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By **FREDERICK J. MIX**
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This column devoted to the interests of the National Council of Catholic Men, takes the occasion to pay tribute to its first president. When 1913 the invitation went out from shop Schrems to the Lay Societies of the United States to convene in Washington and consider plans for the formation of a great National Catholic Lay Society, Rear Admiral William S. Benson, Chief of Naval Operations, was selected to preside. His tact, courtesy, tolerance of opinion and justice as a presiding officer made it possible for a delegate to voice his opinion to the form that society should be. Many proposals were made. A delegate was made to feel that had contributed in a helpful way the plan that was on the last day of the Convention almost unanimously adopted, the plan that proposed membership of all Lay Societies a National Council with each Lay Society having representation irrespective of size. That such a plan is different in many respects from the one which was the will of the majority is known and approved by the diocesan Chairman.

N. C. C. W. Chairman.



Mrs. Andrew J. Riley, President of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, who is general chairman for the twelfth annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, to be held at Charleston, S. C., October 8 to 12. (Harris & Ewing)

Camp Stella Maris
By Rev. Gerald C. Lambert

Last week's article on Rochester's Catholic Diocesan Camp for boys gave a brief sketch of the buildings and property of Camp Stella Maris. This week we hope to take the reader through the morning of an ordinary day spent by the Campers at Stella Maris.

At the sound of reveille a small head is poked from under the covers of a comfortable cot; sleepy eyes are rubbed in wonderment, aroused from a deep lethargy by the invigorating lake breeze, chubby young boys jump from bed hurriedly to don a bathing suit. Soon assembly call is sounded throughout camp and boys rush from here and there to get in place for the early morning calisthenics. Here we see our bright-faced camper in line with his company, which is one of the eight companies standing in formation around the flag pole. At the sound of colors, the flag is raised in the air to the pledge of allegiance on the part of every camper present. Now comes the time for the daily noon walk. The camper in line with his company, through a set of exercises directed by the Counselor who has charge of the order of the day. After removing all kinks from the neck and arms, back and shoulders, the brave ones hurry to the beach for the morning dip. Soon out of the water and dressed in clean, dry clothes, the camper is summoned to an appetizing breakfast by the bugle sounding the first mess call of the day. And what an amusing sight it is to see some eighty heads bobbing up and down to meet spoon and cup, oatmeal and cereal! After breakfast the K. P.'s set busy on the dishes and tables while the other campers hurry to their respective sleeping porches or tents to prepare for the 2-3 inspection. Many hands make light work and presently the porches and tents are shining brightly, the coats are neatly made up and properly arranged; satchels and suitcases put in order; hands and face, neck and balls are thoroughly cleaned; teeth brushed and hair combed—all set for inspection.

Inspection finished, the campers again assemble to be praised by the Director of the Camp for the splendid way the detail has been performed. The company which has accomplished this feat in the best manner is congratulated and given some privileges as a reward for winning inspection. The program of the day is then announced and the Campers disperse to their respective classes.

All this has been carried out from seven until nine. At nine the classes in First Aid, Life Saving, Scouting, Nature Study, Photography, Woodcraft, Metalcraft, Lampmaking and Dramatics begin and continue until ten o'clock, when campers games take their place on the camp program. This hour of games is a period devoted especially to the physical development of the young camper, for during this hour he enjoys baseball, volleyball, basketball and a number of other games particularly interesting to the young boy. During this period he is coached not only in the fundamentals of the type of game, but he is also taught to give and take in the true spirit of a good sportsman.

At eleven fifteen a frog period is given the camper. During this time he usually amuses himself with quiet games until the bugle summons all to swim. And what a splendid sight the bugle call is—hardly finished when the campers are lined up ready for the first swim of the day. The campers, having been paired up in "buddies," head for the lake where, under a corps of efficient American Red Cross Life Guards, they enjoy a half-hour of swimming, wading, splash and diving. When this swim the morning program at camp closes for a hungry lot who have spent the fore part of the day working up ravenous appetites.

The next article will review the afternoon program regularly carried out at Stella Maris.

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Our National Catholic School of Social Service

The Tenth Commencement of the National Catholic School of Social Service will be held on June 14th.

