

## St. Elizabeth Guild Gives Girls Inexpensive Home

Thirty-five years ago a strange girl, many miles from home, walked into a Rochester parking garage and asked him to recommend an inexpensive girls' club where she could stay overnight.

Knowing of no such boarding house, the priest arranged lodging for her in a private home.

With the priest who was the Rev. Monsignor Thomas F. Connors of Blessed Sacrament Church, was J. Adam Krog, a friend and parishioner. Krog took up his suggestion that something be done by having a personal donation.

### Archbishop Hickey

At the suggestion of Archbishop Hickey, then the Bishop of the Diocese, the idea of a boarding house was approved. The building at the corner of Monroe and Field streets cost \$5,000. It was completed in 1917. It was converted into St. Elizabeth's Guild House, now a community chest, by purchasing it from the Rev. Hickey in 1928.

The new building was erected at the rear of the building which today houses 12 girls ranging in age from 16 to 20. Their weekly board payable in advance, assures them two home-cooked meals, duty and an additional dinner on Sunday. Religion is not required (many non-Catholics are guests).

### Reception Lounges

The girls who are attending school or working always find ready recreation at the Guild House. In the building are a dance room, a piano,

record player and radio, and several comfortable lounges for reception of visitors. Rules allow those over 21 to go out evenings until 12 o'clock and once weekly until 1 a.m.

"House mother" is Mrs. Ellen Long, a former school teacher, a wise and kindly woman who estimates that approximately 15,000 girls have been housed at the institution in its history, which adds up to more than 800,000 "caterina style" meals. Treasurer of the Guild House is Michael Shea, only living male member of the original board of directors.

Some of the girls of the institution were helped by St. Elizabeth's Guild in its pastoring the House. The president is Mrs. George A. Dornie.

The fifth anniversary of the institution of St. Elizabeth's Guild will be marked in October.

### 'Red Feather'

Each year, as well as at other times, the girls of the institution have a "Red Feather" sale. The Red Feather was first adopted as a symbol of the institution in 1917.

The adoption of the symbol was something of an accident. Back in 1928 some of the Chest's board members decided to give a red feather button to a donor as an evidence of his donation. They hit upon the red feather.

The Rochester Community Chest adopted the Red Feather as a symbol 17 years later.



ST. ELIZABETH GUILD BOARDS WORKING GIRLS, STUDENTS

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