

## PARTY AT ORPHANAGE

The girls all gathered at Berth's house a rainy, miserable night. Despite the weather the "Evergreens" were out for a good time. When it was time to leave, each person carried some package and off we started. Santa Claus walked up Eastern Avenue arrayed in his Christmas costume much to the amusement of many people. The orphanage at last. We all went in, put down our bundles and finally got seated. "And there certainly was some bunch to seat." The singing of hymns accompanied by the music from the violin was then begun. After singing for sometime, a small Christmas tree was trimmed and the presents were then brought in. Each of the orphan girls received a stocking filled with nuts, candy and cakes also a lovely pair of woolen gloves. The smallest of the girls received a doll and carriage, a book and a stocking too. The little boy was given a dollar and a game. They all seemed to be pleased with their gifts. Each girl in the club either received a very nice eversharp or a pretty picture calendar from Bertha. After the distribution of these gifts; the actors in the playlet which we were to give, were told to get ready. The audience apparently seemed to like the sketch despite the fact that the actresses had a small area in which to act. We then played some games and danced the Virginia Reel. Next came the "Eats!" All the grape juice and sugar cakes you wanted and they were both very good. After having spent a very pleasant evening we all left the orphanage for home.

Helen LeBrun

"CHRISTMAS EVE-----1925"

On joyous Christmas Eve -- when our expectations are at the highest point, our minds filled with wonder as to what the following day will bring forth, our hearts singing with joy and thanksgiving at the remembrance of God's unspeakable gift to the world, of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us!

At 606 S. Clinton St., a number of folks had gathered, awaiting the members of the "Evergreen". There were a number of jolly looking little packages scattered about, hymnals stacked on a table, a bible or two, and a violin -- all awaiting 6.30 when the jolly Evergreeners would arrive. We were going to visit a number of Shut-ins, friends of our Sister Lena.

Anna Mack was about the first member to arrive. She had come right from work and having had no supper, just like Anna, she did not hesitate a moment, asking for a sandwich to keep her alive until she reached her home. Always willing to feed the starving Armenians, or rather Germans, I led hungry Ann to the kitchen, and gave her something to eat. By the time she had made herself comfortable the whole gang had arrived, and when we went upstairs, I was led into the front room, where a large mysterious package awaited me. Upon tearing off the paper, I discovered to my surprise and delight, a beautiful cedar chest, a Christmas gift from my Evergreeners! Gosh, but a queer feeling came over me for a little while, and I could scarcely thank the girls. However I did manage to do so in some kind of a way, but it was impossible to really show how happy because of the gift, I was a million times happier because of the fact that my Evergreeners thought of giving me such a gift. A cedar chest from the most beautiful "Evergreen" that ever grew!

The presents for our Shut-in friends were divided among the girls and other folks, each one was given a hymnal, Irene got her fiddle and we started out, about thirty strong. The first home we went to, we met an old lady -- Mrs. Marsch. She was lovely and was so delighted with our visit. We sang a few Christmas carols, read the Christmas story from St. Luke 2,

and prayed, and after presenting the gift from the Deaconess Asso. and wishing her a happy and peaceful Christmas, we left for the next home. We visited several other folks, including Mr. Whinnell, who we were happy to see downstairs for the first time in years, Mrs. Korhler, Mr. Herz and Miss May Oczo and a few others. At each home we sang and prayed as we did at Mrs. Marsch's home and left a little present from the Deaconess Asso.

We reached home about 11 o'clock, tired and cold. Everyone had a lovely time -- it was impossible not to. The joy in our hearts was so great, it just burst forth into song and praises as a rose bud bursts forth into bloom, and all who saw the roses of our joy were made happy that joyous Christmas Eve!

Bertha Norden

She had come right from work and had no supper, just like Anna, she did not want to eat, she was so tired. I took her to the kitchen and gave her something to eat. By the time she had made herself comfortable, the whole gang had arrived, and when we went up stairs, I was led into the front room, where a large mysterious package awaited me. Upon tearing off the paper, I discovered to my surprise and delight, a beautiful cedar chest, a Christmas gift from my Evergreeners! Good, but a queer feeling came over me for a little while, and I could scarcely thank the girls. However, I did manage to be as in some kind of a way, but it was impossible to really show how happy because of the fact that my Evergreeners thought of giving me such a gift. A cedar chest from the most beautiful "Evergreen" that ever grew!