The growth in the enrollment at the School is noteworthy. This year sixty students were in attendance, representing thirteen states and seven different countries. Among the resident students are four members of religious communities. One of these is Sister M. Patricia of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Nazareth College, Rochester. Eleven of these students will receive the diploma of the School for completion of the two-year course. Of that number seven will receive their Master's Degree from the Catholic University of America with which the School is affiliated.

Under the administration of the Rev. Frank J. Healy, Ph.D., who is Director of the School, great progress has been made and promise is given of increased growth and development in the future. This development will be greatly assisted if Catholic women throughout the country will study the problems of social service and recognize the need for trained workers in the field. Perhaps in no field is Catholic leadership and Catholic standards of morality so greatly needed.

The School has recently raised the standard of its entrance requirements and only students who have completed four years of college work and received the Bachelor's Degree, Members of the N. C. C. W. may do a good piece of practical work in interesting Catholic college women in taking up the course at the School. Of course the great problem which confronts us is the adequate financing of this undertaking. There are three ways suggested in which members of N. C. C. W. may aid in building up an endowment fund:

1. By calling attention of persons who are known to be interested in charitable or philanthropic work to what the School is doing in training educated Catholic women for the field of social service and suggesting that they lend their aid through personal contributions.
2. By suggesting the possibility of including the School as a beneficiary in wills. Many three people who hesitate to make a contribution during life are very happy to know that the money they leave behind is being applied to a worthy cause.
3. Providing for, or securing bequests, a large number of applicants have applied for scholarships. We are especially interested in pleas from China and Latin America.

A Prospectus of the School is available upon request to National Headquarters, Member of the N. C. C. W. It is Your Responsibility. Your Efforts Have Made It Possible. Yours the Credit for Its Success. Yours the Responsibility for Its Permanence.

A deaf old lady moved into a neighborhood near one of the Navy bases. Soon afterwards a battleship fired a salute of ten guns. The old lady, who lived alone, stood up, smoothed down her dress, patted her hair, and said sweetly: "Come in!"

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"Old Timers" Return for Annual Banquet Given by Holy Redeemer A. A.

Declared from the point of good fellowship and general all around enjoyment to have been a success, the annual banquet of the Holy Redeemer Athletic Association, was held Wednesday evening of last week. The invitation to old-time members to attend the banquet was responded to by a great number of those who had been active in the past.

A substantial check presented to Rev. W. Stauder, pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, by President of the Association, was the outstanding event of the evening. Father Stauder expressed his appreciation and complimented the club members on their excellent financing of their club during times such as are being experienced by all.

The guest of honor at the banquet was the Rev. William Heisel, founder of the association and its first spiritual moderator. Father Heisel was warmly greeted by the Association and its guests. He pointed out that it has been said that clubs in parishes are failures, but he said the history of the H. R. A. A. disproves that statement. He said that he had never heard of such successful clubs for men and boys as are the H. R. A. A. and the Alto Club.

Congratulations and good wishes were extended to the Association by the Rev. Albert J. Geline, director of the Alto Club and the Rev. Adalbert Schneider who is in charge of the Holy Name Society at Holy Redeemer Church. Charles Schlueter acted as toastmaster. The start of the club was reviewed by William Schlueter, President Schlueter, Edward Haubner and Police Captain

Business Women Plan House Party at Camp Madonna

The week at the Catholic Women's Club will open Sunday at 2:30 P. M. when the Poetry Group will meet and discuss the work of Gilbert K. Chesterton, Sara Teasdale and Elizabeth Woodworth Rouse. All are welcome. As this is the final meeting of the season, plans for resuming activities in the fall will be taken up by Miss Blanche J. Thompson, the leader.

Monday evening, the Business Women's Club will have their monthly meeting, at which plans for their house party at Camp Madonna on Cannadigua Lake the weekend of June 25th will be formulated. This is an annual affair of the Group, and coming before the formal opening of the Camp on July 2nd, they take complete possession of the Camp, furnishing their own caterer. Arrangements are in the hands of Miss Anna E. Breen. Cordial invitation is extended to women engaged in business to join the Group Monday evening.

Friday evening the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held.

Announcement is made that the Annual Picnic of the Club will be held Thursday, June 30th, at Genesee Valley Park.

Pupil—"Please, Teacher, may I be absent this afternoon? My aunt's cousin is dead."
Teacher—"Well, yes, I suppose so, but really I wish it was some nearer relative."

