Family Agency Aids Entry To St. Ann's

who wish to enter St. Ann's

consultative basis. This situ- but rather, a steady increase. ing upon his physical and mental health, his financial resources, and his own particular desires and wishes.

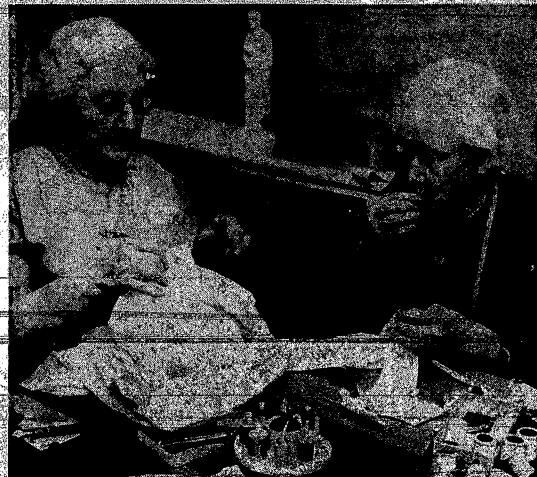
Every day 1000 more people became members of the age group, 65 years and over. Each day there are proportionally more older persons suffering from some type of chronic illness. Medical science has contributed much in the area of prolonging life, so that there are fewer deaths from T.B. and pneumonia.

illness, such as, arthritis, arteriosclerosis, paralysis, as the result of cerebral hemorrhage. Each year, the need for a plan

For the past ten years, for the chronically ill older per-CATHOLIC FAMILY CENTER son will become more critical, has offered the services of a unless the community planful. caseworker to assist persons ly puts into operation expansion of facilities, geared to meeting not just what is now As an outgrowth of the re-needed, but what will be needed quests to enter St. Ann's, has ten years from now. We can come the increased need for see now no decline in the numthe worker to be used on a ber of aged in our population ation has arisen because of the Quite frequently the older

number of persons; sixty five person and his family are at a years and over, who require loss to know what resources living arrangements other than do exist in the community, those afforded by St. Ann's, Most of us know the existence Each person's needs, while base of St. Ann's Home, the other ically the same, vary, depende church sponsored Homes for the Aged, the Monroe County Home and Infirmary, Nursing Homes, and the Rochester State Hospital, In addition, in the city of Rochester, there are a limited number of supervised boarding homes.

The difficulty in planning, lies in deciding which resources will best meet the needs of the particular older person. It is in this area that the caseworker at CATHOLIC FAMILY CEN. TER can be used to good advantage. The worker is availa-Today, we find more older ble to meet with members of persons suffering from some the family and the older per-form of chronic, degenerative son to offer suggestions, to talk to the older person about living arrangements he would like and to explore with him the possibilities available.



ST. ANN'S HOME-Guesta find happiness in doing something.

Stranger Finds Home At St. Ann's

turial vital

The Dillion family - Mother, Dad, the four girls and three boys had just finished their evening meal: As they arose to give thanks to God for His loving providence, there was a heavy knock at the door.

As Jack, the eldest son, opened the door, a medium height. elderly man appeared on the threshold and in a husky voice asked for something to eat. The Darenta exchanged glances

which held a story known only to them. Non-employment, Hospital expenses and usual ex penditures were quickly exhausting their funds. Today, they were just able to fill the needs for supper and keep a moderate supply for the children's breakfast. Nevertheless, 10 one was ever excluded from

the radiance of their charity. Quickly offering the visitor a chair Mr. Dillon said, "You are welcome to any food on the table" and he arranged a place for him. "We are now going to pray the family Rosary. which we never omit at this time of day, said Mrs. D.-as

The family then moved into the Living Room and their visitor knelt near the table and prayed the Rosary too.

Before leaving this have

stranger's cup.

hospitality our guest confided his life story to Mr. D. His two sons had given their lives for their country in World War I. His only daughter at the age of six was the victim of the Flu during the epidemic which followed that war. Three years ago his wife died leaving himalone. Since then he has lived alone in their comfortable home and not having worked during that time on account of his age of retirement his funds ran out and he was obliged to seek help. He had heard of Mr. and Mrs. Dillon, of their family, their wonderful hospitality and their friendliness, so he decided to go to them in heed.

Owing to his contact with Mr. D-this old gentleman is now enjoying the home like atmos phere and the friendly companionship of the guests at St

Interest led Key To Care Of Aged

The old fashioned rocker on cause she has begun her cen farm house porch where Grand tennial year. ma or Grandpa could drowse. To benefit old people and away their honored last years keep them happy one must has vanished but Grandma and have the gift of understanding Grandpa have not There were them. The tendency of some to never so many old folks as now. Companionship

At its best old age is a lonely existence and must be brightened by cheerful companions affection. The pressure of modern city living makes domestic. adaptability b e.t.w e e n age

people can and do get along Old age often shows symptoms of growing self-interest.

ture to be taken and printed in

the daily newspaper. She in-

sists that she is now 100 be-

Important events are no longer panions. significant to old people unless they directly touch upon their lives. The birthdays especially must be recognized and the older one is the more mention must be made of it. One lady in St. Ann's Home recently ob from worry. served her 99th birthday. She. was so overjoyed on this occasion that she requested her pic-

live in the past is very strong.

Others show a lack of interest in everything about them. Some are cooperative, orderly and quiet and give very little or and a staff with patience and no troule. Others are more or less restlèss,

are happy. Properly selected arthritic hands and encourage the use of affected extremities

preventing invalidism. It is not enough to provide physical comforts for these aged people. They must have the consideration of the com-

Anything that will preserve the self respect and dignity of old age should be appropriated for their use. It is their right and privilege to have their few remaining years happy and free

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