

Lad to Get College Degree Today, Earned in Iron Lung

By MARGARET F. McDONALD
SHREVEPORT, La. (AP)—Of all the students across the nation who will soon walk down the aisle for college degrees, none will be more proud than Charles Hopkins Parry, who will have to be pushed.

Parry will ride in a wheelchair Monday to accept his B.A. at the 121st annual commencement at Centenary College.

Beneath the 26-year-old Texan's black academic gown will be a portable chest respirator, without which he would probably soon die. He won't be able to take his diploma from the hands of the college president, Dr. Joe J. Mickle, for his fingers have been useless since October, 1949.

But to compensate at least in some measure for these handicaps, Parry's acceptance of the degree will mark an achievement apparently unique in American higher education.

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Victim of Polio
Parry is a polio victim. He was stricken as a freshman at Louisiana State University nearly seven years ago and has since been paralyzed from his neck to his heels. His personal campus in four years at Centenary has been a bed in a polio ward.

The young native of Waco, Tex., had set out to be an architectural engineer before the disease struck. Then, for three years he lay in an iron lung at Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

"I didn't do much planning for the future during those first few years after I became sick," Parry said in an interview.

"I did more praying than anything else. Then, when I had to face the fact that I wasn't going to be able to walk again, I decided the time had come for me to decide what to do with my life."

By 1952, when he was transferred to Shreveport hospital, Parry had made up his mind. Legs and arms might not be absolutely essential for a teacher, and with this profession as a goal, Parry enrolled as a history student at Centenary.

A two-way telephone communication system enabled him to participate in classroom discussions while remaining in his bed in the polio ward at Confederate Memorial Medical Center.

He used a tape recorder to record the lectures, and friends and fellow students transcribed the recordings on typewriters so that he could consult his notes later.

Electric Page Turner
An electric page turner flipped the leaves of textbooks as he studied, and a specially built table kept his reading material at proper level. Parry operated the tape recorder, telephone hookup system and page turner by means of levers, which he pressed with his chin. His movements are limited to turning his head from side to side on the pillow.

Parry gradually increased his academic load until he was taking 14 hours per semester. In the past semester, he studied American literature, American foreign relations, logic, religion and English history.

"I'm doing all my work the same as anyone else in college," he said. "I have to turn in term papers, examinations and reports, too. I can't type them, but I dictate them for someone else to type, and it's all my thoughts that go into them."

The handicaps under which he studied did not show up in Parry's grades. He was admitted as a "C" student—but will be graduated with better than a "B" average.

Has Special Hobbies
Although his studies occupied most of his day, Parry managed to find time—and heart—to pursue several hobbies. He took up painting, holding the brush between his teeth. One of his oil paintings won a special award at the sixth annual centenary artists' conference as the "most promising of any young painter" entered in the competition.

He also watches television on an elevated set installed in his room by well-wishers. For several years, he has kept a scrapbook entitled, "The Lung and I," in which he passes clippings about himself as well as inspirational articles and poems from newspapers and magazines.

On several occasions, Parry appeared before his fellow students at special assemblies. He has spoken on behalf of the March of Dimes campaigns and appeared on radio and television programs. A battery attachment is used for the portable respirator when he leaves the hospital.

Although he still spends each night in a large iron lung, Parry has learned to "frog breathe" for a maximum of 20 minutes. By gulping, he can keep his lungs supplied with oxygen for short periods, but indications are that he will spend the remainder of his life alternating between iron lung and portable respirator.

None More Pleased
When news of the Salk vaccine

broke in Shreveport, no one was more pleased than Parry, whom it could not help.

"I don't think much any more about getting well," he says. "I'm more concerned with living day as fully as I can and leaving the rest to God. It really doesn't make a great deal of difference to me anymore whether or not I get well. I've learned to live with my handicap."

"A lot of people tried to discourage me when I said I was going to get my college degree," he added with a grin. "I knew I could do it, though, and I guess I've proved it. Sure, I'm proud of the fact that I made it. I can't get too proud, though, while I owe so many so doggone much."

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Solons Suggest Baby Caught by Policeman After Three-Floor Drop During Blaze

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A young mother dropped her six-month-old baby from a third story window of their burning home Saturday, and a policeman on the ground below caught the child.

