

IN TIMES GONE BY

1898 News Item Proves Historic Tale Of Mercy Sisters Civil War Hospital At New Bern; Unpublished Poem

As Belmont Abbey College celebrates its 75th Anniversary next week with a convocation of distinguished clergy, laity, alumni and guests one recalls "Truth" magazine's account of the silver anniversary of the Right Reverend Leo Haid, O.S.B., Vicar Apostolic of North Carolina, November 1897.

Cardinal Gibbons came down from Baltimore, with many distinguished bishops. The Very Reverend Felix Hinteneyer, Prior of the Abbey, and Father Julius, O. S. B., extended words of welcome. The secular clergy were represented by Father Thomas F. Price, editor, and the students by Frank Bourke.

When the writer was stationed in New Bern a large colonial brick home was pointed out to him as a former civil war hospital conducted by the Sisters of Mercy. There seemed to be no historical data on this unusual note of Catholic interest. But in April 1898 Father Price writes that George Barton has written a history of Catholic Sisterhood during the Civil War under the appropriate title, "Angels of the Battlefield." In this work mention is made of the Sisters of Mercy at New Bern, and he says that one of these is now living. Not up on the history of the Belmont foundation of Mercy Sisters, whose motherhouse previously was at Hickory, North Carolina, the writer does not know the origin of the New Bern hospital. It is known that the Belmont Sisters conducted the parochial school in that town for a number of years in the early 1920's. "Their names are not told in song or story," wrote Father Price, "but when the books are opened, written high will be found the deeds of the 'Angels of Mercy,' who knew no race, no creed, nor north nor south, but who lovingly nursed the Gray, and tenderly cared for the Blue."

Fr. Abram Ryan Poem

Father Price must have been interested in another famed priest-poet beside Father Tabb, who we mentioned last week. Published in the April issue was a poem by the Reverend Abram J. Ryan under the title of Father Ryan's Auto-
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POWs Given Sacraments When Reaching Freedom After Red Internment

MUNSAN, Korea. — Sick and wounded United Nations troops reaching "Freedom Village" here from communist prisoner-of-war camps for the most part remained calm and unemotional. But there were exceptions.

Released POW's — Americans and others — declared that no priest or minister, either Korean, Chinese or captured allied chaplain, was available to them in their captivity, according to Protestant Chaplain (Cmdr.) L. F. Meechum of the First Marine Division.

Former N. C. Priest

Nine Marine chaplains — four Catholic, four Protestant and one Jewish — met the returning men in the four processing tents after their arrival in helicopters and ambulances. One of them is Father (Lt. Cmdr.) L. F. Rice, Redemptorist from New York, formerly of the Clinton, N. C. parish.

Catholic chaplains brought the Blessed Sacrament to enable the men to receive Holy Communion in a special section of each tent. They ministered to men of several nationalities. Pvt. Alberto Pizzaro, a Puerto Rican, was delighted to find in Father Rice a former Puerto Rico missionary.

Among the first litter cases brought by helicopter were two Catholics — Pvt. Rogert Stell of Baltimore and Cpl. Lance Paul Dugal of Quebec. Dugal belongs to the Canadian 22nd Regiment, which is 96 per cent Catholic. Stell was a prisoner of the Reds for 28 months.

"We held religious services among ourselves," according to
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FR. JULIAN ENDLER

Honored at New Bern

NEW BERN. — Invitations to attend a Solemn Mass, offered in the presence of the Most Reverend Bishop, have been issued to friends of the clergy, Sisters and laity of Father Julian Endler, C. P., who will observe his 25th year as pastor of St. Joseph's Church here on April 28. The day is also the Feast of St. Paul of the Cross, founder of the Passionist Fathers and of which the pastor is a member. Father Julian will be assisted by his brother, Father John Joseph Endler, C. P., pastor of Mother of Mercy Church, Washington, N. C. Both of the brothers, who are twins, are devoting their priesthood in the interests of the Negro people.

On his anniversary day Father Julian can enjoy a gratifying satisfaction that his work here has seen spiritual and material fruit. Catholics increased from 12 to 350 and many more have moved away to other sections. The school has 170 pupils and half of them members of his church.

\$150,000 Parish Plant

Father Julian has built five buildings valued at \$150,000.00 during his pastorate. A large hall in 1937, three-story rectory, 1940; brick church and school, 1943; and one of the finest convents in the diocese in 1950.

In 1946, the pastor was struck by sudden illness but in recent years has fully recovered.

In his remarks to his benefactors and friends upon this occasion, Father Julian attributes whatever success he has had to Divine Providence and the intercession of St. Joseph. He expressed his thanks to Almighty God for having been the instrument of such successful effort in behalf of souls and those of the Negro people.

Friends of Father Julian congratulate him and his assistants, the Reverend Peter Quinn, C. P., and the Reverend Michael Campbell, C. P., and the six Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who are identified with him.

NCCLA Convention Program Is Set, Features Noted Speakers

Past Attorney General Of U. S.; Catholic Will Speak at Convention

GOLDSBORO. — The former Attorney General of the United States, the Honorable James P. McGrannery will give the principal address during the Saturday night session of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association convention at 8:00 p. m. in the local high school auditorium.

Mr. McGrannery is a foremost Catholic laymen in the United States, having been frequently honored by the Holy Father. He was a member of four sessions of congress and assistant to the attorney general in 1943-1946, when he was appointed judge of the United States Federal court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania. This appointment was unanimously confirmed by the senate judiciary committee and the United States senate. On April 3, 1952, President Harry S. Truman appointed Judge McGrannery as the Attorney General of the United States.

