

Elmira Catholic Charities Mark Anniversary

Commemorating twelve years of service, in Elmira and Chemung County, the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities met on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at the Hotel Langwell. Dr. John F. Lynch, Executive Chairman presided and the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities, represented His Excellency, the Most Rev. James Edward Kearney, D. D., President of the Board.

After careful consideration of the tentative figures, submitted by the Finance Committee, a total budget of \$11,360, was unanimously approved. This is to be submitted to the Budget Committee of the Community Chest for the fiscal year beginning April 1st, 1942. In spite of the increased cost of administration and the new areas of service in which the agency is engaged, the tentative budget request is only one hundred dollars in excess of last year's total needs. Approve Youth Work

A report on Camp Villa Maria and on the Catholic Youth Organization brought unanimous approval of the proposed continuation of both projects. A special vote of thanks from the Directors was extended to the local Council of the Knights of Columbus for the use of the facilities of Columbus Center for Sewing and Red Cross work, as well as for the Friday night dances for the Junior and Senior High School students. An unanimous expression of gratitude was voiced by the Board to Mr. Earl G. MacDonald, first President of the Men's Committee of the C. Y. O. Mr. MacDonald, who recently resigned because of the pressure of other duties, was responsible for the unprecedented success of the organization during the past year.

Catholic Charities looks back on twelve years of service with a just pride in her achievements in agency, community and state affairs. From a modest beginning in a small room in the Federation Building, Catholic Charities played an important part in the depression years, which began almost simultaneously with the organization of this agency. Authorized by the Community Chest, to supply the personnel for investigation of a vast avalanche of applications, Catholic Charities was subsidized by public funds until September of nineteen hundred thirty-three.

Previous to a change in the municipal plan, the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities decided that the agency should again assume the functions, for which it was organized. Catholic Charities was primarily a private family consultation service, instead of a relief organization. There were in the year of 1933 and still are in Elmira and Chemung County, hundreds of Catholic families, some of whom are eligible for public relief, but who are in due need of that friendly and intelligent understanding of human problems, which is called Catholic Family Case Work. It was to this function that Catholic Charities turned, with emphasis on service, when the City Welfare Department assumed responsibility for all cases and in which, relief was the primary need.

Gradually broadening their program, Catholic Charities today, answers the calls made upon her, with a kindly and efficient but professional response. The service given by an office staff of five full time workers, is ably supplemented by the assistance given by volunteer organizations and committees, including the Board of Directors, Case Committee, Catholic Youth Organization, Camp Villa Maria and the Ladies of Charity.

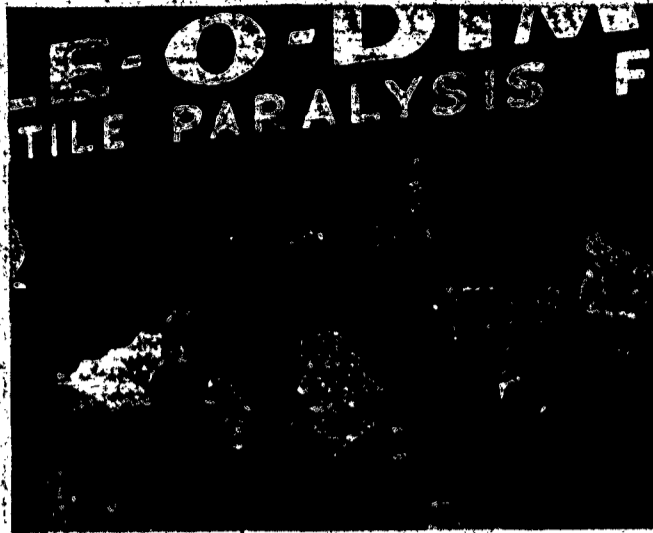
This last organization, on which we have frequently reported, has rendered untold service in areas closely related to professional Case Work. Three hundred active and honorary members give an average of five hundred hours each month, under the direction of capable chairmen, who in turn are supervised by the central office.

