



NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA CATHOLICS

Carolina Beach

Carolina Beach. — The initial meeting on Tuesday, May 14, with Dale Francis presiding, was held and the following named members of the parish were elected to serve on the committee for the membership drive of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association: Thomas Croom, chairman; and Mrs. Mary Butler, George Applewhite, and Lester M. Maguire.

Now that the summer vacationists have left the beach, our parish has returned to its permanent congregation and begun preparing for its fall activities.

Preparations for the October Devotions are being made by our organist, Mrs. Pearl Register.
—L. M. Maguire.

Smithfield

Smithfield. — Michael Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abdalla, Jr., of Benson, was christened Sunday, August 10th, at St. Anne's. The baptismal ceremony was performed by Father Charles O'Connon of Raleigh, assisted by Father John McGuirk, pastor, of Smithfield.

The godparents were Mrs. Joseph Ashcoty of Griffin, Georgia, and Mr. George Abdalla of Selma, N. C.

After the ceremony a luncheon was served at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abdalla, Sr., of Selma.

Among the out-of-town guests were: Father O'Connor, Father James Tevlin, and Edward Rigney of Wake Forest; Father Francis Schurick, of Dunn; Father Thomas O'Connor, C.S.S.R., of Newton Grove; and Father John McGuirk of Smithfield.

The North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association was organized in St. Anne's Catholic Church in Smithfield. The following people joined the Laymen's Association: Rev. John B. Sanders, Mr. William Sanders, Mrs. Elizabeth Sanders, Miss Martha Sanders and Mrs. D. Hooper

Sanders all of Smithfield; Mrs. S. W. Armitage, Mr. R. C. Banks, Mr. Abdalla J. Abdalla, Mr. Geo. Abdalla, Miss Josephine Abdalla, Mr. Joseph Abdalla, Miss Cassie Abdalla, Mrs. Louis Abdalla, Mr. Louis Abdalla, Miss Mary Lou Abdalla, and Mrs. George Abdalla, all of Selma; Mr. Kelly Joseph of Benson.

The officers elected were Mrs. S. W. Armitage, chairman; Mrs. D. Hooper Sanders, secretary; Mr. Louis Abdalla, treasurer.
—Cassie Abdalla.

Hickory

Hickory. — This was quite a week for St. Aloysius' Parish, with losing our old pastor and getting a new one all of a sudden. We seem to have swapped with Henderson. We lost our Father William McShea to them and they lost their Father James King to us. Pretty sharp trading, we call it, and it is very hard to tell who got the best of the bargain. Welcome, Father King, and God bless you, Father McShea.

On the occasion of Father King's advent, our choir blossomed from its usual number of two to the stupendous dimensions of six, and believe me, they sounded sweeter than a barrel of canaries. So far, we have to be content with hymns, but before long they will put forth with a Palestrina Mass the like of which this part of the world has never heard. When it rains, it really pours. For so many years there was not one member of our parish who could so much as punch out the tunes note by note on our little reed organ, but in the course of one week three ladies who are accomplished musicians have come into our congregation. Praise to St. Cecilia!

Nearly all our veterans are back at the home altar now. It was great to see Tommy Scales all decked out in his Navy Chief's rig. He looks fine and dandy for all his time in China, but his mother just can't break him of the old chopstick habit.
—William D. E. Morgan.

Vanceboro

Vanceboro. — Holy Name Catholic Church held its first Annual Street Preaching Session from August 12th to 22nd. The services were in charge of Reverend Michael Giblin, M.S.S.S.T., and Reverend Louis Leuthy, M.S.S.S.T., both of St. Joseph's Preparatory Seminary, at Holy Trinity, Alabama. During the first week, the visiting priests held their meetings on the lawn of the Church at Vanceboro.

Their talks consisted of explanations of the main truths of the Catholic Church, and were followed by questions and answers and technicolor slides on the life of Christ. An increasing number of people attended the meetings each night.

On Tuesday evening, August 24, Father Michael spoke at Ben Cameron's Gas Station at Askins. Despite a threatening evening, a good number of the neighboring people attended the meeting.

The next two evenings, Father Michael spoke from the courthouse steps at Bayboro. Here, too, between 50 and 60 attended the meetings and here, more than at the other meetings, more interest was manifested by those in attendance.
—Mrs. Grover Lancaster, Jr.

