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DANGERS OF THE RELIEF PROBLEM

It is easy for those who are unemployed to become impatient with those on relief. The taxpayers' burden is not getting any easier to bear. The Port Arthur Times-Chronicle points out that it would not be so bad if it constituted a sum that could be paid over and done with. Year after year, however, it has been increasing as more and more taxpayers have had to give up and go on relief themselves. We have been adding names to the receiving end and taking away from the number of givers.

Because there are some lazy cheaters, men who always loafed and are better off to-day than in pre-depression days, we are apt to lose sympathy with the great mass of relief recipients who chafe under present conditions and would welcome an opportunity to go to work again.

A public-spirited man who is devoting all his time, without pay, to the relief problem in one of the big cities, has this to say:—

"Who are these people on relief?

"Well, 90 per cent of them never accepted a penny of help before the depression. Over half held their past job with one employer for more than five years. Misfits and riff-raff indeed! One out of every five of our citizens, representing a fair cross-section of normal city population.

"Poverty and misfortune are not respecters of persons.

"College men and women—2,000 skills represented—doctors, lawyers, mechanics, laborers. "Except for the accidents of life you might be one of them."

There are some real dangers in the relief situation.

Sympathy with the lot of the unfortunate is almost certain to give place to resentment and hostility as the years pass without a lightening of the burden. Bitterness breeds bitterness.

The morale of the relief recipient is in danger of breaking to the point where he will come to believe that struggle is not worth while, and that the county owes him a living.

If the standard of relief is so high that it becomes a wage quite naturally men will never really seek employment. Relief should always be relief—and nothing more. Work at wages must always look more attractive.

HOPE TO CUT RELIEF COSTS

A list of the various types of persons who must be purged from relief rolls, is contained in a letter sent out by Hon. David Croll, minister of municipal affairs. The minister points out that an immediate and thorough overhauling of the relief lists must be carried out, and declares:

Our investigations, besides revealing the extent of 'illegitimate' relief, have indicated three main categories among recipients towards whom drastic action will be necessary. They comprise:

"Those whom I may be permitted to call chisellers; families who have made relief their career and who are taking advantage of state assistance. They can be subdivided into: (a) Those who prefer relief to labor and deliberately reject the opportunity to work at fair wages. (b) Those who conceal assets—possess bank accounts under false names, etc. (c) Those who conceal income—fail to report earnings which would reduce allowances.

"Those heads of families whose children are earning good wages, but in whose cases inadequate reductions are made by municipal relief officers. There is evidence of a widespread departure from the provincial principle that the family must be regarded as a unit and the earnings of all members considered when relief allowances are computed. These cases are less the fault of the recipients themselves than of lax municipal administration.

"The exploited: those full-time workers who receive a wage so low that supplementary relief must be given if the family is to have the necessities of life. You must be aware that many employers are paying starvation wages and candidly informing their workers that 'you can get partial relief.' They will continue to do so just so long as partial relief is granted to full-time workers. As the situation now stands, governments and municipalities are in effect subsidizing private industry and at the same time, depressing the general wage rate.

"These are the people who must be removed from your relief rolls. You are urged to act without delay so that the task may be completed by March 31st."

DIRECT TAXATION FOR RELIEF

Municipal tax bills in Ontario municipalities will this year have the amount levied for relief purposes definitely indicated. This is as it should be. It should be brought home to everyone—even to those on relief—that the money that is paid out to the unemployed is taken in taxes from those who are working.

The principle should be extended to the monies raised for relief purposes by the Dominion and Provincial governments. In no other way will the people come to realize the peril of the whole relief situation.

A SENSIBLE RESOLUTION

There will be no inconsiderable volume of support for a resolution adopted by the County Council of the County of Elgin, as follows:—"That the Highway Traffic Act should be amended to provide that all persons owning motor vehicles be required to obtain a policy of insurance against public liability and property damage before they can obtain a license to operate same." Accidents are happening every day in which the drivers of offending motor cars carry no insurance and have no means to reimburse those whom they have injured. In countless cases the unhappy victims have suffered the loss of thousands of dollars in hospital bills, impaired earning power and property damage. If a person cannot afford an insurance policy of this type he should not be driving a car. It is hoped that the lead given by Elgin County will receive general support throughout Ontario.

Anthony J. Heise Taken by Death

Highly Respected Resident of Hamlin, Kansas for More Than Half a Century Passed Away March 9th

Anthony J. Heise, who for more than a half a century lived in Hamlin, Kansas, and a native of York County, passed away Monday, March 9th after a short illness at his home on the farm where he had resided for fifty-one years. In his passing the community has lost one of its best citizens. A man who during his entire life has always been revered as a man whose every day life was always lived in a way that endeared him to everyone in the community.

Anthony J. Heise, son of Christopher and Leah Heise, was born near Toronto, York County, Ontario, October 25, 1858, and passed away March 9, 1936, aged 77 years, 4 months and 15 days.

At the age of 19 years he was converted and united with the Brethren in Christ church.

In the year 1884 he moved to Hamlin Kansas, the following year taking charge of the farm where he resided until his death.

