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Sunday, September 8, 1974 — the end of an era in Algoma's history

## NOSTALGIA dominates weekend honoring the Wrights

On Sunday, September 8, 1974, the parishes throughout the Diocese of Algoma joined with their retiring Archbishop Wright in a *Diocesan Eucharist*. In each of the 145 active churches, the same hymns, prayers, and propers were used in an act of praise and thanksgiving for the 30 year episcopate of William L. Algoma.

In each of these churches a *Commemorative Cross* was installed and dedicated. These crosses had been made by Mr. Oliver Ainslie.

At the service in St. Luke's Cathedral, which was broadcast over local radio stations in Sault Ste. Marie, and video-taped by CJIC-TV for later broadcast

Sunday afternoon, Chancellor D. M. Lawson presented a *Diocesan Purse*. Mr. Lawson expressed the fact that the day was one of mixed emotions — sorrow at the fact that His Grace was reaching the end of his episcopate, but joy in remembering the years he had served Algoma so well.

In a way, it was a difficult moment for His Grace, but after hearty applause from the people of Algoma in dignified St. Luke's Cathedral, he rose above the emotion he was obviously experiencing, and told one of his appropriate, well-chosen anecdotes. He said that he had been talking to a lady whose husband retired recently and was

spending a great deal more at home. He asked her how it was going. She replied, "No go! Twice as much husband, and half as much money!" His Grace went on to say how he hoped that the *Diocesan Purse* would alleviate that situation for the Wrights!

He then concluded with a text that he has used many times and in many places with great conviction: "Alleluia, the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth." With that, he gave a kiss to the First Lady of the Diocese, and retired to his episcopal chair for the last time officially.

During the service at the Cathedral, the Dean, the Very Rev. Frank F. Nock, read a telegram which had

been received from the Most Rev. Edward W. Scott, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Ven. E. S. Light, Secretary of General Synod. It read as follows: "On behalf of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, we send affectionate greetings to the Most Reverend W. L. Wright on the eve of his retirement as Metropolitan of Ontario, and Bishop of the Diocese of Algoma."

"We thank God for your years of dedicated service and devoted ministry to His Church, for your wisdom and leadership, for your warm friendship and gracious humour, and for the joy you radiated in the serv-

ice of Our Lord.

"In your retirement, may you and your gracious lady discover new avenues of pleasure and challenge. God bless you both."

Another unique feature of the Cathedral service was the fact that Dr. A. R. Cragg, Minister of Central United Church in Sault Ste. Marie, read the Gospel. Mrs. Cragg and Mrs. Wright are sisters.

It was evident that people from all walks of life and of many denominational backgrounds had gathered in St. Luke's Cathedral to say thank you and farewell to a man and a lady who had won a place in their hearts over the years.

## St. Alban's in Capreol soon to complete window installations

The parish of St. Alban's in Capreol reports that during the summer Mr. Russell Goodman completed another window for the Church in memory of "husband Thomas Price, and son, Carl Price," given by Mrs. Levina Reed. This window faces the one depicting the influence of St. Alban's upon the community of Capreol, and it complements it by having as its theme the Diocese of Algoma and its four archdeacons (an influence in this part of Ontario).

The window shows the arms of the Diocese, with four sketches to represent the archdeacons—a grain elevator for Thunder Bay; a ship in the locks for Algoma; a moose in a lake for Nipissing; and a tent and canoe beside a lake for Muskoka.

Having completed the Provincial Windows in the House of Commons (some of which were depicted in the "Weekend Magazine"), Mr. Goodman has been repairing the older stained glass in the Ottawa Peace Tower.

Only one window remains to be completed at St. Alban's, and Mr. Goodman is presently working on a

"Lamb of God" design for this one.

St. Alban's also reports that three of its senior members have died during the summer, and will be sadly missed. Elizabeth Metcalf reached the wonderful age of 93, and until a few weeks before her death, was a faithful worshipper every Sunday at St. Alban's. She died on June 20, 1974.

Victor Lalonde, who once worked for James "Scotty" Marshall, the man behind the building of St. Alban's in 1923, died on April 27, 1974, at the age of 72.

Finally, on September 1, 1974, a devout member of the Choir and ACW for so many years, Kathleen Potter, died at the age of 75.

They will be sadly missed, but not forgotten, and in their memory, new church lights are being installed in St. Alban's. It is hoped that they will be ready for dedication by Thanksgiving.

A light of the same pattern is to be placed in the porch in memory of Kenneth Burton Crawford, and friends are replacing the Church outside doors with new solid cedar ones in memory of Kathleen Potter.

## Return visit to Algoma

The Rev. Alex Stringer, and his wife, Margaret, were visitors to their former parishes of Blind River, Walford, Massey, and Wawa, during the summer. The Stringers are now living in Poultney, Vermont, U.S.A.

During this visit, many old

friends and acquaintances were visited.

The Stringer boys did not accompany their parents, since both are now working.

Many have expressed their delight at seeing these old friends back for a visit to Algoma.



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star

## Hundreds gather to greet the Wrights

Archbishop Wright is seen greeting two of the five hundred people who attended the Reception at the Windsor Hotel on Sunday, September 8, in the afternoon. For further pictures of "Retirement Weekend", and stories concerning the various events connected with His Grace's retirement, please turn to page 3A of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

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## EDITORIALS

## God calls us

We are told that during the Second World War, the Churches of England were regularly filled, not only on Sundays, but also on weekdays. In those days of crisis, people went down on their knees for they knew that they needed support and guidance from outside themselves.

Today, the world faces a crisis of a different kind. The world economic situation is not the life-and-death struggle of those times, but once again people are beginning to realize that the solution to our problems is not to be found in our own resources.

I firmly believe that this is why a loving heavenly Father permits us to have difficulties and to face catastrophes. In the struggle we develop strength; in the crisis, we discover that the source of that strength is beyond ourselves.

Many people will testify to this from their personal experience. The alcoholic learns to "go with God". The bereaved wife develops a new life on new foundations. The person who comes through great temptations realizes a deeper and stronger force of character.

The summer has been a time of relaxation for most of us, and this usually includes the relaxation of many of our personal standards. With the fall comes a resurgence of energies and ideals.

There is no better time than now to make new efforts to take up the cross and follow in the steps of our Master. Conversion is a daily experience but there are certain times when special effort is called for.

God calls us to regular worship. He calls us to special study and study on holy things. He calls us to prayer and service. The world faces an economic crisis at the present time, and there will be other crises in the future.

Let us put our trust in the guidance and power of the Spirit and follow the lead of Christ, and we will discover both in our private lives and in our Community living, that direction and purpose that makes for fulfilment of the life God has given us.

The Rev. D. A. P. Smith,  
St. Brice's, North Bay.

## A short postscript

September 8, 1974, the seventieth birthday of the Most Rev. William L. Wright, Archbishop of Algoma and Metropolitan of Ontario, ended an episcopate of 30 years and 3 months.

For several months, and especially on that last weekend, everyone has tried to say the right thing to His Grace and Mrs. Wright. Accolades of all types have been offered by people from every walk of life, and rightly so.

In the "Special Supplement" in the June issue of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, we tried to sum up this episcopate, and to pay tribute to William L. Algoma.

