

### 1,618,804 Pennsylvanians Benefited By C. W. A. Program, Says Administrator

**\$40,000,000 Attack On Depression Is History Now**

Hailing the Federal Civil Works Administration Program in Pennsylvania as a "magnificent experiment," Eric H. Biddle, Executive Director of the State Emergency Relief Board and former Civil Works Administrator of this State, today has made public his report to Washington of the Civil Works Administration activities in Pennsylvania.

"Here at last" the administrator wrote, "was a recognition of the fact that greater need can only be realized when the artisan, the skilled mechanic, the artist, the professional man and woman and the white-collar worker are provided useful work which hard-bought experience and years of training have fitted that person to do."

Mr. Biddle's report, a 136-page document, covers the Civil Works Administration operation from its beginning on November 15, 1933, until its completion on March 31, 1934, when it was succeeded by the Work Division, the latter now coordinated with the Emergency Relief Work. The report was sent to Harry L. Hopkins, Federal Civil Works Administrator in Washington.

In discussing the application of the Civil Works Administration Program, the Administrator wrote, "one of its splendid features was that 20 per cent of the number of persons placed comprised the skilled and technical workers, the white-collar employes and the artists."

The document points out how the Civil Works Administration placed the benefits of unlimited purchasing power in the hands of a large number of unemployed citizens at a time when possible recovery was beginning to slacken.

The report regrets that the Civil Works Administration was superseded by the Work Division March 28, and indicates that it is regrettable that the expiration of the Civil Works Administration was ready to take up where the Civil Works Administration left off.

"The cumulative experience of recent years, we believe," the State Administrator wrote, "indicates that any far-reaching program of public works should not be founded primarily on relief need. One is justified on the basis of experience of the Civil Works Administration program in believing that it would be a means of doing away with uneconomic and socially undesirable work relief programs. It is our conclusion, therefore, that the Relief Works program is a step backward."

In hailing the C. W. A. program, Mr. Biddle wrote: "The bold conception and courageous leadership of the Federal authorities in Washington presented a real challenge at its outset. Particularly for those who have been concerned with the depressing picture of relief during previous months it was truly a new deal. Up to this time one continually had the sense of retreat—here was the attack at last!"

"The previous futile Work Relief programs which aimed to provide useful employment were, for the most part, a perversion of sound employment principles. Destitution had usually been the primary qualification for employment on these programs. The C. W. A. program established a new conception. Ability and willingness, not need, became the primary basis for employment. Here then was the assumption of the responsibility of government to the victims of industrial dislocation."

Regarding employment under the C. W. A. program the report shows that, while more than a million people registered for employment at the peak week 31,000 of them received it. Within the first month of the C. W. A. operations, nearly 8,000 individual projects were approved and work provided for more than 300,000 persons.

The State Administrator deplores the lack of time to plan and develop the program in such a way as to secure maximum benefits for all concerned. He also cites the economic loss that resulted from the drastic demobilization of the program at the time it was succeeded by the Relief Work Division of the Emergency Relief program. In spite of this however, Mr. Biddle observed, "the weaknesses of the C. W. A. program cannot obscure its accomplishments."

In amplifying his views on the success of the C. W. A. he pointed out that "it succeeded in fulfilling its objective as a recovery measure, created a cycle wherein purchasing power circulated through the whole of the economic fabric; work accomplished benefited communities and the purchasing power placed in the hands of C. W. A. workers not only provided funds with which to supply their needs of life, but also raised morale and spirit."

At the time the C. W. A. program was initiated there were approximately 325,000 cases (families and non-family individuals) on relief in Pennsylvania. Approximately 600,000 different Pennsylvania families had been granted unemployment relief at some time in the 14 months period from September 1, 1932 through October, 1933. Unemployment reached its peak in March, 1933 while the cases on relief continued to increase until May, 1933.

In dealing with the extent of employment, the report indicates that within the first week of the operation of the C. W. A. program, 5,800 men

were working and that in the second week, this number doubled. Following this, there was a rapid and steady increase for seven weeks until the peak of employment was reached in the week ending January 18, 1934 when 319,337 persons were at work.

