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St. John the Divine, North Bay

Rector suggests a change in the scheduling of annual vestry meeting



The Rev. Noel Goater

Annual vestry meetings for 1977 are now a thing of the past. However, the Rev. Noel Goater, Rector of St. John the Divine in North Bay, in his report to that congregation made a serious suggestion about the timing

of the annual vestry meetings.

He said, "I believe that January is the worst possible time for an annual meeting! We live in a cold climate, and many of our senior members find it impossible to get to church in the extremely cold weather.

"Many of our younger members take advantage of the excellent local skiing conditions. Some of our more affluent members head South for the sunshine. For the last two years, the day of the annual vestry meeting coincided with the worst blizzard of the winter.

"I repeat — January is NOT a sensible time for annual meetings! Personally, I believe there would be great merit in having our annual meeting in early November. This would permit us to again give to the Advent season a greater importance. It is the beginning of the Church's year and I can foresee newly elected Wardens,

Board members and leaders of all Church organizations dedicating themselves anew for a new Church Year.

"Youngsters in the Christian Education program would transfer from class to class on Advent Sunday. (Any difference we make between "school" and what goes on in Sunday Schools would be all to the good.) The fiscal year would have to remain the same because of Income Tax purposes, but this is no great problem. I know all sorts of companies who have annual general meetings at a time apart from fiscal year endings.

"If the parish concurs in this theory, I would like to see an official motion forwarded to the Bishop for his consideration."

At the time the ALGOMA ANGLICAN went to press, we hadn't heard whether the parish approved the Rector's proposal. Perhaps we could hear from other parishes about this idea.



Mr. Charlie Fearon of St. Peter's, Red Rock, looks at the brief case which was presented to him by the parish, at a recent dinner.

INSIDE THIS MONTH

Parish of St. Peter's in Red Rock honours Mr. Charlie Fearon at a recent celebration

Mr. Charlie Fearon, of the parish of St. Peter's in Red Rock, was recently honoured by that parish. For another picture and a complete account of the event, please turn to page 5A of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

One of the pioneer missionaries in the Diocese of Algoma, Miss Benna Fuller, died in January of this year. For an account of her life and witness, and a tribute to her by one of her former students, please turn to page 4A of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

Each month the ALGOMA ANGLICAN receives many letters about various issues and topics. We don't always print as many as we would like; however, this month, we have chosen several on a variety of topics for your perusal. You will find them on page 7A of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

You may hear many sermons in a lifetime. For some serious thinking about "The preacher and his sermon", turn to the regular feature, MONDAY MORNING, on page 3A of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN. This month, Archdeacon D. A. P.

Smith returns to this column with an excellent article about the subject of preaching.

The CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, inside the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, this month features a special education supplement with articles on education trends today, private schools and a report of an ecumenical conference of theological students at Montreal.

The CANADIAN CHURCHMAN has a number of very interesting reports from across the country—Halifax (where a recent conference was held on death and dying); Toronto (where Bishop Lewis Garnsworthy says he will ordain a woman to the priesthood in May); Vancouver (where a new ministry serves native peoples in the inner city); and from Athabasca (where clergy faced with scattered, isolated communities are sharing in ministerial responsibilities).

Finally, the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN has a followup of the critical situation in Uganda, which it covered last month.



THE EPIPHANY, SUDBURY

Rector and young people enjoy quite a rousing game of hockey

On Sunday, January 2, several members of the Youth Group at the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury gathered for a rousing game of hockey to finish up the Christmas holidays, in a grand style. Pictured above, in the back row, from left are Steve Judges, Laura Paterson, Mr. Bob Clubbe, Jamie Lee, Janet Peyton and Brent Page. In the front row are Danny Hearn, Fr. Eric Paterson (Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, wearing a Flying Clergy shirt), Mark Passi, Mr. Bill Passi, Lauri Hearn, Katharine Paterson, and Earl Passi. Front and centre is Sandra Passi.

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1984 already here

We are only seven years away from that fateful year depicted by the English novelist, George Orwell, who saw the forces of technology exerting full control and authority over our minds by 1984. Indeed, some people would say that 1984 is upon us and that the fundamental processes of our society have broken down already.

That may be. We have not achieved a very good record in dealing with human goals and most people in the industrial west feel threatened and powerless in the face of major computer networks, genetic engineering and nuclear age of technology. Underdeveloped nations are almost equally hopeless in their attempts to catch up to the industrial west.

But, without for a moment diminishing the extent of the technological flood, it may be that we use this new science to hide our inability to understand the essential human dimension of society's needs.

It is just possible that the application of the best we have in technology could help us solve over-population, inadequate food supplies and energy resource depletion. Technology could probably deal with these if we had the will to look at the new concepts. Conservation rather than consumption, demands that need not be always fulfilled; ethics about supply and pricing are human decisions that can make technology work for us.

But it means we must recognize that Orwellian chaos faces us if we are unwilling to accept social responsibility now. Technology can either dominate or serve society. Naturally most of us would choose service but then we must be prepared to change, to plan and above all to place technology at the service of humanity.

To hide from or try to destroy technology is pure ignorance of the human problem and will undoubtedly push our society closer to 1984 than any computer program yet devised.

RWM

A moral recovery

(Ed. Note. In a recent letter to the clergy and Church Army officers in the Diocese of Algoma, the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, made some general comments about morality and standards. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN thinks his comments deserve wider attention, and so reprints part of that letter.)

As many of us are, I am sure, I am concerned with the general breakdown of moral values and standards in our society. Roger McCombe touched on this in his editorial in the February issue of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

The Rev. Dr. A. L. Griffith has written in much the same vein in an article in the TORONTO SUN, entitled "Plea for Basic Virtues". In part, he says, "I want to suggest that economic power is not enough; there has to be moral recovery as well."

Some people don't like the word, "revival", even when it is not applied to religion. It sounds too much like Archie Bunker looking back over his middle-aged shoulder and singing, "Those were the days".

Yet Archie may have something. There are times when progress points backwards and one of those times is right now. We don't need to create new moral standards, we need to recover some of the old ones that we have lost.

One thing I am sure that we ought to do is to re-emphasize the moral and ethical standards of the Ten Commandments which have been largely ignored and replaced by situational ethics and morality. We would do well if we instituted some serious thought and study in our congregations of the principles underlying the Ten Commandments, in the light of Christ's teaching, and their place in today's society.

Frank: Algoma

What is PROGRESS?

"As a nation we have been worshipping false gods: the god of an indigestible understanding of the word 'progress'; the god of unsatisfying material affluence; and the god of disillusioned nationalism. We are now discovering that all these gods are inadequate objects of worship; and unless as a nation we are recalled to the true God and to true worship our future is grim indeed. There must be no thought of decline and fall, no concept of decay for the true Christian."

