

ALUMNI NEWS

by Mrs. Mary Cook

'40 -- Rita and Hobart Joost stopped by for a visit with two of their seven children in August.

'42 -- Joe Bender, with his five children, visited Father Cuthbert the last of August. Joe is the director of public parks in Florida. Thank you, Hugh Noell, for your letter telling us that you and your wife now have the Noell-Deems Travel Agency in Shelby, N.C. Hope we can work up an alumni tour some time.

'45 -- Father John Oetgen had a most enjoyable and profitable summer at Oxford University in England. Thanks for the card, Father.

'47 -- Thank you, Emmett DeAvles, for your letter and congratulations on your promotion to a full Colonel in the Air Force. Emmett is Base Commander at King Salmon Airport in Alaska, which is one of the two forward operating bases in the Alaskan Air Command providing F-4 flights for air defense and radar for aircraft control land warning. He expects to be reassigned to the Pentagon next July. Our congratulations and prayers also for your oldest son who is in his third year at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore.

'49 -- Jack Sherry visited the Abbey the weekend of September 28. Harold Hooper also visited the Abbey recently. He is a management analyst in the Library of Congress in Washington.

'53 -- Congratulations to Skip McDonnell, who has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Skip is on active duty with the Air Force Reserve stationed at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Congratulations also to Frank Creery on his becoming a qualifying member of the 1974 Million Dollar Round Table of the National Association of Life Underwriters.

'54 -- Joe Bumgardner, principal of O.L. Kiser School in Stanley, N.C., has accepted an internship for a month's service at the state level, offered by the Babcock and Reynolds Foundations.

'55 -- It was good to see Dick McCluny and his wife when Abbot Walter baptized Scott in August.

They have three other children -- Rick, Courtney, and Kelly.

'56 -- It was also a pleasure to visit with Fran and Chuck Muller, and three-year-old daughter Mary Frances, when they visited the Abbey from their home in Louisville on September 23.

'57 -- A hearty welcome to Theresa and Ed Chavarría's son Mike, who has enrolled as a freshman at the Abbey.

'59 -- Congratulations to Jim Babb, newly-elected President of the N.C. Association of Broadcasters. Jim is general manager and vice president of Charlotte's WBTV.

'60 -- Jerry Pasour stopped by to say hello in July. He and Shelby and their two boys still live in Dallas.

'61 -- Father Leo Daniels is in the Oratory at McAllen, Texas. Congratulations to Bill Ouchark, who will be moving in September to take up his new position as chief geo-physicist for Phillips Oil Co. in Nigeria, Africa. Needless to say, Mr. Hanahan is extremely proud of his Geology major!

'62 -- Major Frank Brake graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk in July. The five-month Department of Defense school is operated under the direct supervision of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and prepares students for positions in joint and combined commands that involve more than one country or military service. Congratulations to Susan and John Caven, on the birth of their daughter in August. John is an attorney in Jacksonville, Florida.

'64 -- Congratulations to Bob Montgomery, who has been promoted to Vice President and Sales Manager of the Johnston Mills group of companies headquartered in Charlotte. Bob and Kay and their six children presently live in Spindale, N.C.

'65 -- Congratulations to Mary Ann and Don Cresswell on the arrival of their first child, Robert Howard Stanley, on August 10, and to Linda and Lenny Brown on the arrival of their first child, Ryan Leonard, August

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Citizens National Bank is opened with dollar-cutting ceremony.

Citizens National On Campus

Bank Opens

Abbey Branch

Citizens National Bank, with its home office in nearby Gastonia, N.C., opened a branch on the Belmont Abbey campus on August 27. The Abbey branch is only the second campus branch bank in the state, the other being at Duke University in Durham.

The CNB branch is

located on the ground floor of the Abbot Vincent Taylor Library, and was officially ready for business after student government president, Chris McDonald, cut a ribbon made of twenty one-dollar bills.

Present at the dedication were Father John Bradley, Knox

Winget, senior vice president of the Citizens National Bank, and Abbot Edmund McCaffrey, O.S.B.

The bank is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., with full banking services available. A night deposit service is included in the facility.

...Enrollment Brings Smiles

students has mushroomed by 46.9 per cent in the past two years. Also significant is the sizeable increase in resident students during this same period -- 12.7 percent more than in 1972.

Many students have also been drawn to Belmont Abbey through a variety of new programs designed to broaden the impact of the college in the community. High school seniors, who are eligible for an accelerated schedule because of high academic ranking, may take as many as six credit hours per semester, or 12 credit hours a year, at the Abbey. Under this program, which started last fall, a senior may take nearly a full semester's load of courses while still in high school.

A new program has

been instituted this year for business and professional people who wish to update their job experience with special night courses. These courses cover such areas as textile chemistry, accounting, and materials handling.

Abbey officials are optimistic that this current growth can be continued. Fr. John P. Bradley, president of Belmont Abbey, estimates that less than 800 students could be accommodated using present facilities. Growth beyond this level would have to result in more faculty and the possibility of more administrators, as well as additional space.

"We would have to be careful not to overstretch our facilities or our faculty," Fr. Bradley stressed. "Teaching

time includes not only the time in class, but the faculty's availability to the students outside of class."

Fr. Bradley indicated that he wants Belmont Abbey to remain a small college, with a maximum enrollment of 1,000 to 1,200 students. "We should be always a small college," Fr. Bradley said. "It is in the tradition of the Benedictines to have small schools, since the Benedictine Order is primarily a family idea."

He also emphasized the importance of a small college to individual identity and the establishment of values. "These islands of identity are so important, especially in our present culture, which is bedeviled by depersonalization," Fr. Bradley concluded.