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Clothing Drive Article

Private charity drives—like this one for used clothing in Shamrock, Texas—were essential for Americans who were unable to provide for themselves and their families due to the effects of the Great Depression. High unemployment rates and crop failures made buying clothes financially unfeasible for many Americans, who had to rely on charitable events to get basic necessities.

B. and P.W. Club Starts Drive for Castoff Clothing; Citizens asked to donate old clothes to aid in relief work

Members of the local Business and Professional Women's club will sponsor an old clothes drive in connection with Cleanup and Paintup week, according to Mrs. George McFann, president, responding to a plea from the Shamrock relief office for cooperation in aiding persons on relief rolls.

Anyone who has articles of clothing to donate, is asked to call the relief office, or any member of the club and they will be called for.

Regardless of what condition the wearing apparel may be in, the ladies in charge of the sewing room will mend them. Shoes, and especially men's shoes, are needed, Mrs. McFann stated.

The drive will last through the week and all local residents are urged to cooperate with the club in making it a success.

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