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January Floods Reveal Strength of Red Cross

Aid Given 1,062,000 Persons Through Set-Up by Agency

The elasticity and scope of Red Cross disaster work is shown in a recent report on Red Cross relief measures during the unparalleled Ohio-Mississippi Valley flood of this year.

At the height of the emergency Red Cross relief offices were established in 182 inundated counties and in 146 counties where refugees were cared for, the report stated. Eight regional headquarters offices controlled the 328 county offices, and were in turn supervised by the National Red Cross in Washington, D. C.

A statistical summary of persons aided by the organization indicates that the floods constituted the greatest peace-time emergency ever faced by the nation. The Red Cross gave some form of assistance to 1,062,000 men, women and children. From January to August hundreds of trained workers helped by thousands of volunteers administered to the sufferers.

A Red Cross rescue fleet of 5400 boats was organized, according to the report. Emergency hospitals established totaled 300 and 3600 nurses were assigned to flood duty. In more than 1,000 refugee centers the victims of the flood were sheltered, clothed and fed. Through the Red Cross medical-health program and the work of public health agencies sickness was kept to normal for the time of year in all inundated areas.

Because of its disaster experience the Red Cross was directed by the President of the United States, who is also president of the Red Cross, to coordinate the effort of all federal flood relief groups. Government and Red Cross officials met daily at the Red Cross headquarters building in Washington to plan relief measures and prevent duplication of effort.

"We were fortunate in having 56 years of disaster relief experience to call upon in meeting the emergency," Admiral Gary T. Grayson, chairman of the Red Cross, said.

It was found that 97,000 families composed of 436,000 persons had to have their resources supplemented or an entirely new start provided by the Red Cross, the report stated. Red Cross emergency and rehabilitation assistance was as follows: rescue, transportation and shelter for 62,000 families; food, clothing and other maintenance for 193,000 families; building and repair for 27,000 families; household goods for 90,000 families; medical, nursing and sanitation help for 15,000 families; agricultural rehabilitation for 10,000 families; other occupational aid for 3,000 families and other types of relief for 4,000 families.

"Credit for this largest peace-time relief operation in the history of the nation must go to the American people who contributed a Red Cross relief fund of more than $25,000,000," Admiral Grayson said.

During the year the Red Cross gave aid to the victims of 105 other disasters in 36 states, Alaska and the District of Columbia. The Red Cross financed the majority of these relief operations from money contributed through memberships during the annual Roll Call last November, since it is only in case of large scale disasters that a national drive for relief funds is made.

This year the Roll Call is from November 11th to the 25th. The Red Cross seeks a greater membership to meet its disaster relief and other service obligations during 1938.

Last year Red Cross Chapters gave vital help to 120,000 needy families.

Nero Played Pipe Organ

The Emperor Nero was fond of playing a pipe organ operated by water power. The hydraulic organ continued in use for many centuries after Nero's reign, bellows being introduced in the Middle ages.

Soy Beans Chief Food

For centuries the soy bean has been the chief food for countless millions of Orientals. Milk from it is the only milk Chinese babies have ever tasted.

Discriminating Zeal

Some things will not bear much zeal; and the more earnest we are about them, the less we recommend ourselves to the approbation of sober and considerate men.

Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris

Notre Dame cathedral in Paris was begun in 1163 and completed in 1304. The spires which were originally to have surmounted the twin towers were never added.

Patent Office Secrets

The Patent office has an iron-clad rule to give out no information whatever concerning any article on which a patent is pending.

Loftiest Mountain of Sicily

Older than Vesuvius, Mount Etna is the loftiest mountain of Sicily, covers nearly 500 square miles and is the greatest volcano of Europe.

Swims Backward Easily

The crawfish can breathe on land or in water about equally well, and can swim backward more swiftly than forward.

Pigmy Forests in Arctic Region

The Arctic is a region of pigmy forests. There are birch trees an inch high, full-grown willows which barely attain two inches.

First Cheese Factory in U. S.

The first cheese factory in the United States was opened at Rome, N. Y., in 1851.

Navigable River Mileage

There are 25,000 miles of navigable rivers in the United States.

Report Of Auditing Committee Of Kent County, Maryland

Chestertown, Maryland, November 17, 1937.

To The Honorable Board of County Commissioners,
Kent County, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

Complying with the Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, January, 1904, we submit herewith the Thirty-fourth annual report of the Auditors of Kent County, Maryland, for the year ending June 15, 1937.

