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* IT'S A GIRL !! *
* That's the good news that Dr. Everett and Miriam Myer want broadcast. *
* September 7 is the date--Jeanne Elizabeth, the name. Ralph and Harold *
* are both happy about a new little sister. *
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CHURCH NEWS

September 2--The Castañer Church of the Brethren met in its second quarterly council. Church officers for the following church year are as follows: Elder, Homer L. Burke; Pastor, Robert Eby; Chorister, Caleb Frantz; Pianist, Violet Harris; Treasurer, Chester Peckover; Clerk, John Kidwell; S.S. Superintendent, Dale Roesch; Usher, Chester Peckover. It was decided to hold a communion service on World Communion Sunday in October.

CUPID INVADES THE KITCHEN

Some Unit members had the privilege of attending another Puerto Rican wedding on September 11 when Juanita Garcia and Nemesio Quiles were married at the Episcopal Church in Bartolo. The hour of the wedding was set at 7 P.M. but typically Puerto Rican, the bride and groom marched into the church followed by a host of friends and relatives at 8 P.M. (It takes longer to get the bride dressed here.)

Father Bauza performed the ceremony after which a reception was held at the home of the bride. "Ana" as she is familiarly known, was dressed in a sheer white gown with a long train and carried a bouquet of white calla lilies. Nemesio wore a white suit.

Unit members had a special interest in this wedding because Nemesio is one of our cooks in the kitchen. Incidentally, he baked his own three tiered wedding cake.

FATHER BAUZA SPEAKS TO THE UNIT

On Sunday evening, September 19, Father Bauza, the local Episcopal Priest lead the Unit in a very inspirational Vesper Service. He stressed the need of a United Christendom in counteracting the forces of evil throughout the world and especially cited some of Puerto Rico's lack of Christian stamina.

PICNIC AT GUANICA

On Sunday, September 12 after Sunday School all the unit members except Nurse Kring who was on duty, collected their bathing suits and cameras and boarded the "pick-up" truck and Burke's jeep and were off for the day at Guanica Bay. A picnic lunch and a good swim was enjoyed by all, even though a few suffered from car sickness going around in the mountains. The trip was sponsored by the Caldaron Camera Club. The Burke's returned by way of San German, spending the night with the Walter Keiser family.

BRETHREN ACADEMY

The Brethren Academy's tenth grade is running smoothly now in its sixth week. Enrollment was limited to thirty-three at the end of the first week and has now dropped to thirty, which is the number we thought we could accomodate adequately. Classes are continuing in the Llinas Casa Grande but the school building at the grass plot on the Grillasca Road is nearly ready for occupancy.

We are petitioning the Department of Education for recognition of our school which we hope may be realized by the end of the first semester.

With the opening of the school year comes the School Health Program, that the Unit has been sponsoring for a number of years. There are eight first unit or common schools, two junior high schools, and one high school which we are attempting to serve this year.

The moving work continues. The first building of the school is nearly ready for occupancy. The cement foundation and floor of one wing of the hospital is poured.

ANOTHER CASE AGAINST "RON" !

Sunday night, September 26, during vesper services, the pick-up was parked in front of the Case Grande where the service was being held. A truck load of political enthusiasts returned from one of their rallies and got off to return to their homes. One man from the community who ordinarily does not drink but had celebrated a bit that day--climbed into the pick-up, released the brakes and the car started rolling down the hill. Some fifty feet down the way a six foot wall and a drop off brought a sudden stop to his joy ride as the truck went over the wall, landing on its side. Luckily the man was not hurt. The truck, of course, has some dents in the fenders, a broken mirror, and a few other not too serious damages.

VISITORS

On September 26, Mrs. Sara B. Williams (wife of Jerry, former C.P.S. member at Zalduondo) her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Angel Nuntz, with their daughter Yolanda, of Santurce, and Miss Ketty Stuart of Utuado visited the Unit. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are under appointment of the Methodist Board and will be in Andino Colegio in Peru.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roesch of Bryan, Ohio, are visiting here for several weeks as guests especially of Dale and Norma Roesch.

(Visitors Cont'd.)

On September 12 through 17 we had with us from the El Guacio project, Miss Jane Jewell who has recently joined their staff as a social worker. She was here seeing some of our records and also getting some 'pointers' in treatment in O.P.D.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

As scheduled for September 3, the re-enforcements in our nursing staff arrived—namely Misses Wilma Stern and Lois Niederhizer.

On September 13 the Dr. Everett Myer family moved to their new home in Adjuntas where he has been the Municipal doctor since July 1 of this year.

Miss Ermilinda Selp R.N. who has been the Public Health Nurse at the Bartola Clinic and who has been living with the Unit, resigned to enter the School of Tropical Medicine for one year's graduate study. She is preparing for Public Health Supervisory work.

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