

Forty-Five Years

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children. Previously, such children were housed in orphanages with little chance to enjoy normal family life.

Father John B. Crowley was named priest director of the Charities in 1919 to succeed Father Staub.

Archbishop Hickey told the new director he would "close the office" if he ever heard reports that "the Charities became a 'hard boiled professional' agency."

"If we must err," the prelate told Father Crowley, "we must err on the side of mercy."

The new director in his five years as head of the growing organization saw to it that the Catholic Charities would have as its chief characteristic kindness to those it served.

Bishop Francis J. O'Hern, while still vicar general of the Rochester Diocese acted as director "without title" until later as bishop he named the then Father Walter A. Foery to be director in 1923.

FATHER FOERY, now Bishop of Syracuse, came to the Charities office as the depression era swept thousands out of work creating urgent demands on all relief agencies throughout the country.

Despite a 25 per cent cut in funds from the Community Chest, Catholic Charities expanded its services during the hard years of the early 1930's to provide recreational facilities for children and adults impoverished from the wide spread unemployment.

Monsignor Gerald C. Lambert succeeded to the director's post when Father Foery was named Syracuse Bishop in 1937. Monsignor Lambert, already noted for his organizational ability in establishing Camp Stella Maria on Conesus Lake, highlighted his director's career by developing St. Joseph's Villa, a model imitation throughout the nation for its cottage style plan to house homeless children.

The Villa today comprises five cottages as homes for the children, a school building, chapel, and extensive play areas.

Also during Monsignor Lambert's 19 years as director the Charities expanding services were reorganized into a Family and Child Care Division and a Social Action Division each with a priest director.

Catholic Charities during its 45 years history has adapted its program to the needs of the community. Varied services have included cooperating with parole officers in rehabilitating men released from state penitentiaries, conducting the Anna Wilkin Nursery from 1918 to 1925 as a temporary home for infants, maintaining a clothing department during the depression era and in caring for over 5,000 unemployed single men until the Rochester City Department of Welfare developed

its own emergency relief program.

In recent years, Catholic Charities has sponsored over 2,000 immigrants coming to the Rochester area, aided them in locating homes and jobs and in becoming American citizens. Highlight of this work was the quick mobilization of Catholic Charities resources to settle over seventy Hungarian refugees who fled their homeland in the Budapest uprising of last October.

Key roles in the various activities of the Charities have been held by the Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Vogt, and the late Rev. Walter E. Fischer, who served as associate directors of the organization.

Currently assisting the director Monsignor Ratican are Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy and Rev. Eugene McFarland.

Holding high posts in the Charities program are also Howard Meath and John Trevisan, CYO directors at Rochester and East Rochester; Mary Hannick and Eileen McCarthy, settlement house directors; George W. Montgomery, Jr., Catherine Wobus, Victor Favasul, and Mary Fitzgerald, who direct services in Rochester, Auburn, and Elmira.

As the Catholic Charities nears its half century mark of service, Monsignor Ratican stated that "no matter how times may change, our spirit stays the same." He referred to the Charities Latin motto, "Caritas Christi urget nos." He said the phrase means in English, "Christ's love for the needy spurs us to serve them humbly and generously."

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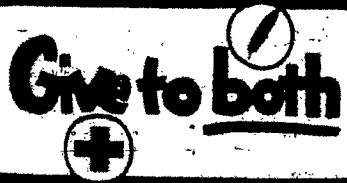
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MISSION EXHIBIT at St. John Atonelement Seminary, Montour Falls on Sunday, May 5 will be shown by Father Owen, S.A., moderator of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade; Ronald Nickel of Rochester, general chairman and J. B. Loneragan, C.S.M.C., president.

Operetta To Aid Camp Columbus

Auburn — "Golden Days" a comic operetta in two acts will be presented by St. Alphonsus Church Monday and Tuesday evenings, May 21 and 22, at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium of East High School. The entertainment, an annual parish event, is this year departing from the traditional format of a minstrel show in presenting the operetta.

The Rev. Frederick Eisemann, assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus is director of the large cast of high school boys and girls and of a supplementary chorus of students from the parish school. Assisting Father Eisemann are Leo J. Kroker and Thomas Vanderloo.

As in the past the entertainment is for the benefit of Camp Columbus, a camp on the east shore of Cayuga Lake, founded and maintained under the direction of the Rev. Msgr. Frederick G. Straub, V.F., pastor of St. Alphonsus Church.

Holy Rosary CWV To Attend Annual Communion Mass

Holy Rosary Memorial Post 942, Catholic War Veterans will hold its 8th annual Mass and Communion breakfast on May 26 in Holy Rosary Church, Roseton.

The group voted to join the "Friends of Louis F. Budenz" committee seeking material assistance for the hospitalized Budenz, author and writer against communism. Budenz is currently undergoing convalescence from a coronary thrombosis.

