



The Monks were happy to be with Mr. Ronald Bovard when he visited the Abbey recently. Mr. Bovard is preparing four large *Stained Glass* windows for the Abbey Church. These windows will be modeled after the famous Munich Windows, and should be quite a treasure for the Abbey. Mr. Bovard is the owner of Bovard Studio, Inc. of Fairfield, Iowa.

About every five years the plastic covering of our green house has to be replaced. This was the year to do so. It is quite an experience. As you might expect, just as the huge sheet of plastic was unfolded and made ready to be stretched over the frame of the house a strong gust of wind played tricks, and nearly carried six monks high into the sky. Finally, without damage, the covering was safely anchored and it looks very good. The many plants to be wintered have been moved into their warm winter quarters. The next time we change the covering will be in 2001, A.D.

The figures of the Christmas Crib which appear on the cover of this issue of *The Speculum* are the result of The Benedictine Touch. When the monks purchased these

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figurines, they were in a deplorable condition: abused, broken, weather worn, and they displayed years of neglect. Now they are so lovely. They will be used for the first time this year in our Abbey Church Christmas celebration. This restored Christmas Crib set is a Memorial of Mrs. Gertrude Veigl of Cullman, Alabama, who died recently. Mrs. Veigl loved beautiful things.

At last, the Postal Service has caught up with us, and henceforth you shall receive *The Speculum* in an envelope. The use of the envelope and the bar code, reduces the cost of mailing. In the last analysis, the increased costs for envelopes taken with the decreased cost of mailing equals about the same total cost of the present time. Without the envelopes, the cost would have been much increased.

The monks are happy to welcome the several traditional families that have moved into the Cullman area recently. These families have moved here so that they can experience the advantages of daily Masses and the peaceful atmosphere of truly Benedictine community family life.

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