

Children's Home's Christmas Appeal Is For Extended Work

With the Most Successful of All Years Coming to a Close, the Society Plans to Extend Its Work, Especially For Babies. Asks the Aid of All Big-Hearted People.

This year the Christmas appeal of the Children's Home society of North Carolina is clear cut, definite, imperative. Out at the home on Fair-

mount street and all over the state where the society is extending its protecting wings, to the ears of all thoughtful and big-hearted people in North Carolina, the Christmas appeal is just this:

The society needs money with which to continue its work of finding homes for the helpless children of the state. Not that it is in bad financial condition; as a matter of fact, the management at the recent meeting of the board of directors reported that never in the history of the organization has it been in as good shape. It has no debts and its credit has never been better.

The need for money is entirely for extending the work of the society. It is entirely for helping more children for taking babies and youngsters from ruined and shattered homes and from no homes at all, for caring for those children, for finding new homes anywhere in the state where children are desired, and for placing the children on a new life.

That is the Christmas appeal this year. They are going to have a Christmas treat the Fairmont street home. They are going to make the day as happy as possible for the children there. They are glad to get the Christmas toys and Christmas supplies that people all over the state have always given. For these things the society is more grateful than its management can say.

But at this Christmas season the society wants to go further and to reach more helpless children. It has had by far the most successful year in its history, which means that more homes have been found for homeless children than ever before, but it does not want to stop there. "We can never stop until we have solved the homeless child problem in North Carolina," said Superintendent J. J. Phoenix at the last meeting of the directors.

By the end of the year Mr. Phoenix estimates that 250 children will have been placed in new homes by the society. The number is nearly up to that mark now. It is far in excess of any other year. Furthermore, the society this year has exercised more careful scrutiny over the homes in which children have been placed. This has been possibly the biggest advance made by the society during the year, the watch and care it main-

tains over its children after they have been put in homes. The process is marked by great care. First of all, the homes are rigidly inspected before children are sent there. Something like 900 homes were offered to the society this year. In other words, these 900 mothers and 900 fathers came to the society and said, "We want one of the children you have. In every instance the society through its various sources of inquiry sought all possible information about the homes. Many were rejected because the society did not think they were of the character in which children ought to be placed. Nearly three-fourths of all homes offered were not accepted, a fact that in itself shows something of the care used in all the work."

After the children have been placed in the homes found suitable, the society still watches over them. Representatives of the society visit the homes. Occasionally, very seldom, but once in a long while, the society finds that it has made a mistake in sending a child to a certain home. In that event, it takes the child back and eventually finds another home for it.

This work of supervision is to be stressed more and more because the officers and friends of the society believe it is a definite duty to ward the children as long as they live. They want to watch over them and see that good care is taken of them.

Another plan for the coming year is the construction of a cottage for babies here in Greensboro, on the same property where the receiving home is located. At present babies are occasionally received and many have been taken care of from time to time. But the home is not definitely equipped for babies. The need is great, and none knows better than those who have been in this work. It is planned to build a cottage especially for babies.

It is also planned to do more for the children while they are in the home. This is often a short time, a few weeks or months rarely so long as a year. The average time is about 30 days. But the society wants to do more educational work during the coming year so that the children will be as well equipped as possible for their new life.

Of the value of the work of the society there are commendations from many persons. Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, state commissioner of welfare, has written a letter to Superintendent Phoenix, praising the society. Governor Cameron Morrison, Mr. Scates, the president, General Julian S. Carr, and many others who have served it in one way and another, have been greatly impressed. Its work is open at all times to any investigation.

During the past few years the cost of finding a new home has been \$60 for each child. For \$50 a child is taken, cared for, placed in a new home and carefully watched until it is certain that its future is bright. Each person who gives \$60 a year can know that a child will be placed in a new home by that gift. A monthly gift of \$5 will do it.

The society is un denominational. It receives no financial aid from the state or from any denomination or fraternity. It depends entirely on voluntary gifts. In 19 years it has found homes for 2,159 children. Last year they came from 57 counties. It handles, and fully, the greatest out-cast of all, the illegitimate child.

At this Christmas season, the society presents its work to the state and invites, by appeal for assistance. Mr. Phoenix, Miss Holt, Miss Bilyeu and others who spend their life for homeless children can tell stories that would bring tears to any eyes. They know of almost unnumberable conditions. It is just these conditions that they are trying to correct. They are trying to find homes for children and Christmas means anything at all it means a home and children.

ASHEVILLE AT ONE TIME A LARGE LAKE

Engineers Find Evidence That Hill Was Once Bottom of Large Expanse of Water

(Special to Daily News)

Asheville, Dec. 16.—Indications found at the crest of Battery Park hill point to the fact that the entire Asheville plateau was in water at the bottom of a huge lake, covering the French Broad valley. It was learned from engineers today.

A series of water-worn boulders, at least three feet thick and covering an area of around 200 square feet, was found at the crest of the hill, give rise to the theory that it was at one time entirely under water.

The boulders were found while drills were being used in an effort to see if rock would be found when the property is excavated and several feet of earth covers the water-worn rock. After the drills passed through the strata of rock, only soft slate and clay was encountered, and it has been stated that the hill can easily be excavated.

Colonel V. S. Lusk, a pioneer resident of Asheville, has in several articles, pointed to the indications found that point to a huge lake or sea having at one time covered this section.

A former owner of Meadowbrook farm, now owned by E. W. Growe, points to numerous indications found that water covered an area of at least 80,000 square acres of what is now valuable commercial and farm land.

Mother of Mrs. T. B. Page Dies At Home In Columbia

Mrs. R. W. Gerald, Sr. of Columbia, S. C., mother of Mrs. T. B. Page, of this city, died last Sunday night at her home in Columbia following a fall in which she fractured a leg. She was 74 years old, and was just recovering from an attack of influenza at the time of the fall. With her age and weakness she was never able to rally.

She was a member of the First Baptist church and had been a loyal worker for many years. The funeral was held Monday morning and the body was sent to Blackville, S. C., where interment followed.

Charles G. Worley Will Seek Commissioner Job

(Special to Daily News)

Charlotte, Dec. 16.—That Chas. G. Worley, of Asheville, publisher of the Labor Advocate and secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Federation of Labor would be a candidate in the next election for the office of commissioner of labor and printing was ascertained here today by labor leaders.

The report has reached labor leaders here that M. L. Shipman, who has occupied the office heretofore will not be a candidate for re-election. Whether there is any foundation for this report could not be ascertained.

Money File Chosen At Once.

New York, Dec. 16.—Fred I. Kent, of the American Bankers' association, announced today that banks, corporations or individuals seeking to collect their pre-war mark balances held at German banks must file their claims with the state department at Washington before January 1, 1923.

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