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Dear Mrs. Hill:

Thank you for your letter of June 28.

Of course we shall be glad to forward your letter to Mrs. Roosevelt, and are doing so today. In the meantime, we have lifted excerpts from it, and hope to publish them in the September issue or later.

We appreciate your offer of sending us your direction sheets; but since we have already taken a box, which you may have seen on page 111 in the July Journal, and other instructions for mailing parcels in later issues, we will not need these.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. Pearson Hill

to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Over the years I have watched your great interest in those less fortunate and your aid to them in whatever way was possible. Recently I have read of your advocating a closer tie between individuals of foreign countries and Americans. Of course the most tangible way to express this friendship is through sending letters and bundles of food and clothing to individual families. This you have suggested.

Because your heart is so large we wondered if you might be interested in the work our Women's Club has been doing along this line. In January we produced an information service to facilitate sending packages to Europe. We gave
In the name of families and tried to fit them to the American families so that clothes and shoes passed on would fit just right; also in order that friendships could be fostered through the children.

I am enclosing some sheets for suggestions and information that we gave every one plus an article from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette which will explain what has gone on.

Now as to the results, to date we have given out the names of nineteen families. I know many who need help and wish to help. The letters received are most appreciated and give us a new set of values as the people express their gratitude and hope. However, the greatest gain has come to us as individual committees or state-wide who are participating in the formulation of international cooperation through the reading of the letters from Norway, Holland, and Czechoslovakia. The attitude is more of greater cooperation toward
the United Nations and a greater sympathy toward their problems.

We, as women, in small industrial towns (the Aluminum Company of America started its first plant over fifty years ago) do appreciate the titanic effort we have made and are making to create a better place in which we can live. And only because of this do I tell you of only one small way we have taken to help; because it was within our power and we could do it now and at home.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Allen Hill
206 Pennington Drive (Mrs. Pearson Hill)
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

June 5, 1946.
Little Tip:

Here are some tips we have found helpful in packing and mailing:

1. Weigh your box or bundle, including all wrapping material (cords, paper, etc.) before final sealing. Check total weight on household scales at home before going to P.O.
2. Address your package underneath as well as on outside wrapper. If you wrap your package in cloth, address in India ink.
3. Keep list of contents for your own information.
4. Number your packages -- place number several times conspicuously on outside cover. Then you will know in what order packages are received and if any are missing.
5. Mark every package clearly GIFT in several places.
6. Tuck candles, toys and small items in pockets as surprises for the children.
7. When in doubt about any postal regulations, consult your post office.
8. You are permitted to send packages to the same family no oftener than once a week. Try and send as many as you can and as frequently for the next several months. Now is the most crucial time for lifting morale and supplementing their needs.
9. Do not send perishable foods or anything packed in glass. The accompanying list is merely a suggestion. You are not limited to this list. Send what you can give and what you would most need yourself if you lacked barest food and clothing necessities. Later you may learn specific needs of your adopted family if you wish to ask them.
10. After your first package is on its way, write immediately to your new friends and tell them it is sent. If you send your letter air mail (30¢ per 'gos.) they will receive word in perhaps 5 or 6 days and can have the joy of looking forward to your kindness. All packages take many weeks for delivery and letters by regular mail are equally slow.

And finally --

Your first packing and mailing may seem hard, but once you've done one all the rest will be pure fun.
My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

The following touching little incident, why perhaps interest you, so I am taking the liberty of relating it.

An old gentleman, formerly of a large hospital in Frankfort a.M., who escaped the horrors of the German concentration camps, and came to the United States a year ago, made his first trip away from New York to Hyde Park. He told me that, standing
At the grave of our beloved President, he recited the "Kaddish", the age-old Hebrew prayer for the dead.

With tears streaming down his wrinkled face he said: "I loved, I adored Mr. Roosevelt."

Respectfully,
Isabel Hapfenstein.
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Knowing your interest in the Arthurdale Community, we felt that a report of the activities of the Eleanor Roosevelt Farm Women's Club for the past year would be an appropriate Christmas greeting to you.

We have a membership of twenty-five. Twenty-four of our members carried out home improvement and homemaking projects and made written reports at the end of the year. We have worked together harmoniously and carried on worthwhile activities. Our monthly meetings were opened with vesper services, and lesson discussions and demonstrations were both instructive and entertaining.

