

Women's Service Institute Brings Action In Auburn

Groups Call Out Volunteers To Work Out Institute Ideas

AUBURN The National Council of Catholic Women, sponsors of the "Call to Service," a project of the National Council of Catholic Charities, conducted the third in a series of four meetings, held in the Diocese of Rochester, on Thursday, July 16, in the Catholic Daughters Home in South Street.

These meetings are held for the purpose of training women for charitable work within their parishes at the present time and for the reconstruction period following the war. They are the first meetings of their type to be held in the country and their program will serve for similar meetings which are scheduled for the other dioceses in the United States.

The women of Auburn were enthusiastic in responding to the volunteer service of the Catholic Charities and a large representation of Catholic organizations took part in the program. Mrs. John O'Toole was general chairman of arrangements and she was assisted by Miss Elizabeth Harmon, publicity. Mrs. Stuart Treat, Miss Isabel Goss and Mrs. Dora Mansfield, hospitality. Mrs. Stephen Doyle and Mrs. Emilie Toutant, registration. Mrs. Clarence Hayden and Mrs. John Welch, literature. Mrs. Joseph Barry and Miss Irene Cooper, telephone.

Mrs. John C. O'Toole, president of the Auburn Deanery of the National Council of Catholic Women, presided at the sessions. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Very Rev. Dean John A. Conway, spiritual director of the Auburn Deanery Council.

The Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities, explained the purpose of the conference and Miss Cecelia M. Yawman, president of the Rochester Diocesan Council of the N.C.W., made a few brief remarks. The principal addresses at the session were given by Miss Irma Piepho of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Lee Kenney of Fremont, Ohio. The most interesting part of the program was the "Quiz Session" conducted by Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. O'Grady, executive secretary of the National Catholic Charities who endeavored to awaken the women of Auburn to the need of charitable work as outlined by his office and to help them to formulate plans for the Auburn organization. Several Auburn women responded to his questions and gave a report of the work of their groups during the past year.

The booklet, "The Call to Service" was explained at the Auburn meeting and the methods of volunteer service described. The speakers brought out the point that cooperation in all the dioceses of the country was necessary for a successful completion of the Volunteer Program. Citing the literature drive as an example it was said "it would not be possible to rid Auburn of indecent literature if Syracuse did not work on the same plan for the Syracuse dealer could then bring his filthy literature to Auburn to sell and the campaign would not be successful." Father Lambert made a special plea for homeless children and asked cooperation of the women with the Diocesan Charities Office.

As a result of the conference a meeting of all the officers of the Catholic Women's Organizations in the City of Auburn, all the representatives at the conference on Thursday, and all women interested in Social Service Work and willing to devote their time to volunteer service, will be held at the Catholic Daughters Home in South Street, at 8:00 o'clock on Thursday evening.

Open Technical Courses For Girls

CHICAGO.—Forty girls have enrolled in the pre-engineering courses, home arts and preparatory nursing courses at St. Rita's, Augustinian High School, where for the first time the doors have been opened to girls. There is a large registration in the fundamental airplane course.

VETERAN HONORED



Courtesy Times-Union
Arthur B. Curran

Curran Heads County American Legion Unit

Attorney Arthur B. Curran of 34 Vassar St., a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Rochester, and a native of Clyde, is the new Monroe County Commander of the American Legion.

Elected last Saturday at Doud Post House, Buffalo Road, Curran said that America must "wake up" and that an alert and informed citizenry is essential in the war effort.

In World War I, he was a sergeant-major with the 103rd Aero Squadron, the one-time Lafayette Escadrille.

He attended Clyde schools, and was a student at Notre Dame University in 1912-1913 and later studied law at Cornell University from which he was graduated in 1916. He is at present a member of the law firm of Liebschutz, Curran and Sutton.

Curran's wife is the former Evelyn McDonald of Newark and the couple were married Feb. 18, 1922. They have three children, Mary M. Curran, 19, a sophomore at State Teachers College, Albany, Arthur B. Curran, Jr., a senior at Aquinas Institute, and John G. Curran, a pupil at Blessed Sacrament School.

INVEST IN WAR BONDS

Summer Frolic Stated Week of July 27 By Auburn K. of C.

AUBURN The Knights of Columbus voted to hold a summer frolic at the E. of C. grounds during the week of July 27. The festival will consist of hillbilly music, games of amusement with "big prizes" to the winners and many other attractions.

Grand Knight George B. Shannon appointed Past Grand Knight Patrick J. Mullally as general chairman.

He will be assisted by Joseph F. Nolan who is in charge of the merchandise. Michael Poole is going to serve the "famous Matt Wall hot dogs" and all committees are working diligently to make this frolic a huge success.

Within Walking Distance

The frolic will afford the people a week of recreation within walking distance. The Knights think this is an ideal time for the frolic for the government wishes the people to conserve on gas and tires and at the same time keep the morale of the people at the same standard it was before war was declared.

