

# —Dietz on Science— ONE IN EVERY TEN BESET BY CHRONIC ILLS

Belief Such Maladies Are  
Always Incurable Held  
in Error.

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Two widespread notions about chronic diseases need to be corrected, according to a study just completed by the Research Bureau of the Welfare Council of New York City. The first is that chronic diseases are always incurable. The second is that they affect chiefly the aged and the prematurely old.

The seriousness of chronic disease is pointed out by Miss Mary C. Jarrett, director of the study, who says that they afflict at least one person out of every ten.

"Chronic diseases affect persons of all ages and may occur at any time from the beginning to the end of life," she says.

"Among the chronic sick are babies injured at birth or crippled by congenital defects; little children who are victims of bad hygiene or of infections; boys and girls carrying the infirmities of earlier childhood through their school life; handicapped young men and women seeking a means of livelihood with their powers; fathers and mothers of young children disabled by accident or disease and grown old before their time, and finally those for whom life is ending in the feebleness of natural senescence."

## Many Children Suffer

The Welfare Federation of New York made a survey of 21,000 persons who as a result of being incapacitated by certain chronic diseases were under the care of welfare agencies in New York. It found that 7,000 of them were children under 16 years of age; more than half of the 21,000 were under 45 years of age and only one-fifth were 70 years or older.

The prevention of chronic disease is the most pressing public health problem of today, according to Miss Jarrett. Organized, intelligent treatment of the chronic sick who are dependent is one of the most important problems of public welfare, she adds.

"In this field, the interaction of physical, social and mental factors is of more significance than in any other public health field except child hygiene, which is now very thoroughly organized," she continues.

"Only a beginning has been made so far in a few communities toward organized efforts for the study and control of the chronic diseases."

"These conditions are today the frontier of medical and health work."

Miss Jarrett criticizes the medical profession as well as the nation at large for its attitude toward the problem.

## Scores Indifference

"The indifference of the medical profession, as well as the general public, lies back of the neglect of the chronic sick, is the result of a number of causes, all of which have their origin in misunderstanding or lack of information."

"The discovery of the bacterial origin of communicable diseases, opening the way for their control and treatment, by contrast threw into greater obscurity the unknown origins of chronic diseases, so that the interest of physicians turned to those whom they could help and away from the chronic sick before whose sufferings they were so often helpless."

Even where medical knowledge is sufficient, the necessary social service to carry out a complete and successful plan of treatment is rarely available, Miss Jarrett says.

"There are, however," she continues, "some evidence of a changing sentiment toward chronic illness on the part of physicians and of other groups concerned with public health."

## Hospitals for Chronically Ill

"Surveys have recently been made in a number of states and cities to determine the extent of chronic illness and the facilities it demands. There are now a number of chronic hospitals in the United States equipped and conducted according to the best standards of modern hospital service."

The survey on which this report is based is evidence of the demand for improvement in the care of the chronically sick in New York on the part of physicians, nurses and social workers represented in the Welfare Council.

"There has been an increasing pressure for many years from various groups concerned with the health and welfare of the city for better planning in this field."

Miss Jarrett emphasizes the necessity of no longer confusing "chronic" with "incurable."

"As medicine progresses, the conception of incurability is constantly changing," she says. "To pronounce a patient incurable in the present state of medical knowledge places a serious responsibility on the physician and implies at times a greater knowledge than he possesses."

## VETERAN MASON, 94, DEAD AT COLUMBUS

Z. H. Hauser, Retired Druggist, Victim of Long Illness.

Times Special  
COLUMBUS, Ind., Aug. 7.—Following a long illness due to infirmities, Dr. Z. H. Hauser, retired druggist and one of the oldest Masons in the state, died Friday at the county hospital here.

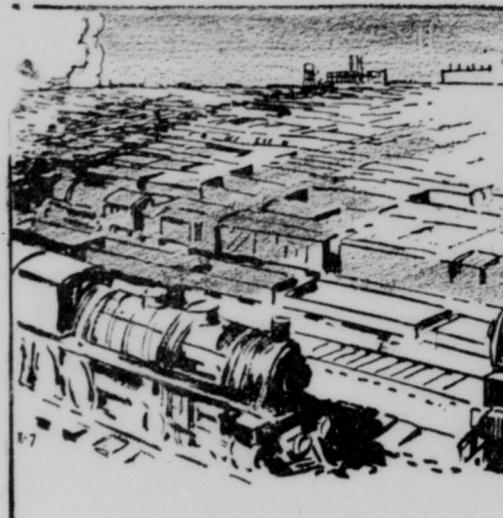
Dr. Hauser had practiced medicine and surgery more than half a century. He had been in the drug business since 1880. He was active in Democratic politics and served a term as county clerk of Bartholomew county and was a trustee of the Indiana Central hospital at Indianapolis several years ago. He was a lifelong resident of Columbus.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Samuel Updegraff, Los Angeles, Calif., and a sister, Miss Harriet Hauser, Philadelphia, Pa.

