

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR

JUNE, 1947

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To the Board of County Commissioners, Yakima County, Washington.

I herewith submit the report for the Yakima County Welfare Department for the month of June, 1947.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that applications, especially in the Old Age Assistance Division, are still holding up. During the month of June we received 32 new applications and disposed of 61. The Aid to Dependent Children applications are still high. In June we received 29 and disposed of 50.

May I call your attention to the fact that during June only 505 cases received General Assistance, and those 505 cases involved 863 individuals. The average cost per person in a General Assistance family was \$16.44. This is cutting it down to about as low as one can expect people to get by on; and, in fact, in view of present high prices, it is too low.

May I also call your attention to the fact that the cost of funerals has decreased under the new program very greatly. In June of 1947, for all funerals, including Old Age Assistance and General Assistance, we spent \$925.38. In June of 1946, for funerals under the General Assistance Program, we spent \$27.35; and under the Old Age Assistance Program \$1,900.00, so that the cost of funerals was \$1,000.00 less in June, 1947 than in June, 1946.

I also wish to call your attention to the medical costs for June, 1947 of \$7,632.67. In June of 1946, in General Assistance alone, we spent for medical care \$1,962.64, plus \$20,451.64 which was spent for Old Age medical; so you can see there was a very substantial reduction in the cost of medical care in June of 1947 over June of 1946.

All reports I have received in regard to the labor situation show that there is at this time a surplus of labor, both in the upper valley and in the lower valley. The reports stated there were approximately 3,000 unemployed people in the upper valley, and it is my belief that there is probably that many in the lower valley. On the one hand, it is satisfying to know that there is sufficient labor to harvest our crops and to conduct our businesses, but on the other hand, when we have a large oversupply of labor it means: 1) a large number of people do not get any summer employment, or, if they get any it is very little; and 2) that no one, or very few people, work continuously straight through because of the fact that competition for jobs is very keen, and, as a result, their annual income, or summer income, is reduced, with a net result that they are liable not to have sufficient money to carry them through the winter and will look to the county for aid.

With the situation as it prevails at this time, and the state that our finances are in, it will be impossible, as I have stated before, to assume a much greater load than we are now caring for; hence, anyone who is not able

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to provide for himself this winter will have to look to some other agency, or some other place for help to get him through to the next work season.

I sincerely hope that some method can be worked out whereby the Farm Labor Camps can be maintained in operation, since if they are not maintained it will further aggravate the already tight housing situation which we have here in the valley.

Any group that takes on or operates Farm Labor Camps should realize that during the winter, income from rents will fall materially since the individuals there will not be working and a large number of them perhaps will not have sufficient money to pay rentals when they are due. It may be that by extending credit to them, that those conducting or managing the camp would be able to collect sometime in the future, although that is again doubtful.

I am happy to report that the Department was able to stay within its budgeted funds the first quarter, and we do not anticipate any difficulty in staying within our funds the second quarter. However, we do anticipate considerable difficulty in taking care of the needs as they develop in the last quarter of this year, namely, during the months of October, November and December.

APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

JUNE, 1947

	GAA	ADC	BLIND	GA
Pending from last month	92	50	4	31
Received during month	32	29	2	44
Total during month	124	79	6	75
Disposed of during month	61	50	1	56
Pending at end of month	63	29	5	19

GA APPROVED CASES

JUNE, 1947

Continued from last month		1122
Added during month		37
Total during month		1159
Received assistance	505	
Received no assistance	654	
Closed during month		592
Continued to next month		567

FOSTER HOME CARE

JUNE, 1947

Number of children under care	312
Certified homes in use	37
Uncertified homes in use	22
Certified homes not in use	17

COMMITMENTS
JUNE, 1947

	Assistance	Admin.	Cases	Persons	Cost per Person
1-a					
General Assistance	\$20606.16		505	863	\$ 23.88
Funerals	925.38		10	10	92.53
Adult Board	501.01		12	12	41.75
Total Amount	<u>\$22032.55</u>				
1-Administration					
Salaries		\$6122.63			
Travel		523.48			
Repairs		20.50			
Other Cost		908.34			
Total Amount		<u>\$7574.95</u>			
1-b					
Private Hospital	\$ 748.30		10	10	\$ 74.83
County Hospital	19083.38		233	233	81.90
Other Medical Care	7632.67		806	806	9.47
Total Amount	<u>\$27464.35</u>				
Federal-Aid Programs					
Div. 2					
Old Age Assistance	<u>\$226195.00</u>		3714	3714	\$ 60.90
Div. 5					
ADC Assistance	\$74748.00		661	1711	\$ 43.69
CWS Foster Home	3636.01		92	92	39.52
CWS Inst. Care	391.08		13	13	30.08
CWS Clothing	83.12		8	8	10.39
Total Amount	<u>\$78858.21</u>				
Div. 6					
Blind	\$3105.00		48	48	\$ 64.68
Fed. Aid Salaries		\$8335.00			
Fed. Aid Travel		-----			
Total Amount		<u>\$8335.00</u>			
GRAND TOTAL AMOUNTS	<u><u>\$357655.11</u></u>	<u><u>\$15209.95</u></u>			

The above Old Age Medical Figures do not include Private Physician, Dental and Drugs.

