

ANNUAL REPORT OF H. P. SOCIAL SERVICE

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ording to need, by a citizens' committee on investigation, as follows:
List No. 1, very needy, includes 51 men
List No. 2, needy, includes 65 men
List No. 3, less needy, includes 121 men
List No. 4, not so needy, includes 105 men
The plan of giving work is as follows:

Men on List No. 1—as much work as possible, keeping within the allowance for created work.

Men on List No. 2—not quite so much work as given to List No. 1.

Men on List No. 3—about one day a week, or 3 days in 2 weeks.

Men on List No. 4—an occasional day, or work for wood, either for self, or to give in payment for rent, etc.

Created work for women is given out through the relief department, to women considered in need of it.

Very little work has been created by people in the community. Calls for this type of work average about six a week, not counting numerous calls for maids, which are not considered relief work and are only answered as accommodation.

Some of our relief work has been for public benefit on the Highland Park streets, under the direction of the superintendent of streets. Most of it has been woodcutting, which has been partially remunerative.

Wood sales, exchanges for work, and donations of wood follows:

Total sales	\$1532.00
Tons, given in exchange for 2½ days sawing	104 tons
Donations to those unable to pay or work	19 tons

Direct Relief

Number of persons given relief in food, fuel, or clothing	2621
Number of transients assisted (sent by chief of police)	33
Number of families receiving milk	38
Number of families who have received help	530

(Probably 100 families could be removed from the files as not requiring help at the present time, due to having permanent work, receiving help from family, or having moved from the city.)

Total number of investigations with Mrs. John Blackhall, chairman, assisted by Mrs. A. M. Rosenthal

and Mrs. Sidney Schwarz, is about 300.

We accept recommendations for relief without our own investigation from the following, although we make many follow-up calls:

- Any member of the Highwood Relief Committee.
- Pastors of local churches.
- Chief of Police Moroney.
- Mrs. Huhnke, visiting nurse.
- School nurses.
- Mr. and Mrs. Obee, Lake county supervisor and wife.
- Mrs. John Reichelt Jr., visiting teacher at the high school.
- The American Legion.
- Any fraternal organization.
- Philanthropy chairmen of the Highland Park Woman's club or Ravinia Woman's club.

Through the kind offer of fifteen local doctors, we have been able to give free medical assistance to 48 persons.

Mrs. B. F. Rieke, as chairman of the store room, has a large committee of about 75 workers assisting her. At least two women are on duty during office hours. When not actually serving the people they sort and arrange clothing, thus keeping things neat and orderly. As many as 50 people have been taken care of during one day.

In our store room, besides clothing, we have furniture, and also fruit and vegetables, canned last summer by friends. We have had about 500 cans of food sent from clubs, organizations, and individuals. Various other donations have been received, including many gifts of new clothing.

Two young women give their services, several days each week, for typing and clerical work.

On account of created work, the cost of relief in food, fuel, and store room supplies has not averaged the \$300 per month, budgeted for this relief.

Created Work for Women

Sewing. In a sewing room on the second floor, this work has been divided among 67 women. Through the work of these women 297 new garments have been made, and about 400 garments reconditioned, all

these being turned over to the store room. In addition, 15 dolls were dressed at Christmas for distribution by the firemen. All materials, both for the dolls and for the new garments, were donated.

Local people have availed themselves of the opportunity to use this service by furnishing sewing to be done amounting to \$68.35.

Due to the lack of funds and in an endeavor to provide work for the women who are unable to obtain it, a sale of children's garments was held at the Social Service headquarters in the old city hall, on March 31 and April 1. The garments included little dresses, rompers, play overalls, sunsuits and underwear, were made in the homes of women who do the sewing, from models and materials supplied to them.

Money contributed to sewing fund by individuals	\$ 457.40
Money collected for outside work done	68.35
Cash taken from Social Service Fund	685.00

Total paid to women \$1190.75

A day's work consists of 6 hours, at 40c per hour. Luncheon is served to the women without charge.

A small room on the second floor is equipped as a kitchen, where the lunches are prepared. A woman is given work for two hours each day, to serve the meal and wash the dishes. One hot dish, with coffee, fruit and sandwiches is served each day.

From 25 to 30 persons are served daily. This includes besides the women who are sewing, men at the reading room, who are waiting to be called for work, or men working on the woodpile who have no lunch with them, as well as some single men who have no way of preparing food for themselves. For the past month an evening meal has been served for men who have worked one day to provide themselves with a \$3.00 meal ticket, which entitles its holder to 15 meals.

The lunches and dinners are supplied by individuals interested in this project, who send food, or give money to be used when it is necessary to purchase supplies.

Bakery sales—Women from the Americanization and Civics committees of the Highland Park and Ravinia Women's clubs have assisted at the bakery sales, which have been held on twenty Saturdays. About thirty women have been bringing in the food to be sold. These sales give women who must stay at home to care for their families a chance to contribute toward their support.

Cash paid to women for baked goods	\$742.60
Cash received from sales	632.30

Cash taken from Social Service Fund \$ 90.30

This \$90.30 taken from the fund represents the unsold goods which were distributed among the needy families.

It will be noticed that, while the total amount paid to needy women through these two activities has totaled \$1,953.35, the cost to the fund has been only \$75.30, in return for which the relief department has received 297 new garments has had about 400 garments reconditioned, and also has received a considerable amount of bakery goods for distribution for those in need.

Reading Room

A reading room on the second floor is open from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. and is sponsored by the Men's Fellowship club of the Highland Park Presbyterian church. This room is equipped with tables and

chairs, and many good books and current magazines, as well as a victrola and a radio have been donated. A competent man is in charge and the room is kept clean by volunteers from the men using it.

Baskets have been placed in several local stores where food and clothing are collected and delivered to the Social Service for distribution.

Many private social affairs have been given and the money turned over to be used in the different departments of the Social Service work. A "pioneer" dinner for the shoe fund, card party for the fruit and vegetable fund, tag day for the milk fund, luncheons and bridge earnings for sewing room, charity football games for direct relief, and Boy Scout work for the created work.

At Christmas time 113 names were given out to those wishing to furnish baskets. Toys were distributed to 325 children by Mrs. Henry Vail and the Highland Park firemen.

SUGGESTS CAMP FOR "LESS CHANCE" BOYS

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this problem may be met and constructive encouragement offered

through the North Shore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, with headquarters at Highland Park and serving the area from Wilmette to Lake Forest, the western boundary including Glenview, Northbrook, Deerfield and Libertyville. The organization is specially qualified through trained executives at present contacting over 2000 boys and being permanently organized in this work for the future of the area. A representative group of men who take a special interest in the boys of their respective districts, acts in as a governing body.

Need Camp Site

What can be done to help the "less chance boy" now that we know the problem confronts us and have the benefit of a permanent agency to meet it, the North Shore Area council calls to your attention the need for a tract of land of not less than ten acres, located somewhere within the area mentioned which may be used as a campsite and center of Scout activities. It would be the destination of hikes, etc.; and used as a campsite for the benefits of boys whose circumstances do not permit of a regular vacation at a more distant point. This campsite will be for scouts who could cook their food themselves, the idea being to have everyone dependent only on himself and all in the same basis. Instructors in many useful pursuits would be on the premises at intervals for educational purposes.

The proposed camp should be a memorial because of its inspiring influence. Being a scout project the property will be tax exempt and upkeep nominal. There are other projects that are under consideration and friends contemplating endowments, bequests, etc. for constructive influences are at liberty to consult us without obligation, being assured of no solicitations being made, the purpose of the interview being purely advisory.

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