However, perhaps what is one of the finest tributes came to the ALGOMA ANGLICAN accidentally on that last day of the episcopate. We had been attending the Reception at the Windsor Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie, and His Grace had asked how we were to return home to Espanola. When we mentioned the Budd train, he began to reminisce and talked about his good friend, the engineer.

No sooner had we embarked on the train, when the conductor asked if we had been in Sault Ste. Marie for the special events connected with Archbishop Wright's retirement. He then invited us to ride "up front, where His Grace always rode."

We met the engineer, a Mr. Porter, who spoke of the days when he and the Archbishop had attended hockey games together. He also informed us that his wife had been working at Bishophurst and presently was helping the Wrights to move. In summing up, he said, "You know, those Wrights — they are real fine people."

As I left the engineer's cabin, his last remark was a re-affirmation of that praise, "Yes, sir, Archbishop Wright is a fine guy!"

Now that is the sort of tribute that His Grace and the First Lady will like.

For they are real fine people, and he is a fine guy.  
And we thank God for them.

RWM

## DIOCESAN NEWS

The Rev. Fred G. Roberts, pointed Rector of St. formerly Rector of St. Paul's Matthew's in Sault Ste. in Haileybury, has been ap- Marie.

## The "EPISCOPACY"

## Some wise advice from the past

(Ed. Note. October 21 will be an important day in the life of the Diocese of Algoma. The following is an excerpt from a sermon preached by Jeremy Taylor, the Bishop of Down and Connor, at the consecration of two archbishops and ten bishops in the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick, in Dublin, Ireland, January 27, 1660. It is now 300 years later, and circumstances are far different, but the sermon does provide some useful advice, and gives ALGOMA ANGLICAN readers some excellent reading as they prepare for the Episcopal election.)

Be zealous for souls, and careless of money, and remember this, that even in Christ's family there was one sad example of an apostate apostle; and he fell into that fearful estate merely by the desire and greediness of money.

Be warm in zeal and indifferent in thy temporalities; for he that is zealous in temporals, and cold in the

spiritual; he that doth the accessories of his calling by himself, and the principal by his deputies; he that is present at the feast of sheep-shearing, and puts others to feed the flock; hath no sign at all upon him of a good shepherd. . . .

"The Church is a spouse." The universal Church is Christ's spouse, but your own diocese is yours. Behave yourselves so that ye are beloved. Your people are fed as sheep, and they must be fed, and guided, and preserved, and healed and brought home.

"The Church is a city." You are the watchmen. Take care that the city be kept at unity in itself. Be sure to make peace amongst your people; suffer no hatreds, no quarrels, no suits at law amongst the citizens, which you can avoid. Make peace in your dioceses by all the ways of prudence, piety and authority, that you can.

Preach often, and pray continually. Let your discipline be with charity, and your censures slow; let not

excommunications pass for trifles, and drive not away the fly from your brother's forehead with a hatchet; give counsel frequently, and without necessity or great charity.

Let us, therefore, be wise and faithful, walk warily, and watch carefully, and rule diligently, and pray assiduously. For God is more propense to rewards than to punishments; and the good steward, that is wise and faithful in his dispensation, shall be greatly blessed. . . .

God does and will call us to a strict and severe account. Take heed that you may never hear that fearful sentence: "I was hungry, and ye gave me no meat." If you suffer Christ's little ones to starve, it will be required severely at your hands.

And know this, that the time will quickly come, in which God shall say unto thee, in the words of the prophet, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" What wilt thou say when He shall visit thee?

## William Wadley comments

## Real estate and Church property

(Ed. Note. The selling of church properties to pay off debts seems to be commonplace these days. Many are beginning to question the wisdom of such action. Mr. W. Wadley, the Treasurer of the Diocese of Algoma, discusses this issue in the following conversation between Mr. Bee and Mr. Cee.)

B: Something troubling you, C?

C: Yes, we're selling off good land for bad cash. Despite today's increasing values for real estate and decreasing value of money, I think what this Diocese needs is a 5-year moratorium on the sale of Church lands.

B: Why's that?

C: If we need money for current operations, let's raise it through direct givings, and not live off the heritage of the past by selling church properties.

B: Who's been doing that?

C: Well, several of the Church Extension parishes seem to have sold off sur-

plus lands to pay off their debts.

B: What's the Church Extension Fund doing with the monies when they are repaid?

C: Synod said the two church loan funds could be combined, so I guess some of the money has been lent out again to other churches.

B: Nothing too much wrong with that, is there? If they have to borrow, they might as well pay interest to the Church rather than to the banks or mortgage companies.

C: No, I suppose not, so long as that's how the monies are being used. On the other hand, perhaps some of the capital should be reinvested in land for the next wave of church extension.

B: If so, would you lend the necessary funds to the local churches to do some judicious local land banking?

C: No, if they have to pay taxes and interest on it over the years until the land is

developed.

B: Well, what other way is there?

C: Perhaps we need to incorporate a separate real estate holding company, the same way as the C.P.R. set up *Marathon Realty* to handle its property holdings.

B: Why is that?

C: Because at present we think in terms of self-supporting units or parishes. We expect each to pay its own way. If they can't, too bad for them. But sometimes if they can, too bad for the rest of us. Thus, some parishes continue to carry a fairly large loan, such as Elliot Lake, while others sell off the 'back forty', and get off 'Scot Free'.

B: So what else is new?

C: Somehow, I think we have to average this out across the Diocese. The Church Extension Fund was a good start in this direction, but somewhere along the way, it got bogged down, I feel.

## Wedding invitations

## New kind of invitation may put emphasis in right place

The summer is the time for numerous church weddings, and a new idea for an invitation came across the desk of the Editor of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN last month. The wording of the invitation is worth noting:

Our joy will be more complete  
if you can share in the marriage  
of our daughter

[USUAL INFORMATION]

We invite you to worship with us  
and to witness their vows.  
If you are unable to attend, we  
ask your presence in thought and  
prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Doe

## Dates

Oct. 13—50th Anniversary celebrations at St. George's, Espanola.

Oct. 21—Algoma's episcopal election in the Sault.

Oct. 29—Induction of the Rev. E. Paterson, at Epiphany, Sudbury.

Nov. 17—Special Diocesan Appeal for "Church of the North".

Nov. 29—First Convocation of Thorneloe University in Sudbury's Church of the Epiphany.

Windsor Hotel reception

## People say farewell

Five hundred local residents and out-of-town guests attended an informal reception at the Windsor Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie, on Sunday afternoon, September 8, 1974, in honor of retiring Archbishop and Mrs. W. L. Wright.

Local officials of Sault Ste. Marie, clergy from all faiths, as well as scores of parishioners, gathered to honour the Wright family. The four Wright children—Jane Oulton of Ottawa, Clare de Zeeuw of Sault Ste. Marie, Peter of Philadelphia, and John of Sault Ste. Marie—and their respective families were present, as well as the Wright's six granddaughters.

