

# THE QUINTS' BABY BROTHER IS CHRISTENED



Archbishop Alexandre Vachon of Ottawa, is pictured at the home of the famous Dionne Quints at Corbell, Ont., where he officiated at the baptism of their baby brother, Joseph Alexander Claude, born September 2. He is the 18th child born to Mr. and Mrs. Olivia Dionne. An older sister, Theresa, holds the baby as the parents and other children look on. Photo copyright 1946 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. (NC Photos)

## Winston-Salem

Two more stained glass windows have been installed in St. Benedict the Moor Church. This brings to eight the number of windows already installed. The work is being done by the High Point Glass and Decorative Company of High Point. It was announced by the pastor, Fr. Martin J. Collins O. F. M. that the remaining two windows would be installed sometime this month.

The ladies of the St. Monica's Guild of Saint Benedict, the Moor church are giving an oyster dinner on Friday night, November 1. The dinner will be held in the church hall and the proceeds will go towards painting the interior of the church.

The parish of St. Benedict the Moor keeps growing steadily. Two baptisms during the week past brought to eighty-four the total number of baptisms since the dedication of our church in 1941. One of the recently baptized is Leona B. Wilkins, daughter of E. H. Wilkins of 920 East 14th St. She is a convert to the faith and at present is employed as teacher of music at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.

The other baptism was that of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baron of 1510 East 14th St. He makes their sixth child living, four having died. All the Baron family are members of St. Benedict's Church. The father is employed by the Civil Service.

## Fayetteville

Greetings to the first issue of The North Carolina Catholic on behalf of the "big little" parish of St. Ann's in Fayetteville. We wish every success and pledge our full support to the paper and we look eagerly forward to the first issue.

I refer to St. Ann's as the "big little" parish because it has a capacity of only one hundred and thirty, yet I dare say that since it was erected in 1940 its activities and high ranking dignitaries who

have visited would rival, if not surpass, parishes of many times its size. It is a beautiful little colonial type structure of dark red face brick, located on a large, rolling, green lawn. In Fayetteville it is just off the highway 15A, one block from the center of the city as you enter from the direction of Raleigh. It is not hard to draw from the preceding lines that we are proud of St. Ann's and wish it to be everything that our fine and first pastor, Father William P. Ryan, O. M. I. would have it be.

Contributory to the activities of St. Ann's and linked with worthy efforts of Catholic laymen of the state, the Holy Name Society is now enjoying its third year of existence at the Parish. Having received its official charter three years ago with a membership of ten, this has now increased to a membership of fifteen. The first meeting of the fall season was held Sunday afternoon, September 22, at which time Father Ryan gave a talk to outline the work to be done and things to hope for.

—Paul H. Mitchell

## Wadesboro

A Catholic church will be built in Wadesboro in memory of the late James D. Horne and the late Capt. and Mrs. John F. Divine of Wilmington. The building and lot will be the gift of Mrs. James D. Horne and her daughters, Elizabeth, Virginia, Mrs. George W. Little, Mrs. S. H. Southerland. The late Capt. and Mrs. Divine are the parents of Mrs. Horne.

The church will be dedicated to the glory of God through the Sacred Heart of Jesus and will be called Sacred Heart Church. The type of the church is English country-style architecture and will be built of brick. Its size is 69 by 25 feet. The central panel of the memorial triple window in the front end will have a figure of Jesus and His most Sacred Heart. The side panels will have figures of St. James and St. John, selected because they, together with St. Peter were specially favored by our Lord in witnessing the Transfiguration and the Agony in the Garden. These saints were also selected because they bear the

names of those in whose memory the church is erected.

Contract for the building has been let to J. S. Stearns of Monroe. Priority has been secured for its erection from the Civilian Production Administration. J. A. Malcolm of Charlotte drew the plans.

## Asheville

A special meeting of the parishioners of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Asheville, was held in the Laurentine Hall last June 4 for the purpose of forming a North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association. Monsignor Bour opened the meeting with prayers and words of welcome to the many parishioners in attendance and introduced Mr. Dale Francis of Raleigh, who explained the reasons for the formation of the Association and the need for a Catholic Press in the state.

