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**SAYS ORPHANAGE IS
OBSOLETE AS KNOWN**

NEW METHODS NEEDED

**Dr. Reeder, Recently Returned
From Near East, Urges
Against Permanent
Use as Homes**

Dr. R. E. Reeder of Van Wert, Ohio, who recently returned from a survey of Near East Relief work for orphaned children overseas, declares that "both at home and abroad, the orphanage is obsolete." He explains his position in the current number of the Survey.

Should Quit Business
"As a permanent home for children, the orphan asylum should go out of business," he says. He proposes the conversion of all the 1,400 orphan asylums in America into scientifically-conducted clearing-houses, similar to the orphanages of the Near East Relief in Greece and Armenia. Some children, he says, should be admitted for temporary care, while their disrupted homes are set right or until they can be placed in foster-family homes. Permanent provision should be made only for those who are unfit for adoption, mental defectives and other special classes.

Finding Relatives
In his report to the Near East Relief, Mr. Reeder says: "The work of finding relatives and turning over the orphan children to them ought, to be pushed rapidly, for the good of the child and his relatives, as well as for economical handling of this extensive work. Family and kinship ties are marked traits of the Armenian people. No Near East Relief policy should run counter to these splendid racial qualities."

"The placing of older boys and girls at work or in families should go forward with all possible speed. Without family rehabilitation, the racial integrity and national spirit will fall, whatever may be done for individuals."

Emergency Service
"The present program of the Near East Relief is largely an emergency service which will come to a close with the rehabilitation and absorption of the deportees. It is important that whatever is done in the way of permanent contribution to these people shall be of such a nature as to be passed on to increasingly larger usefulness. A nurses' training school, a normal school for teachers of agriculture, a school of social service, represent the great needs of these countries. A heavy toll of human life is taken every year for want of trained nursing. Hospitals are frequently centers for spreading rather than arresting disease. The Near East problem is an extensive and complex one, involving many factors related to the present disturbed conditions, as well as the lives of thousands of children."

Place Children in Homes
During the past two years, Dr. Reeder notes, the Near East Relief has placed in homes or in self-supporting work, "This means the placing out of one child every ten minutes of each working day throughout the two years, and in every instance personal consideration is given the individual child and the safe-guarding of its future."
Dr. Reeder compares this record of accomplishment with the work of orphanages in America. The largest child-welfare organization in America has placed only 3,225 children in 25 years. In his report to the survey, he says:

New Methods Needed
"The day of the orphanage as a permanent home for children, is past. It is not a real childhood home and cannot by any courtesy of speech claim to be such. The orphanages of America can rise to the new era of present-day methods of child care. There are 1,400 of them, with a total of 150,000 children. By adopting the new level of family care for orphans, each institution will become a social center of expert service, a child-study center, and perform immensely greater work than the orphan asylums of America are doing today. The management will become interested chiefly in the quality rather than the quantity of work done, in doing the best for each child and not a little for many children."

**FOREIGN STUDENTS
MEET IN AMERICA**

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**LATE PROCEEDINGS
IN PROBATE COURT**

**Bond of Large Amount Given in
Samuel Backer Estate;
Other Entries**

A bond of \$6,000,000 was given last week in the estate of Samuel Backer, Ravinia, before Judge Marston C. Decker, in probate court. Action on the 13 cases follow:

Abraham G. Becker, Ravinia—Will admitted to record. \$50,000 given to Jewish Charities of Chicago, one-third to Art Institute of Chicago, one-third remainder to wife, balance to children. Bond of six million dollars. Letters testamentary issued to James H. Becker, Frank L. Sulzberger, Mose E. Shipe and Herbert A. Friedlich. Proof of heirship taken. Appraisers appointed.

Sarah Whiteside Brown, Highland Park—Will admitted to probate. Estate valued at \$30,000, left as trust fund to the Northern Trust Company the income to be paid to husband during his life; after his death the income to be paid to daughter, Margaretta, until her death or marriage; after her death or marriage to be distributed to the children or heirs of Sarah Whiteside Brown. Letters testamentary issued to the Northern Trust company. Proof of heirship taken.

Ans Sessler, Waukegan—Supplemental proof of heirship made. Additional bond approved.

William Blume—Inventory approved.

