

Foster Parents Plymouth Couple Gives Tiny Girl Their Love And Money

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Mrs. Scott wanted a little boy, but when Mi Hae Chi turned out to be a tiny, wistful 1 1/2 year old girl, Mrs. Scott's happy tears were just as genuine as they would have been for a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scott live in an apartment on Wilcox Road with their two parakeets, "Big Boy" and "Little Bit." They have a 22-year-old son who is attending Henry Ford College and who has his own apartment.

And now they have Mi Hae Chi.

ONE AFTERNOON last January, the Scotts were watching television when an advertisement for Foster Parent's Plan, Inc. flashed across the screen telling of the world's destitute children and how they could be aided through "Plan".

Mr. and Mrs. Scott agreed to send a letter of inquiry to "Plan" and when, several days later another advertisement appeared in the Observer Newspapers, they sent their letter off immediately to the New York agency asking for a child from Viet Nam.

Weeks went by with no answer. Then a letter dated Feb. 20 arrived explaining that . . . "communication with our Saigon office was all but cut off until a few days ago", . . . and that work had come to a standstill in Viet Nam. Reports from "Plan's" staff members were trickling back, many of them with hair-raising tales.

UNTIL CONDITIONS improved in that war-torn country, would the Scotts consider "adopting" a child from another country? They would.

The Scotts are now foster parents to Mi Hae Chi, a little Korean orphan.

"Her parents were killed when she was four years old," said Mrs. Scott, "and we learned that her aunt was starving to death when Mr. Hae Chi finally came to live with her. She was put into the street when her aunt became too ill to care for her, a man found her and took her to the orphanage where she lives now."

THE FOSTER PARENT'S plan is a government approved relief organization which is non-sectarian, non-profit and non-political. The Plan currently operates in Greece, Korea, Viet Nam, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

Foster parents may be individuals, like the Scotts, or groups such as clubs, schools, churches or businesses. A tax-free contribution of \$15 per month (\$180 per year) for at least one year will give a child new clothing, blankets, household equipment, medical care and education.

Then there is the joy of correspondence with the child.

"We are only allowed to write one letter a month," said Mrs. Scott. "This is because it must first go through "Plan" and be translated and then sent to Mi Hae Chi."

"They also translate her letters to us," said Mrs. Scott who is eagerly looking forward to the first letter from her little girl.

Each foster parent's contribution also provides for yearly progress reports, social services, postage, distribution of monthly cash grants and packages.

MRS. SCOTT'S enthusiasm about the Foster Parent's Plan is contagious. She has succeeded in convincing at least 20 of her co-workers at the Ford Rawsonville Plant, where she works, to "adopt" children.

But there are those who have challenged Mrs. Scott with such questions as, "What about the poor people of this country?"

Church To Be Built In Lake Pointe Village

Plans have been announced for the construction of a new church at 42000 Schoolcraft, adjacent to Lake Pointe Village.

The undenominational church, sponsored by Christian Expansion, Inc. will have a seating capacity of 250 in the sanctuary and facilities for a Sunday School program for all ages.

The church will be Early American in design and compatible with the architectural pattern of the neighborhood.

CHRISTIAN EXPANSION, Inc. is a non-profit, undenominational organization whose purpose is the establishment of Sunday schools and churches in the Michigan area.

As soon as the church is well established in an area, Christian Expansion steps aside. The church then becomes an autonomous Christian body under the control of local membership.

The new church, to be known as Lake Pointe Community Chapel, will be conducting Sunday school classes at Farrand School until the new church building is completed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL classes for all ages are now being held in the school at 11 a.m., each Sunday, according to Frank Kierdorf, who is the new church's Sunday school superintendent and a local Plymouth businessman.

Kierdorf has planned a program of interesting Bible stories, songs and a contest to interest the children in the area.

All church activities are open to area residents.

South Lyon To Honor Frank Bartlett

The City of South Lyon has proclaimed Sunday, May 26, Frank Bartlett Day and plans are being made to honor the school superintendent of 22 years at an open house in the South Lyon High School gymnasium.

In lieu of a personal gift, the community will sponsor an Eastern Michigan University scholarship for graduating seniors.

The open house, with tea and a short program will begin at 2 p.m. Contributions for the Frank Bartlett scholarship fund are presently being accepted at the South Lyon Savings Bank.

Lutheran Children Give Patriotic Play

The children of St. Peter's Lutheran School will present a program, "Profiles in Patriotism" Tuesday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the church fellowship hall, 1343 Penniman.

Each class will present patriotic skits and there will be an audience participation "songfest."

The program is open to the public and there is no admission, however, a free-will offering will be asked.

The Starrs Have A Girl

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Starr, of 1470 Linden, announce the birth of Gail Hamilton, an eight pound, 3 1/2 ounce baby girl.

Gail was born May 14, Mrs. Theresa Starr of Plymouth is Gail's paternal grandmother and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Robinson of Clawson are her maternal grandparents.

Farrand PTA Plans Dinner

The Farrand School PTA will hold a pancake dinner Friday, May 24, at 5 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Family dinners will cost \$3.50, adults, \$1.10 and children, 50¢. The dinner is open to the public.

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