

Auxiliary Improves Life At St. Elizabeth Guild

St. Elizabeth's Guild Auxiliary was organized to assist in a financial way the St. Elizabeth Guild House, a Catholic Home for young girls located at No. 1 Field Street and under the direction of the Catholic Charities.

This Guild was formed a number of years ago, but it was re-organized at the request of Rev. Arthur A. Ratigan in 1943 by Mrs. Joseph Coppinger who at that time was a member of the House Board of the Guild and took an active interest in its affairs and recognized the need for such an organization. Until recently Father Ratigan was moderator and has since been succeeded by Rev. Donald Mulcahy.

Since 1943 the Guild Auxiliary has accomplished many things for the good of St. Elizabeth's Guild House. It cleared a large mortgage on the property, and within the last few years has redecorated and re-furnished several rooms and also purchased a television set for the girls recreation and enjoyment. Other works of improvement will be carried out during the following year and it is the goal of the Auxiliary to make the Guild House a comfortable and real home for the girls who live there.

Guild Officers

The funds used to carry on this work are obtained from dues paid by the auxiliary members of St. Elizabeth Guild, from card parties held regularly at the Guild House, rummage sales, etc.

The Officers of the Guild Auxiliary for 1953 are as follows:

President, Mrs. Roy Leary; 1st. Vice-Pres., Mrs. Herman Lower; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Ralph Wets; 3rd Vice-Pres., Mrs. James Mangin; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Fredrick Kunz; Fin. Secretary, Mrs. Austin Hetzel; Treasurer, Mrs. Rodney McQuaid.

Directors of the Board for 1953 are Chairman Mrs. George

ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD HOUSE

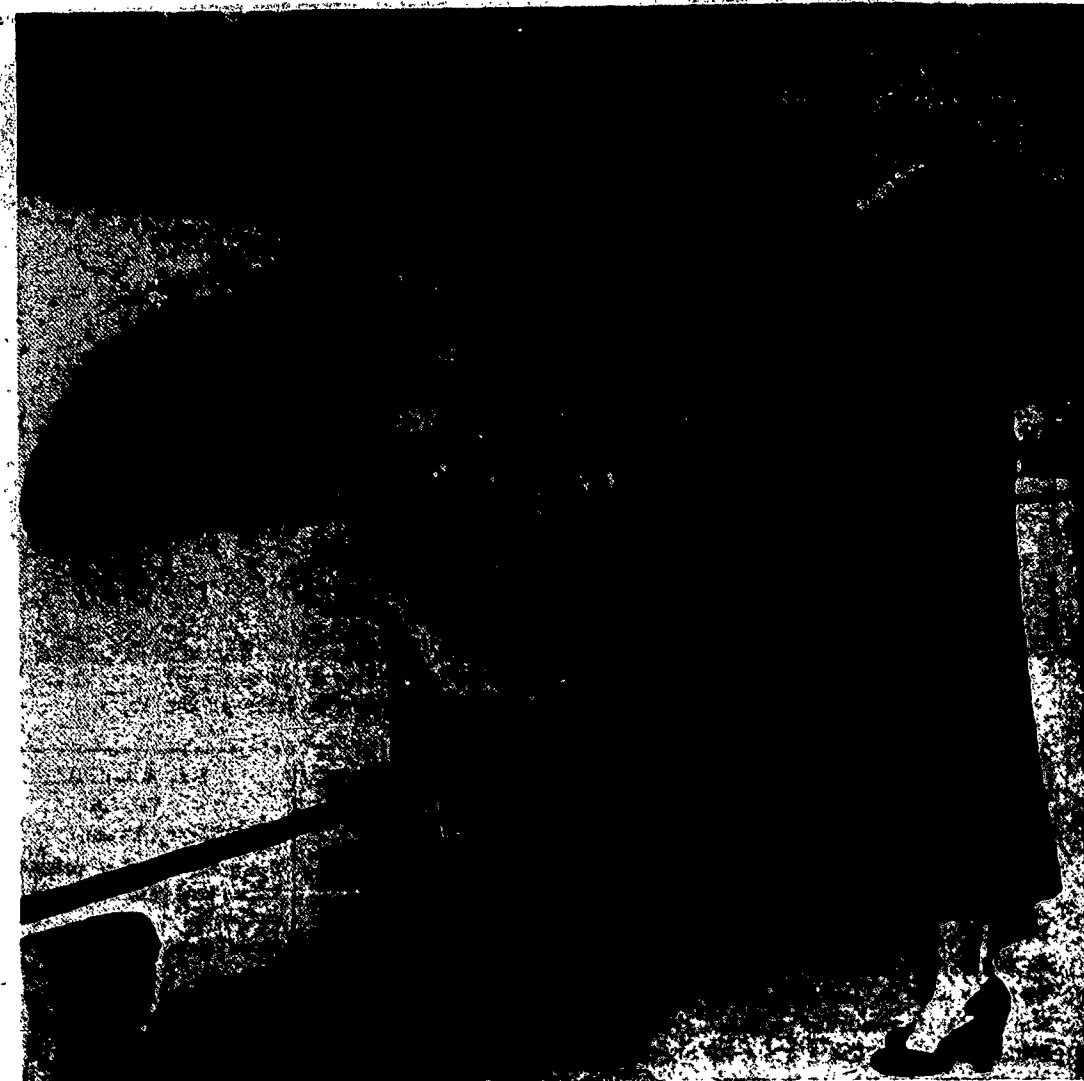
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Miss Anna J. Hoon, Resident Director.

