BRETHREN SERVICE PROJECT Vol. VII, No. 2 (#73)

Castaner, Puerto Rico

BRETHREN SERVICE COMMISSION September 1, 1948

x-x-	x-x-x-x-x-x-x-	x-x-x-	x-x-x	K-X-X-	x-x-x-x-x-x-x-x	x-x-x-x
x						x
x	I	N M	EM	ORI	A M	x
x						x
x	Elmer Earl Hartzl	er			Isaac Harvey Ho	rner x
x	September 12, 194	3			September 26, 1	.943 x
x					- ,	х
x-x-:	x-x-x-x-x-x-x-x-	x-x-x-	x-x-2	(-x-x-	x-x-x-x-x-x-x-	x-x-x-x-x

## SIX YEARS OLD

The sixth birthday of most of us was an exciting and important event in our lives. We at last could join the long line of older children and begin our school career. We here at Castaner are having our six year old thrills repeated for us this year. As we, as a unit, pass our sixth birthday we have the happy privilege not of starting to school, but starting a brand new school. On Aug. 23 at 1 P.M. the Brethren Academy opened for the first classes, of the 10th grade. 13 boys and 13 girls enrolled the first day. Since several more have entered and we have now limited the number to 30. Due to difficulties in getting cement for the foundation the new school building was not completed, but the first floor rooms in the Llinas "Casa Grande" makes a very usuable substitute until the new building can be completed. The acting principle, Walter Haag, is the Algebra teacher, Dean Rohrer teaches History, Robert Ebey teaches English and Bible, Mrs. Castaner de Folch teaches Spanish.

#### VISITORS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

On Aug. 2 a group of our Mennonite friends from La Plata visited us. They were: Howard Laudis from Ill., farmer at the La Plata Unit; Dr. & Mrs. Rohrer Eshleman from Pennsylvania, a medical student; Mr. John Weaver of Goshen Indiana, who is in P.R. visiting his daughter Eleanor, who is the office secretary for the La Plata Unit; Orpha Leatherman from Penn., a nurse; John, Leona & Julia Brandeberry. John is carpenter, Leona helps in the sewing project and Julia is a nurse maid.

From Aug. 9 to 17 the B. S. C. representatives, W. Harold Row and Hylton Harman visited, counselled, and advised us. They were especially concerned in getting the general organization changed over from a temporary to permament status. We hope their guidance may help the Castaner project to become an increasingly greater blessing to this community.

On Aug. 16 the project was visited by Miss Dorothy Nyland of New York, Secretary of Student Work of the Methodist Board of Mission. Her sister Gertrude Nyland, also of New York, who is the Religious Education Director of Hamburg Methodist Church, and Miss Erma Elliott of the Robinsom (Methodist) School in Santuree.

On August 24 we had two visitors from the Department of Health, Dr. Robert

Smith (Surgeon, U.S.P.H.S.) Director of the Bureau of Tuberculosis, and Mr. Eduardo P. Acuna. The former has only been on the island for a few weeks and is visiting projects doing Tuberculosis work. He is much interested in the program and proposed another Tuberculosis survey of this community as was done a few years ago. He hinted that if we could round up about 5000 people for chest plates that he would be very favorable. Mr. Acuna is cheif X-ray mechanic for the department and is also interested in taking mass X-ray surveys.

On Aug. 18, from the Ramey Air Force Base, in Aquadilla came Chaplain and Mrs. Brown, Captain Myron M. D., and Mrs. Nichols. Accompanying them was Rev. Dr. Santiago Cabrera, Pastor of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Aguadilla.

On Aug. 30th Rev. Richard E. Johnsom of Cayey with J. Kenneth Vincent, a Methodist Missionary from Vieques Island Mission, who were conducting a tour of projects of the Island, stopped with us. They had a group os 21 volunteer workers and sponsors who had just completed 2 months of volunteer service in a Work Camp Project of the Island of Vieques. They all come from a Methodist Conference of N. J. Following are the names of their group.

