

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

AUXILIARY INSTALLATION

Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Church installed officers for 1942 at a Valentine Supper on Feb. 16 in the Auxiliary Rooms. Rev. Stephen W. Aulbach, C.S.S.R., Rector of St. Joseph's Church, and Spiritual Director of the Auxiliary installed the following: President, Lillian C. McDowell (reelected); Vice-President, Gertrude Ganley; Treasurer, Clarissa Wolf (reelected); Recording Secretary, M. Margaret Coleman. Corresponding Secretary, Margaret Bradler Board of Directors named were: Elizabeth Cormier, Lou Hogan, Ada Meng, Ann Reichert, Mary Reichert, Virginia Rohr, Hilda Werdein, Cecilia Wolf. Father Aulbach wished the new officers success and complimented the members

and officers on their past undertakings.

Mr. Don Bruno distributed Red Cross First Aid cards to members who recently completed the course under his direction.

School Safety Officer Henry Jensen and Mrs. Jensen were guests at the party. Following the installation, Mr. Jensen spoke interestingly on the experiences of a policeman and on the defense program and answered questions pertaining to the latter which were put to him by the members.

In conclusion, Miss McDowell announced that Study Club meetings would be held on Monday evenings during Lent at 7:30. All members are invited to attend. The subject this year will be on the Bible in accordance with the wishes of the Most Reverend Bishop.

State Leader Commends Work Of Central Verein Branch

A well attended meeting of the Catholic Central Verein of America, Rochester Branch, was held last Sunday afternoon in St. Joseph's Hall. A large number of the National Catholic Women's Union,

Rochester Branch, met with the men.

The meeting was addressed by Richard F. Hemmerlein, State President of the Catholic Central Verein of America. He complimented the Rochester Branch on its activities and stated that the work of the Rochester Branch was followed closely by the other Branches of the State. He also stated that the present is a time when we should be even more active in the work of the organization. At this time the necessity of making known right principles is becoming more and more apparent each day.

Short addresses were made by Rev. Stephen M. Aulbach, C.S.S.R., spiritual advisor of the Branch; by Miss Laura K. Schilling, State President of the National Catholic Women's Union; by Miss Madge Spiegel, President of the Rochester Branch, N.C.W.U., and by William J. Fuehrer, President of the local branch, C.C.V. of A. Officers Elected

Election of officers for the ensuing year took place and resulted as follows: Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Stephen W. Aulbach, C.S.S.R.; President, William J. Fuehrer; First Vice-President, William Wittman; Second Vice-President, Rudolph Schwenzler; Recording Secretary, Charles H. Mura; Financial Secretary and Treasurer, George Kasman; Marshall, Raymond Hermle; Members of the Executive Committee: Philip H. Donnelly, August Maier, Louis Ammering, Joseph H. Gervais and Harry deCocq.

Reports of the various delegates indicated an active interest by the affiliated societies in the work of the Rochester Branch. Particular stress was laid upon the work done in behalf of the Central Bureau.

Harry deCocq reported on behalf of the Expansion Fund Committee. At the conclusion of his report a committee was appointed to formulate plans to raise sufficient funds to complete Rochester's quota.

Credit Unions Flourish
Joseph H. Gervais reported on behalf of the Credit Union Committee, and reviewed the success of the five parish credit unions formed under the auspices of the Rochester Branch. The report showed that these five credit unions have assets aggregating \$100,000, and that a splendid piece of work had been done by them in aiding their members. Reference was also made to the credit union conference held on Feb. 11 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Credit Union's quarters. A summary of the matters treated at this conference by the delegates from the five parish credit unions was given.

The resolution on Stateism adopted at the National Convention last August was briefly discussed by former County Judge Philip H. Donnelly. He pointed out how the resolution cautioned against too much interference on the part of the state and the importance of self-help. In this connection he referred to the Bill of Rights Week, which is celebrated in New York State from Feb. 15 to 21.

The delegates were urged to acquaint themselves with the aims and objects of Catholic Press Month and to do all in their power to make the Catholic press more effective, and especially to foster the diocesan organ, the CATHOLIC COURIER, and the official organ of the Central Verein, "Social Justice Review."

Following the meeting a social hour was held.

Catholic Guidance Given In Current Events By Verein

Will Middle Class Be Eliminated?

ST. LOUIS.—Unless policies are changed and protective steps taken, the middle class, the backbone of our nation, is facing a sad fate. Such is the substance of a resolution adopted by the Catholic Central Verein of America at its 25th annual convention, recently held in New York City.

The national defense program is contributing in marked degree to the trend toward the elimination of the middle class, as well as to the growth of a propertyless class and a group of extremely rich men, the convention declared. The text of the statement follows:

In these days of heated debate over war policies and the future settlement of world affairs, it is imperative not to lose sight of immediate problems arising out of the transformation occurring in our economic and social life, or of the difficult period of readjustment and reconstruction to be anticipated after the cessation of hostilities.

The Catholic Central Verein of America has in the past frequently expressed the conviction that a sound middle class constitutes one of the prime bulwarks of society and the State and that, therefore, the well-being of this class must be advanced and fostered. Unfortunately, social and economic developments have gradually undermined the health and the strength of the American middle class, while present tendencies of a political and economic nature appear to threaten its very existence.

The growing concentration of wealth, together with the continued extension of monopolies are establishing economic conditions which make it increasingly difficult for men of lesser means to attain economic independence. Regrettably, the hurried development of the defense program tends to aggravate an already serious condition. Smaller industrial establishments and contractors are deprived of the opportunity to execute orders and contracts placed by agencies of the Federal Government.

The inevitable consequence of this trend of things will be a society consisting of a numerous proletariat, on the one hand, while on the other, a small group of extremely rich men will possess the larger portion of the wealth of the land. Such a society is wholly inconsistent with sound social principles of a Christian nature and diametrically opposed to American ideals and traditions.

We therefore urgently request individuals and agencies charged with the administration of the defense program to grant consideration to the just demands of the small enterprises who contribute so largely to the wealth and welfare of the nation.

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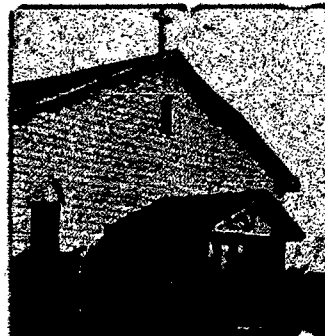
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