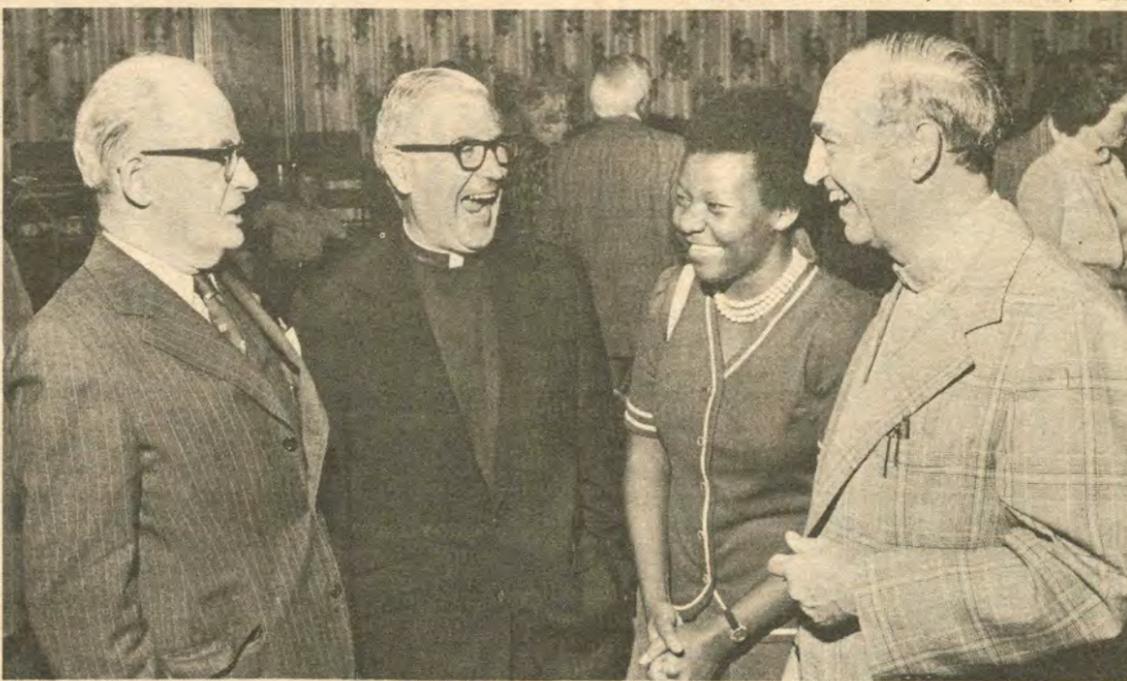
John Rhodes, the Ontario minister of Transportation and Communications, and

Sault Ste. Marie Mayor Ron Irwin, were among those who passed through the reception line.

Among the many notes of congratulations were greetings from Roman Catholic Bishop Alexander Carter of Sault Ste. Marie.

Local clergy present included the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Reid of Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Rev. and Mrs. Irvine Johnston of St. Andrew's United Church, and Dr. and Mrs. Cragg of Central United Church. Mrs. Cragg is a sister of Mrs. Wright.

The reception had been arranged by a committee consisting of Laurence Brown, the Rev. Eric Paterson, and the Very Rev. Frank Nock.



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star

## Those present were relatives, clerics, friends . . .

John Lennox Wright, Headmaster of St. George's College, Toronto (brother of Archbishop Wright) chats with Monsignor Henry Murphy of Precious Blood Roman Catholic Cathedral in the Sault, Eunice Ndebele of Rhodesia (now of Toronto's General Hospital nursing staff), and the Very Rev. Frank F. Nock, Dean of Algoma.



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star

## . . . diocesan parishioners, the diocesan editor . . .

The Garden River parishioners presented a necklace to His Grace. Pictured here are three of the Garden River people (Mr. George Pine, Mrs. A. Clark, and Cecil Clark), with the Rev. Roger McCombe, Editor of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star

## . . . and friends from across the border

These are the people who came to the Reception from St. James' Episcopal Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. From left, Mrs. Robert T. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson, Mrs. Alvin G. Covell, and Mrs. William Wiedrich.

## The diocesan clergy gather for "fun night" with Father-in-God

by J. Koning

Following the impressive service of *Praise and Thanksgiving* on Sunday morning, September 8, for the 30-year episcopate of Archbishop W. L. Wright, the gathering on Monday evening, September 9, for the Diocesan clergy and their wives with His Grace, Mrs. Wright, and their family for dinner and dancing at the Windsor Hotel was designated as "a fun night".

The evening began with a service of Holy Communion at 6 o'clock in St. Luke's Cathedral. His Grace was celebrant, assisted by the Very Rev. Frank F. Nock, the Ven. C. B. Noble (Archdeacon of Algoma), and the Rev. Canon J. F. Hinchliffe (Christ Church, Lively). The servers were Ben Smith and Carolyn Gould of St. Luke's, and Mr. John Wood was at the organ.

Archbishop Wright, Mrs. Wright, and their children (Clare, John and Elaine, Peter and Diane, and Jane and David), along with some 38 of the clergy and their wives, then moved to the Windsor Hotel for a cocktail hour, followed by a delicious buffet supper in the ballroom of the hotel.

Archbishop Wright and Mrs. Wright were presented with several gifts as tokens of the high esteem and affection felt towards them by the rectory families in the Diocese of Algoma. Dean Nock, acting as Master of Ceremonies, asked the Rev. Lawrence Robertson (Trinity Church, Parry Sound) to present a Commemorative Plaque, such as each church in the Diocese had received, to each of the Wright children. Fr. Robertson's association with the Wright family goes back to the days when His Grace was Dean of St. Luke's Cathedral, and he was one of the servers.

The Rev. Eric Paterson (now of the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury), one of the Committee who organized the evening, presented His Grace with a matched set of pipes with his initials on them. Vi Thomson, wife of the Rev. Canon A. J. Thomson of Thunder Bay, gave Mrs. Wright a needlepoint handbag, on behalf of those present.

Introduced by Dean Nock

as a "raconteur who may eventually take the late Archdeacon Lindsell's role in that regard," the Rev. Noel Goater (St. John's, North Bay) was called upon to present the Wrights with a portable television set, battery-operated so that His Grace can follow the hockey and football games whether sitting down on the dock, or out in the bush surrounding his now-permanent home, "Wright's Rest".

In offering his thanks for the gifts, Archbishop Wright paid tribute to his brother clergy and their wives for their support through the years. He referred to the heavy responsibility of the work of a bishop, and the fact that wife and family may sometimes suffer. "You have a responsibility to both your work and your family," he told the clergy.

Mrs. Wright, who then spoke, laughingly said that her husband was "a hard act to follow," and indeed one felt that His Grace could have kept the gathering chuckling all evening with his reminiscences. However, Mrs. Wright said that Bishophurst had always been a real home to her family and her chief joy had been having people come to visit. "I will always look back with pleasure on those times," she said.

Then it was time for dancing to the music of "Solid Gold," provided free of charge to the clergy through the Musicians' Union as a tribute to Archbishop Wright, who is so highly regarded by all the citizens of Sault Ste. Marie. This part of the evening became a happy blend of good music with a solid beat and enthusiastic dancers with nimble feet, which caused band leader Orlando Sicoly to remark that he had rarely played for such a responsive group of dancers!

Thus the evening of good fun and good fellowship came to an end, surely a valid expression of the sense of family togetherness which, in spite of the geographic distances which separate the various parts of the Diocese of Algoma, has become a distinctive mark of the past thirty years under the Archbishop's and Mrs. Wright's leadership.

