

## MSGR. O'CONNOR DIES HERE AT 55; RITES ARRANGED

Joan of Arc Church Pastor  
Developed Parish Into  
City's Largest.

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of St. Francis de Sales here and the following year was appointed an assistant at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

While at the Cathedral he began the work which resulted in the establishment of the Catholic Community Center and the Catholic Charities Bureau. He was appointed first diocesan director of charities, embodying the local center, by the late Bishop Joseph Chartrand on Feb. 1, 1920.

One of his outstanding achievements in that capacity was the establishment of St. Elizabeth's Home for unmarried mothers.

## Built Present Edifice

On Aug. 1, 1924, he was appointed the second pastor of St. Joan of Arc. At that time the church was a small structure in the rear of the present church. After it was partially destroyed by fire, Msgr. O'Connor built the present edifice of Romanesque-Basilica architecture on Central Ave. 10 years ago.

Both membership in the parish and the physical plant had a tremendous growth during his pastorate. The parish now numbers more than 1200 families and six masses are celebrated each Sunday.

The St. Joan of Arc church, rectory, school sisters' home and hall represent an investment of possibly more than \$850,000.

## Elevated in 1933

As a reward for his untiring efforts in charitable and parish work he was elevated to the monsignor with the rank of domestic prelate by the late Pope Pius XI on March 24, 1933.

An outstanding leader among the clergy of the diocese, Msgr. O'Connor was a diocesan consultor, a member of the board which aids the Bishop in his administration, and was moderator of the Diocesan Board of Charities.

When Msgr. O'Connor celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination in 1935, the Most Rev. James H. Ryan, rector of the Catholic University of America, came from Washington to preach at the jubilee mass.

## Understood People

In his charity work, Msgr. O'Connor's characteristic of kindness was brought out to its fullest. He had an unusual understanding of people and their problems as well as outstanding administrative ability.

Informed of the monsignor's death, Eugene C. Foster, president of the Church Federation of Indianapolis, issued a statement of tribute in behalf of Protestant churches of the city. He said:

"In the death of Msgr. Maurice F. O'Connor, Indianapolis has lost an outstanding leader in the fields of both church and social work. During his years of directorship of the Catholic Community Center, he has participated actively in the initiation and maintenance of many forward steps in the social work program of this community."

"Both the clergy and lay workers received him with special appreciation in his work in making life better and easier for especially the less fortunate and in making Indianapolis a better place in which to live. In his pastorate he has carried on in the same way in a more restricted field of work."

Msgr. O'Connor is survived by two brothers, Charles, of Detroit, who is in Rio de Janeiro on a business trip, and John J. of Indianapolis; and three sisters, Mrs. J. W. Warren and the Misses Julia and Warren O'Connor.

## STATE BOARD LEADS STRIKE CONFERENCE

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 2 (U.P.)—Officials of Chrysler Corp. and the United Automobile Workers (C.I.O.) were to confer today under direction of the State Labor Mediation Board, which re-entered the month-old dispute as it had promised to do "if no material progress was made."

The new state mediation agency grudgingly stepped out of the picture two weeks ago when Federal Labor Conciliator James F. Dewey, veteran of Detroit labor wars, assumed control of the situation. But mounting demands for relief from the 55,000 idle workers forced the state to make another effort toward peace.

## IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here is the Traffic Record  
County City  
1938 ..... 52 57  
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Nov. 1 ..... 52 57

Injured ..... 10 Arrests ..... 38  
Dead ..... 0 Accidents ..... 22  
Cases Convic- Fines  
Violations Tried Falls  
Reckless driving ..... 10 5 \$74  
Failing to stop at 4 4 34  
through street ..... 5 5 11  
Disobeying traffic 1 1 25  
signal ..... 9 7 25  
Drunken driving ..... 1 0 0  
All Others ..... 26 15 28  
Totals ..... 55 39 \$172

## MEETINGS TODAY

Indiana State Conference, Social Work, convention, Club Hotel, all day. Indiana Traffic Club, annual dinner, Columbus Club, 6:30 p.m.

Indianapolis Real Estate Board, luncheon, Washington Hotel, noon. Advertising Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, Indianapolis Athletic Club, noon. American Business Club, luncheon, Indianapolis Athletic Club, noon.

Businessmen's Forum, dinner, Canary Cottage, 8 p.m.

Caravan Club, luncheon, Murat Temple, noon. Club, luncheon, Hotel Severin, noon. Indianapolis Camera Club, meeting, 110 Ninth St., 8 p.m.

