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Greetings! Letters came from just less than half of the group this time. I'm sure we would like to know how the other half lives, too.

JOPHY ANDERSON--"This will be a short one because I am being kept terrifically busy with moving and starting school both at the same time.

The moving involves not only the process of getting settled, but also a job of redecoration--painting rooms and ceilings, woodwork, waxing floors, etc. We were delayed in occupying the place by tenants who seemed to resist leaving, so it has unexpectedly coincided with school registration and classes. Right now I am at my first day of field work--doing the same kind of work as before only in a different office and with two 'bosses'--the school and the agency.

My new place is a 7-room affair in a regular apartment house and I'm sharing it with three other girls, one of whom was at the co-op house with me. Co-op living has its advantages, definitely; but also disadvantages. I felt that studying would be next to impossible there, although socially it is a fine place to be. This arrangement is much better for my purposes at present and I feel most fortunate in having been able to find the place.

Since I haven't actually started classes I can't say (with any authority) how it seems to be back. I will be working at the agency on three days and will have classes on the other two. The idea of a thesis scares me to death, but I think it will be a most profitable venture and I've got a couple of ideas for topics. I think that I'm glad to be getting started with the last lap and I'm sure I'll be glad when I'm through!

It was good to hear of Ruth and Fuzzy's wedding and I wanted to arrange to be there, but finishing up my work and my mother's visit to Cleveland cancelled it. I hadn't known of their continued interest in each other and was pleased like mad when I heard. Maybe I'll be able to see them--I hope.

Saw Tom a few months ago for a short time and am glad to know of his Columbia registration. He'll be studying Latin American history for an M.A. and will live at the Puerto Rican Community Center on W. 110th St. just off of 5th Ave.

Have been reading a fairly good book on Gandhi's non-violence--the 'satyagrah' movement. It's most interesting, but gets too subjective after a while, unfortunately. It is Vincent Sheehan's book, Lead Kindly Light. It is convincing only up to a certain point and then one gets the idea that Sheehan goes mad with it all--I mean let's it get away with him. The thing I found to be most unfortunate was that he becomes defensive in his own reaction, and he doesn't need to at all. Certainly, Gandhi never was!"

LOIS and MAURICE CLICK--"The summer was all too short. The 'big water of Bridge-water' caused all of us to clean, wash, scrub, repair and wash again for the first month of the summer, and after all that time and work were hardly at the place we started. We ~~we~~ count ourselves lucky, however, as we didn't lose too much (didn't have too much to lose). We are thankful the water only reached the springs of the bed because we stayed 15 minutes longer and threw everything on it and then waded out knee-deep. There's much more to tell but will relate that in person--when we see you all.

Except for a couple of short trips we spent the summer close by. An outstanding event was the Furse-Idleman wedding (they surprised us with the announcement, but we surprised them by being there). We went with the Kings to Windber, Pa. and renewed acquaintances with Don and Tholma, Edna, George and Ruth, and learned to know the Dr. Cassels who preceded us at Castaner. The 13 Castaner alumni posed for a group photo. Boy, 'twas almost like going home!

At the Massonetta Springs Bible Conference we were privileged to hear some of the outstanding pacifist leaders of the world, including Muriel Lester of London, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, Dr. Henry Hitt Crane of Detroit (former pastor of Howard and Jo Wolf), and Dr. D. Elton Trueblood of Earlham College. Dr. Jones and Miss

Lester both autographed copies of their books for us. Chester Keller (a non-registrant friend of ours) and Maurice had a very interesting chat with Miss Lester in her hotel room. We also talked to Dr. and Mrs. Crane who had a good word for the Wolfs and thought our Ana Luisa an angel (pat, pat).

On July 25th (the day Truman signed the Atlantic Pact) Maurice joined in with more than 60 persons in a White House Demonstration on behalf of Larry Gara and other imprisoned non-registrants. There he met Bayard Rustin, A. J. Muste, Caleb Foote, Roy Kepler, George Houser and other leaders in the FOR, WRL, CCCC. A committee was able to secure an interview with Truman's secretary to present a petition bearing names of national personages on behalf of imprisoned CO's.

