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It Can Happen Here

And it did. Fred collapsed on the job. It was not that the work was too hard. It was WPA work and not too strenuous for a well man. A wife and six young children were dependent on him and he worked until he dropped. Once he had owned a pressing club; but the depression closed that. Both he and his wife had then tried to find employment but the people who might have taken at least one of them were doing their own work and nothing could be found. The last resort was to go to "the relief" and there this family was forced to go. The Superintendent of Public Welfare certified Fred for a WPA project and the family could eat.

That is, they could, until he collapsed at work three years ago. Then he was taken to the hospital where it was found that Fred had tuberculosis of the stomach. That meant no more working for Fred and no food for those six children and the wife. Now the Helping Hand came to the rescue of this family in desperate straits. Milk was provided for the sick husband and food for his family for months. Eventually Fred's condition improved sufficiently to allow Alice,

his wife, to leave the house and look for a job. Again the Helping Hand stretched out to find a place for her at \$8 per week.

Better days came. Fred continued to improve in health and he and Alice decided to buy, on time, a cabin and two acres of land in the country, keep a pig and raise a garden as well as those six children. Shortly after this move Fred found himself a job at which he earned \$7 a week. With a steady income of \$15 a week, a home, a pig, and a garden, this family of eight has been entirely self-supporting for months now and recently financed an operation for the necessary removal of the tonsils of one child.

The help which generous Tryon people gave through the Helping Hand (our private welfare agency) to this self-respecting negro family has saved it without destroying that spirit of independence necessary to the social well-being.
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