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With the arrival this week of 62,200,000 Christmas seals in the offices of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association, the first step in the 1937 tuberculosis Christmas seal campaign has been taken. On the face of each seal a cheery town-crier announces the coming of the thirty-first annual seal sale which will open officially on Thanksgiving Day and continue through to Christmas. The Association this year plans to distribute 20,000,000 of the seals from its Lansing office and to relay the remaining 42,000,000 to affiliated organizations over an increase of the need great for an increase over the 1936 sale, the Association has added two and a quarter million seals to its total of a year ago.

"Tuberculosis is still the leading cause of death for young persons in the 15 to 45 age group. It still robs the nation of those people who are best fitted to accomplish the world's work," Mr. Werle reminded. "No one can ignore this cause and the economic loss to the country. Too many facts cry for 1936 death rate—immense tuberculosis cases have not been reached by case-finding facilities because funds are lacking—huge expenditures for hospitalization of the tuberculosis sick, sums which can be greatly reduced through the preventive work of the Christmas seal."

"The White Plague's constant activity is an ever-present challenge to science and to the layman. Science already has presented humanity with two modern medical weapons of discovery—the tuberculin test and the X-ray. Full utilization of these invaluable weapons is offered the layman through the tuberculosis Christmas seal clinics. Every purchaser of a tiny seal becomes a participant in the battle against the White Plague. With a nation-wide army combating its spread, tuberculosis eventually must be wiped out."

Domestic and Farm Help At Premium in Mich.

With larger cities crowded with young men and women transients seeking work, some of them so unsuccessfully that they are sleeping in parks or dingy rooms, calls for help from all parts of Michigan are pouring in from the 41 district and branch offices of the National Re-employment Service.

"Jobs are plentiful in rural sections. Jobseekers cannot be found qualified to fill them," Major Howard Starret, State Re-employment Director said today. Able-bodied and intelligent young and middle-aged people who are barely getting by on 'coffee and cake' jobs in the city could live much healthier lives and save money on some of these jobs.

"Domestic and farm help are at a premium in every part of the State," Starret declared. "One report from the district around Ironwood states that resorters are paying as high as \$50 per month for domestics, with room and board. How many girls working in office jobs, after paying their carfare and lunches, have \$25 to \$50 clear above expenses? Acute shortages exist of housekeepers, waitresses, cooks and maids; also of harvest and farm hands in western and southern counties."

In the western counties, the NRS reports show domestic and cooks needed everywhere. Grand Rapids needs four hotel chefs, also six tool and die makers and two floor molders. Holland can use five cabinet makers; Muskegon needs an internal grinder and machine repairman. In the southwest portion, besides an acute farm and domestic help shortage, Kalamazoo can use five machinists and Benton Harbor needs steel workers on tanks and boilers. Dozens of taverns in this section want waitresses over 21 years of age, to work where drinks are served. Harvest hands are in big demand in the northwestern counties.

The eastern section presents the same picture. There are many openings for middle-aged women who desire good homes rather than high wages and are willing to "take care of the house" in general. Bay City needs an auto fender man, salesmen, an electrician and a clothes spotter. No shortages are reported from the southeastern towns, but in the central portion farm hands are needed near Clare and at Big Rapids machine tool assemblers and wood pattern makers are called for. In the south, Battle Creek is calling for institutional colored maids; also a pharmacist and an experienced airbrush retoucher. Domestic help of all kinds are wanted at top prices in the Upper Peninsula resorts. Around Marquette, piece cutters on pulp and cordwood are needed; also five machinists.

Anyone over 17 years who is qualified for any of these jobs should apply at the NRS branch in his or her home county, Major Starret advises.

Send in your news items.

Big Sister Betty

By RUBY DOUGLAS
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BETTY JOYCE was a very practical young woman but had much as she had no training in so-called skilled work, she found it difficult to decide what method should be used to earn her own living.

SHORT STORY

"But it isn't immediate—this need to be economically independent," argued her mother.

"No—but I am not getting younger. I am merely wasting time and getting discouraged. I have an idea but you will all laugh at me."

"What is it?"

"To take what money I have saved up—the few hundreds that I have saved since I was a child and kept my pennies in the red iron bank, my graduation money, Christmas money—you know how I finally got what I have saved. Mother—"

"Yes—but what then?" asked her mother.

"I'm going to take a lease on the old Craft house—the one with the wide porch overlooking the lake. Then I'm going to manage to screen it in, equip it with necessities and start an original little day nursery. I hear my friends complaining always that they couldn't get it or that if it were not for the children to take care of."

