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If you've expressed concern for homeless orphans in far-off lands, and haven't tried to do something about it, this story is for you.

Unlike most New Bernians, Winn and Mary Duffy Hughes weren't content to bemoan the plight of youngsters thousands of miles away. That's why Sang Chin Pak, pastor of Shink Mang Won orphanage at Kwangju City, Chul-lanam Do, Korea and the 465 children under his wing, bless the local couple in their Christian prayers.

Mary and Winn have sent gifts to the orphanage in the past, intend to continue, and in the not too distant future plan to adopt two or more of the orphans. It will necessitate a trip to Korea, but Mary isn't worried over this prospect of a lengthy journey. She is anxious to personally visit the orphanage and meet the hundreds of boys and girls who live there.

Pictured on this page of The Mirror are some of these appreciative kids, and the two story concrete building constructed with the assistance of cement and wood from the U. S. Military Assistance Organization. It was a worthy project, and Uncle Sam was glad to lend a helping hand.

Sang Chin Pak is the sort of person who merits deep respect. His life is dedicated to serving others, in the fullest sense, and his faith and enthusiasm attract admiration and affection from officials as well as private citizens like Mary and Winn, who know him only from a distance.

"At the age of four my mother passed away," says Sang, "so that I have lived a very solitary life. At the age of twenty I had the honour of being converted into Christianity. Since then I have kept my life with hope.

"At the age of twenty five I became an evangelist, becoming a priest at the age of thirty seven. It was in 1942 that I became appointed priest in the church of Pyung Yang (now the capital of North Korea) which was called the Jerusalem of Korea. On the 27th of May 1946, I came down to Seoul of free Korea."

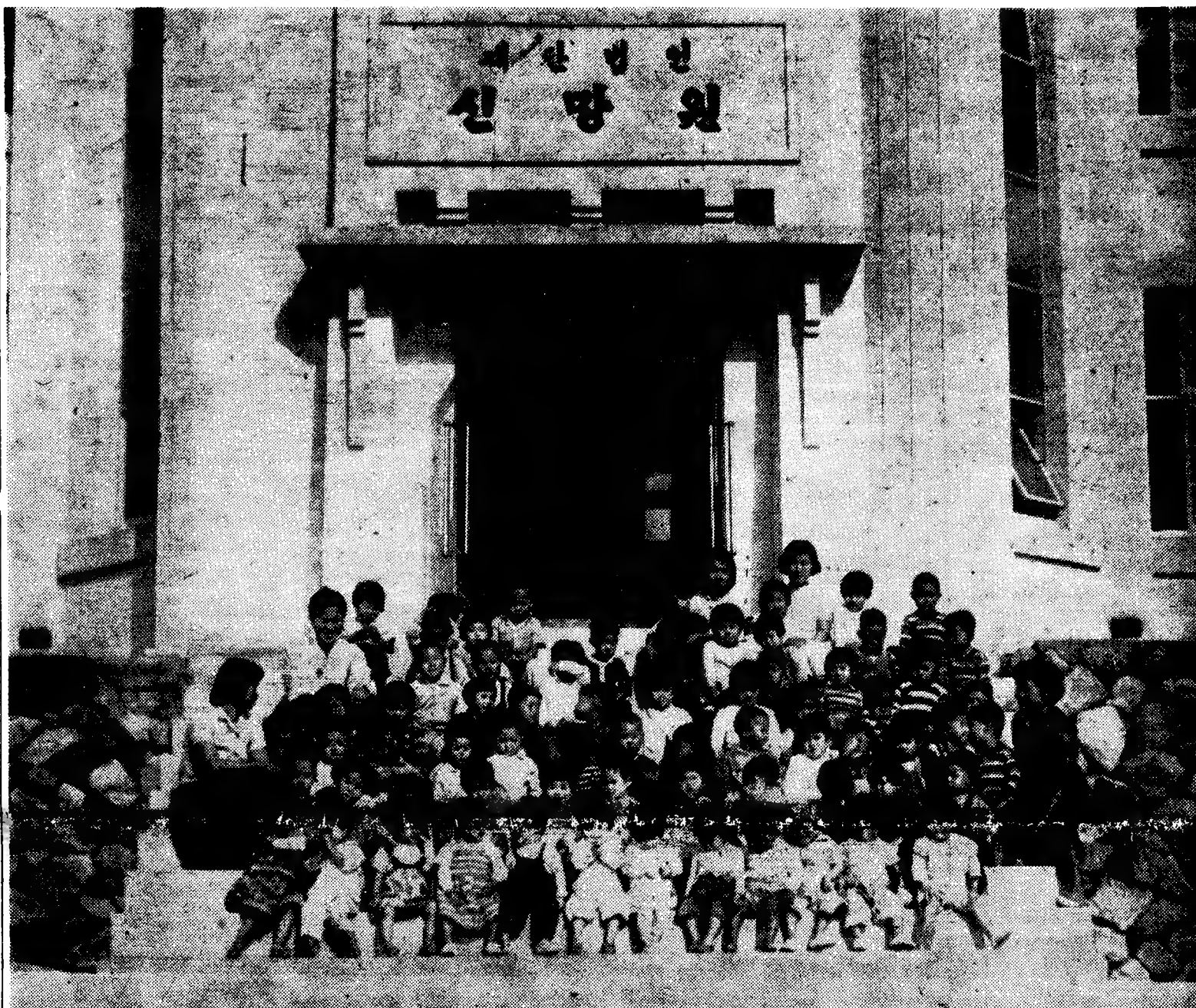
Sang tells us that the words of Christ in Matthew were a motivating force in his crusade for needy children. "It said a man's life is more important than the whole world, and struck me with the idea of significance of saving four or five orphans who was dying for hunger every day. We have many intelligent boys and girls who are desperately poor, so poor that they have very much difficulty with continuing their study."