The presents for our Aunt-in-laws were divided among the girls and other folks, each one was given a present. Irene got her little and we started out, about thirty strong. The first home we went to, we met an old lady -- Mrs. Marsch. She was lovely and was so delighted with our visit. We sang for Christmas and read the Christmas story from St. Luke's

January 12, 1926

The weekly meeting of the "Evergreen" was called to order by our president, Marg. Mueller at 7.30 p.m. After singing several hymns we repeated the Lord's Prayer. The Treasurer then gave her report as follows: Dues \$1.80, Benevolence \$3.57. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved without correction.

Business: Herb Borleis is to be asked for money for tickets from our play. As sister Lena is going away she has asked us to take care of Mrs. Frank. A committee of two, Lill Yeager and Lill Poulsen was appointed to visit Mrs. Frank to see if she needs coal. They were given \$3.00 to buy it from Streckfus. Lill Yeager was then asked for her essay on the hike but she had not finished it. Helen LeBrun was appointed to write on our "Christmas Party" given at the Orphanage. Our Birthday Party for our third anniversary was then discussed. It was suggested that we have it on February 2, at Leimbach's Hall. A committee for this party was then appointed including Margaret Mueller, Lill Poulsen, Lill Yeager, Mary Mueller, and Mildred Apple. Ruth Buechler, as a member of the committee is to ask Louise Leimbach about renting the hall. Miss Bertha then said she would ask Her sister Emma to give us gym lessons next week. As there was no further business the meeting was ajourned at 8.30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Clara Bauersfeld*

Rec. Secretary

January 19, 1926

The weekly meeting of the "Evergreen" was called to order at 7.30 p.m. by our President, Margaret Mueller. After singing several hymns we were lead in prayer by our president. The treasurer then gave her report as follows: Dues 3.50 Benvolence 3.57. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved without correction. Business: A motion was made and second that we drop the question of collecting the \$1.65 Herb Borleis owes us. The committee for Miss Frank then gave their report. The coal was bought from Mr. Gross for \$2.00. The committee was dismissed with thanks. Lill Yeager's essay on the hike was then read. Candy money report was given by Mary Mueller and it was found that several girls have not yet paid for their candy. Miss Bertha then said she thought it would be nice for the members to attend Saturday night Bible Class. Our Birthday Party was again discussed. Ruth B. gave her report on the hall-That we would have to ask Mrs. Leimbach but Louise was almost sure we could use it so Ruth is to ask Mrs. Leimbach. It was decided that each girl bring two friends and know by next week the number that are coming. Lill Poulsen was appointed as head of the committee which consisted of Beatrice Bechtold, Anna Ramia, Alvina Boehm, Margaret Mueller, Mary Mueller, Lillian Yeager, Anna Mack, Alverta Rettman, Mildred Apple, and Clara Bauersfeld. This committee is to meet after Sunday School to decide about the music, refreshments and entertainment. Miss Bertha then said that Emma couldn't come down because she had an other engagement. As there was no further business the meeting was ajourned at 8.30 p.m. after which we played games.

Respectfully submitted,

*Clara Bauersfeld*

Rec. Secretary.

January 26, 1926

The weekly meeting of the "Evergreen" was called to order at 7.30 p.m. by our president, Margaret Mueller. After singing several hymns we were lead in prayer by our president. The treasurer then gave her report as follows: Dues \$3.70 Benvolence \$1.62. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved without correction.

Business: Helen LeBrun's essay on the Party at the orphanage was read. Miss Bertha then read an composition that she had written about Christmas Eve. Our Birthday Party was then discussed. The committee then gave their report. It was decided to have music by the "Baltimoreans" which will cost \$12.00 for four pieces. Then each girl was told to bring either lemons, sugar, cake, or grape juice. The number of people expected to be present was then taken. Ruth then gave her report on the hall saying that we can use it. Ruth Buëchler is to invite Leimbach's family to the party. Miss Bertha then suggested having paper cups. A motion was made that she get 200 at \$.70 a 100. Two sketches are to be given in which Marie spann and Lillian Yeager are taking part. The committee was told to be at the hall Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. to decorate. The meeting was then ajourned after which Mr. John Huff told us an interesting Bible Story

Respectfully submitted,

*Clara Bauersfeld*

Rec. Secretary

## "OUR ANNIVERSARY"

Well, another year has passed and the girls were looking for another good time. Did they have it? Wait and hear for yourself. A birthday party! say what does that mean? Eats, music, dancing and lots of fun. Not only for one person but for a whole gang of girls. In one of the Tuesday night meetings a chairlady was elected, who picked about ten girls to help her. Ruth was told to ask about the hall and of course the answer was that we could use it. Lill Poulsen found out about the music and that was O.K. so, on with the party. Each girl was supposed to bring something towards the eats and could also bring two persons besides herself. The hall was trimmed the Sunday before the party and Tuesday afternoon a few went down and made the fruit punch and the ones that were supposed to bring cakes brought them.