(The Bishop of Coventry speaking recently at the 75th Anniversary of the Church of England Men's Society.)

The bishop's letter**Be of good cheer**

My dear fellow Anglicans:

I write this Easter letter to all of you, to be sure, but particularly to those who have experienced bereavement during the past year.

A little girl was saying her nightly prayers and she ended them with these words—"And, darling God, please look after yourself, because if you are lost, we are sunk". This is the feeling which Peter and the other Apostles must have had on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

For them, Jesus was lost and they were sunk. They had left all and followed Him. They had put their whole trust in His promises and His life of love and sacrifice. But they had taken Him down from the Cross, lifeless and dead, and had buried Him in a tomb. Life seemed to have no meaning now. Jesus was lost and they were sunk.

Dejected and at loose ends, Peter and his companions go back to their commercial fishing. But they are completely astounded when Christ appears to them while they are fishing and He prepares a meal for them. The assurance of the presence of Jesus changes them from despair to hope, from fear to courage, from dejection to joy. They knew that nothing could ever separate them from the presence of their loving Lord. Even death had not been able to do that.

When bereavement strikes us we are often like Peter and the Apostles. Life seems to lose its meaning; we are dejected and at loose ends; there is a dull and aching void in our life. These are often natural feelings and our grief has to be expressed. But for the Christian, these cannot be permanent scars for we live in the Easter assurance.

We do not ignore the fact of death—its reality, its sor-

row, its physical finality. But we do face it with the conviction that death has been overcome. As death had no more dominion over Christ, by reason of His Resurrection, so death has no more dominion over those who have died in the faith of Christ. His loving and living presence is with them even as it is with us. It is when death strikes our family circle that we can give a vibrant witness to our faith in the Risen Christ, a witness that can bring a blessing to others as it did in this true story.

In one of the tribes of Africa, a family had been converted to Christianity. Soon after the only child in that family became seriously ill. The missionaries and the parents prayed fervently for the child's recovery but the child died. Some weeks passed and then one day the leaders of the tribe came to

the missionaries' house asking to become Christian. "But why?" the missionary asked. Their answer was simple and clear—"We want to worship the God who can teach men to die and to face death. We have never seen anybody die as that child died or anyone face death as you and his parents faced it."

If you have suffered bereavement, what a glorious opportunity for you to witness to your faith in the Risen Christ.

Christ's words, BE OF GOOD CHEER, are also my words to you at this Easter season.

Your friend
and bishop,

Frank: Algoma

The bishop's itinerary**April**

- 15-16 Diocesan Planning Committee (Sudbury)
- 19 Ontario House of Bishops (Toronto)
- 19-22 General Synod Organizational Committee (Toronto)
- 24 Sundridge (Confirmation and Eucharist, 10:15 a.m.); Emsdale (7:30 p.m.)
- 25 Emsdale (Eucharist and Quiet Morning, 9:30 a.m.)
- 26 Lake of Bays
- 27 Port Sydney
- 28 Trinity Church, Parry Sound (Confirmation and Organ Dedication, 7:30 p.m.)

May

- 8 St. James', Goulais Bay (11 a.m.)
Synod Reception at Bishophurst (in the evening)
- 9-11 Algoma Diocesan Synod
- 11 Interment and Memorial Service for the late Benna Fuller (Shingwauk Cemetery and Chapel)
- 15 The parish of St. Joseph and St. George (St. Joseph's Island and Echo Bay)
- 17-22 Thunder Bay Deanery
- 19 Ordination, St. Thomas', Thunder Bay
- 21-22 Girls' Auxiliary Festival (Thunder Bay)

THE DIOCESAN GAZETTE:**Four summer students appointed**

The Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, has announced that four theological students will be spending their summer ministries from May to Labour Day in the Diocese.

Mr. Tim Delaney, Trinity College, will again be stationed on the CPR line with

responsibility for Biscotasing, Ramsey, and Missanabie. He will share this ministry with the Rev. W. Ivey, Rector of Chapeau.

Mr. Frank Mason, Trinity College, a native of Sudbury, will minister to the parish of St. Christopher, McGregor Bay.

Mr. Alan Thwaites, Trin-

ity College, will assist the Rev. Duncan Lyon in the parish of Sundridge, South River, Burks Falls, Magnetewan, and Eagle Lake.

Mr. Robert Kelsey, Wycliffe College, will assist the Rev. Dalton Woodward in the parish of Powassan, Chisholm, Restoule, and Callander.

Deanery of Sudbury**Deanery sponsors "Pulpit Exchange Day" for rectors and parishes**

Sunday, May 1, 1977, has been designated "Pulpit Exchange Day" throughout the Deanery of Sudbury. Each rector within the Deanery will have the experience of travelling, preaching, and celebrating within the parish of a brother rector.

The Rev. Eric Paterson (the Epiphany, Sudbury) will exchange with the Rev. Canon Donald Dixon (Holy Trinity, Little Current).

The Rev. David Bowring (Onaping and Azilda) will

exchange with the Rev. Robert Lumley (Lockerby, Coniston, Minnow Lake, and French River).

The Rev. Colin Clay (St. Alban's, Capreol) will exchange with the Rev. Ken Ostler (Manitowaning, Mindemoya, and South Baymouth).

The Rev. Michael Hankinson (New Sudbury and Garson) will exchange with the Ven. J. George M. Doolan (the Resurrection, Sudbury).

The Rev. John McCausland

(Kakawong, Gore Bay, and Silverwater) will exchange with the Rev. Robert Flowers (Christ Church, Lively).

Finally, the Rev. Canon Lorne Sutherland (Espanola, Whitefish Falls, Nairn Centre, and Webbwood) will exchange with Rural Dean Jack Crouch (St. John's, Copper Cliff).

This promises to be an interesting and exhilarating concept, both for the participating clergy and the congregations within the Deanery of Sudbury.

'MONDAY MORNING'

OPINION: The preacher and his weekly sermon



The Ven. D. A. P. Smith

Heard any good sermons lately? Most sermons are considered pretty dull stuff.

For a sermon to be interesting and worthwhile you should have a good preacher. Yet more important you have to be a good listener. To be a good listener you have to know what a sermon is and what it is not.

A sermon is not a necessary chore to be endured. Some preachers seem to think it is; they think that they have to preach one every Sunday because it is expected, and that so long as they put in fifteen minutes or so the duty is done. Some listeners, too, regard it as an inevitable bore and simply turn it off.