We were surprised by a very brief visit from Harold Row on Sept. 16th as he was passing thru. Bill Johnson also stopped in for a chat on his way from Catonsville Mental Hospital unit to take up his studies at Richmond Medical School. We have also met Dean Egge who was in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and is now going to Bridgewater.

Mac is taking 3 subjects--Social Work, Criminology, and Labor Problems this semester with about a 30 hour per week work schedule. Lois is taking private instruction in voice and piano. Nita is growing and learning every day. She jabbars continually, and surprisingly, much of it is intelligible as 'want this' 'want that', 'cracker!', 'all gone', etc. When looking at her scrapbook she can identify the animals, as cow, pig, horse, dog, kitty, chicken, etc. She can also identify parts of her body.

Just last night we heard Dr. E. Stanley Jones again, speaking and crusading for Federal Union of the churches (Church of Christ in America --and then the World). So we added a fifth in Castaner!

RUTH IDLEMAN FURSE--"The news of our wedding on August 21st, I'm sure, is old to most of the group. A group of the folks we knew in P. R. were there for the wedding--Lois and Maurice, Rufus, Wanda and Rufo; Dr. and Mrs. Cassel and John; Don and Thelma, and Edna. Gee, it was grand getting to see them all again and meeting the Cassels. We'd heard so much about them, but I'd never met them. Our wedding was held at the church where mother had gone to church when young and where most of mother's sisters and brothers still live. But daddy's brother-in-law, Rev. Hesse from Greenville, Ohio married us. We have so many ministers in the family it was really a problem choosing.

The 27th of August we came to Glenford and since we hadn't a place to live, only a room and board with a very lovely couple I went to work in Zanesville, a 42-mile drive each day to and from work. I work full time. Sept. 15th we got a 6-room house just across the street from where we roomed so now I'm twice as busy if that is possible. It is all furnished, so we really feel very lucky. The widow who owns it is here part of the time. She is 81 years old, but very young for her years, and nice to have around.

George is teaching English and Spanish in the consolidated school here--English to the 6th-12th graders, and Beginners Spanish. This is the first year for Spanish in the school here. George can write for the other newsletter, that will be the same."

ALYS and WALT HAAG--"The Haags are all happy. We are now a family of four. DOUGLAS arrived July 7th, a nine pound bundle of contentment. August 2nd found us hitting the road toward California. It was a blessing that we were able to buy a new carryall (remember that old black ambulance?). It is a GMC and carried us all, Doug., Sharon, Mom, Pop, Grandma and Grandpa Lickel and all our belongings.

The first week was wonderful in the way of visiting. Tuesday night with Velma, Byron and Mary Ann; Wednesday with Norma, Dale and Judy; Thursday with Thelma, Don and Harold; and Friday with Paul and Edna. We also dropped in on the Wrights but missed seeing Charlotte.

From Iowa we passed through the Badlands, Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore and Wind Cave of South Dakota. The night we spent in Yellowstone we just about froze. From there we headed toward Mt. Hood and came down the Columbia River Gorge to Portland. Dropping south we saw Crater Lake, went down the Redwood Highway to

Yosemite, Sequoia and King's Canyon National Parks and on to Bakersfield.

After a week with Walt's folks there and a weekend with his sisters in Whittier we started east, coming by Boulder Dam, into Grand Canyon, over to Bryce and Zion National Parks, on to Salt Lake, Denver, Chicago, and finally Winona Lake, Ind.

We are now at home in Winona. Walt is enrolled in 19 hours of stiff seminary work and Alys is trying to keep house and keep the children quiet while Walt studies. We have a nice four-room apartment with room for just any of you who can drop by for a visit. Hope we can keep warm this winter after three years of balmy Puerto Rico."

