

ALUMNI NEWS ALUMNI NEWS

by Mrs. Mary Cook

'29 -- Marion Lenz and his wife visited the Abbey the first of September. They were on their way to Boone and wanted to stop by to see Father Cuthbert's portrait. Father married them more than forty years ago and they visited the Cathedral and all around the campus.

'51 -- Joseph E. McCaffrey has been appointed manager of technical and environmental services at International Paper Co. in Camden, Arkansas. He was also selected to appear in the 1978-79 edition of "Who's Who in the South and Southwest." Congratulations!

'53 -- It was good to see Bill Farley when he and his wife Boots brought Bill junior to enroll as a freshman here at the Abbey. Bill teaches at Patterson High School in Baltimore and they have two other children.

'55 -- John Fischer has returned to Mitchell Funeral Home in Raleigh as funeral director and manager of public relations and advertising. He was with Mitchell for five years and then went to Brown Wynne for four-and-a-half years.

'58 -- Congratulations to Troy Howard, who has been appointed manager of Matthews-Belk Co. in Gastonia. He is a member of the board of directors of United Way of Gaston County and serves on the finance committee of First Baptist Church in Gastonia. He is a director of the Gastonia Merchants Association and recently completed a term as promotions chairman of the Eastridge Mall Merchants Association. He and his wife and daughter live in Gastonia.

'59 -- Congratulations to Jim Babb, who has been elected to the Charlotte board of directors of North Carolina National Bank. Jim is executive vice president and a member of the Board of Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting Co. (WBT-WBTV) and a Trustee of Belmont Abbey College. He and Mary Lou have five children and live in Charlotte.

Abbey Trustees Meet

Whitener Elected Chairman

Basil L. Whitener, Gastonia attorney and former U.S. Congressman, was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Belmont Abbey College at a Thursday, Sept. 28 meeting of the Board.

James G. Babb, Jr., executive vice president and member of the board of Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting Co., Charlotte, was elected vice chairman, the position vacated by Whitener. Father Jerome Dollard, O.S.B., chairman of the theology department at Belmont Abbey College, will continue as secretary-treasurer of the Board. The newly-elected officers will serve until Jan. 1, 1980.

Whitener is the first lay chairman in the history of the Board of Trustees at Belmont Abbey College. Only since 1976 have lay persons been included as members of the Board. Prior to that time all Trustees of the College were Benedictine monks of Belmont Abbey.

"I am honored to be able to serve as the first lay chairman of the Board," commented Whitener after the Thursday meeting. "I feel the position will be an opportunity for service, not only to the College, but to the entire community and the thousands of people who are furthering their education at the College level."

Whitener has been a Belmont Abbey College Trustee since early 1977. He was previously a member of the College's Board of Advisors (1956-76) and chairman of that Board (1974-76). He was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Belmont Abbey College in 1960.

A member of the First United Methodist Church of Gastonia, Whitener is also active in community affairs. He is a member of Kiwanis, Elks, American Legion, 40 and 8, and Veterans of Foreign War, and is a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner. He serves on the Board of Advisors of Gardner Webb College and the Board of Visitors of Sacred Heart College.

Babb, a graduate of Belmont Abbey College (class of '59), has been a Trustee since the inception of the lay Board in 1976. He was a member of the Board of Advisors from 1973-76.

A director of Wix Corp. in Gastonia and North Carolina National Bank in Charlotte, Babb is also a member of the CBS Affiliates Advisory Board, Metropolitan YMCA Board of Directors, Johnson C. Smith Advisory Board, North Carolina Goals and Policies Board and the old Catawba Society.

Fr. Jerome Dollard, O.S.B. has been secretary of the lay Board of Trustees since its inception in 1976. He was previously a member of the old Board that was composed of Benedictine monks of Belmont Abbey.

He is currently a consultant of the Ecumenical Institute of Wake Forest University and Belmont Abbey College and a member of the

'61 -- Richard Dondero is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army and commander of the 9th Tactical Intelligence Squadron at Shaw AFB, South Carolina. He is participating in "Blue Flag," a realistic combat training exercise conducted by Tactical Air Command forces at the Eglin AFB, Florida, weapons range.

'66 -- Alan Main has transferred from Atlanta with Southern Bell and he and Joy are now living in Belmont. Alan is staff manager forecast for Southern Bell.

'68 -- Congratulations to Bernice and Bob Healy on the arrival of Stephen Camillo on September 6. They have two other children--Cara Beth and Robert.

'69 -- James Kelley is with the law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Buckins where he specializes in labor law. He and Cathy (SHC) have two children, Bridget and Ben, and live in Alexandria, Va. Congratulations to Frank Zinke, who has been appointed assistant principal of Rhyme Elementary School in Gastonia, where he and Barbara live. Enjoyed the letter from Ron Jayson, which Jack Hanahan let me read. He and Deeann have a new daughter, Tara Anne, born July 16. Ron and Deeann teach on an Indian reservation and enjoyed a trip to Yellowstone Park in May.

