

Plan Camp Villa Maria Opening In June

The first meeting of the Advisory Committee for Camp Villa Maria was held in the Federation Building on Wednesday evening, May 5th at 8:45 o'clock. Miss Mary E. Fitzgerald, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, presided in the absence of Dr. John P. Lynch, Chairman of the Camp Advisory Committee, who was out of the city.

The second season for Camp Villa Maria, the first Catholic sponsored camp in Chemung County, will be held in the Youth Camp on Harris Hill from June 20 to July 15. The time will be equally divided between the boys and girls.

The Rev. Francis E. Vogt and Abbe P. Quatrano will be directors of the boys' camp and Miss Florence Stone will be in charge of the girls' camp.

Program plans and selection of personnel are almost completed. Every effort will be made by the committee in charge to make Camp Villa Maria as much of a success this year as it was in 1941. Early inquiries indicate a full registration.

The Advisory Committee includes Misses Florence Bird, Florence Stone, Grace Miller, Mary Newcomb, Helen Rohel, Mesdames Fred Hatterby, Ivan Brady, F. W. Cassan, Joseph Dalley, W. G. Ervin, C. E. Kennedy, Daniel P. Kennedy, Catherine Myers, Roderick Precht, John B. Roman, Georgia Skog, Joseph Spiegel, Paul Stone, Daniel E. Sullivan, Edmund Widman, Glenn Wiegand, the Reverends William J. Moran, Raymond Heisel, Ralph Hingst, Francis Reilly, Leo G. Schwab, Richard Stanton, Thomas J. Toole, Francis E. Vogt, Leslie Whelan, John Wisniski, Messrs. Bert Comstock, Uri French, Sr., Theodore Lavanduski, John P.

Catholic Charities Case 4 Too Much For A Mother!

For her six children, Mrs. Ruth W. has made a courageous fight and for a time it was successful. There was a long period of unemployment for Mr. W. and his wife said, "That wasn't bad enough, he had to get so discouraged that he started drinking. When he did earn a dollar, I never saw it, he left it in the corner saloon."

"And then," she continued, "Johnny was ill for weeks and I didn't have money for a doctor and he wouldn't let me ask for one from the Charities." Thus her story ran, when she first came to Catholic Charities about two years ago. She was already to leave him, "Just what was the use anyway? Am I to blame because I was raised in an orphanage—he throws that up to me all the while. He won't go to Church—says God isn't taking care of him—won't let the children go either."

Catholic Charities' work with this family didn't end when Mr. W. finally found a job with the help of our Visitor. Reports from the school and complaints from the neighbors, supplemented Mrs. W.'s sordid story and it was many a long month before everything that was wrong in that home was straightened out. Several times it all looked pretty hopeless, but Catholic Charities workers do not give up easily.

The children are now in parochial school, Mr. and Mrs. W. go to Mass and the Sacraments regularly, "interfering" relatives understand that Mr. and Mrs. W. must lead their own lives.

Lynch, Kayl G. MacDonald, Edward Maloney, Cornelius O'Dea, Abbe Quatrano.

Johnny has had a long farm vacation and is well and strong now. Mrs. W. has had surgery for a serious physical condition, and many other serious problems have been straightened out.

Strange to say, it was Mr. and Mrs. W. who finally decided to "do things different." Of course much had been accomplished in the way of changed attitudes and Mr. and Mrs. W. had come to see some of their actions in quite a different way. One day, however, they made up their mind that they would stop quarrelling, running to their in-laws, punishing the children by keeping them from Church and so on.

But, Mrs. W. said to the Catholic Charities worker, "We know now that we couldn't have ever come to, if it hadn't been for you."

Case stories are recorded in such a way that the identity of the family is protected. Relief cost for above family was high for several months, services during the past year involved a part of our budget supplied annually through the Community Chest Fund of Elmira. 1942-1943 Campaign goal is \$177,723 for Home and War Relief.

Library's 'Catholic Shelf' Value Told To Men's Club

CORNING—Speaking to the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club at the Baron Steuben Hotel, Wednesday, May 5, Miss Mary McCabe, librarian at the World War Memorial Library, told her audience that the Catholic shelf at the Library contained many books, written by Catholics and relating to Catholicism and its allied interests, which would be of value in advancing the cause of Catholic Action.

Referring to the Catholic shelf and its origin Miss McCabe said she was greatly indebted to the late Rev. Michael E. Groden, formerly pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's Church, who was of great help to her in selecting books for the shelf.

Eugene Kelley, president, presided at the meeting. Plans were made for the distribution of tickets for the dinner on May 25, when it is expected that the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, will be present.