KATHRYN HERTZLER--"Had a nice time at the church conference. We who had worked in Puerto Rico had a short get-together--Dr. Parker, Caleb Frantz, Mary Both Gosnell, Andy and Garyl, Dr. Cassel, and Dr. Burke. While at the shore of course got in some ocean bathing. While there attended a small session on displaced persons which was very interesting; and the need seems very great.

The Lancaster church is expecting a man and woman, middle-aged, in October. The man is a tailor. We had wanted a couple with three children. Here in Lancaster the Council of Churches was responsible for getting Rev. Elliud Rodriguez, a Puerto Rican Baptist minister, for the Puerto Rican migrant farm workers. He holds three religious services in different parts of the county on Sundays and visits and counsels with them during the week. Hope to go to one of his Sunday evening services. This month he ends his service with the workers here. I do not know whether he is to travel across the country with them. He has a wife and 3 children.

Spent a week-end at our church camp attending the Young Adult Camp. The 2 main speakers were Kenneth Merse, editor of our Young People's paper, and Dr. Wang from one of our native churches in China. He is here in the States with his wife and tiny son for a year of study, and is visiting the churches."

CARMEN FLORES HOOD--"I think you know I got married February 27 at the Church of the Brethren in Troy. Lucian and I are getting along fine.

We live in a 2-room apartment, but are looking for a 3 or 4-room one. I went home for Christmas last year, but I don't think I can go this year. Now I am sick in bed with bronchitis. I haven't been able to talk for 3 days. I work in the hospital part time now. I don't have too much to tell you now. Here in Troy you don't see anything new. It is the same thing every day. I'm getting tired of this town.

Paul Kindy's brother is the Sunday school teacher, and he also teaches in the high school. The first time I saw him I asked him if he is Paul's brother for they look alike. Elena Torres is in Dayton, Ohio now."

HOWARD LONG--"I have been going to school, man and boy, day and night, awake and asleep, summer and winter, since September, 1947. I hope to receive a B. S. in a mongrel conglomeration of biology, chemistry, physics and math known as General Science. Actually I'll take most hours in chemistry, but I don't want to restrict my field. I hope to receive this B. S. in June 1950. As is generally the situation with an accelerated science program, my reading extra-curricular has been largely nil. Again, though, I must sing the praise of Dr. Morley Mays. He will probably be a famous philosopher some day. His classes are such a relief from Graham's Law of Diffusion and other nonsense. Next year I hope to start in on an M. A. in Business Administration, preferably from a good school.

I saw Calob, Luke and Martha, Rufus and Wanda, Maurice and Lois, Dr. Burke, Mrs. Cassel at the Annual Regional Conference of the Church of the Brethren.

Regarding political action, world affairs, etc., it seems to me that Mr. Truman's desperate urge for war necessitates my preparing myself to face the calamities which must certainly befall, that I may better serve God and humanity. If by God's grace we are spared, I suppose being able to help the race will be no liability.

I would be happy to hear, personally, from any friends I might yet have. I find that a busy senior has more time for correspondence than an idle (relatively) junior."

BLANCA MARTINEZ--"I have been in Ohio a year now. The summer was so warm, and now the cold is on the way and I'm getting cold again. I have been talking with Elena Torres. She likes the States but she misses the little Castanerito and the Rubito, too. Rosita, Elena's sister, was operated on for appendicitis about September 10th, but she is doing just fine now. Elena works in a Catholic hospital and lives in the YWCA in Dayton."

TOM MATHEWS--"For the next year, if finances hold out, my life is rather determined. I had an opening at the Chicago Seminary, the Graduate School of New York University, and the Graduate School of Columbia. I had tried to get into Princeton School of Foreign Relations, but registered too late. I ignored the opening at NYU and recognized that it was the time to select an academic life or a life in the ministry. Either of the two courses had something to offer which I would enjoy working at. After much deliberation I decided to register at Columbia University for an advanced degree in American history. I will center my work around the Latin American history field and plan to take my Ph.D. in that particular section of the field. This will mean an awful lot of very hard work. I wonder if I can pull it, as I will have to work for my room and board plus carry a full 15 hours load.