A sermon is not entertainment to make the service interesting. It can never compete with the slick stuff we see on television. People who come to church to be amused are bound to be disappointed.

A sermon is not a sounding board for the preacher's pet peeves and latest ideas. No matter how clever he is he has no right to preach his own theories. Those who come to hear a clever preacher sooner or later will find him become boring too.

What a sermon ought to be is the proclamation of the word of God.

A sermon declares the truths of God's Salvation. It repeats once again "the old, old Story". It perhaps dresses it up in modern attire to give it a contemporary appeal but the basic facts of God are ever the same. So the listener basks once more in the message of salvation and his faith is reinforced.

A sermon inspires. It fans the inner spark of faith into a living flame that flares up in good works and ignites others. It makes us want to do more.

A sermon teaches. It fills out the gaps in our knowledge with truths that may not have been clear before.

A sermon convicts. It confronts us with our failures so that we are moved to penitence to ask God to change our lives.

It is not easy to preach a good sermon. The preacher is presented with a list of challenges:

He must be a man of prayer. If he is to proclaim the Word he must be in touch with God. How can he say "Thus saith the Lord" unless he knows what God is saying?

He must be a man of his people. If he is to be a chan-

nel of God's Word he has to be plugged in, not only to God, but also to the people whom he serves.

He must find time to prepare. Great preachers say they spend an hour in the study for every minute they spend in the pulpit. The Anglican parish priest has a multitude of demands placed upon him. Somehow he has to find time to read and meditate in an unhurried atmosphere.

He must fight the temptation to berate. The sensitive pastor is barraged with frustrations caused by indifference, ignorance, slovenliness and ill will. So was our Lord. It is the way of the cross. In his resentment the preacher longs to strike back from the pulpit, and often he does so with hurtful results.

He must choose the right topic. Selecting the right subject week after week so that no aspect of the Faith is neglected is a major task. It requires an open mind to both the promptings of God and the needs of his people. It is a temptation for the preacher to ride his hobby-horse every second Sunday and he must resist it.

He must preach to the whole congregation. Some are old, some young; some clever, some dull; some are experienced, some sheltered; some are knowledgeable, some ignorant; some require basics; some look for an advanced spirituality; some are sensitive, some want the shocking truth.

He must assess the response. Few parishioners tell the preacher how they react to his words. Ideally every sermon should be followed by a discussion period so that the congregation might share their views. Perhaps this ought to be the true function of the coffee hour after the service.

Yet, if the preacher is challenged, so is the listener! He too must make an effort and think for himself:

He must consider what truth the preacher tries to proclaim. He should realize that what the preacher means to say and what he actually does say can be rather different; and what is actually said and what the listener thinks he hears can be different again. He should take care not to jump to conclusions.

He must not be too quick to judge the dull sermon. It may seem dull to him only because it is over his head. His only solution then is to make the effort to understand. Then all sorts of fascinating ideas can come to light.

He must not be too quick to judge a simple sermon. Our Lord's parables were exceedingly simple yet they contained profound truths. We should search out these truths to see how they apply to us.

He must not be surprised to be hurt. The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword. It cuts to the heart where sin crouches at the door. The solution is not to resent the sword but to deal with the sin and confess it.

He must not be overly-sensitive. The preacher preaches to all, not just to him. If the shoe fits then let

him put it on, humbly and eagerly. If not, then let him disregard it, for God in that moment speaks to someone else. Yet he must not be too quick to assume the shoe is in fact not his size.

He may disagree with the preacher, but only with care and courtesy. The preacher ought to know his facts before proclaiming them, and he probably does. But he is also a sensitive person like everyone else. He welcomes disagreement but he also looks for the opportunity to have a frank and prolonged

discussion to clarify the issue in question at a later date.

He should look for the message of the sermon. No matter what the sermon, God speaks to each and every one. Each listener should ask himself, "What is God saying to me today? What can I learn here, Lord? What would You have me to do?" Then as a humble disciple he can follow the lead of his Lord.

He should pray for the preacher. The preacher is a man of weakness like the

rest of us. It is not easy to be a channel for God. He needs our prayers that he might be true to his vocation.

It is not easy to be a good listener either. As part of our preparation for worship before we even leave home for church we should pray that God might rouse us to an honest effort to listen to Him. What great things are offered to us if only we would open ourselves to receive them!

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

St. Paul's, Thunder Bay

Assistant returns to his studies

Church Army Captain Ken Buckley, Parish Assistant at St. Paul's in Thunder Bay, has left that position and St. Paul's to embark on a new endeavour.

Before entering Church Army training, Capt. Buckley completed second year at the University of Ottawa. After long, prayerful consideration, he has decided to

enter the University of Ottawa's third year in September to complete his B.A., and then to go to Teachers' College.

He has left Thunder Bay and gone to his home in Ottawa, in order to take a secular job, so that he may save enough for his university expenses.

The Rev. Donald Landon,

Rector of St. Paul's, told the ALGOMA ANGLICAN: "We have appreciated his help at St. Paul's during the past five months, especially his Christian commitment and cheerfulness, his skilful leading of our various Bible studies, his diligent visiting, and his meaningful lesson-reading and sincere preaching."

Christ Church, Lively

Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The parish of Christ Church in Lively is this year celebrating its 25th Anniversary. Since the first concrete was poured on Thanksgiving Day in 1952, the parish has grown steadily from a basement mission to a completed self-supporting parish.

During 1977, all members of the church, past and present, are invited to share a four-point programme emphasizing WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION and STEWARDSHIP.

Four special guest speakers have been invited to attend various parts of the celebration. Archbishop W. L. Wright will be the guest

speaker on April 17. Archdeacon G. Thompson will be present for Sunday, June 12. Archdeacon J. G. M. Doolan will be the guest on October 2. Finally, the Rt. Rev. Frank Nock will be present for the consecration of the Church on October 9.

Special music is being planned including the Rev. Geoffrey Beaumont's 20th Century Folk Mass.

September 7th will see the entire parish gathering for a Parish Picnic, and finally an Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 8.

Currently, a Bible Study and discussion group is meeting twice monthly. A

written and pictorial display of the history of Christ Church will be on display in the Church after each of the special services.

In terms of stewardship, all the members of the parish are working to retire the mortgage on the Church building (which amounts to about \$1,600). They also hope to wipe out their 1976 shortfall of \$1,400. In order to raise funds, a Variety Fair and Craft Sale will be held on May 6-7.

The Diocese of Algoma and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN would like to join in offering best wishes to Christ Church during its 1977 celebrations.



Christ Church in Lively is busy preparing for its 25th Anniversary celebrations.

