

40,000 Hospital Patients

St. Mary's Hospital, directed and supervised by the Sisters of Charity, cared for over 42,000 patients during the past year at a total cost of \$2,629,302.40, according to a statement made by Sister Martina, hospital administrator.

Rochester Community Chest contributed \$20,650.00 toward the operating expenses of the hospital, Sister Martina said.

A staff of 145 doctors and 14 sisters, aided by 853 nurses and hospital employees, provides the most modern scientific care and treatment for the sick.

Patients cared for in the hospital numbered 17,660 during



Attention, affection highlight life of foster child in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lergner on Chapin St.

Family Center Gives Counsel

One of New York State's largest adoption agencies is Rochester's Catholic Family Center.

Center director, Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy stated that over one hundred couples last year applied to the Center to adopt a child.

The Family Center also places children in foster homes on a temporary basis, and aids families in need of professional counseling service, Father Mulcahy said.

Currently, there are more applicants than children available for adoption, he said.

First questions asked by applicants usually are, "What do we have to do?" and "How long do we have to wait?"

A staff of specially trained social workers arranges a series of interviews and processes each application by personal visits to the home of the adopting parents.

Love and affection for the adopted child are the basic requirements sought in the applicants.

The agency has no specific requirements as to income. It seeks couples who give evidence of job satisfaction, wise money management and sound budgeting.

Applicants are also asked what kind of a child they prefer. Caseworkers will also explain what children are at that time available for adoption. Insofar as possible, children are placed with couples they can be expected to resemble. This, explained the agency, assures a more normal family life as



Father Mulcahy
Family Center Director

the child grows older. The Family Center also arranges to place older children in foster homes on a temporary basis.

FAMILY COUNSELING service is also arranged by the Family Center to aid couples having marriage difficulties.

During the past year, one hundred forty-five couples received the help of the Family Center's trained and experienced counselors.



Sister Martina

the past year. Over 15,099 were given treatment in the out-patient department.

There were also 9,547 emergency cases cared for at St. Mary's Hospital.

St. Mary's Hospital was founded prior to the Civil War in 1857 by Mother Hieronyma. Over 3,000 fighting men were cared for at the then just established hospital.

Sister Martina stated that the hospital is currently constructing a \$2 million hospital wing and extension for the nurses' home.



Villa children play house

Catholic Charities Of The Diocese Of Rochester Financial Report April 1, 1956 to March 31, 1957

	Receipts other than from Community Chest	Receipts Community Chest	Total Expenditures
Catholic Youth Organization (Rochester)	\$ 75,321.00	\$ 52,580.00	\$ 127,841.00
Catholic Youth Organization (E. Rochester)	4,522.00	13,926.00	18,605.90
Genesee Settlement House	7,833.90	35,784.00	41,864.00
Charles Settlement House	4,734.00	24,447.00	27,904.00
St. Ann's Home	274,994.00	51,070.00	324,861.00
St. Joseph's Villa	103,298.50	45,311.00	148,569.50
St. Elizabeth's Guild House	26,873.00	6,533.00	33,396.50
Catholic Family Center	212,180.00	94,176.00	406,356.00
TOTALS	\$709,756.40	\$223,827.80	\$1,129,397.90

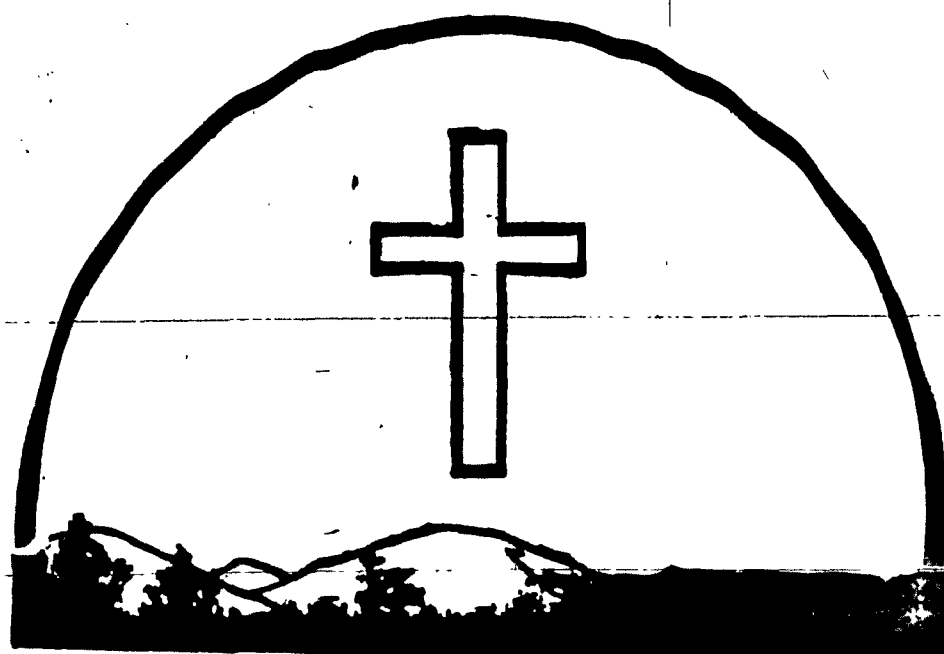
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the medicine man saw the Sign . . .

his herbs became the instruments of a POWER he could not define . . .



Once upon a time, (according to Indian folklore) there lived a great Chief who was much beloved by his people. After a season of little rain, a mysterious pestilence fell upon the village and the medicine man of the tribe used all his earthly powers in vain to halt the onslaught of the dread disease. Finally, upon the twelfth moon, with many of his people stricken and in pain, the good Chief himself suddenly took sick and lay at the point of death. The medicine man, convulsed in grief prostrated himself upon the ground in despair. Suddenly he rose to his knees and holding his herbs in his outstretched hands, lifted his face to the heavens and spoke thus: "Oh Power Greater Than I, transmit healing to these poor weeds and we shall live always in thanksgiving and give many sacrifices for the rest of our days!" Immediately he was given a Sign in the skies and the herbs healed the entire village from that hour.

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