A comment about LOVE

# Turn to the Source of love

by

**The Rev. D. A. P. Smith**

LOVE is a much maligned word. We over-use it, and we use it badly, and we even use it when we don't mean LOVE at all.

We say, "I love your new hat", when we mean that we admire it. We say, "I love skiing", when we mean we enjoy it.

This doesn't matter very much except that our misunderstanding of what LOVE really is can leave people very confused, and can even do a lot of damage.

We hear a song these days which goes, "I woke up in love this morning." This implies that the person underwent an involuntary change overnight and woke up somehow different than when he went to bed. Is it possible to catch love overnight as you do a cold or a rash?

If so, then the LOVE pill could soon become a reality. One shot of the right drug and we would all be in a state of glorious LOVE, each one sacrificing himself for his neighbour. Yet, if we are all to be controlled by a drug, where would that leave us? Shades of 1984?

Who wants to be controlled even to love? Remember how our parents used to make us be good, and how we

resented it?

The problem is largely that we have confused love with the affections and feelings that so often are bound up with it.

In the marriage service in the *Book of Common Prayer*, the man and the woman are both required to promise to love each other. To the question, "Will you love him (or her)?" the required answer is, "I will", and this is an act of volition. It is an act of the free will.

The affection, the sentiment, the sexual feelings of attraction, are all present hopefully, but they are not the things upon which the relationship is based. Rather it is the LOVE each exercises for the other, wherein each cares for, forgives, supports and gives to each other.

One of the great lines in the New Testament is "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Does this mean that God has warm comfy feelings about His creation? That is not my idea of God. I know that in me the warm, comfy feelings are sometimes there, and sometimes not. It all depends upon what I have recently eaten, or whether I am tired, discouraged or upset. These things have nothing to do with the fact of the LOVE I

ought to be exercising, and perhaps am not. God is not whimsical. He LOVES and GIVES. It is as factual as that.

Recently, the word "concern" was being bandied about so much that we all were quite sick of it. The idea was to substitute a word for LOVE that was more closely indicative of the true meaning of the word. Another word is "care".

Jesus says to LOVE your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who abuse you". This strikes me as a pretty unsentimental approach. How can you possibly feel affection for those who are determined to do you harm? Sometimes righteous and controlled anger is the proper sentiment to apply to a loving situation.

It is not easy to LOVE. It requires the qualities of inner strength, discipline, and right judgment. We never possess these things in sufficient quantity. That is why we have to keep turning to the Source if we are to LOVE well.

(Ed. Note. The Rev. David Smith is the Rector, St. Brice's Church, in North Bay. This article appeared in the NORTH BAY NUGGET, on Saturday, February 2, 1974.)

A comment about MONEY

# A new plan for the finances

(Ed. Note. This is reprinted from "Anglican Outlook", and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN applauds its excellent satire.)

Good News! Our church needs no money! We have discovered a way to do our work and carry on without pestering the members for cash contributions. Will you cooperate?

Here is the plan!

Each member will bring a scuttle full of coal with him to the services during the cold weather. This will be sufficient to keep him warm when thrown on the fire with the fuel brought by others. Thus the church will have no coal bill.

Each member will bring a supply of candles to vespers or evening worship. Thus the church can dispense with electricity, which costs so much during the year.

Each member will take his turn playing the organ. The Chairman of the Music Committee will be happy to assign a convenient Sunday to each one. The church will then be free to discharge the musician whose salary has heretofore had to be paid regularly.

Each member will make a choice as to his share of the pastoral duties. Some will prefer to preach a sermon, lead a prayer meeting, or address the various groups making demands upon the preacher. Others will prefer to conduct a funeral, perform a marriage ceremony, call upon the sick and shut-ins, or take care of the administration of the church. A great saving will be effected by doing away with a paid clergyman.

Each member will come to

church with broom and dust cloth to keep his part of the building presentable. He will remember, too, to remove his share of ashes from the heater after each service. As will be seen, a paid sexton will no longer be needed.

Members desiring a church calendar in order to follow the service and to keep up with the news of the parish, and members who enjoy receiving periodic letters from their church may feel free to use the mimeograph, typewriter, and other equipment in the church office as long as these machines hold up. Of course, these members will bring their own stationery.

Each member will be responsible for providing his own hymn book to replace the one he is now using when it becomes too worn to be of service. Those who do not care to sing or join in the responses may forget this item.

Members who make a habit of using water for drinking or washing while in the church building will remember to bring a supply with them. We are not planning on a water bill for the next year.

When repairs or alterations or improvements are contemplated, the members will be advised as to the materials they are to bring and the tools they will need, to do their share of the work.

This is the plan in general of course, there will be other budgetary items to be worked out, but we feel sure that no great difficulty will be encountered. We are proud of this new method. We shall be known as the "church that needs no

money", the "church that does not pass the plate or appeal for funds." And how noticeable our members will be in the community as the men and women, boys and girls, walk joyfully to church with coal scuttle, broom, dust mop, sheet music, sermon manuscripts, candles, water pails, and other such sacred baggage!

Each member will be expected to arrange his business or other affairs so that he will be free to give at least six months of his life on the mission field. Instead of making such a fuss to raise money for Missions, we intend to do every man his own share.

Now, you are not going to be reactionary, are you? You are not going to be old fashioned and insist on bringing money, as your father and grandfathers used to do? If this attitude is found to be widespread, we have only one solution. A committee will be appointed to estimate how much money is needed from every member to purchase the supplies mentioned, in wholesale lots delivered to the church during the week, and a memorandum of the amount will be mailed to the members preferring this procedure. Also, envelopes will be made available to hold this sum of money in weekly instalments.

But, whatever the plan you choose, the church needs no money. You are the one who uses the heat, light, water, and music; you are the one who makes use of the pastor and sexton as you sit in your own spot, comfortable and happy. Which shall it be, the weekly coal scuttle or the weekly envelope?

## From across the Atlantic

Each month, the Rev. Michael Thomas, the Vicar of Ardeley, England, writes some verses for his parish magazine. This one was #60, and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN found it in a recent edition of the QUEBEC DIOCESAN GAZETTE.

It might be especially interesting to the Diocese of Algoma, since Fr. Thomas spent some of his ministry in this Diocese, as he was the Incumbent of Mindemoya from 1953 to 1962.

### A Letter To A Vicar

Dear Father, I am writing now in order to convey my thanks for the fine service we attended yesterday. As visitors, my wife and I were thoroughly impressed, but, if I may, I've several points which I'd like to suggest. The hymns, we found, were rather long, the tunes were just a bore, the words were all Victorian, the singing was quite poor. I would suggest therefore that it would satisfy our whims if in the future you'd agree to cut out all the hymns. The prayers were very tedious with sentiment obtuse. Elizabethan terms today are simply of no use. May I suggest that it would be far better not to pray, but just to sit in silence there, and while the time away. We thought the sermon far too long, and lacking in technique. It had no point, so I suggest in future you don't speak! Apart from these few minor things, again I'd like to say we so enjoyed the service which we came to yesterday.



