

Junior CDA Engages In Red Cross Work

MORNING—Miss Anna Leutich was hostess recently in Troop 1 of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America at her home. The

meeting was opened with a prayer and a salute to the flag, led by Miss Mary A. Keane, president. Following the business meeting Red Cross work was done. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Beatrice Ketchum.

Father Heisel Terms 'Woman--The Welder Of Life' At St. John's Sodality Dinner

"Woman, the welder of life," was the subject of speaker Rev. Raymond L. Heisel, at the seventh annual banquet of Our Lady's Sodality of St. John the Baptist Church, held on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Mark Twain Hotel.

Referring to the present day manner of depicting the modern woman as a welder, Father Heisel said that instinctively she is so. "The welder of life, beneath the hammer of her heart, within the tabernacle of her bosom, welding that primitive unity—the family, without which human society cannot progress nor survive."

"Here is the sublime duty of serving and preserving the home and the family—the hope and future of America." Comparing the aprons and vacuum cleaners of the housewife to the uniforms of other women, Father Heisel stated that they are the custodians of the home, the guardians of the boys and girls who must carry on the same world that our men are fighting to fashion.

In answer to the possible charge that the mother who stays with her children is unpatriotic, Father Heisel spoke of the organization of mothers in Texas who have named themselves the MOPs—the Maternal Order of Patriots. There are certain compensations for the boys who fight, but not for the mothers who can only wait. "If it were not for her original sacrifice, no boy's sacrifice would be fighting for today."

"In these days when the human life blood of America is being depleted, it is the mother's sublime duty to preserve the family, and to raise up new men and women to replace those whose lives are being snuffed out. If mothers even fifty years ago had heeded subversive propaganda for birth control, today there would not be enough fighting men to ward off an invasion of America."

"The Catholic Church stands almost alone as the Recruiting Station for the mothers of families. If there are to be no families—no homes, what are our boys fighting for?" To those who have lost sons and husbands and brothers in the war, Father Heisel spoke of that other Mother, who knew the pangs and sorrows of parting, saw her Son go forth to battle, and sacrifice His life. Mothers should place their hand in Mary's for her consolation, should ask her to spread her hands over their boys and girls in service, to help and protect them in their trying times. "As good Sodality we go to Mary, we place our faith, our hope, our belief, and our wishes in the hands of Mary, the Mother of all men. We pray to her for mothers—the greatest patriots of all."

Miss Margaret Kennedy, President of the Sodality, expressed a greeting to all, and her thanks to everyone who had cooperated in making the banquet a success, to the speakers, the entertainers, and the co-chairmen, Mrs. Joseph F. Grabowski and Mrs. Anthony Kinley.

Group singing was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Joseph Herold. Vocal numbers were sung by Mrs. Carl Sunder, and Miss Beverly Ann Goggin, danced. Toastmistress Miss Grace Miller announced the birth of a son, Raymond, to Mrs. Bacon, who had acted as pianist on all previous occasions.

The Rev. Francis Hester, administrator at St. Mary's, expressed his thanks for the invitation, and his pleasure in attending. Also present at the speakers' table were Mrs. Anthony Kinley, Mrs. Mary Buznick, Miss Agnes Kadic, Mrs. Paul Affoldt, and Mrs. Agnes Kabuski.

Gets Treasury Emblem

MANCHESTER, N. H.—The U. S. Treasury "Schools at War" emblem has been awarded to St. Joseph's High School for Boys in this city for unusual success in a bond drive. The school is one of the first in New Hampshire to be so honored.

The way to success is to show that you are not afraid of anybody except God and His final verdict.

Corning Men's Club Elects Raymond Older; Hears Talk On Value of Credit Unions

CORNING—Raymond Older was elected president of the Catholic Men's Club at the regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Baron Steuben Hotel. Selected with him were Paul Tammaro and Robert Hallahan, vice president, and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

LADIES OF CHARITY-- Jottings Here and There

The regular monthly meeting for the Committee of St. Anne de Beausire has been postponed. It was scheduled for Feb. 12, Monday.

