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Relief Rated Biggest Business Of The Nation

Expect 20 Millions On Rolls Midwinter

Five States Account For 40 Percent Of Total

Today, in the words of the United States News, "the biggest business in America is the administration of relief to the needy. More people are living on the funds they obtain from the Government — Federal, State and local—than live on the revenue from professional service, from transportation, or from clerical occupation."

Most accurate figures place the number of persons now on relief rolls at 17,000,000. Best estimates say that this number will rise to 20,000,000 and perhaps more during the winter. Two millions of those on relief give work in exchange for the money they get—the balance, many of whom receive rent, clothing and grocery orders instead of cash, do not work. They are simply "on the dole," whether that term is used officially or not.

The number of persons receiving relief, in comparison to the total population, is staggering. Conditions are worse, of course, in the great, heavily-populated industrial sections—New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio and Illinois. These five States account for nearly 40 per cent of all who receive relief. In Illinois, 14 per cent of the total population is on the relief rolls; in New York, 16 per cent; in Ohio 14 per cent; in Michigan, 12 per cent. Highest percentage is reached in Mexico, where 27 per cent of all the people are given aid—but, by number, they naturally total much less than do the needy in a representative industrial state.

These figures may give the impression that unemployment is more severe now that at any time during depression. It is not — the worst employment month was March, 1933, when 13,000,000 men who would normally be employed were out of work. There are no relief figures for that period as, at the time, there was no organized governmental relief. Since then, three or four million men have gone back to work — the nine or ten million who are still out account for the 17,000,000 persons receiving relief.

Government — national and local —is frankly stumped for a solution. It has spent billions—and the problem has barely been touched. Present efforts are designed to keep suffers from dire want until jobs can be found for them—they are in no sense a solution of our most crucial and most difficult problem. The Federal government is carrying the bulk of the burden—State and municipal aid has been inadequate for the most part.

Many believe that government will be forced into adopting a definite pension system for those who are unemployed through no fault of their own, and for those who have out-lived their usefulness as workers. But the gigantic cost involved stands in the way of this—untold billions would be necessary if these people are to be given even a subsistence allowance. And in the meantime we face a bleak winter so far as the needy are concerned—and what the story of next year will be no one kn

RED CROSS ROLL CALL PLANNED

Campaign To Open On Armistice Day

The Executive Board of Kent County chapter of the American Red Cross is making plans for the annual Roll Call membership campaign which opens on Armistice Day, Sunday, November 11th, according to a statement by Mrs. James G. Beck, Acting Chairman of the chapter in Mr. Howard Turner's illness. The quota assigned this chapter is 600 members, and the Board hopes the goal will be reached during the campaign, November 11-29.

A study has been made by the Executive committee of the unmetneeds of Kent county, and on November 30th, immediately following the roll call representatives of the twelve branches of the chapter, will meet with the returns of roll call before them, to budget the money raised and plan a definite program that the money the county gives may be returned to them in the very best service possible, with a limited amount of money.

Your membership is urged—have a dollar ready when the solicitor comes to your door, or better still, read in the paper who is appointed as Chairman for your community, and take it to her. It is the intention that every one in the county shall be given the privilege of joining this year, and having a part in this program for the coming qear.

Chapter Officers—Mr. Howard Turner, Chairman; Mrs. James G. Beck, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Frank Smith, Secretary; Mr. Allan A. Harris, Treasurer.

Auxiliary Chairman—Mrs. Merritt Brice, Millington, Md.; Mr. E. Thos. Massey, Massey, Md.; Mrs. George Jones, Galena, Md.; Mrs. Robt. Young, Kennedyville, Md.; Mrs. Wm. Medders, Still Pond, Md.; Mrs. T. Bayard Crew, Betterton, Md.; Miss Bessie Hepburn, Lynch, Md.; Mr. Barney Cooper, Worton, Md.; Miss Cornelia Davis, Chestertown, Md.; Mrs. Frank Smith, Fairlee, Md.; Miss Amelia C. Brooks, Quaker Neck, Md.; Mrs. Annie T. Durding, Rock Hall.

