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NCCW Unit Opens Clothing Drive

Geneva — "Row upon row of painted crosses serve as reminders that in this world help, at times, arrives too late," is the statement issued by the War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in a special appeal for relief for the unfortunate of war-stricken lands. Geneva unit of the National Council of Catholic Women together with other branches of the organization throughout the country have taken up the challenge to provide help, particularly for the children.

At a meeting of the local unit recently at St. Stephen's School arrangements were outlined for the project of accumulating clothing for the children in Europe, China, and the Philippines.

Chairmen of committees are being named by the unit president, Mrs. Joseph McElroy, who also appointed a nominating committee for the presentation year at the forthcoming October meeting of the organization.

Leaders of the various organizations affiliated with the National Council in this city will take over the project of aid to the children of war-torn countries. They will engage in knitting and the making of underclothes and night garments for the little children.

"A need that is less realized is that of the devoted Sisters who ask for nothing but go about in torn garments and often without shoes on their errands of mercy for the orphan, the exiled, the homeless and the persecuted."

Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women has received the diocesan and national affiliation renewal from the Rosary Society of St. Peter and Paul's Parish, Elmira.

Dr. Gannon Promoted

Corning — Dr. Henry T. Gannon has been promoted from lieutenant commander in the Navy to full commander and senior doctor aboard the U. S. S. Houston, according to word received in Corning. He is a brother of the Rev. Lawrence Gannon, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Mt. Morris, and former assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, this city.

Commander Gannon is well known in Corning where he was often the guest of his brother.

Pupils' Souls Must Be Chief School Concern, Bishop Tells Teachers

Parochial school teachers attending the 41st Annual Teachers' Institute of the Diocese of Rochester on last Friday, were given an urgent plea to "make the souls of their pupils the chief concern of the classroom," by His Excellency Bishop Kearney who addressed the final session.

Almost 1,000 teaching sisters, representing all the elementary and high schools of the diocese participated in the one-day conference at Aquinas Institute, Rochester.

Climaxing his address to the teachers with the insistence that spiritual interests must always enjoy a position of primacy in Catholic schools, Bishop Kearney stated: "After all, the main thing we want to do in our schools is to save souls. We make no apology for that."

He urged the sisters to foster in the children the love of God, regard for virtue, habits of prayer and Christian practices which will make them good Catholics and secure the salvation of their souls. These objectives the Bishop set above the mere acquisition of human science.

"You are not ordinary teachers," he told the sisters, "You have consecrated your lives to God, and therefore you are not only teachers but also apostles of souls."

The Rev. Dr. John F. Cronin, S.S., professor of economics at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, also spoke on "The Catholic Social Program and Tomorrow's Problems," and warned that the present-day concentration of economic and scientific power can destroy the world.

"Power can be curbed," he said, "only if men temper economic and scientific might with a sense of duty. This means, of course, that in the schools of

tomorrow the social studies must be given a place of honor and dignity."

Tackling the problem of what should be taught under the heading of "social studies," Dr. Cronin explained: "If we merely teach our students what man has done, we can teach them barbarism as well as social-mindedness."

"Something more is needed. The vital and missing element is religion. Religion alone can

supply the 'ought' which is needed to make man really civilized," he declared.

Another speaker, the Rev. Dr. C. E. Elwell, associate superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Cleveland, expressed the belief that the "American school system, public as well as parochial, takes four years too long."

"It should be reorganized," he said, "so that the best minds, perhaps the upper third, could save as high as four years between the first grade and the end of university education."

Presiding over the all-day conference at Aquinas Institute was the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Mahoney, superintendent of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rochester.

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Radio Stars on Parade, A-1
Shanghai in Blue, A-2
You Came Along, A-1

COLONIAL
The Hidden Eye, A-1
State Fair, A-1

CAPITOL
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Dark Mountain, A-2
A Bell for Adano, A-2
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Kismet, A-1
A King for Mine Jinks (not shown)

REGENT
Grant John, A-1
See My Lawyer, A-1
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