

BETTER LIFE FOR 543 NEGLECTED CHILDREN

Vermont Children's Aid Society Has This Number of Little Ones Reported Since Last November—Home Conditions Improved and New Homes Found

The following annual report of the Vermont Children's Aid Society, Inc., prepared by the general secretary, Miss L. Josephine Webster, of this city, and presented at the Vermont conference of social work in Windsor, gives a good idea of what the Children's Aid Society has been doing during the last year: This report covers a period of ten and one-half months, from November 17, 1919 to October 1, 1920, commencing from the date when a full time paid worker first began active work for the Society. As a matter of fact, however, what was done during this time rested upon the foundation that had been previously laid by the directors and members of the Society. It is impossible to overestimate the value of their wise and painstaking labors.

It was my intention to spend the first few weeks in visiting the institutions of the state, getting acquainted with the agencies and people with whom we should work. But as usual, the best laid plans are often frustrated. At the end of the first week in distress from all parts of the state came to the office. Getting acquainted had to wait until it could be sandwiched in with some errand in the interest of children in need.

The middle of November probably the best time to begin state wide work in Vermont, if what is wanted is a test of endurance. This rigorous old state gave a worthy initiation in the form of the severest winter on record. You do not need to be reminded of the unusual difficulties that sometimes occur in the period of adjustment. At the end of the year if all is well, adoption is allowed, but never insisted upon. Until the child is adopted, he may be returned by the foster parent to the society at any time.

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BEST INTERESTS OF CHILD A child's problem cannot be considered apart from the family problem, where possible, we have tried to solve the difficulty without removing the child from his own home by helping to raise the home to a proper standard. Falling in this we try to find a relative who can offer the child a suitable home before we seek to place him with strangers. It is tragic that little children are ever forced to leave their homes, but the cause thereof is poor, but this has happened and is happening all the time in Vermont. The mother's pension, granted by the State Board of Charities and Probation, which helps a widow-mother to keep her children, is a step in the right direction. The present appropriation is not large enough to begin to meet the need, and the legislative enactment is restrictive.

COUNTY FARM BUREAU Family Membership Fee to Be Ten Dollars During Coming Year Following an interesting discussion for and against the adoption of a \$10 family membership fee for the Vermont County Farm Bureau during the coming year, it was voted at the close of the special meeting in Morrill hall Saturday afternoon to adopt such a fee and to change the constitution as to include this fee.

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to ascertain they are normal mentally and fit subjects for placements in free foster homes. The service of finding and supervising boarding homes has in some instances, been rendered to widowers or other relatives who were unable to procure proper care for motherless children. We hope many more homes may be opened this coming year to receive such children.

KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER Since we have stressed the preventive side of the work, and have tried where possible to keep the family together, we have removed comparatively few children from their own homes; 25 children have been taken under care, 15 of whom were committed to us by the courts. Where possible, we have secured financial assistance for board, clothing and medical care from relatives, interested persons or poor law officials. \$14,91 has been collected by the agents in this city for special children.

MAKE CAREFUL INVESTIGATIONS When a child is taken, we endeavor as far as possible to know that child. That means that only a careful investigation of the child's physical and personal history but a complete physical and mental examination, careful observation in a boarding home, conferences with the school teacher and others who are in close touch with the child. The children have been sent to Boston for more complete examination than could be given here. Where remedial physical defects are discovered they are corrected before the child is placed. For this service we are greatly indebted to physicians and hospitals, and to the F. D. Proctor Fund for Destitute Children. If a mental examination reveals feeble mindedness (as some times happens with an attractive appearing child) the child is not offered for adoption until the physical and mental examinations have been made. We try to keep faith with the foster homes by allowing adoption only where indications point to close touch and proper care. In all free placements the home and the child are safeguarded by making the placement an experiment for at least a year. During this time the agent keeps in close touch to make sure that the child is being properly cared for and to smooth out the difficulties that sometimes occur in the period of adjustment. At the end of the year if all is well, adoption is allowed, but never insisted upon. Until the child is adopted, he may be returned by the foster parent to the society at any time.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT System Formally Established for Young Women at University of Vermont The much-talked-of student government for the girls of the University of Vermont was formally established last week with the arrival of the printed constitutions. These were distributed to the girls in the dormitories on Thursday and to the non-resident girls on Friday. The system itself was worked out in a lengthy discussion, and technically has been in force since the beginning of the year. However, there is now no chance for a girl to plead "ignorance of the law," for they have the law in black and white.

