



THE "SURPRISE PURSE" . . .

Rev. Myles Kearney enters the room where the parishioners and pastor, Rev. Lester Schexnayder, were waiting to congratulate him and to present his "Purse," Friday morning, which was to be used in helping defray expenses of his trip to Ireland.

## Father Kearney given vacation 'purse'

Members of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church gave their popular, hard-working associate pastor a vacation gift, last Friday.

Rev. Myles Kearney left Monday for a vacation in Moyvone, County Kerry, Ireland.

Father Kearney, who has served as associate pastor for the past year at the White Castle church, will be gone for 30 days and on his way he will stop over in New York, where he will meet one of his three aunts who live there. She will then accompany him to Ireland.

While in Ireland he will visit with his parents and perform the wedding of his brother, John Kearney.

People from the parish collected the

"purse" to help defray expenses for his trip, and presented it to him Friday morning at a surprise party.

Rev. Kearney studied for the priesthood in Ireland and was ordained for the Diocese of Baton Rouge three years ago. Before serving at White Castle he served at Sacred Heart in Baton Rouge and St. Theresa's in Gonzales.

While in White Castle he was director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), CYO director, and also in charge of the altar boys. Rev. Kearney is a member of the White Castle Lions Club, and the Knights of Columbus.



*Vacation money for Father. . .*

Parishioners presented Rev. Myles Kearney with a surprise "purse" Friday morning prior to his departure Monday, on his Ireland vacation trip. Making the presentation were, from left, Mrs. Stella Engolio, Leon Baudoin, Father Kearney, Father Schexnayder, pastor of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Mrs. Ethel Sciortino, and Johnny Latino. (TIMES Photos by Roy Pitchford)