We have examined all the records as provided by the Act and found them in good shape.

All bills and vouchers approved for payment have been carefully checked and compared with bank statements. There was received from all sources the sum of $406,663.15. The Treasurer paid out $357,832.43, leaving a balance on hand June 15, 1937, the sum of $48,830.72.

Your attention is called to the amount of uncollected taxes, still on the books of $44,223.77. Every effort should be made to reduce this sum during the current year.

There are outstanding two notes amounting to $24,000.00. These loans were made against uncollected taxes. Considerable payment was made during the year and if the unpaid taxes. Considerable payment was wipe out the debt entirely.

We desire to call your attention to the previous recommendations of the Auditing Committee, the necessary for which is just as apparent now as when made.

Following is given a summary of all receipts and disbursements for the year:

SUMMARY

Cash on hand June 16, 1936		$ 5,884.52
RECEIPTS		
Taxes collected	$208,284.85	
Interest on Taxes	4,206.14	
Interest on Deposits		
Alms House	4,541.49	
Dog License	1,324.84	
Loans	11,820.00	
Sale of Bands	88,655.92	
State of Maryland	64,016.74	
Miscellaneous items from Co. Commissioners	17,928.65	400,778.63
Total		$406,663.15
DISBURSEMENTS		
Alms House	$ 11,460.12	
Assessment	1,250.53	
Bonds and Coupons	114,555.00	
County Commissioners	21,500.16	
Education	82,240.95	
Election and Registration	9,424.41	
Extension Service	4,937.74	
Health	15,206.23	
Law and Order	26,430.53	
Miscellaneous	42,407.79	
Roads and Bridges	24,467.46	
Treasurer	3,906.24	
Coupons paid in error	25.00	357,812.16
Clerical Difference		20.27
Total Disbursements		$357,832.43
Balance on hand June 15, 1937		48,830.72
		$406,663.15

The Exhibits following show in detail the basis and explanation for each source of revenue and the total charges to each major account.

Respectfully submitted,
M. deK. SMITH, JR.,
J. RAYMOND SIMPERS,
ISABEL R. NEWNAM,
Auditing Committee.

EXHIBIT A.
STATEMENT OF THE LEVY FOR 1936-37

Alms House	$ 6,000.00
Assessment	1,000.00
Bond and Coupons	22,600.00
County Commissioners	13,900.00
Education	75,488.72
Election and Registration	3,000.00
Extension Service	3,300.00
Health	11,750.00
Law and order	14,850.00
Miscellaneous	43,770.60
Roads and Bridges	11,900.00
Treasurer	4,000.00
Certificates 1935-36	28,495.03
Total	$240,054.35

EXHIBIT B.
SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1936-37

	Assessment	Rate	Taxes
Real and Personal	$15,245,930.00	1.20	$182,951.16
Extra Real and Personal	163,415.00	1.20	1,960.98
Bank Shares and Trust Co.	160,522.00	1.00	1,605.22
Corporations	229,071.00	1.20	2,748.85
Corporations (Domestic)	253,453.00	1.20	3,041.44
Corporations (Special)	44,728.00	1.00	447.28
Motor Vehicles	541,522.00	1.20	6,498.26
Non-stock Corporations (Full Rate)	700.00	1.20	8.40
Non-stock Corporations (Security Rate)	124,066.00	.30	372.20
Securities	1,612,650.00	.30	4,837.95
Extra Securities	17,215.00	.30	51.64
Total	$18,393,272.00		$204,523.38
Since Audit June 15, 1936.			
Extra Real and Personal	1,070.00	1.20	12.84
Total	$18,394,342.00		$204,536.22

EXHIBIT C.
STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT PAID BY ORDERS ISSUED 1937-37