He was married in November, 1939, to Regina T. Clark and they have three children.

During World War I he was an observation pilot. Law studies were completed in 1928 at Temple University. He is on the board of directors of Villanova College, Temple University, and many Catholic societies.

Mrs. Joseph A. Waters Of Elon College, N. C., 1953 Catholic Mother

RALEIGH. — Mrs. Joseph A. Waters of Elon College, North Carolina, is the North Carolina Catholic Mother of 1953, according to an announcement made by Mrs. N. S. Bennett of Rocky Mount, chairman of the Committee for Christian Home and Family, who makes the annual award. Mrs. Waters is the seventh one to be honored since the citation began in 1947.

A member of Blessed Sacrament parish, Burlington, Mrs. Waters received the best wishes of her pastor, the Reverend Eugene Livelsberger.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., she is the wife of Joseph A. Waters, also of that city. The former Angela McFarlan, Mrs. Waters is the daughter of the late James and Rosella McFarlan. She is the mother of ten children, nine of whom are living. A son Joseph, who served in World War II, is now studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Raleigh at St. John's Seminary, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mrs. Waters will be honored at the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's convention on Saturday, May 2, at Goldsboro, during the general session and will receive an illuminated plaque citation from the Most Reverend Bishop during the Pontifical Mass on the following morning.

Deeply Honored

The committee recently conducted a poll of nominations throughout the diocese for recommendation of a selection. The award is
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ADDRESSES NCCLA



Hon. J. P. McGrannery

"The Vocation to be a Laymen" will be the theme of an address of the former Attorney General of the United States, Judge McGrannery to the NCCLA May 2, 8 p. m.

CONFIRM DEATH

WASHINGTON. — The North Koreans have promised to release an American priest, have confirmed the death of an American Bishop and have disclaimed any information about two other American priests heretofore believed held by them.

This was revealed in a State Department announcement which said that word had come from the North Korean communist authorities through the Soviet Foreign Ministry and was passed on to the American Embassy in Moscow.

The priest whom the North Koreans "are taking measures to release" is Father William R. Booth, Brooklyn Maryknoller and once secretary to Bishop Patrick J. Byrne, Apostolic Delegate to Korea.

Session Registrations, Luncheon Tickets Still Available Upon Request

GOLDSBORO. — A full program of activities vital to the Catholic laymen groups in the Diocese of Raleigh and which will be the seventh annual convention has been made known this week by Miss Doris Startt, Frank J. Farfour and John D. Middleton, co-chairmen. Text of the program is found on Page 2. Final reservations for accommodations and luncheon are still being received by Miss Allie Freeman, 111 North William Street, chairman.

The two-day session, which will open with Mass on Saturday morning, will include meetings of all diocesan organizations of laymen. The Legion of Mary, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, Committee for Christian Home and Family, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and Catholic youth organizations will be represented. The convention committee extends a cordial welcome to all Catholics to attend the sessions.

Speakers

Out-of-State guests who will address the convention are: The Most Reverend Christopher Weldon, D. D., Bishop of Springfield, Mass., the Honorable James P. McGrannery of Washington, D. C., former Attorney General of the United States; Miss Virginia Mulcahy, national vice-president CYO, Baltimore, Md.; Father Joseph Eiselein of the Department of Youth, NCWC, Washington, D. C.; Sister Maria Pieta of St. Mary's College of the Lake, Notre Dame, Indiana; Miss Sofia del Valle, Catholic Action authority, of Mexico and Germantown, Pa., and Mrs. J. Edmund Kelly of Buffalo, New York,
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Wilmington, Charlotte Youths Win Top Oratory Prizes, to Appear at General Rally of NCCLA Convention

RALEIGH. — Marvin Johnson, a senior student at Washington High School, Wilmington, and John Boles of O'Donoghue Grammar School, Charlotte, winners of the state-wide diocesan oratorical contest, will deliver their prize-winning talks at the general rally session of the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's convention, to be held in the Goldsboro High School auditorium, May 2, at 8:00 p. m. The contest was held in the Cathedral auditorium last Sunday and featured six contestants, one from each deanery in the diocese on both levels.

Cash awards were given by the diocese to the three high place winners of each group. Checks were presented by the Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, D. D., Bishop of Raleigh.

Topics of the contests were, senior level, "The Full Benefit of True Peace Possible Only in a Christian World" and the junior, "The Christian Home, the Foundation of Religion and Education."

Final Contestants

Other contestants in the senior

group were Regina Nakutis, a freshman of St. John's High, Waynesville; David Foley of O'Donoghue High; Carol Faley of Burlington High; Cornelia Keyes, Mother of Mercy High, Washington, N. C., and Mary McDaniel, Notre Dame Academy, Southern Pines.

In the junior group were Elizabeth Hinton of the local St. Monica's school, Joanne Strahler of St. Mary's, Wilmington; Pierre LaTour of Holy Trinity School, Kingston; John Bennett Hatfield, Jr., St. Benedict's School, Greensboro, and Evelyn Brauer of Immaculate Conception school, Hendersonville.

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Sponsored by the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association, the contest is conducted on parochial, deanery and diocesan levels. Judges were English department faculty members of local colleges. They were Dr. Edwin H. Padgett and Dr. Louis H. Swain of North Carolina State College, and Professor William DeLaney of St. Augustine's.

Mrs. Mary Bird, state president
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