Wilmington

Wilmington. — St. Thomas School opened September 3, with many new students in addition to the older ones. The older students felt a little sad as they had lost the principal, Mother Carmelita, who had been transferred to Richmond, Va., and Sister Cyprian, who had been transferred to Baltimore, Md.

Nevertheless one of the sisters who has been here for quite a few years has been made Mother. Mother Carlotta can and will do a splendid job. The only thing we have to do now is to remember the new title as we have called her sister for such a long time.

The new sisters are Sister Damien, who was here before for two years and Sister Ethelrita.

Father Thomas J. Monahan, our pastor, is well pleased with the work the Sodality has been doing around the church. We had a bingo party that was very successful and everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

The Holy Name Society cannot be left out nor Blessed Martin De Porres Club. The P.T.A. has done a wonderful job also. Through them some work in the class rooms has been done.

We hope with the coming of winter we can fulfill all the plans we are making for the 100th anniversary of St. Thomas Church.

North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association is just an infant but we hope it will be walking real soon in St. Thomas.
—Rogie B. Campbell.

New Bern

Reverend Father Julian Endler, C. P., Pastor of St. Joseph's Church in New Bern has just returned from a pilgrimage to St. Ann's Shrine in Quebec.

St. Joseph's High School opened Tuesday, September 3 with an excellent attendance. This year we are greatly honored in having on our high school faculty, two priests, Reverend Simon Yungfleisch C. P., Professor of Latin and French, and Reverend Leo Byrnes C. P., Professor of Religion and Supervisor of all athletic activities.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that a former graduate of St. Joseph's High School, Miss Irene C. Powell of the class of 1945, returned to Xavier for her Sophomore year of studies.

Sunday night, September 15, our parishioners were honored when Reverend Daniel Egan, S. A., of Our Lady of the Atonement par- beautiful stereopticon views of the life of Christ. The pictures were all representations of the artist Hoffman.

Morehead City

Father Elmer J. Landser, T. O. R., Pastor of Saint Egbert's Catholic Church, Morehead City, announced recently the new winter schedule for Masses and Devotions.

Sunday Masses are celebrated at 9:00 and 11:00. The 11:00 Mass is followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The weekday Mass is celebrated daily at 7:45 A. M. Masses on holidays are at 6:00 and 8:00.

Confessions are heard every Saturday evening from 7:00 till 8:00, before all Masses on Sundays and weekdays, also anytime during the week upon request.

Devotions in honor of our Blessed Mother are conducted each Wednesday evening at 7:45. These devotions consists of Rosary, Litany of Our Blessed Mother and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are conducted on the First Friday of each month at 7:45 P. M. These Devotions consist of the Rosary, Litany of the Sacred Heart, Consecration to the Sacred Heart and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Father Paul Graicar, T. O. R., Assistant of Saint Egbert's Parish, also made the announcement that the winter schedule of Masses and Devotions at the Havelock Mission will be as follow:

Sunday Mass is celebrated at 9:00 in the Community Chapel, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Confessions are heard before the Mass.

Mass is celebrated daily 8:00 A. M. Masses on holidays are at 6:00 and 8:00.

Devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are conducted each Friday evening at 7:15. These Devotions consist of Rosary, Litany of the Sacred Heart, Consecration to the Sacred Heart and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
—R. J. Rogers



A Mission Symposium was held September 25, in Cardinal Hayes High School, New York, as a feature of the sixth national convention of diocesan directors of the Society for the Propagation of the

Faith. Among the participants were, left to right: Rev. William F. Masterson, S. J. Philippines; Rev. Joseph Austin, C. S.S. R., Brazil; Rev. William Leising, O. M. I., Central Arctic; Rev. Ber-

nard A. Cullen, Director, Marquette League for Catholic Indian Missions; Rev. Lawrence Youn, Korea; Bishop Francis X. Ford, China; Very Rev. Msgr. John J. Scally, Chairman, New York Di-

ocesan Director of the Society for the propagation of the Faith; Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. McMahon, National Secretary, Catholic Near East Welfare Association; Rev. Lafayette Yarwood,

Chaplain, U. S. A.; Rev. Francis J. Fitzgerald, C. S. Sp., Africa; Rev. Father Lucas, O. F. M., Honduras; Rev. Calvert Alexander, S. J., Executive Director, American Jesuit Missionary Association.