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of summer," said Luther R. Jones of Madison, who helped his father, M. L., start the weekly Coal Valley News in 1924.

"About that time I changed political parties, from Republican to Democrat," he recalled. "I have been a Democrat ever since."

Jones, who will be 75 June 10, is a member of the State Civil Service Commission. He was appointed by Gov. Barron in 1961 and reappointed by Gov. Smith in 1964.

He was elected to the House of Delegates from Boone County in 1916. He enlisted in the Army during World War I and attained the rank of sergeant.

In 1933, Jones was the first state senator elected from the 7th District comprising Boone, Lincoln and Logan counties. He is a former mayor of Madison.

He was stricken last Christmas and was hospitalized for several weeks. He came out of Marmet Hospital March 16 on crutches, but now he walks with the help of a cane.

"The Marmet Hospital is due a lot of credit for my improvement," Jones said of special medical treatment and extended nursing care.

He was transferred to Marmet from Charleston Memorial Hospital, where he spent 12 days under surgical and other medical treatment.

The combined hospital bills amounted to \$2,420.31, of which medicare paid \$2,011.08.

"If we had had to pay the total hospital bill, we would have been in very bad financial condition," Jones said. "My wife is now figuring up doctor bills as they come in. Medicare will help us take care of them."

He said of Mrs. Jones, "She really takes good care of me."

Their two sons—Luther and Ferris—live in Madison. Another son, Vester, is a federal employee in China Lake, Calif.

Persons in the Charleston area who have received medicare benefits include Mrs. Eva Shepherd of 405½ Jacob St. and Mrs. Fanny Burnette of 233 Sixth Ave., South Charleston.

Mrs. Burnette, a 75-year-old widow, suffered a broken wrist last year.

"I wore a cast, but I missed only one week of bowling," she recalled.

Medicare covered her hospital bill after she paid the \$40 deductible. Other medical expenses came to \$132.52 of which medicare paid \$88.32.

Mrs. Shepherd, a widow, has a heart condition. She receives medical care and nursing services at home through the Kanawha-Charleston Home Health Agency.

She is uncertain of her age, but thinks she is 100. She says she remembers when her family moved to Ronceverte from Danville, Va., after the Civil War.

"I'm not tired of living and I'm not looking for a man," Mrs. Shepherd said. "I just want to live in my own home and take care of myself until I die."

COATTAILS

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that an editorial from this morning's Baltimore Sun, which comments on the significance of Michigan's special election be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the editorial was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

COATTAILS

In a special legislative election, Republican Anthony Licata defeated Democrat James P. Hoffa, son of the Teamsters boss, in what is traditionally a Democratic district in Detroit. Voters in the area have consistently voted Democratic in both legislative and congressional elections. The only Republican who has scored consistently in the area is Gov. George Romney.

In a sense Romney scored again in this week's election. He campaigned hard for

Licata, who is a moderate like himself. After Vice President Humphrey and Senator Robert Kennedy urged a Democratic victory in the race, Romney emphasized that his own coat-tails were at the disposal of the Republican. Thus he reminds Republicans outside of Michigan again, as he did in 1966, that he not only can get votes for himself, but for his fellow Republicans. Party functionaries consider this important in a presidential candidate, which Romney is.

The Republican victory has narrower, more immediate political implications. Romney's tax reform plans have passed the State Senate. In a closely divided State House, Licata's support of the Romney proposals will be helpful.

THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN OF VIETNAM

Mr. MONDALE. Mr. President, modern warfare, however limited in purpose, necessarily affects combatants and non-combatants alike. Nowhere in recent times has the validity of this unhappy fact been more evident than in South Vietnam. Thousands of children have been left homeless and without parents in the crisis now gripping their country.

It is my privilege, Mr. President, to invite the attention of the Senate to a person-to-person, voluntary effort to relieve the terror and tragedy which has befallen the children in Vietnam.

Beginning last fall a nonsectarian, nongovernmental effort was organized by Lt. William Van Doren II, of Edina, Minn., who is stationed in Vietnam, and his fiancee, Susan Gardner, who is a student at Macalester College, in St. Paul, Minn. Together they forged a link between the children of Can Tho and Macalester College.

