

500 Members Sought By Catholic War Vets

Catholic War Veterans of Monroe County, in conjunction with the State organization, are now sponsoring a membership drive in an effort to attain a membership of 500 new members. Deadline has been set for Oct. 31.

Graves Rites Set Sunday

Solemn blessing of the graves by His Excellency Bishop Kearney will take place in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Sunday, Sept. 21, at 9:30 p. m. Students of St. Bernard's Seminary will participate and sing the Chant. Priests of the diocese will be in the ecclesiastical escort to the Bishop.

Uniformed members of Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John, will form an honor guard to the Bishop. The knights are ordered by Col. Joseph P. Wendelpass to report in the rear of St. Bernard's Seminary at 2:45 p. m. Procession will be formed at 3 p. m.

Childhood School Sets Card Party

The School of the Holy Childhood will hold its first card party Friday, Sept. 19, at 8 p. m. in the Elks' Club, 113 Clinton Avenue North.

There will be table prizes and refreshments.

The school is one of special education for slow learning children and is entirely self-supporting. This is the first big money-making venture of this non-sectarian school, according to the committee in charge.

Tickets will be available at the door.

N. D. Women's Unit To Meet

Plans for the fall and winter activities will be made by the Women's Organization of the Notre Dame Club of Rochester at a luncheon meeting, Saturday, Sept. 20, at 12:30 p. m. in the Chatterbox Club.

Business session will be provided over by Mrs. Richard Sullivan, president.

Mrs. Thomas M. Higgins is luncheon chairman. Assisting will be finance committee, Mrs. Raymond Mead, Mrs. Victor DeSimon and Mrs. John M. Heagney; reservations, Mrs. Arthur Curran, Jr., Mrs. DeSimon, Mrs. John R. Klee, Mrs. Francis A. Norton, Jr., Mrs. Harold Miller, Mrs. William T. Whelan and Mrs. Robert Wilkey.

Named Vice President
Bernard T. Mahoney, circulation manager of the Democrat and Chronicle, was elected first vice president of the New York State Circulation Managers' Association at its annual meeting at Inlet, last week.

SPECIAL AWARDS are being offered by the State officers to the individual posts who reach a certain goal. Gerard J. Beauchamp, Monroe County 2nd Vice Commander, has been appointed chairman of the membership committee.

The County chapter has been divided into two teams, one headed by Sam DeNaro of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel post and the other by Edward Plante of Pro-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart post.

REQUIREMENTS for membership are as follows: "All American citizens in good standing in the Catholic Church who were regularly enlisted, drafted inducted or commissioned in any branch of services of the United States Army, Navy or Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Forces, and who have served on active duty in a war of the United States, including those wars, rebellions and insurrections recognized by the United States Veterans' Administration: "Any now-serving or who will serve in a United Nations Campaign to prevent aggression and insure world peace, and who now possess an honorable discharge, or be eligible therefore, shall be eligible for membership in the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America."

Vicar's Club To Hear Fr. Quinn

Vicar's Club of Corpus Christi Church is opening its fall season with a supper meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday, Sept. 24 in the Church Hall. Rev. Richard Quinn of St. Andrew's Seminary faculty is slated to speak on his recent European tour and show slides.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morris are in charge of arrangements for this initial meeting which promises to attract a large number of new members recruited from the young post high school set in the parish.

Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:
Friday, Sept. 18 — St. Michael, Rochester.
Sunday, Sept. 21 — St. Vincent, Corning; St. Anthony, Elmira; St. Francis, Geneva; Greece; King Ferry; Nunda; Scottsville.

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Canadian Nun Here For Social Work Grateful For Warm Reception

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A visiting Canadian nun has been given a royal reception here, even though Rochesterians are unaccustomed to members of religious communities doing social work.

Sister Mary Henry, a member of the Community of the Sisters of St. Martha, arrived in Rochester last week to spend 28 weeks reviewing methods of social work in the United States. Explaining that the Catholic Family Center is a multiple function agency, Sister said that the Rochester agency was selected for her studies because it so closely paralleled Canadian agencies.

The soft-spoken religious social worker has come to this city from Charlottetown, P.E.I., Canada, following a period of 10 weeks classroom study in the Ottawa School of Social Work. It is Sister's hope to bring herself up to date on modern methods and to get a broader picture of the program.

The problems confronting the average social worker are the same anywhere, the Sister said. "I can see some of my Canadian clients in the people I have met during these first few days of work in Rochester."

Sister Mary Henry, a graduate of St. Dunstan's University, Charlottetown, has had a wealth of experience in social agencies. Now she is striving to bring to her Canadian clients more understanding and counsel through her knowledge of methods used in the United States.

"NO MATTER where you go," Sister said, "human emotions are the same, and people react in the same pattern." Applauding the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul for their hospitality in taking her into their nurses home during her sojourn in Rochester, Sister Mary Henry said that she didn't expect to be lonely because everyone has been very kind.

Agencies of social work in Canada are conducted by religious communities such as the Sisters of St. Martha. These agencies employ the laity but the Sisters themselves go out to meet clients and give service comparable to the Rochester lay social worker.



CASE HISTORIES in Rochester Catholic Family Center are shown to Sister Mary Henry of the Canadian Sisters of St. Martha by George W. Montgomery, executive secretary of the Center. Sister Mary Henry is in the United States for a 28 week review of social work methods as used at the Catholic Family Center. (Courier Staff Photo.)