PHYSICALLY FIT Freshmen at University of Vermont Found in Good Trim Some interesting statistics have been reported by Dr. David Marvin of the Medical College of Vermont, who for the past week has been examining the freshmen to determine their physical qualifications. This examination is made of all new men entering the University, and largely determines whether or not they will be permitted to take part in athletics and the amount of physical drill he must take. While all of the class have been examined, a fairly representative body have gone through. No serious defects have been found in this number, and physically the class averages well with the others that have been examined in former years.

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CAN'T AFFORD BIG APPETITE One day Jones was complaining that he was not feeling as fit as usual and a friend suggested that he go in for exercise. "There's horseback riding, for instance," said the friend. "It is one of the best forms of exercise on earth."

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LOCAL LEAGUE WOMEN VOTERS FORMED Succeeds Equal Franchise League and Is One of Many Similar Organizations Throughout the State—Plans for Shaw Memorial

Friday evening a large number of the members of the Equal Franchise League met in the parlors of the Commercial Hotel to take action in forming a local organization in regard to forming a local League of Women Voters, to be affiliated with the State league, of which Mrs. Lillian H. Ozendamm is chairman. Mrs. Clarence R. White, vice-president of the Suffrage League, presided at the meeting, in the absence of the president. The secretary, Mrs. H. W. Blackburn, read that portion of the minutes of the meeting held in St. Albans in July, pertaining to the organization of a local league of Women Voters. It was voted to dissolve the Equal Franchise League and also to form a local League of Women Voters. The following nominating committee was appointed: Mrs. H. W. Blackburn, chairman; Mrs. W. J. Henderson and Mrs. H. J. Daigle. This committee was instructed to assemble a slate of officers and report at a meeting to be called within two weeks, when the officers will be elected and the organization formally formed.

SHUT IN BY FALL Rev. W. A. Davison Recovering Slowly From Effects of Accident The Rev. Dr. W. A. Davison, secretary for the Vermont Baptist State convention, who was injured at Cedar Beach four weeks ago, when a step gave way, giving him a bad fall and wrenching the left knee, is still confined to the house and probably will be for several weeks longer. The X-ray pictures taken showed that no bones were broken, but the ligaments and muscles were bruised and are inflamed. His physicians say he is doing as well as could be expected and that it is a matter of time before he will be able to get about again. He himself, however, will be able to start November 26 for Minneapolis, Minn., to attend a meeting of the administrative board of the Northern Baptist convention, of which he is a member. The service at the Episcopal Church in Burlington is being carried on during Dr. Davison's absence by his secretary, Miss M. Adelle Orton, while the work out in the field is being looked after by the Rev. Walter E. Sturtevant. Dr. Davison had planned an exchange of pastors to conduct evangelistic meetings and these are now being conducted throughout the State with the Rev. Dr. York A. King of the American Baptist church, who is in charge of the seven agencies, holding one series of meetings himself while he assists the pastors of the association in planning to exchange and help each other. He has also been in charge of the state of the Rev. Dr. King's services five days in each of the seven agencies, holding one series of meetings himself while he assists the pastors of the association in planning to exchange and help each other. He has also been in charge of the state of the Rev. Dr. King's services five days in each of the seven agencies, holding one series of meetings himself while he assists the pastors of the association in planning to exchange and help each other.