Alms House	$6,776.76
Attorney to County Commissioners, salary	300.00
Auditor's salary and supplies	494.80
Circuit Court	2,373.78
Court House	166.51
Court Hous eand Jail	2,643.28
County Commissioners, salary	1,500.00
Clerk to County Commissioners, salary	1,500.00
County Treasurer, salary	1,500.00
County Commissioners, office expenses	312.71
Contract Printing	999.99
Chestertown, Millington & Rock Hall Fire Companies	1,500.00
Deputy Trearsury, salary	1,000.00
Extension Service	3,300.00
Easton Emergency Hospital	300.00
Elections	7,194.37
Health Office	473.83
Hospitals	7,410.77
Jail Physician	150.00
Janitor, salary	400.00
Kent and Upper Queen Anne's Hospital	500.00
Kent County Board of Welfare, needy children	1,485.00
Kent County Board of Welfare, blind pensions	1,083.80
Kent County Roads	8,000.00
Miscellaneous	48,375.51
Orphans' Court	1,806.90
Old Age Pensions	5,000.00
Pensions	85.00
Publishing Auditor's Report	150.00
Supervisor of Assessments, salary	1,000.00
State Department of Health	3,279.96
State's Attorney, salary	1,200.00
Schools	75,488.72
Treasurer's Office	1,406.24
Incorporated Towns—Under Roads and Bridges	3,900.00
Balance notes payable at Kent County Savings Bank	9,210.00
Balance notes payable at First National Bank	6,630.00
Balance notes First National Bank, deficiency on Bonds	1,975.00
Total	$210,872.93

EXHIBIT D.
STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNTS PAID BY CERTIFICATES ISSUED 1935-36

Alms House	4,683.36
Assessments	250.53
Board of Prisoners	4,511.32
Circuit Court, Clerk's Office	710.50
Circuit Court, Witnesses October 1935	641.43
Circuit Court, Witnesses April 1936	450.76
Circuit Court	695.98
Election	2,333.05
Inquisitions	435.96
Incorpora ted Towns, Bond Shares	579.97
Magistrates and Constables	3,355.61
Miscellaneous	1,671.08
Orphans' Court	130.39
Sheriff's Fees	1,865.70
Supplies for Jail	1,461.65
Reformation and State Schools	2,240.13
Transportation of Prisoners	1,912.79
Tuberculosis Eradication	1,592.23
Taxes Paid In Error	13.00
Work on Jail	51.78
Total	$29,587.22

EXHIBIT F
STATEMENT OF ALMS HOUSE AND FARM SHOWING EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS FROM JUNE 16, 1936 TO JUNE 15, 1937

FARM RECEIPTS

Sale of Milk	$1258.02	
Sale of Calves	190.54	
Sale of Bull	70.00	
Sale of Lambs	42.00	
Rebate on Gasoline	106.32	
Bonus on Wheat	336.42	
Sale of Wheat, 700 bu. @ $1.00	700.00	
Sale of Tomatoes	832.88	
Sale of Cow	50.00	
Sale of Corn, 624.06 bu. @ $1.00	624.11	
Soil Conservation	265.08	
Sale of Wool	66.12	$4,541.49

FARM EXPENSES

Fertilizer and Seed	$311.25	
Gas and Oil	427.33	
Labor	637.08	
Implements, Repairs, etc.	533.48	
Mill Feed	214.62	
Insurance	26.63	
Tenants share of Milk	349.45	2,499.84
Net profit on Farm Operation		$2,041.65

ALMS HOUSE EXPENSES

Clothing, Merchandise, etc.	$ 655.17	
Coal and Freight	1169.39	
Coffins	9.00	
Drugs	76.14	
Groceries, Meat, etc.	1169.79	
Labor	266.00	
Lumber and Repairs	24.97	
Oil, Gasoline and Paint	21.50	
Salary of Trustees	120.00	
Salary of Secretary and Treasurer	200.00	
Salary of Superintendent	400.00	
Salary of Matron	300.00	
Salary of Physician	150.00	
Seed and Fertilizer	22.50	
Stoves, Hardware, etc.	25.75	
Telephone	38.05	$4,648.26
Total Expense for the Year of the Institution		2,606.61
Orders in Levy 1936-37	$6776.76	
Certificates to be provided for in Levy 1937-38	521.60	
Total		$7,298.36
Unpaid Bills in 1935-36 provided for in Levy of 1936-37		613.34
		$6,685.02
Warrants issued 1936-37 not presented for payment		463.08
		$7,148.10

EXHIBIT G
DOG LICENSE FUND

Cash Balance on hand June 15, 1936	$ 339.33	
Cash 10% Dividend on $8.40 in Bank, not available	.84	
Cash from sale of License from June 16, 1936 to June 15, 1937	1,324.00	$1,664.17
Total Disbursements for Loss of Stock Poultry, etc.	$1,537.24	
Less checks issued bfeore and paid after June 16, 1936		$1,537.24
Balance on hand by books June 15, 1937		$126.93
Checks outstanding June 15, 1937		15.25
Balance on hand June 15, 1937		$142.18
Statement as shown by Bank		
Cash in Bank, not available	$ 6.73	
Cash in Bank, available	142.18	
Total		$148.91