Miss "Benna" Fuller — served Algoma under six bishops



Miss Benna Fuller is pictured here with Lawrence Robertson, then a Deacon (and now Dean of St. Luke's Cathedral). The picture was taken outside St. Peter's Church in Silverwater where "Benna" served.

(Ed. Note. Most of the information for this obituary of Miss Benna Fuller comes to the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, from the Rev. Canon Donald Dixon, Rector of Little Current and Sheguiandah. Also, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN has published a tribute to Miss Fuller by Mr. Dane Wandebence, O.L.S., who had been one of Benna's pupils at Shingwauk.)

Miss Benna Fuller died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Little Current, on January 27, 1977, at the age of 89. For the past several years, she had been a resident of the Manitoulin Centennial Manor and had lived in Little Current for nearly 20 years.

With the death of Miss Fuller, there passed from the Diocese of Algoma, one of its most shining lights in the field of missionary endeavour. "Benna", as she preferred everyone to call her, remained until she finally lost consciousness the same vital, magnetic soul who had won so many friends down through her long life, all of which she lived in Algoma.

She once heard Bishop Sullivan (the second bishop of Algoma) preach, and therefore had served the Diocese of Algoma during six of Algoma's seven episcopates.

On January 19, she was writing a letter to Miss Muriel E. Newton-White, when she was smitten with the stroke that ended her life 8 days later. Her death severed one of the remaining links with Algoma's early days. It was she and her father who supervised the care of Archdeacon Gowan Gillmor in his last days. In his biography of the Archdeacon, Mr. E. Newton-White wrote as follows: "So, in a little cottage in full view of the Shingwauk Home . . . he settled down to his last routine. There at the hands of the

Principal, the Rev. Ben Fuller, and his daughter, Miss Benna Fuller, and the Home Staff, to the Fullers was given the privilege of ministering to a saint in his last days; and with love did they requite it."

Benna was born on July 6, 1887 at Tenby Bay, St. Joseph Island, where her parents and grandparents were homesteaders. Her father came from London, England, and her mother, Elizabeth Mary Jones, from Lancashire. While still a young child, Benna went to live at Richards Landing where her father had engaged with the late Mr. T. J. Foster in his general store.

Sometime before 1900, her father, Benjamin Phillip Fuller, decided he wanted to take up church work, and Bishop Thorneloe assigned him to an Indian Reservation where he taught in the school and did Catechist work on Sundays. The Fuller family moved to the Sheguiandah Indian village on Manitoulin Island where Mr. Fuller continued to be a teacher and a catechist.

From Sheguiandah, Mr. Fuller went to Huron College, London, where he spent three years preparing for Holy Orders. In the meanwhile, Benna, her mother, and her only sister (Lesley) continued the work at Sheguiandah. Benna was confirmed by Bishop Thorneloe in St. Peter's Church, Sheguiandah.

Upon his ordination in 1902, Mr. Fuller was asked by Bishop Thorneloe to take charge of the Indians living on Lake Nipigon. This part of the work in Algoma had been totally neglected for some years and it was as pioneers that the Rev. B. P. Fuller and his family moved to this far northern outpost where there were no roads and they were 60 miles from the nearest railway station.

The missionary built a home for his family, and Benna began teaching the children (only eleven in the whole settlement). She and her father had been learning the Indian language from their congregation and teaching them English at the same time. Travel was by foot, snowshoe and dog-team, and the hardships and privations of the missionary family during their seven years were very great. Mrs. Fuller took in the sick children, and their modest home was the hospital as well as the school. However, Benna managed to get a few years at a high school in Port Arthur.

In 1909, the Bishop was grieved because the Shingwauk Indian School was to be closed for financial reasons. He asked the Rev. B. P. Fuller to undertake the principalship of the school, and on Labour Day of that year, the family moved to the Sault and then began what came to be Benna's life work. The Bishop asked Benna to teach on a permit.

There were no funds for the engaging of certificated teachers, nor even wages for domestic staff, so that the Fullers carried on the entire operation of the school as a family concern. Mrs. Fuller acted as matron, with her husband as principal, priest, teacher, and farmer.

The new principal hoped to build a self-supporting institution by farming the land, and this he succeeded in doing, but the sacrifice was great. For the first eighteen years, Benna worked a seven-day week for no pay, and each day she was on call for the whole 24 hours. The hardships endured on Lake Nipigon coupled with the heavy responsibilities of matron at the Shingwauk School took their toll on Mrs. Fuller's life, and she died in early middle age. Her only other child, Lesley, had died at the age of 16, though she had always been a healthy child.

In 1929, Benna's father left Shingwauk to become the priest-in-charge of the Silverwater mission. Benna stayed on at the school until 1945, and the second 18 years were as busy and fruitful as they had been under her father's headship. From 1927, she began to receive a salary.

She found great spiritual happiness in her membership of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, a chapter of which had been organized by Bishop Rocksborough Smith. She founded a Girl Guide Company and a Brownie Pack and was their leader.

In 1945, her father, who had been appointed a Canon of St. Luke's Cathedral by Bishop Kingston died at Silverwater, and Bishop W. L. Wright asked Benna to carry on the services in that mission as a Bishop's Messenger. The mission included the Indian Reservation at Sheshegan, and with the help of summer students and deacons, she ministered capably and diligently for several years.

Benna had been made a diocesan life member of the WA in 1938, through a legacy from Miss Lulu Botterel, who had been her matron at Shingwauk. At Silverwater, Benna was active in the WA,

ran a JA group, and taught pianoforte to most of the young people. When she retired to Little Current some 20 years ago, Benna became organist at the two Sheguiandah churches, helped with the Sunday School and carried on her WA activities until she was past 84 years of age.

The funeral service was a *Sung Requiem* in Holy Trinity Church, Little Current. The Rev. Canon Donald Dixon (Rector) was the celebrant, assisted by Fr. J. G. McCausland (SSJE) of Gore Bay, who read the Epistle and Gospel, and the Rev. Canon Lorne R. A. Sutherland (Espanola), who was organist. Mr. A. G. Browne, Lay Reader, read the burial

office lesson, and Kimberley Abbotoossaway was the acolyte. The hymns, organist, and pallbearers were all chosen by Benna eight years before her death.

Honorary pallbearers were Dane Wandebence, John Dunlop, Lorne Myers, Charles Trick, and Maurice Trick. Ivan Sisson was prevented from attending by weather conditions. Active bearers were Robert Sissenah, Kevin Dunlop, Vincent Nahwegezic, Rudy Corbiere, and Michael and Geoffrey Bailey.

Burial will be in the Shingwauk Indian Cemetery on May 11 following temporary entombment in Little Current.

