

NEWS STORIES ABOUT WPA

150,000 AIDED BY HARLEM PROJECT FOR DOMESTICS

A feature story in the Afro-American, dealing with the household workers' project, runs as follows:

"How the long arm of Uncle Sam was extended to take in thousands of domestics was revealed in a survey made by the Household Aides' Service, a Federal project in Harlem which has benefited 150,000 people in Greater Manhattan.

"In the more than two-and-one-half years since its inception, this service has helped the community, as well as the women for whose assistance it was formed.

"The service sends housekeepers to families who are in desperate need of someone to take the household helm temporarily and yet who cannot afford to pay a private housekeeper. The Housekeepers are all WPA workers drawn from the Home Relief rolls.

"Sometimes it is a case of illness when, if outside help were not provided, the wage-earner might have to stay at home to aid his family and thus might lose his job. Sometimes it is a situation that would result in the placing of an entire family in an institution were it not for the provident arrival of the housekeeping aide.

"Thanks to the interest and loyalty of the aides themselves, the service has become a branch of welfare work which could not be lightly dispensed with. They have thrown themselves into the spirit of the work with untiring enthusiasm.

"They have refused to consider it a temporary stop-gap of made work. Many a family has been kept together because of the competence and cheerful sympathy of the faithful housekeeping aide.

"Since the establishment of the service, these housekeepers have made more than 250,000 visits. Some 150,000 home investigations have been made and nearly 150,000 persons throughout the city have benefited by the organization."

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