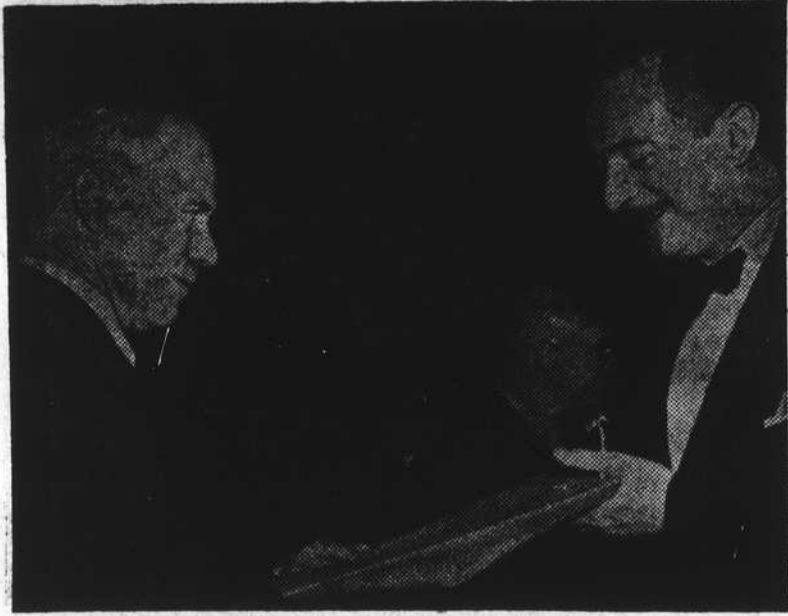


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Among the overseas correspondents of World War II to receive Army campaign ribbons and certificates of appreciation at services in Washington was the Assistant Director of the N. C. W. C. News Service, Burke Walsh who accompanied American troops on their entry into Rome in 1944. He is pictured with Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson (left), who made the presentation. (NC Photos)

NCCLA Chooses MacClements To Serve Until First Convention

Edward MacClements, Charlotte layman, was elected to serve as president of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association, Inc., at the first meeting of the board of directors held last week in Charlotte.

MacClements and other officers were chosen to hold the positions until all members of the association meet at the organization's first convention sometime in 1947. Other officers are: Mrs. Janett G. O'Donoghue, vice president, and Fred C. Ray, secretary-treasurer.

Officers will be chosen at the state convention by the State Council of the North Carolina Laymen's Association, Inc. Every parish in the diocese will have representation on the State Council. The elected chairman of each parish group will be a member of the Council and an additional representative will serve on the council for every 25 members in the local organization. However, no parish will have more than 10 elected representatives.

The voting set-up gives a vote to even the smallest of the parish groups and at the same time limits the voting power of the largest groups.

The North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association, Inc., is the publisher of the North Carolina Catholic. Members of the board of directors are: Francis J. Heazel, Asheville; Mrs. Janett G. O'Donoghue, Charlotte; Edward MacClements, Charlotte; Fred C. Ray, Charlotte, and the ex-officio members, who hold their positions by virtue of their office, Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of the Diocese of Raleigh; Monsignor Arthur R. Freeman, Vicar General

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Miss Wyolene Sprouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Sprouse, Lenoir, N. C., enters the novitiate of the Third Order Regular of Saint Francis today at Allegany, N. Y. She is a convert, coming into the Church while serving in the Nurses Corps in England.

Pope Pius XII Sends Special Blessing To U. S. Catholics

PHILADELPHIA (NC)—Deeply moved by the "truly devoted labors" and the "munificent spirit of fraternal love and Christian charity" manifested by the Catholics of the United States, His Holiness Pope Pius XII has sent a "very special Apostolic Benediction" to all the Bishops, priests and faithful in this country.

The blessing is conveyed in a cablegram signed personally by the Holy Father and addressed to His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia. The message acknowledges a cablegram of filial homage sent to the Sovereign Pontiff from the Annual General Meeting of the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States recently held at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., at a session over which Cardinal Dougherty presided.