This picture was taken in front of St. Thomas', Thunder Bay, on a Sunday evening, when seamen from three different ships (Anagel Fortune, SS Efychia, and SS Alekos) attended the service there, after travelling in the Missions to Seamen Van with the Rev. Gregory Lynn, Chaplain. The seamen were from the Philippines, Lebanon and Egypt.

## Mission to Seamen

(Ed. Note. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN published in the September issue a report written by the Rev. Canon Alvin Thomson, Chairman of the Lakehead Mission to Seamen, concerning the summer's activities and the work of the Chaplain, the Rev. Gregory Lynn, who has since been appointed Rector of the Parish of Sundridge. Since that time some further statistics have become available.)

The Chaplain reports that he found the Van to be of inestimable value during his short period in charge (June, July and August). Some 312 men availed themselves of the use of the van during that time.

The Van was used for 73 visits to "salties" and 99 visits to "lakers". Fourteen tours were arranged which involved the total of some 117 men.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

#### About Canon R. Haines

To the Editor:

The Rev. Canon Richard Haines is still in the St. Catharines' General Hospital Chronic Wing, and his condition is much the same.

Would it be possible to have a brief note placed in the ALGOMA ANGLICAN thanking all the people who have taken the time to write and to send cards to him. I do this at this time, since my father is unable to do so

himself.

**Richard W. Haines**

(Ed. Note. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN is pleased to print this note of gratitude from Canon Haines' son, and would like to remind all its readers to continue to send such cards and notes to Canon Haines, as it is probably a great comfort to him to know that he is still fondly remembered by his Algoma friends.)

## The Dean reports

### ACNAC conference

From June 14 to 22, 75 delegates from the Anglican Church of Canada, the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., and the Anglican Church of the West Indies met together for an intensive working conference in the Caribbean. Among these was the Very Rev. Frank F. Nock, Dean of St. Luke's Cathedral and Prolocutor of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Anne Benedek reported this Conference in the pages of the July-August issue of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN does not wish to duplicate that coverage. However, in a report written by Dean Nock, there are several personal observations of his that we think should be passed on.

It should be pointed out that the Conference was held in two stages, beginning with small groups engaged in encounter sessions for two days in the Dioceses of the Province of the West Indies, culminating with a four-day plenary session in Tobago.

The purpose of the Conference was to develop a further understanding of that Region, the inter-relationships of the members of the Region, and the demands of the Gospel in order to be more responsive to Christ's mission.

Dean Nock, in his report, pointed out that worship in the Caribbean is still Mid-Victorian. "In the two parish churches I attended there was little to remind me that I was worshipping in a West Indian Church. Bishop Abdullah has said that the calypso rhythm and the steel band have developed music and instruments peculiar to the area. Yet it is only now that the ripples have touched the sacred walls of the Church. Both music and language in the worshipping life of the Church belong to a past age. It was refresh-



The Very Rev. F. F. Nock

ing to have a steel band and a Folk Mass as part of an Ordination Service held at the Cathedral in Trinidad on the last Sunday. The singing of the congregation of 800 would put us to shame."

In his report, Dean Nock also pointed out how their problems are in many ways our problems. In conclusion, he commented, "In our group experience and in our meetings with a variety of groups in the community, we had a profound experience of Christian brotherhood in its broadest sense. As we have come to appreciate the problems and issues which confront the people of the Barbados, and see how they are trying to meet them we have come to see how similar they often are to the problems and issues in our countries. Hopefully, we will have learned how to face these similar problems and issues in our own country with a greater degree of understanding."

In fact, the Dean concluded with a remark, which surely sums up the real purpose of the Anglican Council of North America and the Caribbean, "We cannot return home the same people as we were."

### The Most Rev. J. A. Watton

## The new metropolitan

The man elected to succeed Archbishop Wright as Metropolitan of the Province of Ontario, is a man well-known to the Diocese of Algoma. He is the Most Rev. James A. Watton, Archbishop of the Diocese of Moosonee.

Archbishop Watton was elected Metropolitan on September 12 at a special meeting of the Provincial Synod, held in St. James' Cathedral in Toronto, and installed that evening.

The new metropolitan was in the Diocese of Algoma last October to address the Centennial Synod about the "Church in the North", and also spoke to the ACW of the Deanery of Thunder Bay at St. Michael and All Angels in February. Also, as was reported in last month's ALGOMA ANGLICAN, he officiated at the ordination of the Rev. Thomas Corston in Chappleau, on June 30.

The Diocese of Algoma, and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN wish to congratulate the new metropolitan on his election,

and will look forward to welcoming him at the election of a new bishop of Algoma on October 21. The Most Rev. James A. Watton will preside over that election.



This is a picture of the new Metropolitan as he addressed a luncheon meeting of the Centennial Synod of the Diocese of Algoma last October.



The Ven. Samuel M. Craymer, and Mrs. Craymer, are seen at the retirement dinner for them, arranged by the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury.

Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

## Epiphany honors the Craymers

On Sunday, August 25, 1974, the Ven. S. M. Craymer, Archdeacon of Nipissing, conducted his last Eucharist service as Rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury. This beautiful downtown church was filled as the members of the parish and friends turned out to pay tribute to their beloved Rector, and his wife, Eleanor.

After the service, the congregation sat down to a delicious buffet luncheon, which was served by the ladies under the direction of Mrs. Sue Evans.

The well-organized reception, which was planned by Mrs. Della Passi and her committee, was opened by

the Chairman, Mr. Lloyd Taylor, when he called upon the Rev. Dr. Frank A. Peake, the Honorary Assistant at the Epiphany, to give a brief outline of the Archdeacon's career.

This was followed by the presentation of several gifts to the Craymers. Mr. Jim Lye presented a purse on behalf of the members of the parish, and Mrs. Eva Jessup presented a gift to Mrs. Craymer. Mr. Frank Mason presented a design of a new "west circular" stained glass window depicting "The Dove of the Spirit".

Sandra Passi and Paul Evans completed the tributes with sketches of both the inside and the outside of the

Church of the Epiphany. These sketches will eventually be done in water colours or oil by Miss Muriel E. Newton-White, a well-known Northern Ontario artist who lives in Haileybury.

At the end of the reception, the Archdeacon said the blessing.

The Diocese of Algoma, the Church of the Epiphany, and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN join in wishing Archdeacon and Mrs. Craymer well as they enter upon their retirement. It is the prayer of all that, freed from the heavy responsibilities of a large parish and archdeaconry, they may enjoy many years of useful service and relaxation.



Courtesy of the Bracebridge Herald-Gazette

### One of the Muskoka churches

This is a photo of St. Mark's, Milford Bay, on Sunday, July 21, when the special service was held for the dedication of the two windows, one commemorating the life and work of the late Rev. Canon William Hankinson, and the other honoring the lay readers and workers of the church. (See the September issue of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.)

## YOUTH NEWS

with

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### The Kenora experience

As part of the National Anglican Youth Conference held at Kenora (reported elsewhere on this page), some people travelled from Anglican Island to Kenora itself to explore and examine what was happening there. Before the trip, delegates were briefed by the Rev. Ernie Willie, who is a native, and is the Native Consultant for the Anglican Church of Canada.

The day after this trip, the delegates met to air their feelings about what they saw. We explored three questions — What can we do ourselves about this concern? What help do we need from others?, and Where and to whom can we look for this help?