Post members will attend an evening of recollection on May 1 at the Notre Dame Retreat House sponsored by the County Chapter.

Delegates to the state convention May 16-18 in Rochester are Charles Kennedy, Dominic Lalla, William Silney, Attinas, Kenneth Hess, Michael Tedone, Paul Rombaut, Raymond Jeffrey, Arthur Bouchard and Donald Foley.

Columbian Squires List Area Session

Dansville — Columbian Squires sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Western New York will attend an all-day Conference in Medina on May 11.

Activities will begin at 10 a.m. Program will comprise physical, civic-cultural, social and spiritual sessions as carried out by the Squires.

Circles attending will be: Olean, 70; Niagara Falls, 71; Tonawanda, 834; Medina, Lackawanna, 681; Hamburg, 807 and Dansville, 988.

Doctor Bonner Addresses Clergy

Dr. Harold C. Bonner, 70 Westminister St., Rochester addressed the 9th National Clergy Conference in session April 23 to 25 in Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Cincinnati.

Dr. Bonner spoke at the alcoholic discussion session, Wednesday on "Pathways to Serenity." A member of the General and Strong Hospital staffs, Dr. Bonner has specialized in the field of treatment of alcoholism for eight years.

Eagle Badge Awarded Youth

Donald C. MacPherson Jr., 16, of Troop 189 in Holy Redeemer Parish was presented an eagle badge, Boy Scouting's highest award, at the parish hall Wednesday.

Donald, an Aquinas Institute junior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. MacPherson, of 945 Clifford Ave. He has been in scouting five years. He is a part time errand boy for the Courier-Journal.

His father is scouting chairman of the troop committee.



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Card Party Set For Mission Aid

A card party for the benefit of the missions, will be held at the Knights and Ladies of St. John Club, 365 Andrews St. under the auspices of the Ladies Auxiliaries, Tuesday evening, April 30. Tickets are 75c and will include prizes and lunch.

Handling the details are: honorary chairman, supreme president of Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Camilla Haslauer; chairman, Mrs. Florence Schwind; cochairman, district president, Mrs. Julia Bossert; and past district president, Mrs. Caroline Foster.

Pilgrimage Listed To Canada Shrines

Geneva — A pilgrimage to the three major shrines in Canada is being arranged by Miss Mary L. Panett, 41 Willard Ave., Geneva, from July 1 through 6. Visits will be made to Capede-la-Madeleine, St. Anne de Beaupre and St. Joseph Oratory, Montreal.

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A pipe, a deck of cards, and a good friend make a pleasant evening at St. Ann's Home.

St. Ann's Keeps Aged Happy

St. Ann's Home for the Aged on Rochester's Lake Ave. is a residence for 225 aged and infirm men and women.

During the past year 282 persons received a total of 78,201 hours care at the Home.

In caring for the guests at St. Ann's, Sister Mary Walter, executive director, is assisted by a staff of 18 Sisters of St. Joseph, five of whom are graduate nurses. The Sisters supervise the work of personnel who fill the 24 full time jobs required in the efficient management of the Home.

A physician who is on-call and a social worker who prepares all applications, complete the staff.

Days at St. Ann's Home begin with Holy Mass for those who wish and are able to attend. After breakfast the men guests are free to go walking, attend to errands, read in the smoking room or work in one of the many small garden plots on the grounds.

Through an occupational therapy class, many of them have learned to do craft work in leather, producing billfolds, key cases, moccasins, book covers and many other finely tooled articles.

The women guests may sit and chat, read or do some form of needlework. Through a therapy project at the Home, quantities of quilts, First Communion dresses, sweaters and other articles of clothing have been made by the guests and shipped to the war-torn countries of Europe and the East.

For those guests who are bedridden, twenty-four hour nursing service is carried on in the Infirmary.

Living in close contact with

each other, the guests at the Home naturally form firm and lasting friendships.

Guests at St. Ann's frequently are reported as anxious to "get back home" when relatives take them out for a holiday. Sharing the routine joys and problems of advancing age draws the guests together in sincere concern for one another. Sister Mary Walter states:

Considering the age and the state of health of each guest, the Home offers a varied schedule, full but leisurely. As one guest recently described her life at St. Ann's, "Before I came to St. Ann's, I wondered how I would spend the time I would have. Now that I am here, I cannot find time enough to accomplish all the things I want to."

Teen Agers

Teen-agers Peter Tavone of Solo St. and Joseph Ruffino of Clifford Ave. will attend a weekend conference of the United Neighborhood Houses of New York State at Poughkeepsie today through this Sunday.

Patrick Clinton, Genesee Settlement House staff worker, will accompany the two youngsters who will represent nine teen-age clubs which meet regularly each week at the Genesee House on Duke St.

Peter is a member of the Falcons and Joseph, the Spartans.

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