

Menonite Mobile Meat Cannery Helps Pennsylvanians Aid Korean Orphans

Under Federal Meat Inspection For The First Time Foreign aid has always been synonymous with Washington, D. C. However, for the last few years residents of several western Pennsylvania communities have conducted their own aid program, with an assist from the Menonite mobile cannery

which visits the area each winter

The beneficiary has been the Harry Holt orphanage near Seoul, Korea, which over the years has received thousands of pounds of meat donated, canned and shipped by the townspeople in and around Cochranton.

This year's shipment will be somewhat different in that for the first time it will carry the U. S. Department of Agriculture inspection seal — an assurance that it meets high Federal standards for wholesomeness and was processed under strict sanitary standards. The new requirement was brought about by the Wholesome Meat Act of 1967 extending the inspection service to all meat processors — even a mobile cannery

The community project got started six years ago by Paul Eichorn of Cochranton, who had previously adopted two children from the Holt orphanage. He knew of the Menonite cannery, known as a "mobile clinic," which tours the country so that charitable congregations can volunteer their time to help feed the world's hungry.

Eichorn has since moved to Paraguay to build an orphanage for Korean-American children.

The leadership reins for continuing the annual canning operation were quickly taken up by the Cochranton Ministerial Association.

The Reverend Loyd L. Band of the United Presbyterian Church and the Reverend Emory Billingsley of the United Methodist Church and Mumford Chapel became the most active organizers. Other congregations lending their support were the Christian and Missionary Alliance, United Church of Christ, Roman Catholic, and several other United Methodist churches.

As a result, the cannery's stop

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in the Cochranton area is the only one in which the pig is not operated by Menonites. It was the Menonites who originated the idea of processing food for the needy overseas in the early 40's. The cannery, which is making an eight-state tour this winter, is supervised by the Menonite Central Committee in Akon, Pa.

Preparation for this year's canning started in November. Contributions were solicited, volunteer workers were lined up, a site was arranged for, as well as a thousand and one other minor details.

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