

North Carolina Catholic

Volume VII.

Nazareth, N. C., Fri., September 4, 1953

Number 49.

4-YEAR COURSE

Registration at Abbey College

BELMONT—Registration for the first semester at Belmont Abbey Senior College, Belmont, will take place from Tuesday, September 8 through Thursday, September 10.

Freshmen are required to register on Tuesday; orientation of Freshmen and registration of Sophomores will be on Wednesday, September 9, with Junior and Senior registration on Thursday.

Classes will begin on Friday, September 11, following a Solemn Academic Mass of Invocation in the Abbey Cathedral.

4 Year Degree Course

The college is beginning its 76th year as an institution of higher learning and its 2nd year as a four-year, degree granting institution. Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees are conferred with majors in Business Administration, Classics, Biology, English, Chemistry, History and Philosophy. Three additional minors and seven pre-professional curricula are also offered.

Prep School Opens

The Very Rev. Bernard L. Ross-wag, O. S. B., rector, announces the opening of Abbey Preparatory School, Monday, September 7. Registration for all four classes will be held on that day with orientation and aptitude testing on Tuesday, September 8. Classes will resume on Wednesday.

Fully Accredited

The preparatory school is a fully accredited, four-year high school offering the Classical and Scientific courses for college preparation in addition to a General Cultural course.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Says Americans Never Had Red Danger Pointed Out So Clearly

J. J. Gilbert

Communist subversion in the Federal Government has just been traced in a manner that should shock the American people.

Communist infiltration of Federal Government departments has been of the "interlocking" variety, a report of a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee shows. With high-sounding degrees and legal training, communists got responsible positions in Washington, especially, in the time of great expansion in the 1930's. They moved from one agency to another, hired fellow communists, promoted one another, covered up for each other.

One man identified by witnesses as a member of the communist underground was moved into a dozen different jobs in a period of 10 years, never at a loss of pay, but, what is more important, always in a position of responsibility and control. This same man, appearing later before the House Un-American Activities Committee, refused to answer 244 questions on the ground that to give true answers might incriminate him.

And the infiltration has followed a definite pattern, the report declares. When the principle concern of Government was economic recovery, they were in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Works Progress Administration, the National Recovery Ad-

ministration, and in new agencies established in old Government departments. During World War II, they joined such wartime agencies as the Board of Economic Warfare, the Federal Economic Administration, the Office of Strategic Services, and the like. Toward the end of the war and after it, they were operating at the foreign policy level, they were gravitating to the international agencies.

The report says: "They colonized key committees of Congress. . . They helped write laws, conduct congressional hearings, and write congressional reports. They advised Cabinet members, wrote speeches for them, and represented them in intergovernmental conferences. . . They staffed interdepartmental committees which prepared basic American and world policy. . . They traveled to every continent as emissaries and representatives of the American people. They attended virtually every international conference where statesmen met to shape the future."

If all of this seems fantastic, one needs but to read the report. There one sees a lot of old familiar names and the report recalls to mind that they did at one time or another hold the one or more very high Government posts ascribed to them.

(See LETTER, Page 6)

'Sign of the Cross' Catholic Center of Charlotte New Site

CHARLOTTE. — The Sign of the Cross, now in a new location, will be blessed by the Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, Bishop, of Raleigh, Tuesday, September 8, and a combination open house and birthday party will be held in conjunction with the event.

The Sign of the Cross has moved to the corner of First and Tryon Streets, across First Street from St. Peter's Church. Dale Francis, director of the center, announced that September 8 had been chosen as the official opening date of the new center so that it would coincide with the nativity day of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The new center is a modern, air-conditioned building with a large showroom, a roomy library and lounge, a private office and consultation room, and a large storage area.

The Sign of the Cross opened nearly two years ago on North Tryon Street. In the last two years more than 4,000 non-Catholics have stopped by to get pamphlets or information concerning the Church, among them more than 250 Protestant ministers.

"The major purpose of the center still remains the apostolate to non-Catholics," Mr. Francis said. "Through our radio program and our activities in the city, most of the non-Catholics in the city know of our center. We expect that a large number of non-Catholics will continue to visit our center. Our first sale in the new location was to a Lutheran minister, who bought the complete Summa Theologica. Foot traffic in our present area is almost equal to that of the other center but the location in relation to automobile traffic is greatly improved. Since the center is on a corner with an unobstructed view, it will be viewed by most of the people coming to the main business section from the populous east and southern parts of Charlotte."

"But the new center also offers a better service for Catholics. Located beside St. Peter's Church it gives Catholics a chance to visit the church and the center on the same trip. For the convenience of these people The Sign of the Cross will be open Saturday evenings, while confessions are heard at St. Peter's, and on Monday evenings when the novena services are held. Hours these days will be 8:30 a. m. to 9 p. m., on other days from 9:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m."