'70 -- Congratulations to Marcia and Danny Treece on the birth of H. Daniel Treece, III on July 10. The Treeces recently moved to Pensacola, Florida, where Danny is the director of education and youth at First Methodist Church.

'71 -- Congratulations to Jeannine and Bob Dineen on the arrival of Robert William in July. Bob is with Greenwood Mills in New York City and they live in Westwood.

'73 -- Tom Nolan is a gynecologist at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia. Bob Wooten is a quality control chemist with Miller Brewing Company in Eden, N.C. Jim Bowen is a dentist aboard the nuclear aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. It was good to see Tom McNamara when he visited the Abbey in September. He received his MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University and is now working as a credit analyst with Amerada Hess Corporation in Woodbridge, New Jersey.

'74 -- Paul Zambito has completed his Master's degree in hospital administration. He and Barbara and Jennifer stopped by on their way to the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va., where Paul will be stationed for the next three years. Chuck Janus has been appointed to the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia Dental School. Good luck to Pat Coyle and his wife Gail, who have moved to Columbus, Ohio, where Pat will be with a regional office of HUD. Congratulations to Dave Bowers who recently passed the Virginia Bar Exam. Dave graduated from Loyola University School of Law this past spring and is currently practicing law in Roanoke, Va.

'75 -- Scott Jenkins has been named manager of the Ranlo office of Independence National Bank. He and Peggy and their two children live in Gastonia.

'76 -- Good luck, Dale Nixon, in your new job as plant chemist with Pellon-Kentucky Corporation in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

'78 -- Congratulations to Dennis Smith and Kathy Butner who were married September 30 at Our Lady of Grace Church in Greensboro, N.C. They are now living in Charlotte.

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Golf Team In Fall Action

The Belmont Abbey College golf team is involved in limited action this fall. The Crusader linksmen have already participated in two matches, and hope to play in several more before cold weather puts a damper on the sport.

The have lost a pair of toughies at the hands of Wingate by nine strokes and to Pfeiffer and Catawba in a three-way match.

Charlie Hofmann and Clyde Arrowood are leading the list of six players. The team is much improved from previous years, and the players are optimistic about their chances for the upcoming spring season.

The next match facing the Crusader golfers is a fall tournament at Gardner-Webb College.

Bishop's Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, National Conference of Catholic Bishops. He also serves as sub-prior of Belmont Abbey.

In other items of business, the Trustees agreed to make every effort to both preserve and restore St. Leo's Hall, one of the oldest buildings on campus. Constructed in 1906, St. Leo's has been termed by prominent architects as an historical landmark and one of the finest specimens of architecture of its kind in the country. The building currently houses faculty offices, a little theater and a bookstore.

The Board also voted to grant tenure to Joseph M. Graham, chairman of the social science division and the department of accounting at Belmont Abbey College.

For Father Neil Tobin, who assumed office as president of Belmont Abbey College on June 1, 1978, this was the first meeting with the College's Board of Trustees.

"This was the first opportunity that I have had to meet in formal session with the Board of Trustees of Belmont Abbey College," reflected Father Tobin after the meeting. "I am indeed encouraged by the presence of the outstanding men and women of many faiths on the Board. Belmont Abbey College is privileged to have the professional services of such important people from our local community."

This was also the first Board of Trustees meeting for Dr. Patrick Lee, new academic dean of Belmont Abbey College, and for the two newly elected Trustees, Theodore B. Sumner, Jr., chairman of First Union National Bank of Charlotte, and Robert P. Caldwell, president of R. P. Caldwell and Co. of Gastonia.

Other Board members include J. Bynum Carter, president, A. B. Carter, Inc., Gastonia; Dr. Bonnie E. Cone, vice chancellor emeritus, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Edward J. Dowd, Jr., president, Central Piedmont Employer's Association, Charlotte; Ms. Johnnie L. Falls, vice president, The Bank of Belmont, Belmont; Edward F. Gallagher, chairman of the board, Good Will Publishers, Inc., Gastonia; Fr. Raymond J. Geyer, O.S.B., prior, St. Benedict's Priory, Richmond, Va.; Fr. Martin Hayes, O.S.B., assistant professor of accounting, Belmont Abbey College; Fr. John Oetgen, O.S.B., professor of English, Belmont Abbey College; Dr. James Ralph Scales, president, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem; Lewis C. Stephens, Jr., president, Pilot Life Insurance Co., Greensboro; and George L. Wrenn, president, Wrenn Brothers Carolina, Inc., Charlotte.