Luckily my work in the 110th St. Settlement House last summer was good enough to warrant a return trip. I will be staying there for the next year, or as long as my money holds out at Columbia. It will be nice living and working there. The Puerto Rican atmosphere will make me rather homesick but the dances and the nearby arroz con pollo will serve to pacify my desire to get back to the island. I hope that any of you who arrive in the big city will take it upon yourselves to call or look me up. As an enticement I can offer anything from a swimming pool to a television set--of course belonging to the center.

I wonder if any of you have been following the broadcasts that have been coming over NBC and ABC from the world seminar tour that is hopping from one European capital to another. It has been very interesting to me. Of course the best was the discussion between Laski and Lerner vs. a Wall St. lawyer and a member of the Conservative party. The topic was free enterprise vs. socialism. On the world situation my comment is that if Russia can go the second mile with our brazen armament program to Europe, then the tension will ease and peace may have a chance to return."

CARYL and ANDY MATHIS--"Our summer plans underwent a very sudden change immediately after the June SCAN was printed. Andy was notified the middle of June that he had been accepted in the University of Chicago, so the Elgin job was out and so was Caryl. Andy found a single room near the University at the Mennonite Seminary buildings and Caryl went home to mama. Andy is working on his Master's in Education, taking human development courses. Caryl spent the summer more or less visiting. It was good to see Norma and Dale, Mary and Dean again. Mary and Dean live on the floor above us and already we have snatched a few moments to relive our short time in Puerto Rico.

Jose (Gonzalez ?) has arrived here in Chicago and has a room in the dormitory. He certainly will be company for Carlos. Carlos is working full time at Sears Roebuck and expects to get back into the training school in the winter term. He had a job for Jose when he arrived, and both are doing well.

Rice and beans! What a meal! Guess we haven't had any since last spring. So just two nights ago Caryl fixed a huge dish of rice and one of beans. We had brought a gallon of the red achiote seeds used for coloring; they certainly don't go down very fast.

Caryl is back with her third grade again this year. School started two days early so they could have 18 days at Christmas and 4 or 5 other special holidays. Teaching is a wonderful profession (surely helps to like it, too).

We enjoyed going to Conference this year. Luke and Martha were there with the baby--the very image of Luke. Dr. Burke got up from Castaner and relayed some first-hand hellos. Caryl had the exhibit and all but a few large tablecloths were sold. The needlework is lovely and received many compliments during the

conference. Since Dr. Rufus Bowman and his wife have returned from a year's trip to our mission fields in the Eastern hemisphere, and have told of the tremendous need for food and clothing during the winter months among the displaced persons of Europe we have just begun to realize what a tremendous task the Brethren Service is faced with. We can be truly thankful that Puerto Rico had climate in her favor and that through education there can be enough food.

Eduvino Galarza is to be married Saturday, Sept. 24. We do not know the girl, but we do know that Eduvino stands above many in likeability, good judgment and common sense. Andy has enjoyed talking with him occasionally."

CHET and LILA PECKOVER--"At the present time we are trying to prepare ourselves for the shock of cold weather which I am sure we will see and feel in 6 weeks. Our school has begun successfully another year. We now have the 11th grade as well as the 10th. There are 2 school buildings including the library and the lab. John Metzler, Jr. is the principal.

The new barn is under construction. The roof and floor are about done.

We moved to our new apartment July 7th. The other 3 apartments will be finished as time allows.

The hospital is running as usual. A little grass is beginning to grow around the bare spots and before too long we hope to clean up the grounds.

The rec hall director, Vern Hoffman, is planning a play day with La Plata to take place here soon.

The coffee looks like it is going to make a good crop this year. The oranges are better every day. They seem to be bigger than last year's crop. We now have four horses instead of two. The latter two are growing rapidly and will soon be able to haul bananas with their madres. The rains are here. It has been raining a lot almost every afternoon for some time.