Several feelings were expressed — *shame* for what we have done to oppress our native people; *pity* for them; and a *good* feeling that we had learned something about them.

Readers will be aware that there has been an occupation by the natives there; we have all read so much about that incident in the newspapers. However, when we talked to both sides, we discovered that many things the news media had told us were not completely true. We began to wonder what other items of news might have been white-washed. We also started to think that this situation is just as bad as many in the United States.

This trip caused the delegates to think about what the white society had done to minorities.

Are you guilty of oppression in any way?

Are you also to blame for the sort of thing that happened in Kenora?

What are YOU doing about it?

Carrie Black



Pictured here are some of the girls from Camp Gitchigomee getting ready for Cabin Inspection.

## Prayers at camp

Camping will be just a memory now for the many people who attended one of the four camps in the Diocese of Algoma. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN, however, would like to refresh those members by printing some prayers which were forwarded to us, by the Rev. F. Moore.

They are prayers which were composed by girls attending the Junior Girls' Camp at Camp Gitchigomee (the Thunder Bay Camp) in July:

"O Lord, we give thanks for this camp which we have the privilege of attending, and for the food, shelter and companionship we have acquired. We pray that our coming days will be full of love for one another. And thank you for our parents who love us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN."

"Thank you, Lord, for

everything you have done for the camp, and for the children that are coming to this camp. Thank you for giving us the trees, grass and flowers, which we all enjoy so much. Please guide more children in the future to this camp, so they can enjoy all that we have, and so that they can understand your love. AMEN."

"O God, thank you for the food we eat, and the friends we have made. Thank you for the fun we have playing games, swimming and canoeing. Thank you for shelter from the rain and for the beautiful scenery. Thank you for making us lucky enough to be able to come to Camp Gitchigomee. AMEN."

"Thank you, Lord for all the nice things you made possible at Church Camp, and the nice days, including the thunderstorm Monday night. AMEN."

## Anglican youth meet in Kenora

It was a real joy for the Editor of YOUTH NEWS to be a delegate to the National Youth Conference which was held in Kenora from August 28 to September 2.

Some time ago, applications were sent to the Archbishop, and from those two delegates were chosen; eventually, three delegates were able to go—Joe Gaudier (Thunder Bay), and Bob Elliott, and Carrie Black (both from North Bay).

Upon arrival in Winnipeg on August 28, we went to All Saints' Church, and from there took a bus with about forty other people to Kenora. From Kenora, there was a boat trip to Anglican Island, which is about four miles out into Lake of the Woods, where a diocesan camp is situated.

It was "pouring buckets" when we arrived, and it never really stopped until the day we left, and even then there was a light drizzle.

Delegates were assigned to a cabin (to which from two to four delegates were assigned). I shared mine with Lia Versavel, from Victoria, British Columbia.

After supper, we participated in a number of exercises, which enabled us to introduce ourselves. Following this an outline of the Conference programme was given. The title of the Conference was "Rise to Meet the Morning." This title was reflected in the theme of the Conference which was "The Nature and Meaning of Oppression." This theme's importance can be seen in the Gospel of Reconciliation, and the response of the AYM nationally and regionally to that Gospel.

Therefore, the purpose of the Conference was seen as an attempt to support the AYM nationally and regionally by means of the biennial meeting. To do this, the Conference set as its goal, an attempt "to create visions in sharing new possibilities in ministry today, and for the future." In this direction, the AYM is committed to encouraging active com-

mitment to ministry, and to discovering, creating, and using resources for ministry.

The Conference focussed upon several areas: training in Youth Ministry; the increasing awareness of ministry for social concerns; the consulting structures of the National AYM; and the development of regional support networks of Youth Ministry.

The staff for this Conference were as follows: Anne Elliott, Joy Gibson, Tom Kingston, Ernie Willie, David Busby, and Ted Scott (the Primate), all of whom were from Toronto; John Mouk, from Stirling, Ontario; Gary Woolsey, from Norway House; and Dan Ash and Bill Trot (both from Winnipeg). A very special guest was John O'Lange, the Youth Representative from Nairobi, Kenya. Other guests included Bishop Allan, the Bishop of Keewatin, and Anne Benedek, a reporter for the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN. Each staff person handled different areas during the afternoon workshops.

Each day began at 8:30 a.m., and finished officially at 11:15 p.m., but few people were in bed before 2 a.m.

Thursday morning saw

the beginning of the major interest groups, in which all had to participate. The first was "The Meaning of Christianity," and the second, "Youth Ministry"; the latter was divided into four parts. In the afternoon, the workshops were begun, and those who had chosen to go to Kenora were briefed concerning the situation there. The evening sessions were *Plenary Sessions* during which we dreamed about what we would like to see happen, and how we could go about making it happen.

On Sunday, we had the "Feast of Life," to which many people contributed and shared stories, songs, and thoughts with the rest of us. The hall was decorated with streamers, balloons and candles. Each person had a cross painted on his or her forehead.

I would like to end my account with what was a very special feature of the conference for me. There were three native delegates at the Conference, and, after our experience in Kenora, Eno Chapman (a Cree Indian from Big Trout Lake) shared a song with us, and I would like to pass it on to the readers of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN:

### Rise to meet the morning

When I get up in the morning,  
I hear that bell a-ringing,  
Then I sit at the breakfast table,  
Reading the Cornflakes' label;  
That porridge sticks to my ribs,  
Drinking tea in three joyful sips.

Rise to meet the morning,  
Join mother nature in a prayer  
Listen to AYM singing,  
Though you hear them everywhere.

This beautiful Anglican Island,  
Is known to be my land.  
When I came to my lonely Kenora  
I rode the boat,  
Then I slept down at the boathouse,  
Snuggled in my bed like a mouse.

Rise to meet the morning,  
When you find it hard to sleep,  
Hear the young generation singing;  
You can laugh; you can smile; you can weep.



### Bulldozer turns sod for Thorneloe renovation

Here is the first day of construction at Thorneloe College in Sudbury. The construction of the new social centre and renovation of the existing residence has continued all summer, and is now near completion. The new apartment for the Dean of Residence, and the offices have considerable interior work to be completed, and it will likely be late autumn before the construction project is fully finished.

## THORNELOE

### Renovations accommodate co-educational residence

Thorneloe University, federated with Laurentian University, in Sudbury, is undergoing renovations, but many of the changes have now been completed, and the remaining part of the building programme should be completed soon.

However, the term has begun, and the residence has begun with a new twist. It is now co-educational for the first time. There are 28 women and 27 men in the completely filled residence.

Prospective residents are advised to apply early for next year. The College is particularly concerned about providing accommodation for Anglicans in the dioceses of Algoma and Moosonee. With this in mind, the College is looking forward to a new era in Thorneloe's history.



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mantle deliver their two daughters, Nancy and Kathy, to Thorneloe College in Sudbury. The Mantles are active members of Holy Trinity Parish, Sault Ste. Marie, whose Rector, the Rev. W. Stadnyk, has been a member of Thorneloe's Board of Governors. Kathy is the first Don of Women.