In the year 1888, he was united in marriage to Mary W. Engle of Belle Springs, Kansas, after which they located on the farm. To this union were born 3 daughters and 2 sons; Mrs. J. L. Charles, Mrs. O. M. Fretz, Edgar and Arthur Heise and Mrs. R. E. Wagaman, all living near Hamlin. His wife preceded him in death in 1901. In 1903 he was united in marriage to Martha J. Cober of Ontario, Canada.

He was a faithful church attendant, having missed but few church services or prayer meetings during his Christian life. He served as a deacon in the church for many years and was a systematic giver to all church activities. He was a successful and prosperous farmer.

He was much devoted to his family and concerned for their spiritual and material welfare. He was much loved by his family, highly respected in the community and will be greatly missed in the home and community.

He was in failing health during the past year, his last illness being of short duration.

He is survived by his wife, five children, 19 grandchildren, a brother, 2 sisters, all of Gormley, Canada, and a host of neighbors and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 11, at the Pleasant Hill Brethren in Christ church by Bishop R. I. Witter of Navarre, Kansas, with burial in the cemetery adjoining.

The out of county relatives and friends who attended the funeral services were Rev. and Mrs. R. I. Witter of Navarre, Kans., Rev. and Mrs. M. G. Engle of Abilene, Kans., Levi B. Heise of Gormley, Ontario, only living brother of Mr. Heise, Mrs. Lizzie G. Engle and daughter, Adda, Rev. Homer G. Engle of Abilene, Kans., Hiram G. Engle, Hope, Kans., H. N. Engle and daughter Naomi, Abilene Kans., Albert Eshelman, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Wingerd, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Wingerd, Ramona, Kans., Rev. and Mrs. Harry Crider of Detroit, Kans., Rev. J. M. Zook, Mrs. Devins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Horst and daughter Ruth and Miss Clara Kern, all of Tabor, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lenhart and daughter of St. Joe, Mo.

Rev. Witter assisted Bishop Engle in conducting the services and a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Eshelman, Mrs. R. I. Witter and Rev. Cecil Plank, all of Ramona, Kans., sang several hymns, favorites of Mr. Heise, and the hymns for the services.

In an address to the British Empire Service League recently in Toronto, Hon. H. A. Bruce, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, is reported to have stated that "Great Britain has spent millions in housing plans since 1919 and we continue to subsidize slums by paying relief rent."

Clifford Graham of Stratford succeeds James Simpson as Agricultural Representative for Peel County. Mr. Graham acted in this capacity in Perth County for the past seven years.

R. V. Conover of Brampton has been named a member of the executive of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons. The annual meeting of the Chapter was held recently in St. Catharines.

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NEWTONBROOK

Rev. Denzil Ridout will show his unique collection of over 100 hand colored views taken during his 30,000 mile tour last year to England, Europe and Africa. His address is both entertaining and instructive so don't miss hearing him. A hearty welcome to all.

The Girls' Mission Circle held their March meeting at the parsonage last Thursday evening with Miss Irene Smith presiding. Miss Lorene Brown led in the responsive reading of Psalm 121. Miss Edna Street gave the devotional topic and offered prayer. Miss Irene Smith gave the life story of Mary Slessor, a factory girl who had a world vision, who spent a long and adventurous career in West Africa.

A report of the Toronto Conference Branch W.M.S. meeting was given by Miss Lorene Brown and Mrs. Halbert. Plans were made for the Easter Thankoffering meeting. Another Dutch Girl Quilt was quilted and completed previous to the meeting.

The W.M.S. will hold their regular monthly meeting next Tuesday, Mar. 24 at 2.30 p.m. at the parsonage. There will be a Temperance program and Mrs. W. G. Bartlett of Toronto will be the guest speaker. This will be a membership meeting. Will every member kindly bring their fee and also try and bring a new member along. Visitors welcome.

The Y.P.S. met last Monday evening with a splendid attendance. Mr. Clifford Brett assistant citizenship convener was in the chair. The Scripture lesson was read by Mr. Irwin Brown and Rev. A. H. Halbert offered prayer. The guest speaker of the evening was Rev. F. N. Bowes of Willowdale who spoke on the Separate School question and also led in the discussion.

The Young People's Societies from Edgeley and Carrville will visit the local Y.P.S. next Monday evening. Rev. E. E. Pugsley will give an address on "The League of Nations." A social time will follow the meeting.

A St. Patrick's Missionary Tea was held last Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. C. Bales, Lansing. Mrs. A. H. Douglas, Mrs. R. F. Hicks and Mrs. W. T. New presided at the tea table. Miss Helen Bales, Miss E. McPhail and Mrs. Harold Murphy assisted in serving. During the afternoon Mrs. Gladstone Wilson gave several vocal numbers with Mrs. Eileen Nash as