Nemosio Quilos is the proud papa of a little boy. So llama 'Nelson'.

We will be crossing the States soon and appreciate the addresses of our old friends. We will try to look up as many as possible."

MARY KAY and DEAN ROHRER--"We are finally settled in Chicago at last. We arrived back in the States on August 3 and spent the rest of the month visiting family and friends. On September 2 we moved to Chicago where we are both going to school--Dean to Bethany and Mary Kay downtown to Roosevelt College each morning. We like it fine and we both have work that we like fine also. Dean works for the school cleaning halls and classrooms, etc., and Mary Kay works across the street in Bethany Hospital in the office doing relief shift on the switchboard. We like Chicago fairly well and probably will like it better when we can find our way around a little better. We'll be happy to see any Castanorites who happen through Chicago."

BETH ROOP--"I have been working here in the laboratory at Middletown Hospital since May. Although I work mostly with the blood bank and hematology, I do have an opportunity to work in other departments when other technicians are away on vacation or days off. I like it here very much, and the summer has passed so quickly.

As yet I have found no group or even individuals who are pacifists--not even in the Church of the Brethren here in town. This seems strange to me because I have had little opportunity to discuss world affairs with anyone who has similar ideas. In fact, many of the people with whom I come in contact show little concern for any better way than what a third world war would bring.

One thing that surprised me here is the attitude toward Negroes. We have a large percentage of the total population in that minority group, but there is greater equality than I have seen in a long time. We have several Negro doctors on our hospital staff and they are respected in every way. One of them even has a large white practice--which is simply unheard of in most places.

Baseball and football are in full swing here as well as other parts of the nation. Now I have to keep tab on the Reds since Cincinnati is only 30 miles away.

I have also seen some of the football games of the local teams.

In my spare time I have been doing some sewing and altering for the girls living here in the Nurses' Home. With my own machine in my room it is much too convenient for them to bring their clothes to me, but I take a little time out to sew for myself once in a while."

EDNA and PAUL SNAVELY--"This summer has been a busy one. Edna spent her time tending our garden which has produced wonderfully in spite of the continued dry weather. We have lots of canned things in the basement and our locker is fairly well filled. The last of August she took a trip home to Virginia. On her way she took in Ruth and George's wedding. While there in Pennsylvania she got to see a number of old Castanorites. During the two weeks she was gone Paul did his best to batch it. His evenings were occupied doing the hog chores for his brother who had gone to Idaho to get married. You can bet Paul was glad for a cook upon Edna's return. We also took care of an 18-room house for some of our friends while they went west. During that time Walt and Alys and her folks dropped in for an overnight visit. They showed us their pictures of the changes at Castanor, which were interesting.

On the 7th of Sept. Edna started to do part time work at one of the local hospitals. She is helping with the teaching and in the library. Since her hours are the same as Paul's it is very convenient for us to go to work.

Another change which took place in the early part of Sept. is our place of abode. We are now living in Orange Center. We have a nice 3-room apartment in which we can spread out a good deal more than in our former 1-room apartment.

Paul is still working for Int'l Harvester. His work of late has been setting up corn pickers. We had 20 new ones to set up and an equal number of former ones out to put on improvement packages sent out by the company. This has kept us busy together with all the other repairing found at an implement store. Our company refrigerator contest closed Sunday and we are anxious to know where we stand with other dealers of the State.

Since Paul had last Saturday afternoon off we decided to take a trip up to northeast Iowa and see the colored trees. We stayed over in Wisconsin Saturday night. On Sunday morning we drove up several of the river valleys which were truly beautiful. We also saw several barges pass through a lock on the Mississippi which we enjoyed very much. We came home ready to rest after our full weekend."

