

### Virginia CDA Group Makes N. C. Retreat

PINEHURST — Twenty-six Catholic Daughters of America, Court Richmond 1210, Richmond, Virginia, journeyed to Maryhurst Retreat House here last Friday for a weekend of spiritual exercises. The group of women arrived via Seaboard Airline Railway at nearby Southern Pines, where Bishop Waters greeted them and a chartered bus brought them here.

Driving along the highway, singing praises to the Blessed Mother and enjoying the aroma of the magnolias and stately pines, the women thought of the wonders of God and their great privilege of being able to be here.

Father John A. Brown, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, joined the Daughters of Jesus, who staff Maryhurst, in welcoming the group.

Bishop Waters related the history of this lovely home here during dinner. His Excellency was the retreat master for the weekend.

The Most Reverend Bishop explained the Mass and in one of his sermons gave the group the inspiring thought that we knock three times on the door to say to God first, "I am sorry" — second, "I praise Thee" — third, "I believe."

"We shall always keep in our hearts and minds the inspiring thoughts given to us by Bishop Waters — priceless treasures to take with us into Eternity," declared the Richmond CDA's, "together with the wonderful hospitality of the good Sisters."

### St. Patrick's Hill Scene of Jamboree

(Continued from Page 1) anticipated and Father Regan has stated that additional tents will be made available for those in need of them by contacting the Diocesan Scout Headquarters at Nazareth.

Representation at the Jamboree will be on the Deanery division and arrangements are being made through the Deanery Scout Chaplains, Fr. James R. Jones, Raleigh; Fr. Vincent I. Erb, Asheville; Fr. Mark Reitzan, Charlotte; Fr. John G. O'Brien, Greensboro; Fr. Edward Beatty, New Bern; Fr. James F. Keenan, Rocky Mount, and Fr. James E. McSweeney, Wilmington.

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## OBITUARIES

### Mrs. Harry Tatum

GOLDSBORO — Requiem Mass was offered here Monday, May 23, for Mrs. Harry Tatum of St. Mary's parish.

Mrs. Tatum's death was unexpected; she is survived by Mr. Tatum and one daughter, Mae, of the home.

Monsignor Edw. Gilbert, pastor, celebrated the funeral Mass.

### Suzanna Zajac

HAVELOCK — Suzanna Zajac, five-year-old daughter of Chief Warrant Officer and Mrs. Joseph Zajac, was killed by a Navy bus near here recently which is provided to transport the Annunciation school children.

Investigators called the accident unavoidable and absolved the driver of any blame.

The family is from Wilkes Barre, Pa., and are the parents of three other children. One child died last year in Alaska while on a tour of duty at that point.

Father Frank J. Howard, pastor of Annunciation parish, offered the Mass of the Angels. The school children sang the Mass. Interment was in Arlington Cemetery.

### Mrs. George Lentz

CONCORD — A Requiem High Mass was offered last Saturday morning at St. James Catholic Church here for the repose of the soul of Mrs. George Lentz, 82, who had been a life long member of the parish. The Reverend Thomas E. Curran, pastor, officiated.

Interment was in the church cemetery. The choir from O'Donoghue school, Charlotte, sang the Mass.

### Mrs. John Eck, Sr.

GASTONIA — A Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated on Friday, May 20, for Mrs. John Eck, prominent Gastonia woman, who died at her home following an extended illness.

The Mass was offered at St. Michael's Church by the Right Reverend Vincent G. Taylor, O. S. B., Abbot Ordinary of the Belmont Abbey Diocese. Interment was in the Abbey cemetery.

A devoted church worker, Mrs. Eck was one of the earliest members of St. Michael's Church. She was active in the War Mothers organization, the Catholic Women's Guild, and a member of Court Charlotte, CDA.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Eck is survived by a son, John Eck, Jr., local accountant and lawyer; and three sisters, Mrs. John Mullen, (Continued on Page 8)

### Dozen Years Ago, Church Unknown

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hours on Sunday to get to Mass, who saw their first church, a converted home, destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Jean A. Miller, one of the first Kannapolis converts, speaks of days during World War II when her husband was away in service; it took her from 8:30 in the morning until 2:30 in the afternoon to attend Mass in Concord. After taking two buses, she waited on a corner for a friend to take her on to church, then repeated the routine returning home.