SUMMARY

	Taxes	Interest	Total
1930-31	$ 558.43	$ 209.08	$ 767.51
1931-32	783.79	263.69	1047.48
1932-33	1121.17	283.46	1404.63
1933-34	1118.62	242.65	1361.27
1934-35	2652.27	421.73	3074.00
1935-36	26966.90	1948.03	28914.93
1936-37	175083.67	837.50	175921.17
Total	$208284.85	$4206.14	$212490.99

EXHIBIT H
CASH ITEMS HANDED OVER TO THE TREASURER FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS YEAR 1936-37

Robert A. Shallcross, Clerk, Beer License	$ 44.84
Catherine Brown, Payment for redeeming property sold for Taxes	10.50
Lester Butler, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	31.95
Joseph A. Cuozzo, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	7.83
Thomas J. Dixon, Extra Telephone calls, Clerk's office	1.30
Dr. Frank W. Smith, Money advanced to Asbury Henry for burial of John Parks	20.00
J. D. McVean, One-half Telephone Rent and calls	2.12
Robert A. Shallcross, Clerk, 3 Beer Licenses	122.01
Ernest Butler, Payment for redeeming property sold for Taxes	20.00
Treasurer of Maryland, Franchise Tax on Business Corps.	20.50
Anna M. Myer, Board and Maintainance of Elena Wood at Cambridge State Hospital	62.50
Abe L. Jones, Payment for redeeming property sold for Taxes	10.25
Maggie Johnson, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	12.12
Dan Freeman, Credit on purchase price of property belonging to Arthur Rasin	5.00
Board of Education, from sale of 7 rural schools in Kent County	1,410.00
Catherine Brown, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	2.00
John N. Bennett, Sheriff, Reimbursement of Jerry Nichol's case	15.00
Ellis Clayton, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	13.97
Dan Martin, Payment for redeeming property sold for Taxes	7.68
Treasurer of Maryland, One-half expenditures for blind	137.50
Mrs. Charles W. Joiner, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	18.73
Catherine Butler, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	12.19
J. D. McVean, One-half Telephone Rent	1.38
Stephen R. Collins, Atty., Redeeming property sold for Taxes	37.96
Ethel P. Gibbs, Board and Maintainance of Eva P. Topping at Eastern Shore State Hospital	31.25
Joseph B. Davis, P. J. Fines	12.00
George E. Hicks, P. J. Fines	12.00
Dan Martin, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	6.00
Robert Moffett, J. P. Fines	10.00
H. T. Jewell, P. J. Fines	85.00
Abe L. Jones, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	5.00
William Doeman, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	9.83
James Brown, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	15.86
John Purnell, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	13.90
Treasurer of Maryland, Franchise Tax on Business Corps.	37.50
Martha Harkless, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	6.93
Treasurer of Maryland, One-half expenditures for blind	80.00
Philip G. Wilmer, Redeeming property sold for taxes	23.49
Robert A. Shallcross, Clerk, Beer License	36.50
J. D. McVean, One-half Telephone Rent	1.37
The Sun, Copying names of voters from Election Books	55.00
Treasurer of Maryland, Franchise Tax on Business Corps.	11.75
Samuel G. Elbert, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	8.50
Robert A. Shallcross, Clerk, Excess fees on Dockets	97.93
J. D. McVean, One-half Telephone Rent	1.75
Treasurer of Maryland, Kent County's share of State Fund "Aid to Needy"	3,398.69
Treasurer of Maryland, Francnise Tax on Business Corps.	25.00
Ernest Butler, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	5.00
Robert A. Shallcross, Clerk, Beer License	28.17
Martin H. Norton, Redeeming property sold for Taxes	8.29
Mary J. Archbell, Board and Maintainance of Sydney Archbell at Spring Grove State Hospital	125.00
Third National Bank, Ten percent dividend on Certificate of Participation, Acct. "Roads and Bridges Fund"	5.94
J. D. McVean, One-half Telephone Rent	1.38
Joseph B. Davis, P. J. Fines	32.40
Robert A. Shallcross, Clerk, Beer License	24.00
G. E. Hicks, P. J. Fines	29.80
H. T. Jewell, P. J. Fines	221.20

EXHIBIT E.