THELMA and DONALD SOLLENBERGER--"This has been a very busy summer for us. At the last writing I became a 'proud papa' and remain that way, but I'll let 'mama' describe Harold to you because mothers seem to have larger vocabularies than fellows like me. We are back in the books again after 3 weeks vacation. The summer was spent in my going to school, working in the bakery and farming about two city lots. This term I am taking 4 classes: Religious Literature, Social Studies Methods, World's Living Religions, and Introduction to Philosophy. Thelma is taking a speech course this term.

We spent over two weeks in Pennsylvania and Maryland with our folks at which time we were glad to meet with so many ex-castanorites at George and Ruth's wedding.--(Don)

Harold weighs about 15 lbs. and is all boy. He smiles, laughs out loud, and seldom cries. He has light hair, blue eyes, a turned-up nose, a good appetite, and sleeps from 8:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. He has become an important part of our family and keeps every one smiling with his chuckles. He is charmed when we sing and play the piano, so we predict a musician. I could write on for hours about him, but I realize there are other letters to print, so I won't take all the space. I must close and write a speech autobiography for this afternoon."

(--Thelma).

JO and HOWARD WOLF--"In July we moved to a large 7-room furnished apartment with two roomers. Tony moved from Erie to join us. We have been going through adjustment stages, for which we are all happier and richer. Tony skipped the 7th grade in the States due to a second placement test, so is now in the 8th grade. He's a normal adolescent, with accent on the 'macho'. He'll be 16 in December, and grew 5 inches last year, so he's now 52" tall. He has a new natural wave in his hair of which he is very proud. During his 15 months in this country he has made remarkable progress in English.

We are all benefitting greatly from the Character Education Project starting in our Church. Tony is a member of one of the three Junior High groups, and we are teaching another. The first unit is on "Dynamic Adjustment to Authority", right to our need. The project laboratory and psychologist, Dr. Ernest Ligon, are located in Schenectady. Read his "The Greater Generation" based on 25 years of study. Then you will understand how our spare time is used.

You should read all about the needs of the New York City Puerto Rican section in the September American Magazine. New Yorkers concerned might go to the city government to make an appeal as suggested in the article.

Paulita Caraballo wrote to say she and Jose Maria Gonzalez are married and are expecting a baby. He is in Chicago now. Carmen Hood and Tony's family both wrote us of the death of Mr. Paoli. We are so sorry to hear this, and know it leaves a big gap in the community of Castaner.

We hope to see Mrs. Ebey, new head of the Castaner embroidery industry, while she is in the States (Battle Creek, Mich.) temporarily.

Bill and Wilma Ludlow stopped here last week on their way back to Chicago. They are going to move to the West Coast and also adopt a second baby.

Everyone is invited to stop in Lansing anytime."

JUNE and CLAUDE WOLFE--"We have been terrible in writing letters. People say that in this altitude we are only half of ourselves.

At least we get about that much work done.

The whole problem of the Catholic Church is becoming more acute and we are more conscious of what the Catholic Church really is. It makes one sick to see what it does or does not do here. It is difficult to be tolerant here.

We are working very hard to start our elementary school Oct. 3. We will have 2 grades and maybe 3 pupils, since the priest has forbidden anyone to come. But we will not be licked. We are going to have school.

We are as well as can be expected with occasional colds, but nothing serious. We need a good medical doctor, like Dr. Myer, but I guess we won't be able to get him. We often think and wonder about Castaner. Sure hope it eventually gets accomplished what we all want it to. Enclosed is a short report of the earthquake!"

THE EARTHQUAKE IN ECUADOR, AUGUST 5, 1949

"This is a thing that one reads of in a newspaper, or hears about on the radio, that always happens in some other country, but one has to experience one to realize the magnitude and destruction and the horror that comes in such a crisis." This was a statement that was made by the mayor of Ambato, Ecuador, the capital city of the province where the terrible earthquake of August 5, 1949 wreaked havoc and affected thousands of people.

Things are so often exaggerated that one has to discount the reports that he reads or hears. But the enormosity of the damage done was made real to us when Benton Rhoades and I visited the damaged area and saw, almost to our unbelief, the destruction on every hand.