Former student speaks

"Farewell with grief for one whom we have held the highest esteem"

By DANE WANDEBENCE

We have come to pay our last respects and say our farewell with grief in our hearts for one whom we have held the highest esteem; one for whom the Great Beyond had no fears; one for whom the Limitless Future was an entrée to Immortality.

An unknown writer some fifteen centuries ago wrote these words: "Strive now so to live that in the hour of thy death thou mayest be able to rejoice rather than fear."

She to whom we bid *Adieu* would share in this view with all her heart. This life for her was preparation for the Great Adventure she now enters, and which all must one day also enter. In this lifelong preparation she had the support of an unfaltering trust in her Heavenly Father and the guidance of this her beloved Church.

In a sense of deep humility, I respond with these few words as a former pupil of the Shingwauk Home where Benna spent the best years of her life as a sister to us though we knew it not at the time; as nurse and comforter; and as an instructress in our temporal and spiritual welfare, and where her family now lie resting, and to whose arms she now returns. I feel deeply honoured in being asked to deliver these few words to you. I do so on behalf of all those Shingwauk pupils whose characters Benna did so much to mould, and I do so on your behalf. Memories will come crowding to all of us, and particularly to those who have long known Benna. I remember the ill-famed Spanish Influenza of 1918-19

when folks were stricken by the hundreds. I remember the heroic efforts of all our teachers at the Shingwauk, and I remember Benna in particular. She seemed to be with us at all times. Then there were the lighter times such as when we answered the call to Sunday School, when in the irreverence of childhood we had not even begun to memorize the Sunday Collect. It was a crime of course, and so most of us learned it on the way to the classroom. Perhaps only fragments of these Prayers remain with us now; along with these fragments will always be the memory of our teacher.

It is only natural that there should be grief in all partings. Tennyson wrote these words over a century ago. I am certain that she whom we honour would convey to us similar sentiments:

Sunset and Evening Star
And one clear call for me
And may there be no
moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving
seems asleep,
Too full for sound and
foam,
When that which drew from
out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark;
And may there be no sadness
of farewell,
When I embark!

For tho' from out our
bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot
face to face,
When I have crost the bar.

Holy Trinity, the Sault

Parish sets up special group

A special group in the parish of Holy Trinity, Sault Ste. Marie, is sponsoring regular monthly suppers. This group is called "The Parish Caring Group".

This group consists of parishioners who have committed themselves to help out

others in any way they can. Basically, this means that they have committed themselves to sharing in a chain of prayer and to passing on prayer requests, by phoning another person on the chain. No one is asked to do any more than this.

THUNDER**BAY****Deanery is sponsor for a number of workshops**

In May of 1976, the Sunday School teachers of the Thunder Bay Deanery were re-organized into a "Teachers' Fellowship". This was done to encourage each other, and to plan workshops to promote their own faith and qualifications as teachers.

Workshops are planned by a core group consisting of 1-2 teachers from each parish. A chairman is chosen, and other offices as needed. Following the workshop, the chairman calls a final meeting for evaluation and future planning. Other teachers take on leadership at this point to plan the next activity. This enables more teachers to share the leadership.

Four workshops were conducted in September '76 on "Methods of Teaching in the Sunday School". These were very helpful. On February 6, 1977, a further workshop was presented. The theme was "Baptism—its meaning for the teacher". Methods of making baptism more meaningful to children at different age levels were discussed. The possibility of a further activity in the spring and a teachers' pot-luck dinner is being considered.

The leadership and dedication of the teachers is to be commended. This important area of lay ministry ought to be encouraged.

TRUTH?

Catholic truth is not determined by sociological data or analyses.

Nor by conferences, conventions, or committees. —a bishop



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw
St. Peter's in Red Rock recently met to honour one of their industrious laymen, Mr. Charlie Fearon. From the left, the Rev. George Quibell (Rector of St. Peter's), Mrs. May Fearon, Mr. Charlie Fearon, the Rev. Canon Frank Moore (Rector, St. Stephen's, Thunder Bay, and a former member of St. Peter's congregation), and the Rev. Reg. Inshaw (a former Rector of St. Peter's).

Loyal parishioner honoured by congregation

On Wednesday, February 16, members of the congregation of St. Peter's Church, Red Rock, gathered in the parish hall for a very delicious pot-luck supper, in order to honour one of their most loyal members—Mr. Charles Fearon.

"Charlie", as Mr. Fearon is affectionately known, arrived in Red Rock in 1948, the year that St. Peter's was being built under the leadership of Fr. Large (now Canon Large, who is retired and living in North Bay), and Mr. Frank Moore, Lay Reader, Warden, and Chairman of the Building Committee. The same Frank Moore is now Canon Moore, Rector of St. Stephen's in Thunder Bay.

Mr. Fearon soon identified himself with the Church and

took an active part in the building programme, and has been a dedicated worker since having filled the office of Rector's and People's Warden, and that of Sidesman on numerous occasions. He has also served as a Synod delegate.

In the early years when St. Peter's was heated with a coal burning furnace, Charlie shovelled many a ton of the black stuff into the bin and furnace, and then carried out the ashes. He also helped to keep the walkways clear of snow, and although the Church is now heated with natural gas, Charlie still carries on doing other chores and shovelling snow around the property.

Charlie met his charming wife, May, in Red Rock, and they have three lovely

daughters—Helen, Charlene and Joy.

At the head table with Charlie and May were the Rev. George Quibell (Rector of St. Peter's) and Mrs. Quibell, the Rev. Reg Inshaw (a former Rector) and Mrs. Inshaw, the Rev. Canon Frank Moore (former honorary assistant in the parish), and Mrs. Moore. Canon Moore and Charlie have been friends since 1948, having shared in caring for the Church in Red Rock.

Following the supper, Fr. Quibell read a biography of Charlie, which was most interesting and amusing, to which Charlie made an appropriate reply with his own humorous anecdotes. This was followed by a presentation of a leather briefcase by Canon Moore on behalf

of the congregation, and a pen and pencil set by Mr. Clyde Rendell, on behalf of the Red Rock United Church congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Rendell were guests at the supper.

The evening concluded with a singsong, led by Canon Moore with Mrs. Moore at the piano. In all, it was a very pleasant evening, and a very fitting occasion in honour of one who has served the Church so well as a faithful layman.

Charlie expects to be at the forthcoming "Theological Synod '77", representing his parish, and making good use of his newly acquired gifts.

Convenors at the evening's activities were Mrs. Doris Freeman, Betty Gaulty, and Ada Brotchie.