Indiana State Conference of Indianapolis, luncheon, Claypool Hotel, noon. Credit Men, Inner, Columbus Club, 6:30 p.m.

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## Rules of Living Govern Social Workers



Miss Catherine Heard (right) of the State Probation Department, explains the operation of the department to Miss Armen Ashjian, Indianapolis social worker attending the annual State Conference on Social Work here.

## STATE WELFARE GROUP PLANNED

## Higher Standards for Social Workers Is Aim; Normal Living Rules Listed.

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may eventually bring about the establishment of certain standards where an individual would be required to have a certain amount of education "just as does a lawyer."

He pointed out, however, that the increase in standards would be gradual, and that nothing would be done to affect social workers who do not now have a college education.

In an effort today before a conference study unit, Dr. Samuel W. Hartwell, Buffalo, president of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, listed five rules for successful normal living which adults should obey and teach their children.

## Called Aid to Older Children

The rules will especially help older children to meet the problems of adolescence, he asserted in an address before a study unit of the Indiana State Conference on Social Work at the Lincoln Hotel.

They are:

1. Enjoy other people.

2. Accept all new experiences as something to be understood and utilized for new experiences in the future!

3. Think logically.

4. Respond to life's experiences with moods both satisfying to the individual and socially acceptable.

5. Face reality, especially the reality of one's inner self.

1800 Workers Attend

Dr. Hartwell led social workers yesterday and today in studying the problems of older children.

Fifteen other study groups were in session today at the Lincoln and Claypool Hotels, with approximately 1600 social workers attending.

The first general session of the four-day convention is to begin at 8 o'clock tonight at the Claypool with an address by Dr. Paul Douglas of the University of Chicago. He will talk on "Social Justice and Social Security."

Dr. George C. Stevens, director of the division of medical care of the State Welfare Department, directed one group in the study of mental hygiene and the community today.

Meetings of the various divisions will be held tomorrow morning.

The election of officers will be held tomorrow afternoon. At 8 p.m., Raymond Clapper, Indianapolis Times columnist, will speak at a general assembly in the Claypool. A dance will follow in the Chateau Room.

Dr. James S. Plant, Newark, N. J., will address the closing session at a luncheon Saturday. His topic will be "Social Justice and Mental Health."

An outing in Brown County is planned for the social workers Saturday afternoon.

## Baltic and Balkans Take Spotlight From Fighting

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ernment officials—a mission of fairly impressive size to Bulgaria.

Russia is expected to propose a new navigation, aerial and commercial treaty with Bulgaria. She might even ask for military or air bases on Bulgaria's Black Sea coast.

In return, Russia is likely to promise Bulgaria the return of the Black Sea region of Dobrudja in southern Rumania, which Bulgaria lost after the World War.

## Romania Keeps Brave Face

The prospect is alarming to Rumania, which seems whistling in the dark by protesting volubly that she and Bulgaria are pals and that the question of Dobrudja has not arisen.

Russia, naturally suspicious of Rumania's maneuvers, hints that the Soviet is about to engage in the same tactics in the Balkans as those which worked so well in the Baltic until Finland resisted.

The only present discernible activity in the Balkans by one of the Allies is the imminence of trade negotiations between France and Yugoslavia. However, negotiations are latent both by Britain and France with Balkan powers.

## Holland on Alert

On the Western Front, artillery bombardments, reconnaissance skirmishes and air battles continued. Holland's border provinces were in a state of siege as precaution if the Germans abandon the idea of

## PLAN HOSPITAL AT FT. WAYNE

## Methodist Foundation Board Buys 18-Acre Site for New Institution.

Times Special

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Nov. 2.—The Ft. Wayne Hospital Foundation Board of the Methodist Hospital has purchased an 18-acre farm site for another hospital here. Cost of the rolling, heavily wooded land was \$18,000.

For several years the Foundation Board has been seeking a suburban site for a new institution.

The purchase was authorized by the Hospital Board, of which the Rev. F. E. Freibley, district superintendent, is chairman.

No immediate plans for the erection of the hospital has been made.

The Methodist Hospital here recently completed the establishment of air-conditioning units in surgical and patients' rooms.

## OFFICIAL WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Partly cloudy and continued cold tonight and tomorrow, with freezing temperatures at night.

Sunrise ..... 6:18 | Sunset ..... 4:42

TEMPERATURE  
—Nov. 2, 1939—

6 a. m. ..... 34 | 1 p. m. ..... 75

—Nov. 2, 1938—

6 a. m. ..... 30

BAROMETER  
6:30 a. m. ..... 30.42

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. ..... 0.00

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 ..... 2.41

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