The high Andes mountains, many points of which are still active volcanoes, are believed to be the cause of many earthquakes that strike along the west coast of South America. The last one occurred in Ecuador about 70 years ago during which about 3,000 were killed. At that time, the quake was centralized in one village and the overall damage was small compared to the large destruction spread over a large area affecting many thousands of people.

Ambato, a beautiful agricultural valley, is located about 100 miles south of Quito. Practically all the houses and buildings are made with mud walls or adobe bricks with either thatched roofs or a heavy tile roof. This type of construction made damage much greater since it is in no way earthquake-proof.

The greatest amount of damage was done in the city of Ambato simply because it was the largest city affected. A semi-modern city of about 36,000 was in a state of terror as buildings toppled and fell, as ceilings crashed down upon the occupants without warning. Naturally being a superstitious people, they tried to flee what they were sure was the wrath of God. Many were able to reach the parks and open spaces where their lives were spared, but from there they watched, almost in a trance, as homes fell about them. A priest holding a class in the mammoth cathedral called back those who were fleeing the church telling them to come back into the house of God for they would be safe there. And just at that instant the entire ceiling and roof fell on the priest and 70 children and adults, and all were killed. A mother succeeded in getting her 7 children out of their home and returned to get a few possessions only to have the roof collapse on her leaving the 7 children without a mother. The father, an employee of the Shell Oil Co., was coming from his work in the jungle with 35 other employees to do rescue work when the plane in which they were traveling crashed, killing all the people in the plane, so the 7 children were not only without their mother, but also without their father. The city was without lights, water, or communication to the outside world, and all during the night people, thousands of them homeless, wandered the streets terror-stricken as damaged buildings continued to fall about them.

But Ambato was not suffering alone. In the small surrounding villages the damage was even more unbelievable. Villages from 1,000 to 3,500 inhabitants were almost wholly destroyed, killing in some cases practically every inhabitant. In the village of Pelileo, located about 20 miles east of Ambato, which had a population of 3,500, only 300 lived to tell of the horror that struck their village. Those who saw the few refugees fleeing the village stated that the look on their faces was ghostly--so terror-stricken were they.

As we stood on the hillside above the remains, not one house was standing, not a street was discernible and many, many bodies still remained buried under the debris. A few days after the catastrophe a bus was uncovered in this village with its 30 passengers and driver all dead. But because of the lack of equipment and workers there has been practically nothing done in this village as yet. There are many other villages in similar conditions that had not yet even been visited, and no relief help, medical supplies or food had reached these places.

Many of the thatched roofs, still intact, stood directly over where the houses had been. The mud walls were not knocked over, but were shaken to dust under the roof. The disease and filth can only be imagined as the dead lay unburied and the water supply is even more contaminated than usual, and toilet facilities are few. Food and clothing are hardly to be had even yet. The mayor expressed sincere gratitude for a small package of food sent to him by a mutual friend of ours. For some days food was not available to anyone.

The majority of the homeless have been housed in U.S. Army tents. Many others live in parks under old boxes, trees, or wherever they can find shelter. The mayor stated that in the country orphan boys and girls are running loose like animals, sleeping under trees and along the roads, eating whatever can be found which is not much.

Ecuador is a backward country in modern ways of thinking and cannot cope with the situation very well because of a lack of leadership and resources. Much of the money sent for relief from different countries has not reached its useful destination three weeks after this thing has come to pass.

The great need is going to exist for months and the tasks of Christian service cannot be left undone. The Mission of Mercy may not only relieve untold suffering, but may result in many coming to know our Saviour, and to love and serve Him."

CECIL WICKLINE--"The middle of August I came to Salem, and have been working in a Del Monte cannery ever since, first on green beans until the middle of September, then prunos for two weeks, and now beets. I work on the night shift and this September started in a year of study at Willamette University which will complete the necessary requirements which I now lack for a teaching certificate. Five years of college are required now in Oregon for teaching, and a Master's is desirable. I will have teaching norms in math and general science and social sciences. I am taking 15 hours. Next semester I will do all of my practice teaching--two courses in Salem High. I apologize to all of you for the extreme lateness of SCAN, but I have found very little time to get it done since I go to school in the daytime and work 8 hours every night. I hope to get the February issue out in better time, tho, because it should come right after the first semester ends, and I probably will not be working long hours then.

