Banquet Jan. 24 For Altar Society

Annual banquet of St. Helen's Altar Society will be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 24 at Lorenzo's at 7 p. m. Chairman is Mrs. Thomas McCarthy and Toastmistress will be Mrs. Floyd Belmont.

Decorations are in charge of Mrs. William Dahr and Mrs. John Gerber.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Robert Werth, Genesee 7327-W and Mrs. McCarthy, Genesee 1808-W.

PLAN LECTURES ON ENCYCLICALS

A series of lectures and discussions on the Social Encyclicals from an historical viewpoint will be given by the Rev. Albert J. Rhamey at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, opening on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 8:30 P. M.

The lectures to be given at 402 South Ave. are designed to give better understanding of the Popes on restoring Christianity to its rightful place in the world and to prepare for participation in post-war social reconstruction programs, the committee states.

Report for 1944 Shows 1971 Volunteers Served 4108 NCCS Canteen Breakfasts

Members of the Armed forces away from home were served 4,108 breakfasts and a total of 1971 volunteers gave 5,912 hours to the serving and entertaining of these service people at the National Catholic Community Center Canteen in the Knights of Columbus clubrooms, Columbus Civic Centre in 1944.

In the annual report made public this week, the N. C. C. S. Canteen volunteers under the direction of the Rev. John S. Randall, diocesan director of war activities, were shown to have given also 288½ hours in the preparation of the USO extension dormitory in Columbus ballroom. These volunteers numbered 201.

The report covers the period from March 12, 1944 when the N. C. C. S. Canteen was opened in the K. of C. clubrooms during the administration of the then Grand Knight, Thomas H. O'Connor of Rochester Council. The work has continued uninterruptedly on Sunday mornings since with the knights assisting in cooking, serving and entertaining. A special breakfast and Christmas party was arranged on Dec. 25.

Heading the N. C. C. S. Canteen workers are Mrs. Lewis Boyce and Miss Dorothy Craig who with their volunteers have been faithfully present early each Sunday morning. Grand Knight Francis T. Toomey and District Deputy, Dr. Walter E. O'Neill are on hand each Sunday morning with the knights. Stephen P. Gaule is chairman of the committee for the K. of C.

A different organization each Sunday, has sponsored the breakfast including professional, parish, business and veteran groups and to these the committee in charge extend their gratitude for the successful Sunday morning programs.

The NCCS Canteen Review

By The Observer

Business as usual at the Canteen last Sunday: holiday parties and holiday furloughs being a thing of the past, our servicemen guests were back in force, and our schedule reverted to normal.

Our youthful friends, the Alumnae of Our Lady of Mercy High, were sponsors, as well as waitresses and dishwashers and songsters and even exhibition dancers (under duress!). Several boys mentioned, within our earshot, that they had never seen a prettier group of girls, and we heartily agree. Take a bow, girls!

A new wrinkle was introduced: a doughnut-dunking instruction class. The brainchild of the Mercy girls, the idea blossomed to full vigor under the care of Emmet O'Neill. Mr. O'Neill took a rest from his chef duties for the "class." His pupils, two sailor fire-fighters from Hampson, F2/c John (Red) Ashcraft and F2/c Dan Ford, were seated on high stools with out-sized bibs tied under their chins.

Mounting a chair, Professor O'Neill first delivered a lecture on the gentle art of dunking and the accepted methods, finally presenting a special exercise to keep the little finger limber — since it is the duty of this digit to stay kinked up in the air, as a balance (at least, we think that was the idea the learned prof was expounding!).

His stellar pupils did very well, too — they didn't spill much coffee at all!

CRAVEN TROPHIES

We almost had a conversation with one boy sailor; he was in a great hurry to get to church, and you know how long it takes to eat five helpings of beans and cole slaw, four slices of toast, and two [illegible] of six cups of coffee! His name was Bob Johnson, with two years of South Pacific experience behind him; not just on shipboard, as we expected, but serving in the hospital group that went with the Second Marine Division from island to island, in the goriest kinds of action, ending up at Saipan. He has been in this country since early summer, has every hope of joining his old buddies shortly (and for him, it can't come too soon to be satisfactory), and thinks there is nothing he ever struck in the tropics to compare with the horrors of a winter in New York State. With which closing remark, he dropped his napkin, said "thank-you" very nicely and dashed out, leaving us rather breathless.

We wonder if you happened to sit in on the Christian Culture lecture last Sunday night: a self-appointed "advance agent" gave us the sincere advice that if we missed it, we would be "crazy." It seems that Father Schwitalla hails from St. Louis, the home of our little soldier friend with whom we were chatting. He had heard Father speak several times: in fact, he said, when it is announced in St. Louis that Father Schwitalla will speak, terrific crowds gather to hear him, our soldier usually among them. If the good father just knew what enthusiastic publicity he was getting "for free."

Report for Year 1944

N.C.C.S. Canteen at Columbus Civic Centre

35 Chestnut St., Rochester 4, N. Y.

Opening date of Canteen: March 12, 1944

Month	Volunteers	Hours	Breakfasts	Dormitory Vols.	Dormitory Hrs.
March	29	166	97		
April	179	486¼	340		
May	121	413¾	331		
June	146	461¼	346	24	29
July	169	555¼	514	17	25½
August	149	471¼	494	21	36
September	190	606¾	605	25	42
October	229	650¾	696	28	32
November	185	649½	486	30	45
December	260	864	856	49	55
Totals	1577	5648¼	4168	201	288½
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A.O.H. Ladies Sponsor Canteen Sunday, Jan. 14

Members of Ladies Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians will sponsor the servicemen's breakfast in N. C. C. S. Canteen, located in the Knights of Columbus clubrooms, Columbus Civic Centre, Sunday morning, Jan. 14.

After spending the night in the USO extension dormitory, Columbus ballroom, the members of the armed forces go to the N. C. C. S. Canteen for breakfast, entertainment and writing letters home.

Scheduled for succeeding Sundays as sponsors are:

Jan. 21 — Catholic Daughters of America.

Jan. 28 — Flower League.

Organizations desiring to sponsor a Sunday breakfast for servicemen should call Miss Dorothy Craig, Genesee 7888.

Mrs. Bridt Shannon will be in charge Sunday for the Hibernian Auxiliary and will be assisted by Presidents Mrs. Mary O'Hara and Miss Vera O'Brien, and the committee. Irish music will feature the entertainment, the committee announces.

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