LOCAL MEN GET AWARDS

Two employees of the Chestertown office of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore, serving Maryland have just been awarded emblems in recognition of their long terms of service, according to M. E. Johnson, commercial superintendent.

R. O. Wright, manager of the Chestertown office was awarded a ruby emblem for twenty-five years' service and G. A. Doran was awarded a one-star emblem for five years' service.

These are among the 196 employees of the company throughout the State whose combined service totals 1,805 years who were awarded emblems at this time, according to Mr. Johnson.

Observe thyself as thy greatest enemy would do, so shalt thou be thy greatest friend.—Jeremy Taylor.

Kent Wins 2nd Prize In Shore Oratoricals

Mrs. Evelyn Harris, Betterton, Is Runner-Up In Farm Bureau Contest At Contest

Citing gains in the farmer's income under the New Deal, Mrs. W. W. Rambo, of Sudlersville, Monday won the Eastern Shore speaking contest of the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation. She won the right to speak in the State contest at College Park next Monday.

Second place went to Mrs. Evelyn Harris, of Betterton. Mrs. Harris is author of a book,"The Barter Lady," which is now in its second edition.

The subject for the contest was "The Farm Woman and the New Deal." Mrs. Rambo, explaining the relationship between the city and the rural sections so far as prosperity goes, said figures show that the farmer's share of the national income now was 9.3 per cent. and that it has been as low as 8 per cent.

Mrs. Harris contended that there was something wrong with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and said that city people did not understand rural problems.

Other speakers in the contest were: Mrs. Raymond Mueller, of Easton, and Mrs. Tatiana Sonderegger, of Marydale. Mrs. Vernon Hughes, of Salisbury, and Mrs. Marguerite Hubbard, of Hurlock, were scheduled to speak but did not appear.

Mrs. Harry T. Williams, of Worton, State home and community chairman of the State Farm Bureau Federation, presided and judges were E. I. Oswald, of College Park, and Mrs. Randall Forelein and Mrs. Hester Beall Provinsen. Short talks were made by C. T. Wise, Baltimore, secretary of the Marvland Farm Bureau Federation; Mrs. Williams and Harry H. Nuttle, Denton, vice-president of the federation.

Visitors in Denton for the contest were entertained at dinner by members of the Caroline County Federation.

Mrs. Beulah Price, of Phoenix,and Mrs. Harry Davis, of Monrovia, will represent Western Maryland at the State contest next Monday. The State winner will be awarded a trip to the fourth national contest at Nashville, Tenn., December 10 to 12. It will be the first national contest in which Maryland has been represented.

ESSAY ON ICE

BY MRS. HARRY GOODMAN

I will start my essay in this way:—I live near the water, and my husband works on the water for a living, and I was never fortunate enough to have an ice box until now. I have had the ice box for over six months, and I really could not do without it. They told me ice was expensive, but I find out the food I used to throw away would more than pay for the ice. I could never cook my Sunday dinner on Saturday, nor have iced tea or cold lemonade; and I never could make any ice cream like the rest of my neighbors. But since I have been using ice I can have or make all of these things. And when I have any left-overs, I can always find something for the next meal.

Ice is also used in sickness. Ice bound to the throat is excellent for a sore throat; Ice bound to the head (put in a bag, if you do not have an ice cap)—will stop a bad headache. And, pray tell me, what would the Hospital do without ice? There are many ways they have of using it. If the patient is very ill, he may be able to eat only crushed ice, or crushed ice may be given in a glass of milk. Ice bags are used in the treatment of appendicitis, and also to help reduce fever. Ice is used when tonsils are removed, by putting an ice bag to the throat to prevent hemorages. Ice is also used to revive people when they faint.

And what would become of the people in Chestertown and in the cities if they had to drink that old warm hydrant water, if they could not get ice to put in it. Large quantities of ice are used in all the big meat packing establishments, and in all stores which handle fresh meats, chickens, etc. Florists also keep their flowers in large rooms cooled by ice, and when embalming fluid is not used, they use ice to keep the dead.