**CHRIST
CHURCH
LIVELY****New wardens installed and five members are welcomed into Guild**

February 6, 1977, was Installation Sunday at Christ Church in Lively, when the Rev. Robert Flowers, Rector, installed the new Churchwardens (Garnet Schroeder and Jack Hardacre), the Executives of the ACW, and the new executive of the Servers' Guild (Roydon Lloyd as President, and Terry Landriault as Secretary-Treasurer).

At the same time, four young men and one young lady were installed as new servers, bringing the membership of the Guild to eleven.

The retiring President, Simon Reeves, read the Epistle during the Holy Communion Service.



The Rev. Robert Flowers is flanked by the two new wardens of Christ Church, Lively — (left) Mr. Jack Hardacre (People's Warden), and Mr. Garnet Schroeder (Rector's Warden). They were installed by Fr. Flowers on February 6.



The five new servers at Christ Church, Lively, stand at the front of this picture and they are as follows: Scott Kudla, Todd Bryant, Brian Patterson, Kelley Brunton, and Bradley Walker. The other three servers at the back are as follows: Roydon Lloyd, Terry Landriault, and Simon Reeves.

Annual hockey classic in the Sault

Friday, February 4, 1977, was the occasion for the 11th Annual Flying Clergy Hockey Classic between the Flying Clergy and City Hall in the Sault Memorial Gardens. The outcome was a victory for the Clergy with a score of 12-11. This made the 10th win for the Clergy in 11 years.

The coach for this spectacle was Monsignor Henry Murphy (of Precious Blood Roman Catholic Cathedral), and his assistant was the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock (Bishop of Algoma). The team patriarch was the Most Rev. W. L. Wright (former Archbishop of Algoma), while the honorary coach was the Rev. Mac Morden (of the United Baptist Church). The stick boy was the Rev. Peter Reid (of Westminster Presbyterian Church).

Anglican priests from the



The fans work themselves into a frenzy as they witness the annual Flying Clergy Classic at the Sault Memorial Gardens.

area who played on the team were the Very Rev. I. L. Robertson (Dean of St. Luke's Cathedral), the Rev. William Stadynek (Rector of Holy Trinity), and the Rev. Jerry

Smith (Assistant Curate at Holy Trinity).

This annual event has become an important part of the Bon Soo Carnival held in the Sault.

Just what is a WARDEN?

(Ed. Note. The Acts of St. Luke, the official publication of St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie has published the third in a series, outlining the duties of various parish officials. The February issue contained an article by Mr. Harry Johnston, which discussed the duties of a Church Warden. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN is pleased to reprint the article so that all parishes might review the duties of church wardens.)

By Harry Johnston

The Canon Law of the Church spells out some of the responsibilities of a Church Warden, and is quite specific in holding the Church Wardens responsible for the "moveable properties" of the Church, the care and maintenance of the church buildings, the management and transactions necessary in regard to any real state held by the Church, providing adequate fire insurance on any buildings and public liability insurance in regard to Church functions, to keep accurate books of records, to account for all donations and gifts to the Church, and the names and donors and any conditions attached to those gifts, to provide the necessary elements for the celebration of Holy Communion, to provide

for the clergy stipends and pensions. There are other directions in Canon Law, but these are the most significant areas specified.

For the most part, these duties are made relatively easy, due to the established operations of the Church, its staff, and the members of the advisory board, who willingly assume specific areas of responsibility. For example, the Treasurer is a tremendous help in keeping the finances in order—providing, of course, that the offerings of the congregation are sufficient to meet the obligations of the parish. Property Committee, the Social Committee, the Publicity Committee, and the Chairman of the Sidesmen are all equally well handled by the respective Chairpersons, who reduce the work of the Church Wardens tremendously, leaving their role to one of over-seeing, assistance and encouragement.

The main function of a Church Warden, as I see it, is to accept the responsibility for all of these areas, and to assist the Rector in the administration of the parish. If the Wardens are prepared to do this, it allows the clergy more time and energy to carry on their ministries, which involves bringing the Christian message and the

ministrations of the Church to its people.

Another important function of a Warden is to be concerned about the interests and feelings of the congregation, and to be accessible to the people of the congregation. What the Church does, and how it is done; what the Church does not do and should do—these often have a bearing on the mood and feelings of the congregations and individual persons. Many are reluctant to go to the clergy and to discuss and/or complain, to compliment and/or criticize the operation of the Church, or the way "things are run". Therefore, the Wardens should provide a means of communication for people to contribute their ideas, comments, suggestions and assistance, because the Wardens do represent the whole congregation.

Finally, the Wardens should not be content with the status quo. Where possible, improvements in the Church facilities should be planned. Where possible, the services of the Church should be expanded. The Wardens should be looking to the future of the Church, as well as the past, so that we can pass on to our successors an even finer Church than the one we assumed responsibility for.

SSJE sponsors two special in-depth studies

Two opportunities for in-depth study and practical training in parish missions and evangelism will be offered at the Guest House of the Monastery of St. John the Evangelist in Bracebridge in June of 1977. The first program, from Monday evening June 13th until Friday afternoon the 17th is to focus on "Taking of Missions for parishes and others". It is intended especially for priests and lay-people who would like to share in mission work either as leaders or helpers.

The second session, from Monday evening June 20th until Friday the 24th is to focus on "How to make the parish church an instrument for on-going mission." It is

intended especially for parish clergy and laity interested in the development of continuing evangelism through the life and work of the local congregation.

The Rev. David Hemming, Superior of S.S.J.E. in Canada will be present both weeks. For many years he has served as missionary in many different kinds of congregations. Out of this rich and varied experience he will lead the first session in the study of how to take or help with Missions. Also helping in this session will be Sister Doreen of the Society of St. John the Divine. She will share her extensive experience with children's missions.

The Rev. Don W. Clark,

Coordinator of the CENTRE FOR EVANGELISM STUDIES in Toronto will assist Fr. Hemming in the first week. Together with Fr. Hemming, he will lead the group in the second session in the study of the parish as an instrument for sharing Good News of Jesus Christ. Fr. Clark recently completed studies in parish evangelism at Toronto School of Theology and founded the new Centre for Evangelism Studies. Also sharing in the leadership team will be the Rev. Wm. McKeachie, Chaplain at Hart House in the University of Toronto. His special area of interest is the theology of parish evangelism.

Persons concerned with

FOR SALE

The Altar Guild of St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay reports that it has the following available for any parish which may wish them:

- 1 white frontal (to fit 7' altar)
- 1 white super frontal
- 1 white burse and veil
- 1 antependia
- 1 green super frontal (to fit 7' altar)
- 1 green burse and veil
- 1 green antependia

Any reasonable offer will be considered. All are in good condition.