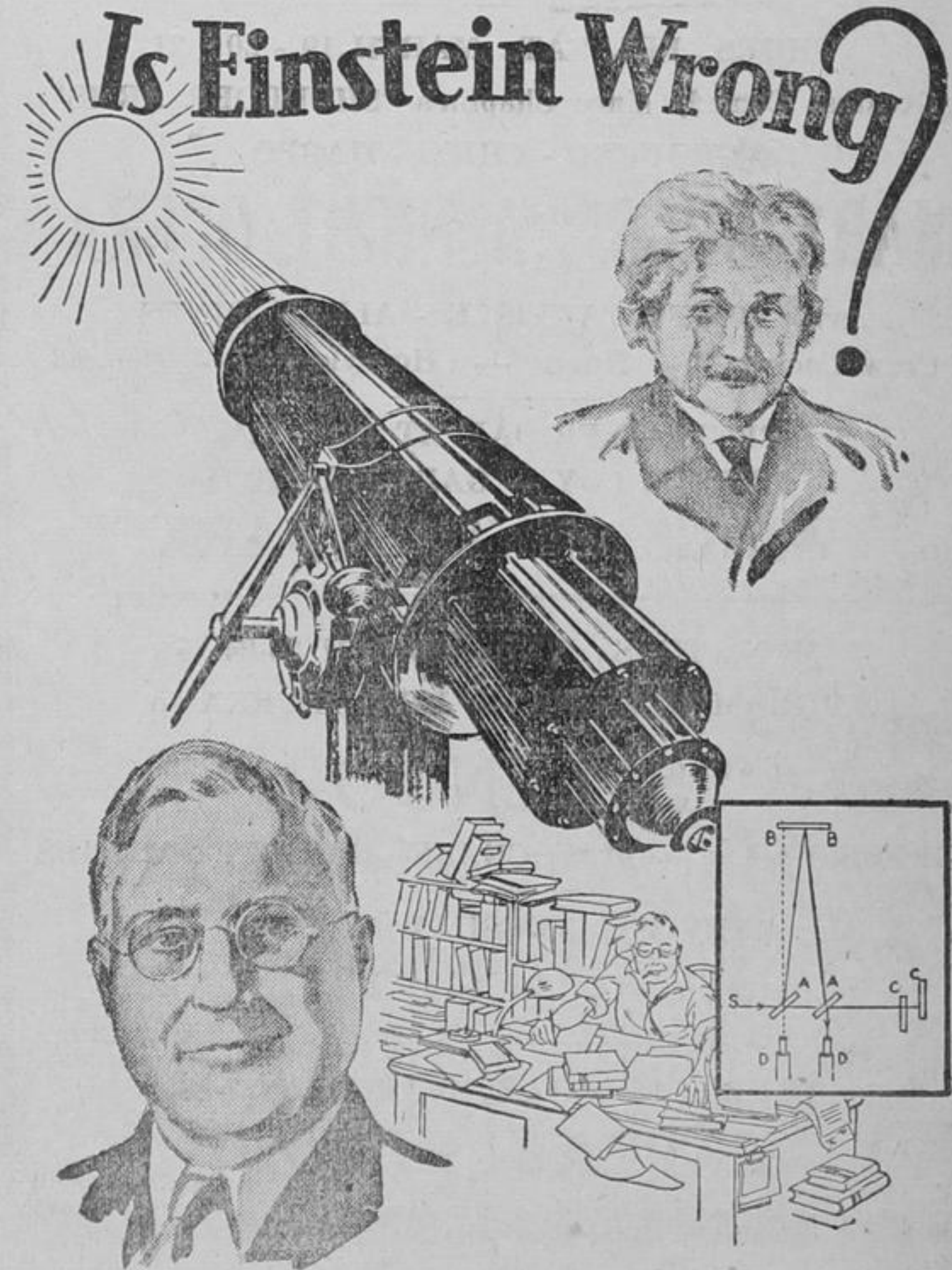
accompanist. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. A. H. Halbert in receiving the guests. Mrs. Hirai formerly of Kofu, Japan, was a guest and was accompanied by Miss E. A. Preston who spent several years as missionary in Japan.

The twelfth Annual Good Friday Union Service will be held in Newtonbrook United Church on April 10 at 11 a.m. Local clergymen will take part in the service. The guest speaker will be Rev. T. Albert Moore, D.D., L.L.D., ex-moderator of the United

Church of Canada.

Next Sunday evening Rev. Denzil Ridout will give an illustrated travelogue on "The New Africa in the Making" in Newtonbrook United Church. You are cordially invited.

The Intermediate S.S. Choir made their first appearance at the United Church service last Sunday evening. Eighteen voices led in the worship of song and gave special music. The pastor gave a special message for young people.



"A SIMPLE little thing," declared Prof. W. B. Cartmel, of the University of Montreal, sitting in the book-strewn study of his Westmount home where, for some months past, since his retirement from the Northern Electric Company, as mathematical expert, he has worked out the highly complicated mathematical formulas by which he attempts to disprove the Einstein theory of the non-existence of ether and the constant speed of light. Addressing the American Physical Society in New York recently, he took his audience by surprise when he showed them that the slight difference observed between the velocity of light in the two beams reflected upon the interferometer in the original telescope experiment many years ago was not an error as Einstein maintains, but was just what should be expected, and indicates an "ether drift" and proves Newton's third law correct and logical. "In any case," says the genial professor with a merry twinkle in his eyes, "they have got to 'show me' by better proof than they have yet brought".

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