

# Community Chest Supports Principal Welfare And Health Activities Here

## Six Organizations Depend On Public For Continuation Of Wide Programs

Without the service of Associated Charities, the Salvation Army, the Traveler's Aid, the Public Health Nursing Service, the Sorosis Child and Care Clinic, and the Catherine Kennedy Home, how large a gap in the welfare and health activities would there be in Wilmington.

At a time when the city leans so heavily on its organizations for support of its increasing and demanding war-time population these six agencies, for which a portion of the funds to be realized in the forthcoming Community Chest campaign is designed, have earned just commendation. A number of the six have been doing business at their stands between 25 and 50 years, and their work is known to all Wilmingtonians interested in the well-being of their fellow-citizens.

The story of the Associated Charities, organized in 1894, and currently headed by Mrs. L. O. Ellis, may perhaps be best in its files of case histories. Even in a day of comparative prosperity, there are persons who depend on the humanitarian efforts of this organization for their very lives and sustenance. There are the feeble, unable to work; the sick and cripple; those handicapped by lack of education and training; those afflicted with personality handicaps who are completely unable to get along with others. There are hundreds of individuals confronted with personal emergencies, the immediate need of money for necessities, and the like. Associated Charities proves their friend.

John Smith is a worker who can command a good salary when he is not working on the county roads as a sentence for drunkenness. His frail family need his support, but just at the time when they are getting on their financial feet, he is on another spree. Associated Charities sees to the requirements of his children, and seek to help them into a more decent growing environment. A young man from just such a Wilmington home,

where the Associated Charities has entered, has recently been awarded the Army's good conduct medal; the agency has often lent him a place to sleep, food, shoes, and clothing so that he could continue his schooling and grow up to be a credit to home, community, and country.

The Salvation Army's service and ministry are community-wide. The local corps of the Army, of which Captain J. H. Neighbors is the director, is maintained by home people for the benefit of Wilmingtonians and the transients who find their way to our streets. The organization is engaged in humanitarian and religious effort carried on by no other agency. War has extended those services, so that men of the armed forces are the recipients of the Army's hospitality and goodwill.

Statistics help to attest to the work of the Salvation Army; from January 1 through August 31 of this year, there were 111 open air meetings held, with 12,121 in attendance; 1,010 lodgings supplied; 2,357 meals supplied, 187 fuel orders given, 3,882 garments given, 2,006 prisoners visited, 2,252 lodgings given servicemen, 116 persons for whom temporary positions were found.

Less known than some other phases of the Army's work are its efforts to provide hospitalization for homeless unmarried mothers, its child aid program, its recreational program in the industrial sections.

The young wife of a Marine came all the way from Rhode Island to spend the last days with her husband who was looking forward to overseas transfer. While she waited at the station for the bus on which she was to return home, she lost her purse, containing her ticket and all her money. The Salvation Army provided lodging and food and saw that she made the trip safely.

Traveler's Aid, maintained in the Atlantic Coast Line station by Miss Julia Yopp and two part-time assistants, has handled 673 cases within the past several months—services of food, lodging, loans for transportation and the like. In addition, information has been provided 14,409 men of the armed forces, 2,974 war production workers,

6,885 associated civilians, and 6,681 other civilians.

Traveler's Aid has been operating here since 1913, serving Wilmington through two wars and the attendant booms in industrial activity.

An example of its work: A young sailor, whose home is a few miles from the city, was on leave from his post in Washington state. The day he was to leave for his post, he rushed to the train, leaving his shipping orders in the excitement. When the discovery was made, it was too late to return for them, he applied for help to the Traveler's Aid bureau. Arrangements were made for the valuable papers to be rushed, special delivery, air mail to Traveler's Aid, Chicago and the Chicago branch was warned to be on the look-out. The sailor picked up his orders the minute he walked into the Chicago station.

The Wilmington Public Health Nursing association began to function in December, 1918, although since 1904 provision had been made for the sick-poor of the community by interested organizations.