Please contact:

The Ven. E. R. Haddon,
Rector, St. Thomas' Church,
1400 Edward Street,
THUNDER BAY, Ontario

[Telephone 1-807-622-4980 — home
or 1-807-623-3608 — office]

THE MISSIONS TO SEAMEN

Thunder Bay

5,000 magazines are needed for distribution to seafarers, both men and women, by the Missions to Seamen, Thunder Bay. Donors are asked to be selective in supplying interesting reading material.

Magazines should not be over one year old (except for "National Geographic" and science magazines). News magazines should not be over 3 months old.

We receive great quantities of "Time", "Readers' Digest", etc., but we need more magazines for men—"Popular Mechanics", science magazines, sports magazines, and "People".

Magazines may be left at the Mission Trailer, Keefer Terminal, which is open 24 hours daily until December. If it is more convenient, please leave magazines at your parish church.

Please remember that hard cover books are not needed because most ships do not have library shelves.

Further information about the needs and work of the Missions to Seamen will be gladly given, if you write to the following address:

The Rev. Canon Alvin J. Thomson,
201 Woodside Street,
THUNDER BAY, Ontario P7A 7G7
[Telephone 767-2828]

THE MISSIONS TO SEAMEN ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 27, 1977
8 p.m.

St. Luke's Parish Hall
Cameron Street

We invite clergy, wardens, ACW members and all interested persons to share in this meeting as we review our work in 1976, and make plans for the 1977 season.

The Rev. Canon F. Moore,
Chairman
The Rev. Canon A. J. Thomson,
Chaplain

Onaping ACW meets to organize spring program

On Monday, February 7, 1977, members of the All

Saints' Onaping, ACW met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Nanka-Bruce. Fr. David Bowring (Rector) and the ladies were treated to a magnificent Chinese dinner prepared by Joanna Nanka-Bruce. After dining on a variety of sumptuous dishes, the ladies proceeded to their regular business.

The ACW Spring Tea and Craft Sale was the first thing to be planned. It will be held on Thursday, May 5, from 7-9 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Onaping. Admission will be 75c for adults, and 50c for children 12 and under.

The World Day of Prayer was held on March 4 in All Saints' in Onaping. The theme for 1977 was "Love in Action", and the participants in the service included members of the three community churches—St. Bartholomew's, St. John's, and All Saints'. A babysitting service was provided by the All Saints' Nursery staff.

Missions and Evangelism are welcome to participate in either session, or in both. Cost of the Conference will be \$40 per week. Arrangement will be made to provide those attend both sessions with accommodation at the Guest House over the weekend between them.

Those wishing to reserve a place at the conference or wanting further information may get in touch with: THE GUESTMASTER, S.S.J.E., Box 660 Bracebridge, Ont., P0B 1C0 (705-645-5291)

OR
CENTRE FOR EVANGELISM
STUDIES,
437 Roncesvalles Ave.,
Toronto, Ont. M6R 2N4
(416-531-9824)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

1. Objection raised to the use of "Father" or "Fr."

To the Editor:

I find very puzzling the practice in the ALGOMA ANGLICAN of referring to members of the clergy in one place as "The Rev.", and shortly after as "Fr."

I was confirmed in 1914 as a member of a Cathedral congregation, and over the years have been on the electoral roll of some half dozen churches in various parts of the United Kingdom before coming to Canada. In no case have I known an Anglican priest who wished to be addressed as "Father", which I assume is what is intended by "Fr."

The practice in your paper seems to me to be most extraordinary. I might add that it is one I should not be

prepared to use.

Ian R. L. Ross,
Thessalon, Ont.

(Ed. Note. Perhaps the best way to deal with the question you have raised is to invite the clergy of the Diocese of Algoma to respond by writing to us and telling us by what name or title they personally would like to be used. Of course, it would be impossible to employ the personal preference of each cleric in the Diocese when mentioned in the Diocesan paper. However, in response to what you suggest, may I draw your attention to two articles the ALGOMA ANGLICAN has on file concerning this matter, which appeared originally in parish papers.)

What's in a name?

Call me BROTHER, if you will.
Call me PADRE, better still.
Though plain MISTER fits the bill.
If the title lacketh thrill,
Even FATHER brings no chill.
PARSON, RECTOR, VICAR, FRIEND,—
titles almost without end
do not grate nor yet offend.
But how that man my heart doth rend,
who merely calls me "REVEREND".

—a parish paper

Titles, titles, titles

The title, "THE REVEREND", is a title of respect applied to clergymen of all faiths, much as the courtesy title, "The Honorable" is given to certain public officials.

It should be used only with the first name, or initials of the person addressed, or with the titles, "FATHER", "CANON", "DOCTOR", or "MISTER", and always with the definite article.

In introducing a clergyman, we should say, "THE REVEREND JOHN DOE", "THE REVEREND FATHER JOHN DOE", or "THE REVEREND DOCTOR JOHN DOE".

Addressing a clergyman directly, we should say, "FATHER DOE", "MR. DOE", "DR. DOE", or "DEAN DOE", as the case may be.

Under no circumstances is it ever correct to say, "GOOD MORNING, REVEREND", or to address a minister as "REVEREND DOE".

—a parish paper



Courtesy of the NIAGARA ANGLICAN

Archbishop visits Hamilton

St. Michael's in Hamilton, Ontario, has been busy celebrating various things lately. One of those events was the parish's patronal festival. At that festival, the Most Rev. William L. Wright (former Archbishop of Algoma, and Metropolitan of Ontario) preached at a Family Choral Eucharist. Pictured here, from the left, are the Rev. William Thistle (Rector of St. Michael's), Mrs. W. L. Wright, Mrs. W. Thistle, and Archbishop Wright. Fr. Thistle is a former priest of the Diocese of Algoma, as he served at Sturgeon Falls (1957-60), and Gravenhurst (1960-71).

2. Massey reader recommends a practice in local United Church

To the Editor:

We enjoy very much keeping informed of the Anglican Church news through the ALGOMA ANGLICAN and the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

My husband is Anglican, while I continue my membership at the United Church.

I believe your Church has the same problems as ours, and so I would like to share

this letter sent out by our minister in December. Perhaps you would find part of it worth printing.

(Mrs.) Beth Emiry,
Massey, Ontario.

"No Excuse Sunday" is advocated

Dear Friends:

Over the past several months, many people have remarked that if only there was one Sunday when everyone in the congregation made it a point to join together for worship, we'd be surprised at how many people we had in the congregation.

This letter is in response to that remark. I talked it over with several of you, and everyone thought it would be a good idea to institute a "No Excuse Sunday". I've announced it several times from the pulpit and people were supposed to pass the word around, but in case you haven't heard, "No Excuse Sunday" is going to take place.

