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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES** - Seated (left to right) Fr. Jerome Dollard, O.S.B., Mr. E.F. Gallagher, II, Abbot Jude Cleary, O.S.B., Fr. Bernard Rosswog, O.S.B., and Fr. John Oetgen, O.S.B.

Standing (left to right) Mr. Edward J. Dowd, Jr., Mr. George Wrenn, Mr. James G. Babb, Jr., and Fr. Anselm Biggs, O.S.B.

## Abbey Elects New Board Of Directors

Abbot Jude Cleary, O. S. B., Abbot of Belmont Abbey and Chancellor of Belmont Abbey College, has announced a major change in the government structure of Belmont Abbey College. Until now the College was governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of seven (7) Benedictine Monks. The new Charter and By-Laws for the College provide for a Board of Trustees consisting of the Abbot of Belmont Abbey as an exofficio member of the Board, four (4) Benedictine Monks of Belmont Abbey, and twelve (12) others, thus creating a Board of seventeen (17) members.

The inclusion on the new Board of lay men who can bring to the College different kinds of expertise fills the need the College has had for some time. Fr. John P. Bradley, President of the College, describes the adoption of the new Charter by the Monks of Belmont Abbey as the most fundamentally important change in the College in this entire one hundred year history.

The newly elected Benedictine members of the Board are: Fr. Bernard Rosswog, O. S. B., pastor of St. Michael's Church in Gastonia; and three members of the faculty of Belmont Abbey College, Fr. Anselm Biggs, O. S. B., Chairman of the Department of History; Fr. John Oetgen, O. S. B., Professor of English; and Fr. Jerome R. Dollard, O. S. B., Chairman of the Department of Theology; with Abbot Jude Cleary, O. S. B., serving as a member ex-officio.

So far four lay men have been elected. They are: E. F. Gallagher, II, Chairman of the Board of Goodwill Publishers, Inc., of Gastonia; Edward J. Dowd, Jr., President of Central Piedmont Industries, Inc., of Charlotte; James G. Babb, Jr., Vice President and Managing Director of WBTV in Charlotte; and George L. Wrenn, President of Wrenn Brothers Carolina, Inc., in Charlotte.

It is expected that eight (8) more lay men will be elected to the new Board some time in the fall.

### Centennial Fund

## Dinner Honors Workers

Many references were made to Belmont Abbey's need for air-conditioning on a sweltering evening in July as more than 125 friends of the College gathered on the campus for a festive Recognition Dinner. Invited by Mr. E. F. Gallagher, II, Chairman of the Centennial Fund, the men and women who gave time and effort and money to the first public campaign for the Abbey, were glad to be informed that their goals for the first phase of the fund-raising program have been realized.

With Doug Mayes of WBTV as Master of Ceremonies, the assembled dinner guests heard reports from Robert P. Caldwell, Co-Chairman for Gaston County and James G. Babb, Jr., Co-Chairman for Mecklenburg County. Abbot Jude Cleary, O. S. B., as he remarked upon Belmont Abbey's "Coming of Age" expressed eloquently the gratitude of the Benedictines, whose teaching and ad-

ministering of Belmont Abbey College is supported and enhanced by volunteers who serve on the Board of Advisors, through the Centennial Fund, and various committees. Abbot Jude presented framed certificates of appreciation to all former Chairmen of the Board of Advisors, and it was announced that these certificates are tokens representing a tribute in bronze which will be placed in the Ad Building when its renovation is completed. He remarked, "We are intermediaries for the students who appreciate your concern."

Miss Jessie Brackett, President of the Student Association, spoke for Abbey students, many of whom rely on financial aid from the College, and in addition to her thanks, she enumerated what she felt are the advantages, particularly for area students, of a degree from Belmont Abbey.

Mr. Basil Whitener, a former Chairman of the Board of Advisors, rose to pay special tribute to

two people. His remarks of appreciation and the gift of a large silver tray came as a big surprise to Mrs. Mary Cook, who has served as Secretary of the Board of Advisors since the Board was

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**RECOGNITION DINNER** - Table-hopper Fr. Bradley talks to (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suarez, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hunter, and Mrs.

Marian Cannon. They face (left to right) Fr. John Oetgen, O.S.B., Fr. Jerome Dollard, O.S.B., and Sister Margaret Calnan, R.S.M.