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## State's Ideal Catholic Family Will Win Trip, Valuable Prize

Somewhere in North Carolina a Catholic family is going to win the honor of being named the Ideal Catholic Family of North Carolina, a free all-expense trip to the convention of the Catholic Committee of the South and the choice of either a complete set of the Catholic Encyclopedia or a complete Christmas crib.

The North Carolina Catholic is sponsoring this state-wide contest to choose the ideal Catholic family. There will be other prizes during the contest which begins immediately and will extend until next October. Each week a picture of one of the finalists in the contest will be printed in this paper, along with a story telling why this Catholic family is qualified for the State-wide

### Asheville Knights Form New Assembly For Fourth Degree

A New Assembly of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, was established on January 1st in Asheville.

The new assembly will be known as the "St. Lawrence Assembly, 1695, Asheville, N. C." Sir Knight W. Fleming Browne was elected Faithful Navigator.

The new assembly is the third in the diocese. The others include the general assembly at Raleigh and the assembly at Charlotte. Belonging to the general assembly are Fourth Degree knights from Fayetteville, Raleigh, Greensboro and Wilmington.

The new assembly was authorized by Raymond B. Streb, Master of the Fourth Degree for the Diocese district.

### Assist All Is Stand Taken by the Church On School Problem

Detroit.—(NC)—Regarding the question of Federal aid to education, the Catholic Church stands for equal assistance to all pupils and their parents, Catholic or Protestant, whose need for meeting required State standards has been proven, Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O. P., of Cincinnati, emphasized in an address here before 600 members of the First Friday Club.

The Archbishop, who is Chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and President-General of the National Catholic Educational Association, pointed out that under a current Federal aid—  
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honor. Each family whose picture is printed in the North Carolina Catholic will receive a large reproduction of a painting showing the Holy Family.

What is the ideal Catholic family. First of all, all the members of the family must be practicing Catholics. This is the only qualification in the contest. Every Catholic family in every parish in the state, this includes the Abbey Nullins of Belmont, is eligible. We hope that we will get entries from every parish.

We will print as many pictures as we think are acceptable entrants for the final prizes. We hope that we will secure enough entries to print at least one picture each week. If there are sufficient entries we will print more than one picture.

Entries must be sent to the North Carolina Catholic, Nazareth, N. C. A group picture of the family must accompany every entry. This should be a portrait, whenever possible a glossy print should be sent. A snapshot is not acceptable because it will not reproduce well enough for newspaper use.

Along with the portrait there should be a statement of why this family should be named the Ideal Catholic Family of North Carolina. The members of the family in the pictures should be identified, left to right. If they include school children then the school they attend should be listed. (Ideally school children should attend Catholic schools but this is not always possible so where it is impossible for children to attend Catholic schools, the non-attendance will, of course, not count against the family.)

If any of the members of the family are converts are listed then this should be noted. We are proud of our converts in North Carolina. You might list also whether or not members of the family are native North Carolinians. (This will not be a factor in—  
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### Catholics Sweep Top Positions In Radio Poll

Catholics took the first three positions and four out of the first six places in Jimmy Fidler's nation wide poll to determine who is the most popular person in the world.

The poll, which drew tens of thousands of votes, gave Pope Pius third position—a remarkably high place considering the fact that the vote came exclusively from this country, which is still predominately non-Catholic.

First place was taken by Bing Crosby and second by Frank Sinatra, both Catholics. Sixth place was given by the voters to Monsignor Flanagan of Boys Town. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt won fourth place and General Eisenhower placed fifth.

### Baptist Irishman Owes Debt To St. Christopher

Washington.—(NC)—A St. Christopher Medal figured in a prominent and dramatic episode during the opening session of the House of Representatives in the 80th Congress here.

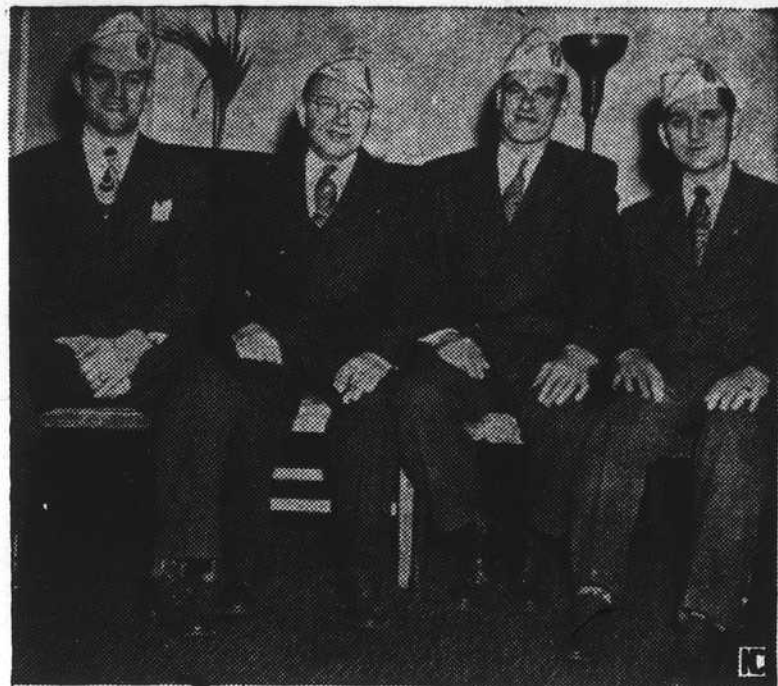
Opening roll call—which is a tedious and lengthy process—was in progress. In the rear of the House chamber, Representative John E. Lyle of Texas, was talking with a fellow Texan, Representative Lyndon B. Johnson, who is an alumnus of Georgetown University law school, and comes from Johnson City, Tex. The conversation got around to "good luck" pieces.