While Lieutenant Van Doren and other U.S. servicemen worked with the children, Susan and her cochairman, Carol O'Connor, of Cleveland, Ohio, another Macalester College student, organized the effort to provide the money and supplies which were needed to meet the needs of the children. Other student members of the Macalester committee are Sue Kuyper, Huong Norton, and Andy Sarvis.

To date, through the work and cooperation of students, faculty and members of the community over \$3,000 has been raised, and large quantities of supplies have been collected.

Mr. President, Can Tho is a city of about 85,000 people on one of the mouths of the Mekong River, at the broader end of an area still considered the strongest remaining Vietcong-controlled portion of South Vietnam. Can Tho is the capital, and the largest city of the province. Owing to its size and location, it has become a vast refugee center. Can Tho has two orphanages jointly operated by the Sisters of Charity.

The efforts of Lieutenant Van Doren and his friends at Macalester symbolize, I believe, the identification of our own free people with the orphans of Vietnam whose parents have been lost in the fight for that nation's liberty.

Mr. President, the best hope of every nation rests with its children. I am, therefore, highly encouraged and deeply proud of the interest and deep personal concern for the children of Can Tho

manifested in recent weeks by members of the Macalester community. I ask unanimous consent that three articles describing this effort be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the articles were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Mac Weekly, Apr. 14, 1967]

FUND DRIVE BEGINS APRIL 17—MAC WEEK TO AID ORPHANS

(By Sue Kuyper)

Political Emphasis Week, Sno-Week, Fine Arts Week, International Week—all have become established traditions on the Mac campus. This year another week to be added; appropriately enough, it is to be called MAC week. Mac Aids the Children, formally known as the "Mac-Mekong Project for the Children of Can Tho," will begin on Monday, April 17.

Can Tho, Macite Huong Norton's home town, lies at one of the mouths of the Mekong River on the Ca Mau peninsula in South Vietnam. Can Tho, the largest city and capital of Phong Dinh province, has become an area with a steadily increasing refugee and orphan population. Over two hundred orphans (there are as many as 110,000 in South Vietnam today) have found aid at an orphanage in Can Tho, built by the French and run since 1963 by the Sisters of Charity. Aid to this orphanage is the goal of MAC week.

The Can Tho Children's Relief Fund was begun under Lieutenant Will Van Doren, a former Macite currently stationed in Vietnam, under whose initiative the various military, missionary, and orphanage officials decided to consolidate their efforts. The Relief Fund is represented at Mac by Susan Gardner, a Mac senior. Susan, as chairman of the student committee to aid the children of Can Tho, has launched MAC week in an effort to raise the one thousand dollars which Lieutenant Van Doren says is needed to properly staff and equip the orphanage.

MAC week will consist of the efforts of at least fourteen groups on campus to sponsor fund raising events. The week is sponsored by President Rice, Minnesota Governor Harold Le Vander, Senators McCarthy and Mondale, and Congressional Representative Karth. Faculty adviser is Al Currier, and the student committee consists of Susan Gardner, Carol Lee O'Connor, Sue Kuyper, Huong Norton, and Andy Sarvis.

Events of the week will include:

Monday: Mulford Q. Sibley at NoExit, 9 p.m. Mr. Sibley will be available for informal conversation on all subjects relating to Vietnam.

Tuesday: Summit House will have a bake sale at noon in the lower union.

Tuesday-Thursday: Bigelow Hall's Women's Association of Slaves will be available to do ironing, mending, and similar tasks for the fellows.

Wednesday: Dayton Hall's "Activity on the Mall." A note of mystery here because it is not quite certain what it is exactly that Dayton will be doing on the mall.

Friday: Kurios House will present a program on the orphanage site, photos and talks by Susan Gardner and Huong Norton. Proceeds from refreshments will go to the orphanage.

Other organizations participating either by way of donations or activities still in the planning stage include Community Council, Doty Hall, International Club, the Junior class, Kirk Hall, Dupre Hall, YGOP, and Wallace Hall.

ENGAGED COUPLE "ADOPT" 340 VIET ORPHANS

(By Carol Rolloff)

Sue Gardner and Bill Van Doren are engaged, and they have 340 children.

But their children are Vietnamese war orphans, whom they've taken under their "wings"—she at Macalester college, and he in Vietnam.

It all started when Susan Gardner, a Macalester senior from Milwaukee, Wis., was dressing for her role as a French cabaret girl at a SPAN (Student Project for Amity Among Nations) benefit night at Macalester college. "I decided to do something about my Miss Four Point (straight-A average) image," Sue said. She dressed in black tights, used lots of eye makeup, and wore a black lace dress.