The new center will feature a stock of some 3,000 Catholic books, religious articles, statues, pictures, prayerbooks, Bibles, rosaries. Miss Mary Ellen Pennell is the business manager for the center.

Assistants Named

FAYETTEVILLE. — The Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate, who administer St. Patrick's Church here, announce two assistants to the Reverend William T. Darley, O. M. I., pastor. They are the Reverend James Finigan, O. M. I., formerly of Sumter, S. C., and the Reverend Paul McCartin, O. M. I., formerly of Tewksbury, Mass.

The appointments were confirmed by the Most Reverend Bishop. Father Darley has returned to the rectory here following a few weeks of hospitalization at Concord. Physicians advise that he refrain from physical exertion due to an illness which suddenly afflicted him while enroute to Hickory.

RECORD ENROLLMENT

New Convents, Schools Open But Fall Short of Parochial Educational Needs in Our State

RALEIGH. — Three new convents were opened this week, two of them to house Sisters affiliated with new parochial schools and one to be the center of catechism instruction.

Request Spiritual Gift For Bishop Wm. O'Brien, Extension President

RALEIGH. — As many parishes in the Diocese of Raleigh have benefited greatly through the generous services of the Catholic Extension Society of Chicago, the laity here in North Carolina are asked to cooperate in a spiritual bouquet of good work to be presented to Bishop William D. O'Brien, the society's president, on November 22. On that date the zealous bishop, who has worked for the home missions nearly all of his priestly career, will mark his fiftieth anniversary of ordination.

The bishop is currently writing an interesting series of his memories in the well-known "Extension" magazine. Friends of the bishop feel that the spiritual offering would be appreciated more than anything of a material nature.

The Reverend George E. Lynch, chancellor, has forwarded the request for the pledges of good work to pastors and principals of parochial schools. The listing of prayers and sacrifices, communions and rosary will be made before September 25. There are about thirty churches in the diocese which received subsidy to begin the initial construction.

At Greensboro, the convent of Our Lady of Grace Church, the former rectory at 201 South Chapman Street is the residence of four Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As the new parochial school is nearing completion classes will begin on Tuesday, September 8. One hundred and twenty-six pupils, omitting kindergarten registration, will begin sessions. The Reverend Mother Clotilde, formerly of St. Agnes School, Washington, N. C., is the new principal and superioress. She is assisted by Sister Marysia, Sister Marie and Sister Thomas Aquinas.

The auditorium and kitchen equipment is being completed at a later date while school is in session. A lay teacher, Virginia Killan, will join the teaching staff. All grammar school grades will be in session.

The Right Reverend Arthur R. Freeman, pastor, and his assistant, the Reverend Francis M. Smith, are in rented quarters at 307 South Fremont Street.

Wilmington School

Four Franciscan Handmaids of Mary will begin classes at the new St. Thomas School at Wilmington on September 8. This community of Negro Sisters already staff Christ the King school at High Point. The Reverend John P. Geelan, of the Josephite Fathers and (See ENROLLMENT, Page 6)

ONE MAN'S OPINION

Faith Seen Clear Goal of Center, It's Business Not Just a Store

Dale Frances, Charlotte

The man stopped, read the clippings from Catholic newspapers on the window of The Sign of the Cross, then curled his lip and shouted a hateful epithet. With this maledictious ringing in our ears, we prepared to move our center to its new location.

In a way, it was kind of a sad moving for me. There were so many happy memories in that old store that couldn't be carted into the van and moved away. The man who shouted the day before we left was the rare exception. Thousands of non-Catholics came in to speak friendly words, many of them started on the way to faith at our old center.

It was a good sign, I think, that in our new center our first customer was a Lutheran minister who bought St. Thomas' Summa Theologica. Pray for him that he might get the grace to become a Catholic.

The first inquirer in the old center was an elderly man who came in to ask about the Catholic concept of life after death. I gave him a pamphlet but he insisted on paying for it. "I don't want to be beholden to you," he said.

We had some pretty hard days financially in the old center. It cost us about \$30 a day to meet all ex-

penses, that meant we had to do somewhere close to \$70 a day worth of business. Sometimes we had days when our total business for the entire day was less than one dollar and yet even on the days when our business was lowest we never had a day but what we made at least one contact with a non-Catholic.

I remember the day that we did our smallest amount of business. The whole day we sold only a couple of greeting cards and then just as we were about to close the store a man came in, seeking help. He was greatly troubled, he wanted to know where he could find spiritual help. We gave him some books about the Church. He isn't a Catholic yet, although he is still studying the faith and some day he may come in, but that day was a successful day for us.

I've always been blessed with good helpers. Barbara, my wife, has helped plan the work of the center with me. She was the one who worked out the information program for the windows, the displays and the clippings.

Our first regular worker was Helene Ahrens, who worked part time and made many friends for us. Our first full time worker was (See STORE, Page 6)