Census figures indicate that the birth rate in the United States is chiefly a city phenomenon, and that the decline is much less in rural areas.

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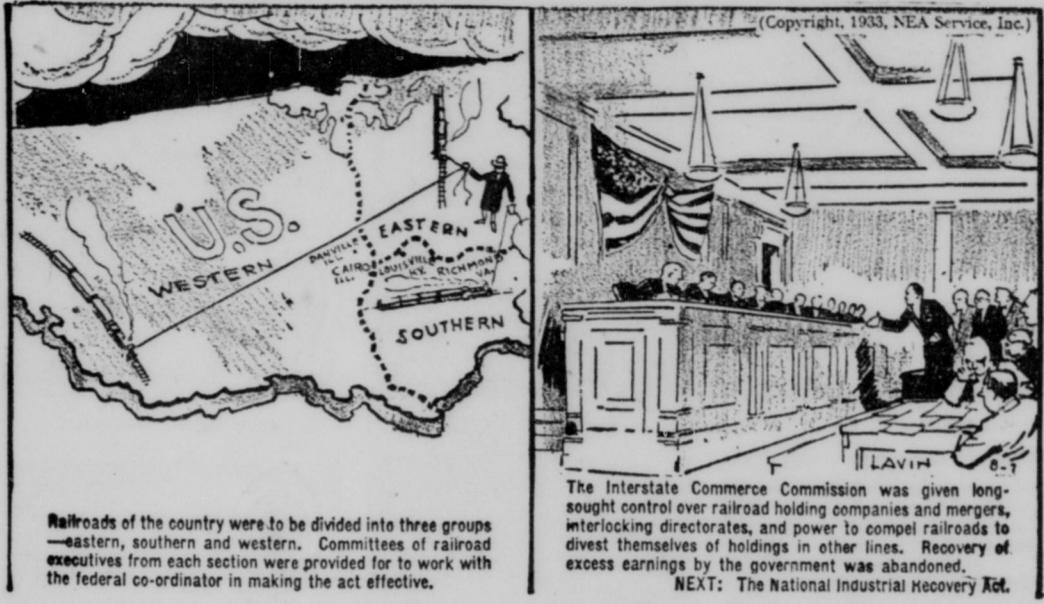


On request of President Roosevelt, Congress enacted emergency legislation to help the railroads out of difficulties arising from decreased business because of the depression.



The act provided for a railroad co-ordinator to encourage, and compel if necessary, pooling of rolling stock, exchange of terminal facilities, elimination of duplicating services, division of traffic, and reduction of top-heavy capitalization. Joseph B. Eastman, interstate commerce commissioner, was named co-ordinator.

# Reorganizing the Railroads



Railroads of the country were to be divided into three groups—eastern, southern and western. Committees of railroad executives from each section were provided for to work with the federal co-ordinator in making the act effective.

NEXT: The National Industrial Recovery Ad.

## Tugboat Annie' Should Have Golden Movie Seal

Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery Make 'Tugboat Annie'  
One of Most Human Stories Screen Has Reflected.

By WALTER D. HICKMAN.

If the movie industry is awarding any yearly golden seals for the best and greatest human acting of the season then it should be awarded to Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery for 1933.

The movie meriting this imaginary movie honor to these two players is of course "Tugboat Annie."

Am going to remember "Tugboat Annie" for two things that Marie Dressler and Beery pull off. The one that Miss Dressler stages in her most human way is also a reminder of the time in another picture when she was cooking a big fat turkey for Christmas and she gave that part which last goes over the fence a vicious jab with the fork.

The human way she did that has caused me to always remember that scene. And in my memory box I have another memory of Miss Dressler. This time she is the captain of a tugboat for a city garbage disposal system. She is just about down and out. She allows that the garbage has about got her down."

And also says that an onion is an onion whether it is a week or seven weeks old." On this highly smelling barge comes the intended mate of Tugboat Annie's. Annie has been deserted in a certain sense by her own son, but she has a locket around her neck, which has the picture of him when he was just a wee baby.

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