

More Than Rice Now For 'Adopted' Dewi

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Millesse, 65 Duncan Drive, Georgetown, have "adopted" five year old Dewi Widawati of Indonesia.

By contributing \$17 a month through Foster Parents Plan of Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Millesse give the child and the family material and financial aid aimed at strengthening the family unit by helping each member. The child is symbolic of aid given to the entire family.

Before Mr. and Mrs. Millesse became Dewi's foster parents, the child's family struggled to survive on an income of \$5.50 per month. This is earned by Dewi's father as an elementary school teacher. This is paid \$3.14 cash and a rice allowance of \$2.36.

The mother is unable to find a job so consequently some of the family live with relatives because of lack of funds to support them. The family's rent is 79c per month and the rest of the income is spent on rice, which is all they eat and that is often not enough.

They live in a bamboo shack 18'x18' with earth flooring, no windows or ceiling and water has to be fetched from a well. Mr. and Mrs. Millesse's contribution of \$17 a month brings

the family a monthly cash grant, distribution of goods such as vitamins, blankets, towels, soap and other useful items, medical and dental care, the sustained guidance and counseling of social workers and the benefit of special programs. A strong emphasis is placed on education. All Foster Children (and their brothers and sisters if possible) must attend school. Vocational training courses given or supported by PLAN in some countries are available to foster children, their brothers and sisters and in some areas, their parents. The aim is to give each member of the family the tools to help themselves become independent and self-supporting. Special programs adapted to the needs of each country also meet these aims.

In Indonesia, for example, PLAN has instituted a savings program for PLAN families in co-operation with a local bank. Each families' savings are put into a general fund which can earn as much as 2% interest per month.

The Herald is interested in hearing from any local persons or organizations who have "adopted" children through the Foster Parents Plan.



Dewi Widawati of Indonesia, "adopted" by Georgetown couple through foster parents' plan.

Kennedy School Choirs Successful in Festival

Two choirs from Georgetown's George Kennedy Public School now know what it's like to sing in competition — and to be successful.

The junior school's primary and junior choirs entered in the North Halton Music Festival held in the Martin Street Senior School in Milton, Wednesday, and each placed second in their respective classes.

It was the first competition for both groups.

The George Kennedy primary choir won the Duke of Devonshire award for grades one and two in larger schools. The junior choir won the Music Festival-Milton Legion L.A. award for grades three and four in larger schools. Kenneth Harrison and Mrs. Hasselfeldt made the presentations.

It is only the second time in about 14 years that a Georgetown school has taken part in the half century old festival. Chapel Street Public School was entered last year.

Georgetown's domination of the festival at one time almost spelled the end of the competition, and it was to save it that the Georgetown schools passed it up for years.

When the Halton County Board of Education came into being last year they left the matter of entry up to each individual school.

"WE WON"

In all, about 1,500 North Halton public school children sang their hearts out in the festival which last year was renamed the North Halton Association for the Performing and Creative Arts Music Festival.

Youngsters from Grades 1-8 sang for adjudicator Miss Marion Park of Lincoln County Board of Education music department.

When she announced the winner of each of the 12 competitions, cries of "We won" rang through the hall followed by furious hand clapping.

"We're going to get a pizza," exclaimed one happy youngster, giving away a bit of pre-competition teacher encouragement.

TALENT

Miss Park said at the festival's conclusion she was amazed at the musical talent displayed by the youngsters, and also at the organization getting them in and out of the hall without a hitch.

The event is sponsored by several service clubs and women's

groups in North Halton and trophies were donated by them as well.

All the competitors take music as part of their regular school program, said Tom Gibson, principal of Martin Street School and president of this year's festival.

"They practice the festival numbers in class and choir members are selected out of these groups and put in extra time after school," he said.

SPECIAL SHOW

Thursday all winners as well as several bands, gymnastic teams and vocal soloists performed at a special show in the auditorium of Milton District High School.

MUSIC 71

Halton County Board of Education is holding Music 71 this year featuring a massed choir of 325 students from Grades 7 to 13 and a 75 piece student band.

This show will be held May 18 in Perdue High School in Oakville; May 19 in Milton District High School, and May 20 in M. M. Robinson High School, Burlington.

Some of the Music 71 performers will be winners from the North Halton festival.

Class No. 1, Primary over 250: 1st, M. Z. Bennett; 2nd, George Kennedy; 3rd, Fairview.

Class No. 2, Junior over 250: 1st, Brookville; 2nd, George Kennedy; 3rd, Fairview.

Class No. 3, Intermediate, over 250: 1st, Percy Merry; 2nd, Brookville; 3rd, Martin Street.

Class No. 4, Senior, S.S.A.: 1st, Martin Street; 2nd, Brookville; 3rd, M. Z. Bennett.

Class No. 5, Senior, S.A.B.: 1st, Martin Street; 2nd, Brookville; 3rd, M. Z. Bennett.

Class No. 6, Boys Unchanged: 1st, M. Z. Bennett; 2nd, Martin Street; 3rd, Speyside.

Class No. 7, Boys Changed: 1st, Martin Street; 2nd, M. Z. Bennett; 3rd, Brookville.

Class No. 8, Trp. Duet, over 250: 1st, Brookville; 2nd, M. Z. Bennett; 3rd, Martin Street.

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