



NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA CATHOLICS

Burlington Women Hold Meeting At Kelly Home

Burlington, N. C.—The Ladies Society of the Blessed Sacrament Church held their first meeting of the new year at the home of Mrs. Joseph Kelly. The retiring President, Mrs. L. J. Blakey, presided over the first half and then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Rufus Amis the new president. Mrs. Amis welcomed the four new members added to the roll and the new officers: Mrs. Clarence Decker, vice-president, Mrs. Joseph Kelly, secretary, and Mrs. Kenneth Young, treasurer.

Following adjournment, tea was poured by Mrs. Amis from the attractively decorated table in the dining room which held an assortment of sandwiches, hot ham biscuits, cookies, candies, fruit cake and mints.

Raymond McCann, brother of Sister Marguerita, principal of the Blessed Sacrament School, died suddenly in Chicago last week. A Requiem Mass was offered Tuesday, January 14th, by Father Eugene, pastor of the Burlington church.

—Mrs. Leo Grutsch

Smithfield Altar Society Holds Regular Meeting

The members of the Altar Society of St. Ann Catholic Church, held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Joseph Abdalla in Selma. Father John B. McGuirk led the Prayer. Mrs. S. W. Armitage presided at the business session. Mrs. Hooper Sanders acted in her capacity as secretary-treasurer.

The members are studying The Sacramentals by Charles J. Neil, a study of the origin, nature, and proper use of the Sacramentals of the Church. Mrs. George Addalla made an interesting talk on the first lesson, "The Sacramentals in General." Mrs. Angelo Narcisso made a very impressive talk on Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini. She visited Mother Cabrini High

School in New York City.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Louis Addalla in Selma on Wednesday evening February 12 at eight o'clock. The subject for the evening will be "The Sign of the Cross."

—Cassie Abdalla

Pinehurst Couple Re-Live Wedding On Anniversary

Pinehurst—Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wigg relived one of the fervent days of their lives, when they celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary by repeating before the Altar of the Sacred Heart church the vows they said on their wedding day fifty years ago in New York City. This solemn and sentimental service was enacted in the presence of many witnesses, the Pinehurst friends of Mamie and Curtis Wigg.

On January 7th, 1897, Miss Mamie E. Everett and Curtis Wigg were married at St. Paul's at 59th street and Columbus avenue. Through the years they have lived together, sharing their lives, "in sickness and in health," the trials and the joys, and hand in hand Mamie and Curtis walked down the aisle of the Sacred Heart church in the first ceremony of the kind ever held in this village; a testimony to the sanctity of marriage, and a symbol of their faith and love, the one for the other.

Mrs. Wigg wore the taffeta wedding dress with long sleeves, with a tulle overskirt and old lace; the gown she wore when she was a bride. She carried white orchids and two jewels, a pearl necklace given her by her husband as a wedding present, and a diamond lavalier, her husband's Golden anniversary gift.

Miss Helen Fields sang at the beginning of the Mass, "O Sacred Heart, O Love Divine." After the gospel, "Mother Dear Oh Pray for me." After the Sanctus, "Jesus Thou Art Coming." During the Communion, Miss Fields sang, "O Lord I am not worthy." Mrs. John Hemmer accompanied Miss Fields. Mrs. Hemmer played the wedding march as Mr. and Mrs. Wigg walked to the Altar.



The Williams Family in Goldsboro did its share in World War II. Pictured above are the five servicemen sons of Oscar Williams. They are, left to right, top, William Henry, Joseph, Oscar, Jr.; second row, George and Paul. Two served in the Navy, three in the Army. All belong to St. Mary's parish.

Catholic Books Given To Burlington Library By Laymen's Association

Burlington—A selection of Catholic books, donated by the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association have been presented to May Memorial Library by the Blessed Sacrament Parish here.

Books presented to the library include "Two Small a World by Maynard, the biography of America's first citizen saint, Mother Cabrini; "A Testimonial to Grace" by Avery Dulles, "Whereon to Stand," by John Gilland Brunini, a book on what Catholics believe and why; "The Autobiography of Gilbert K. Chesterton"; "A Padre Views South America," by Dunne; "Speaking of Cardinals" by Thomas B. Morgan, master raconteur of the doings of Popes and Princes of the Church; "Our Lords Last Will and Testament," by Fischer, and several other selections including novels.

The Parishioners of the Blessed Sacrament Church here are members of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association.

Southern Pines Man Surprised by Fiancee Who Became a Convert

Southern Pines, N. C.—When James J. Spring, Jr., went to Christmas Midnight Mass at the Church of Saint Anthony of Padua, he took his fiancee, Marjorie Jellison, with him. He knew she'd enjoy it, almost as much as a Catholic would enjoy it.

The Mass began and his fian-

cee knelt with the Catholics in the church. Then when it came time for Holy Communion, he started for his altar rail. His fiancee went with him.

It wasn't until that moment that he knew that his fiancee had taken instructions and became a Catholic. It was her first Holy Communion.

Three days later they were married at the same church with Father Herbert A. Harkins, and Father Richard E. Barrett officiating at the Nuptial Mass.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jellison. The bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Spring, of Chicago and Southern Pines. She attended Woman's College at Greensboro. He studied at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Southern Pines, N. C.—On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a day of recollection was held at the Church of Saint Anthony of Padua with a High Mass celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Herbert A. Harkins. During the Mass the converts of the parish were dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, since the day of recollection was sponsored by the converts to the Catholic Church.

Lyle McDonald, Pharmacist 1st Class, a veteran of many Pacific engagements came from his base in Norfolk in order to be present at the Mass. Tribute was paid to the reorganized choir and its members for their untiring efforts to make the day a memorial occasion. Mrs. Malcolm Grover directed the choir, while Miss Marguerite Wolfe assisted at the organ. After a most inspiring sermon by Rev. Wm. Murray C. S. Sp. solemn benediction was given by the Rev. John A. Brown of Sacred Heart Parish Pinehurst.

—Joseph Gilmary

Grand Lama Closes Area To Catholic Missionaries Serving in China's Tibet

PEIPING —(NC)— The Catholic mission of Yerkalo in China, the only mission lying within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lama in Tibet, has been closed, and all efforts of missionaries to regain entrance to the territory have failed.

After enjoying several years of comparative peace the mission was surrounded last year and the only missionary there, Father Tornay of the Paris Foreign Missions, was driven out of the country. He took refuge in Yunnan province about 15 miles away and has several times applied for permission to re-enter the country but has never received a reply from Lhasa, the city of the Grand Lama.

Communists Protest Vatican Grain Base With Fake Statistics

VATICAN CITY —(NC)— Distribution of Italian grain to the Vatican has been used as the basis for a propaganda piece in the Rome communist daily Unita. Following its customary methods, Unita set the amount of grain allocated at 500,000 quintali (hundredweight) and pointed out that this was a factor contributing to Italian hardships and shortages.

Observators published the actual figure, 7,000 quintali, and explained that the grain was for Italian citizens living in Vatican City, who were duly called to account on their ration cards for the amount they received.



Eager crowds listen with interest to Mary Virginia Doyle, Rockford, Ill., as she tells the story of the Catholic church to a group in Western North Carolina where three students of Rosary College, River Forest, Ill., held Catholic Evidence meetings daily during their summer vacation. (NC Photos)