

CHARITIES

Young Junior High has always maintained an attitude of charity toward those less fortunate at Christmas time. Up until 1935 the school prepared boxes for needy families--each advisory being responsible for one family.

In 1935 the plan changed to a Christmas tree for all charity children of Houston county. The list was furnished by Mrs. Collins of the welfare department. At the first christmas tree approximately one hundred fifty children were given gifts and fruit. Each year the number increased until in 1937 it reached two hundred fifty.

Each child at the christmas trees has been given one gift and a bag of fruit and nuts. The gifts were donated by the students or merchants, or were made by the Home Economies girls or Manual Training boys.

Again in 1938 the Christmas tree was repeated for the children out in Houston County whose names appeared on the Welfare department's list. Fruits and toys were packed in bags and given to the little folks who came to the auditorium for the occasion.

Plans were again changed in 1939 when gifts and bags of fruit were prepared for the crippled children and old people of Houston County who would have no other Christmas joys. These were turned over to the Welfare Department for delivery.

The Marionette Club presented a series of plays in 1939, the proceeds of which were used by the different schools for the Red Cross Milk Fund. Again in 1940 the plays were presented by this club but the funds were to be used by each elementary school and Junior High for purchasing charity books.

At Christmas of 1940 a different method of raising funds for the usual charities was begun--an auction sale was held in the auditorium. Trinkets of little or no value were offered for sale and the bidding was both by individual students and advisories. "Money", a beautifully dressed doll bought by Miss Green's Advisory for \$10.00, was the outstanding feature of the sale.

In 1941 the Auction Sale was again held with a total receipt of \$103.46; this amount was divided among Christmas charity for the old people, Red Cross and Crippled Children. "Money" this year was bought by the Junior III Class as a group for \$41.50.

In 1942 the Auction brought in \$409.65 and was used for the regular Christmas charities for old people, \$50 was given to the Dothan United Charities and \$50 to the Children's Fund of the Junior Red Cross and the remainder for Crippled Children and other local charities. "Money" was bought by the Jr. III Class for \$169.21. During this year \$251 was also raised for Red Cross Kits for soldiers as they embark for foreign service.

In 1943 the Annual Auction at Young Junior High School was again held in the auditorium. Upholding the tradition, the Jr. III's placed the highest bid--this year \$435 to get "Money." A grand total of \$1141.22 was realized. This amount was apportioned as follows:

Children's Fund--Red Cross	\$700.00
Worthy Welfare Needs	\$130.00
Christmas bags for old folks	\$125.00
Crippled Children	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total	\$1055.00

The remaining \$82.22 was used for emergency calls during the year.

Christmas of 1944 found the competition among the classes for the Auction keener than ever, with the Junior III Class again winning. They paid \$500 for "Money"--the highest amount she has ever brought. A total of \$1610 was derived from the entire auction. From this sum the various expenditures under the War Activities were made for the year. In addition to this other charities for the year from this fund were:

- \$250 Crippled Children's Fund
- \$5 Cabin for Scouts
- 150 bags for old people of the county (poor)

The auction was discontinued in 1945. This year the following charities were carried on in addition to the various post-war contributions listed under War Activities:

- \$325 Crippled Children's Fund
- 125 Christmas bags for old people of Houston County
- \$275 Infantile Paralysis Fund

The year 1946-1947 found the school engaging in the usual charities:

- 100 Christmas bags for old people of the county
- \$154 Crippled Children's Fund
- Infantile Paralysis Fund
- \$125 Junior Red Cross gift boxes

Some new types or forms of charities were introduced, while several of the regular ones were continued. The list given below shows the amounts and types included. for 1947-1948.

- 60 Red Cross gift boxes
- \$167.50 was contributed to the Infantile Paralysis March of Dimes
- \$95.25 was also contributed for Crippled Children through Easter seals
- 14 boxes or baskets were packed to provide Christmas dinner for less fortunate families. Each advisory filled one.



Jean-Francois D'Hers

JEAN-FRANCOIS D'HERS

10 years

August 25, 1938

French

Jean-Francois is the fifth of the six children of Jean and Marie Rebaudo D'Hers—Gerard, Jeanne, Simone, Christiane, and Marie-Therese are his brothers and sisters.

Jean was born at Saigon, Indo-China where his father was captain of the local police. When the war broke out in Indo-China Mons. D'Hers helped organize The Resistance in western Indo-China—his activities cost him his life in March 1945. He was awarded the Legion d'Honneur.

In 1946 Mme. D'Hers and her children were repatriated to France. They live with her aged father who is ill and can give them only shelter. Their plight came to Plan attention and the younger children are now in Plan care. Your 'adoption' of Jean-Francois and Plan aid for the other children makes it possible for this mother to keep her children with her.

Jean is an attractive child —

Foster Parents' Plan for War Children, Inc.