We have listed our activities in three groups: local, county-wide, and cooperation with state and national groups; many of these were the work of our standing committees.

Local activities:
Our health committee sponsored a dental clinic every other Thursday at the Community Center. Members of the committee acted as receptionists and did the office cleaning and laundry. The patients include many adults and children who would find it difficult to go to Kingwood or Morgantown for dental services. Children are excused from school at the hour of appointment. This service has been carried on for three years, and will continue.

We held a sale of hospital linens and supplies for the benefit of the Arthurdale Health Association, and turned over the proceeds, $93.95, to the treasurer of the Association for payment of outstanding bills.

We assisted the Preston County Health Officer in holding an immunization clinic for local children. Our health committee had charge of a sick-room supplies cupboard from which articles were loaned to homes having serious illness.

Coffee and sandwiches were served to about 400 men who attended a blasting demonstration at the W.Va State Experimental Farm near here.

We contributed $6.25 to buy baseball equipment for the American Legion Junior Baseball Team. We contributed $5.00 to the Veteran's Baseball Team for equipment.

We sponsored a dance on Jan. 26 for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Two members acted as advisory council for the 4-H Club, and helped with their activities.

We cooperated with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Arthurdale Community Church in giving a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Dan Houghton, who moved to Arlington, Va.

We had a picnic dinner with our husbands and families as guests.

We elected a representative who served on the Arthurdale Community Council.

The health and nutrition committee made out menus for school hot lunch and the chairman, with two other women, cooked hot lunch for 8½ months.

County-wide Activities:
Four members of our club visited a monthly meeting of the Bruceton Mills Farm Women's Club in June, and six of our members were guests of the same club in October.

We entertained four members of the Bruceton Mills Club and two members of the Brandonville Farm Women's Club at our June meeting.

Ten of our members were guests of the Brandonville Club at their annual picnic.

All of our program leaders and their assistants attended training meetings at Kingwood where we were instructed by specialists from West Virginia University.

We had as a guest speaker at one meeting, a Kingwood lawyer, who spoke on "Deeds, Wills, and Family Legal Documents."

The club had an exhibit of canned goods at the Buckwheat Festival at Kingwood.

We also exhibited weaving and sewing. At the request of the Festival committee, we baked and served buckwheat cakes to crowds of people attending the Festival.
We contributed $5.00 to Christian Religious Education in Preston County Schools.

Seventeen of our members attended the Achievement Day Banquet for Women's Club groups and members of the Farm Bureau at Kingwood. We gave committee reports, and presented a skit as part of the entertainment.

State and National Cooperation:
We made all club and committee reports to the West Virginia Farm Women's Council. We sent a delegate to leadership training conference at Jackson's Mills in May, and sent a delegate to a planning conference at Jackson's Mills in August.
Several members submitted stories on "What Benefits I have received from the Farm Women's Club" to a state story writing contest.
From 6 to 10 members attended planning conferences at West Virginia University.

$5.00 donated to American Cancer Society from club treasury.
$5.00 " " Crippled Children's Fund " " "
$10.00 " " Red Cross " " "
$15.00 " " American Friends Service Committee to feed European Children.

Our members made 300 bedside bags and 12 dresses, and knit 5 sweaters and 1 pr. gloves for the Red Cross.
We collected, packed, and shipped 313 lbs. salvage fat to a soap company.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Kornit Wolfe

secretary, Eleanor Roosevelt Farm Women's Club.
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have been asked to act on the Junior Achievement Committee in this city and would like to have your opinion of this group, the work they do, and the men connected with it.

You are the one who, I feel, can give me a true and unbiased viewpoint in this matter.

A reply at your earliest convenience would be greatly appreciated. Trusting that I will hear from you soon, I remain

Respectfully yours,

William I. Wolper

William I. Wolper
April 23.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

If it is convenient to you, I suggest that we meet for lunch tomorrow at the Mandarin Grill at 1 o'clock.

Apart from my friend Mr. Rupineland Hoare who is travelling with me, I have asked Mr. Frances Hoppet to join us. She is also an old friend of David at American.

Yours sincerely,

Evelyn Holton