

Apron Strings

So much has been written about how soft the modern housewife has it. And most of us do own a fair share of automatic equipment to speed up the daily chores. But this is to inform our critics that, while we found it a bit disconcerting, we came through the recent cold wave in fair shape.

Oh, it was a bit of a shock to turn on the water taps and get nothing out of them — pipes frozen. But it didn't take long to melt down ice cubes for a pot of coffee because the refrigerator had been off all night too. And the children didn't protest too much at not being able to brush their teeth.

The windows looked so pretty with all that ice on them — on the inside. When the power went off during the night of course our furnaces quit too — and it was a bit chilly. But no one minded the extra time it took to bring in logs for the fireplace from the backyard because everyone was going to

be late for school and work anyway — the car wouldn't start. Besides, who knew what time it was when all the electric clocks had stopped?

I did miss the telephone though. The station wagon finally took off with husband and children (they made it most of the way to the filling station before the radiator boiled over) and I faced, without too much remorse, a day of not being able to do dishes, wash, iron, vacuum or even bathe the baby. But being deprived of the usual mid-morning gossip session was hard to take.

There seemed nothing left to me in the way of activity except the long-postponed job of addressing Christmas cards, but even the ball point pen had succumbed to the general can't-operate-under-these-conditions atmosphere. And I was fresh out of goose quills.

So it was a nice day, spent reading before an open fire. With no TV to distract, it was even possi-

ble to entertain the children, after they came home from school, with games and books. Fortunately, the power came on again in time for the Mickey Mouse Club.

I think I've found the secret of why, in grandma's day, children seemed more helpful around the house. In a push-button home there's little to do that interests them — but organizing a bucket brigade to carry water for the dinner dishes from the bath tub tap (the only one that finally warmed up sufficiently to give forth a slow trickle) and keeping a fire going in the fireplace were jobs they enjoyed.

While none of us may go so far as to echo the children's "I wish we had Yankee weather more often," we feel that we've been challenged — and came through victorious. We could hold our own under any of the hardships of grandma's day, so long as the old hand-crank telephone continued to operate.

aided him in this undertaking.

In the year 1917 he was transferred to Asheville as administrator of the parish of St. Lawrence, since the Rev. Patrick Marion, pastor in charge at that time, was in ill health and unable to attend to the duties incumbent upon him. Upon the death of Father Marion Father Bour was appointed pastor of St. Lawrence.

The Church of St. Lawrence which was consecrated October 13, 1920, when the late Cardinal Gibbons delivered the sermon, has been called one of the most beautiful churches in the South. Among other distinctions of its architecture the great structure contains not a single pillar.

After Msgr. Bour was made pastor he carried forward the task of remodeling and redecorating the church, and of building the beautiful St. Lawrence Rectory, a structure wholly in keeping with the church itself. The cost of the rectory was fifty thousand dollars.

In the early part of 1927 Msgr. Bour purchased the spacious residence of Dr. Gardner in West Asheville, and founded the second parish in the City of Asheville. This parish is under the Patronage of St. Joan of Arc. With education as his hobby and ever interested in the advancement of the cause,

he opened the doors of the first parochial school in Asheville with the Sisters of Christian Education in charge. This school was opened to Catholic and Non-Catholic children. For a number of years Msgr. Bour was on the teaching staff of the College of St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines as special examiner and lecturer in history and social sciences.

Msgr. Bour has been much in demand in the various spheres of civic activities as speaker. In the diocese of Raleigh he was the pioneer to broadcast Catholic Church doctrines and principles over the RADIO STATIONS. His approach has always been positive and scholarly, never antagonistic.

During the First World War Msgr. Bour served as Catholic Chaplain at Fort Caswell and was also Diocesan Secretary of the National Catholic War Council. Later he was auxiliary chaplain at the U. S. Veteran's Hospital at Oteen, N. C.

