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Industrial Relations Conference Program Announced For Charlotte March 19-20, Speakers Named

CHARLOTTE—The program for an Industrial Conference, highlighting relations between labor and management, has been released for the date of March 19-20, to be held in this city. The conference sponsored by the National Catholic Welfare Conference is also co-sponsored by the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association.

"We earnestly trust that Catholics and non-Catholics alike who are engaged in social relations dealing with the phase of employment relations, will avail themselves of the opportunity of this conference," said the Very Rev. Hugh A. Dolan of Greensboro and the Reverend Loyola O'Leary, M. S. T., of Farmville, promoters of the conference, in a statement announcing the program.

The two-day conference beginning Sunday morning, the 19 and ending Monday night, the 20, will be held here, as Charlotte is situated in the heart of the industrial Piedmont section of North Carolina. The program is slated as follows: Mass Sunday morning, March 19, at 11:00 o'clock at Saint Patrick's Church. The Very Reverend Hugh A. Dolan of Greensboro will be celebrant. The sermon will be delivered by Father Loyola O'Leary.

Sunday Sessions

The first session of the conference will be open in the auditorium of the Dilworth Public School at 2:00 o'clock. The theme will cite "The Dignity of Man," subdivided as "His Economic Rights as God Created Us and Obligations of Employees, Obligations of the Employer, the Christian Ideal." Monsignor Dolan and Father O'Leary will be chairman of these discussions. Guest speakers on the program will include: The Very Rev. Maurice Sheen of Rock Hill, S. C. Paul Beach Tafel, Economist of St. Louis; Clarence Mitchell, Secretary of the Southern Regional Conference; the Reverend George G. Higgins of the School of Social Service, Catholic University of America, and Head of the NCWC Labor Department; and the Rt. Reverend T. James McNamara of Savannah, Ga., prominent southern Catholic clergyman, and Harry Read, Director of the CIO.

Monday Conferences

The morning and afternoon sessions of Monday's conferences will be held at the Women's Club, (Continued on Page 7)

Hello America!



She was sorry to leave that nice big boat. Ilsa Serzants, 2-year-old Latvian DP let the world know about, especially the photographer. Arriving in America with her mother and 7-month-old brother, Juris, they plan to settle at Clark's Corner, East Hampton, Conn., through arrangements made by War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference. The work of WRS will benefit by the annual drive for funds, to be held in most dioceses on Laetare Sunday. (NC Photos)

Much Talk, No Action Report on School Aid

WASHINGTON — The House Education and Labor Committee moved into the third week of its schedule of daily meetings on Federal aid to education. So far the sessions have been devoted to study of all sides of the matter. No votes have been taken, no agreements have been reported and there have been no verbal fireworks in the meetings, according to persons close to the committee.

These sources report that there has been no hint as yet of any action by the committee toward a (Continued on Page 7)

Useful Guides in Marriage Relations Cited at Cana Conference Held at Wilmington; 40 Couples Attend

WILMINGTON—Both man and wife were given useful guides in guarding against the dangers in their own and the other party's temperament during the recent Cana Conference held in Wilmington under the auspices of the Laymen's Association. The Rev. Chester Michael of Richmond Virginia, who conducted the Conference, pointed out that the sure way of achieving a meeting of minds in marriage is the Christian precept of self-sacrifice.

Love is the lifeblood of marriage; and with the full use of God's gift of love, Fr. Michael assured the listening couples, a smooth surface of family life can be achieved.

All Represented

About 40 married and engaged couples attended this Cana Conference which was held on Sunday, February 19. They included parishioners from Castle Hayne, Burgaw, Carolina Beach, Wrightsville Beach, and Wilmington. There was an active response to

Fr. Michael's comments on the vital necessities of Christian marriages, the problems they face, and the way in which God offers married people the opportunity to gain the ultimate in human happiness.

The differences between men and women were described, with Fr. Michael emphasizing the role that each can play to make these basic differences complement each other rather than contradict each (Continued on Page 7)

Women's Retreat to Be At Pinehurst, March 10, Reservations Now Open

PINEHURST. — As a weekend retreat for women has been announced here by the Reverend John A. Brown, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Pinehurst, applications are now being received from prospective retreatants. Using the facilities of the beautifully appointed Maryhurst Retreat House, the weekend of March 10 to 12 has been designated as the next period for the religious exercises.

The Reverend William P. Ryan, O. M. I., of Fayetteville will conduct the retreat.

Those who wish to make the retreat yet cannot arrive at Pinehurst until Saturday will be welcome nonetheless. There are accommodations for twenty-four guests. The rates are \$10.00 for a full three-day weekend, \$7.50 for those who arrive on Saturday. For reservations write Father Brown at the above address.

Visitors to Pinehurst will find the weather ideal for quiet meditation out of doors between conferences. Maryhurst, formerly a well known private residence, is attractively situated in the village of Pinehurst among a great variety of picturesque shrubbery.

Cana Conference Plans Made for Rocky Mount Deanery at NCCLA Meet

ROANOKE RAPIDS—"This dinner meeting attended by forty-seven NCCLA enthusiasts from this parish is indicative of the progressive growth of the Laymen's Association throughout our Diocese during the past year," said Mrs. Sidney S. Marks, at an election meeting held in the rectory of St. John's Church here on Sunday, February 19.

Mrs. Marks, who is the Deanery Chairman of the Rocky Mount area, announced plans for a Cana Conference to be held in the auditorium of St. Agnes school, Washington, in the near future. The definite date will be announced next week along with the identity of the director.

