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Report of County Almshouse Concise

The following report has been submitted by D. L. Owens, Steward of the Cambria County Almshouse, which shows the work done during the past year.

There are several things that are necessary at the Cambria County Almshouse which have been pointed out and actually recommended by several of the grand juries and some of which are on the point of being actually carried into effect. For instance the new water line connecting the institution with the borough water supply has been partly done and very little more is required to complete it. But owing to delays in securing material the institution has had to worry along with its own pumps during the continued drought. The line, it is expected, will be completed in the spring.

Grand juries have on several occasions recommended a new bakery outside the actual home buildings and plans have been drawn for this institution, which it is expected, the County Commissioners will put into effect in the spring. Grand juries have also recommended a new front porch for the institution, the present structure being a menace to limb and perhaps to life. Plans for this, it is said, have also been completed by the County Engineer and it is confidently expected that this improvement will be carried out in the coming summer—especially as it entails a new dead room, the present morgue being actually in the house.

Despite the fact that the law forbids the keeping of children in the almshouse longer than 3 days there are at present 20 tots under the care of Steward and Matron Owens. These children have to be taken care of and as the county does not make any other provision for these unfortunate little ones Steward Owens—in spite of being a lawbreaker by doing so—cannot see them turned out into the snowdrifts. He claims that if the county at large does not care, he thinks it is up to him to care and

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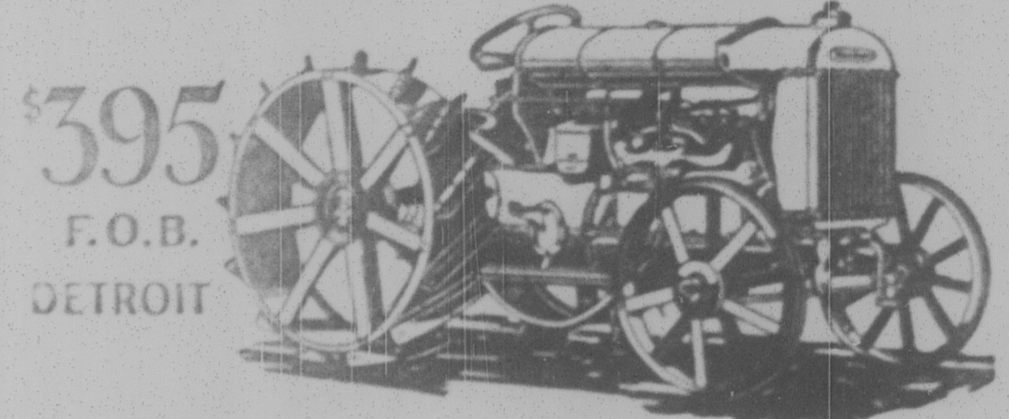
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Timber Cutting Agreement Made Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has approved an agreement with cur-

rent owners of private timberlands in the forests by which the methods of cutting advocated by the Forest Service will be applied to a heavily timbered tract of their land.

According to the Forest Service, the association owning the land which lies within the boundaries of a national

forest will cut only those trees marked by forest officers, and all timber operations will be in conformity with forestry principals.

In addition to preserving the scenic beauty of the area, this method of cutting will maintain the land in a condition of forest productivity.