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VOLUNTEER MOTOR CORPS—Mrs. Donald Daily, Jr., member of the Volunteer Motor Corps which provides important assistance to the Catholic Family Center, offers transportation to Miss Jane Gaffney, caseworker, and her young charge who is headed for a trip to the dentist.

Volunteers Aid Family Center

The work of a large agency like the Catholic Family Center cannot be done by the professional and clerical staff alone. Some of the many and varied activities of the agency are carried on by volunteer workers. The volunteers consist of a group of lay women who wish to use part of their free time in service to others.

Two groups of volunteers are affiliated with the Catholic Family Center. Several years ago, a group of young Catholic women, under the leadership of Mrs. John Coleman organized the St. Christopher Guild as a volunteer service group. During the past year, through the interest of the Reverend John Reddington, the Catholic Daughters of America have organized a number of volunteer committees as a service project of that organization.

Mother Care
One group, the Motor Corps, of which Mrs. Joseph Klingler is chairman, accompanies chil-

dren in foster care to doctor and dentist appointments. These women act as mother-substitutes while with the child, giving reassurance, talking with the doctor about the physical complaint, and sometimes taking the child for a "treat" afterwards.

In the last three months, the Motor Corps has made approximately 55 trips with children, totalling nearly 200 hours of service. One volunteer, Miss Ella Naughton, has given as much as 15 hours per month of her time to the work of the Motor Corps.

This, of course, has resulted in real saving to the agency. But more important has been the intangible values — the warmth, interest and friendship which has meant so much to the children.

Volunteer Groups
The Sewing Group, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Melbourne Porter, meets monthly in the homes of members in

their own neighborhood. The group has been active in preparing clothing for special occasions, such as First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation.

Through this group, clothing has been provided for families with limited income making it possible for their children to participate in these special activities on an equal footing with their friends and classmates.

The Knitting Group with Mrs. Margaret Reddington as chairman, consists largely of young business women who use their spare time and skill to make sweater sets for infants.

Some volunteers, like Mrs. Hugo Gonnanni, donate large amounts of time to clerical work for the agency. Other activities of the volunteers include participation in special projects, such as the Foster Parents' Party and the purchase and wrapping of Christmas gifts.

Catholic Family Center Services To Families

April 1, 1952 — March 31, 1953

50 Chestnut Street — Rochester 4, New York

Total number of families served during the year 2,041

Total applications for service considered in year 1,239

Total number of children in foster placement during the year 598

Total number of days care provided for children 150,420

Number of families using services for first time during the year 953

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