

NEW LUTHERAN SOLDIER CENTER IS DEDICATED

Gov. Schricker Urges Home-Front Workers to Prepare for Post-War Problems.

400 ATTEND SERVICES

Formal Program is Followed With Entertainment by Atterbury Soldiers.

The Lutheran parish center for servicemen, established in former Concordia hall, was opened formally at a dedication service Sunday afternoon and Gov. Henry F. Schricker, principal speaker, urged that America build its "spiritual fortifications" to withstand the postwar dangers.

Almost 400 persons were present at the new parish center for the dedication program, which included talks by Governor Schricker, Mayor Fred C. Owens, Mayor-elect Carlos Folger and Camp Atterbury officers.

Governor Schricker was accompanied to Columbus Sunday by Mrs. Schricker. They have two sons who are in the armed forces.

Governor Schricker warned that many strange doctrines designed to overthrow the very things the country is now struggling for will be preached by some following the war's end.

"The unemployed former soldier and defense worker will be the ones on whom they will prey," the Governor said.

Tomorrow's Citizen.

He pointed out that today's soldier is tomorrow's citizen and we on the home front must work to retain purity, honesty and decency for these men.

Such projects as the parish center, he said, are part of the home-front work, providing service men with recreation and a spiritual contact.

He emphasized the need for Christianity in the world of the future, warning that grave internal questions will face the post-war United States, "questions that only a God-fearing people can solve."

In short talks, Mayor Owens and Mayor-elect Folger pointed to the big job that must be done at home both to retain a democracy and to care for the service men in the community.

War Mother Talks.

Mrs. Herman Banning of this city, a representative mother of men in the service from St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, spoke briefly, declaring that Columbus wants to treat the service men as it hopes its own soldiers are being treated in far-off communities.

Chaplain Ernest Heuer of Camp Atterbury was master of ceremonies and others who spoke briefly were Chaplain Luther Evans, 83rd Division chaplain, who represented Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn; Chaplain Virgil Halvor, post chaplain, representing Col. Walton M. Modeste, Atterbury commandant; Capt. Harold W. Brown, 83rd Division special services officer, and the Rev. Roy Gustafson, assistant pastor of St. Peter's church, who will be in charge of the center.

Welcomed by Brauser.

A welcome was given by the Rev. A. E. Brauser, pastor of St. Peter's church, Pvt. Anthony Di-Joseph of Atterbury sang a solo and Chaplain Gerhardt Lueke of Atterbury played for the group singing.

A number of soldiers were among those present. At the close of the afternoon program, lunch was served, followed by a program of entertainment given by soldiers from Camp Atterbury.

The Concordia hall, 624 Seventh street, has been remodelled and the rear of the auditorium converted into a lounge and reading room. The programs Sunday were given in the auditorium.

A neon-lighted Cross has been erected outside the center.

The center will be open to all service men from 4 to 11 p. m. on weekdays and from 2 to 11 p. m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

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