BETTY's mother's face was lighting up. "There is no doubt of your making a success of anything that has to do with children, dear. You have a real gift. It has proved a great help to me in bringing up Tom and Viola and Mary."

Betty was pleased at her mother's approval.

"I shall have kiddie cribs, tables and chairs, a first-class refrigerator for the milk and feedings of the smaller ones and I shall manage to employ a young girl to help me. I believe I am practical enough to make it pay and I shall charge fifty cents per hour for the entire care and responsibility of a child from one month to three years. I know I can do it and that it will not be long before all the mothers in the town are blessing me. They will have to make their appointments ahead of time so that I shall have room for the kiddies and in this way a mother may go about her individual work or her pleasures with a clear conscience. They will find their babies well cared for and happy. I know it is my forte."

"I shall be known as 'Big Sister Betty,' so as to have an individual way of being known, and I think it will bring me in at least fifteen or twenty dollars a day. The rent of the old place isn't much and the expenses, after I get rid of my first cost, will not be heavy."

"Big Sister Betty became a necessity in the town—in fact in the town of young ladies together, and there was not a day that there was a vacancy in the cheery nursery by the lakeside."

"Hello!" said Betty one morning over the telephone that stood in the pantry where she worked over milk bottles and fruit juices.

"No—I seem not to know you—"

"Oh—" she breathed. "Oh—" Then she recovered her poise. "But I don't take them that age," she protested. "And that would be after nursery hours," she continued laughing.

ON THE other end of the telephone stood the mother of the only love-Betty had ever known. She and Frank Andrews had been boy and girl sweethearts and in the way of all such young romances, it had not been without its shadows. They had quarreled and Frank had gone away. Betty, keeping it all to herself, had suffered and not until she had been able to assert herself in this work, had she been able to find comfort. And now, here was his mother, at his instigation, calling her on the phone to say, laughingly, that she had a son to put in the nursery of "Big Sister Betty."

Betty had always been friendly with Frank's mother and perhaps he thought this a safe way to break the ice.

"Perhaps your son would like to come and make his own appointment," suggested Betty.

"That's all he wants—Betty, dear," said the anxious mother.

So it Betty laughed a trifle nervously as she played with the babies, it was because she could hardly wait for the moment when she should look once more into the eyes of the man she loved.

At last she found her hand in his. "I have studied medicine since I went away and am ready to settle down to practice anywhere so long as I can have the promise of you to help me, Betty," he said after a long time.

"But—my nursery. I can't give this all up after I have worked so hard to make it a success."

The man was silent. "Would it be possible for us to work together? Might we not evolve a plan by which we might both go on with our work and be—happy?"

"My idea is that one may do anything one really wants to do," said Betty.

"Then—the question is—do you really want to? Do you still love me—Betty?"

"We'll work together," she made answer.

WAY BACK WHEN
by JENNIE



FRED MACMURRAY WASHED CARS FOR A LIVING

NECESSITY is the mother of invention, they say; and if that is so I think someone should emphasize that "Courage is the father of opportunity." So many times, when things look blackest, it seems that only by drawing on reserve strength can we keep going. Suddenly we find ourselves face to face with opportunity. Everything looked hopeless before. We were really almost ready to give up. And, then looking back, we wonder how things could have seemed as bad as they were.

Fred MacMurray was born in Kankakee, Ill., in 1903, and spent his boyhood in Beaver Dam, Wis. He lived a normal small town life for an American youngster. In 1923, when he was seventeen, he was awarded the annual American Legion medal for the student showing the most well-rounded development in scholastic subjects and sports. His mother worked in offices to support them both, and Fred attended Carroll college in Waukegan, Wis., earning his way by playing the saxophone. A broken hip forced his mother to quit work, and Fred left college to try to blow a living out of his saxophone.

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They moved to Hollywood, Calif., for her health and the boy was glad to get a job washing cars in a garage, to pay her hospital bills. Before he could collect his pay, the garage went bankrupt, and Fred MacMurray faced a discouraging period without a job. He tried to obtain work in the picture studio as a saxophone player, but had no luck. Things looked very black, indeed.

Then, he was signed up with a brand called the California College, which worked its way to New York city and was hired for the play "Three's a Crowd." Fred had a small bit which led to a slightly better part in "Robertson." A talent scout for Paramount saw him, brought him back to Hollywood, and he was given a contract which led to his success in pictures.

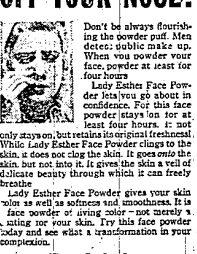
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