

## Area Redevelopment Administration

**Editor's Note:** This is one in a series of articles about the Area Redevelopment Administration of the U. S. Department of Commerce, and its special job of helping to create jobs for people in America's economically depressed communities.

Two years ago, Cambridge, Maryland—second largest city on the state's Eastern Shore—was in a state of economic depression. A systematic shut-down of a major food packaging plant and continued declines in other industries had left not only Cambridge but all of Dorchester County in an economically precarious position.

More than 12 per cent of the total work force was idle. Merchants were giving up their leases. The lucky ones moved out, the others just shut up shop. The prospects were pretty bleak when four bright young businessmen formed the Industrial Committee of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. First they analyzed their problem, then they drew up an impressive list of their assets, and finally they laid out a plan for getting economy back on its feet.

The committee raised funds in Cambridge—\$5 here, \$10 there, occasionally a \$100 contribution. With these funds they financed brochures explaining the area's advantages for business, and they traveled across the country, contacting business and industry leaders—selling them on establishing new operations in Cambridge.

There was no magic formula—just hard work, determination and enthusiasm. And the results were impressive: A book company, a textile firm, a book publisher. Later, with the help of funds from the Area Redevelopment Administration, Cambridge was able to help in the publishing firm's expansion and in the attraction of a food processing firm. Still later, the community's plans for a deep-sea port facility materialized, thanks to ARA's help and another seafood company invested heavily in Cambridge.

This is the kind of self-starting effort that the Area Redevelopment program needs to make it a success. In fact, when Congress wrote the act, it placed such importance on local initiative, local investment and local planning that it stipulated that areas must prepare an Overall Economic Development Program before ARA could act on specific requests for funds to help finance specific job-generating projects.

This was a mandate to people of the stricken areas to get off their front porches, roll up their sleeves and go to work—in one of the most competitive businesses that exist in the United States today. With more than 14,000 organizations engaged in economic development activities across the nation, with their numbers multiplying daily, with their sales kits bulging with development lures, the job of building new businesses to create new jobs hardly can be left to chance.

Actually, local programming of economic development is the most important single ingredient in the Area Redevelopment Act. It calls upon a community to make a critical analysis of itself—to assess its problems, to draw up a balance sheet of its manpower assets and liabilities, its natural resources, its physical resources, its public facilities. And then it calls for the mapping of a plan of action.

The overall economic plan should be drawn up by a representative local organization—with its membership drawn from the ranks of labor as well as management, agriculture as well as banking, educators as well as elected officials. It should, in short, depend on the movers and shakers of the community, each of whom has something important to contribute to economic development.

Economic planning can provide industries with information on plant location. It can lead to development of "home-grown" industries—those smaller firms which utilize resources peculiar to an area and thus help diversify the economy and provide more, and a greater variety of, jobs. It can lead to new ventures in the fast-growing field of recreation and tourism. It can help ease the increasing impact of technology or automation. It can help develop programs that will teach workers new and marketable skills.

Probably the most important thing to remember about an Overall Economic Development Program is this: It must be more than just an attractive package, tied up in a pretty ribbon and left to gather dust on a shelf. It must be a living document, providing the local organization with a sense of direction, purpose and progress if it is to serve its basic purpose—as a road map to a healthier economy that can provide more jobs for more people.

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## Health And Safety Tips

From The American Medical Association

### Hot Weather Diseases

Winter is commonly the time for colds and flu and sneezes, but there are some diseases and accidents that do their worst in hot weather.

Some of these are obvious. Sun strokes and heat strokes are more likely to occur in August than in January. Too much exposure and too much exercise in hot sun may produce sun stroke. Prolonged excessive heat, either in or out of doors, can cause heat stroke. The symptoms are the same and in either case it is important to keep the victim cool and call a physician at once.

Sunburn has hospitalized many a vacationer. Everyone should know that gradual exposure to the sun, beginning with a few minutes a day, is the recommended course. But many of us forget to take precautions in the excitement of the first day at camp or seashore.

Poliomyelitis occurs most often in the summer. Vaccine can prevent paralysis. If you and your family haven't had your polio boosters this summer, by all means get vaccinated now.


The bacteria that cause diarrhea multiply much faster in luke-warm foods and it's important to keep cold foods in refrigeration and to keep hot foods hot.

Swimming is fine exercise and also is good for cooling off on a hot day. Those with sinus or ear troubles should be careful about swimming. Swimmers should make certain that the water is safe from pollution. A clear mountain stream may look attractive. It also may be loaded with germs. And there still are cases each summer of typhoid and dysentery from drinking untreated water. Campers can disinfect water by boiling or by commercial disinfectant tablets.

If there are horses or cow around, there are likely to be tetanus germs. Tetanus can be very serious. It can be prevented by injections of tetanus toxoid. If your family hasn't had tetanus boosters recently, get your shots before going to the country.

Flies, roaches, mosquitoes and ticks are troublesome in the hot months. Insecticides and screens usually can keep them under control. In tick country it is essential to make a close examination after disrobing to remove all ticks.

## Medicine Chest "Leftovers"



There's but one good place in the home for "leftovers." That's the refrigerator—and the "leftovers" should be foods, not medicines.

Medicine chest "leftovers" are risky at best, and often downright dangerous. The medicines your physician prescribed a year or so ago was intended to be used then, not now.

Avoid serious danger—dump old medicine at once!

Each illness requires scientific diagnosis—and, usually, specialized medicine is indicated. See your physician. Let him decide what's best! Call on us to provide your medication.

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