

WPA Seamstresses Double For Santa

Get \$47,000 Appropriation As Their Christmas Gift

Generous clothing orders from the Dallas Borough WPA sewing project this week will make it a happy Christmas for about 80 local families.

The packets of garments, issued Saturday, contain everything from dresses and slips to shirts and trousers, and will provide a new outfit for everyone in the family from baby to father.

A new \$47,000 appropriation for labor and materials, in effect Monday, will extend the work for another year. The project is sponsored by Dallas Borough Council and the workers are supervised by Mrs. Bertha W. Thomas, experienced seamstress, who is said to be one of the best sewing project heads in the county.

Since its formation nearly three years ago, the sewing project has furnished aid to about 300 needy families throughout this district, and the brand of work ranks with the best in the state. The rating of the local project is A-1 in both Harrisburg and Washington, according to Arthur Rainey, former secretary of the Dallas Poor Board.

The WPA project has regularly employed between 20 and 30 persons from this district and the monthly payroll has averaged above \$1,600. The State and Federal governments provide the salaries and the material, while Council provides all other expenses. Average monthly expense to Council has been less than \$50.

The new appropriation swells the total financing of the project to \$90,000. When the first allocation of \$42,000 ran out December 1st, \$1,000 was taken from the County WPA fund to keep the project going until the new appropriation went into effect.

When the sewing project was begun in March, 1936, two-thirds of the woman workers employed were inexperienced in machine work. Under the tutelage of Mrs. Thomas, however, the women learned fast, and now the 19 seamstresses work at top efficiency. Also employed on the projects are one cutter, one clerk, a watchman, janitor and a repairman.

The latest garment patterns, purchased by Council, are used in efforts to keep the work up-to-date. An experienced cutter prepares each garment for sewing, and the finished product is closely inspected before it is pressed. No faulty work is allowed to go out. An order is given each of the 300 families on the list every three months.

During the month of November, 352 yards of material were used to make 2142 garments. The payroll for last month amounted to \$1601.22, and the expense to Council \$48.85.

Jackson

MRS. GUSTAV SPLITT
CORRESPONDENT

(Held From Last Week)

Ceasetown school, where Miss Mary Blaine is teacher, will present a Christmas program on Friday, December 23.

Olive Laskowski has returned home after spending some time at Moosic.

Mrs. Jerry Kester of Hillside visited her daughter, Mrs. Corey Smith, recently.

Mrs. Norman Franklin spent Tuesday night with Miss Elizabeth Breckenridge of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Laskowski of Nanticoke visited the former's parents on Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Shouldice is ill.

Mrs. Gustav Splitt and Mrs. Neul Kester of Trucksville spent a day recently at Wilkes-Barre.

The members of Jackson Ladies' Aid Society were entertained at the M. E. parsonage at Lehman recently.

Jessie Ashton spent the week-end with her parents here after being employed at Scranton.

TO PROBE DROWNING

District Attorney Will Ask Grand Jury To Study Case In Which Seven Cripples Were Killed

District Attorney Leon Schwartz announced this week he will ask the Grand Jury next month to consider the case involving the drowning of seven crippled boys and their drivers in a Wilkes-Barre Township cave hole.

A coroner's jury attributed the drownings of the children and their automobile driver, en route to Kirby Health Center, to negligence on the part of Wilkes-Barre Township and the Glen Alden Coal Co.

CARD OF THANKS

Alex Wilson and family wish to thank all of those who sent flowers and lent cars during their recent bereavement.

Refugee Stories Denied By Labor

Investigate Rumors That Stores Are Displacing Employes

Leaders of the C. I. O. and A. F. of L. joined this week with representatives of civic and commercial groups in an effort to head off spreading rumors that hundreds of workers in Wyoming Valley stores are being displaced by German refugees.

Walter Harris and John Garis of the C. I. O. and Edward Finney and William Kromelbein of the A. F. of L. agreed reports are grossly exaggerated and promised to have organized labor leaders report any instances of displacement.

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MRS. MAY BESTEDER

Benjamin Stule Hurt When He Falls On Axe

Benjamin Stule, an aged man who lives in one of the cottages at Faux Grove, was injured last week while cutting pole wood. He picked up his double-bitted axe and started for the house and in some way slipped and fell on the axe, cutting a gash over an eye. He was brought to the office of Dr. Perkins, who closed the wound. Mr. Stule had bled freely and was in critical condition. He was removed to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, where he is still a patient.

The wedding of Miss Florence Kelley and William Disque of Dallas will take place in the Baptist Church on Saturday night at 8.

Thieves Escape With \$3 From Winters Home

Thieves entered the store of James Winters one night last week and helped themselves to \$3 in money and numerous articles of wearing apparel, shoes, etc., and food stuffs. They entered through a cellar window and carried the goods out of the door.

Ernest Whipp and family and C. M. Gay and family of Dallas were colling at the home of C. S. Besteder on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Beulah Brace of Wilkes-Barre was a welcome caller in this town recently.

Miss Vivian Dymond entertained the young women of the M. E. Church at a Christmas party last Friday night.

Christmas exercises will be held at the Baptist Church Friday night and at the M. E. Church Saturday evening at 8:30.

PICTURE LOCAL TRAGEDY

Chill winds whistle over the unmarked grave of Robert Edwards in Fern Knoll Cemetery, outside of Dallas, but his face still peers from pages on which "American Tragedy" case is periodically revived.

The latest magazine to revive his tragedy is "Pic" which, in its current issue, devotes five pages of pictures to the story of the Edwardsville youth who killed Fred McKechnie, his childhood sweetheart, at Harvey's Lake in 1934 and paid the supreme penalty for his crime one year later.

The magazine carries pictures of Sandy Beach, Harvey's Lake, principals in the case and trial scenes. Although the case is four years old, local newsdealers reported an increased sale of the magazine.

There was a good crowd at the Grange Hall Mosday night to attend the movies.

Miss Tilly Gudmas of Vernon has been working for Mrs. Carrie Schrader for two weeks.

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