

District Engineer Orphans Committee

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1. Several Alaska District employees initiated a collection of funds and gifts to be given to the Valley Christian Home for Children on Christmas, 1947.

2. The spontaneous effort that started with Christmas giving was climaxed by the formation of the District Engineer Orphan Fund on 27 February 1948 and has since been continually directed by a volunteer committee, completely isolated from any official connection.

3. Main source of funds is from employee 25¢ donations made semi-monthly. Each employee is invited to contribute and collectors systematically reach all interested personnel. During 1955 this source averaged \$200.00 monthly.

4. The accumulative total of collections and special donations is approximately \$20,000.

5. There are no costs in administering the funds. All proceeds are used to finance the purchase of gifts for the home as well as regular food and gift purchases made each year for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

6. Sizeable gifts to make for better and more enjoyable living the past eight years have been given. A few of them are listed below:

1948 thru 1952

2 washing machines and a clothes dryer (685.70)
4 bunk beds w/ mattresses (356.40)
1 set Encyclopedia Britannica (\$125.00)
1 each 9-play all steel gym set (\$34.95)
1 each 2 1/2 place Merry-go-around (\$96.50)
1 each chalkboard (3 ft. x 12 ft.) w/chalk and erasers (\$48.58)
1 each Pig (sow)(\$100.00)
50 pairs shoes (\$214.98)
Sheets and blankets (\$216.00)
Kitchen range (\$381.95)
Kitchen cabinets (\$463.06)
Water softener (\$350.00)
Sinks, drains, plumbing (\$265.40)
Sewing Machine (\$208.00)
Linoleum (\$287.70)
Building Materials (\$1121.46)
Mortgage on Home and furniture (\$250.00)

Total Amount -----\$5,205.68