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BETHANY ARCHIVES NEWS

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THE ARCHIVES...NOT THE FIRST AT BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME 1963-1973

It was 1963 in the basement of Santee Hall the campus had a Souvenir Shop and Museum where one could buy items or explore the history of Bethany Orphans' and Children's Home all at once; I do not know about you

but when I can have shopping and history at the same time I am one happy historian! The Bethany Souvenir Shop and Museum operated from 1963-1973; and in 1973, the items were auctioned off on Saturday, April 14th.

The auction of items, from the Museum and attic storage of multiple buildings, drew over a thousand

interested former residents and community members hoping to have a piece of the history. Although the sale of the historical items raised over \$10,000 to assist in the building fund of the new building slated to replace the ADM and Santee hall, Bethany lost many of her valuable historical items in that sale. Over the years we have found bits and pieces of our past that had been left behind or have found their way back to us through donation or estate requests; we hope to continue to have items find their way home so that we might share them with you.

This month I thought it would be fun for you to see the photographs from our first campus Museum and to take a moment to send out into the universe a little thank you to Carl Bloss for the fortitude and ingenuity to begin saving our past for present day use.



1963 Bethany Souvenir Shop and Museum



Looking for some restoration work on a piece of our history...

Picture late 1910-1927, Bethany Panoramic View Includes Rev. Wilson F. More

While recently moving things around the Archives, making them a little more workable for our present needs as the holiday donations come in for our residents, I came across a beautiful panoramic framed photograph which encompasses from the spring to the Playground which appears to be taken between 1910-1927. We would like to see it restored so that it might be hung in

the Archives for anyone visiting to see; in its present shape, it would be an unsafe endeavor to hang it.

I am reaching out to our wonderful Archive fans to see if anyone would like to provide us with the ability to work with a conservationist.

Please contact us at: archives@bethanyhome.org if you would be interested in helping us restore this picture.

Archives Trivia: Who was a resident of Bethany and an eventual Superintendent? Send me your answer.

The Holidays are coming to Bethany Children's Home, Once Again...

It is interesting, as I go through the Bethany Echo's from 1944 to present, I see the request go out time and again, for community members and the previous Bethany "boys and girls" to remember the children who are the current residents of Bethany Children's Home. How the list of needs has changed over the years, the move from wooden toys to electronic games and the change from the sensible to the specific needs for our modern teens, oh my, how the times have changed! One thing remains the same here at Bethany, our residents, please remember them at this time of year and donate much needed items to our collection efforts. Please follow the link below to see the list of items we are looking to receive:

<http://www.bethanyhome.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018CombinedCalendarWishList.pdf>

Betsy Adams, Daughter of Rev. Garnet O. Adams, Superintendent of Bethany from 1954-1985 had this to say about Christmas at Bethany during her time here on campus:

"Across the campus, children opened presents and shared gifts. At noon each cottage ate a special Christmas Dinner. The afternoon was spent playing with new toys, new games, reading the new books, or, if the weather cooperated, spent outside using the new sleds or having snowball battles"

Christmas at Bethany is a special time from our religious services, caroling, meals and eventual gift exchange; please help us remember our residents this holiday season.



***Christmas at Bethany through the Years...
Remember the Children.***

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEWSLETTER, GIVE ME SOMETHING TO RESEARCH AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO PUBLISH WHAT I FIND.