Representative Lyle pulled out his key chain and exhibited a St. Christopher Medal, after noting that Representative Johnson had one also. Mr. Lyle recalled that the medal was a gift from Msgr. John J. Lannon, rector of the Corpus Christi Cathedral, in the legislator's home town.

Mr. Lyle related that Monsignor Lannon had given him the—  
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### Well-Known Catholic Dies in Hamlet

Last rites for Ambrose William Gallagher, M. D., age 50, were held from St. James Catholic Church in Hamlet. Requiem Mass was offered by the Reverend Vincent Stokes of Greensboro assisted by the Reverend John Beshel, pastor. Other priests, in attendance were the Reverend Howard V. Lane of Hendersonville, the Reverend Michael Carey of Laurin—  
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State Department Commanders and Field Organizers of the Catholic War Veterans met in Washington to plan their annual convention, to be held in Cleveland in June, 1947. Pictured on that occasion are, left to right: Daniel J. Herlihy, Akron, O., convention chairman; Max H. Sorensen, CWV national commander; Frank W. Hayes, Bronx, CWV Adjutant General, and Eugene Taggart, Philadelphia, newly-appointed head of the Washington office of the Catholic War Veterans. (NC Photos)

## People Urged to Join His Holiness In 39th World Wide Unity Prayer

Washington.—(NC)—In keeping with the encouragement bestowed by the recent Pontiffs, His Holiness Pope Pius XII will offer Mass on January 18, Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome and opening day of the Church Unity Octave, for the success of the world-wide prayer movement which is designed to bring about the promised one fold and one Shepherd, according to word received here by the Church Unity Octave Committee.

Continuing until January 25, Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the ceremonies this year will mark the 39th annual observance of the movement inaugurated by the late Father Paul Francis, founder of the Society of the Atonement. Father Francis along with his community of friars and nuns at Graymoor Monastery, Garrison, N. Y., were received from Anglicanism into the Catholic Church a year after he founded the unity prayer movement.

From its humble beginning in this country, the movement now has grown to world-wide proportions and outstanding observances are held in Alaska, the Philippines, Ireland, England, France, Germany, Italy, Greece, India and China, as well as in other countries.

The most recent land where the movement has been adopted is—  
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### President Bierut Fails to Tell Facts, Say Catholics

Warsaw.—(NC)—Gloating misrepresentations were made by President Boleslaw Bierut of the Warsaw Government in his interview on religious matters given to Ksawery Pruszyński, counselor to the Polish embassy in the United States, according to charges appearing in a number of Catholic weeklies in Poland.

Summarizing the whole interview, Tygodnik Powszechny, Catholic weekly of Cracow, stated that President Bierut touched on (1) the relations of the Polish State with the Holy See; (2) conditions for the Church in Poland, and (3) the representation of Polish Catholics in parliament.

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## Basic Structure of Catholic Church Is Theme of Catholic Hour Speaker

(N. C. W. C. News Service)  
NEW YORK — A sketch of the basic structure upon which the Catholic Faith rests was drawn by the Rev. John J. Dougherty, Scripture professor at the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, N. J., in an address this evening on the Catholic Hour radio program, which is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men and broadcast by the National Broadcasting Company.

He emphasized that the first tenet of the Catholic Faith is that it is a revealed religion, made known by God, Himself, in direct communication with man through Christ.

"This visitation of God to the world," Father Dougherty said, "is the basis of Catholic Christianity. When that idea is caught attitudes that seem unreasonable take on a different aspect. For example, if I believe that through Christ direct contact is established between God and man, and then I can be shown that he taught divorce to be unlawful, my unalterable attitude toward divorce will be better understood. You may pity me for believing as I do, you may feel that I am missing out on a lot of fun, you may even consider me a fool as the Greeks did the Christians of old, but you must at least under—  
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## Mountain Priest Wins Friendship Of Mountaineers by Being a Friend

Nine years ago when Father Andrew V. Graves came to Revere, a little mountain settlement in western North Carolina, his reception was cool for the mountain people had never known a priest before.

Today he is greeted by Catholics and non-Catholics alike as "Father." He has won his place in his community — thanks to the tall, husky Jesuit's knowledge of sports.

Father Graves was an all-around athlete back in his Gonzaga high school days in Washington, D. C., and one of the first things he did upon his arrival in the village was to go to the backlot where the boys played baseball.

Soon he was giving them pointers and before long he was their manager, scheduling games for them in the nearby towns.

In three years, Madison county had a 16 club league and Father Graves piloted the Revere team through to the pennant. When the war came the league disbanded but last year it was revived and Revere combined with Marshall to form a new club. Again Father Graves was asked to serve as manager.

This year Madison, Yancey and Buncombe counties decided to form a Tri-County League. At their first meeting the representa—  
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