The text of the Holy Father's message follows:

"We have received with particular satisfaction and with a profound sense of consolation, the thoughtful message of filial devotion of Our Beloved sons and brethren of the Hierarchy of the United States assembled at Washington for their annual meeting.

"We desire to send to them, one and all, the renewed assurance of Our heartfelt appreciation of their truly devoted labors and of their munificent spirit of fraternal love and Christian charity which has prompted them to encourage once again the great body of the American Catholics to continue in this critical post-war period their most generous assistance to those of their less fortunate fellowmen, who, in their great suffering and need, call upon Us for that succor

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Sickness of the World Needs Democracy Cure Bishop Sheil Says

New York.—Special—Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago told the Herald Tribune annual forum on current problems here that "democracy and more democracy" is the cure for the sickness of world society.

"A firm believer in the democratic system, the prelate described democracy as a "living thing, not something static or frozen in history." "To many of us democracy is an outward garment which we put on every four years," he said. "We have forgotten, apparently, that we the people are democracy every day of our lives."

Bishop Sheil emphasized that local people's organizations are needed if American democracy is to be revived, "organizations which are really of the people, by the people and for the people; not just fronts for some par-

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Twin Priests Return to Nazareth For Thanksgiving Day Mass

The twins returned to Nazareth on Thanksgiving Day. It was near Thanksgiving Day in 1924 when Lawrence and Clarence Hill first arrived at Catholic Orphanage at the little Catholic community on the hill outside of Raleigh. Looking so much alike that the Sisters could not tell them apart, they were only six years old then.

When they returned on Thanksgiving Day, 1946, it was for the celebration of Father Clarence Hill's first High Mass. Father Lawrence Hill, who was ordained a year before his brother, was deacon.

The twins were at the orphanage for 13 years. It was while they were at Nazareth that they made their separate decisions to become priests—Father Lawrence Hill deciding first and Father Clarence Hill making the same decision shortly after.

Lawrence enrolled at Belmont Abbey, the Benedictine school in North Carolina, after his graduation in 1937. Clarence worked for a year, then followed his brother to Belmont. In 1939, Clarence enrolled at St. Gregory's Seminary near Cincinnati. He completed his work at Mount St. Mary's of the West. Lawrence studied at Our

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Full Time Catholics Is Need of Nation Negro Catholic Says

New York, N. Y.—Special—"The integration of the Negro in the life of the Church and the nation is the test of full-time Catholicism," Dr. Francis Monroe Hammond, brilliant young Negro philosopher challenged members of the Catholic Interracial Council at their weekly meeting here.

Dean of the philosophy department at Seton Hall College, South Orange, N. J., Dr. Hammond was formerly head of the department of foreign languages at Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. He studied at Xavier University, New Orleans, and at the University of Louvain, Belgium, before entering Laval University, Quebec, where he received the degree of doctor of philosophy in 1943.

Speaking on "Knowledge and the Citizen," Dr. Hammond pointed out that "a useful citizen can have little knowledge of physical sci-

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Christian Party Gains Strength in France

Paris.—(Cable)—Recent voting for electors of the Second Chamber, or Council of the Republic, brought a distinct success to the Popular Republican (M. R. P.) and a decline in the over-all strength of the communists socialist bloc. The electors will meet on Dec. 8 to name the Council, which replaces the Senate of the former French constitutional set-up.

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The official reception of the three Sisters of Mercy from Belmont, N. C., will be held today, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, on the island of Guam in the Mariannas. Above the Sisters are shown as they were received by Admiral Charles Powell, governor of the island. Left to right, James Underwood, father of Sister Inez; Sister Mary Annette McBennett, Fayetteville, N. C., who underwent an appendectomy last week; Sister Mary Louise Wiensforth, Troy, N. Y., Sister Mary Inez Underwood, Guam; Admiral and Mrs. Powell, and Mrs. James Underwood, mother of Sister Inez. A letter from Sister Inez, relating the experiences of the Sisters, is printed on page 8