

Hastingsite Urges Food for China In Letter to the New York Times

Wilmer M. Froistad, a resident of Hastings, was the author of a Letter to the Editor published in the Jan. 17 edition of the New York Times urging that food be sent to China to alleviate a rapidly developing crisis brought about by the worst seasonal condition in a century.

Froistad writes with a knowledge and sensitivity born of professional experience. He was Chief of Health and Welfare for the United States Military Government in Berlin from November, 1947, to September, 1951.

The text of the letter, as published on the Times editorial page, follows:

"The recent announcement by the Chinese authorities that the seasonal conditions experienced during the past year had been the severest recorded in 100 years, and that these followed extensive disasters during the previous year, was a most unusual occurrence.

"This news release suggests the possibility of starvation of catastrophic proportions. Such a release could not have been made without careful consideration, and must have been authorized for purposes that outweigh the usual advantages leaders of Communist countries seem to feel they gain from secrecy.

"No less surprising is the reaction in the West. I have seen no news released to indicate that our Western leaders are concerned about the suffering that may be occurring among the people of China.

Past Generosity

"In times past the American people have contributed generously to relieve the distress of the Chinese people. Certainly our missionary efforts were of a very extensive character and covered a long period of time.

"Surely the leaders of Communist China could not be expected directly to ask the West for relief supplies. But we alone have stored up food supplies that are spoiling and that are a burden on our economy. Probably even the Russians could not give food in the amount to meet needs as extensive as is suggested by the news release.

"The time is now if anything is to be done to deal with famine in China. This is not a matter on which there can be prolonged negotiations and debate. We must act, if we are to act, out of our

basic philosophy about the worth of human life. We cannot engage in long Senatorial debates, nor in newspaper or radio discussions to determine what should be done.

"Any offer of help that we should make after getting the facts through some neutral source should be made on the simplest terms. As a minimum any food shipped should be distributed without distinction to all people in need. The food should be used immediately. It should be distributed to the local feeding stations or to families in the containers in which it is shipped.

Marking of Packages

"We should insist on only some very simple identifying statement and instruction as to use on each food package. And finally neutral observers should be permitted to travel freely in the famine areas and to report promptly what they observed as to the methods of distribution.

"The International Red Cross, or the Indian Government might be asked to negotiate for the shipment, the distribution and the inspection of the famine relief operations.

"We should consider whether it could be possible that the purpose of the news release by the Chinese officials was to test our professions of concern for people. We say our concerns rise above political considerations. But if we fail completely to respond when we alone have the means to provide food on a grand scale, in what way does our morality differ from that of the Communists?

"We shall not greatly alter the course of the Chinese revolution by failing to respond to the basic human needs of the people of China in this greatest disaster of the past 100 years. But what of our image of which we have heard so much in the recent Presidential campaign?

"What an opportunity may be here to demonstrate the value we put on human life! And what a test of courage of those who claim to be our leaders. Those who dare to propose that we ship a substantial share of our food surpluses to China will be attacked with violence, but if the news release was genuine, only a major effort will be worthy of our ideals."

WILMER M. FROISTAD,
Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., Jan. 8, 1961.



KIWANIS MEMBERS ELECTED new officers for the coming year at a dinner last week at the Maison Lafitte Restaurant, Briarcliff. Some of the newly elected chat together. In the usual order are Anthony Nespola, treasurer; past-president Leonard Brill; Lt. Governor Donald F. Brown; Edward Dahlgren, president and William McDougal, vice president. Donald Cooper, not pictured, was elected secretary.

Greenburgh Hebrew Center Approves Plans for 4 Additional Classrooms

Members of the Greenburgh Hebrew Center, Dobbs Ferry, recently approved plans for the construction of four new classrooms adjoining the present structure.

The plans, submitted by the board of trustees, were based on a report on religious school classroom requirements made by Hastingsite Joseph Linzer, chairman of the religious school board.

Linzer told the congregation that a recently completed school population survey indicated that the enrollment of the school would increase from 15 to 20 per cent

during each of the next few years.

Plans call for the completion of the new addition in time for the opening of the school year in September, 1961.

A drive for \$75,000 for the structure is being planned by a school building fund campaign committee. Jack Weinrub, president of the center, presided at the meeting. Rabbi Mordecai L. Brill is spiritual leader of the congregation.

The Greenburgh Hebrew Center, organized in 1946, dedicated its present building in September, 1959.

Peggy Ann Bliss Returns on Queen

Peggy Ann Bliss, of Lefurgy Avenue returned home today on the Queen Elizabeth from four-and-a-half months in Florence, Italy, where she was a member of the Syracuse in Italy semester.

Peggy Ann, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton T. Bliss, will return to Oberlin College in February to complete the last semester of her senior year.

Hastings Resident Named as Editor Of Riverdale Press

Joe Deasy, Jr., of 566 Warburton Ave., Hastings, has been named managing editor of The Riverdale Press. He will work in close association with David A. Stein, publisher of both The Press and the Hastings News.

Mr. Deasy, 26, is a native of New York City and attended Sacred Heart School and St. Ann's Academy. He majored in English at Iona College, where he was on the staff of the Ionian.

Despite his youth, Mr. Deasy has had wide experience in journalism, starting as assistant editor of the monthly publication of the Catholic Youth Adoration Society.

