

Once Over the Diocese

A farewell party for Father Joachim Benson in Farmville brought out the State Representative, the Mayor, the Postmaster, the Chief of Police and his Officers, five denominational ministers and their wives and over 200 townspeople.

It was quite a tribute to the pastor as he left for a new assignment in Mississippi. Priests from the neighboring towns came, together with the new pastor, Father Cajetan McDyre. The reception was held in the home of the Nassif Cannons.

St. Paul's NCCLA, New Bern has officers: president is Larry W. Galloway. The unit is well organized with chairmen named for each of the CCD phases. Laymen have also been appointed hosts for the open house which every parish will have October 14, with refreshments served in the auditorium.

In Tryon, St. John's Church has Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m., weekday Mass at 7:05. Father Francis McCourt, pastor, assisted by Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart from Charlotte and lay teachers conducts a School of Religion Monday afternoon 3:30-5:00.

A directory of Catholic Colleges and Universities can be had free. Address is Catholic College Bureau, 109 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago 2, Ill.

Important in the life of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Sanford was the first baptism recorded in the parish's history. The recipient of God's life was Everleen Creacy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Creacy. The new pastor, Father James White baptized; Mr. and Mrs. Nichola Gray were godparents.

In Concord, Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart are instructing some 20 people each Monday evening 7:-9:00. The fourteen-week course will prepare some as lay teachers, will increase the knowledge of the Faith for all.



The young people pictured above are the substantial CYO of St. Lawrence' in Asheville, enjoying an all-day September picnic at Our Lady of the Hills Camp near Hendersonville.



Singer Bing Crosby, at right, turns the first spadeful of soil in the ground breaking ceremonies for the Crosby Memorial Library, which is establishing at his alma mater, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash.

Holding the bucket is Father Clifford Carroll, S.J., University librarian; next to Bing is the Very Rev. Francis E. Corkery, S.J., university president.

'World Report' Article Draws Scholars' Denial

WASHINGTON—Four Catholic University of America professors have taken exception to a statement by a Villanova University professor that psychological-test performances have shown that Negroes as a group do not possess as much capacity for education as do white people.

The four issued a statement disagreeing with the conclusions of Dr. Frank C. J. McGurk, associate professor of psychology at Villanova, who received his Ph.D. in 1951 from Catholic University. He expressed his views in a copyrighted article in "U.S. News & World Report," an independent weekly news magazine published here.

"... As far as psychological-test performance is a measure of capacity for education, Negroes as a group do not possess as much of it as whites as a group. This has been demonstrated over and over," Dr. McGurk wrote.

Father John LaFarge, a pioneer in Catholic interracial work, also gave a statement to the N.C.W.C. News Service disagreeing with Dr. McGurk.

The four professors pointed out that in the 63 studies to which Dr. McGurk referred in his article, only in six did the two groups have presumably equal socio-economic backgrounds.

"As was pointed out in criticism of World War I test performance, socio-economic conditions are only some of the possible factors in explaining score differences.

Other Factors

"It is well recognized that other factors such as previous experience, education, familiarity with the text subject, motivations, relationship between tester and tested, knowledge of the language and native abilities are all contributing factors.

"Only if all these factors are paired in two populations is there any hope of arriving at an explanation of the difference. This has not been done," the statement said.

It was signed by Father (Dr.) Bernard G. Mulvaney, associate professor of sociology; Dr. William D. Commins, associate professor of psychology, Dr. Regina F. Herzfeld, professor of anthropology, and Dr. Gottfried Lang, assistant professor of anthropology.

Father LaFarge said that "no scientist really knows what an American Negro could do in a fully integrated American nation."

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