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The Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne and Episcopal chairman of the Department of Lay Organizations of the National Catholic Welfare Conference thus stressed the importance of the youth program of the National Council of Catholic Women at the Second Annual Youth Institute held June 22-27 1936. Since the beginning of the council fifteen years ago the Girls' Welfare Committee, later the Youth Committee has been one of the major activities of the council and its affiliated groups.

The National Youth Committee is one of the nine National Committees functioning throughout the country as the channel through which National Diocesan Deanery and Parish organizations may cooperate in planning and in conducting programs that will aid youth to serve itself in these difficulties.

It is hoped that the Diocesan Councils will organize Deanery, District and City wide Councils of youth itself.

Legislative Notes

With the convening of the National Conventions looking to the nomination of candidates to the presidency attention has been diverted from congressional activities to the questions of the vital issues that are to influence the coming election.

A great program has been launched looking to the social betterment of the millions who have been and are still suffering as a result of the depression. The platforms of both parties reveal their relative positions with regard to the responsibility of the Federal Government in meeting the problems growing out of economic need. It is our duty as Catholics and citizens to study these platforms and evaluate them in the light of Catholic teaching in social justice as set forth in the encyclicals.

The question of a possible constitutional amendment looms large. The recent decision of the Supreme Court of the State of New York that the minimum wage law for women was unconstitutional as far as the state was concerned raises a serious question. All of those who are interested in the welfare of women realize there is need for some action concerning minimum wages. We are confronted with this situation the Supreme Court of the United States has declared congressional action with regard to minimum wages unconstitutional for the country as a whole and the Supreme Court of the State of New York has declared such action unconstitutional in the state.

As a result of this decision Congressman Fish of New York has introduced a bill which would amend the Constitution of the United States so as to give each state the power to fix a fair minimum rate of wages for persons employed in industry and service of equivalent value.

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Remember the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rochester Diocesan Council is scheduled to be held at Newark, N. Y. on Saturday, July 25.

Newark is so near to Rochester we are hoping that many of our Rochester members will attend the High Mass which will be celebrated at St. Michael's Church on South Main Street at 9 o'clock. The offering of the Holy Sacrifice is the most important event of the day.

Details as to the luncheon meeting etc. will be given next week.

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View Youth Problems At N.C.C.W. Institute

The officers of the National Council of Catholic Women, as they appeared in Washington for the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee and to attend the second annual Youth Institute conducted under the auspices of the organization's Youth Committee. Left to right are: rear row, Miss Margaret T. Lynch, assistant executive secretary; Mrs. Thomas Dignan, secretary; center row, Mrs. Thomas J. Horrigan, second vice president; Miss Agnes G. Regan, executive secretary; front row, Mrs. Earl R. Reynolds, first vice president; Miss Katherine R. Williams, president; Mrs. Thomas P. Ryan, treasurer. (Reni photo.)

Delegates From Sixty Catholic Youth Organizations Hear Noted Speakers on Current Topics; N.Y.A. Director and Bishop Sheil Give Talks

WASHINGTON. — The Youth Institute conducted at the National here under the auspices of the Youth Committee of the National Council of Catholic Women has concluded its week-long program. Addresses, discussions and demonstrations covering all phases of the interests and problems of youth marked the various sessions.

Delegates from some 60 Catholic youth organizations were in attendance.

The Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, and Assistant Episcopal Chairman of the N. C. W. C. Department of Lay Organizations, spoke yesterday afternoon. Among other prominent speakers were Aubrey Williams, director of the National Youth Administration.

Social, Industrial Changes

At the concluding session Miss Clara V. Bradley, teacher of home economics at the social service school, reviewed the history of her field of study and told how social and industrial changes had affected homemaking.

The young woman's viewpoint toward homemaking was given by Mrs. James F. Ryan, who urged that girls' education has the most direct bearing on the matter of making a satisfactory home.

John O'Connor of Georgetown University told of the young man's point of view regarding marriage and homemaking.

Mr. W. [illegible] of the National Youth Administration. He pointed out that youth problems are not to be considered as separate from the general social and economic problems of the country.

"Education, recreation, vocational guidance and training, private and governmental employment," he said, "all must be woven into any program that deals with it all comprehensively with youth's problems."

Social Security

Miss Jane Hoey of the Social Security Board said that by making provision for the youth of today the nation can avoid old age pensions and other aids for the aged of tomorrow.

Dr. Elizabeth Morrissey of Notre Dame College, Baltimore, stressed the need for genuine vocational guidance and training. Advice to the young woman approaching marriage was offered by Mrs. James Hayden, mother of five children, who spoke on "A Young Woman Looks at Marriage." Mrs. Hayden pointed out the necessity for preparing young women for marriage by teaching cooking, sewing and other domestic subjects in order that they may meet the tasks they will be required to do during their married lives.

