

Ten (10) additional safety zones were established, of which seven (7) were of the electric beacon and three of the acetylene beacon type.

The Department continued its activities for relief of the needy and unemployed and a statement of the various operations in connection with the distribution of food, clothing and the housing of such persons, is respectfully submitted for your consideration. From the tables, you will note that 8,094 families,—involving 33,847 persons,—received assistance and in the majority of cases relief was given two or three times each week when required.

18,095 lodgers were housed and 144,617 meals were furnished at station-houses. 25,278 articles of clothing and various other items of merchandise were distributed.

On March 1st, the associated charities offered to assume responsibility for the relief of any person who thereafter might apply to this Department for aid, and the proposition was accepted. Subsequently, they requested permission to take over all cases under our supervision, and consent was given. From that time, cases were absorbed weekly until our records were closed as of June 30th.

Our program for rendering emergency relief has continued, however, when, as a result of investigation by District Commanders, it is found necessary to supply food, fuel and other necessities of life to those, who through circumstances beyond their control, are unable to help themselves. In accordance with agreement, these cases are then referred to the associated charities, but if considered necessary, the Department continues to render whatever assistance may be required.

Between July 1st and December 31st, 19,000 homeless men were housed and 57,398 meals furnished at the various station-houses.

On March 27th, 1931, the A. S. Abell Company sponsored a "Self-Denial" Day campaign, which resulted in the receipt of \$105,517.57 which was delivered through this Department to the Citizens' Emergency Relief Committee. Of the total amount collected, \$34,132.17 was credited to the Unemployment Fund of the Police Department, but retained by the Citizens' Emergency Relief Committee, under an agreement whereby we would continue activities and requi-