The pay roll figures indicate that for the first week ending November 23, \$52,590.70 were paid in salaries and wages. The peak was reached for them in the January 18 week when the pay roll for C. W. A. employes exceeded \$4,417,000.00. During the lifetime of the C. W. A. more than \$40,000,000 was paid to C. W. A. employes in salaries and wages.

The peak volume of work occurred during the January-18 week when more than 8,200,000 man hours of work were accomplished. This represents an average of slightly more than 25 hours per week per employe. For the sixteen weeks for which data is available, a total of 6,882,138 man hours were worked.

Average earnings per week per employe were more than \$10.00 per week in all weeks except four. In each of these four weeks, the average time worked was small. The highest average weekly earnings came in the week of January 18, 1934, and was \$13.76.

At the close of the C. W. A. program when it was taken over by the Work Division, the report shows that of the 3,873 original projects approved in Pennsylvania, 1,629 had been completed as of March 31, 1934 and 8,154 were in an incomplete state.

Statistics which would show the true effect of the C. W. A. on relief case loads are not available it is indicated. In the first place, the number of families that would have forced to apply for direct relief had not the C. W. A. program been inaugurated can not be estimated with any degree of reliability, the report contends. In the second place, it is indicated that the program afforded actual relief to many unemployed persons who never would have applied for direct relief but who were just as eligible as many others on relief rolls. "The number of families in this class cannot even be guessed," the report says.

### Kunkle

Mrs. Alice Robinson of Mehoopany spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Isaacs.

Miss Gertrude Smith visited her sister Mrs. William Nulton on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kunkle entertained at dinner on Friday. Mrs. John Morgan and daughters, Frances and Ruth, and grandchildren Richard and Ruth Dixon of Tunkhannock; Mrs. Reginald Williams and son David of Kingston, Miss Anna Kunkle of Central, Mrs. Julia Kunkle and Mrs. Ralph Ashburner and sons Robert and Nelson.

There will be baptism of infants and children at the Kunkle Church on Sunday morning July 15. Parents wishing to have their children baptised are asked to bring them at that time. The service will begin at 9:30.

Mrs. Owen Ide entertained at dinner on Thursday. Mrs. William Weaver, Mrs. Frank Hess, Mrs. Ralph Elston, Mrs. William Brace, Mrs. Ralph Ashburner, Mrs. Ralph Hess, Janet Hess, Mrs. Olin Kunkle, Mrs. Stanley Elston, of Beaumont, Mrs. Jacob Couden of Alderson, Mrs. Ralph Latis of Bowman's Creek, Lena Elston, Gene Elston, Jane and Donnie Ide.

The following attended a lawn picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Durland of Wyoming on July 4th. Miss Margaret Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Kunkle, Eleanor Kunkle, Roahannah Shoemaker, Charles Kunkle, Mrs. Julia Kunkle, Mrs. Fred Kunkle, other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Makinson Fred

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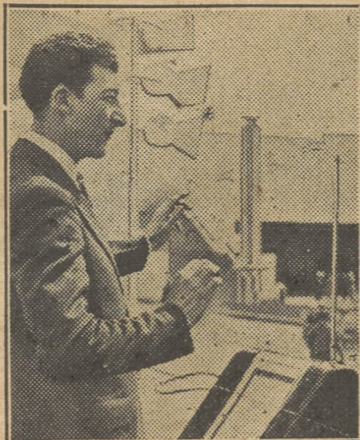
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### 3 Families Hold Annual Reunion

Bertram, Myers, and Elston Families Gather At Huntsville

Members of the Bertram, Myers and Elston families held their 11th annual reunion at Farmer's Inn, Huntsville, recently.

Officers for the year were retained as follows: President Herbert Major; vice president, Lewis Shaver; treasurer, Mrs. Ray Stevens; secretary, Mrs. Ralph Bertram. Historians for the respective families are Mrs. Lewis Shaver, Miss Flora Ransom and Mrs. Herbert Myers.