That night, William (Bill) Van Doren II, a former Macite home on leave from army language training, paid to talk to her during the whole event.

Sue is now heading a drive to get money and materials for an orphanage in Can Tho, Vietnam, where Van Doren, now her fiancé, is stationed. Sue had "always loved kids," as had Van Doren. "The night before he left for Vietnam, he called me from San Francisco, and said, 'When I get there, I want to do something for the civilians.'"

Then she quoted his Dec. 23, 1966, letter when he'd been in Vietnam about a month and had just discovered the orphanage: "I know that I'll need your help, for there just isn't enough stuff to be had in Can Tho and I can't get any from Saigon. So that means that in a little while you will receive an impossible list of things to send to the children. Somehow, you will succeed."

Sue's involvement with the orphans really began in January, Sue said, "and it's mushroomed since then." Its culmination is the week of April 17-23 at Macalester, when college groups and organizations will aid Sue's drive for money and materials.

Orphan work began for 2d Lt. Van Doren, son of Mr. and Mrs. William O. Van Doren, 4700 Phlox Lane, Edina, when he arrived in Can Tho last December as a member of an advisory group of the fourth army corps.

Can Tho is a city of about 85,000 people on one of the mouths of the Mekong river, at the broader end of an area still considered the strongest remaining Viet Cong-controlled portion of South Vietnam. Can Tho is the capital of, and largest city in, the province, which is estimated 60 per cent loyal to the Saigon government.

Because of its size and location, it became a refugee center.

"South Vietnam has officially registered 80,000 orphans," Sue said. "But unofficial estimates range from 110,000 and upward. So you can understand that the orphanage is swamped.

"Somehow, Bill just gravitated to the city's two orphanages," Sue continued. The orphanages are jointly run by a Roman Catholic order, the Sisters of Charity. The larger building houses some 200 "full-time" orphans, many of whom are racially mixed. The smaller building services 140 day residents, "part-time" orphans, whose parents are refugees.

Van Doren began spending his lunch hours, off-duty hours, and week ends at the orphanage. "He plays the piano and organ for them, and plays with them. Sort of a glorified baby-sitter, I guess. Mainly, he administers tender loving care," Sue said.

Other Americans were interested in the orphans, too—an army doctor, Capt. James Erico of Suffern, N.Y.; a French-Canadian sergeant, Sgt. Philiber (Papa) Paquette of the U.S. Army; a Protestant chaplain, Lt. Col. James Miller; a Roman Catholic chaplain, Father Lukoczevski; an AID doctor, Dr. Herbert Krohn; and a Protestant missionary couple who had been in the Mekong delta since 1959, the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Pendell.

"Bill got them together and said, 'If we pool our efforts, we can do a lot more,'" Sue said. "So they formed the Can Tho Children's Relief fund, a non-profit, nondenominational charitable organization." All mem-

bers devote free time—apart from other duties—to the orphans.

The group is set up with a bank account in San Francisco, so only committee members can withdraw money for the fund. Its mailing address is to Van Doren's or Lt. Col. Miller's AFO box, only.

"This way supplies and money can be strictly controlled," Sue said. "They feared that if supplies or money were channeled through Saigon, they'd never see them."

Immediate goal of the committee (and of the Macalester week) is \$1,000, to build an addition to the orphanage, so more children can be taken off the streets.

"And they need evaporated milk," Sue said. "Children are actually dying from starvation. And they need used baby bottles, a clothes dryer for the rainy season, and other utensils."

Besides having pathetically inadequate housing for the orphans, the staff is overworked. The sisters can do little teaching, since their time must be spent in helping the children survive. As one of Van Doren's letters said: "We hope that, in time, the younger people, the children of Vietnam, can be educated. They are the hope of Vietnam."

"You can't imagine how a country is prostituted by war. These people are backward, true, but proud of their race and history. Now an estimated 350,000 Viets have been killed so far, mostly men. Can you imagine what that does to the women? Then what about all the orphans? There is not enough money for keep, education, or anything else for them. What will happen to them? Especially the unfortunate ones that are half American, Korean, Australian, or what have you? Their plight is worst of all."