MSGR. BOUR RETIRES

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the age of sixteen. He entered St. Francis College at Cincinnati, Ohio, where his studies were completed in 1909. In the Fall of that year he matriculated at the Catholic University of America at Washington, D. C., where during his first year he specialized in scholastic philosophy and theology. He received his degree in philosophy and the arts in 1911. Then followed post-graduate work in the school of education, particularly, in the psychology of education, graduating with a Master's Degree. He then pursued research work in genetic psychology under the direction of Dr. Thomas Moore and Dr. Edward Pace. He completed this study in 1912 with the Degree of Licentiate of philosophy. For the next two years he spent in original research work, in experimental psychology, following the newer methods laid down by Cardinal Mercier of Louvain University. Msgr. Bour has to his credit a complete scientific treatise in the field of apperception—a work entitled:

A GENETIC STUDY OF THE LIMITS OF APPERCEPTION. After this original research study he was awarded his MAJOR DEGREE. Later, Msgr. Bour served as Headmaster and Director of the Extension School at Washington. In this work he worked under the direction of Dr. Thomas Shields, especially introducing a new method of teaching Christian Doctrine in the Catholic Schools.

Entering the Theological School St. Bernard's Seminary at Rochester, New York, he completed his studies at that institution and was ordained to the priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Leo Haid, Vicar Apostolic of North Carolina. After ordination he was curate at the Cathedral and missionary rector of thirteen towns in the Eastern Portion of North Carolina. While at Wilmington the Bishop appointed him Headmaster and Director of St. Mary's School. At this institution he labored to modernize the methods of teaching as well as the equipment. The Sisters of Mercy

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Once Over the Diocese

FARMVILLE — In anticipation of next year's centennial celebration of the Blessed Mother's appearance to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, St. Elizabeth's parishioners here witnessed the dedication on December 8 of a shrine to commemorate the forthcoming event.

KINSTON — The Kinston Council of the Knights of Columbus have taken upon themselves the project of sponsoring visits from Santa. For such a visit a nominal fee was charged, and the proceeds from these visits were used to assist the needy on the occasion of Christmas. The response has been overwhelming, and as a result many a family in Kinston will have a brighter and a merrier Christmas.

JACKSONVILLE — All study clubs conducted throughout the Jacksonville area by Fathers Lawrence Newman, Halloran, and Mulholland will end with the current month. Organization of new groups is contemplated shortly after the holidays.

Students of Infant of Prague school sponsored a birthday party for the pastor, Father Lawrence Newman, recently. Members of the local CDA Court assisted in this endeavor.

RALEIGH — The Rt. Rev. Herbert A. Harkins, V. F., pastor of the Cathedral here, attended the consecration of Bishop John Fearn, Auxiliary of New York, at St. Patrick's Church on December 10.

PINEHURST — The first meeting of Our Lady's Sodality was held at Maryhurst here on Sunday, December 15, with a good number in attendance.

The society has been placed under the patronage of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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CHARLOTTE — A Mass of Requiem was offered last Tuesday, December 17, for Mrs. Myrtle Haines Hoover, wife of Walter L. Hoover, Jr., at St. Peter's Catholic Church here. Officiating was the Rev. Edward C. Biss, O.S.B., pastor, with interment in Evergreen Cemetery. The deceased was a member of Court Charlotte, CDA, and Mercy Hospital Guild.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Haines of Baltimore, Md.; her husband, one daughter, a sister, a brother, and two grandchildren.

54 Lourdes Cures Named Supernatural By Church

LOURDES, (NC) — During the 100 years of its existence, the Lourdes shrine has been the site of 54 cures which are recognized by the Church as supernatural.

This figure was released by officials of the shrine who point out that these 54 supernatural cures are only a small part of the more than 3,000 cures which have taken place at Lourdes.

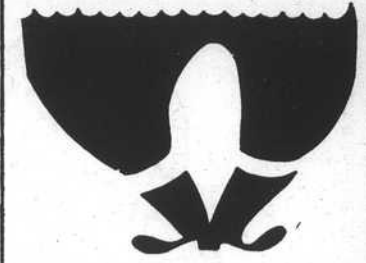
The 3,000 cures are recognized as at least beyond explanation by strictly scientific and medical knowledge. But the Church alone is qualified to declare them as works of God, and she has done so in only 54 cases so far, shrine officials noted.



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