But it is to her mother-in-law, Mrs. Marie Miller, and her family to whom the younger Mrs. Miller and other parishioners give most credit for the determination to have Mass offered in Kannapolis. Born in Paris, France and reared in New York, today at 92 Mrs. Miller still has apostolic zeal, regularly attends Mass and goes to many church social functions.

It was in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Burton, that Mass was first regularly celebrated in Kannapolis. The pastor was Father Francis L. Funk of the Redemptorist Order. The few parishioners who attended the first Masses in Kannapolis included also Mrs. J. W. Helms, Mrs. J. E. Powell, Mrs. Anna Youngs, Mrs. T. J. Ball and Mrs. Bill Beverage, whose sons now serve as altar boys; Mrs. Simone Nabors and her brother, Dick Sweeney; B. E. Haval, soloist in St. Joseph's choir, and Mrs. Haval, a Kannapolis girl who became a convert while serving in the WACS, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Andresky, who have become known throughout the diocese for their work in the NCCLA.

It was this small group who formed the nucleus of the first St. Joseph's Church, one of two homes purchased in 1946. The other is still used as the rectory but on Holy Thursday, 1949, the church was completely destroyed by fire. And on Easter Sunday morning Mass was celebrated in Whitley's Funeral Home chapel with an ironing board serving as an altar.

This was the year when Father Michael J. Downing, also a Redemptorist, became pastor of St. Joseph's. The new church, and the one parishioner attend now, is a converted Army chapel, purchased from Camp Davis near Wilmington. The first Mass was said at Midnight, Christmas Eve, 1950.

Another Redemptorist who was to become known and loved in Kannapolis by Catholics and non-Catholics alike was Father Paul Laicher.

And now St. Joseph's is "on its own," a full-fledged parish with Father Stephen A. Sullivan as its pastor.

These will be the things in the minds of Catholics attending the Communion Breakfast this Sunday. Someone will remark that of the group only three or four husband-wife teams were both originally Catholics. In some cases whole families are converts.

Mrs. Powell will think of the years here, of her daughter Patricia who was married in May with the first Nuptial Mass ever celebrated at St. Joseph's.

They will tell stories about Father Funk, Father Downing, Father Laicher and their assistants who were responsible for the Mooresville Church but well-known here. They will say that since this is an extra-special year, Armand Drolette has prepared an extra-special breakfast. And Mr. Drolette will look at Mrs. Drolette and their five daughters and be proud of much more than the meal itself.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Shaver will line their seven small children up at the table, say "be good," and smile to themselves when people marvel over how they "manage."

Father Raymond Donahue, pastor of St. Charles', Ahsokie, will

### CATHOLIC MOTHER

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As a consequence, Mrs. Farris had to teach her children their religious lessons and their prayers. She made arrangements for their baptism during one of the infrequent visits to Farmville by Father Rabil.

Despite the handicaps of language — she had to learn English — and the lack of Catholic churches and schools in the Conway and Farmville areas, Mrs. Farris implanted in her children the same faith and love for the Church that she holds.

Three of her children are found at the Communion rail frequently, one almost daily.

Her 21 grandchildren either attended or are now enrolled in the Catholic schools in Wilson and in Rocky Mount.

### HULAND JACK

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fought for legislation aimed at stamping out communism and subversive in New York.

His selection to be the principal lay speaker at the NCCLA convention here was announced today by Bishop Vincent S. Waters.

be the guest speaker. He will discuss Catholic Action in this parish and the accomplishments of the past ten years. He will be introduced by Father Stephen A. Sullivan, pastor.

Other special guests will be Father Thomas J. Curran of St. James Parish, Concord, and Father James J. Cowan, pastor of Our Lady of Annunciation, Albemarle. Concord, where many Kannapolis parishioners formerly attended mass, was at one time a mission of Albemarle.

Armand Drolette is chairman of the annual breakfast and Joe M. Cannon, program chairman.

St. Joseph's parishioners will say a thanksgiving prayer that all this is theirs and then they will think of tomorrow — of living the Faith and working for it.

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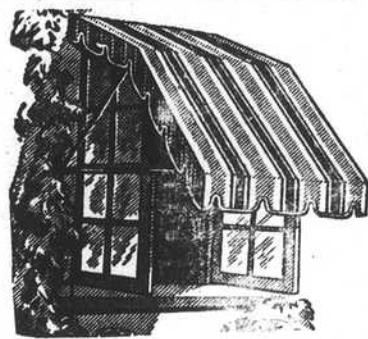
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