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### LETTERS



Dear Sir:

In the March issue of **Crossroads** you have a picture asking if anyone can identify the people in the picture. This picture was made between 1941 and 1943. The one in the hat is none other than me -- The Rev. Frank E. McKenzie. The second from the right, I can't recall his name, but I believe is one of the Monks at the Abbey. Anyway, he was studying for the Roman Priesthood. I want to make the last one on the right a McGee but am not certain. The others, I do not remember at all.

I don't know whether you already knew who these were or were just seeking to get some correspondence. I certainly enjoy **Crossroads** and knowing a little bit about what is going on at the Abbey. I remember my years -- 41-43 -- very well and will always cherish them.

Sincerely,  
Frank E. McKenzie  
Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Wilkesboro, N.C.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I just received my copy of issue No. 3 of **Crossroads** and the photo on page 5 really started by



J. Albert Snelling, class of '47, named the students in the March issue.

memory cells to working. From the right is Louie McGeehee, Raymond Geyer, Jack "punchy" Sherry, Hugh Noell and that handsome fella with the hat on, I don't seem to recognize. Next to him with the anguished expression seems to be Joe Powers and lastly, another who must have spent most of his time with his head in the books - I can't name him.

Thanks for an interesting alumni newspaper.

Yours very truly,  
J. Albert Snelling, '47  
(Belmont Abbey Prep. '41)

## Focus

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natural inclination for involvement with people led him back into education. For several years he taught in the public schools of Charlotte, Blowing Rock, and Chapel Hill.

"I became interested in guidance while I was on the faculty of Santa Fe Junior College in Gainesville, Florida. At the time I happened to be working with a number of Spanish speaking students, many exiled from Cuba, and gradually, I discovered that the interpersonal contact was both pleasant and challenging. As a teacher I had experienced a bit of this already, but now I decided to enter the field of counselling full-time. I get a tremendous satisfaction in helping someone with a problem which has been troubling him."

Don is a member of various professional associations in connection with his guidance career. In his leisure he enjoys collecting rare coins, and rock hunting, for Don is something of a "rock hound." On autumn weekends he can be found in the stadium at Chapel Hill or down in Gainesville rooting for his alma mater. He admits to being a rabid football fan. So strong is this instinct in him that he scorns the ease and comfort of watching the game on TV -- "you miss all the color of the event and the excitement of the crowd and cheering for your favorite team."

He has a simply furnished office in Poellath dormitory in order to be accessible to students

throughout the day. He has been entrusted the job of coordinating the assignment of students to faculty members for academic advisement, and is in charge of job placement. But his chief task centers about the personal problems of the students who drop in to talk. "College students today are more aware of the social and political issues of our society than they were ten years ago. When I was a student at Wake Forest, the biggest issue was a prohibition of a dance on campus by the Trustees! Nowadays, ecology, civil rights, and the war in Viet-Nam are the moral preoccupation of young people. They are more vocal in protesting grievances and more willing to demonstrate for what they consider their rights," he observes.

While the old familiar problems of drinking, sex, the pressures of examinations, and anxieties about job opportunities are still around, a serious new threat comes from the availability of drugs. This disturbs Don deeply. "It just discourages me when I see how the use of drugs can disintegrate a young man's personality. I am also upset with the severity of legal penalties which are imposed on young people who have made the mistake of using drugs or marijuana. This approach does not deal with the underlying problem and offers no assistance to the individual who may be suffering dangerous psychological difficulties."

What does he feel about his job at Belmont Abbey College? "I have been given almost complete freedom to chart my course as Director of Guidance here," he replies. "I appreciate this expression of confidence. I have enjoyed my association with the college and have received valuable cooperation from many instructors who refer students to my office for consultation. Having so many priests in residence here also lightens the load on me."

Over the past two years the students have developed a genuine respect for Don's judgment and direction. One student revealed that he had started down the road of drug experimentation when he went in to "rap" with Don. "He convinced me of the danger of the drug kick so I quit right then. I really owe him a lot," the young man added. Belmont Abbey College does too.

## Alumni News

BY MARY COOK

'55 -- Father Oscar talked with Frank Miros when he visited New Subiaco Abbey in Arkansas in April. Frank is the owner of West Ark Medical Supply Co. at Fort Smith, where he is a lay leader in his Catholic parish there. He told Father Oscar that the grammar school needs a new principal for this coming fall. If anyone is interested, contact Frank.

'56 -- It was good to have news of Thomas Ross -- the first time since he finished Abbey Prep. He is now in Morgantown, West Virginia. He has his master's in History and is working on the doctorate. Jerry Connors and his wife Ann Marie visited the College during the Easter holidays. Jerry is a Major in the Marine Corps stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. They have five children.

'59 -- Congratulations and best wishes to Jane Gladden and Moffatt Falls, who were married April 2 in Mount Dearborn United Methodist Church, Great Falls, S.C. Moffatt is owner and operator of Moffatt Falls Produce and Falls Food Stores in Gastonia.

'61 -- Congratulations to Anne and Steve Hodulic on the arrival of Paul Edmund, February 15. They have two other sons, Steve and John. The Hodulics live in Raleigh, where Steve he is a salesman for Lady Wrangler. Thank you, Joe Kennedy, for sending us your correct address. Joe is Assistant Superintendent of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in Page, Arizona.

'62 -- Steve Bolick is with March & McLennan, insurance brokers and consultants, in Boston. He and Judy have three children, Louisa, Lesley and Robert, and live in Framingham, Mass. Tom McGrath was seriously injured in a fall in February, but is now recovering. He has just opened his own law office in Richmond.

'64 -- Dezmund Waters and his wife Janice were godparents to Mary Ann Murray, the second daughter of Mike Murray and his wife Judy, on March 26, in Jacksonville, Florida. Bryan Cavan is Assistant District Attorney for DeKalb County, Georgia; he and Cheryl and their two sons live in Atlanta. Congratulations to Donna and Whitney Norton on the arrival of Cherie Harding April 10. Cherie is their third child.

'65 -- Tim Ford has been appointed Special Assistant to the Director of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission. John Hayden visited the Abbey in April. He was a social worker in Los Angeles and has been touring South America.

'67 -- Steve Greene is on a two-year assignment in Vietnam.

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