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Milton Litwiler, Round Lake—Just and True account approved.
Julia M. Przyborski, North Chicago—Petition for probate of will filed and set for hearing July 6, 1925.
Emerson Hough, Highland Park—Final report approved. Executrix discharged.
Ellen Moran, Waukegan—Final report approved. Administratrix discharged.
Marderoo Garoogian, Waukegan—Letters of administration de bonis non issued to Peter W. Newhouse, public administrator. Former administrator to file final account and report by June 15.
Grace E. Edmonds, Waukegan—Fi-

nal report approved, and transfers ordered.
Horatio M. Maxham, Libertyville—Inventory and appraisal approved.
Emma Lindstrom, Waukegan—Will admitted to probate. All property given to son Rudolph Stamborg, with a bequest of \$1 to Walford Lindstrom. Letters testamentary issued to Rudolph Stamborg. Bond of \$4,000. Estimated value of estate \$7,000. Proof of heirship taken.
Sarah Hook, Grayslake—Report of Special administrator in re sale of real estate under contract approved.

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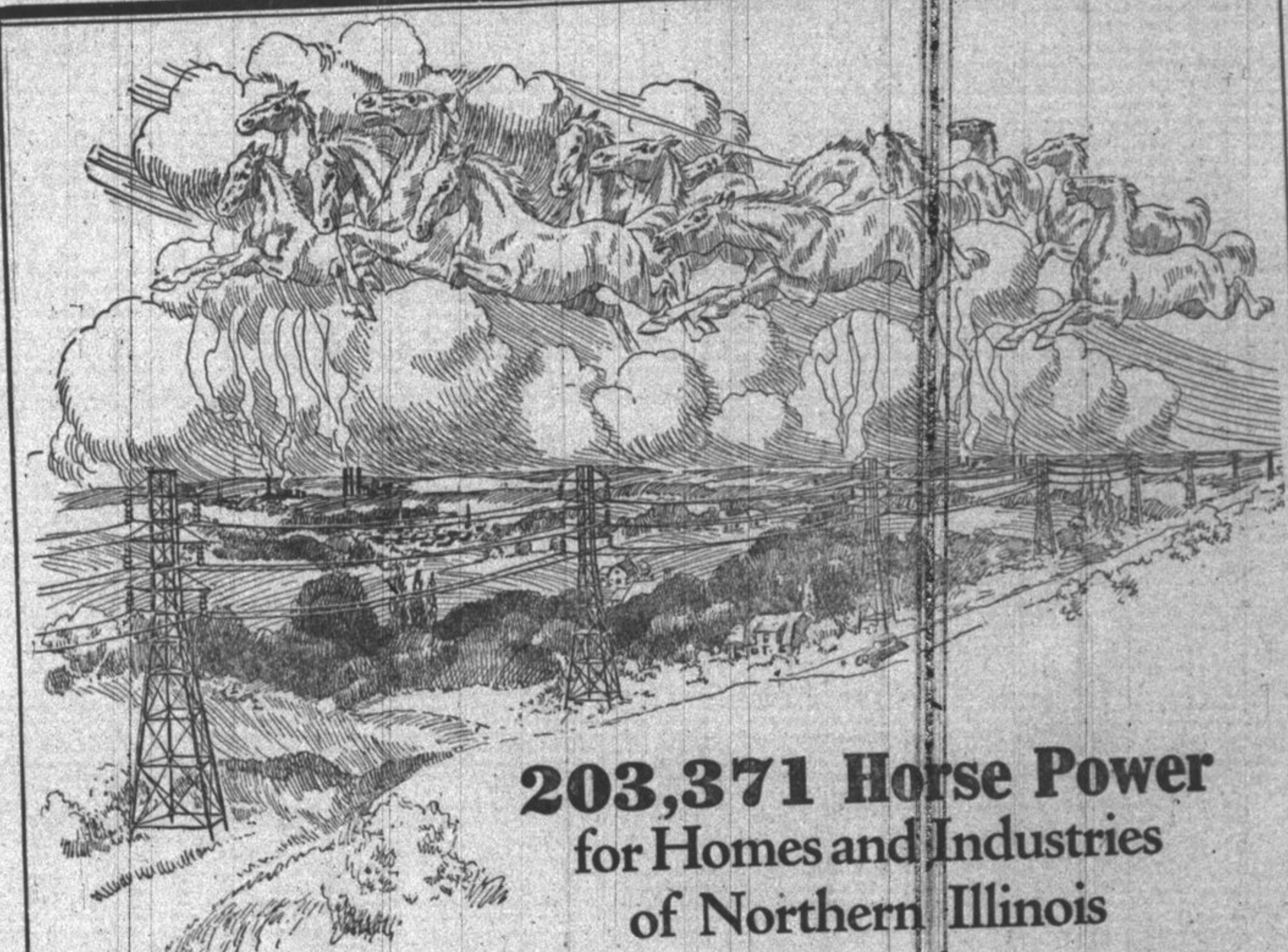
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