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## Pledge Brotherhood Campaign to Be Held During February

This February again, as during the past four Februaries, a campaign of practicing brotherhood on a more intensive basis will be conducted. The sponsors of the project, which is called Pledge Brotherhood Campaign, are the Congress of Racial Equality and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Each year since the initiation of the Campaign, the public response across the nation has been increasingly enthusiastic.

Individuals and groups have found the pledge folders very helpful in introducing friends and contacts to the idea of better race-relations.

Participants in the campaign are asked to pledge, "to demonstrate my belief in brotherhood by at least one new act that challenges the pattern of segregation and discrimination, acting always in a spirit of good will. The pledge is a part of an attractive folder which contains suggestions for implementing the Brotherhood pledge. Some of the suggestions are: enlarge your own circle of friends to include those of other racial and religious backgrounds; help your church break down segregation; patronize only restaurants, theatres, other public places and business establishments where there is no discrimination.

Pledge Brotherhood Folders can be used in many ways. A local group might plan

## Peace Pilgrim Completes 5,000 Mile Trek Across U.S.

Peace Pilgrim completed her 5,000 mile trek across the United States Dec. 17, and reports her life has been busy with speaking engagements since that date. Starting Jan. 1, 1953 on the West Coast, she carried with her a petition for disarmament, and talked with people wherever she went about brotherhood, love and peace.

She reports: "The last few days were terribly cold, and I was imprisoned for 13 hours in an icy gas station rest room. Then one shoe (my sixth pair) came apart and had to be repaired with airplane tape, but with my bandaged shoe, after dark, I walked the narrow cat-walk across the Skyway over Newark. All wire services carried the story, also TV, etc."

She is presently in New York and hopes to present the disarmament petition before Madam Pundit at the UN there.

Peace Pilgrim considers her year's trek only a beginning of her work and says she meant it when she said she would remain a wanderer on the face of the earth until mankind has learned the way of peace.

some project during February centering around the Campaign. A new release about the Campaign could be issued. Columnists in local papers or magazines may be persuaded to discuss this unique approach to the traditional Race Relations Month. Church groups could use the pledge in services on Race Relations Sunday, February 14.

Copies of the folder may be had for \$2 per hundred or \$15 per thousand. Order them from CORE, 513 West 166th St., New York 32, N. Y.

## New CORE Group Formed

At Jefferson City, Mo. a new CORE group has been set up, reports Wally Nelson, CORE field representative. Nelson together with Walter Hayes, another CORE field representative, attended the meeting at which temporary officers were elected and plans were made to contact additional Lincoln University students and faculty members and people in the community.

Decatur Marshall and Augusta Bell—both formerly of St. Louis CORE—were elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively. Walter Lambert is recording secretary and Raymond Tishy and Roy Dillar are handling publicity. Among those active in the group is Mrs. Lucile Knox, recently of Columbia CORE.

## Report on British Columbia Pacifist-Decentralist Community

By JOHN AND HELEN STEVENSON

*In May, 1952, the Peacemaker contained an article by several families in Tracy, Calif. who were about to move to Argenta, British Columbia to undertake an experiment in community living.*

*Recently, we asked them to let us know how they are faring. Following is their answer:*

You asked us for a report from the folks who moved to Argenta over a year ago. Probably the first item to report is that none of us has the time nor the energy to get together for a group statement of progress or regress. As a result, this is an informal note, for which I take full responsibility, and with which it is quite likely some of the others would differ in detail and emphasis.

I should also add that there are now five families who have moved to Argenta from the States for various similar, but not identical reasons. The three families who wrote the article you printed are probably working together a bit more closely in some

## Leaders of Indian School Go Hungry to Feed Students

by BOB LUITWEILER

There are many villagers in India and other parts of the world near the starvation point. I've seen the leaders of Gandhiniketan ashram living on a bare subsistence level so as to share their meagre portions with the underfed village children of their school. I wish we could print their pictures but perhaps the words of the Ashram leader speak vividly enough.

"All the visitors who see our Basic School pupils appreciate their knowledge. But whenever I see them, I feel sorrow at their poverty. Out of 350 children in the school, more than 250 do not have even one substantial meal a day. As a result of the drought this year, it is not possible to collect grain from the neighboring villagers for the children's noon meal at the Ashram. As you know, basic education is learning enough crafts. Because of their empty stomachs, the children are unable to do even limited craft work. When this is the food situation I need not describe their state of dress."

CARE has a \$10 package of rice, wheat and sugar for India. For any one desiring to send it directly to the ashram the address is: Gandhiniketan Ashram, Kallupati, South India.

Any one wishing to make a smaller contribution may send the money to me and incidentally I'll send you some snap shots I took of the children to whom the food is going.

areas, but as in any community, there are areas in which various combinations of two or three families cooperate more closely. This includes families which were already here when we moved.

The three families have found a farm site of three hundred acres. This is not paid for, nor is it developed in any sense of the word. One family plans to build these this next summer, but it may be years before an income large enough to support even one family can be gotten from this place. This leaves us all in a precarious financial situation, as there are no opportunities to earn a living here. The only full time job held by one of us is the teaching job in the one room school, which is held by Helen Stevenson.

We found here in Argenta a group of people who were not primarily concerned with high income and high standards of living. Not that they were concerned with functional poverty, but each resident liked it well enough to stay here when higher paying jobs were available elsewhere. No

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