It costs more to support one vice than ten virtues.

St. John Knights Hold Staff Meeting Friday, This Week

The First District Commandery, Knights of St. John of the First Regiment, will meet Friday, June 3, at 8 P. M. in headquarters, Franklin Street.

Final arrangements for the annual field Mass to be held in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Sunday morning, June 19, at 10 o'clock, will be made. Chairman Ray J. Crombach will report.

Other important matters will be discussed by the knights. These meetings are held every three months and plans for the summer have to be made at this meeting.

New Officers Named
General Joseph H. Wels, K.S.G., retired Colonel of Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John, has been elected president of the First District Commandery of the Order.

The Commandery also chose the following officers at a recent meeting: Spiritual adviser, the Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern; First Vice-President, Col. Frank H. Biel; Second Vice-President, Major Joseph Keller; Grand Secretary, M. H. Welsmiller; Grand Treasurer, Col. Frank J. Koch; Judge Advocate, General Fred Kleinhaus; Sergeant-at-Arms, Lieutenant Alfred Miller.

History of the Catholic Daughters of America

(This is the first article of a series)

I. Founding of the Order.

Sixty Catholic women and girls comprised the charter roster of the first court of Catholic Daughters of America, formed in 1903, in Utica, N. Y. The order was instituted under the kind patronage of the Reverend Clergy, and with the hearty cooperation of the Knights of Columbus.

The aim of the society is the propagation and preservation of our Holy Faith, and the intensification of patriotism; the material, moral and intellectual development of Catholic womanhood, and the protection and welfare of our Catholic girls. The organization is also pledged to the dispensation of charity; and the furtherance of Catholic charitable, religious, educational and welfare projects.

Beginning Phenomenal

The success of the Utica court was so phenomenal that in less than a year requests were pouring into the little band for permission to organize branches of the order in other cities and states, and within a few months a national organization was formed, and John J. Carberry, Grand Knight of Utica Council, No. 289, Knights of Columbus, and one of the many sincere and helpful advisors of the "new society" of Catholic ladies, was the first Supreme Regent. Later, the entire personnel of officers of the supreme court, individual state and subordinate courts consisted of women, which has become the permanent custom. Through the kind cooperation of Knights of Columbus councils, the work of forming new courts of the C. D. of A. went on rapidly, and became a labor of love; with the result that at the end of five years, the new organization had probably made the most remarkable gains in the history of any society.

Little did the pioneers of 1903 dream that they had sown the seed for what was destined to become the largest Catholic women's organization in the world; with a membership of 200,000 Catholic women and girls, in two thousand courts throughout the United States, Canada, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Panama Canal Zone.

There are also several hundred Junior branches for young Catholic girls, with 85,000 members, under the patronage of the senior courts.

The Catholic Daughters of America have been given the Apostolic Blessing and felicitations of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI and his predecessors and the congratulations of Presidents of the United States, and the highest officials of church and state for outstanding charitable, philanthropic, religious and welfare works, and civic, state, national and patriotic achievements.

A man went to have his photograph taken.
"Mounted or otherwise?" asked the photographer.
"Well, I'll have it taken mounted," replied the man; "but I don't know what my wife will say—she's never seen me on a horse before."
"The brain is the most delicate and the finest of instruments, and it is vain to imagine that anything else, than ceaseless, patient effort will enable us to use it with perfect skill."
—Spalding.

Mercy High School May Day Is Held

Under the auspices of the Sodality, the students of Our Lady of Mercy High School celebrated their annual May Day on Friday, May 27. The entire ceremony took place on the school campus.

At one-thirty a procession of the students assembled in a circle about the throne of the May queen where Loretta Baker, maid of honor, introduced the May pole dancers and Anna Hoffman, the second maid of honor, crowned Marie Lavelle May queen. Following a short address by Marie Lavelle, the procession moved toward the grotto singing the Litany of the Blessed Virgin. There the students recited an act of consecration which was followed by a hymn to the Blessed Virgin while Marie Lavelle crowned the Blessed Virgin. A sermon by the Reverend John M. Duffy and Benediction closed the May Day celebration.

Besides the two maids of honor, the May queen was attended by four girls. They were: Carol Van Sickle, Mary Elizabeth Leinan, Ann Moran and Eileen McCarthy. The May pole dance was performed by sixteen freshmen.

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