

Mrs. Victor Hadeed, right, talks to Gina Marie Scherzi, a recipient of a club scholarship who is attending St. Agnes High School.



Father Joseph D'Aurizio, club chaplain, talks to some of the club members after Mass. From the left: Mrs. Dorothy C. Teall, Mrs. Lewis J. Boyce, Mrs. Charles Renaud, Mrs. Francis Regan, Mrs. Edward Mathies and Miss Mary McInerney.

Visitors, who used to call on the ill and confined elderly in their homes. Today it's the Visiting Volunteers who make the same rounds, largely to nursing homes and St. Ann's Home. Another former service group, which began in 1952 worked with other community groups in "Recreation Clubs for the Aging," arranging parties and entertainments.

Camp Madonna, on Canandaigua Lake, was the club's pride and joy. Purchased in 1923 to be a camp where employed girls or mothers and children could enjoy a low-priced vacation, it was changed in 1925 to be a resident camp for girls 8-14. This truly pioneer effort developed a fine summer camp program with no other financial help than the support of the club and the modest sum charged each camper. It was conducted for over 25 years.

The first Catholic Girl Scout Troop to be registered in Rochester was begun by the club in 1929, and later there was a Mariner Troop. Many of today's members have fond memories of troop activities in the old clubhouse, where Scouts continued to meet for 17 years.

Prayerful activities have always occupied much of the CWC program. (In fact, the club held the

first Rochester retreat for laywomen.) Every year there is a Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast, a day or evening of recollection, speakers from among clerical and lay leaders. A monthly Mass is offered at the chapel of the Propagation of the Faith office on East Avenue for members, which they may attend.

Many women working together can accomplish great things. In 1971 the CWC completely furnished a house to be used by Catholic Charities as a group home for girls; it sent \$1,000 to flood victims in the Southern Tier in 1972. This year contributions were made of \$1,000 to the Bishop Sheen Housing Fund, \$500 to Camp Stella Maris to help with refurbishing work, \$500 to the School of the Holy Childhood, as well as many smaller contributions.

So what does the Catholic Women's Club do for fun? They raise money for scholarships at luncheons, fashion shows and card parties; meet for dinners or suppers and hear speakers, go to plays or lectures or — last June — to the races. (In the "olden days" the Bishop's Dinner was the year's highlight, until the retirement of Bishop Kearney, who has been a great friend to the club.)

Two Mission Groups hold

monthly work meetings to produce bandages; a Marathon Bridge tournament is in its third year of operation; and a series of monthly supper-with-speaker meetings will start in October. All large events are held in restaurants, clubs or members' homes.

Occasionally there are craft instruction sessions in the clubrooms. Bridge lessons will start soon.

The Business Women's Group holds several Saturday luncheon meetings during the year, as well as the annual Christmas Tea to benefit the Carmelite nuns. They also furnish monthly movies for St. Ann's Home and The Heritage residents, as they have since 1944.

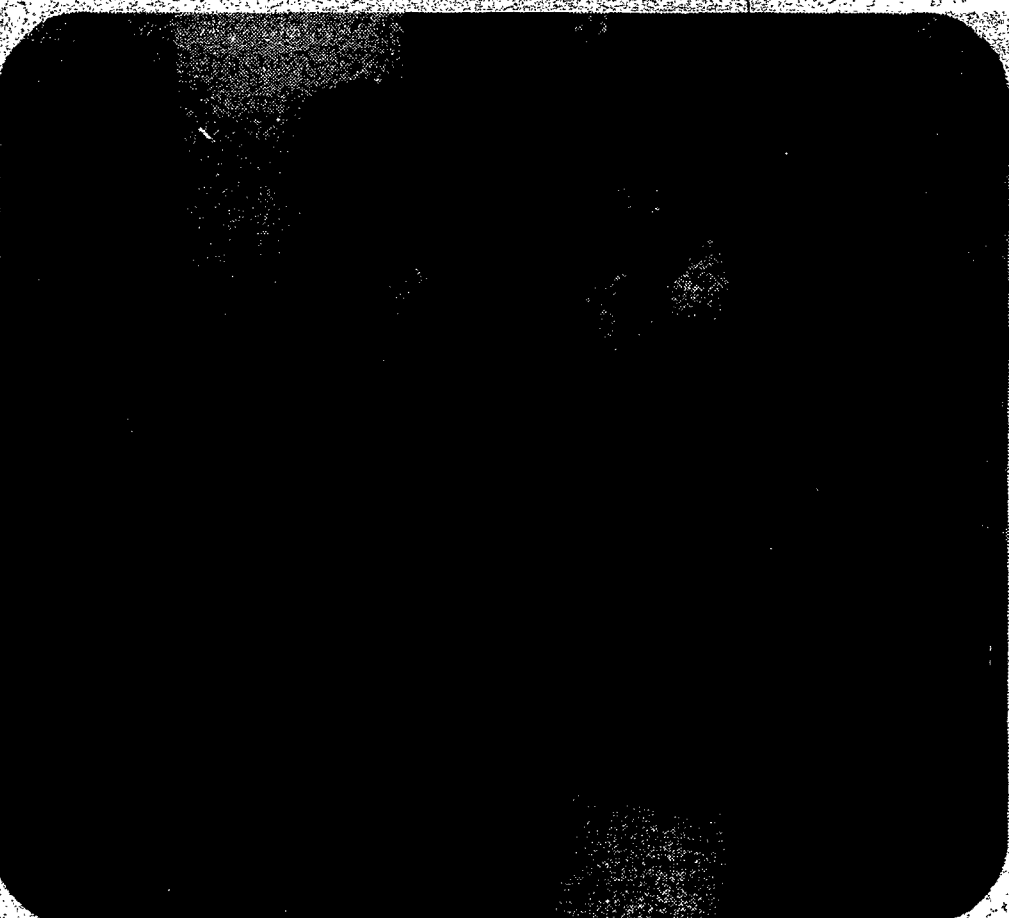
A bi-monthly publication, The Quest, goes to all members.

The club has always been open to all Catholic women. The annual New Member Drive is currently under way, and anyone interested in joining is invited to call the Catholic Women's Club office, 96 Manor Parkway, 275-9173, or the Membership co-chairmen, Mrs. Louis J. Teall (586-5896) and Mrs. Ronald McDonald (254-8391). Dues are minimal.

[Mrs. Teall is an officer in the CWC.]



Mrs. Margaret E. Harris, standing left, and Mrs. Sylvester Murphy, standing right, visit Miss Johanna R. Miceli, a resident of St. Ann's Home.



Miss Mary O'Neill, club treasurer, presents Victor Hadeed, then president of the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation, with a check, while Mrs. Charles Crayton, club president, looks on.



The Business Women's Group works out the luncheon program. From the left: Miss Irene Sullivan, Mrs. Melbourne J. Porter and Miss Anna Marie Rauber.