Since the committee's founding, Sue has been their American representative. Cochairman with her in the Macalester activities is Carol O'Connor, Cleveland, Ohio, who has been doing photographic promotion of the orphanage.

Since Sue began working on the orphan project, her academic life has been altered.

"I used to do nothing political, or active—just study," she said. "But I think orphans are more important than maintaining my grade point average." But she admits that she'll probably make her grade point average.

"This orphan work has brought out something in me that I never thought I had," she said. She has forced herself to speak in public ("I never turn down a speaking engagement") and has learned to handle many business matters.

The unpopularity of the war has brought her into some pretty sticky situations, she said. "But these children are hurt by both sides. These children don't know who hurt them—just that they were hit when a mine went off, or they were shot by a soldier, or burned. People may be against the war, but they're not against children.

"I think a lot of the soldiers there really wonder if they're doing any lasting good," she said. "Perhaps that's why they work so hard at the orphanage. When they leave Vietnam, they can feel that something has been accomplished."

She quoted a letter from her fiancé—"I'm caught between the misery and the beauty of this planet's people. It is pathetic—yet still majestic—how they resemble each other—the farmer in the North Carolina hills, or Vietnam rice paddies, or African bush. All are similar in so many ways. All are wretched, wonderful, tragic, magnificent people. That's why I love them, for there's a little bit of me in each of them and little bit of each of them in me."

Sue's French major has served her in good stead, for the nuns write to her in French, telling her what they need. "Bill always has to go through Papa Paquette," she said.

When Van Doren returns from Vietnam, the couple will adopt at least one mixed-race child from Vietnam. "Bill's scouting for the

right one now," Sue said. The couple plan to marry in July in Hawaii.

Highlight of the Macalester college week will be a benefit performance for the orphans April 21 of the Uppa Trio Plus One at No Exit, the non-alcoholic night club on the campus.

Sens. Eugene McCarthy and Walter Mondale have to be honorary sponsors of the orphan work in the U.S. Vice President Humphrey, and Gov. LeVander have not yet responded to their invitations to be honorary sponsors.

Checks for the orphan's fund can be made to: Can Tho Children's Relief fund. Donations of articles may be sent or brought unpackaged, to the chaplain's office at Macalester college.

ON BEHALF OF THE ORPHANS—MACALESTER COLLEGE STUDENTS WORK AND ENTERTAIN TO AID ORPHANS IN VIETNAM

The campus of Macalester College, St. Paul, recently was the scene of a piano-playing marathon, a "slave market" in which coeds did laundry and mending, a car wash, auctioned dinners by faculty members and other like events. It was all part of student-led drive for funds to aid South Vietnam orphans at Can Tho.

The idea originated with a former Macalester student, Lt. William Van Doren II of Edina, now serving in Vietnam. He wrote his fiancée—Susan Gardner, Macalester senior from Milwaukee, Wis.—and asked her to organize an on-campus drive. She got the entire campus into the act, including all seven Macalester dormitories. The original drive was to have been for one week, with a goal of \$1,000, but it went so well that it will be continued to the end of the term, May 29. The drive is now open to everyone. Interested persons may make contributions payable to Can Tho Children's Relief Fund, Chaplain's Office, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn.

Van Doren's initial idea was to raise enough money to build an addition to the orphanage at Can Tho, but the increased amount will permit a larger addition with more furnishings and equipment. The faculty raised \$300, including \$36 from auctioning a Persian dinner for four couples at the home of Prof. Yahya Armajani and \$16 from auctioning a dinner at the home of Dr. Harvey M. Rice, Macalester president.

Van Doren wrote from Vietnam: "I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Macalester College community for your compassion and generosity. You have made it possible to assist the orphans far beyond what could otherwise have been done on their behalf. . . . We know of no other college community in the country that has been so united in any cause so worthy."

FREE WORLD ASSISTANCE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM

Mr. FULBRIGHT, Mr. President, the Department of State publishes what are known as Information Notes. One of these, dated April 1967, is entitled "Free World Assistance for South Vietnam." It begins with a quotation from the Secretary of State, as follows:

A large majority of the governments of the free world are sympathetic to our efforts in Southeast Asia and would be alarmed were they to fail.

The "Information Note" then proceeds, in its words, to "document the impressive scope of the genuinely international aid program."

I was interested in the so-called documentation which referred to "more than 30 free nations" as participating in the