The Bertram family reported three births, which makes a membership of 97. The Elston family reported one birth and two deaths.

Prizes were awarded to A. R. Bertram, oldest member present. Shirley Ann Covert, youngest; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bertram, mother and father of largest family present; Mrs. Horace Lattimore of Norristown, Pa., one coming the greatest distance to the gathering.

In sports events prizes were awarded to Shirley Mary Bertram, Patty Clark, Carl Roberts, Nancy Carol Bertram, Boyd Bertram, Jr., Jane Widdall, Mrs. Jack Roberts, Boyd Bertram, Sr., and Charlotte Roberts.

It was decided to hold the next reunion at the same place on the third Sunday in June.

Present: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stevens, Peter Bertram, A. R. Bertram, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bertram, Mildred Bertram, Walter Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bertram, Shirley Mary Bertram, Elma L. Major, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Major, Mildred Major Patty Clark, Mary Ellen Clark, Addie Elston, Flora Ransom, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Elston, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Shaver, C. M. Lowe Mrs. Gertrude Major, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sutherland, Mrs. Arthur Elston, Ceal Elston, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McMichael, Shirley Ma eFreeman Mrs. Harvina Elston, Mrs. Ralph Hess, Doris Hess, Janet Louise Hess, Mrs. Owen Ide, Donnie Ide, Jane Ide Mrs.

### Cut Hay Requires Less Room And Handles Well

A recent innovation in haymaking is that of running the cured hay through a cutter and blowing it into the mow. The capacity of the mow, thus leaving room for straw which, before had to be baled or stacked outside, County Agent J. D. Hutchison explains.

Labor costs for cutting are considerably less than for putting up long hay, but the total costs are about the same. With hay rolls on the ensilage cutter one man can put a load through about as fast as he can fork it off the rack or

Ralph Elston, Dorothy Elston, Marvin Elston, Estella Elston, Wayne Elston, Gene Elston, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bertram, Betty Bertram, Mary Ruth Bertram, Ethel Mae Bertram, Geraldine Bertnar, Boyd Bertram, Jr., Nancy Carol Bertram, Mrs. H. L. Lattimore, Bertram G. Lattimore, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Widdall, Jane Widdall, Lois Bertram, Gertrude Bertram, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bertram, Betty Bertram, Russell Bertram Grace Bertram, Ruth Bertram, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts, Doris Roberts, Charlotte Roberts, Burton Roberts, Carl Roberts, Jack Roberts Dorothy Culp, Irene Major, Mr. and Mrs. John Covert, Beth Covert, Shirley Ann Covert, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Johnson, Mrs. E. D. Travis, Pauline Neyhart Virginia Rosser, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Garinger, Wilson Garinger and Janet Garinger.

as rapidly as the usual field crew will load the hay and haul it to the barn. Without the hay rolls to pull the hay into the cutter, the job is much slower and requires another man to feed.

One of the dangerous ideas held by some about cut hay is that it can be put into the mow in greener condition than long hay and still come out in good shape because it packs so tightly that air cannot enter to cause spoilage. While spontaneous combustion may not be so likely to break out in the case of cut hay and cause a destructive fire, several cases are on record where fires in cut hay were prevented only by prompt action, and one barn has the paint badly blistered on the siding of the mow where cut hay was stored.

The only safe rule is to have the hay dry and to be perfectly safe for storage either cut or long.

In blowing the hay into the mow, it is recommended that no one enter the mow until the hay is settled, but that the hay be kept level by changing the direction of the blower spout every few loads.

Twenty pounds of salt to a ton of hay, scattered on evenly as the hay is moved away probably has some preservative action in retarding bacterial action and molds, but there is a limit to what it can accomplish. The hay often will come out of the mow slightly tough, owing to the salt drawing and holding moisture, instead of its being dry, brittle, and dusty. Stock need some salt anyway and the salted hay doubtless is more palatable than the unsalted. Fine stock salt can be distributed better than the coarser grades.

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