FREE-MARRIAGE RETREATS
Lima—A cycle of spiritual retreats in preparation for marriage has been organized by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Young Women here in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

Nurses Make Retreat At New Diocesan House

The annual retreat for the student nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, was conducted by the Rev. Thomas Tapp, C.M.R., of the Diocesan Retreat House of Our Lady of the Lake, Geneva.

The retreat opened Tuesday evening, May 3, with Benediction and explanatory remarks by the Retreat Master, Father Tapp. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were observed by the students with daily attendance at Mass and Holy Communion as well as morning, afternoon and evening conferences by the Retreat Master.

The Retreat closed Saturday morning with Benediction and imparting of the Papal Blessing by Father Tapp. All of the Socialists received Holy Communion at the closing Mass.

English Rector Gets Papal Honor

LONDON.—His Holiness Pope Pius XII has bestowed the dignity of 'Protonotary Apostolic' upon Monsignor Edwin Henson, who has been rector of the English College, Valladolid, Spain, since 1934.

Monsignor Henson was for some years secretary to the late Bishop Dunn of Nottingham. He was appointed to Valladolid when he was 34 and six years later was made a Domestic Prelate.

afternoon and at 8 in the evening. Reservations may be made with any member of the committee.

Catholic Daughters List Party To Benefit Parish

Court St. Rita, 137, Catholic Daughters of America, will entertain friends and members at cards Saturday afternoon and evening, May 16, in the court rooms at the corner of E. Church and State Sts.

The proceeds from the party will go for the benefit of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, whose pastor, the Rev. Leo G. Schwab, was first chaplain of the court and served eight years in that capacity.

All members are working very hard for the success of the party under the direction of Miss Elizabeth R. Holleran, general chairman. Miss Holleran is assisted by the following committee chairmen: Tickets—Miss Frances Lucy and Mrs. Gertrude Holleran. Publicity—Mrs. William C. Gill. Prizes—Mrs. Dennis J. Reagan and Mrs. Thomas A. Malone. Tables—Mrs. Owen P. McCarthy and Mrs. John Roman. Arrangements—Miss Jane Wipfler and Mrs. Mary Keefe. Refreshments—Miss Mary O'Leary, Mrs. Josephine Elias, Mrs. Frances Crowe and Mrs. Uri French.

Reception—Mrs. Raymond Marks and Miss Margaret Hanifen, assisted by Mesdames James Mallon, Joseph M. Dalley, Edward Bremner, John O'Dea, Daniel O'Brien, William C. Gill, Michael Del Papa, Henry C. Miller, Irving

Kline, Edward Dalley, Harry Elias, Elizabeth Feeney, Richard Verian and the Misses Mary (Ivina), Mary Kelly, Jane Wipfler, Margaret O'Connor, Margaret Collins and Lucy Frawley.

Playing will begin at 2:15 in the

We Are All in the War

In the words of His Excellency, the Most Rev. James Edward Kearney, Charity is one of the many things that is being "put to the test." Bishop Kearney's letter to his people in Elmira and Chemung County clearly presented to them, their responsibility to "Give enough for All."—"For your own agencies at home and the crushed and broken abroad."

"It is not my job" or "It is not our work" from the lips of the American, Catholic individual or organization leader, today sounds like an echo of those words of Holy Scripture, "Am I my brother's keeper?" These are days when as Catholics and Americans, we must

think in terms of God first, then almost simultaneously in the sense of community, state and country, as well as of our Allies.

Morale today has taken on a new significance. It is more than one's well-being or sense of security. Morale and offense reach right down to every individual and family in the nation. It is secured for many a boy, girl, woman or man by the satisfactory individual adjustments, often made by Catholic Charities workers.

What are the purposes of Catholic Charities in this era of prosperity and employment?

Through careful conscientious case work, integrating treatment with the principles of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church we strive for

The Preservation of the Family Unit.

The Welfare of Each Member of the Family.

And we

Participate in Social Planning on a local and national basis.

Answer every local call to service in this National Emergency.

What is the outlook for 1942? Sometimes we can not see the forest because of the trees! Here in our America, we have refugees wounded by social evils, that seldom devastate the body, but boys from within and kill the courage of men, women and children. We have no barometer to indicate the many calls that will be made upon our agencies during this tragic year. This we do know that crises, real and serious, many of them occasioned by the present world wide emergency are sending individuals and families to Catholic Charities for help and guidance, which our workers are trained to give.

Consultation service may sound like an empty term—but to the man, woman or child who has known the release of talking things through it has a real meaning. To these people, Catholic Charities in 1942 as well as in the past, is a Community Chest Agency that must go on. So we must "Give more for all but enough for all."

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