

Public Rally to Help Unemployed

CHRISTCHURCH SOUP KITCHEN TO OPEN
SERVICES OK ALL KINDS.

C.T. January 28, 1933

By the energetic action of members of the Unemployed Fellowship and the enthusiastic co-operation of the Mudeford Townswomen's Guild, Christchurch is to possess a communal kitchen for the benefit of the local unemployed

The Corporation property in Pound Lane will be the distributing centre, premises which have been loaned without charge. The Bournemouth Gas and Water Co. have installed the necessary cooking and heating apparatus also gratuitously.

Commencing on Monday next, the special detachment of cooks from the Mudeford Women's Guild will take charge. Monday being utilised in making the soup in readiness for distribution on Tuesday, which will be fixed for noon.

To each member of the Unemployed Fellowship or their wives and children one pint of soup each will be apportioned, thus those men with families will benefit in ratio.

Thursday again will be reserved for soup making in readiness for distribution on Friday; thereafter the kitchen will be opened on Tuesdays and Fridays, commencing next week.

TO CHEER THE WIVES AND CHILDREN.

It was only in the last issue of the "Christchurch Times" that the appeal was made for the help of the public in the matter of providing cheer for the wives and children of the local unemployed.

It had somehow been overlooked that the helpmates at home with the stress of the domestic strain upon their shoulders needed their morale supporting; hence the request was made for entertainers to give their services.

Promptly came the offer of the Mudeford Townswomen's Guild to stage their pantomime, "The Sleeping Beauty," on Friday night. This necessitated a special performance devoted entirely to the cause of entertaining the wives and children of the members of the Fellowship.

This kind offer was immediately backed by the Messrs. Shamrock and Rambler Charabanc Services of Bournemouth, who placed at the disposal of the committee two thirty-two seater coaches, picking up the women and children at the Christchurch Town Hall at 6.30, conveying them to Mudeford, waiting during the performance, and conveying them back to Christchurch at its termination. Messrs. Frampton Bros. are also kindly supplying a lorry to convey 40 men on Friday night.

The heartiest thanks come from the Borough for these promptly offered kindnesses.

FREE WIRELESS RE-CHARGING.

The need of entertainment during this black spell of their lives, prompted another kind offer from the Priory Garage, Castle Street, Christchurch. Mr. A. Bendall Isaacs, the principal of that organisation, has offered to re-charge the men's wireless batteries free of charge.

This last action demonstrates how deep is the desire to render what aid is possible; for there must be many homes where the wireless is "tacit" because of the cost of re-charging of batteries.

It is such offers as these, made with such admirable promptitude which will do much to make the unfortunate ones feel assured of the keen and very real sympathy which surrounds them in this period.

IS THE SOUP KITCHEN WANTED? STARTLING LACK OF APPRECIATION.

C.T. February 11, 1933

It is a, startling fact that upon Tuesday, the opening day of the newly-appointed Christchurch Fellowship of Unemployed soup kitchen, only one gallon of soup was applied for.

Six ladies, members of the Mudeford Townswomen's Guild, had on the day previous given hours of their time in the preparation of a fine and nutritious soup. With skill and no small knowledge of how appetising soup should be made, they prepared ten gallons.

The Corporation officials had loaned the premises, the Fellowship members laid a good floor and copiously applied whitewash in order to make the place hygienic, others prepared the vegetables—in short a great deal of labour cheerfully given went to this soup kitchen effort, and of the ten gallons only one was asked for.

His Worship the Mayor (Major G.F.C. Saunders), who is President of the C.U.F., has passed to the "Christchurch Times" the following notice:—

C.U.F. SOUP KITCHEN.

Will the wives of members of the Christchurch Unemployed Fellowship ask their husbands to write their names on the lists posted in the Centre. Names on the list up to Wednesday mid-day will be served with soup on the following Friday. Names on the list up to Friday midday will be served on the following Tuesday.

G. F. C. SAUNDERS,
President, C.U.F.