

## Tar on my Heels... by Dale Francis

Earl Heffner's decision to return to North Carolina was something I can understand. When you are in North Carolina you appreciate it; when you are away you appreciate it even more.

I understand North Carolina's spring has included some cold weather but it has been nothing compared to what spring has been like in the north. Right now in Indiana spring has progressed to where it was two months ago in North Carolina.

When we told Bishop Waters we were returning north, he said that maybe we'd return to North Carolina some day. We believe that. We believe it so much we made a decision. We decided we weren't going to sell our home in Asheville.

We love the mountains, the climate, the people. The tar on our heels is indelible, so we decided we just wouldn't sell our house, then we'd have a place to come back to when the day came for our return. We'll rent it in the meantime and it will be waiting for us.

If the scenery and the climate in North Carolina are assets, what is even a greater asset is the people. Of course, many of them come from the north but there is something about North Carolina that makes everyone friendly. A fellow I knew in Charlotte had come there from one of the big cities in the east. He said up there he never spoke to anyone, down in Charlotte he spoke to everyone.

And speaking of good neighbors reminds me to tell the people of either Greensboro or Winston-Salem that they are going to be fortunate, one of them that is.

When we moved into our home in Asheville, the neighbors came immediately to welcome us. The family next door said they knew how tired we'd be from unpacking and invited us over for dinner that night. They were Neal and Antoinette Horan, and they became our friends and their children, Jackie and Mary Catherine, among our most frequent visitors.

Well, Neal's company has transferred him. He'll live either in Greensboro or Winston-Salem. Last time I heard he hadn't chosen which. But keep on the alert for new neighbors in those two cities and when you hear the Horans are arriving give them a real welcome. You'll be getting good neighbors.

That People's Page that we've started in the national magazine section of this newspaper has given us problems.

When I proposed it I thought we'd get enough contributions to keep it going but just to be sure I started collecting some short manuscripts, just to use in case the people didn't write.

The problem has turned out not to be how to get enough manuscripts but what to do with the manuscripts we've received. Counting the essays that accompanied the survey, we now have received more than 1,700 articles from readers.

And they are excellent. Some are written by people who obviously have had little formal education but even if they do not spell their words correctly, even if their grammar is faulty, the thought is often beautiful.

What we've tapped is a vein of goodness. There are letters from husbands praising wives, wives praising husbands, children praising parents, parents praising children.

In a day when so much that appears in the Catholic press is critical and carping, we have found people who like people. We have found people who love the Church. We've found people who want to say something good about other people.

What can we do about all of these articles? I really don't know. We can't publish more than a dozen a week and they are coming in a rate of many times that number every day.

I've been thinking that maybe there could be a new publication, maybe it could be called the People's Paper. It could be written entirely by the people. But I've not talked to anyone about this yet.

All I know is we have a thousand and more articles I wish we could publish, a thousand and more articles that deserve being published, and no place to publish them.



**JUBILEE MASSES** are being celebrated throughout the Diocese by the Ordinary and the Auxiliary Bishop. The celebrations in the various areas of North Carolina are designed to draw attention to the spirit and the decrees of the Second Vatican Council. In the

photo above, Bishop Charles McLaughlin, accompanied by Rev. Robert Wilken and Rev. Francis Connolly, blesses the congregation at Sacred Heart Church, Pinehurst. Rev. John Houston preached at the Jubilee in Pinehurst. (Photo by John G. Hemmer.)

## Unexpected Response To Questionnaires

Detroit — (NC) — Questionnaires sent to more than 800 pastors in the archdiocese of Detroit asking them to evaluate their assistants brought "an unexpected response," Father Kenneth Untener, assistant chancellor, admitted here.

The 100 or so pastors who re-

plied generally agreed that the chancery's questionnaires were a poor way to find out what the young priests can do, he said.

Father Untener said the pastors felt they would damage the concept of the pastor-assistant relationship if they did the evaluating. "This would make the pastor a superior rather than a co-worker," Father Untener explained.

But he said the pastors "felt it is good for us to understand talent, aptitudes and abilities."

He said the questionnaire was a "rough draft" and was designed to learn individual abilities with an eye to future assignments.

The form covered such areas as a priest's relationship with other priests, teaching and administrative abilities, and his ability to get along with other persons in various socioeconomic groups.

Father Untener conceded that the questionnaire could contribute to a paternalistic relationship between pastors and assistants, leading to a situation where assistants would feel they were being continually watched.

He said the chancery has not yet decided how to continue the evaluation. Some priests, he said, suggested personal interviews or self-evaluations as possible alternatives.

## Ladies Auxiliary Aids Poverty Program

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Pius X Church, Mrs. Donald Hughes, president, has been actively participating in the local Women's Job Corps recruiting program.

Women in Community Service (WICS), a national organization of volunteer workers is the recruiting agency for this segment of the federal anti-poverty program under the Economic Opportunity Act. Since March 1965, as representatives of the National Council of Catholic Women, several members of the auxiliary have volunteered hundreds of hours to this program.

Serving as directors of the local WICS agency are: Mrs. Owen Doyle, Mrs. Julian Brantley and Mrs. Donald Hughes. Also serving on the various recruiting and screening committees are: Mesdames Guy Andrews, James Bradley, Carol O. Hocke, Eugene Lawler and J. W. Weaver.

## High Point Guild Holds Candlelight Newcomers Tea

The members of St. Edward's Guild of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in High Point sponsored a Candlelight Tea for all newcomers to the parish on May 12th, in the parish hall between the hours of 4 and 5:30 in the afternoon.

The Hospitality Committee under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Peggy Gotsch was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Fran Craycroft, Mrs. Jan Birmingham, and Mrs. Jean Richardson assisted Mrs. Gotsch.

Officiating and pouring during the tea were Mrs. Gloria Rochelle, Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, Mrs. Mary Ruth Horney, Mrs. Martha Habig, and Mrs. Grace Shaughnessey.



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