Edwin Allen Dassing	Dean Dusibout	Theadore Seamens
John Brittinghorn	Norman Wm. Gourley	Morgaret Felton
Robert Mathews	Joan McClintock	Wana Gerb
Ruth Weller	Rev. Wm. J. Dougherty	Lincoln Justice
Ruth Justice	Mrs. Muriel Dougherty	Thor Torgesen
Marie Lozan	Gloria Schaffer	Bill Cowley
Dave Mallman	Norma Dowell	Dick Perry

## DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS

Aug. 6 was a happy day for us when the party of new workers arrived. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Ebey and daughters Mary and Alice. Miss Violet Harris R.N. and Mr. John Kidwell. Lynn Burke who had spent an extra month in the States also was in the party.

On the 27th, Howard, Charlotte, and little Stevie Wright said good bye and returned to the States after their two years of service.

We are happy to report that on the 3rd of Sept. we are expecting two more nurses. Misses Wilma Stern and Lois Neiderheiser.

## ROSTER OF THE CASTANER PROJECT

NAME	AFFILIATION	HOME ADDRESS	ARRIVAL DATE		
Permament Staff					
1. Dr. Homer L. Burke 2. Marguerite Burke 3. Rev. Robert Ebey 4. Ruth Ebey	Brethren Brethren Brethren Brethren	Bremen, Indiana Bremen, Indiana Woodland, Mich. Woodland, Mich.	July 25, 1946 July 25, 1946 Aug. 6, 1948 Aug. 6, 1948		

Mr.& Mrs. Luke H. Bachman BML

WHINE	AFFILIATION	HOME ADDRESS	ARRIVAL DATE

# Two Year Term Workers

Walter Haag	Brethren	Whittier, Calif.	February 2, 1946
Alys Haag	Brethren	Altoona, Pa.	December 26, 1945
Violet Harris	Brethren	Minot, N. Dak.	August 6, 1948
John Kidwell	Bre thren	McPherson, Kans.	August 6, 1948
Fern Kring	Bre thren	,	July 17, 1947
	Brethren		September 3, 1948
Chester Peckover	Bre thren		November 21, 1947
Lila Peckover	Brethren		November 21, 1947
Dale Roesch	Brethren	Ashland, Ohio	September 16, 1947
Norma Rossch	Brethren	Ashland, Ohio	September 16, 1947
Dean Rohrer	Bre thren	Creekville, Ky.	August 22, 1947
Mary Kay Rohrer	Bre thren		August 22, 1947
Wilma Stern	Brethren	Midland, Mich.	September 3, 1948
	Alys Haag Violet Harris John Kidwell Fern Kring Lois Neiderheiser Chester Peckover Lila Peckover Dale Roesch Norma Roesch Dean Rohrer	Alys Haag Brethren Violet Harris Brethren John Kidwell Brethren Fern Kring Brethren Lois Neiderheiser Brethren Chester Peckover Brethren Lila Peckover Brethren Dale Roesch Brethren Norma Roesch Brethren Dean Rohrer Brethren Mary Kay Rohrer Brethren	Alys Haag Brethren Altoona, Pa.  Violet Harris Brethren Minot, N. Dak.  John Kidwell Brethren McPherson, Kans.  Fern Kring Brethren Bremen, Ind.  Lois Neiderheiser Brethren Mt. Pleasant, Pa.  Chester Peckover Brethren Topeka, Ka.  Lila Peckover Brethren Marion Center, Pa.  Dale Roesch Brethren Ashland, Ohio  Norma Roesch Brethren Ashland, Ohio  Dean Rohrer Brethren Creekville, Ky.  Mary Kay Rohrer Brethren Brookville, Ohio

<sup>\*</sup>These two are to arrive on September 3rd.

TAT ARATT

There are also five children on the project:

Lynn Burke, age 14; Jeneba Burke, age 5 Mary Ebey, age 5; Alice Ebey, age 3 Sharon Haag, age 4 month.

Living with the unit also are Caleb Frantz, former unit member of Bethel, Pa., now a teacher for 3 years in the Rabanos Second Unit School and Adolfo Ramos of Camuy, P. R., who is the secretary for the Insular Health Department Clinic here.