

A PROPOSITION FOR THE DISABLED

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THE WEST VIRGINIA REHABILITATION SERVICE

IN COOPERATION WITH

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

You are requested to examine this circular and to help the state authorities in locating and assisting persons who have been permanently disabled in industry or otherwise.



A PLUCKY DISABLED WORKMAN

This man with a very serious permanent injury of the spine was taught a suitable trade through the Rehabilitation Service, and is now happy in supporting himself and family.

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HELP FOR THE DISABLED EXPLAINED

A BUSINESS PROPOSITION. What is known as Civilian Rehabilitation is not in any sense a form of charity, but it is a simple plan of the Federal and State Governments to give encouragement and assistance to disabled persons in a businesslike manner. It is intended to work out an advantage for all parties concerned, by helping persons who are permanently handicapped to have the satisfaction of earning their own livelihood and of relieving the public of any care for them in the future. It is plain business administered with economy and a careful study of individual needs and possibilities. **Rehabilitate** means to bring back to earning capacity.

KINDS OF ASSISTANCE. Persons reading this circular should not get the notion that there is a large public fund to distribute to the disabled. On the contrary the funds for this purpose are very much limited and can be used only for the general purposes which follow:

1. **To Assist the Disabled in Schooling.** Disabled persons who need more education for their chosen vocations are assisted by payment for tuition, books and supplies needed in training or for special tutors to give home or individual instruction. The law does not provide for living expenses, but some help is occasionally provided by worthy organizations.

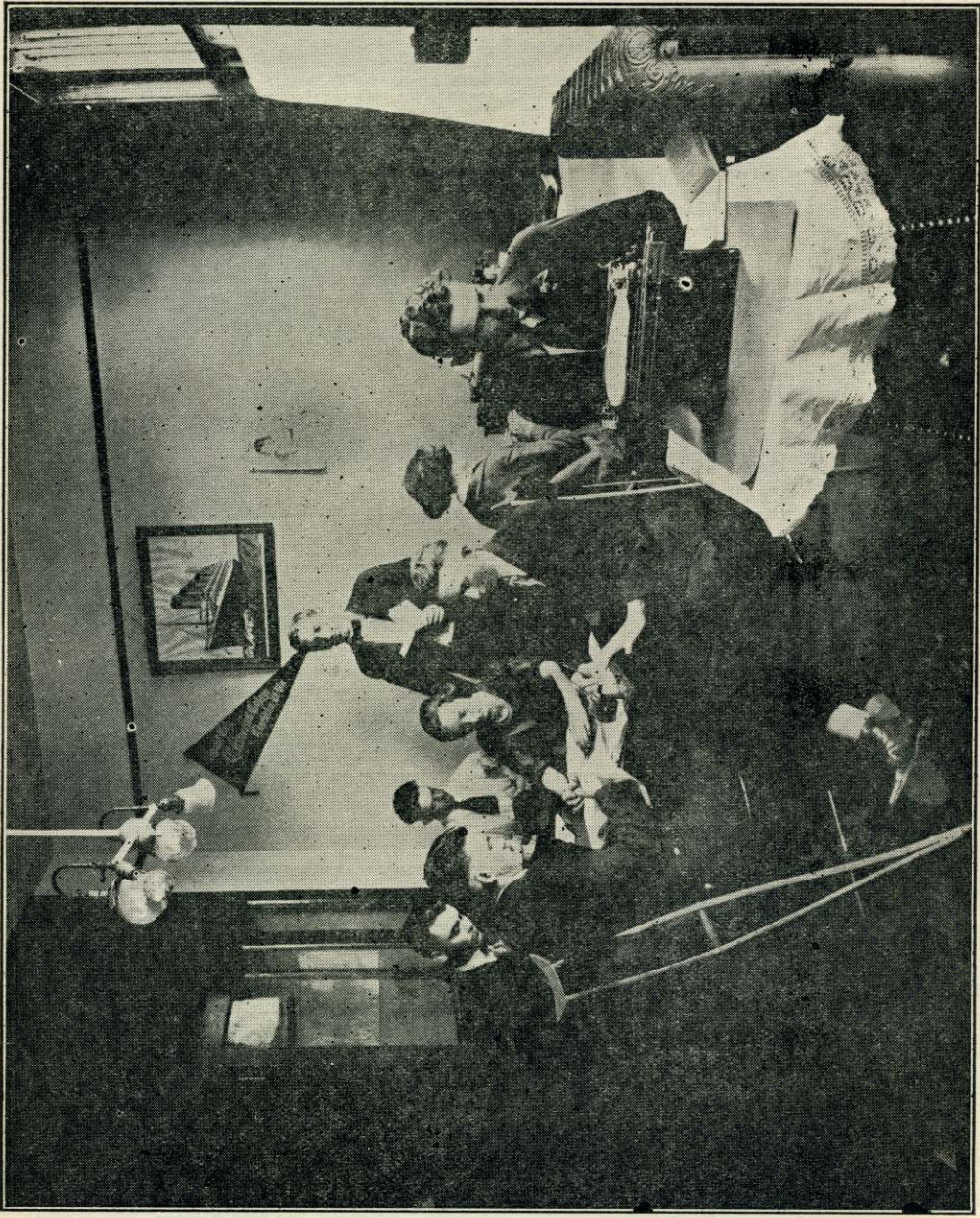
2. **Training by Placement in Employment.** The Rehabilitation agents will help a disabled person in securing a place in some field of labor where a skilled person will give special attention to the disabled, thus preparing him for permanent profitable employment.

3. **Consultation on Employment and Business.** It often happens that a person with a disability, especially in a case where compensation is received, needs advice about securing a new position or investing money in a safe business. The Rehabilitation agents are ready at all times to try to render such service.

4. **General Follow-Up Work.** In brief Rehabilitation agents are at the call of all worthy persons with a permanent disability, ready to assist them in every way possible in finding a way to support themselves and to take their places as happy productive citizens.

HOW TO GET HELP. Full particulars will be given on inquiry addressed to the officers listed on the last page. The administration is simple and no one need to hesitate to make application for anyone who is eligible.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Any person, male or female, 16 years of age or more, who has a permanent physical disability received in industry or from any other cause, may be considered for help in the Rehabilitation Service.



This group is receiving instruction in one of the prominent Commercial Schools of the state. Each individual has a pronounced physical disability.

HOW TO REPORT AN ACCIDENT OR IMPAIRMENT

This form should be used, or suggested information, in reporting to the nearest agent named below or to the Department at Charleston, any cases of the disabled capable of being rehabilitated.

REPORT OF DISABLED

This is to report that..... (Name)

..... age....., living at (City)

..... has suffered impairment of the follow- (Street and Number)

ing nature:

On His occupation was that of..... (Date)

Dated: 19.....

(Signed)

(Position)

(Address)

Remarks about the person and case reported

ORGANIZATION. The persons listed below are in charge of the Rehabilitation Service:

J. F. MARSH, State Director, Charleston.

O. A. WATSON, Buckhannon. Agent for central and northeastern section of State.

JNO. C. SHAW, Box 359, Wheeling. Agent for Northern Panhandle and Ohio River counties.

W. C. MEADOWS, Charleston. Agent for Kanawha-New River section of State.

H. K. BARBE, Welch. Agent for extreme southern counties.

J. T. MOORE, Charleston, Cooperating Agent between the State Compensation Department and the Rehabilitation Service.