

happiness in providing a better Christmas" for this family.

Listowel West's foster child is eight-year-old Santa Trichito of Italy, whose father, says the official report "works in the fields, is paid only in a percentage of the fruits and they live in a great misery." Chapman Institute sponsors Elisabetta, another Italian child of thirteen who contracted tuberculosis from her father and has lost a year at school. The officials say she is a studious, nice, intelligent child who needs nourishing food because of danger of tb." The family receive some charity especially a "healthy flat" because of Elisabetta's poor health. Most of the sponsor's money will go to buy nourishing food for her. The secretary says, "Our members feel this is a worth while project and we hope our finances will permit us to continue it from year to year."

Calabogie adopted a ten-year-old girl in Sicily, Rosario Melendez. As a result of polio, Rosario has been unable to walk until recently; now with the help of a heavy orthopedic device she can get around a little, but, the officials say "she is very bright, always smiling and chattering, and she likes to study. Her father, a policeman is doing his best to give his children an education; her mother is partially paralyzed." The whole family were grateful for the Institute's Christmas parcel.

Altona is sponsoring an Egyptian girl, eleven-year-old Anny Israel. Things have been hard for Anny. In 1957 the family were expelled from Egypt because of their religion. They are very poor and Anny suffers from bronchial asthma. The Institute is enthusiastic about helping her and sent her a gift of money at Christmas time.

Ballinafad's adopted daughter lives in Tunis. She is Sroussi Solange a very bright sixteen-year-old-girl in secondary school, who would like to become a teacher but who would not be able to continue at school without a sponsor's help. Her father is dead; her mother and the three daughters live in a single room, the mother earning a little by sewing and receiving some help from charity. The Institute sent Sroussi both Christmas and birthday gifts.

Another Tunis girl who wants to be a teacher is Marlene Meimoun, adopted by Uniondale Institute. Marlene, "an excellent student" would also have to leave school without the help of her sponsors. The family are poor and the children's health is not good. In a letter to the Institute, Marlene said: "Thank you for everything you are doing for me. I shall never forget it. And please forgive the delay in writing, but I have been very busy with my Arabic, Mathematics and Russian lessons. I am working well and, thank heavens I have been

ranked second in my class. I am the eldest of five children and I have a little brother of 1½ years who has the heart disease 'maladie blue' — a 'blue baby'. My father has a difficult time to make a living."

South Woodslee also has adopted a Tunisian high school girl, Aimee Cohan. In a letter to the Institute Aimee asked them to write to her in English as she thought that might help her with her English at school. The Institute sent her \$5 extra to buy clothing or other things she might need at school. They feel that sponsoring a child in another country is "a wonderful way to spread friendship."

Cornwall Centre is helping a nine-year-old Tunisian boy Henri Zawa. He is "studious, intelligent and in his second year in French-Hebraic school." The officials also say that he "belongs to a very united family." The children are heathy and well cared for, but because of the father's near blindness their financial position is very bad. The family of seven live in one very poor but clean room. In a "thank you letter" after Christmas Henri wrote, "My father has no work and that's why I want to work well at school so that I may be a help to my parents when I am grown up. My parents bless you for the joy you have given us. Thank you again." The Institute secretary says "Our members each give a small donation at each meeting if they feel able and this is spent on Henri and the family. We are all enthused about this project and now even more since we have heard from Henri."

Perth Centre adopted a frail little girl of

Melitta Schultz, Germany, "adopted" by Brownsville Institute has been ill but her mother hoped she could soon go back to school. She had outgrown most of her clothes and the sponsor money helped to replace them.