DOMESTIC INFELICITY James Eubar and Wife Agree That They Want a Divorce Family difficulties between James Eubar of this city and his wife, Mary Eubar, who is now residing in Hinesburg, have resulted in a divorce petition and cross bill being filed in County Court during the last two days. The husband got his bill in first, it being filed late Thursday afternoon, while the wife's petition was filed Friday. Mr. Eubar sets forth in his petition as the grounds for divorce that he has been treated with intolerable severity, and names other grounds of adultery and desertion, claiming that his wife deserted him on July 1, 1919, and has since refused to support and beget and refusal to support as the grounds for divorce. These people were married October 1, 1916, at New Haven, the maiden name of Mrs. Eubar being Mary Burns. They lived together for a year and a half, having two children, aged three and one, respectively. A. L. Sherman appears for Mrs. Eubar and E. A. Ashland for Mr. Eubar.

CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN The Federal Board of Vocational Education is having a "clean-up" campaign from November to the 15th at American Legion headquarters in St. Johnsbury. Cases of men living in Coos, Carroll and Grafton counties, New Hampshire and Essex, Franklin, Lamoille, Caledonia, and Rutland counties, Vermont, will be considered at this time. The purpose of the campaign is to clean up all pending cases in order to determine whether or not applicants are entitled to vocational training. It is hoped definite decisions may be immediately rendered in most cases. New cases will also be handled, investigated and passed on if possible by the board. A small committee of the Boston office will take charge of the work.

NOT WORTH MENTIONING Mrs. Styles (from the tonneau of her automobile) "James!" "James—yes, ma'am." I wish you wouldn't go so pitching me out rough places. You nearly pitched me out rough places. "But, ma'am, why don't you hold on to your husband?" "My husband? Goodness, James! He went out fifteen minutes ago!"—Yonkers Statesman.

FOUND HOLE CUT IN ELECTRIC PLUGG'S WILL

The copy of the will of Electa P. Rugg, late of Milton, found among her papers after her death, played an important part in the testimony Thursday in the trial of the case in which the will is being contested. The peculiar thing about this copy of the will is the fact that there is a hole in the paper where a name has been cut out. The paper was identified by a number of people as the one which was found in the home of the testatrix following her death, and it was testified that the hole was in the paper at the time it was found, pointing to the fact that the testatrix herself cut out the section of the paper which is missing. The name which had been cut out of the paper was that of Eugene Thompson, a man who had boarded with the testatrix for some time and to whom she had left \$3,000 under the will.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30 O'CLOCK Some Essential Factors in Orchard Protection, Prof. Donald Reddick, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; demonstration of apple barrel faying devices, F. B. Pease, Rochester, N. Y.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 O'CLOCK Recent Results in Orchard Fertilization, Dr. J. K. Shaw, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass.; questions box, conducted by the president. Questions on any problems in horticulture may be submitted in writing in advance. (Sprays, sprays, knives, tractors, insect diseases, varieties, etc.)

FRIDAY MORNING, 10:00 O'CLOCK Recent Developments in the Practice and Principles of Pruning, Dr. J. K. Shaw, Amherst, Mass.; Some Principles and Practices of Marketing, Alton E. Briggs, secretary, Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange, Boston, Mass.

FRIDAY EVENING, 8:00 O'CLOCK Employment of women in horticulture, George D. Alken of Putney, Mrs. Julian Dimock of East Corinth, Miss Alice Holway of Putney.

DELTA MU BANQUET Medical College Fraternity Meets at Hotel Vermont for 41st Annual The 41st annual banquet of the Delta Mu fraternity of the Medical College of Vermont was held at the Hotel Vermont with an attendance of about 50. A number of the older members of the society were present. The following toasts were responded to: "Glad to See You Again," Allen, '22; "A Home for Delta Mu," Dr. H. C. Tinkham, '23; "The Spirit of Delta Mu," Dr. R. H. Watkins, '26; "Reminiscences," Dr. Lyman Allen, '28; Major H. Nelson Jackson, Dr. J. N. Jenne, T. S. Brown, C. A. Pease and P. E. McCreedy made complimentary speeches as did Dr. W. H. White and Dr. B. Ross of the freshman class. The initiators are: J. E. Powers, G. W. Caldwell, G. C. DeGrandpre, P. De Nicola, E. W. Lance and W. T. Ress.

