



NO "GENERATION GAP" HERE at the wood-working bench where Frank Jankowlak, right, re-fired craftsman, passes on his woodworking skills to youthful novices. The lad at left is working on a pair of candlesticks.



THE GREAT CHEFS ARE MEN! These little fellows making popcorn balls learn some basic cooking skills in kitchen of Charles Settlement House.

Harvest Ripe For Youth Club

The harvest was ripe, but the laborers were few.

At least this was the early October report received by members of Rochester's St. Nicholas Church from the grape vineyards of Naples. The vines were heavy with ripened grapes but pickers were scarce!

To answer the call, teen-agers and chaperones of the St. Nicholas Youth Club packed into cars with enough food, warm clothing, and cheerful spirits to last a weekend "in the fields."

Through pre-arrangement with Jack Brahm of Canandaigua, Youth Club members spent the next four weekends picking a total of 450 bushels of grapes from the vines of the Brahm farm and from the vines of Widmer's Winery in Naples.

The project became part of the club's campaign to raise funds for its Spring bus trip to St. Basil's Seminary in Methuen, Mass. There, annually, Eastern Rite teenagers from all over the Northeast gather for a Christian Youth Rally. Thanks to the grape-pickers, next Spring St. Nicholas parish of Rochester will be well-represented at the rally.

The "migrant" grape-pickers of Rochester began each of their

four weekends by gathering together in a farm house south of the city. There they spent Friday evenings, in fireside singing, card-playing and group games. The country cottage in the Bristol Hills provided through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sarkis, members of the parish.

After an early morning "community breakfast," the greater part of Saturday passed in "community work" in the vineyards. Hours of bending and stretching for stubborn grapes were broken only by a light field lunch with (you guessed it!) grapes for dessert.

At 4 p.m., all girls, (teen-agers and adults), left the field to prepare supper for the hungry group. Then by 7 p.m., back at their Bristol Hills hideaway, tired laborers could relax, eating by candlelight, telling after-dinner ghost stories, and laughing over the events of the day. After the days of living together, the drive back to Rochester on Saturday night was too soon and too short.

They hope that next year, again when the "harvest is ripe," they'll get another chance to labor with and for each other.

—K. Sarkis

Douglas Hyde Slated For Public Lecture

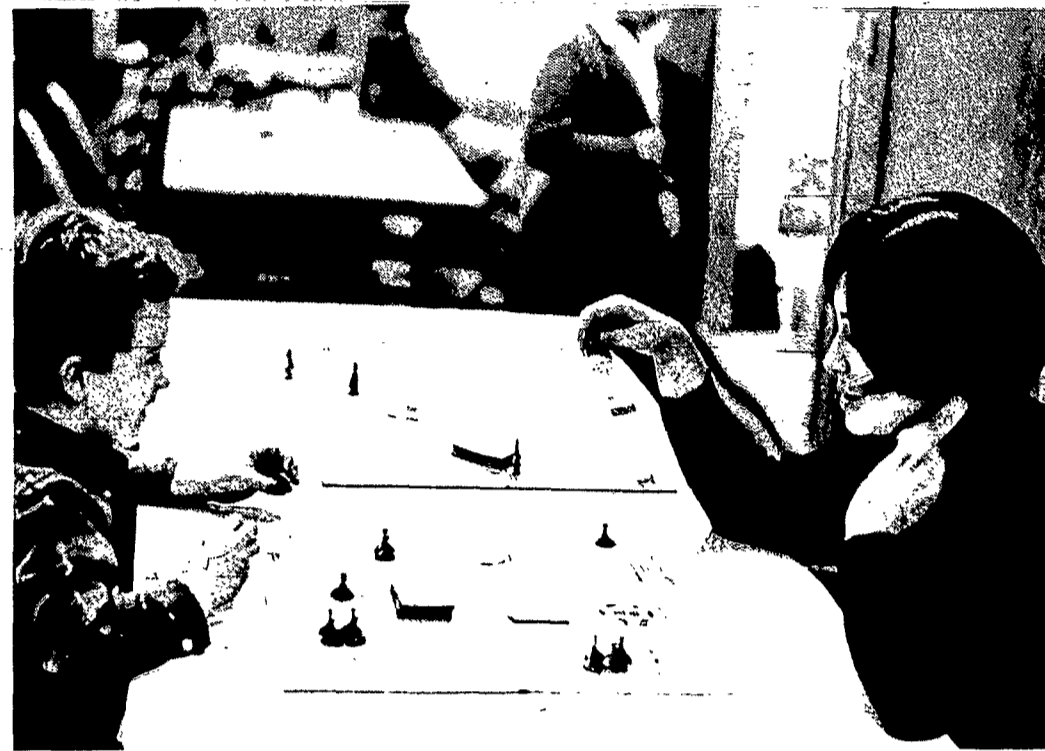
A public lecture by Douglas Hyde, British author currently lecturing at St. Bernard's Seminary, will wind up the Rochester sessions of the Fall Adult Theology Program on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. His talk will be given at Nazareth Academy on Lake Avenue.

Dr. Hyde's topic will be "The Challenge of Christian Commitment," according to Capuchin Father Leopold Protomastro, director of the program.

