St. John the Baptist (Elmira)

ALTAR SOCIETY PICNIC

By Margaret C. Kennedy

St. John's Altar Society held the final meeting of the season Monday evening, June 15 in the Church Hall. Plans were begun for the annual picnic to be held at Hoffman Park, July 22. Mrs. Joseph Karl and Mrs. John Ketter are in charge of arrangements.

They are being assisted by Mrs. Josephine Elias, Mrs. Mary Gates, Mrs. Frederick Hill, Mrs. Joseph Kelly, Mrs. Anthony Kinley, Mrs. Louise Lewis, Mrs. John Loop, Sr., Mrs. Charles Kasper.

Following the meeting cards were played and refreshments were served by the Committee of which Mrs. Florence Kasper was chairman.

Nun Named To State Defense Council

JOLIET, Ill.—Sister M. Anicia, president of the College of St. Francis here, has been named by Gov. Dwight Green as a member of the public educators' division of the State Council of Defense.

Labor Organ Lauds New NCWC Building

WASHINGTON. An article on the new building of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the monument to Christ the Light of the World in the Nation's Capital appeared in the current issue of The Journal of Electrical Workers and Operators, official organ of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, published here.

The new structure, which has housed the NCWC since January, in a "city of beautiful buildings" is "destined to have place among the most beautiful for its originality, its classic simplicity and its perfection of design," the article stated.

ST. JAMES, Waverly

FR. HURLEY OFFERS MASS

WAVERLY. Rev. John D. Hurley who offered his first mass in his home church here last week celebrated Mass in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Ridgebury, Pa., Sunday. Many relatives and friends of Father Hurley attended.

Society Meeting

Regular meeting of the Rosary and Altar Society was held Sunday afternoon. Regular business was transacted and plans were started on a lawn festival to be held in July.

Catholic Daughters

Mrs. Lewis Creedon and Miss Anne O'Donnell were in charge of a very enjoyable card party given by Court Joan of Arc, C. D. of A. Monday night. Bridge and euchre were played and prizes were awarded. Delicious refreshments were served. Assisting on the committee were Mesdames Arthur Brown, Robert Coveny, James Markham, Francis Dunfee, Kenmer Dunmiak, George Talley, Anthony Parenta, Joseph Griffin, James Leahy, John Mahoney, Joseph Mullens, John Dugan and Misses Veronica Hogan and Dolores O'Brien.

HELPING THE BOYS FEEL AT HOME

Making the boys away from home feel at home—the USO way, is one of the interests of Miss Mary O'Flaherty (right), of Hartford, Conn., pictured here in the local USO club operated by the National Catholic Community Service for service men and defense workers. Miss O'Flaherty, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council of Catholic Women, is outlining a pleasant evening's program for Corporal Richard Slocomb, of Lynn, Mass., and Jane Riley, of Hartford. (N.C.W.C.)

Spiritual Defense In Hands of Sick, Infirm

MILWAUKEE—(NC)—"The sick and infirm who are unable to do any special labor are called by God to selective service," says an editorial in Our Good Samaritan, quarterly publication of the Apostolate of Suffering.

Declaring that "in times of war, those who remain at home have defense work to perform," the editorial adds that the sick have "the task to unite and build up a spiritual defense program for the protection of our country."

"What a large and powerful army of spiritual defense workers we would have if every such person, every invalid, every shut-in would follow" the example of the children in an Eastern diocese by "adopting" a soldier for spiritual care. "Not necessarily to correspond with him" the article says, "for that would require too much effort for the sick person, but rather to support him with the spiritual weapons of prayer and suffering. Like King Saul, we must send them forth in the name of the Lord we must ask the God of Hosts to be with them in the decisive hour of battle that they may be victorious against the enemy of our country and of the Cross of Christ."

HARDLY HUNGRY

So you've been fighting again. ... Then you go to bed without any supper.

"All right. But I've only got two ...

Nun-Doctor Leads Civilian Defense

MARYKNOLL, N. Y.—A former missioner in Korea, Sister Mary Mercy Hirschboeck, M.D., of Milwaukee, has been placed in charge of a Civilian Defense Field Unit at the Maryknoll Sisters' Motherhouse. She has as her first assistants two Ossining dentists, Dr. Seth Craig and Dr. Joseph McDowell. Two Maryknoll Seminarians will serve as stretcher-bearers.

Maryknoll Sisters make up the rest of the unit, which includes four trained nurses, four trained first aid workers, two clerks and a motor corps of three.

Accustomed to coping with epidemics and floods during eight years in Korea, Sister Mercy is experienced in the type of large scale medical service called for by disaster.

Union Organ Features Future Jesuit's Photo

CHICAGO. A picture of John Patrick Beall, graduate of St. Ignatius High School here who has been accepted for priestly studies by the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus, is featured on the front page of the current issue of The Butcher Workman, organ of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen.

Mr. Beall's mother, the former Margaret Murray, was an official of the Sisters of Labor before her marriage.

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