TAKE FINAL VOWS Impressive Ceremony at Chapel of Fanny Allen Hospital A very impressive ceremony took place in the chapel at the Fanny Allen hospital Thursday morning when Sister Mary Immaculate and Sister Mary Hanley pronounced their vows, and Sister Claire McEnroy received the religious habit. The Rev. J. J. Rice, bishop of Burlington, officiated, assisted by the Rev. E. Allard and the Rev. W. Cassidy of St. Mary's Cathedral. Also in the sanctuary were the Rev. N. Proulx of St. Joseph's Church and the Rev. J. Turcot of Winookski. At the close of the ceremony a very eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. William Cassidy. Relatives and friends were present from Providence, R. L. Washington, D. C., Barre, Montpelier and Middlebury.

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OCTOBER WEATHER Temperature Six Degrees Above Normal and Precipitation Below Average F. E. Hartwell, meteorologist in charge of the local station of the United States weather bureau reported a mean temperature of 53 degrees in Burlington during October, which is six degrees above the normal October temperature and which has been exceeded only twice in any October during the last 37 years. The highest was 73 degrees on the 21st, and the lowest was 33 degrees on the 13th. The greatest daily range was 31 degrees on the 13th, and the least daily range was six degrees on the 19th. The precipitation amounted to 1.78 inches, the normal for the month being 3.0 inches. The prevailing wind was from the south, the total movement 7,470 miles, the average hourly velocity ten miles and the maximum velocity 42 miles per hour, from the southwest on the 27th. The month was made up of nine clear, seven partly cloudy and 15 cloudy days. Precipitation in quantity sufficient to measure occurred on ten days. Auroras were noted on the 6th and 23d, solar halos on the 16th and 24th, a lunar halo on the 25th, fog on the 15th, 17th and 18th, a thunderstorm on the 14th and a killing frost on the 7th.

NO MARKET, NO WORK Queen City Cotton Mill to Shut Down Saturday for Indefinite Period Employees of the Queen City Cotton Company at Winookski, who have been notified that this mill will shut down Saturday for an indefinite period, owing to lack of orders. For many weeks the textile business has been on the decline, owing to the fact that most people have stopped buying. Andrew M. Young, manager of the Queen City Cotton company, said yesterday that he could not tell when the company would open up again, as it is hard to tell whether the dull season is reaching its close, or has just begun. The closing of the Queen City Cotton company mills will leave about 50 people who have been employed there without work. Many of the mills, including those of the American Woolen company at Winookski, closed down this summer when a period of lax business in this line became prevalent throughout the country. The mills of the Queen City Cotton company kept open, however, throughout the summer. They would have continued to operate had the market been better. E. H. keep them going, but mills all over the country are finding it practically impossible to keep busy just now.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED Daughter of Governor Clement to Marry New York Man (From Tuesday's New York Times) Percival W. Clement, governor of Vermont, announces the engagement of his daughter, Mrs. Anna Clement Knowles, to William E. Dowd, Jr., of this city. Mr. Dowd is the son of Mrs. Dowd, 29 West Fifty-fifth street and the late Willis Dowd, who died in July, 1900. He is a graduate of Yale, class of 1900, and belongs to the Union, University, Racquet and Tennis, New York Yacht and Engineers' clubs. During the war Mr. Dowd was a captain in the engineers and later attached to the Shipping Board. He is a grandson of Charles F. Dowd of Saratoga, the originator of the system of standard time used by the railroads, and a nephew of Dr. Charles N. Dowd of 77 West Seventy-second street.

HOWARD NATIONAL BANK Capital Stock to Be Increased to \$500,000 000 from \$200,000 Tuesday afternoon a special meeting of stock-holders of the Howard National Bank was held, when eighty-eight per cent of the shares were voted in favor of the proposed increase of the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$500,000. There were no votes against the plan. Each of the present shares will have the right to subscribe at par for two-thirds of a new share. This right may be used or sold and now belongs to all shares of record of \$25 to each share of record on November 15. The subscriptions to the new stock will be payable on or before December 15. The new stock is to be issued as of January 1, 1921.

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