The Board of Directors of which the President is the Most Rev. James E. Kearney; the Chairman, Dr. John F. Lynch; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lee, V. F., First Vice President; the Reverend Fathers J. J. Moriarty and William J. Brien Second and Third Vice Presidents; Mr. Uri S. French, Sr., Treasurer; the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities; also includes the Reverend Fathers Arthur C. Smith, Leo G. Schwab, Francis J. Reilly, L. J. Szojzanski, Thomas J. Toole, Bernard G. Hanna, Mrs. Fred W. Cauer, Messrs. Fred A. Mulcahy, Ronald Precht, Cornelius O'Dea and Alis P. Quattrone.

The Case Committee headed by Misses Mary A. Newsome and Hildegard Precht, as Chairman and Assistant Chairman respectively, has as other members, the Right Reverend Monsignor John J. Lee, V. F., Miss Angela Seroninski, Mrs. James William Danaher and Georgia Skog, Major C. E. Graves, Dr. M. Frederick Butler, Messrs. Uri S. French, Sr., William Osborne, Faustin J. Clune and Edward Maloney.

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I shall sing to Thee: and my soul which Thee hast redeemed. Psalms, 71, 24.

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IMMACULATE, Ithaca

NOCTURNAL VIGIL

By MARY A. YENGO
The Young Ladies Sodality Central Council met last Tuesday evening in the Rectory after the Novena services. Plans for some future activities were discussed.

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will watch before the Blessed Sacrament next Saturday night, Jan. 31st. They are now planning to celebrate its Fifth Anniversary on Sunday, February 8th with a corporate communion and a communion breakfast afterwards in

Ithaca Parent Teachers Hear Supervisor

ITHACA. — A men's quartette from Ithaca College, consisting of Joseph Stugman, Harry Taylor, Bill Carney and Earl Jones, accompanied by Alfred Cole at the piano, presented a comic "take-off" on the quartette arrangement from the opera "Rigoletto" on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 7.

Mrs. Celia Slocum, supervisor of vocal teachers at Ithaca College, introduced the students. In her address as guest speaker, she stressed the necessity for an early start in musical training, saying that even an untrained person could detect the difference in a child who was trained from kindergarten age and one who started at a later date. Mrs. Slocum said that the rhythmic training given younger children is helpful in combating posture defects. She gave a general outline of the program of musical training through the grades. The music teachers in Parochial School are junior students in Ithaca College, who when they become seniors have charge of music in outlying rural schools.

Robert Ludlum, bassitone, accompanied by Joan Day at the piano, sang two numbers to demonstrate the variety of voice requirements in a vocal training course.

Through the cooperation of parents and children, Mrs. Slocum hopes to organize a Junior Glee Club in the school. The school orchestra is progressing satisfactorily, and the addition of a Glee Club would make a splendid musical group.

The Rev. William Byrne and Mrs. John F. Geherin both spoke in appreciation of the work of Mrs. Slocum and her students under whose direction music is taught in the school.

The January Parish Party was given under the joint chairmanship of Mrs. A. A. Cross and Mrs. John Wray. All of these parties are sponsored by the Parent Teachers Association, and the proceeds go to make needed repairs and improvements on the parish school.

Dr. Ethan Flagg Butler, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army and head surgeon at Biggs Memorial Hospital, will be the guest speaker at the Feb. 12 meeting of the association. It is expected that Dr. Butler will speak on "The Syrian Women and the Part They Played in the World War." Friends and members are all invited to be present, as it is known that Dr. Butler is an interesting and forceful speaker.

Parish Hall. Tickets may be procured from members of the committee.
Sunday, Feb. 1st is Communion Sunday for all boys of the Parish.

Religious instruction for the second term pupils of the public schools were begun last Monday, Jan. 26. It was pointed out that it is the responsibility of the parents to see that their children go to the religious instruction classes regularly.

Novena devotions in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be held next Tuesday evening in the Church at 7:30 o'clock.

The next Parish Party sponsored by the PTA for the benefit of the Immaculate Conception School will be held in Parish Hall on Thursday, Feb. 12th. Mrs. Ray Van Orman and Mrs. Edward Barron are co-chairmen.



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