. He had visited on the north shore occasionally and had many friends here.

Besides the daughter in Kenilworth, Mr. Walker is survived by three other daughters, Mrs. A. C. Cronkrite of Chicago, Mrs. E. C. Wolford of Gencoe and Mrs. W. B. Horton of Chicago, and by two sons, George and James Walker, both of Chicago.

The funeral services were held last Saturday afternoon at Mr. Walker's late residence, 6021 Drexel avenue, Chicago, with burial at Lyonsville cemetery, Western Springs.

### VISITORS FROM TOLEDO

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Main, 1040 Forest avenue, had as their recent guests, Mrs. Main's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Weink of Toledo.

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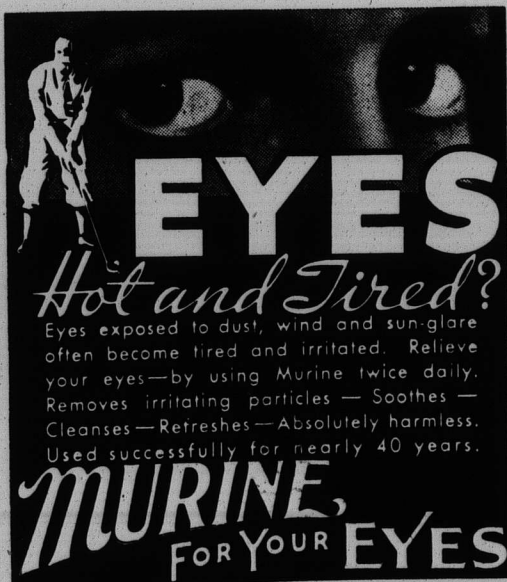
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