Wilmington is the first city in the state to have a public health nurse.

Miss Columbia Munds, supervisor of nurses in the association, reports that her present staff consists of two county nurses who care for white and Negro patients, six white city district nurses, two Negro city district nurses, one nurse in the maternity clinic, and four nurses in the venereal disease clinic maintained by the county Board of Health.

In the year 1942, the ten field nurses made 17,000 home visits 712 visits to clinics, 1,145 visits to schools, 14,927 inspections of school children, 9,508 inoculations for prevention of diseases.

"Strengthened by our membership in the Community Chest, since 1942, we hope to be able to give increasingly better service to the community," Miss Munds has commented.

The Sorosis Child Care Clinic has been in operation for 25 years, as a project of the Wilmington branch of the North Carolina Sorosis. Its services are free in needy pre-natal cases with children up to three years. A doctor and nurse are in attendance at each examination, and are able to prescribe diets to correct physical deficiencies. Milk and baby foods are also provided.

In 1942 this clinic won a state award for the best service of its kind in the state.

Only recently an agency of the Community Chest, the clinic is anticipating a program of expansion that will increase its usefulness.

When the Catherine Kennedy Home was established nearly 50 years ago, the stewards of Grace Methodist church were the custodians of its funds. Later, the organization was turned over to a Board of Directors. For a number of years, the organization did part of the charity work in Wilmington. It is an endowed institution, inter-

## HEPBRON SPEAKS HERE NOVEMBER 1

### Scheduled To Discuss Nation's Rising Tide Of Juvenile Delinquency

Dr. James M. Hepbron, one of the nation's leading criminologists, will lecture on "Stemming America's Rising Tide of Juvenile Delinquency" before members

of the Community Forum at 8:30 p. m. Monday, Nov. 1. Tickets for the lecture will be sold at the door the night of the address.

According to Dr. Hepbron, police work, the whole field of prevention and detection of crime offers a fascinating field to intelligent young men and women looking for interesting and worthwhile careers.

"If the nation is to cope with its crime problem, we must have more intelligent, better trained personnel in our police and law enforcement agencies throughout the country," Dr. Hepbron, who has studied crime prevention in 17 countries and has been director of the Baltimore Crime Commission for 15 years, declared. "In recent mentality tests, prisoners receive higher grades than United States Army men and others who are their own guards and wardens."

The two buildings of the Home are now old and in a state of disrepair. Through the funds allowed by the Community Chest next year, the physical plant will be improved.

Peat soils of the Florida everglades have been made productive by the addition of small amounts of copper and manganese.

## Today's Servicemen Healthier Than Fighters Of World War I

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 — (AP) — Disease is still a deadly camp-follower of U. S. armed forces but military medical reports show that the uniformed men—and women—of 1943 are healthier than the soldiers and sailors of 1917-18.

Despite extensive operations in tropical areas, and the greatest incidence of malaria and other tropical ailments virtually unknown to U. S. troops in the last war, the army reported today less than three per cent of its total personnel has been "non-effective" by reason of illness at any one time. The "non-effective" rate is exclusive of battle injuries.

The navy reported an overall "non-effective" rate of less than two per cent, also a record low figure.

Influenza, pneumonia, cerebrospinal meningitis and other great killers of 1917-18 have been greatly reduced in virulence and lethal effect by medical advances. Meningitis deaths averaged 30

to 40 per cent of those afflicted in the world war. Treatment with sulfonamides has reduced the death rate to three per cent, and epidemic outbreaks are quickly controlled by preventive dosages of sulfa drugs.

Preventive vaccines against seven diseases — typhoid, smallpox, tetanus, typhus, yellow fever, cholera and plague—have reduced the incidence of these formerly deadly ills to insignificance. No yellow fever has been reported in the armed forces, and only a scattering few cases of the other diseases.

During the occupation of North

Africa, a severe typhus epidemic raged among the civilian populace, with mortality ranging to 50 per cent, but only 69 cases developed among the armed forces.

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