On Tuesday, Feb. 10, two committees enjoyed picnic supper previous to the regular monthly meetings. The Employment and Vocational group met at 5:30 in the Federation Bldg. with Miss Helen M. Burns, and the Big Sisters enjoyed their social event at the home of Miss Veda Spohn, 221 Bloomer Ave.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, the Red Cross Committee, 2 p. m. in Columbus Center. CYO crafts, 4 p. m. Federation Bldg. CYO Newspaper, 7 p. m. Federation Bldg. Committee of the Infant Frigate, 7:30 p. m. social hour and monthly meeting in Federation Bldg.

Thursday, CYO basketball, 4 p. m. St. Peter and Paul's Hall, Mrs. W. Joseph Dowdle, coach.

Friday, Sewing Committee, Mrs. Bertram L. Comstock, 7 p. m. Columbus Center. CYO dancing party, 7 p. m. Columbus Center, Mrs. W. Joseph Dowdle and Miss Dorothy Martin, supervisors.

The girls' basketball teams have organized regular schedules for their Thursday afternoon games. Thursday, Feb. 6, St. Peter and Paul's beat St. Mary's with a score of 20-18. Thursday, Feb. 11, St. Mary's team won with a 26-25 score. It's still anybody's season.

Additions for the operetta to be given by CYO high school singers will start on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at Columbus Center. Practice will take place every Tuesday under the direction of Mrs. John D. Lucas. The operetta is scheduled for June.

CYO Friday dancers are looking forward to a George Washington party this Friday, with admission free to regular members. There is a charge of 25c for 7th and 8th graders and 10c for high school students who are non-members and wish to attend.

The crafts class is enjoying a record attendance, with membership swelled to 58. Last class saw the entrance of 12 new members.

CATHOLIC CORRESPONDENT RETURNS FROM WAR ZONES

LONDON—After a year in Tunisia and a year in France—where he visited both zones—former local correspondent of Catholic newspapers here, Vincent Joseph Ryan, has made his way back to England.

He was studying for the priesthood in France when the war broke out. Many of his companions were interned but he happened to have his birth certificate with him and it showed that he was born in Southern Ireland. Although he left there when he was 3 years of age, the Germans considered him neutral.

CHEMICAL WARFARE SCHOOL, New Orleans.—The school at chemical warfare conducted by the War Department Civilian Defense School has been transferred from Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College to Loyola University of the South in order to locate it in the center of the Fourth and Eighth Civilian Defense Areas.

The guest speaker at the gathering was Joseph R. Palma, Corning Glass Works executive, whose topic was "Credit Unions." He explained that a CATHOLIC Church in Rochester was the first to form a Credit Union in New York State and that there are now hundreds of them in operation throughout the State.

First in Corning. "The first Credit Union in Corning," said Mr. Palma, was formed in September, 1937, at the main plant of the Corning Glass Works. At the present time there are three Glass Works Credit Unions and one at the Corning Box Corporation. They are all chartered by the United States of America and are considered instruments of the government in selling government bonds.

The speaker then described the workings of the Unions from the time of their inception, telling how a charter is obtained, the manner in which shares are sold, the benefits to members and how the members are protected by audits by a supervisory committee every three months and by either Federal or State Auditors once a year, depending on the type of charter held.

William D. Amey, instructor in social studies at Corning Free Academy was the speaker at the Feb. 4 meeting. Mr. Amey spoke on "Education in 1945," describing the educational system and its aims in teaching children.

Award Flying Cross To Lt. Widman

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Southwest Pacific where he has served ever since.

The citation stated that the three officers "participated in more than 30 operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included interception missions against enemy fighters and bombing planes. Throughout these operations, these officers demonstrated outstanding flying ability."

Lieut. Widman was graduated from St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, in 1940. He attended St. Mary's School and Southside High School. He spent the few months between his graduation from college and his enlistment in a Buffalo aviation factory.

Battle Flames

LONGUEUIL, Que.—When the smoke broke out in the chapel of the Christian Brothers' College here, one group of older students fought the fire while the others fled to safety. The student firemen had the fire under control by the time the local fire brigade arrived. Damage amounted to \$500. The students have had frequent drill in fire-fighting as a means of civil defence.

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