This fall I found a new SVE 300-watt projector for \$30, so am more or less equipped to show my slides. Its only drawback is that it does not have a fan to cool it. It is a really good projector. One of the courses I am taking this semester at Willamette is Audio-Visual Aids in Education, which is certainly a strong and up-and-coming thing, and rightly so.

I see by the latest Puerto Rico bulletin that the Insular Health Dept. has begun a campaign to vaccinate every uninfected child with BCG--Bacillus-Calmette-Guerin serum--a French-discovered TB preventive. This year they hope to vaccinate 100,000 school children this year. The same bulletin also says that Puerto Ricans, rich and poor, subscribed \$10,000 for relief of the earthquake-stricken people of Ecuador.

I should have mentioned before that in the May issues of Trails for Juniors, a Methodist Sunday School junior weekly, there was a continued story 'Lucila's Search' by Alice Geer Kelsey--the same who visited Castaner in December 1946 according to the January 1947 Castaner Newsletter. She has also two books for children about Puerto Rico. They are story books, Ricardo's White Horse (Longman, Green & Co., \$2.50) and Mingo of the Merry-go-round (Friendship Press, \$1.50). Other books for children about Puerto Rican children are Stories of Puerto Rico, by Elizabeth Kneipple Van Douson (Silver Burdette Co., \$1.48) and Pioneers of Puerto Rico, by Muna Lee (D.C. Heath & Co., \$.48) I think Muna Lee is the maiden name and pen name of Gov. Muñoz' wife. Some of her poetry is in Puerto Rico in pictures and poetry, by Cynthia Pearl Maus. I am not recommending any of these stories, as I have not read them, but only mention them as they might prove to be useful if any look them up or run across them. The story of Lucila in the papers was centered about the project at La Plata.

Since we have spent two years in a Catholic country the following may be of interest to many: On August 7 Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam speaking on Ed Hart's Washington radio forum spoke out against the Catholic hierarchy's rising political activities. The only part of his speech in the general press was his remarks on the school-aid bill, and this seems to hold true for even the Christian Advocate (Methodist) and the Christian Century as far as I can find. But Oxnam said much more, as follows: "Many people do not know that the Roman Catholic Church is fighting for its life in Europe. It has become so interlocked in political affairs of state, so encumbered with vast land holdings, and so allied with military and feudal reaction that the common people are turning from it. It appears to have abandoned hope of winning by the weapons of the spirit and seems ready to summon the world to holy war, to salvage its property and its prestige..." He charged the Catholic hierarchy with launching a 'full-scale attack' upon the principle of church-state separation, and with seeking vast political power, and with wanting a new world war to save its vast property holdings in nations where the church is being divorced from politics. He described the Catholic church as 'totalitarian as communism, seeking to control the minds of men everywhere thru ex-communication, character assassination and economic reprisals. "The blunt fact is that the Roman Catholic church does not believe in our public school system. There is one central fact every American must understand: the Roman Catholic church insists upon being both a state and a church. The Pope ... speaks as the head of

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- a world church, with spiritual interests, and also speaks as the head of a state with political interests and financial interests. Unfortunately, this means the Roman Catholic church seeks to advance its political interests as a state and the Roman Catholic state seeks to further its ecclesiastical interests as a church. Thus, the RC political parties in European countries follow the Vatican line, just as Communist parties follow the Moscow line." He also suggested the church was seeking to build a political party here 'to follow the dictates of the Vatican'. Even in Italy under Vatican's nose the vote is nearly 50% Communist altho 90% of people are Catholic." Next SCAN--February 1960. In fellowship, Cecil