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1908 -- Thank you, Philip Morgan, for sending the clipping from the Charleston Catholic Banner, and congratulations on receiving an "Honorary Past State Deputy" plaque from the Knights of Columbus. He has been a knight for 59 years and has held every possible office of that council, as well as holding State Council positions of advocate, treasurer, and secretary. He is now State Historian. In 1976 the Bishop England Council named their banquet and meeting hall "The Phil Morgan Hall" in his honor. He and his wife celebrated their 63rd anniversary this year; they had two boys and a girl and adopted two more boys. Congratulations and best wishes!

'34 -- It was good to hear from Ed Mansfield, who lives in San Mateo, California, who sent us a copy of his letter to Al McGuire telling him that he, too, appreciated all the publicity Belmont Abbey had gotten through Al. Come to see us, Ed. It's been too long!

'40 -- Dr. Gilbert Farley received a certificate of recognition by District 767 of Rotary International for his sponsorship of the Belmont Abbey College Rotaract Club, which is the only one in a senior college in District 767. It was founded in 1973 and Dr. Farley has served as moderator since then.

'47 -- Henry White stopped by the Abbey while he was attending a seminar in Charlotte. He is with the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Control Division. He and Kathryn have five children, two still at home, and they live in Florence, S. C.

'57 -- Frances and Joe Coyle's son, Lee, won first place in the Tar Heel Junior Historical Association competition with his replica of the Abbey Cathedral. It will remain on display in the Museum of History in Raleigh for a year, and then they will present it to the Abbey.

'61 -- Congratulations to Fran and Joe Falletta on the arrival of their son, Joseph T. Falletta, II on April 20. They live at Virginia Beach.

'62 -- Congratulations to Kathleen Black, who has completed the Ed. S. at Appalachian. Kathleen is head of the school for retarded children in Dallas.

'63 -- It was good to see Mike Watson when he visited the Abbey on May 3. Mike is territory representative for

SCM Corporation in Charlotte. S. Joseph O'Connor has been named Regional Supervisor at Underwriters Adjusting Company's southeastern regional office in Atlanta. UAC, a subsidiary of The Continental Corporation, is one of the largest independent adjusting firms in the nation, with offices in all fifty states.

'64 -- It was good to talk to Whitney Norton when he called as he was passing through the area. Whitney is with Buckner-Howard Co. and he and his wife and three children, Catherine, twelve, Whitney, eight, and Cherie, five, live in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

'66 -- Alan Willis is editorial page editor for the Twin-City Sentinel, the evening newspaper in Winston-Salem, where he and Juanita and seven-year-old Stephanie live.

'68 -- Bob Pogachnik is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Insurance at the University of Florida and plans to enter law school next year. He, Sharon and daughter Jennifer live in Gainesville.

'69 -- Linda and John Spacek visited the Abbey. John is senior claims representative for Great American Insurance Co., and they, with their two children, live in West Columbia, S. C.

'70 -- Thanks for your letter, Bill Seffers. Bill is a Navy Lieutenant and Helicopter pilot assigned to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Three Det. 116 deployed to the Western Pacific on board USS White Plains. He participated in "Kangaroo II" a joint Australian, New Zealand, U. S. forces exercises off the coast of Australia, and returned to San Diego on February 20.

'71 -- Joe Mertes has been accepted in the MBA program at Wake Forest University beginning in September.

'73 -- Mark Schulte entered the Navy as a Lieutenant on June 1 for two years as a Navy dentist at the Naval Air Station in Meridian, Mississippi. He graduated from the University of Louisville Dental School on May 10. Congratulations, Mark, and best of luck to you and Virginia. Congratulations to Melissa and Paul Miano on the arrival of Karen Lee on April 29. Douglas Murray has been promoted to accounting officer by North Carolina National Bank in Charlotte, where he and Jeanette live. Congratulations to Tom Nolan, who

received the Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of Virginia on May 14. Thank you, Tom, for the note to Father Bradley: "At this time I am finally approaching my goal of a Doctor of Medicine. Also at this time I am reflecting upon the people who have been important in helping me reach this goal. Forefront in my mind has been Belmont Abbey College, who gave a C+ student from Norfolk another opportunity to prove himself, even though he was still fighting raging adolescence. Because of you and the Monastery I have been able to reach this goal (also a lot of patience on your part). On my graduation day, I feel that, outside of my parents, Belmont Abbey deserves a great deal of the credit. Thank you Belmont Abbey; thank you Father Bradley." It's notes like this that make it all worthwhile for all of us who work in the College. Patrick Orr stopped by for a visit when he was passing through the area. He is marketing salesman for SEO Enterprises out of Lakeland, Florida, and lives in Columbia. He graduated from the University of South Carolina and attended graduate school there. Tom Ripley, field representative of Richardson-Claytor Agency of Roanoke, Virginia, which represents National Life of Vermont, participated in a five-day career advancement seminar at the home office in Vermont. He and his wife Lynn live in Roanoke.

'74 -- Jack Sailstad has completed his Administrative Residency at Charlotte Memorial Hospital and Medical Center and has been named Assistant for Administration in the Management Services Division of Carolina Hospital and Health Services, Inc. He and Rosalie will continue to live in Charlotte.

'76 -- Thomas S. Gillespie has been elected by the Gaston County Democratic Executive Committee and precinct officials. He will presumably be appointed to this high post in June and will take office July 1. Congratulations!

'78 -- Congratulations and best wishes to Nancy Kee and Mike Chavarria, who were married June 18 in Grantville (Georgia) Baptist Church. Mike is the son of Theresa and Ed Chavarria ('57) -- how the years go by!

IN MEMORIAM

Monsignor Charles J. Gable
James Edward Behrmann

Class of 1918
Class of 1977

Let us hear from you, alumni!

Class of '67 has ten-year reunion

They came to renew friendships, relive their experiences and enjoy each other's company.

Many members of the classes of '67 and '68 hadn't seen each other in about 10 years, and some traveled great distances to do just that. Some traveled from California, others from New England.

The reunion of the classes, held April 22-24 at Belmont Abbey College and Charlotte, proved to be a wonderful reunion for the 50 returnees.

The reunion coincided with the college's Spring Weekend. The weekend's activities began April 22 with a cocktail hour and dinner at the John Yancey Motor Hotel in Charlotte. A dance with a band and a slide show of candid shots of class members 10 years ago followed.

At 11:30 a.m. Saturday, alumni gathered in the library auditorium and heard talks on the state of the college by Fr.

John Bradley, president, and Warren Clark, vice president for development.

Following a buffet lunch in the college cafeteria, an alumni basketball game was held in the Wheeler Center. The alumni participated in beer and food on the athletic field until about 9 p.m.

Fr. Oscar Burnett, O.S.B., college chaplain, said Mass for the alumni Sunday, which was followed by a brunch from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"The reunion was tremendous, and everyone enjoyed themselves," said Dr. Kevin Soden, '67, one of the organizers of the weekend.

"We'll definitely do this again in five years for our 15th reunion," said Robert A. Healy, '68, an organizer.

Ted Hawley, '68, also helped organize the weekend, with the assistance of Bro. Gregory Corcoran, O.S.B., '64.



Alumnus' son makes prize replica

A miniature version of the Belmont Abbey Church, constructed by Lee Coyle, son of Abbey alumnus Joe Coyle ('57) and his wife Frances, won first place in a competition sponsored by the Tarheel Junior Historian Association of North Carolina. It took Coyle, a ninth grader at Belmont

Junior High School, two and one-half months of spare time to build the miniature church. The replica will be displayed for one year at the state Museum of History in Raleigh. (Photo courtesy of The Gastonia Gazette.)