

Form Permanent Citizens' Group After Final Plane to Appalachia

By DAVE ELSHA
The third and final plane-load of relief to Appalachia winged southward from Selfridge Field Tuesday, carrying more than five tons of food, clothing and toys donated by suburban residents to families in eastern Kentucky.

But the Christmas spirit which propelled the three C-119 flying boxcars laden with 25,000 pounds of supplies to impoverished areas of Appalachia hasn't stopped.

Even as the last of the supplies was being distributed in the backwoods mountain areas surrounding Whitesburg, Kentucky, citizens in the suburban area of Detroit were meeting to organize a permanent "Relief for Social Disaster" committee.

The group is a civilian service unit of the Salvation Army. Al Malan, a Livonia junior high school teacher whose response to a TV show last month was the chairmanship of Citizens Sixty and assisted the Salvationists. Hundreds of other local people volunteered to help.

The Salvation Army officers worked under the direction of Major Harold Robins of Louisville. According to Major Robins, the Salvationists had intended to leave last week but after receiving the additional third plane load of clothing gifts from this area they decided to stay another two weeks. After that the citizens committee which was chartered by the Salvation Army as a permanent Salvation Army Citizens

Coordinating Committee will take over. They cover all of Leitcher county. It will be weeks before the distribution is completed. Every effort is being made to reach the most remote areas. Some of these are from 20 to 30 miles through the Cumberland mountains that surround Whitesburg. Much of the area is inaccessible and can only be reached on foot or horseback.

Holden, Pettit Named to Staff at Evans Plant

Harry W. Pettit, formerly Manager of Product Engineering of American Car & Foundry Division of ACF Industries at St. Charles, Mo., and John Holden, formerly Senior Design Engineer for B. F. Goodrich Company at Akron, O., have been appointed Railway Car Project Engineers with Evans Transportation Equipment Division in Plymouth.

Pettit received his engineering degree at Purdue University after a period of military service with the United States Marine Corps. In addition to his work at ACF, Pettit was associated in engineering assignments at Burns & Roe, Inc., Elliott Machine Company, E. I. Dupont and American Company, all in Baltimore.

Holden was responsible for design of rail cars and highway trailers at B. F. Goodrich Company. He has also been with American Car & Foundry Company at St. Charles, Mo.; the Pullman Company of Michigan City, Ind.; General American Transportation Corporation in Chicago; Union Tank Car Company, and Chicago Railway Equipment Company.

Evans Products Company's Transportation Equipment Division, a leading producer of railroad damage-prevention equipment, announced its entry into the car-building field early this year. It recently completed construction of a new plant in Plymouth for the purpose of building specialty freight cars and upgrading existing equipment.

A company spokesman said that while the new plant has been in production only 2 1/2 months, it has already completed 125 of 200 DF-C coil steel cars ordered from Evans by the C&O-B&O. The company's three other divisions—Building Materials, Plywood and Fibre Products—produce a variety of plywood and hardboard building panels.

Relief Group Members Listed

The new Citizens' Relief for Social Disaster Committee will conduct two drives annually—once at Easter and again at Christmas—for the Appalachian region.

Officers of the new group are: Allan Malan, chairman; Mark Stitt of WEBB, vice-chairman; Betty Malan, secretary; Fred Zimmer of Garden City, treasurer; and David Elsha, Observer newsmen, welfare secretary.

Other members are Mrs. Myra Chandler, Observer Newspapers; Joe Weaver, WEBB newsmen; Nancy Wyncoop, Education Minister of First Unitarian Church; Durrell Stevens, Garden City High School counselor; and Dearborn businessman, Ray Crider.

The Detroit Auto Dealers Association assured the success of the 49th annual Detroit Auto Show by picking a veteran to head the show committee. He is Harold C. Johns, chairman of the show for the seventh time. The Auto Show will be held Jan. 9-17 in the Detroit Artillery Armory, West Eight Mile near Northland.



CHECKING THE CARGO manifest before last Tuesday's final flight to Appalachia are Livonia schoolteacher Al Malan and his wife, Betty, (right), at Selfridge Air Force Base. With the couple are Salvation Army representative George Duncan, Col. Gail King, commander of the 403rd Troop Carrier Wing, and radio newsmen Brian Costal.



BOARDING THE C-119 flying boxcar destined for Appalachia with five tons of food, clothing and toys aboard—much of it contributed by Livonians—are Major Michael McLeod, Livonia teacher Al Malan, Col. Ralph Skinner, and newsmen Dave Elsha (Observer) and Brian Costal (WEBB).



JAMMED INTO EVERY available place in the plane, boxes of shoes, toys and clothing for Appalachians are checked by Joel Larson and Wilfred Ripley. Leaders aboard the C-119 flying boxcar that delivered the relief shipment to Bristol, Tenn. Aboard a previous flight was Sy Levine, teacher at Riley Junior High School in Livonia, and an Air Force reserve member.

Romney to Address School Administrators

Plans were completed this week for the winter conference of the Michigan Association of School Administrators which will be held January 13 and 14 in Hotel Parliand Grand Rapids.

Livonia Superintendent Bertton Yates, President of the MASA, today announced that Governor George Romney would be the principal speaker at the luncheon on Wednesday, January 13.

"We are pleased that the Governor can join us on this occasion," Yates said. "This is a year when the cooperation of the chief executive, the legislature, and school administrators should result in a meaningful Statewide plan and program which will benefit school children in every corner of Michigan."

Dr. Lynn Bartlett, whose office recently proposed a comprehensive \$90,000,000 educational program for Michigan will speak at the fourth general session of MASA at 1:30 on Thursday, January 14.

