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Thoroughly right in principle is the suggestion of Justice Ward Eagle that Farmington Township should institute a system whereby taxpaying farmers of the township would obtain labor of men whose families are on the welfare list, and it should prove sound in prac-

The idea is right in principle from two standpoints. First, the indigent who is receiving aid should work for it. There is a good deal of difference of opinion in regard to various phases of this col-ossal welfare problem which has been cast upon us within the last two or three years, but few would care to argue about the question of able-bodied men giving labor in return for public assistance. It is not merely that they should work, but the right kind of man will welcome it as an opportunity to give value received for what he and his family have been getting, whatever it may be. Second, the citi-zen who pays taxes to help support the welfare program has a right to expect something in return. For him not to so receive would be or expect sometimes in teams. For min not a so receive would be guite as wrong, and quite as unfavorable in its effect, as it would be for the indigent to receive help without working in return? (providing of course, that he is physically able to do so). All handing out on one side and all taking in on the other is not a condition to be desired. It breaks down the morale of the recipient of aid, and it arouses just and righteous objection in the man who pays.

This is not to say, of course, that under the county poor com-missioners whose regime will end within a few days, that the workfor-help plan has not been utilized, because it has. Work orders have been issued regularly by each supervisor, and it has been necessary for the indigent to work out his order before he got his supplies. for the maigent to work out his order before he got his supplies. The indigents have been working, however, for those impersonal entities, "the county" or "the township." What Mr. Eagle's plan would do is merely to strongly localize this idea, so that a much closer relationship is set up; the man who provides his share of tax-money for aid gets tangible return—work done right on his form, something that he can see and measure.

As to the practice, there should develop no great difficulty in making the idea work. Although theoretically all taxpayers are included in the plan, the taxpayers chiefly in mind are farmers. There would seem to be no great obstacles to the farmers planning work would seem to be no great obstacles to the tarmers planning work that they desire to have done and the authorities assigning men on the welfare list to the various farms to do that work. There will be, of course, individual problems of adaptability; most of the men who are to work are unemployed because they have previously depended on the factories to keep them occupied. To them much of the farm work would be strange. But there is such a variety of tasks to be done on a farm that this should not bother-most any farmer will agree gladly to keep even the most untalented, inexperienced man busy with some kind of task.

The plan ought to be of value to the township, to the farmer, and to the worker. Now if the Depression don't up and disappear before Spring, it will be interesting to see how it works out.

For Less Expense, More Laws

It's beyond us. Why is it that when the overwhelming demand is for economy in State affairs, and nine men spend almost a year at it, the only way that can be found to accomplish it is by 100 new

From "An Affectionate Father"

Hard times are not without their humor, and it is a good thing too. In fact, it has seemed for a time that the deeper we have sunk into the depression the more some of us, at least, appear to be lifted out of our "slough of despond." In the first few months the troubles seemed mountainous and every face was sad; then, as they grew more mountainous still, and it became evident that a long face did more mountainous sain, and to became cross sout "the Depression."

Now that practically all of us have lost everything, including a good deal we never had, many have became quite cheerful about it.

There is, for instance, the person who got up an interesting letter from "an affectionate father" to one of his married daughters. It's been going the rounds of the nation's press. It reads:

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My Dear Daughter:
You ask me if your husband should stay on in his present position at an 'adjusted' salary, but you forget to tell me what he would do if he didn't. You and he couldn't very well come here just now. Your brother Sheridan's salary has just been 'reconsidered,' so he moved into his old room at home and brought his wife.
Your sister. Ejoisc telegraphed the next day that Wilfred has just been offered a new contract that was an insult, so your mother is arting officially will be a salary has been aprivate serviciary wroth sate week that it amybody thinks she is going to drop into the level of a common typic, they are mistaken, so We expect her any day in the law of the younger just being 'dijusted', he had better stay here of the younger just being 'dijusted', he had better stay here you will the law of the younger just being 'dijusted', he had better stay here you will the law the contract of the politic like a requestion. It's hard the younger just being 'dijusted', he had better stay here you will the language of big business; but salar our part of the politic like a requestion. It's hard our part if an 'adjustent' is equivalent, of a raise. Of course Daplert wouldn't know that; he has been working only since 1928; he should ask some old-timer to explain what a raise 13.

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since 1928; he should ask some our raise is.

My own business is coming along fine. It was sold on the court house steps last Friday, but there were no bidders, so the sheriff for me keep it. That makes the best month I have had have the sunturu.

Your affectionate Father

The ringing of a telephone bell in the home of Mrs. Herbert E. Garner of Brockton, Mass, recently saved her life. Mrs Garner had rise early to prepare breakfast, and in so doing accidentally opened a gas jet in the store. When the telephone bell rang and Mrs. Garner failed to answer, her three small children were awakened and, going into the kitchen, found their mother unconscious on the floor. Neighbors, attracted by the screams of the terrified children, called the police and the gas company emergency crew, and Mrs. Garner was revived.

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A six and a quarter pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilgox of Pleasantville Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Wilcox's mother, Mrs. Earl Ransier, of Eight-Mile Road.

WEST FARMINGTON Mrs. Ervin Knapp

The entertainment at the West Farmington school was well attended Thursday evening. The school closed Friday for the holiday vacation.

The B. Y. P. U. held a meeting at the Old Green school house Wednesday evening and a candy pull was enjoyed later in the evening.

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