COMMITMENTS (Cont.)

JUNE, 1947

BREAKDOWN OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE OBLIGATIONS

General Assistance	\$20606.16
Adult Board	501.01
Funerals	<u>925.38</u>
Total	\$22032.55

SPECIAL CLASSIFICATION WITH GENERAL ASSISTANCE FIGURES

General Assistance Service Cases	197
Average Cost per Case for GA	\$42.08
Average Cost per Single GA	36.22
Average Cost per Family for GA	56.20
Average Cost per Person in Family GA	16.44

COMPARISONS

	Cases			Amounts			Average Cost		
	1946 June	1947 June May		1946 June	1947 June May		1946 June	1947 June May	
Div. 1-a									
General Assistance	422	505 618		\$22892.65	\$20606.16	\$27419.33	\$ 54.24	\$ 40.80	\$ 44.37
Funerals	1	10 5		27.35	925.38	500.00	27.35	92.53	100.00
Adult Board	9	12 22		178.37	501.01	598.08	19.82	41.75	27.18
Total Amounts				\$23098.37	\$22032.55	\$28517.41			
Div. 1-b									
Private Gen. Hosp.	6	10 29		\$ 229.08	\$ 748.30	\$ 1771.05	\$ 38.18	\$ 74.83	\$ 61.03
County Hospital	226*	233 257		17987.76	19083.38	19473.23	79.59	81.90	75.77
Other Medical Care	334	806 647		1962.64	7632.67	6501.53	5.88	9.47	10.05
Total Amounts				\$20179.48	\$27464.35	\$27745.81			
Div. 2									
Old Age Assistance	3597	3714 3739		\$198902.00	\$226195.00	\$227143.00	\$ 55.30	\$ 60.90	\$ 60.75
OAA Funerals	19			1900.00			100.00		
OAA Medical Appliances	79			636.35			8.06		
OAA Hospitalization	71			6447.50			90.81		
OAA Ambulances	20			165.00			8.21		
OAA Med. Visit. Nurse	18			148.38			8.25		
OAA Med. Nurs. Serv.	3			80.68			26.89		
Total Amounts				\$208280.01	\$226195.00	\$227143.00			
Div. 5									
AMS Assistance	460	661 652		\$43717.00	\$74748.00	\$74761.00	\$ 95.04	\$113.08	\$114.66
CWS Foster Homes	100	92 127		2891.19	3636.01	4927.02	28.91	39.52	38.76
CWS Institutional Care	25	13 13		592.11	391.08	418.08	23.68	30.08	32.16
CWS Clothing	5	8 6		81.65	83.12	147.37	16.33	10.39	7.90
Total Amounts				\$47281.95	\$78858.21	\$80153.47			
Div. 6									
Blind Assistance	50	48 47		\$2740.00	\$3105.00	\$3066.00	\$ 54.80	\$ 64.68	\$ 65.23
*Minus Amt. of OAA Hosp - Co. Hosp.				- 6041.00					
GRAND TOTAL AMOUNTS				<u>\$295538.81</u>	<u>\$357655.13</u>	<u>\$366625.69</u>			

PERSONNEL

JUNE, 1947

	1946	1947
Administration & Soc. Serv. Supr.	7	9
Visitors	35	43
Other Personnel	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>
	66	74*
* 4 new employees 3 resigned		
<u>County Hospital</u>		
Doctors	1	0
Medical visitor	1	0
Nurses	10	7
Attendants	26	35
Others	<u>21</u>	<u>27</u>
	59	69

*Duplication change in personnel in 0 positions.

OPERATIONS OF COUNTY INSTITUTIONS

JUNE, 1947

County Hospital

Salaries	\$12375.36
Travel	90.80
Office Expense	20.25
Telephone	46.60
Insurance	216.46
Light and Power	233.94
Consumable Supplies	.66
Repair to Equipment	60.38
Drugs	866.32
Surg. Inst. & Appara.	474.61
Provisions	1664.23
Sundry Supplies & Exp.	48.32
Replac. Dishes	150.60
Repair & Parts	24.48
Janitor Supplies	21.70
Replace Linens	121.63
Laundry	686.66
Sewer Disposal Plant	1894.99
Freight and Postage	1.86
Sales Tax	83.53
Total	\$19083.38

Other Medical Care

Drugs	\$1128.47
Outside Service	5756.55
Dental	108.50
Ambulance	440.15
Appliances	4.12
Physician's Travel	139.20
Nursing Service	55.68
Total	\$7632.67

Private Physician's Activities

Operation, surgical	
Minor ...	25
Major ...	14
O'Brien's ...	21
County Hospital	
Patient Days Care	2179
Average cost per patient day care	\$8.71