The MASA has almost 800 members and associate members in all 83 counties of Michigan. Previous presidents from the southeastern Michigan Program.

metropolitan area have been Wilton A. Shunk, now superintendent of the Wayne County Intermediate School District; James C. Covert of Royal Oak; Russell Roster of Plymouth; and Paul H. Emerick of Ypsilanti. Yates was elected to the office last year. He will preside at the winter Conference in Grand Rapids next week and will head the Michigan group at the Atlantic City conference in February.

The law requires all aliens in the United States, with few exceptions, to report their addresses each January. Through-out the United States, almost thirty percent more applications for naturalization are received during the months of January, February and March than are received during other months. Mr. Sahli attributes this sudden rise to the Alien Address Report Program.

had the privilege of personally seeing the children and adults who received the generous gifts. I saw the smiles of happiness, felt the handshakes of gratitude and viewed the glint of hope in their eyes," Malan wrote.

Distribution of the goods from the three Detroit plane-loads took place in Leitcher County, Kentucky. Newsmen met with Capt. Elwood Delaney of the Salvation Army in Whitesburg, Tenn., closest place where an aircraft could land, a 4 1/2 hour drive over twisted mountain roads from Whitesburg, in Leitcher County.

Delaney, who is in charge of distribution of the relief goods, described the conditions to The Observer.

"Many of the people in this area have been out of work for more than 2 1/2 years," he said. "The mines here have been declining in number for the past decade. Most of the residents know no other trade, and when the mines shut down, there's nothing left for them."

"Transportation facilities are so bad, there are no other industries that want to locate in the area."

Flying over the eastern Kentucky hill country beyond Delaney's remarks, he said he caught glimpses of small, isolated communities with only dirt tracks or unpaved roads connecting them with the rest of society.

"I met one family," continued Delaney, "which included only an elderly, widowed mother and her son, 40, who was mentally retarded. There was no way for them to earn a living and their home, their living conditions were beyond description." He said that the Salvation Army had had to close down its mission in Whitesburg because of the poverty and lack of local support.

The distributions took place in Leitcher County around Whitesburg. They were made personally to individual families as far back as twenty miles in the mountain "hollers."

According to Thomas E. Gish, Records Fall During Election

A good many records fell by the wayside during the recent general election the official vote tally proved out.

President Johnson, in sweeping to an overwhelming victory in Michigan, lost a mere three counties to Senator Goldwater—Missaukee, Ottawa, and Sanilac.

One would have to go back to find a referendum proposal defeated, as soundly as was the so-called "Massachusetts Ballot" proposal.

The defeat by all counties of a referendum proposal was the first since 1928 when all units turned down a proposal to impose a specific tax on the sale of cigarettes. There have been only 11 statewide referendum votes in Michigan's history.

Governor George Romney's overwhelming victory over his Democratic opponent, Neil Steuber by 585,913 votes was the largest victory by a Michigan governor since Fred Green won a decisive 555,633-vote victory over William C. Calkins back in 1928.



NEW YEAR'S EVE saw more than 500 suburbanites dancing at the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Candlelight Ball" in Redford's Carpenter's Hall. Sponsored by the Jaycees' District Six, including clubs in Plymouth, Livonia

Jaycees Over Top In Fund Drive for Pool

By BEBE LINDBLOTH
The Jaycees led the way into the New Year with their highly successful Candlelight Ball. Funds raised by the dance pushed over the top the Jaycees' campaign to raise \$10,000 for the purpose of building an outdoor swimming pool for the retarded children at the Plymouth State Home and Training School.

To the 600 guests attending the dance, 1965 seemed brighter by far as master of ceremonies Jerry Neracher introduced Dr. Robert L. Jaslow, medical superintendent of PSH.

Dr. Jaslow offered his most sincere thanks to the Jaycees and all of the many, many participants and contributors to the Candlelight Ball Program.

Speaking on behalf of his entire staff—and most importantly, for the children—he said their anticipation and excitement at the prospect of a pool, and the countless hours of fun that lie ahead for them, are the result of a community's interest and concern.

In talking with several Jaycees earlier Dr. Jaslow had explained: "Swimming is a sport enjoyed by all children and especially the retarded. Waterplay is an important method of getting these youngsters to relax and 'open up.' In addition, because of our newness, we desperately need additional recreational facilities for our youngsters and opportunities to keep them out of doors."

Highly pleased with the financial support received thus far, Ralph Mossman and Pat Dugan, co-chairmen for the dance, said they hope to continue to add to the fund. "With sufficient monies over \$10,000 we will be able to add spray type wading pools for the tots and expand the deck area and toilet facilities," they said.

Report Hike In TB Cases At DeHoCo

A 50 per cent increase in the number of Detroit House of Correction prisoners suffering from active tuberculosis in 1963 was reported by the TB and Health Society, Wayne County's Christmas Seal agency.

The annual report showed that a total of 8,995 admission chest X-rays were taken during 1963.

Of those X-rayed, 91 were found to have active tuberculosis and sent to Maybury Sanatorium for treatment. Another 137 were found to have inactive or suspicious TB.

These figures compared with 7,022 X-rays taken during 1962 which revealed 64 TB sufferers transferred to Maybury and another 127 with inactive or suspicious TB.

The X-ray equipment at the Detroit House of Correction was purchased with Christmas Seal funds by the TB and Health Society in January 1959.

Basic Training Over Airman Donald W. Soycecki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony W. Soycecki of 9259 Louisiana, Livonia, has completed the first phase of his Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

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