



OMEGA HOLDS 45TH ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE — Nearly 800 members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity attended the 45th annual Grand Conclave of the organization held at the Cleveland, Ohio Manger Hotel on December 27-30. These photos depict highlights of the record meeting. New officers, top left, installed at the final session include from left to right: Carey D. Jacobs, Indianapolis, Ind., first vice grand basileus; Dr. L. Gregory Newton, Durham, grand basileus; Paul Johnson, Brooklyn, N. Y., second vice grand basileus and J. B. Blayton, Sr., Atlanta, Ga., keeper of finance. Those on the back row are: Ellis F. Corbett, Greensboro, N. C., editor of the ORACLE, the fraternity's publication; Eddie Hill, Brooklyn, N. Y., grand marshal; Carl E. Parker, Los Angeles, Calif., grand counselor; H. Carl Moultrie, Washington, D. C., national executive secretary; Walter H. Riddick, Norfolk, Va., grand keeper of records and seal and Father H. Alison Ferrell, Washington, D. C., grand chaplain. At top right, Herbert E. Tucker, Jr., Boston attorney, surrenders the gavel to Dr. L. Gregory Newton, Durham, N. C., college professor and newly elected grand basileus. Tucker had held the position for three years. Bottom left, Wiley A. Branton, left center and C. C. Gomillion, right center were cited for outstanding achievement on the civil rights front. Branton received the "Citizen of the Year" award for his outstanding legal service in the Little Rock, Ark., school litigation and Gomillion was given the "Omega Man of the Year" award for his leadership in the fight for voting privileges for Negroes in Tuskegee, Alabama. With them are Herbert E. Tucker (left) and Dr. Matthew J. Whitehead, Washington, D. C., chairman of the National Achievement Committee. Bottom right—a highlight of the four day meet was

the National Talent Hunt Demonstration which featured young musicians from throughout the country who had won in district eliminations sponsored by the fraternity. In the group from left to right are: Miss Doris Carson, Harrisburg, Pa.; central: W. O. Walker, Cleveland newspaper publisher in charge of local arrangements for the event; Miss Barbara Louise Smith, Pittsburgh, Texas, dramatic soprano, a guest artist; and George L. Mears, Brooklyn, N. Y., chairman of the National Talent Hunt Committee.

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APPEALS FOR MARCH OF DIMES — Dr. R. Stillmon Smith, Macon Ga., president of the National Medical Association, has released the following statement in appealing for support of the 1959 March of Dimes: "The expanded program of the March of Dimes, under the auspices of The National Foundation, for medical scientific research, professional education, and medical care, certainly has my personal endorsement and the endorsement of the National Medical Association."

For "Mixing" Resistance

Catholic Sociologists Hear Jesuit Blame Adult Leaders

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—Oubert re-
sistance to school desegregation
largely appear among high school
students "independent of adult en-
couragement," a Jesuit sociologist
has reported here.

Father James F. Muldowney,
S.J., assistant professor of so-
ciology at Wheeling (W. Va.)
college, reported to the Ameri-
can Catholic Sociological Society
on his study of five uni-
versities in five different states which had
compulsory racial segregation before the Supreme Court's 19-
54 decision.

Some 200 sociologists attended
the three-day meeting held at the
University of Notre Dame and St.
Mary's College here.

Father Muldowney's report said
peaceful desegregation did not de-
pend so much on the size of the
community, its population distribu-
tion, or "even the actual proportion
of Negroes to whites."

More important, he said, "is the
definition of the (Negro-white)
proportion in the minds of the
white people."

The worst climate of desegregation,
the priest found, was a "predomi-
nantly rural area with few
Negroes living in segregated sec-
tions, and which had been forced

to mix white and colored children
by local court order.

The best prospect for easy
adjustment would be found in
"a large city with a clear residen-
tial segregation and with
more than a quarter of the
population Negro, which had
voluntarily accepted the Su-
preme Court's decision to de-
segregate," Father Muldowney
reported.

The report said that academic
differences between the white and
Negro children "was not a significant
factor in the transition" in the communities.

Father Muldowney said the report
was that desegregation was more
successful in those places where
the teachers themselves had already
been professionally desegregated.

Father Muldowney said school
authorities in the communities he
studied agreed that "early publici-
ty" of desegregation had an ad-
verse effect because it "compli-
cated the situation and restricted
the decision-making powers of
those responsible for making the
change." He also found that local
school policies will be helped or
hindered by policy set at the state
level.

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Methodist Church Eyes 10 Percent Members Increase

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The Central (Negro) Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church will try to increase its membership by 10 per cent during a Bishops' Evangelistic Crusade in the jurisdiction February 9-15.

Membership of the Central Jurisdiction, which covers most of the United States, is now about 332,000. In addition, about 25,000 Negro Methodists are members of churches in other jurisdictions of the denomination.

The Methodist Church in the United States is divided into six jurisdictions—the racial Central Jurisdiction and five geographical jurisdictions. Total U. S. Methodist membership, including the Central Jurisdiction, is nearly 9,700,000.