The great variety of foods which people can have the year around is made possible by the use of refrigerated cars, trucks, and steamships. Just think of the money it saves for truck growers. If they could not have ice, they would lose all of their vegetables before they could be shipped long distances to market. Now, people can set a better table than ever before. It used to be, not many years ago, that people could not be put in a diet, because they could not get the fresh vegetables they really had to have all the time, but now the doctors can put people on the right kind of diet for certain diseases, and they do not have to give so much medicine, for now all kinds of vegetables are kept fresh by the use of ice.

We are told that Mastodons, and other beasts, have been found frozen in Glaciers, and have kept in perfect condition for years and years. This proves that when food it kept clean and well iced it will not decay.

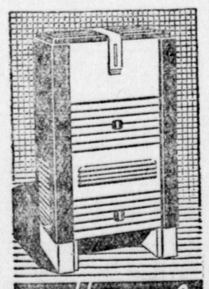
I live eight miles from Chestertown, and my home is blessed, as well as other farm homes, by the use of ICE supplied from the good old Ice Plant in Chestertown owned by Mr. Nicholson. I hope my letter, with its many little thoughts and uses, will help convince others that they, too, can afford to buy Ice.

I will remain as one of your Contest Members, Mrs. Harry Goodman, Chestertown, R. R. No. 3.

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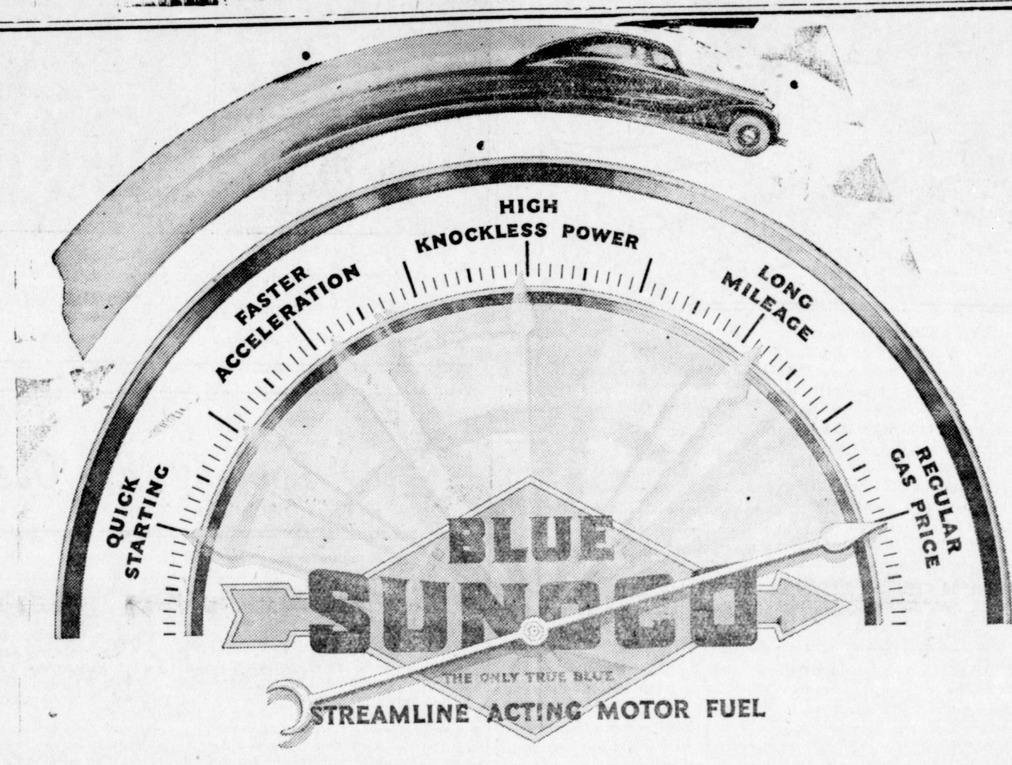


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