

Restoration

Plans for Old St. Thomas Reviewed at Weekly Meet

Wilmington — Efforts are now in progress to restore St. Thomas Church located in the downtown area of this city which is the chief coastal port of North Carolina. The edifice was destroyed by fire two years ago. It is located on Dock Street, two blocks from the Cape Fear River.

A committee has been formed for the preservation of the building and weekly meetings are held.

The exterior of the building seems to have little damage but a survey of the interior reveals that the fundamental supports of the building are beyond repair.

The Committee is composed of Miss Mary Sheehan, chairman, R. V. Asbury, co-chairman, D. A. Lockfaw, treasurer, and Miss Elizabeth Powell, secretary. Other members are Mrs. S. C. Kellam, Kelly Jewell, and Ernest I. King, and Leon Pierce. The project has the support of the historic bodies of Wilmington. Mrs. Kellam is Archivist of New Hanover County, Mr. Jewell is president of the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society, and Mr. Asbury is a member of the His-

torical Society and the Historic Wilmington Foundation.

A presentation has been prepared by Mr. R. V. Asbury, and the Committee plans to continue its efforts toward the restoration of the historic church dedicated in 1847 and known as the "Cradle of Catholicism in North Carolina."

Ladies of Charity Sponsor Charlotte Bridge April 4th

Charlotte — The Ladies of Charity will hold their annual Silver Bridge on April 4 at 8:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Hall here. The committee chairman is Mrs. Louis Faquin. She is assisted by the following committees: Tickets: Mrs. William Hall; Favors and Decorations: Mrs. Robert Maher; Door Prizes: Mrs. Eugene Layman; Table Prizes: Mrs. J. L. Smith; Refreshments: Mrs. Roy Edgcombe; Advisor: Mrs. Paul Poetzsch.

The benefit bridge is unique in having all door prizes of silver and is a popular social spring event. The major portion of the proceeds will be given to Sister Elizabeth, M.S.B.T. and her staff at Catholic Social Services to be used in their work of caring for foster babies, unwed mothers, and family counseling.

Mrs. Frank J. Rodgers is president of the group and is actively engaged in plans to interest groups of ladies in other cities in the diocese to form a Chapter of Ladies of Charity, which was founded by St. Vincent de Paul in 1617 and is now active in 43 countries of the world.

Teachers Group Asks Equal Treatment

Montreal — (NC) — The Provincial Association of Catholic Teachers (PACT) issued a call here for Catholic religious instruction and Catholic teachers to be provided on demand for Catholic students attending Protestant schools.

PACT sent a brief to the Minister of Education containing this request respecting the 3,120 English-speaking Catholic students across the Province who are currently attending Protestant schools.

The English-speaking Catholics are attending the Protestant schools in preference to French-speaking Catholic schools in which they would experience a language barrier. This has occurred in several areas where English-speaking Catholics do not have sufficient numbers to form their own school system.



76 MARCH 29 — Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, who took refuge in the U.S. Mission in Budapest following the ill-fated Hungarian uprising in November, 1956, will observe his 76th birthday March 29 in his small apartment in the Embassy. (NC Photo)

Catholics, Lutherans End Talks to Study 'Ministry Problems'

New York — Lutheran and Catholic theologians meeting here on the subject of intercommunion declared at the close of their conversations that any consensus on the controversial issue must await a deeper study of the "entire problem of the ministry."

A joint statement issued by the conferees said intercommunion was chosen as the topic of the consultation because an earlier report drawn up by the group on the Eucharist "acknowledged intercommunion to be one of the pressing and as yet unresolved problems demanding further discussions."

The talks, held at the headquarters of the Lutheran Church in America, marked the beginning of the fourth year of theological discussion between members of the two churches. Co-sponsors of the conversations are the National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the Catholic Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (BCEIA).

Twenty-three participants took part in the conversations. In their six meetings over the

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Valued Gaston Item Received, Sponsored University Study

Raleigh — An initial gift of Judge William Gaston memorabilia was presented to the North Carolina Catholic Historical Association this week. Mr. and Mrs. William F. Ward of New Bern presented a heavy brass nameplate of Judge Gaston which was originally on the door of his log office. The plate is 30 inches long and four inches wide and

the name is in raised letters beautifully hammered.

The presentation was made to Miss Elizabeth D. Horne of Wadesboro, vice-president of the association.

The original law office building was purchased some years ago by the garden club of the community and moved to a site next to the city hall. It is presently used as a law office.

The plate will be exhibited at the next meeting of the board of directors.

The association has promoted a historical scholarship by granting a student allotment to the Very Rev. Francis M. Smith. He attended a specialized series of lectures at the University of North Carolina from March 10 to 16. The program sponsored by the Institute of Government and the North Carolina Department of Archives and History featured professors from State University here and from Harvard.

The lectures cited the planning required for the preservation of historical buildings, sites and areas. Definitions were given, evaluations of findings were explained and reviews of contemporary structural procedures were studied.


The board of directors of the association hope to promote a scholarship in this field whenever a suitable program is offered.

past four years, Lutheran and Catholic theologians have devoted a total of 16 days to doctrinal discussions on the Nicene Creed, Baptism, the Eucharist, and inter-communion.

"We were reasonably certain that the teachings of our respective traditions regarding Baptism are in substantial agreement and this opinion has been confirmed at this meeting."

Sessions held during 1966 and 1967 in Washington, New York and St. Louis dealt with the "Eucharist as sacrifice."

These issues, the statement pointed out, "have been particularly divisive in the past and are involved in most of our disagreement on eucharistic doctrine and practice. For this reason it seems to us important to enunciate our growing agreement on these two points even though there are other aspects of the sacrament of the altar we have not yet discussed."



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