The officers of Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus are: Grand Knight, George B. Shannon; Deputy Grand Knight, John F. Foxter; Chancellor, George Payne; Warden, James Leston; Recorder, J. Harold Wright; Advocate, T. Joseph Coffey; Treasurer, Terrence O'Donnell; Trustee, Clarence Hoy; Inside Guard, John Hyland, and Outside Guard, Michael Poole.

'God and Democracy' Leaflet Sent

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—A leaflet entitled "God and Democracy," is issued by the Student Commission for Decent Literature at the University of Notre Dame for circulation among the men of the American fighting forces, is intended, its publisher announces, to present "the fundamentals of the relationship between God and the American form of government."

One hundred thousand copies of the leaflet are to be distributed to the men through military chaplains, it was announced. The leaflet has as its theme: "The founders of American democracy officially declared that the justification for their work was to be found in the laws of nature and of nature's God."

"When the world-at-large learns

War Bond Sale At Downtown Theater Handled By Alumni

The Alumni Association of Our Lady of Mercy High School has been taking care of the sale of U. S. War Stamps and Bonds at the booth erected in the lobby of the Century Theatre in downtown Rochester.

Miss Mary Louise Ernolinger, president of the Association, has announced that the Mercy gradu-

ates will be at the booth for at least the next two weeks.

Promoters in charge of each week's sales are: July 14, Miss Jean Cronin; July 15, Miss Catherine Eagan; July 16, Miss Joseph Schubarth; and Mrs. James Nowell. They are being assisted by a large committee of Alumnae members.

Mother's Cable of Reunion of War-Dispersed Family Priest's Ordination Gift

NORWALK, Conn.—On the day that he was ordained to the priesthood here, the Rev. Jean Deckmyn, C.S.S.P., of Danvers, France, received a cable from his mother informing him that the members of his family had been reunited in Marseille. She did not know it was his ordination day. Accordingly, Father Deckmyn cabled his first blessing.

Father Deckmyn had taught in the College of St. Pierre, Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, before he was recalled to France for military training. In the fall of 1930 his military service ended. The authorities then advised him to come to the United States to finish his studies for the priesthood.

The cablegram was his ordination gift from his reunited loved ones, dispersed at the time of the fall of Danvers.

Need For Nurses' Aides Cited By Archbishop

NEW ORLEANS—Termining work as volunteer nurses' aides, patriotic and a work of mercy, the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, addressed a letter to pastors in response to a request made by the office of Civilian Defense in behalf of the American Red Cross.

"The need for a large corps of such aides," he wrote, "is very urgent. They will be called upon to render service during the emergency of war in hospitals and in Armories as the need arises either to replace professionally trained nurses who are called to work in the front lines or to assist in the hospital conditions which require increased personnel."

"May I suggest, Reverend dear Father, that you bring this to the attention of your congregation and that you give special encouragement to the members of your community of the Blessed Virgin and other societies for married or single women, reminding them that registration affords them a splendid opportunity for patriotic service, which has in it the added merit of a definite corporal work of mercy."

War's Vagaries Make Master of Novices a 'Master of Lepers'

NEW YORK.—From Master of Novices to Master of Lepers, that is what the war in the Pacific has done for the Rev. Vincent J. Kennally, S.J., former Associate Editor of *Jeune Mission*.

Father Kennally, who was Rector and Master of Novices at Navalches, Philippines Islands, went to the island of Cullion to give a retreat to the lepers there. The war broke out in the course of the retreat. Due to the Japanese blockade of the island, the food situation became desperate and many of the 1,000 lepers in the largest leper colony in the world were faced with starvation.

The Rev. Anthony L. Gamp, S.J., Jesuit Superior of Cullion, succeeded in obtaining permission from the Japanese to have food shipped in. But it was up to him to find the necessary ship and also the food. Leaving Father Kennally in charge of the lepers, Father Gamp took a small native boat and made his way to the island of Panay. There he collected food and succeeded in obtaining the use of a small inter-island steamer.

The Rev. Pacific Ortiz, S.J., who is at present in this country as chaplain to President Quezon, saw Father Gamp in Panay several months ago and believes that he reached the island of Cullion with the precious food supplies for the lepers. Father Kennally, however, remained on the island to assist Father Gamp. Meantime, his novices have been moved from Navalches to the Jesuit university in Manila, where their studies are being continued under the direction of the Rev. Carroll L. Foss, S.J.

Father Kennally is a native of Boston, Mass.

NAMED ARBITRATOR
Baltimore.—The Rev. John F. Cronin, S.S., of St. Mary's Seminary here, has been appointed permanent arbitrator for the men's clothing industry of Baltimore. Father Cronin has sole jurisdiction over all labor and contractual disputes.

PRISONERS OF WAR MADE THIS ALTAR



Artists and craftsmen among Italian prisoners in an Egyptian camp made this unique altar. Constructed from odds and ends around the camp, it is composed chiefly of sand and water. The colors were obtained by grinding various stones brought from nearby hills, burnt wood and tea leaves. The marble effect was created by spraying sour milk from a "Fiji" pump. For tools they used nails fastened at the end, old spoons and tins. British Official photo. (N.C.W.C.)