The young woman, her mother and her husband then escaped the house—the two women by leaping and the man by a fireman's ladder.

"That was the longest five minutes of my life," said 25-year-old Ronald Conley, who lived in the third-floor apartment with his wife, Rita, 22, their baby, Susan Lynn, and Mrs. Conley's mother, Mrs. Irene Myers, 62.

"When we woke, smoke was everywhere," Conley said. "We were choking and everything was on fire."

Blocked by flames
They tried to get down a stairway, but flames blocked them. They then rushed to the window. "Get my baby—get my baby out of here," screamed Mrs. Conley. Patrolmen Fred Brown, 34, and Edward Jones, 29, were cruising nearby and spotted the flames.

They ran to a spot beneath the window, and Brown caught Susan Lynn. Mrs. Conley then leaped. Utility wires helped break her fall and the officers caught her.

Dropped to ground
Mrs. Myers hung from the window ledge a moment then let go. She struck an abutment on the way down then dropped to the ground. Conley then started out the window, but by that time firemen had arrived and put up a ladder for him to climb down.

All four were taken to Allegheny General Hospital, suffering from burns and other injuries. Mr. and Mrs. Conley were treated and released. The baby and Mrs. Myers are listed in fairly good condition. Firemen said the blaze apparently started in a second-floor apartment occupied by another couple who walked to safety.

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NEW DELHI (AP)—India has announced establishment of diplomatic relations with Spain at embassy level.

Honeymooners, for Real

NEW YORK—Television star Audrey Meadows and her new husband, Randolph Rouse, Washington real estate man, smile outside Manhattan's Church of the Heavenly Rest Saturday following their marriage. Ceremony was performed by bride's father, the Rev. James Meadows Cotter, an Episcopal minister of Sharon, Conn. She is widely known to television audiences as comedian Jackie Gleason's wife in "The Honeymooners" skits. (AP Wirephoto)

By FRANCIS STILLEY
NEW YORK (AP)—Audrey Meadows, the red-haired beauty who is comedian Jackie Gleason's much-tormented "wife" in television skits, got married in real life Saturday to a wealthy Washington real estate man, Randolph Rouse. Gleason wasn't invited.

Miss Meadows and close relatives smilingly declined to answer queries as to Gleason's absence. However, a Gleason aide said the comedian received a telegram at 7 a. m. this morning saying: "Dear Ralph—so sorry but I'm becoming a bigamist today, marrying Randy Rouse. Love, Alice."

First Marriage
About 50 persons saw Miss Meadows, who is 27, wed to Rouse, 38, in the chapel of the Church of the Heavenly Rest on Fifth Avenue at 90th Street. It was the first marriage for both.

The groom went through the nuptials with his left arm in a cast. He suffered a fracture recently in a fall from a horse.

Plans for the affair were a carefully kept secret until a day before the wedding. The couple had met two years ago, and had been engaged several months.

By Bride's Father
The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, the Rev. Francis James Meadows Cotter, rector of Christ Church at Sharon, Conn. It was the standard Episcopal ceremony and took 10 minutes.

The bride was given away by her brother, George Edward Cotter, a New York attorney. Matron of honor was her sister, Jayne.

RETIRED JUDGE DIES
WASHINGTON (AP)—Finis J. Garrett, 80, who retired last year as chief judge of the U. S. court of customs and patent appeals, died at his home Friday.

Trailer Bank Opens In New York Town

LOCUST GROVE, N. Y. (AP)—Long Island's Meadowbrook national bank has opened what it says is the only trailer bank in the country.

It is a branch operating in a 46-foot trailer. Fast-growing Locust Grove needed a bank but didn't want to wait until one could be built. So, while the permanent one is under construction, business is under way in the trailer.

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The boy, Domenic de Lorenzo, went fishing Wednesday at a nearby pond. The duck swam up with a gash over its eye. Domenic ran home and came back with a plaster bandage to patch the wound.

Gratefully, the duck followed Domenic home. Next day the duck flew the coop for a brief look at the city's sights. When amazed pedestrians tried to capture him, the duck took wing.

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