

Their Thanks for Nine Children—Adopt Two More!

Orange, N.J. — Jeanne and Ray Larcy got to thinking about how to thank God for their "nine nice normal kids," aged 4 to 18, and for the rough years "having" been gotten through with successfully. They came up with a way: they adopted two more.

The two more are Hae Sook, 11, and Jung Lae (pronounced Chung Lee), 12, two Korean girls who grew up in a Catholic orphanage outside Seoul.

For six years the Larcy family (they pronounce it LAH-rass-ee) had been contributing to the support of the two girls and

exchanging letters with the Sister superior at the orphanage. "We read about the Help-a-Child program of the National Council of Catholic Women," Mrs. Larcy recalls. "It was at a time when Ray had gotten a better job (he is an interna-

tional representative for the United Automobile Workers) and the kids were healthy, and so many, with so few problems."

Gratitude for their blessings prompted the couple to subscribe \$30 per month to help

two Korean orphans. Then the letters started to come, with little details about Hae Sook and Jung Lae (who are not related). The New Jersey family would hear that the two orphans had gotten over their colds, or they'd received good

report cards, or they were going to Mass daily to pray for success in the exams.

"They sound so like children here in our country," Mrs. Larcy said. "We got to love them. It started as a joke around the house, the idea of bringing them here. But then Ray and I talked it over and decided we could always squeeze in a few more."

"The whole family voted on a secret ballot. If anyone had voted 'No' I don't think we would have done it. But no one did."

After working through their diocesan Catholic Charities, the National Catholic Welfare Conference and Catholic agencies in Korea, the Larcy family finally met the two Korean girls at Kennedy Airport—all except the oldest Larcy child, Matt, who is studying for the Maryknoll priesthood in Illinois.

A Korean war bride who lives across the street from the Larcys has been helping Hae Sook and Jung Lae adjust to a strange land whose language they know so little. They are also getting special attention from the Sisters of Charity who conduct St. John's School, which the two girls attend with Theresa, Paul, Catherine and Margaret Larcy. And there are language sessions on a regular basis in the Larcy family room.

Even the problem of finding a priest to hear their confessions was solved nicely, Mrs. Larcy said.

"I called Maryknoll in New York and just by luck they told me a 'Maryknoll' Father was home on leave from Korea and staying with his mother-in-law in Red Bank (35 miles away). We drove down one Sunday, had a picnic on the beach, and Father took them to church to hear their confessions. We'll go again soon."

The incident got Mrs. Larcy off her pet subject, illustrated in part by a huge map of the world on one of the walls of the family room.

"The world is so small now, isn't it?" she stated. "I mean, when I was in school, the missions were so far away. Now you read 'all the time' in 'The Advocate' (her diocesan newspaper), and Sign and mission magazines about things like Help-a-Child and a dentist going to Bolivia to help the poor, and these things seem so possible."

Already, the two Korean girls have been taken into the Larcy family routine, even to helping out with a paper route that the Larcy-children-have.

The first weeks of Hae Sook's and Jung Lae's life here have proven to the children and their parents that "children all over the world are amazingly alike," and no great changes have been needed.

With one possible exception, alluded to by Mrs. Larcy: "We buy a heck of a lot more rice."

(Catholic Press Features)



Hae Sook, standing, shows off some of her homework to Mrs. Larcy and eight of the Larcy children. Her Korean compatriot, Jung Lae, is seated beside her.

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Petrin Named Chairman Of Catholic Scouting Unit

Maurice J. Petrin, 19 Straub Rd., Greece, has been appointed the new chairman of the Otsego Council, Catholic Council on Scouting. The announcement was made this week by Father Robert Winterkorn, diocesan chaplain of the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Petrin is a member of St. John the Evangelist parish, Greece, where he has been long active in the Scout program. He has also served in the Red Jacket district as a member of the Commissioner's staff.

Prior to his new appointment, Petrin served the diocesan Committee as chairman of religious activities.

At the same time, Father Winterkorn announced the following appointments to the Otsego Council, Catholic Committee on Scouting:
John E. Dalko, St. John the Evangelist parish, Rochester;

Seton Groups in Action

80TH BRANCH of Seton Workers of St. Mary's Hospital was entertained at a pool party and luncheon Wednesday, July 20 at the home of Mrs. Fred E. Brown of Greenbriar Drive. More work on projects for the Seton Sale was accomplished. On July 23, a Seton Picnic for couples of this 80th group will be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Clare Smith, W. Bloomfield Road, Honeyey Falls beginning at 5 p.m.

74TH BRANCH will have a picnic supper at the home of Miss Dorothy Dispenza, 400 Genesee Park Blvd., Wednesday evening, July 27.



MAURICE J. PETRIN
Ghost parish, Coldwater; Edward W. Davis, Mother of Sorrows parish, Greece; Joseph J. Korbel, Sacred Heart Cathedral parish, Rochester; David F. Kippatrik, Sacred Heart Cathedral parish, Rochester; and Charles Leonard, Holy Rosary parish, Rochester.

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77TH BRANCH members to hold their annual Steak Roast at the summer residence of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Sansone, 508 Lake Shore Drive, Payne Beach, Saturday, July 30.

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A Memorial Plaque, listing all donors who have paid their pledges of \$500 per family or \$300 per working member of the parish, will be installed in the foyer of the parochial school.

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