

At the time this Manual goes to press the Federal Government has not completed its organization to receive recommendations from the State, and methods of financing have not been definitely established, so that the Maryland projects to be recommended are not yet ready to be announced.

#### WELFARE AND UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

In August, 1932, Governor Ritchie appointed what was known as the Advisory Committee on Unemployment Relief to survey the relief needs in the counties of Maryland. The members of this committee were as follows:

Howard Bruce, Banker, Baltimore.

Paul T. Beisser, President State Conference of Social Work, Baltimore.

James M. Hepbron, Director of the Community Fund, Baltimore.

Rev. Edwin L. Leonard, Director of Catholic Charities, Baltimore.

Harry Greenstein, Director of Associated Jewish Charities, Baltimore.

Walter N. Kirkman, State Purchasing Agent, Baltimore.

Richard F. Cleveland, Member of the Board of State Aid and Charities, Baltimore.

The conditions in Baltimore City were being surveyed and taken care of under the direction of Mayor Jackson, through the established welfare agencies.

The State committee investigated the situation throughout the counties of the State, and while it had no funds at its disposal it was able to do effective work in co-ordinating and directing existing county relief agencies, in establishing sources of information in interesting representative people, and in other ways.

At the Legislature of 1933, Governor Ritchie recommended a State bond issue of \$12,000,000 to take care of relief expenditures of Baltimore City, from November 1, 1931. This issue is to be financed for two years through a drastic reduction in the State Budget, one-half of which was allocated for this purpose, and the other half of which was applied to the reduction of local taxes in the various counties.

At about the close of the 1933 Session of the Legislature, the unemployment needs of some of the counties became acute, and application was made to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a comparatively small amount of Federal aid, which was granted. This continued until the work of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was taken over under the provisions of the Federal Emergency Relief Act. The unemployment needs in Maryland are now being financed through the portion of the \$12,000,000 State bond issue remaining after Baltimore City has been reimbursed for past relief expenditures, supplemented by Federal grants through the Federal Emergency Relief Administrator.

By an amendment to the laws governing the Board of State Aid and Charities at the 1933 Session of the Legislature this Board was given complete supervision and control as of June 1, 1933, of all unemployment relief throughout the State. A sub-committee of the Board of State Aid and Charities was appointed by Samuel E. Shannahan, Chairman of the Board, to supervise unemployment relief, which committee is as follows:

Richard F. Cleveland, Chairman, Baltimore.

Sidney Hollander, Baltimore.

William L. Galvin, Baltimore.