Sister Mary Henry has discovered that Rochesterians must come to accept a Sister in the role of the social worker. "At home we are accepted as a very logical instrument in the social work program. However, in Rochester I have found that the people must accustom themselves to the idea of a Religious in this field."

THE SISTERS of St. Martha, a Canadian Order, do not confine themselves to the work with which Sister Mary Henry is concerned. Among its members are teachers, hospital administrators and nurses. The Sisters of St. Martha direct the operation of the social agency in Charlottetown.

After doing field and case work in the department of Catherine Wobus of the Catholic Family Center, Sister will return to the Ottawa School of Social Service to complete her refresher course with 10 more weeks of study. "Then I hope to have more well-founded knowledge and experience to take to our agency," she said.

Cards Slated By LCBA Senate

Plans for a card party in October will be made by members of the Rochester Advisory Senate, Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association, at a meeting at 8 p. m. Monday, Sept. 22, in Parlor A, Columbus Civic Centre. Miss Marie Reger will preside.

Mrs. William J. Woerner has been named chairman for the card party, which is scheduled at 1:30 p. m. Friday, Oct. 24, in the Uprate Center of the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Company store.

God In Education, Parent Rights Upheld By Bishop As Teachers Meet

His Excellency Bishop Kearney in the keynote address to more than 1,000 teachers at the 48th annual Diocesan Teachers Conference at Aquinas Institute, yesterday (Thursday) declared:

"Any legislation that tramples under foot the God-given freedom of parents to educate their children, or that frustrates that freedom, is bad legislation, in the court of God."

On rights that come from nature and from God, all positive laws governing education should be based, the Bishop said.

The Bishop's address was on the first day of a two-day conference which brought together teachers from the 11-county area of the Rochester diocese.

INVESTIGATED by the Bishop of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Mahoney, diocesan superintendent of Catholic Schools in the robes of a Domestic Prelate featured the opening sessions.

In his keynote address, Bishop Kearney warned of the movement stressing obligation of the state to educate every American child and then to secularize completely the Catholic schools.

"God and the Lord Jesus Christ must be excluded from our schools, according to secularism, but atheism, secularism, materialism and agnosticism must be accorded the same rights as truth and the unchangeable principles governing human beings," the Bishop said.

The Americans' weakness for using shibboleths was decry by the Bishop who said: "These shibboleths are really a conspiracy to prevent the American public from understanding the real reasons for an issue."

The speaker said secularists in the field of education are doing another serious disservice to America.

WHEN THEY refuse to recognize the rights of parents, they comprise against the authority of the legally elected local school boards, which represent parents, the Bishop explained.

The secularists, he said, want schools controlled entirely by administrative officers.

Informed parents of all groups, the Bishop told the teachers, should be told to repudiate secularism in education and any group that attempts to speak as only parents can speak for their educable children.

His Excellency paid tribute to the excellent work of teachers in Catholic elementary and high schools.

"The preparation of our Sisters for their vocation of teaching, the sacrifices that they make, and the holy lives that they lead, attract the attention and merit the praise of thousands of non-Catholics who come in contact with them."

REVIEWING the year's work the Bishop believed that "we are doing the best work in our schools in teaching moral principles and in inculcating spiritual discipline, which gives students the highest motive to be self-restrained citizens."

Outstanding leaders in the field of education are on the program for the conference closing this afternoon.

The main address today (Friday) will be by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. McDonald, professor of philosophy at the Catholic University of America. Other speakers today will include the Rev. Lorenzo K. Reed, S.J., and the Rev. Michael J. Costello, S.J. of New York; Raymond J. Haenauer, Sister M. Theodore, R.S.M., Sister M. Florian, S.S.J. and Rev. Raymond E. Nolan.

Solemn Benediction will conclude the program.

Bishop Endorses Benefit Party For Carmelite Nuns

Friends of the Carmelite Sisters, the contemplative community whose Monastery is at 1580 East Ave. will sponsor a benefit card party on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at Columbus Civic Center. The party is endorsed by His Excellency Bishop Kearney as follows:

Feast of the Sacred Heart — 1952
My dear Friends:

The annual benefit for the Carmelite Sisters which is planned for October has my sincere approval and I do hope it will meet with outstanding success.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
* James E. Kearney

First Retreat For Monroe Boy Scouts Listed At Camp

For the first time since its foundation, the Catholic Lay Committee on Scouting will sponsor a retreat for Scouts of the Catholic faith on the first week-end in October.

The retreat will formally open at 8:00 a. m. on Saturday, October 4, and close early Sunday afternoon.

Scouts and Explorers throughout Monroe County will encamp in Camp Outler for prayer, instruction and discussions. The boys and their leaders will camp in tents and cook their own meals.

INVITATIONS to the exercises have been extended to every Scout unit in Orleans Council in order to give every Catholic boy an opportunity to take part in the retreat.

Rev. Henry J. Aweil and Scout Chaplain Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy will be retreat masters. Burdette Nash, general chairman of the event, is assisted by William J. Simons and Thomas C. Rowe.

No fee will be charged nor are reservations necessary for units wishing to attend.

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Classes
for the City of Rochester
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Monday,
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Opening Meet Set
By Rosary Society
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