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Exec. Chairman

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Amount Received One Hundred Eighty DOLLARS

\$ 180 - For Nov 48 thru Oct 49

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ANNE LANDRESS, Treasurer

by

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The note from Jean on the reverse side of this snapshot reads
as follows:

" A mes chers Parents et Camordetes avec toute mon affection

" moi-meme et ma plus jeune seur Marie-Therese"

(Signed) Jean-Francois D'Hers

In 1948-1949 the school chose as its major charity the adoption of a needy child from a war-torn country of Europe through the Foster Parents Plan. The Plan called for \$15 each month that would be sent to the child's family through Foster Parents. A check for \$180 was sent to Foster Parents while some additional funds were used to send gifts to the child on special occasions during the year. The child assigned to Young Junior High was Jean-Francois D'Hers, a 10-year old French boy. The account of Jean's family which appeared in Junior Hi-Lites, together with his picture and the receipt from Foster Parents is given on the opposite page.

During the term gift packages were sent including clothing, school materials and other gifts. In addition, each advisory took turns in writing letters to Jean in which they told about themselves, their school and town. Several letters were received from Jean expressing his appreciation for the help that he had received.

Three of the regular charities were continued this year. Twenty Red Cross Gift Boxes were filled and each of the advisories joined the Junior Red Cross. During January, \$143 was donated to the March of Dimes Infantile Paralysis Fund. At Easter \$63.18 was contributed to Crippled Children through the sale of seals.

The students decided to continue their care for Jean-Francois D'Hers during the 1949-1950 term and raised \$283.82 for this fund. Of this amount \$180 was again sent to Foster Parents for his board, while the remainder was used to send boxes of clothing and gifts to him at various times during the year. For the first time our school was invited to make contributions to the Heart Campaign. A total of \$70.03 was donated by the student body for this drive. Contributions for the Infantile March of Dimes Fund amounted to \$153 this year. Eighteen Red Cross Gift Boxes were packed and each advisory became members of the Junior Red Cross. For some reason, the school was not called upon to help with the sale of Easter Seals for crippled children which has been one of the regular charities for years.

Again in 1950-1951 various charities were undertaken with the student body contributing liberally to each call. The first call was the Junior Red Cross. In this each advisory joined the Junior Red Cross and in addition filled 73 gift boxes which were to be sent overseas as Christmas gifts. For the Heart Fund \$73.85 was the total contribution. Then in January \$178 was donated for the March of Dimes Infantile Paralysis Fund, and in March \$106.06 was added to the Crippled Children's Fund.

In addition to the above mentioned organized charity contributions clothing was collected at different times for needy pupils within the school. At Christmas the student body and faculty prepared large boxes of fruits, food and gifts for each of the janitorial staff.

The last year that Young Junior High School was a true junior high school with the three grades, seventh, eighth, and ninth together followed the usual pattern concerning charities. In this year, 1951-1952, the first drive was for the Crusade for Freedom in which \$40 was contributed. Then came the Junior Red Cross gift boxes. A total of 75 was filled by the student body for children overseas. In the annual March of Dimes campaign a total of \$160 was contributed, and \$57.15 was given to the Crippled Children.

This year in addition to the Crusade for Freedom which was a rather new project, 18 Friendship Boxes Among Children and Youth Around the World were filled and sent. The school was also asked to contribute to the local United Charities drive, and a total of \$70 was contributed. Then during February the eighth grade history classes sent 2 Care packages costing \$10 each. One of these went to India and the other to Greece. Each package contained three farm tools for needy farmers in those countries selected.

Still another annual contribution which students make is to supply comic books for children who attend the Crippled Children's Clinic which is held each spring. Usually several hundred books are brought in for this occasion, and this year was no exception.

Listed also in the sections devoted to the activities of the Art and Home Economics Departments are two other annual charitable projects of the students: the making of favors for trays in veterans' hospitals and making and dressing dolls for children overseas. This year the dolls were sent to Korea.

The year 1952-1953 found Young Junior High School liberally contributing to the usual charities. In the fall came the Junior Red Cross drive and each advisory joined. Fifty-five Junior Red Cross Christmas gift boxes were filled. In addition, 18 packages were contributed to the Friendship Among Children and Youth. These were sent to Korea.

Later in the fall the school participated in the United Charities Chest drive by donating \$45.26. While in January a total of \$210 was contributed to the March of Dimes Infantile Paralysis fund. The next month when schools were asked to participate in the national Crusade for Freedom, \$35 was contributed by the students.

As Easter approached, a total of \$62.49 was donated to the Crippled Children's fund through the sale of Easter Seals.

About twenty-five dolls were made by the home economics class at Christmas and were sent to Korean children.

The first of the various charities to which the school contributed in 1953-1954 term was to the Community Chest. To this fund \$20.19 was given. Next came the Junior Red Cross drive and as usual each advisory joined and in addition filled 51 gift boxes with about \$3 over. After Christmas in the March of Dimes campaign a total of \$146.95 was contributed. At Easter in the sale of seals for the Crippled Children Fund, \$102.05 was donated.