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED BY H. STOCKTON STARTT, TREASURER, 1930-31

Kind	COLLECTED Original Assessment	COLLECTED Extra	UNCOLLECTED Original Assessment	UNCOLLECTED Extra	INSOLVENT Original Assessment	INSOLVENT Extra	Total
Real and Personal	558.43						
Corporations					285.42		843.85
Securities							
Total	558.43				285.42		843.85
Interest							209.08

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED BY H. STOCKTON STARTT, TREASURER, 1931-32

Kind	COLLECTED Original Assessment	COLLECTED Extra	UNCOLLECTED Original Assessment	UNCOLLECTED Extra	INSOLVENT Original Assessment	INSOLVENT Extra	Total
Real and Personal	783.79						
Corporations			264.36		195.98	20.40	1264.53
Securities					8.10		8.10
Total	783.79		264.36		204.08	20.40	1272.63
Interest on Collected Taxes							263.69

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED BY H. STOCKTON STARTT, TREASURER, 1932-33

Kind	COLLECTED Original Assessment	COLLECTED Extra	UNCOLLECTED Original Assessment	UNCOLLECTED Extra	INSOLVENT Original Assessment	INSOLVENT Extra	Total
Real and Personal	1121.17						
Corporations			1465.82	19.55	330.65	11.47	2948.66
Securities			47.04				47.04
Total	1121.17		106.14	3.60			109.74
Interest on Collected Taxes			1619.00	23.15	330.65	11.47	3105.44
							283.46

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED BY H. STOCKTON STARTT, TREASURER, 1933-34

Kind	COLLECTED Original Assessment	COLLECTED Extra	UNCOLLECTED Original Assessment	UNCOLLECTED Extra	INSOLVENT Original Assessment	INSOLVENT Extra	Total
Real and Personal	1107.18	11.44	1195.17	8.18	286.56	11.04	2619.57
Bank Shares			210.42				210.42
Corporations			262.70				262.70
Corporations (Domestic)			3.38				3.38
Corporations (Special)			.10				.10
Securities			106.69	15.47			122.16
Total	1107.18	11.44	1778.46	23.65	286.56	11.04	3218.33
Interest on Collected Taxes							242.65

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED BY H. STOCKTON STARTT, TREASURER, 1934-35

Kind	COLLECTED Original Assessment	COLLECTED Extra	UNCOLLECTED Original Assessment	UNCOLLECTED Extra	INSOLVENT Original Assessment	INSOLVENT Extra	Total
Real and Personal	2632.71	2.64	2637.07	56.58	370.09	7.53	5706.56
Corporations	16.92		296.10				313.02
Corporations (Domestic)			2.47				2.47
Corporations (Special)			1.11				1.11
Securities			15.11	.60	15.56	870.00	901.27
Total	2649.63	2.64	2951.66	57.18	385.56	877.53	6924.43
Interest on Collected Taxes							421.73

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED BY WALTER T. MORRIS, TREASURER, 1935-36

Kind	COLLECTED Original Assessment	COLLECTED Extra	UNCOLLECTED Original Assessment	UNCOLLECTED Extra	INSOLVENT Original Assessment	INSOLVENT Extra	Total
Real and Personal	26468.77	198.38	8474.55	71.68	559.12	18.63	35791.13
Corporations		186.21		18.45			204.66
Corporations (Domestic)				1.82			1.82
Securities	9.11		49.12		15.24	4.28	77.75
Motor Vehicles	104.43						104.43
Total	26582.31	384.59	8523.67	91.95	574.36	22.91	36179.79
Interest							1948.03

STATEMENT SHOWING AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED BY WALTER T. MORRIS, TREASURER, 1936-37

Kind	COLLECTED Original Assessment	COLLECTED Extra	UNCOLLECTED Original Assessment	UNCOLLECTED Extra	INSOLVENT Original Assessment	INSOLVENT Extra	Total
Real and Personal	154241.92	1745.64	28340.12	226.98	369.66	1.20	184925.52
Bank Shares		1605.22					1605.22
Corporations		2690.53		37.80		20.52	2748.85
Corporations (Domestic)		3039.04		2.40			3041.44
Corporations (Special)		447.28					447.28
Motor Vehicles		6498.26					6498.26
Non-Stock Corp. Full Rate		8.40					8.40
Non-Stock Corp. Sec. Rate		372.20					372.20
Securities	4418.18	17.00	283.19		136.81	34.65	4889.83
Frust Co.							
Total	158660.10	16423.57	28623.31	267.18	506.47	56.37	204537.00
Interest on Collected Taxes							837.50