Craft and parent education were stressed at one of the sessions. After a talk by Miss Agnes G. Regan, Executive Secretary of the N. C. C. W., on the organization of the Women's Committee sponsoring the Youth Institute and its method of work, an hour was devoted to a study of crafts for youth under the direction of Miss Beatrice Harris, director of art in the Detroit public schools.

Vocational Guidance

Miss Beatrice McConnell, director of the Industrial Division of the Children's Bureau, spoke on "Vocational Preparation of Youth." Vocational guidance, she said, goes hand in hand with vocational education, and the effectiveness of the latter must to a great degree depend on the careful selection of training held in the light of the aptitudes and the capacities of the youth to be trained.

Mrs. Mary Catherine Schaefer of the Social Action Department, N. C. W. C., spoke on Social Security and Youth Study Units. She said [illegible] youth movement [illegible] employ[illegible] [illegible] cooper[illegible] [illegible] justice [illegible]

Crying In The Dark

By EILEEN LEARY

"There isn't any cure for her," the Doctor said and Vera overheard his remarks. To be an invalid for life a burden to others! Could she bear it, could she suffer the pain? She clenched her hands. What happened to people who took their own lives? She stopped, the thought, the inane, [illegible] thought. Suicide was a cowardly way to die. What of "mercy killing," when another gave to an incurable invalid the painless exit? Was this also cowardly?

Eileen Leary

To all like Vera lie wracked on beds of pain there is only one answer to that question. No individual, not even a Doctor, has the moral right to take a human life because that life is in a state of suffering.

In the Forum in the issue of December 19, 1935, Dr. James J. Walsh answered the challenge of those who cry out for "mercy killings," death to incurables, in a vivid truthful article "Life Is Sacred." In one paragraph he stated, "Life is a mystery. It is one of the seven riddles of the universe. With matter, motion, law, sensation, consciousness and free will it constitutes an historic septenate of mystery.

"Life was given to us as precious treasure to be used to the best advantage. It is the Creator's gift not to be thrown back into the Giver's face until He asks for it."

Even those who know only temporary suffering often beg for relief, for an end to their agony. On five different occasions when I have been in a cot bed in a hospital I have tried to console myself by a human method. I keep reminding myself that when I have had my capacity for pain then there will be unconsciousness, a state of temporary oblivion.

However, no human consolation is comparable to a spiritual attitude on the subject of pain. To know that pain is a shining armor worn by the soldiers of Christ en route to eternity that is the divine consolation.

All of us need courage and the messages of courage do help us to carry the cross. An aviator with a broken back whose flying wings would never soar again had a message of courage:

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] a night too black for flight

[illegible] fight with pains

[illegible] the cockpit of slow despair

[illegible] still [illegible] a scowl in his "[illegible]"

[illegible] that I can't but I will!

Somewhere the lad lies wounded yes [illegible] at War [illegible] you must),

[illegible] he flies

[illegible] of a Career's trust.

The [illegible] of a [illegible]

[illegible] on his [illegible] mind

That [illegible] the [illegible] of the wanting crew,

Of orphans and cripples and blind!

[illegible] the message he brought them

Before he spread his wings,

[illegible] span the [illegible] of Eternity

In the heart in [illegible] motor sings!"

ESTHER LEARY.

BETTER HOUSING MEANS BETTER HOMES

UTMOST CAUTION, SUPERVISION ARE URGED IN WIRING HOMES

F[illegible] for home owners in [illegible] areas and also for the [illegible] companies, electric wiring is usually carefully inspected in new construction work. But in those rare parts of the country where no codes apply the builder of a home should see to it that he has a complete specification for a first class wiring job and should employ competent supervision to make certain that he gets what is specified.

Once the walls are enclosed and the wires concealed it will be impossible to detect any faults and the first indication of poor wiring is apt to be the smell of smoke from a fire in the walls or ceiling caused by a short circuit due to excess or improper wiring.

There are three types of wiring used namely knob-and-tube, flexible cable and wire run in metal conduits. The last is the most important one and the one where the greatest degree of safety may be expected. The flexible cable is [illegible] properly [illegible] should not be used where it will be exposed to dampness unless waterproof cable is used. The type [illegible] in present day construction is an armored cable made of galvanized ferrous [illegible] galvanizing [illegible] to protect the metal under normal conditions but where severe moisture exists it may eventually lose its protective quality and the metal will rust. For instance such cable should not be used where it will be exposed to the weather or in a damp poorly ventilated space under a house where it cannot be watched for possible deterioration.

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