Mary and Winn received their most recent letter from Sang in December, and he was joyful over the 40 boxes of basic food that the couple sent to the orphanage through CARE, 660 First Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. "I changed the basic food with wool," he wrote, "for I needed them more than the food just now, for it is very cold here in Korea. So I will teach how to handle the sewing machine and then, they can wear very warm."

Turning to Matthew again for inspiration (16: 26-7) the tireless pastor says, "When I worked for my own sake I failed many times, but after Korean War when I helped not for my own family, but for the poor and homeless orphans, my heart is always happy and now I have a large family of 465."

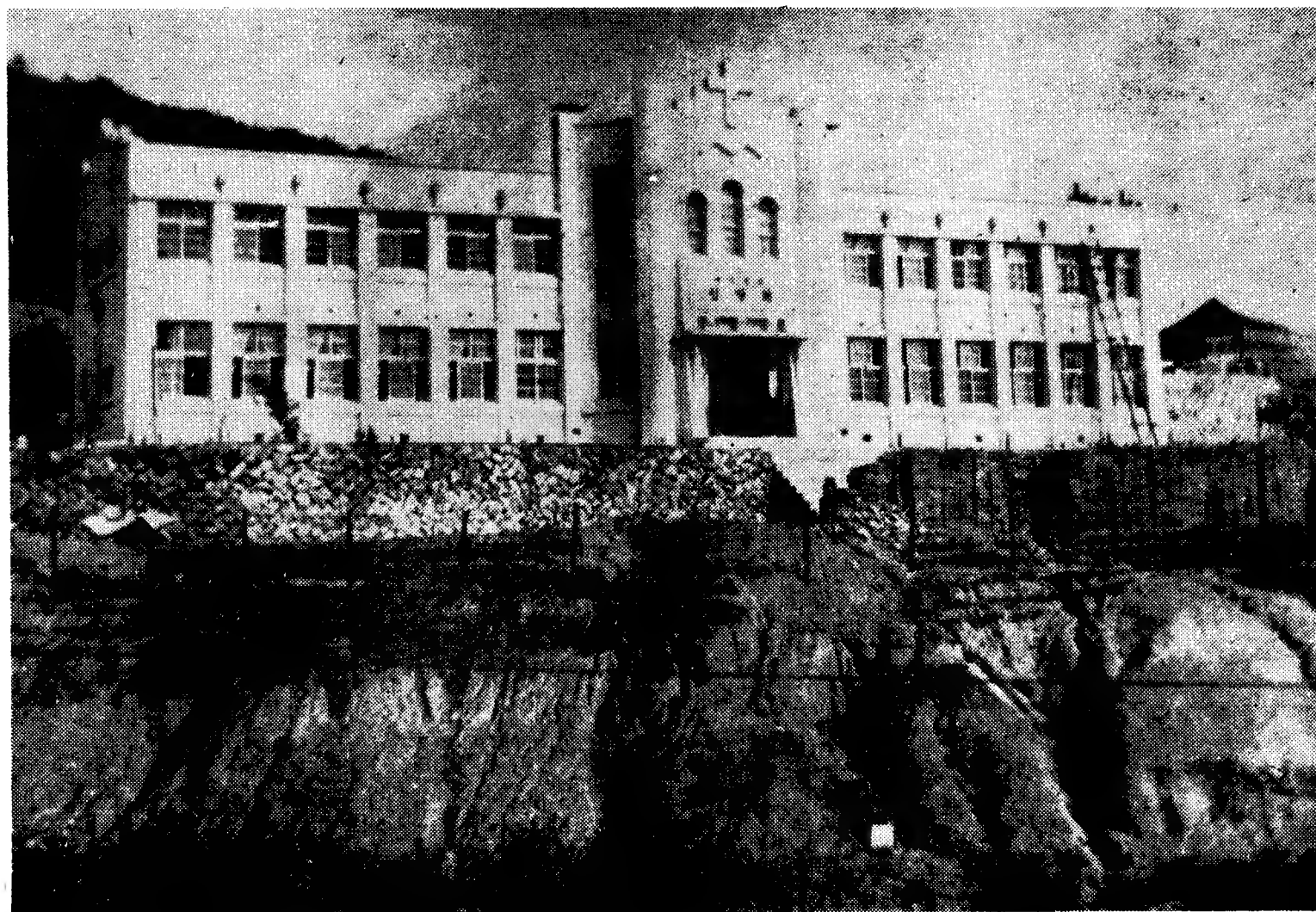
Mary's friends recall that she lost her only son, Pat, when he was struck by a vehicle as he left a school bus on the Morehead City highway after his very first day of school. Instead of being bitter,

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THE SAME EVERYWHERE—These Korean orphans (see Through the Looking Glass) are typical children, even though they are growing up in surroundings that differ greatly from the environment an American town like New

Bern offers its small fry. But for the generosity of others, these kids would have died of famine and exposure many months ago.



A HAVEN FOR HUNDREDS—This building, constructed with the aid of the United States military, serves as a combined home and school for 465 boys and girls who have grown solemn beyond their years in a strife-torn land

where survival is a challenge for countless persons. Orphaned by war and pestilence, the children who dwell here have good reason to love an American that has befriended them.