

# I Reckon

—By Earl Heffner

A few weeks ago we contended that stock car racing is in a class with feeding Christians to the lions.

Now there are those who disagree; and there can be a case made that we weren't quite correct. So maybe the simile doesn't hold to the letter. It's still our opinion that stock car racing is of highly questionable morality.

With you as the jury, we offer some further evidence, taken from a sports writer's column:

"Scratch one image and welcome youn Billy Wade to the hard-nosed driving fraternity.

"Prior to Friday night's race at Spartanburg, Wade was considered a fellow who drove with his head rather than his foot. . . . But in one electrifying moment he became Joe Weatherly, Curtis Turner and Junior Johnson of the old school. In a burst of anger rarer these days than red galuses, Wade deliberately drove his Mercury into race leader Ned Jarrett's Ford.

"It was a \$15,000 wallop, that being the approximate damage done to the two cars.

"Wade later admitted it was intentional. . . .

"It is such rare spurts of savagery of wheels which will salvage small track racing from extinction. It's costly to the participants, but it's priceless to the fan. . . .

"AS THE OLD FELLOW in overalls was heard remarking to his companion after the slugfest was over, 'Now that was racing.'"

We'll rest our case for now. And jump to another subject.

We haven't seen the Catholic papers story yet, but we have seen secular press reports on the Church's present study on birth control.

We aren't inclined to pretend to be theologians. And our opinion wouldn't be worth the ink used to publish it.

But, without taking a stand (on issues such as this we're happy to accept Church guidance) we do feel constrained to make an observation.

We have eight children, a daughter and seven sons. Financially, the first child broke us. The others could do little more than give us the opportunity to be true Democrats, deficit financing types.

We wonder. . . .

HOW MANY SONS would we have (my daughter is the oldest child) if we were members of a church that approves of birth control?

We suppose those advocates of birth control (We still contend that prevention is a more apt word) can point to our family and use

TO BECOME MONK

Karachi, Pakistan — (NC) — Msgr. Constancio Jaques, vicar general of the Karachi archdiocese since 1950, has resigned his post in order to enter a monastery in France.

it as proof for their arguments.

But my wonderful wife and I wouldn't be able to listen.

We haven't yet found a dollar bill that can throw its arms around our necks.

You know, when our friends tell us we have too many children, we look from Karen down to Roger, shrug our shoulders and say, "which one should we throw away?"

And we wonder how we ever got along without them.

## New Bern Parish Gives Reception For Nonagenarian

Miss Daisy Theresa Swert, who recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday, was guest of honor at a reception given by the members of St. Paul's Catholic Church on June 28.

Only surviving member of the large family of the late Bernard and Theresa Swert, "Miss Daisy" as she is known by her many friends, was born in New Bern on June 16, 1874. At the age of four she moved to her present home on Broad Street where she lives with four generations of her family. At the age of eleven, she began serving her church as organist, a duty she faithfully performed, above all else, for sixty years. The late Pope Pius XII conferred his apostolic blessings on her in 1948 for her "Outstanding and devoted duty to her church."

Miss Theresa Shipp greeted guests at the door of the church auditorium and introduced them to the receiving line, composed of Rev. James J. Noonan, pastor of the church, Mrs. Paul McSorley, grand regent of the Catholic Daughters, the honoree, and five generations of nieces, Mrs. Fred H. Shipp, Mrs. John A. Shields, Mrs.



Dr. Earl Richard Schmidt, age 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mahinske of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Raleigh, N.C., completed his Internship at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, Pontiac, Michigan, June 30, 1964.

Dr. Schmidt, a graduate of Cathedral Latin High School class of 1955; received his B.S. from Belmont Abbey College, 1959. He completed Doctorate studies in Osteopathic medicine at Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery, receiving Doctor of Osteopathy degree in 1963.

Dr. Schmidt, begins a Surgical Residency at Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital at Grand Rapids, Mich. July 1, 1964.

### SCHOOL BELL AWARD

Seattle, Wash. — (NC) — A CBS Reports program, "The Catholics and the Schools," won for the network a national School Bell Award at the 102nd annual convention of the National Education Association.

Frank Volney, Jr., Donna Marie Volney, Mrs. William Bryan Smith and Deborah Bryan Smith.

## 'Truly Ecumenical Occasion'

# Pope to Continue General Audiences

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has styled his weekly general audience "a truly ecumenical occasion" and has promised to continue his custom of holding it.

However a subsequent announcement from the Pope's Maestro di Camera declared that the Pontiff would discontinue his private and special audiences from July 9 to 20.

The Pope said that the weekly audience has become "a considerable and significant part of our apostolic ministry."

HIS REMARKS and the announcement following took on special meaning because of the pressure being brought to bear on the Pope to cut down his heavy schedule of work and audiences. While he has been in excellent health, some of his associates have warned him that he is overtaxing himself.

But Pope Paul, noting that in the past the general audience "came rather infrequently" and now has a "tendency to assume a more frequent rhythm and bigger proportions" exclaimed: "Let us praise the Lord!"

The Pope admitted that some practical problems have arisen concerning the general audience, citing the problem of finding room for the growing number of pilgrims. He said the answers for such problems will be found "with the help of God."

THE POPE WAS apparently referring to plans to build a new audience hall just outside Vatican

City. The hall, to be designed by architect Pier Luigi Nervi, would occupy the present site of St. Peter's oratory, a boys' club next to the Holy Office.

The Pope said some "spiritual problems" are also arising from the weekly audience. He said he wondered what form an audience should take when those attending it represent every variety of profession, education and religion.

"WE WILL PONDER how best to answer these obvious questions. But we say immediately that we will take care to preserve for this encounter the aspect of a brief dialogue, as we have until now."

The Pope added that the awareness of his responsibility is "like a torment," and that it "gives us no peace." He quoted Christ's words: "I have compassion on the multitude;" and: "Come all to me."

And he asked: "And we, who have the sublime and tremendous mission of representing Him, shall we not willingly receive all who come to us?"

The announcement that Pope Paul would temporarily discontinue his private audiences confirmed also that the Wednesday general audiences would continue.

This means that the Pope would not be leaving for his summer home at Castelgandolfo before July 15. It was rumored that the Pope would leave for Castelgandolfo on the evening of the 15th, following a general audience on that date.

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