

I Reckon

—By Earl Heffner

As we were saying . . . There can be valid reasons for children being in public schools instead of Catholic ones. The most valid one we can think of is that the children are not Catholic. This fact, of course, doesn't keep all non-Catholics out of our schools. There are, as of this writing, nine non-Catholic pupils at Charlotte Catholic High.

And there are other valid reasons. Cost, contrary to what some believe, can be one.

There are those who contend that the cost of a Catholic education isn't high. But our argument is that costs are relative. The expense of one child in parochial school is, we agree, relatively light.

As a matter of fact, under the new tuition plan being used at St. Ann's this year (and we understand other schools are using it also), the expense for a second, third or fourth child are unusually light.

It's when your children become of high school age, when you have a boy and a girl of high school age, and some still in grade school, that the costs can become sacrificial. We don't intend to pose a theoretical situation. We'll cite our own tuition costs as an example. And we'll not consider fees and books charges since they shouldn't be much more than those charged in the public schools.

THE TUITION for our daughter at Our Lady of Mercy is \$150 a year.

The tuition for our son at Charlotte Catholic is \$150 a year.

The total tuition for three more sons at St. Ann's is \$100 a year.

That's a total of \$400.

We consider it money well spent. But we'll contend loudly and at great length that those who think

\$400 isn't much money have little appreciation for the value of a dollar or the difficulty in obtaining it.

As a matter of simple fact, the expense of raising a family of eight children is so great that if our children's mother wasn't working (she's a registered nurse), we would be unable to keep them all in Catholic schools.

So it's a sacrifice — when the family is large. A worthwhile sacrifice for which Catholic parents seek no praise for such is not to be expected for doing a duty.

At the same time, it should be recognized that parochial school costs are such that they can be a reason for a child's not attending Catholic schools.

This, at least, is our opinion.

THE OTHER NIGHT we attended the first PTA meeting for the year at Catholic High. We were surprised at some figures:

188 students, 9 of them non-Catholic.

A total of 37 transfers from Catholic to the public schools.

We don't have figures for Our Lady of Mercy at present, but we understand that they are similar.

This switch from Catholic to public schools is cause for much concern at present in Charlotte. We offer no solution, but a suggestion.

—Let parents search their souls carefully and seek spiritual advice in deciding where to send their children to school. And let parochial officials not lose sight of the fact that for parents, the choice is not always easy. Such communication will benefit the schools, the parents, the pupils.

ONCE Over The Diocese

Dr. Breathett Is Appointed Chairman At Bennett College

Greensboro—Dr. George Breathett, Professor of History at Bennett College, and a member of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, has been appointed Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences at the college. He succeeds Dr. C. G. Winston, who was elevated to the position of Dean of Instruction.

Dr. Breathett, who joined the college faculty in 1953, holds the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in history from the University of Iowa. He has published extensively in professional journals in his field, and is currently working on a book entitled *Church and State in Colonial Haiti*. His special training in history has been in the fields of Europe and Latin American history, with the French Caribbean as his area of research and publication.

He has been active in the Cursillo Movement, Knights of Columbus and the Christian Family Movement, along with other civic and professional groups. He holds membership in Phi Alpha Theta, Pi Gamma Mu, Alpha Kappa Mu and Sigma Rho Sigma honor societies, and the American Historical Association, Southern Historical Association and Association of Social Science Teachers.

Dr. Breathett is married to the former Florence Simpson, and they are the parents of four children—Lisa, Mellisandre, Granville and Alex.

Lights Installed At Charlotte Field

After a year of careful planning and decision the booster club of Charlotte Catholic High School finally awarded a contract to the General Electric Co. to install lights for the field situated in front of the school.

The cost of the lighting amounted to \$6500 due to the quality of the lights, the most modern fixtures available, quartz-beam lights were installed, each of which provides three times the light as that of a regular fixture.

Along with the lights metal bleachers were also installed to enlarge the seating capacity. These bleachers are situated along Park Road for the opponents of Charlotte Catholic.

Silver Tea to Honor Charlotte Sisters

The St. Ann's Home and School Association will honor the Sisters and teachers of St. Ann's School at a silver tea on Sunday afternoon, September 20th from three until five o'clock in the school auditorium.

An arrangement of fall flowers and tapers will center the tea table. Mrs. James Jochems is chairman of the tea, assisted by Mrs. Alexander Bell, Mrs. Joseph Phillips, Mrs. Alfred Marino, Mrs. Richard Moffett, and Mrs. Charles Wolhar.

Charlotte Catholic Is Represented at Mission Convention

Recently returned from the 21st National Convention of the Catholic Student's Mission Crusade at Notre Dame University are two members of the organization at Charlotte Catholic High School.

The Mission Crusade, a fifty state organization, brought to Catholic High by Brother Francis J. McCullen, present moderator, has for its prime purpose aiding the foreign mission in any way possible.

The purpose of the biennial convention at Notre Dame was to discuss how the members could help the work of missionary priests and brothers at home and overseas.

The delegates followed a set plan of discussions throughout the four days of the convention. Among the most noteworthy of the speakers were Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati who spoke on "Ecumenism," the New Spirit in Missions, and Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh, who delivered an address on the African Missions. Also of vital importance were the group discussions of Communism led by Mr. Nicholas T. Nonnennachek, director of the Christian-form in Washington, D.C.

Cougars Trounce Hamlet Eleven

Charlotte Catholic cruised over opening game opponent Hamlet in a 20-0 show of strength. Bill Federal led the massive land attack with one touchdown, a run for a point after touchdown, and 154 yards in 27 attempts.

Supporting Federal in the backfield were junior Skip Fodel and Jackie Balls, each hitting the scoring column. Fodel scored on a second period TD pass from quarterback Don Cameron covering 14 yards. Balls scored on a one yard plunge ending a 63 yard drive in the fourth quarter.

The Cougars were also quite successful through the air with QB Don Cameron hitting ends John Rose and Tim West for 13 completions in 19 attempts.

Defensively the Cougars were even more impressive with David Nance and Don Cameron intercepting both passes attempted by Hamlet. Coach Campanga was pleased with the line play of tackle Don Russ and Nick DelGrossa, guard, Mike Laudete, Charley Pickett and Jerry Downey.

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