Kathy Mantle of Holy Trinity Parish, Sault Ste. Marie, (right), is Thorneloe College's first Don of Women. She welcomes Gayle Robertson, of Sault Ste. Marie, the first girl to move into Thorneloe's newly renovated co-educational residence. Kathy, entering her 4th year in Physical Education, will act as the Resident Assistant to the Dean, the Rev. Ross Kreager.

### Five people to receive honorary degrees and fellowships

## Thorneloe University to hold its first convocation in November

The Senate of Thorneloe University in Sudbury has announced the awarding of four honorary degrees and two honorary fellowships. These will be conferred at the University's first convocation, to be held on November 29, 1974.

The Most Rev. Edward W. Scott, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, will receive the degree, *Doctor of Sacred Theology*, in recognition of his spiritual leadership and office. Archbishop Scott is the youngest bishop ever to be elected Primate, and he became Primate in January, 1971. Prior to that he was Bishop of Kootenay for five years, after a ministry in Prince Rupert, Fort Garry, and Winnipeg. During his ministry, he has also served as a General Secretary of the Student Christian Movement, a teacher at St. John's College in Winnipeg, Director of Indian Work for the Diocese of Rupert's Land, and a member of the Church's national headquarters in Toronto.

The Rev. Dr. Frank A. Peake will receive the degree, *Doctor of Sacred Letters*, in recognition of the many ways in which he was responsible for the survival of the college during a difficult period in its development. Dr. Peake has been a History Professor at Laurentian University from 1970 to 1974, and Provost of the College from 1970 to 1973. During his time in Sudbury, he has also been

the Honorary Assistant at the Church of the Epiphany.

Mr. Lenox Thompson Lane will receive the degree, *Doctor of Canon Law*, in recognition of his early leadership in the formation of the College. Mr. Lane served as President, pro-tem, of Thorneloe from 1961 until 1966; from 1967 to 1971, he served on the Board of Governors of Laurentian University. Mr. Lane has been very active in many areas of public life in Sudbury, and is the President of Lane and Lane Limited, land surveyors and professional engineers.

Mr. Francis Wilson Hutcheson will receive the degree, *Doctor of Canon Law*, in recognition of his being a benefactor and great supporter of Thorneloe College. He is a member of the Board of Governors of Thorneloe College, and is currently President of a family company engaged in consultant and financial work.

Mr. Norman Joseph Segger will receive an *Honorary Fellowship* in view of his work as sometime Chairman of the Board of Governors, who, with Dr. Peake, shared so much of the responsibility of maintaining the role and integrity of Thorneloe College. Mr. Segger was Chairman of the Board of Governors of Thorneloe from 1970 to 1974. Currently, he is involved with Lothian Consultants Limited, a Company specializing in supply-

ing management consulting services to small business in Northern Ontario.

Mr. Edward George Higgins will receive an *Honorary Fellowship* in recognition of his work as one-time President and Chairman of the Board, and his keen interest in Thorneloe College. Mr. Higgins

represented the Anglican Diocese of Algoma in negotiations which led to the establishment of Laurentian University. He was the first Chairman of Thorneloe University Board of Governors from 1962 to 1969, and was the Acting President, Provost and Vice-Chancellor of Thorneloe from 1969 to

1970. Until 1973, Mr. Higgins was the Superintendent of Development with the Sudbury Board of Education.

It is anticipated that this Convocation will take place in the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury, and the newly-elected Chancellor will officiate.



The Most Rev. E. W. Scott



Dr. Frank A. Peake



Mr. Lenox Lane



Mr. Francis Hutcheson



Mr. Norman Segger



Mr. Edwin Higgins

### Mrs. Mae Blackwell

## Wife of visiting cleric dies in Thunder Bay

During part of the summer, when the Ven. E. Roy Haddon, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, and Archdeacon of Thunder Bay, was on holiday, Archdeacon E. E. Blackwell of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle looked after the parish. This was the fourteenth summer that Arch-

deacon Blackwell had done summer replacement work at St. Thomas'.

The ALGOMA ANGLICAN is sorry to report that the wife of Archdeacon Blackwell, Mae, died in McKellar Hospital early in the morning of August 16. Archdeacon Haddon commented that Mrs.

Blackwell was a "quiet, modest and determined Christian." He also mentioned that next to her home in Moosomin, Thunder Bay was her second home.

On Sunday, August 18, mention was made at all of St. Thomas' services of Mrs. Blackwell.

## A prayer for today

"Lord, take my mind and think through it; take my lips and speak through them; take my heart and set it on fire for Thee."

"Give unto us, O God, the grace to be patient; that we may gently bear with the faults of others; and know Thy mercy for our own; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

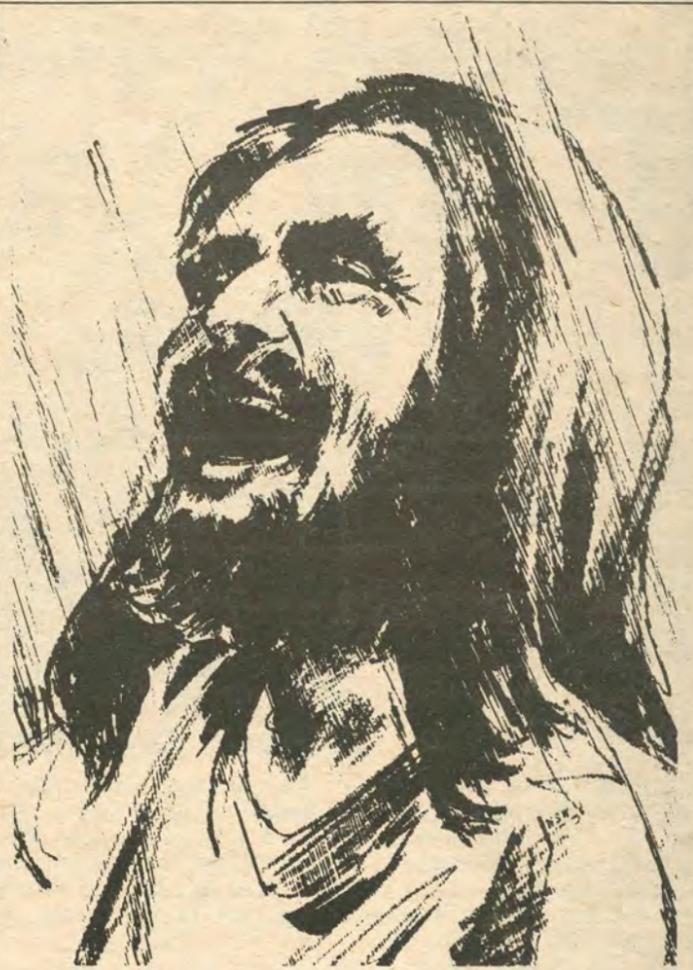
"If you love all alike, including yourself, you will love them as one person and that person is both God and man. Thus he is a great and righteous person, who loving himself, loves all others equally." [Meister Eckhart, 1260-1327]