His editing and reporting experience includes service on the New York Journal-American, Bergen (N.J.) Evening Record, and the Catholic News. He was on the staff of the Daily Patent Trader, published in Mt. Kisco, until the newspaper suspended publication recently.

For the past five years Mr. Deasy has conducted an annual course in journalism for the Catholic Institute of the Press.

He is married to the former Mildred Koch of Riverdale and is the father of two children. They are Patricia Anne, 2, and Stephen Joseph, six months old.

School Orchestra Receives Ovation

The Hastings High School Orchestra played at the National Music Educators' Conference in Washington, D. C. on January 13 and earned a roaring ovation.

"They never played better," stated Joseph Cilecek, director of the orchestra. "This is a wonderful bunch of youngsters, of whom Hastings truly can be proud. We received so much praise at the conference that it was heart-warming!"

The orchestra was invited to represent New York State at the conference, which was attended by music educators from the entire Eastern seaboard. Only four orchestras play for the group.

Children's Village Staff To Get Special Training

Sixteen training sessions have been instituted for staff members at Children's Village, Dobbs Ferry, Joseph F. Phelan, Jr., executive director, has announced.

The staff members attending the sessions will study the boys' needs, problems, and the type of therapy to be used.

Among the problems to be dealt with are: the reaction of boys on arrival at the village and the reaction of staff members to them, preventing run-aways; staff responsibilities when boys misbehave; creative use of suitable punishment; and the impact on boys of staff attitudes toward trouble-makers.

ORGANISTS GATHER

The Westchester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists met last night, Tuesday, January 17, at the Scarsdale Community Baptist Church. Frank Dunsmore, organist and choir director of the church, was host for the gathering. DeWitt Wasson, program chairman, led a choral reading session.



God's free gift is the Life of the Ages, bestowed upon us in Christ Jesus our Lord. —(Acts 6:23)

As He promised in the days when He walked among men. Christ Jesus is with us today when we open our hearts to Him in faith and devotion. when we love Him as He loved us, sacrificing our self-will and self-indulgence as tiny tokens of the sacrifice He made for us on the Cross

Robert B. Fulton Heads Wire Firm

Robert B. Fulton, who worked for the Anaconda Wire and Cable Co. in Hastings from 1932 to 1956, recently was elected president of the Sequoia Wire and Cable Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of Anaconda.

Fulton joined Anaconda in 1930 and, two years later, was transferred to Hastings. He became superintendent of the Hastings Mill in 1945.

In 1956 he left Hastings to assist as a management consultant at Conductores Electricos, S.A. in Mexico City. He was appointed mill manager of the Orange, California, plant of Anaconda in 1958.

Dorsey's Tavern Holds 3-Length Pin Loop Margin

Dorsey's Tavern bowling team blanked Susan's Egg and Grill 3-0 at the last session of the Hastings Bowling League and took a three-game lead in the standings.

The runner-up, Green Tavern, dropped a 2-1 decision to Ansel's and leads Ansel's by a single length.

Center Restaurant moved into fourth place with a 3-0 sweep of Whitey's Market, and Steve's Bar and Grill dropped to fifth place, losing a 2-1 nod to seventh place Southside Club.

Otha Plumbing and Heating climbed into the sixth spot with a 2-1 triumph over Nick's Restaurant.

Alice Tina Schuck Troth Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Casey G. Schuck, of 17 Main St., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alice Tina, to Albert G. Rieke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Rieke, of 493 Warburton Ave. A fall wedding is planned.

Miss Schuck is a graduate of Hastings High School and is employed by American Telephone and Telegraph, White Plains.

Mr. Rieke works for the Village of Hastings.

PTA Program Offered By Language Department

Members of the language department of Hastings public schools will present a program for the Parents-Teachers Association Wednesday, Jan. 25, in the high school auditorium.

Mrs. Charles Gessler will demonstrate a French lesson in oral pattern drill with students of the fourth grade, and Mrs. Charles Reid, of the high school faculty, will use a seventh grade class for a similar demonstration.

Annual Green Dance Plans Underway For St. Patrick Day's Celebration

Preparations are underway for the annual Green Dance, parish entertainment and dance of St. Matthew's R.C. Church. The affair will be held on St. Patrick's Day at the local Parish Hall.

Committee chairmen were named at the January meeting of the Holy Name Society, coordinators of the parish project.

Although the entertainment and dance is a parish affair, the society supplies the necessary manpower to staff it, according to general chairman, John Condon.

Proceeds from the dance and drawing will be used for the parish youth program and scholarship fund.

Music will be supplied by W Merritt Kenworthy and admission will be limited to 250 persons.

Committee chairmen named at the meeting were William Mc-

Andrews, honorary chairman; John Condon, general chairman; Leo Kelly, entertainment, Thomas Phelan, tickets; Jack Devlin, Steve Werner and Donald Heaney, letters; George Gray posters; John Timmeny, prizes and Edward Mealia, bar.

Also: G. Allison Wells, waiters; James Craig, door; Bill Durkin, decorations; Robert Maher and Bill McAndrews, refreshments; Thomas Mahan, tables; Joe Deasy, publicity; and Bert Wendell, printing.

Moderator for the evening will be the Reverend James J. Walsh.

WELFARE CHAIRMAN

John D. Lovic, of Hastings, was named welfare chairman recently at the first meeting of the year held by County Blind Inc. at its headquarters in Yonkers.

