

Lebanese Catholics (NC) — Catholics in Lebanon number 100,000 or about three per cent of the total population, according to the figures of a 1947 census which have now been released. The total population is 3,643,510.

### Cafferys Attend Mass; Then See Farouk

Alexandria, Egypt — (NC) — Jefferson Caffery, the new United States Ambassador to Egypt, and his wife attended Mass at St. Catherine's cathedral here before the Ambassador presented his credentials to King Farouk. The presentation took place at Nan El Din Palace here. As the Cafferys entered the cathedral they were received by the Rev. Christopher Fitzmaurice, administrator apostolic of the Vicariate of Egypt, and the American Franciscan, The Rev. Ralph Gherna, English-speaking curate of St. Catherine's. Also present were a number of American Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

### Diocesan Women's Meeting Hears United Action Plea

(Continued from Page 1) He offered the sympathy of himself and the delegates to the people of Old St. Mary's Parish at the loss of "their beloved pastor, Dr. Kettell," the Rev. George F. Kettell, S. T. D., who was killed in an accident a week ago. "The parish has lost a great leader, the Church has lost an outstanding and influential representative in the community," he said. For years, Father Kettell had been host to ECCW convention delegates for their annual Mass in Old St. Mary's.

During the morning, delegates and guests attended a panel discussion on Catholic Women's responsibilities, led by the Rev. Joseph McNamara and present-ing deansery council moderators the Reverend Fathers E. Leo McManus of Auburn, John Cosman of Hornell, and John T. Callahan of Rochester.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT Mrs. Lucas defined the role of today's Catholic Woman. "The needs of the times make it imperative that she take an active interest in the community in which she lives," she asserted, "but she must be the good neighbor in a wider sense, in the state, in the nation. She must be the good citizen who uses her vote and her influence intelligently."

Echoing the Bishop's advice to break parochial barriers and act on a national scale, Father Shamon described the specific program of the Council of Catholic Women.

"What the Council is doing is to consolidate, coordinate and establish a network of women's organizations so that in time of emergency such as important legislation, when women are needed, they can act in unity," Father Shamon explained.

STRESSING THE importance of women as watchdogs of legislation, he said, "If women weren't united much legislation of an un-Christian character would have been passed through our legislatures."

Christianity is a social and a political affair, he told the women, warning that society is re-

### President



Mrs. George Snyder

Mrs. George A. Snyder, president of Auburn Deansery Council of Catholic Women was elected president of the Diocesan Council at the Convention Wednesday. Officers elected by delegates from Rochester, Auburn, Geneva, Corning, Elmira, Ithaca and Hornell, are: Mrs. John F. Lamphier, treasurer, and Mrs. Leo Munkle, recording secretary.

"Block Rosary" Covington, N.Y. — (NC) Sixty six "block Rosary" groups have been formed in the Diocese of Covington since the movement was started here last July. It has been announced.

### Diocese Curbs Teenagers' Costly Dances, Late Hours

Peoria, Ill. — (NC) — Strapless evening gowns, alcoholic drinks, high priced admission tickets, and midnight closing hours were outlawed for Catholic high school social affairs in this diocese. Mrs. F. P. Blockie, diocesan superintendent of schools, announced.

Directives, carrying the approval of Bishop Joseph H. Schlarman, were made public as 200 high school teachers from the diocese met in Rock Island this week for their first annual diocesan high school teachers institute.

THE REGULATIONS were drawn up in answer to the wishes of many parents and officials of high schools of this diocese and provide that music at proms and other social functions at Catholic high schools must stop not later than 11:15 with the doors closing at 11:30 and students are to be home by 12:30 a.m., unless parents request an earlier return.

In order to moderate the constantly mounting costs of more and more elaborate social affairs, all dances will be closed to outside couples and admission costs will be kept to a minimum.

### Reds Run British 'Peace Committee'

London — (NC) — A new organization known as the British Peace Committee, which is currently flooding "likely" people and bodies with literature soliciting support, has nine known communists among its 16 executive members. It has now been disclosed.

The British Peace Committee is preparing a "peace conference" here which aims to "carry forward the work" of the recent Paris peace congress. The latter brought together communists and their allies from all parts of the world.

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