DISTRICT PRESIDENTS of Monroe County's four divisions of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are, in top picture, from left, Mrs. Robert Taylor, Southeast district and Mrs. Donald Lerch, Southwest district. In the lower photo are, from left, Mrs. Anthony Voelkl, Northeast district, and Mrs. Elmer Hildebrand, Northwest district. Each district is made up of from 15 to 20 Catholic women's organizations.

Monroe DCCW Heads

Busy Women Get Job Done

The first presidents of the four newly created districts of the Council of Catholic Women in Monroe County were already busy women before they stepped into their new jobs.

Heading the largest district, the Southeast, is Mrs. Robert (Lois) Taylor, of Branch Avenue—wife of a manufacturers representative, mother of four grammar school students, and a graduate of New Rochelle College. An active member of a new parish, Queen of Peace, she was its first catechist and served as vice-president when its Rosary Society was formed.

Presiding over the smallest district, the Southwest, is Mrs. Donald (Maureen) Lerch, of Greenbriar Drive in St. Helen's parish. Mrs. Lerch's husband is a chemical engineer at Kodak Park and they are parents of three small children. A Nazareth College graduate, with a B.S. in nursing, Maureen has done both public health and school nursing in the past.

Mrs. Anthony (Lottie) Voelkl is in charge of the Northeast district. She and her husband, an employee of the Health Bureau, reside on Ernst Street, and have three children and four grandchildren. Mrs. Voelkl has lived almost all of her life in St. Stanislaus parish, where she attends daily Mass and has been active in the Rosary, Sacred Heart, and St. Ann's societies and the Holy Name of Mary. A seamstress, she received her training at RIT.

President of the Northwest district is Mrs. Elmer (Edith) Hildebrand of Magee Avenue, who has the distinction of having been urged to take the presidency by Bishop Casey, whose parish is in that district. She too grew up in her present parish, Sacred Heart, and has served in the past as president of the Rosary Society. Her husband is with the Rochester Telephone Corporation; they are the parents of two high school and two grammar school students.

Why would four already involved women take on the added burden of a district presidency? Each in her own way answered this questiion:

"Because there is so much good to be done!" Lottie Voelkl put it. Edith Hildebrand expressed regret that she hadn't been more active in the Council before this year "because there is such a need." Maureen Lerch simply stated, "I was ready for something more rewarding than card parties and fashion shows!" Lois Taylor said that she enjoys her Council work because it is, "a place where I meet with vital, and thinking Catholics. Through the Council I can get information on the world at large that I can't get any place else."

Asked to comment on what they hoped to achieve during their terms of office, all four stressed a desire to make their affiliates more aware of: the Council, the need for Christian charity, and the vast challenge of living in our rapidly changing society. All have found advantages in the recent division of the Deanery; the attendance at meetings is better and there is more opportunity for personal contact in the smaller groups. At the same time, the four presidents share with each other successful ideas and techniques and all districts cooperate on certain projects.

Lois Taylor sums up the advantages of DCCW work by pointing out that the Council informs and shares and "is one organization which shows the Church as a serving Church, which is, after all, the Church of the future!"

—Betty Shields

25 Years Ago

(From Catholic Courier files, Nov. 21, 1940)

Bishop Kearney called upon every Catholic man, woman and child to join in the Day of Prayer directed by Pope Pius XII for victims of war and restoration of peace in the world.

Decision to build a new hospital on Genesee Street adjoining St. Mary's Hospital and Nurses Home was announced.

Prayers for peace, support of the National Defense program and expansion of their charitable activities were urged upon Catholic Daughters of America at their first New York State conference held at Hotel Rochester.

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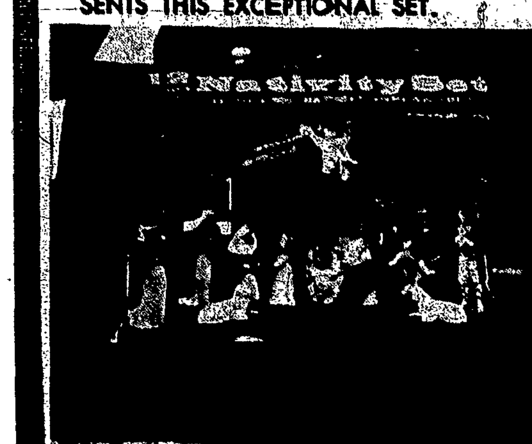

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Color Guard Contest Slated For Nov. 26

The Aquinas Institute Band, one of the top schoolboy marching units in the nation, will sponsor "Color Salute," a color guard contest, on Friday, Nov. 26, at the C.Y.O. auditorium, 50 Chestnut St.

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Highlight of the evening will be the appearance of the Aquinas Band, performing marching and show tunes that have made the local group a favorite wherever they go. The Aquinas Band is currently the New York State American Legion Band Champions. The Color Guard was awarded first place honors at the New York State Exposition in Syracuse last August.

Members of the Aquinas Band Boosters' Club will join with the the Band in producing the show. Admission price is $1.00 for adults and 50c for students. The contest will start at 7:45 p.m. Following the competition, an informal dance will be held for all spectators.

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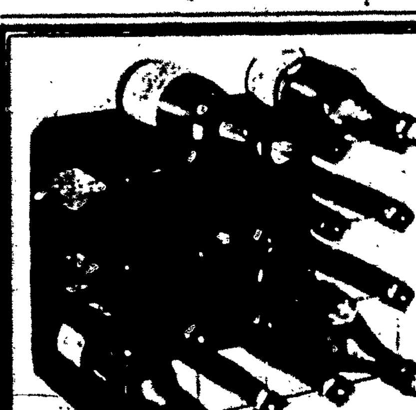

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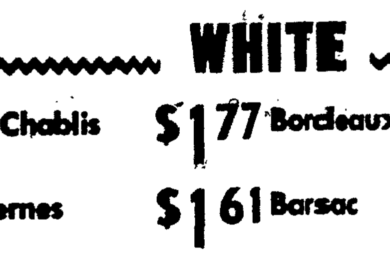

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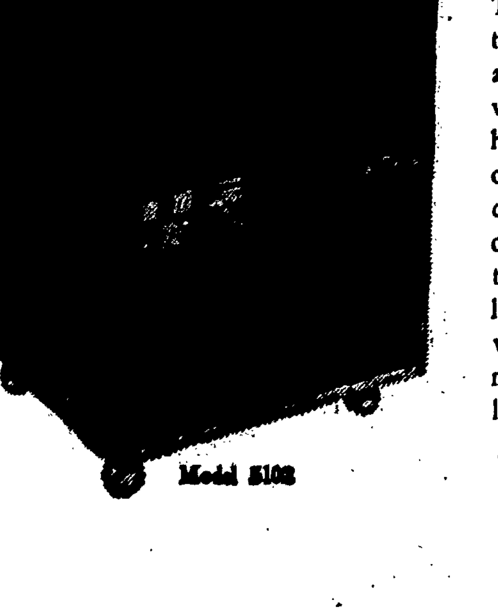

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