While the lecture is intended to be a special event for those who have taken part in the Fall program, Father Leopold emphasized that this talk is open to the general public with no admission fee.



SERVING THE NORTHWEST section of Rochester is Charles Settlement House, here pinpointed by Miss Eileen McCarthy, director. Darkened area under her finger shows proposed Western Expressway route through the area.



SORRY ABOUT THAT! Youthful Charles House member at left engages Anne Marie Taciolia, group worker, in "Sorry" game, can't help grinning when she pulls an unlucky card.

Charles Settlement House—50 Years Young on Nov. 30

One of Charles Settlement House "old grads," who is now pastor of a nearby church in the Jay Street area, will be guest speaker at the 50th anniversary of the Northwest Rochester neighborhood center.

Monsignor George A. Cocuzzi, pastor of Holy Family Church, will be the main speaker at a jubilee dinner to be held in the school hall of his parish on Thursday, Nov. 30.

As a youngster, Monsignor Cocuzzi used to be one of the Charles House "regulars," and he continued his association as a summer counselor during his seminary days.

An agency of the Catholic charities of the Diocese of Rochester, Charles House first opened its doors on Nov. 30, 1917. It was founded by several Catholic women, headed by Miss Harriet Barry, "to help all those who live in the neighborhood."

Half a century and two locations later, Charles House is still serving the same basic goal.

Miss Barry and her friends raised enough money to rent an eight room house at 52 Magne (now Broad) St. for one year. The name, Charles House, was taken in honor of Charles E. Barry, father of Miss Barry, founder and first president of the center.

The settlement house is directed today by Miss Eileen McCarthy, who is a 23-year veteran at the house, and took over the director's job 10 years ago. She is assisted by five full time staff workers, who handle a varied program ranging from craft and sports activities for children to neighborhood associations for adults. Charles House is currently the meeting place for four such groups, named UNITE, FRIEND, ACTION and DRIVE respectively.

Some 1,260 people in the area were signed up as members of Charles House last year. 270 of these were adults, the remainder were grade school or high school students.

In her yearly report, covering the period from April, 1966, to April, 1967, Miss McCarthy noted that the total attendance at Charles House amounted to 29,604. In addition, the social worker who handles home visiting, recorded 750 such visits during that 12 month period.

The Westside settlement house has been formally affiliated with the Rochester Community Chest and is partly supported from a yearly allocation from that organization.

50 Years of Service

The original aim of the Charles House was to be a community center to serve the religious and social needs of the many Italian immigrants residing in the northwest section of Rochester. The first programs stressed English and citizenship, homemaking and nutrition classes to help the newcomers adjust to their environment.

The first structure obtained in 1917 was rented for one year and furnished through the generosity of friends. Operating

expenses were met by the Rochester Catholic Charities, while the services of all the workers were volunteered, except for a matron who was given living quarters in exchange for certain duties.

In 1920, the settlement moved to 12 Broad St. and in 1921 to the present site at 445 Jay St., at the corner of Saxton. The rectangular red-brick structure has been a familiar landmark in the neighborhood ever since.

From 1922-26 soon after its establishment, the settlement served as a medical-clinic until St. Mary's and General Hospitals provided this service. A room in the present building also served as a chapel for Sunday services until St. Francis of Assisi Church was built in 1929.

Meeting New Needs

Over the years the settlement has undergone various phases of development. In 1964 Charles House expanded its facilities with the rental of a store front across the street from its present site.

Today its purpose is to provide for the people of all ages in its defined area (from Lyell Avenue on the north to West Main on the south, from State Street West to the city line), a program of educational, social, and recreational experiences which will enrich their lives and to strengthen family life.

At the present time the settlement offers services to all age groups. For grade school and high school boys and girls, there are clubs, classes and groups for handicraft, ceramics, woodworking, homemaking. The summer program includes a six-week Day Camp, a Summer Activities program and a Summer Activities Extension program in the King, Madison Street area.

For the adults there is a Neighborhood Development program which encourages citizen participation through Neighborhood Improvement Associations, a family counseling service in addition to clubs and classes.

In addition to its paid staff the settlement enjoys the services of high school, college, and adult volunteers.

Although the neighborhood has undergone great physical change in the past five years as the state made way for the construction of the Western Expressway, the Rochester Board of Education's decision to build a new Number 17 school with adequate recreational facilities adjacent to it, the City of Rochester's Urban Renewal plans for the area, and the successes of the Neighborhood Improvement Associations have given the people encouragement that the neighborhood can be preserved as a sound residential area. The staff and Board of Directors are sure that Charles Settlement House will continue to play an important role in the area.

Thus in 1967 the goals of the agency are the same as stated by Harriet Barry on the occasion of the opening on November 30, 1917, "it will be a community house and we expect

to help all who live in this neighborhood."

As it celebrates its fiftieth anniversary, Charles House looks to the past with satisfaction and pride and to the future with hope.



BEMUSED ARTIST puts last touch of glossy paint on her — you name it — animal in after-school craft class.



NOT ANATOMY CLASS, but a craft project (this was a Halloween skeleton) proudly displayed by this young man at Charles House.

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