"The aim of the crusade is to win unchurched people and to deepen and broaden the Christian

life of church members," said Rev. Dr. W. D. Lester, Nashville, a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism. He will be executive director of the crusade.

Among the things to be emphasized in the crusade will be visitation, evangelism, preaching, and prayer.

All the approximately 3,500 churches in the jurisdiction are expected to take part in the simultaneous endeavor.

Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction are J. W. E. Bowen, Atlanta; Edgar A. Love, Baltimore; Willis J. King, New Orleans; and Matthew W. Clair Jr., St. Louis.

The crusade promotion committee consists of the district superintendents of the jurisdiction.

"Tell God's Good News" is the crusade slogan.

Foreign Students At Bennett Enjoyed Happy Holiday Season

GREENSBORO — Although it was not like Christmas at home, foreign students at Bennett College had a happy holiday season visiting relatives or friends in the United States.

Misses Frances Marshall and Sylvia Darling, both of Nassau, Bahamas, spent their holidays at Miami, Fla., the former visiting her sister Mrs. C. Newbold. Miss Marilyn Blatch, also of Nassau, spent the Christmas vacation in Oberlin, Ohio, as the guest of a classmate, Miss Edganne Robinson, and her family.

Misses Blanche Tuboku-Metzger of Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa and Danette Brooks of

Monrovia, Liberia, spent the vacation in Washington, D. C., with friends. Off to Brooklyn, N. Y., to visit relatives were Misses Joan Dwyer of Jamaica, BWI and Johanna.

Miss Delores Estwick of Jamaica, BWI, visited Miss Robbie Littlejohn in Cincinnati, Ohio and Miss Hie Sook Hong of Seoul, Korea visited a schoolmate, Miss Edith Tucker at Elkin.

The following students remained in Greensboro for the holidays: Misses Bharati S. Christian of Bombay, India; Soon Ja Kim and Sung Soon Yun, both of Taegu, Korea.

Christian Love Is Answer To South Africa's Racial Problems, Archbishop Says

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — South Africa's racial problems must be faced in the unifying spirit of Christian love, Archbishop Owen McCann of Cape Town declared here recently.

"Politics are not enough," he told a meeting of Brothers of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. "Action on the legislative level is necessary but is not sufficient. The law can only prevent our doing harm to a neighbor, or punish it fully. Something more positive is needed."

The Archbishop continued: "We should approach the questions of today in this spirit, particularly in regard to three things:

"1. The threat to remove the Colored people (of mixed race) from the common municipal role Cape Town.

"2. The refusal to allow Africans to worship in a particular area.

"3. The refusal to allow people of different groups to associate together."

In regard to the Cape Town Colored, the Archbishop was commenting on the announcement by the Administrator of the Cape Province, Dr. Otto du Plessis that at the next session of the Cape Provincial Council a move will be made toward removing the Colored people from the common electoral roll in Cape Town.

At present the Colored people have the same municipal voting rights as the whites and there are several Colored city councillors. The separate roll for the Colored people proposed would mean the end of Colored councillors.

The Archbishop said: "We must protest strongly against any suggestion that Coloreds should be removed from the common municipal roll. Three basic principles are involved: The essential dignity of the human person; the action would separate, not unite; equality of opportunity would be endangered."

The Coloreds have enjoyed this right for a long time and no claim has been made that they have abused it. The proposal that they should be removed from the roll is based solely on color."

"Colored people belong to our Western civilization. They are part and parcel of our communal life. As they contribute to the common good they have a right to share in the determination of the common good. The implication that they are not fit to live with, while they are citizens just as much as is the white man, is lacking in justice and charity."

Archbishop McCann then spoke on the recent refusal of a permit to allow Negroes to attend Methodist services for them in a white area of Johannesburg, following complaints by residents.

The law invoked was passed by General Smuts' United Party government in 1945, before the Nationalists came to power.

The Archbishop stated:

"The refusal to allow Africans to worship in a particular building—it does not matter who brought this law on to the statute book—is an invasion of the rights of the Church. The state has no right to regulate the worship of God. It can regulate public order to prevent disorder—but each person has the right to worship God and go to the place of his own choosing, providing he does not behave in a disorderly fashion."

"I protest vehemently at this invasion."

In connection with the refusal to allow people of different racial groups to associate with one another, the Archbishop mentioned the denial of a permit to the new

Dr. Lovejoy Is First Speaker At Greensboro

GREENSBORO — "The Creed of the Easy" was the subject of Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy's address at the first vespers service of the New Year at Bennett College, Sunday afternoon in Pleiffer Chapel.

Dr. Lovejoy, who is professor of sociology at Guilford College and program consultant for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, deplored the fact that so many persons seek the "easy way" of doing things.

"You can escape from this," he said, "by letting the power of

for all of us. There is a vast practical field open to the apostolate of charity; we must see Christ in all our fellowmen and act towards them as Christ would act."

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