Well here they come all dressed up in their Sunday clothes. Did we have speeches that made you close your eyes and wish you were home? "NO!" Did we have some Charleston dancers that made your eyes open as wide as you could get them? "I'll say we did." We had cake and plenty to drink and talk about good music. We sure did have it. We danced until 11.00 p.m. and then turned our tired feet out for a little walk which meant home at the end.

LILLIAN POULSEN

February 9, 1926

The weekly meeting of the "Evergreen" was called to order at 7.30 p.m. by our president, Margaret Mueller. We opened our meeting with prayer lead by our President. The treasurer then gave her report as follows: Dues \$10.62 Benevolence \$2.31. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without correction. Business: Lillian Poulsen was appointed to write a composition on our anniversary party. The committee of our party was dismissed with thanks. Anna Mack and Lillian Yeager were appointed as a committee to thank Mrs. Leimbach for the use of the hall. Miss Bertha again asked the girls to try to attend the Saturday Night Bible Class. Mary Mueller and Lillian Poulsen were appointed as an entertainment committee to arrange entertainment for our next meeting. After the meeting was adjourned we sang several hymns after which at the request of Miss Bertha we were given a talk about Jesus our Saviour by Mr. Lawton of the Maryland Tract Society. He told us how we were made to feel the presence of Christ, and how we could feel that He truly is waiting for each of us to accept Him. He also told us to accept Him and to allow Him to enter into our hearts to have full sway of our lives.

Respectfully submitted,

*Clara Bauersfeld*

Rec. Secretary

February 16, 1926

The weekly meeting of the "Evergreen" was called to order at 7.30 p.m. by our president, Margaret Mueller. The treasurer gave her report as follows: Dues \$13.32 Benevolence \$2.41. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without correction.

Business: Lillian Poulsen was asked for her essay but she had not finished it. Alverta Rettman and Margaret Mueller volunteered to go on the social committee for next week. Beatrice Bechtold, Helen LeBrun, and Anna Ramia were given \$2.00 with which to buy a basket of groceries for Mrs. Frank. Miss Bertha asked for suggestions for the club. Sister Lena has again asked us to make Easter Baskets. The meeting was ajourned after which we sang several hymns. Then we were led in prayer by our president. We repeated several Bible verses and were then given an interesting Bible talk by Miss Alice Ohle. She compared God with a Potter. As the potter shapes the clay so God shapes and molds us. Miss Alice closed with prayer. The remainder of the evening was given over to the social committee who arranged to have us make candy and play games.

Respectfully submitted,

*Clara Bauersfeld*

Rec. Secretary

February 23, 1926

The weekly meeting of the "Evergreen" was called to order at 7.30 p.m. by our president, Margaret Mueller. We were then lead in prayer by our president. The Treasurer gave her report as follows: Dues \$13.94, Benevolence \$.54.

Business: The committee appointed to thank Mrs. Leimbach for the use of the hall gave their report. The committee for taking a basket to Mrs. Frank gave their report. The above mentioned committees were dismissed with thanks. Ruth Buechler was told to get the bill for the window pane which we broke. The social committee for next week consists of Lillian Yeager, Alvina Boehm and Anna Mack. A motion was made and second that we give the secretary \$.70 for paper for the secretary book. The meeting was ajourned. We were then led in prayer by Miss Bertha. After repeating several Bible verses we were given an interesting talk of the Love of God by Mr. Geo. Schmeiser. He explained of God's love for us and told how nothing could separate us from this great love. Mr. Schmeiser closed with prayer. The remainder of the evening we played games arranged by the social committee.

Respectfully submitted,

*Clara Bauersfeld*

Rec. Secretary

March 2, 1926

The weekly meeting of the "Evergreen" was called to order by our president, Marg. Mueller at 7.30 p.m. We were lead in prayer by our president. The treasurer gave her report as follows: Dues \$14.99 Ben. \$.74. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Business: A motion was made and second to pay for the window which we broke. Helen LeBrun, Beatrice Bechtold, and Clara Bauersfeld volunteered to go on the social committee for next week. The making of Easter Baskets was postponed to a later date. Miss Bertha then asked for suggestions for the club but there did not seem to be much response. The meeting was adjourned. We were lead in prayer by Miss Bertha. Mr. Ober from Port Mission then spoke to us of Faith, explaining what faith is and how we can tell when we have faith. Mr. Ober closed with prayer. The remainder of the evening was given over to playing games after which we had refreshments prepared by our social committee.