This was enthusiastically received by those present and a committee was immediately selected to proceed with the solicitation of memberships. Members of the committee were Mr. William E. Guilka, Miss Evelyn Fraggie, Mr. Robert Reusing, Mrs. Julian A. Woodcock, Jr., Mrs. James Flynn, Mrs. Richard B. Meehan, Mr. Francis Cain, Mrs. J. T. Cocnan, Mr. Edward Hogan, Miss Sarah Clement and Miss Agnes Kuehl.

When the membership drive ended after a period of three weeks the Committee reported to Monsignor Bour that the members of St. Lawrence Church had supported whole-heartedly this commendable movement and that almost a 100 per cent membership had been attained.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hargis of 15 Buckingham Court have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Edith Marie Hargis, to Eugene Alexander Precin, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Precin of Chicago.

The wedding will take place on Tuesday, October 8. The service will be performed by Monsignor Louis J. Bour

—By "Michael"

## Washington

St. Agnes Academy opened its ninth year on September 4 by inaugurating the seventh grade. Each year from the opening of the kindergarten night years ago, a grade has been added and the school has grown steadily.

Rev. Edward T. Gilbert, who has directed the school since its start in 1937, expressed satisfaction over this year's enrollment, which has increased each year.

This year's faculty is again headed by Mother M. de Chantal. Returning to the school this year also are Sister Mary Albert and Sister M. Giraldo. New faculty member is Sister Phillip Marie, who taught at St. Ann School, Devon, Conn., last year. Sister Phillip Marie has charge of the kindergarten and the music department.

Patrons of the school as well as members of St. Agnes church were keenly disappointed this year when Sister Theresa Clare, who had been a member of the school faculty for three years, did not return. They were happy, however, to learn of her promotion to Superior in charge of the Rocky Mount school.

Father Gilbert had hoped to be able to start construction of the new school building but it is being delayed until the costs of building materials become stabilized again.

A campaign was started in 1945 to begin a school fund. The first year was very successful and the fund is growing steadily as the second year gets under way.

Mother of Mercy school opened this year with the largest enrollment in the history of the institution, Father Ernest P. Welch, C. P., announced.

The school has a total of 213 students this year as compared with 175 during the 1945-46 term. The grammar school has 172 pupils and compared with 143 last year while the high school has 41 compared with 32 during the previous year. This is an increase of 22 per cent.

The school faculty is again headed by Mother M. Cyprian. One new Nun Sister Agnes Bernard, who taught at Saint Matthews School, Stroudsburg, Penn., has replaced Sister Maria Vincent, fourth and fifth grade teacher, who has been transferred to Saint

Mary's School, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

During the summer months a renovation program took place in the school with Father Welch and his able assistant, the Rev. Daniel McDevitt, in charge. Much painting and repair work was done, greatly improving the appearance of the school.

"We are looking forward to the most successful year in the history of Mother of Mercy Mission," Father Welch stated.

Mother of Mercy Mission was established in Washington in 1927 by the Rev. Charles Hannegan, who was then living in New Bern. A few months later the Rev. Father Mark Moselin came to Washington as the first resident pastor and took charge. It was one of the early Negro Missions in the state.

When Father Mark took over there was only a small one-story frame combination chapel and school. When he went into retirement a few years ago the school was an imposing two-story brick structure with a brick rectory and a large convent of the Sisters. Father Mark, now in his 93rd year, is in retirement at the Passionists Monastery at Baltimore, Md.

The two members of the 1946 graduating class of Mother of Mercy Mission are attending schools of higher education this year.

Latham Mann has enrolled at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Penn., while Wilhelmina Whitey has enrolled at Xavier University, New Orleans, La.

—Fred B. Pendleton

## New Bern

Music lovers of New Bern enjoyed an unusual musical treat recently when Allen O. Brown of Pollocksville entertained the public with a piano concert in Egan Hall. Mr. Brown, a graduate of North Carolina State College for Negroes, is now a member of the American College of Music in Chicago, and of the Chicago Bureau of Artists.

On August 30, Peter O'Farrow's band, "The Jumping Jacks," from Mother of Mercy's Parish, Washington, N. C. conducted a dance in Egan Hall. A large crowd of young people enjoyed an evening of fun.

—Ernestine Wynn



"Japan is ready for conversion," writes Father Charles A. Robinson, S. J. (above), former chaplain on the USS Missouri, and now teaching English language at Sophia University, Tokyo, where 1,000 students have registered. He also teaches a course in Bible knowledge to 800 grade students at a non-Catholic high school there. Before entering the service he taught classes in Japanese at St. Louis University. (NC Photos)