## Around Algoma . . .

The Rev. Tom Corston, who was made a deacon by the Rt. Rev. J. A. Watton, Bishop of Moosonee, on June 30 in St. John's Church in Chapleau, is now serving as the Deacon-assistant to the Ven. Arthur Brown, Rector of St. Michael and All Angels in Toronto, while he completes the final year of his M.Div. degree at Wycliffe College. . . . On September 8, 1974, the guest preacher at St. Peter the Apostle's Church in Elliot Lake was the Rev. Canon Arthur Chabot of Marathon. . . . St. George's in Espanola is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of that parish on Sunday, October 13. . . . The parish of St. Paul's in Thunder Bay became dramatically aware of the injuries sustained during a car accident while on holidays when he resolutely hobbled down the aisle on crutches during the 10 a.m. service processional hymn on August 25. . . . The White Elephant Corner of Holy Trinity Church in Sault Ste. Marie has purchased six stacking tables for the parish hall of that Church. . . . At the Diocesan Eucharist on September 8 in St. Luke's Cathedral, three new choirboys (Thomas Bouchard, David

Kelly, and Paul Reilly) were welcomed as probationers with the Cathedral Choir. . . . The Manitoulin ACW Deanery meeting on October 5 at Holy Trinity in Little Current began with a Eucharist at 10 a.m., and the day was conducted by Sister Thelma-Anne of S.S.J.D. . . . "Butch" Geoffrey Haddon was married to Deby Dickenson on Saturday, October 12, at 4:30 p.m. in Grace United Church, Weyburn, Saskatchewan. . . . St. Matthew's in Sault Ste. Marie had its annual "Family Festival" on Saturday, September 21. Their Gourmet Chef Jim Moffatt provided the usual fine Beef Barbecue. . . . St. Brice's in North Bay has been presented with a new purple superfrontal through the kind generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold McEwen. It was first used on Ember Wednesday, September 18. . . . The guest preacher at the 11 o'clock Eucharist in St. Luke's Cathedral on Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday, September 29, was the Rev. Canon Alvin J. Thomson, of Thunder Bay. . . . An 11-member Youth Chamber Ensemble in Thunder Bay received an Opportunities for Youth grant to enrich community life this past

summer by playing at Senior Citizens' homes, parks, etc. Their final concert of the season was at St. Paul's Church parish hall in Thunder Bay on August 29. . . . The Rev. Gregory Lynn was inducted as Rector at the parish of Sundridge on Sunday, September 15, by the Ven. George Sutherland, Archdeacon of Muskoka. . . . The guest speaker at the 9 p.m. Thanksgiving Service at St. Thomas, Thunder Bay, on September 29, was the Rev. William Ellam, Rector of St. Luke's Thunder Bay. . . . On Sunday, September 8, the Rev. Roger W. McCombe, Editor of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, celebrated the Diocesan Eucharist at St. Matthew's in Sault Ste. Marie, as they were without a parish priest. . . . St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay welcomed a former assistant, Captain Earnest Scriver (along with his wife, Charlene, and their son, Jason) to the 9 p.m. service on Sunday, August 25, when he told of his work at St. George's in Peterborough. . . . On July 8, the parish of St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay paid tribute to Dr. Lionel Hastings and his family who after 23 years of active work in the parish have moved to Regina. . . .



(Ed. Note. In February, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN printed the picture of the "Laughing Christ" with a brief editorial comment. Since that time, we have received many letters both in defence and criticism of this new image of Christ. We are going to allow the Rev. Canon Frank R. Coyle, the Rector of St. John's in Sault Ste. Marie, and the Chairman of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN Standing Committee, the final word by re-printing an editorial he wrote, and which appeared in the "Sault Daily Star" on Saturday, August 17, 1974.)

### The laughing Christ

Have you seen the pencil drawing issued as a poster by the United Church depicting Christ laughing — really laughing? It is called "Jesus Christ — Liberator" and is by William S. Wheatley. Here is no mere smile or Mona Lisa simper. The artist shows the Son of God in a big, uproarious, mouth-filling laugh, His head thrown back and his laughter shaking every hair, and pouring from the crinkles around His eyes.

Almost all pictures of Christ show Him as "the man of sorrows and acquainted with grief". And this He is, of course, as well as the laughing Liberator. But these paintings, stained glass windows and statues seem to show Him exclusively as sad or heavy, or, as I have sometimes heard it said, "like a dying duck in a thunderstorm!" Look around for yourself at the next few pictures of Christ you see in a Church or in shops. This laughing picture comes to many as a distinct surprise — even maybe a shock, to some.

Someone asked me recently, "How does this artist know that Christ ever laughed like that?" In reply, I mentioned that the "common people heard him gladly — eagerly". [St. Mark 12:37] The 'common people' means the majority of us, we ordinary everyday folk. Now people do not go to listen 'gladly' or 'eagerly' to someone who never cracks a smile or has no sense of humour.

The lively stories He told to illustrate His great themes of God's love and mercy sparkle with realism, contrast, and exaggeration. Only a Man of keen humour could have said: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

Christ speaks so often of His joy, a joy that no man can take from those who trust Him. Even facing the Cross and all its desolate pain and horror, we are told that "it was for the joy that was set before Him" that He endured all this for us. [Hebrews 12:2]. And His wish for His disciples was "that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." [St. John 15:10].

When God, the Liberator, reversed the Israelites' captivity into freedom, the Psalmist said, "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with joy".

So may ours be filled with the laughter of Christ, the Liberator, as He sets us free.

The Rev. Canon F. R. Coyle,  
St. John's, Sault Ste. Marie.



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star  
Mayor Ron Irwin of Sault Ste. Marie prepares hamburgers for two young people from Eastern Canada. They are Wayne Bobbitt, 13, and Wilson Evans, 12, who had come to the Sault as part of the group organized by six university students. One of the organizers was Miss Sally West, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Michael West, 125 Simpson Street, where the Barbecue was held.

### Anglican girl part of tour organization

Miss Sally West, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Michael West, of Simpson Street in Sault Ste. Marie, and a member of St. Luke's Cathedral, had a very busy and thrilling summer.

She was one of the six counsellors, and organizers of a cross-country bus tour, which brought some 32 youngsters from isolated fishing villages along Canada's east coast to Sault Ste. Marie.

Sally, who has had some experience working with youngsters in the eastern provinces, said that it was through the efforts of Archbishop W. L. Wright that the trip was made possible. She went on to describe the

experience as a "once in a lifetime opportunity for the children involved." The 12 and 14-year olds come from families who live in depressed areas along the lower north shore of the St. Lawrence and the Labrador Coast.

Funds for the cross-country tour came from the federal department of travel and exchange, as well as from private donations from individuals and corporations. Part of this assistance came from the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Quebec-Labrador Mission Canadian Foundation.

In Sault Ste. Marie, accommodation was provided by the parishes of St. Luke's

and St. John's; while in the Sault, they visited the home of Dr. and Mrs. West, and enjoyed a barbecue and were officially welcomed to the city by the Mayor, Ron Irwin.

Other activities included a visit to Bellevue Park, the Fish Hatchery, the Memorial Gardens to meet Phil Esposito, and to Whitefish Island for a cookout.

During their stay in the Sault, the local Girl Guide and Boy Scout organizations were the hosts.

The group left Sault Ste. Marie for Thunder Bay, and the continuation of a trip that took them as far as Vancouver.

#### Note

During these last few days prior to Algoma's Episcopal election, use the prayer on page 44 of the Book of Common Prayer.