Respectfully submitted,

*Clara Bauersfeld*

Recording Secretary

March 9, 1926

The weekly meeting of the "Evergreen" was called to order by our president, Margaret Mueller at 7.30 p.m. We were lead in prayer by our president. The treasurer gave her report as follows: Dues \$15.31 Ben. \$1.09. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Business: Lillian Poulsen handed in her write up on our anniversary party. Ruth Buechler and Mildred Apple volunteered to go on the entertainment committee for next week. It was decided to have visitor's evening on March 23, 1926. Miss Bertha is going to ask Mr. Geo. Schmeiser to give us a Bible talk on this night. Mary Mueller, Alverta Rettman, Lillian Poulsen and Clara Bauersfeld were asked to give two minute talks on the Bible Lessons given during the past few weeks by speakers. The Refreshment Committee for this night was appointed as follows: Lillian Poulsen, Mary Mueller, and Ruth Buechler. The social committee consists of Anna Mack, Lill Yeager, and Alverta Rettman. Miss Bertha then asked for suggestions for the club. The meeting was ajourned. We were lead in prayer by Miss Bertha. Mr. John Huph then reviewed the life of Jesus telling of His birth, childhood, miracles performed, crucifixion and resurrection. Mr. Huph closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Clara Bauersfeld*

Rec. Sec.

March 16, 1926

The weekly meeting of the "Evergreen" was called to order at 7.30 p.m. by our president, Margaret Mueller. We then sang several hymns. After repeating Bible verses we were lead in prayer by our president. We then repeated our code and purpose. The treasurer gave her report as follows: Dues \$16.51 Ben. \$1.14. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Business: A motion was made and second to give twelve dollars to the refreshment committee to arrange eats for seventy people. The program for visitor's night was then arranged. A committee consisting of Alverta Rettman and Marg. Mueller was appointed to get permission from Mr. Trautner to use the upper hall on March 23. The president reminded the girls that next Tuesday night would be self-denial night. The meeting was then ajourned after which a few of the girls rehearsed a play while the others played games arranged by the social committee.

Respectfully submitted,

*Clara Bauersfeld*

Rec. Sec.

March 23, 1926

The weekly meeting of the "Evergreen" was called to order at 8 p.m. by our president, Margaret Mueller. We then sang several hymns after which we were lead in prayer by our president. The treasurer gave her report as follows: Dues \$18.06 Ben. \$1.24. Self-denial money was then collected. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Business: Miss Bertha appointed girls to make Easter baskets. It was then decided that Anna Mack take a basket of groceries to Mrs. Frank. As this was Visitor's Night the following program was followed. Bible verses were repeated. Then the following Bible talks were given; Mary Mueller "The Potter and the Clay", Alverta Rettman, "Namon and the Leper", Lillian Poulsen, "Love", and Clara Bauersfeld, "The Life of Jesus". After these talks werwere given a talk by the main speaker of the evening, Miss Alice Ohle, who said that we should give our lives to God that he may fill our hearts with love for Him and use us to tell others of his love. The meeting was ajourned after which the entertainment committee, Anna Mack, Margaret Mueller, Alverta Rettman, and Ruth Beuchler, gave a play, "The Burglar Alarm". After this refreshments prepared by the refreshment committee, Lillian Poulsen and Mary Mueller, were served.

Respectfully submitted,

*Clara Bauersfeld*

Rec. Sec.

March 30, 1926

The weekly meeting of the "Evergreen" was called to order at 7.30 p.m. by our president, Margaret Muller. We then sang several hymns after which we were led in prayer by our president. The treasurer gave her report as follows: Dues \$19.36 Benevolence \$2.34. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with corrections.

**Business:** As others are taking baskets to Sister Lena's shut-ins the question of making Easter Baskets was dropped. At this meeting Miss Bertha gave us a great surprise. Due to her health she is unable to continue as leader of the "Evergreen" so the meetings will be discontinued. It was decided to give Sister Lena \$10.00 of the treasury to be used for her missionary work. Part of the treasury was also given to Mr. Conrad for his kindness to us during the existence of the club. A motion was made and second to give Miss Bertha the volley ball and net, the secretary's book, and the penant. The meeting was ajourned. Miss Bertha served ice-cream with strawberries and cake as a farewell party.

Respectfully submitted,

*Clara Bauersfeld*

Rec. Sec.