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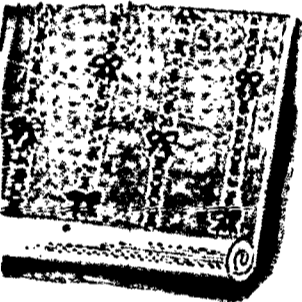
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CO-FOUNDER'S FEAST DAY marked by the Ladies of Charity, Sunday, with Communion Mass and breakfast was attended by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney in top photo, (center). With the Bishop are (left) Mrs. Paul Stone, vice-president and first President of the Elmira Ladies of Charity and (right) Mrs. Joseph Spiegel, newly appointed president; Lower photo shows (from left) Miss Mary E. FitzCerald, executive secretary, Catholic Charities; Dr. John Lynch, executive chairman, Catholic Charities and Miss Mary Hohm, speaker.

275 Ladies of Charity Mark St. Louise de Marillac's Feast

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and echoed in the hearts of those who could not forget that God never turns a deaf ear toward those who pray for others.

After the Mass, a Communion Breakfast was served at the Mark Twain Hotel to approximately 275 members and guests. The tables in both ball rooms were gay with iris and jonquils and yellow programs, on the cover of which was a replica of the crucifix of a Lady of Charity. On the speakers table, violets were added to the decorations and they were also included in the small corsages worn by each one present.

A program of organ music was featured during the breakfast. Mrs. Paul M. Stone, present vice-president and first President of the local unit of the Ladies of Charity, presided at the breakfast. In her words of welcome, she expressed her thanks to the committees who had so generously contributed to the success of the observance.

After an announcement by His Excellency of his appointment of Mrs. Joseph R. Spiegel, as President to succeed Mrs. George A. Snyder who resigned, Mrs. Stone turned the meeting over to her. In her acceptance of the honor of Presidency, Mrs. Spiegel asked for the continued cooperation of every member of the organization and pointed out that she would expect each Lady of Charity to fulfill each task assigned to her.

Introduced by her, as the first speaker, was Dr. John F. Lynch, Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities. He drew attention to the observance that day of the Feasts of St. Louise and St. Patrick, by two organizations, whose members should contribute generously to Catholic History in Elmira. He referred to the coming Community Chest Campaign, and commended that organization for their generous consideration of the financial needs of Catholic Charities. He urged the participation of every Lady of Charity in this worthy community cause both in personal effort and financial contribution.

Bishop Kearney also urged an active interest by every lady of Charity in the Community Chest campaign. He stated that the Catholic group in Elmira had always taken an aggressive part in this community project but that each Lady of Charity should heed the warning of our Divine Saviour in His story of the Last Judgment. He reminded his listeners that Jesus Christ when enumerating the virtues through which one might gain eternal happiness went immediately into the matter of charity. He went on to say that each Lady of Charity through her crucifix and the functions of the organization had an obligation to do her part for the Community Chest.

Bishop Kearney in referring to the jealous attention of Holy Mother Church to the individual's devotion to Patron saints, spoke of our schools and churches, being

placed under such patronage as is each Catholic when receiving the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. Speaking of the devotion of the Ladies of Charity to their patron saint, he pointed out that the observance of the Feast had been started, in the most beautiful way possible, through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Bishop said, "It was my privilege this morning to place on the altar during the Mass, all our plans and hopes for the year to come for the Ladies of Charity."

He drew attention to the fact that this lay organization had unlike others, preceded rather than followed the religious order created to supplement their efforts. Bishop Kearney cautioned his listeners not to think in terms of the dark ages, when considering the saints because within our own time, there are those who have accomplished much for the good of humanity.

"Remember," he challenged his listeners, "when problems seem too big for you, that God does most of the work, if we depend upon Him, never forgetting that 'Our help is in the name of the Lord who made the Heavens and the earth.' Your service as a Lady of Charity may often interfere with your plans, but you will do each act of service, because you see Jesus Christ in His poor."

Miss Mary Hohm, well known Catholic Action Commentator, delighted her audience with a striking address on the Life of St. Louise and drew a beautiful word picture of the Lady of Charity at the time of St. Vincent de Paul and now. She included an informal interview with the writer in her presentation, thus bringing to her listeners, the requirements for affiliation, the significance of the crucifix and the projects of the newly organized committees.

Reciting the beautiful lines of "Learning Christ," she left with each listener the thought that she must:

"Put myself aside, To think of the Happiness of others, To profit by the suffering that comes across my path."

Others at the Speaker's Table were Mrs. F. W. Causer, representing the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Mrs. Joseph M. Dailey, and Mrs. Glenn R. Wiegand, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively; Mesdames Daniel P. Murphy, John M. Connelly and William C. Gill, Sr., Honorary Vice Presidents; Miss Mary Newcome, President Elmira Deanery of the National Council of Catholic Women; Mrs. Ivan F. Brady, Breakfast Chairman.

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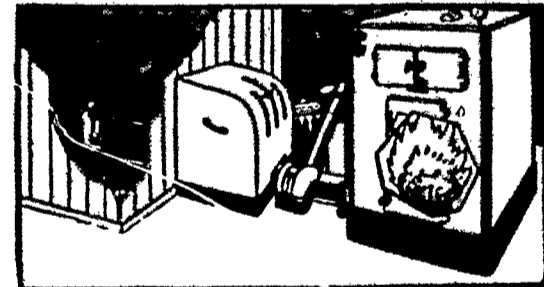
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