Couples Invited

An invitation was extended to all married couples, also those who are engaged, to attend the all-day program. Through the kindness of Father Gilbert, Mrs. Marks says, a "brunch" will be served following the 11:00 o'clock Mass offered on the unannounced as yet Sunday. Laity from the parishes in the Rocky Mount Deanery are urged now to make plans for transportation by pooling cars, said the speaker.

Editor Heard

Citing the interest which St. Peter's parish of Staten Island, N. Y., and which his parents attend, has had in the Roanoke Rapids parish for the last nineteen years, Father Frederick Koch, of Nazareth, told the group that the parish here was in some ways responsible for his coming to the Diocese of Raleigh. The priest, who is editor of the NORTH CAROLINA CATHOLIC, spoke in behalf of the subscription drive of the NCCLA publication. He was introduced by the Reverend Peter M. Denges, V. F., pastor.

Officers Installed

Previous to the speaker's program an election was held naming (Continued on Page 7)

Catholic Daughters of America Will Hold National Convention July 10 At Asheville; Invitation Is Accepted

NEW YORK—(Special to North Carolina Catholic) At the semi-annual supreme directorate meeting of the Catholic Daughters of America in session here at the Statler hotel, the Board voted to accept the invitation of His Excellency the Most Rev. Bishop Vincent S. Waters, to hold their biennial convention in Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N. C., July 10 to 14. Miss Mary C. Duffy, supreme regent of the Catholic Daughters accepted the gracious invitation of Bishop Waters for the organization, and the Board unanimously ratified her action.

Asheville Area Laymen Told of Plans for Local Cana Conference

ASHEVILLE—Forty-seven laymen, representative of six parish NCCLA units in the Asheville Deanery, were told that their area led the 1950 memberships for the association, in the October Drive conducted in the seven deaneries of the Raleigh Diocese. Close to eight hundred memberships were recorded with a total of \$1200.00 subscribed, reported Miss Gertrude Flanagan, Deanery Chairman.

Diocesan NCCLA President Mrs. Frances J. McMahon congratulated the Asheville group for their noteworthy response to the Laymen's appeal and said "The pass-key that will weaken the great gift of Faith is indifference and apathy toward a worthy lay program. She encouraged individual units that have come into being since May to plan an active program in accordance with the projects adopted by the NCCLA Board. A report was given by Mrs. McMahon on the Winston-Salem Board Meeting, the Good Friday petition campaign and the current NORTH CAROLINA CATHOLIC newspaper subscription drive.

Parishes Present

Bernard Ferrey, local chairman, welcomed the visitors from the following parishes: St. John's, Waynesville, which included Bryson City, Canton, and Fontana Dam; St. Joan of Arc, West Asheville; St. Margaret-Mary, Swannanoa; St. Lucien, Spruce Pine; Sacred Heart, Brevard and High- (Continued on Page 7)

Bishop Waters said it is his "desire to make the convention the best ever held in the history of the organization," and added that despite the wonderful record of great works of charity performed by the Catholic Daughters of America, all Catholics must triple their efforts in the great struggle that lies ahead. Pointing to national census statistics, which show about 77,000,000 people affiliated with religion, approximately one-half of that number Catholics, out of a total population of 151,000,000, Bishop Waters said the question each must ask is this: Is religion influencing anti-religion, or, are the anti-religious influencing the religious? He also warned against our concern for the material things of life.

Convention Chairman

Miss Margaret J. Buckley, Chevy Chase, Md., national director and also a director of Legislation has been named convention chairman and Mrs. Ella K. Hoffman, Raleigh, N. C., territorial deputy, has been named honorary chairman.

Preliminary plans for the convention program were discussed with Bishop Waters who attended the board meeting, and who promised the board that "everything humanly possible will be done by himself and the Catholic Daughters of the State to make this convention the best ever."

A demonstration of the programs of the various departments is planned as one part of the convention program.

At Asheville 1927

Scheduled for a premiere presentation is the "Cell Formation" plan, now being developed by the Share the Faith committee, of which Miss Florence M. Winter, (Continued on Page 7)

Nominations Now Open for Choice Of N. C. Catholic Mother for 1950; Chairman Asks Early Submissions

GREENSBORO — Nominations are now being accepted for the Catholic Mother of the year according to Mrs. William N. Berry, Chairman of the Bishop's Committee for Christian Home and Family. The group sponsors an annual citation made to a Catholic mother upon recommendations submitted and the decisions of the directors of the committee.

The award is made at the Pontifical Mass offered during the annual North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association Convention. This year the honor will be announced on May 20 by the committee and the presentation made on Sunday, May 21.

Mrs. Berry wishes it to be made clear that the choice does not rest upon the numbers of nominations submitted. It is not a matter of popularity.

Mrs. Berry said that the qualifications shall be judged from letters submitted, citing definite reasons why the nominee should be considered for the coveted honor.

April 26 has been made a tentative date by which all nominations are to be submitted. It is the highest recommended

person that is chosen by the committee, said Mrs. Berry, not a question of the highest number of votes. The award this year will be made in Charlotte.

Previous Recipients

Catholic mothers of the Diocese of Raleigh, who have been honored by the Bishop's Committee for Christian Home and Family, are Mrs. Emmett Eisele of Statesville; Mrs. Philip B. Edelen of Raleigh, and Mrs. Louise Fragge of Asheville.

Please address all nominations to Mrs. Wm. N. Berry, 2306 Colonial Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina.