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In this era of social service workers and social service programs, the field report is a standard implement of that type of endeavor. Until recently we had always viewed these reports as sad but dusty commentaries on life on the other side of the tracks. Recently some unnamed hero had the courage to go through some of them. After reading about life as reflected in these case histories, your editors have decided to move their place of abode. These people must have fun, at least if we can believe the social service workers who have reported as follows:

"Woman and house neat but bare."

"Man has ulster on his stomach."

"Woman has no job to be mentioned."

"Woman is saving up for an illness."

"Couple breaking up home, friends helping."

"Milk needed for the baby and father is unable to supply it."

"Until a year ago this applicant delivered ice and was a man of affairs."

"Couple have been completely stripped. Now are barely able to get along."

"These people are extremely cultured. Something should be done about their condition."

"Man has diabetes and is insulated twice a day."

"Couple's only source of income is four boarders all out of work. They owe \$600."

"Man is aggressive—has nine children."

"Applicant's wife is making little garments through the kindness of a neighbor."

"Applicant took job as janitor in home for the working girls—lasted 3 weeks."

"Nice quiet home family. Dorothy has been out since July."

"Applicant and wife are illegally separated."

"Roomer pays no board as he usually acts as godfather."

"These people have religious pictures all over the place, but seem clean, however."

"Man recently had operation but is able to hold any position he assumes."

"Sophie is married to a sailor and her whereabouts are unknown."

"Woman is ailing at présent—eyesight poor—does housework when able to find it."

"Apartment crowded and untidy. Saw evidence of girl in clothing. Woman says they are a delicate family and must have steamed apartment with eggs and oranges."

"Applicant has one child, Lillian, who is three months old and owes twelve months rent."

"Spoke to the wife and applicant who were straining to make ends meet."

"Saw woman. She has seven children. Husband is a veteran."

"Applicant is typical real American. He is the father of 8 children."

"Woman still owes \$45.00 for a funeral she had recently."

"Man hit by automobile—speaks broken English."

"This woman is ill. She is being treated. The gas has been turned off."

"This family seems to be just sitting around waiting for grandmother to get old enough for pension."

"Woman says husband has illness that sounds like arithmetic. I think she means Arthiritis."

"Applicant says he is an Eagle. He and his wife have been living on a brother Eagle for the past two months. Last week wife fell and sprained a leg. Woman says no matter how she looks at it she has nothing."

"Family's saving all used up—relatives have helped."

"Applicant's wife is a lady and hardly knows what it is all about."

"Woman taught bridge and suffered a broken leg."

"Applicant and family got \$14.00 from neighbors for moving from former address. Saw mother and child—evidence of father."

"Good type American family—appear refined, but intelligent."

"Woman is willing to struggle if given an opportunity."

"Woman badly bruised—furniture man took bed springs."

How They Answer the Phone

Hugh McLean: "McLean speaking."

William Benton: "This is Bill Benton."

Benjamin C. Hilliard: "Ben talking."

Albert E. Sherlock: "Yeah."

Floyd Walpole: (In very slow and measured tones) "This is Mr. Walpole."

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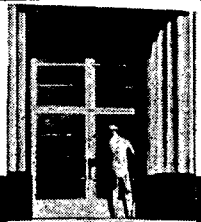
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