Please don't misunderstand. We're sure that there are many Sundays when it is next to impossible for you to attend and we understand. No doubt you've heard the story about the young man who happened to meet his minister on a particular Sunday when he had been conspicuous by his absence. "Bet you were out playing baseball this morning," the pastor accused.

"That's a lie, Reverend,"

the boy replied, "and I've got the fish to prove it."

We don't want to accuse you of going fishing but we do invite you to make a special attempt to worship with us that morning. I remember only too well the excuses that I used to come up with when Sunday morning rolled around. They're probably not much different than the ones that you use. To accommodate them, we'd probably have to—

(1) provide cots at the back of the church for all those who say that Sunday is their only day to sleep in;

(2) ensure escorts for all the ladies who don't want to come without their husbands;

(3) have helmets available for all those who figure that "the roof would cave in if I ever went to Church";

(4) provide TV dinners for those who can't go to Church and prepare dinner also;

(5) decorate the sanctuary with grass and leaves for those who want to seek God in nature;

(6) provide hearing aides for all those who say that the minister speaks too softly and batten for those who

say he preaches too loud;

(7) make sure that there are brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles present for those who like to visit relatives on Sunday;

(8) provide score-cards for people who want to list the hypocrites present;

(9) provide fans for those who say the Church is too hot, and blankets for those who say that the Church is too cold.

Please don't take us seriously, but as you can see the task of accommodating all these various excuses is just too much for any congregation to handle. I hope you had some chuckles with the list anyway.

Instead of trying to handle them all, we're just going to have a "No Excuse Sunday", a time to forget all the rationalizations that we've been making and simply gather as God's people to praise Him and love one another.

I hope you can make it. I believe both you and I need the encouragement that comes from such a gathering. Indeed, I believe that we'll be surprised — by God!

Chris McKibbin,
Massey Pastoral Charge.

From North Bay

3. "Your Sunday will be taken away"

To the Editor:

With the controversy over Sunday opening and the Lord's Day Act (Canada) which protects Sunday as a day of rest, we protest the violation of the Lord's Day Act in the city of North Bay. It is our belief that Sunday is not only a day of rest for the labour force, but is also under a federal and provincial by-law, protecting Sunday as a day of worship.

Richard Smith, MPP, is in favour of Sunday closing, particularly larger supermarkets and shopping centres. As our representative, he voted against the new revised statute called, "The Retail Business Holiday Act" (passed in the second session of the Ontario legislature, April, 1976).

This Act refers to the Lord's Day Act (Canada). One of his reasons is that there are too many loopholes in the statute and it would be unenforceable.

Canada's laws are based on the Ten Commandments, and we believe God has blessed Canada as a Christian country because we have tried to be obedient to these laws. REMEMBER THE SABBATH AND KEEP IT HOLY, says the fourth commandment. Sunday is the Christian sabbath, and our day of rest.

According to the law, there are 8 statutory holidays and every Sunday is a holiday. This means any one

who works on these days is to be paid double time. Of course, this helps to increase the high cost of living besides escalating food and other merchandise costs. Many merchants want to open on a Sunday and do refuse to pay double time, and employees are forced to work at a regular rate or lose their jobs to others.

This Statute says that anyone illegally opening on a Sunday may be fined up to \$10,000. Some merchants just pay a small fine and re-open again the next Sunday. Anyone can report a violation to the police department or commission and keep reporting them.

The law states reasonably that prescribed medicine, foodstuffs, gasoline (the necessities of life) may be sold on Sunday. 2,400 square feet only may be used, with 3 on staff and 4 for pharmacies. This is excellent, but these stores and others are not keeping to the law. According to the revised statute, anyone selling newspapers and cigarettes may also be open every Sunday. Restaurants and Jug Milk Stores are open 365 days a year—why do we need other stores open just for cigarettes? The Health Department stamps cigarettes a health hazard.

An official checked a store around Christmas and found it wide open Sunday and

selling everything with 8 on staff. It was not roped off to 2,400 square feet. Other stores are being opened without any of the rules being followed. Why? More and more are saying, "Well, if they can, why can't we?" If we do not protest, and take action, then Sunday will become just another day of work.

We believe Sunday to be a day of worship, a day of rest, a family day for recreation. If you feel as we do, report any violations to the Police Department or Commission, and write individual letters to the Hon. John MacBeth, Solicitor-General, 25 Grosvenor Street, Toronto, Ont. M7A 1Y6

You could ask for an amendment to review the Act and in its place refer to the original statute put before the House of Commons asking for a stricter observance.

If you don't take the time, your Sunday may be taken away. Little by little, the laws will keep on changing as they keep sniping away, until there is no Lord's Day Act, reverencing the Lord's Day. In its place will stand the almighty dollar.

(Mrs.) Valerie Johansen,
an Anglican in North Bay.

(Ed. Note. The letter was also signed by seven other representatives of various Christian denominations in North Bay.)

Around Algoma . . .

Miss Elizabeth Thomson, daughter of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Alvin J. Thomson, received her call to the Bar on March 27 in Toronto. Canon and Mrs. Thomson returned from their winter in Mesa, Arizona, to Canada in time to attend the ceremony. Elizabeth graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a B.A. in Honours French, and then attended McGill Law School where she received her LL.B., and a B.C.L. degree. She is planning a trip to Hong Kong before starting to practise law. . . . **The Elliot Lake Youth Choir**, under the direction of Ann Roxburgh, Jean Campbell and organist Jose Melis, sang at the 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist service at the Church of St. Peter the Apostle in Elliot Lake on March 6, 1977. . . . In the latest edition of "The Crusader", the official publication of the Church Army in Canada, there is a picture of Sister Rosemary Dawson, and an article by her telling



Sister Rosemary Dawson

of her work in the parish of Grand Falls, Newfoundland. Sister Rosemary is a former resident of Sault Ste. Marie, and a parishioner of Holy Trinity Church there. . . . **The Church of the Resurrection** in Sudbury is holding a "Hymn Sing" every other Sunday evening at 7 p.m. . . . The annual report of the parish of St. Stephen the Martyr in Thunder Bay shows steady growth in attendance, offerings and communicants from the years 1967 to 1976. . . . **St. Brice's Church in North Bay** is planning its *Second Annual Lawn Sale* for Wednesday, June 8th, 1977. The project is under the auspices of the Parish Guild, and the proceeds are channelled to a worthy cause. Last year, the total amount earned (\$500.30) went to the Canon Baxter Gosse Narthex Building Fund. . . . On Sunday, February 20, at the 11 a.m. Morning Prayer Service at St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay, some 350 people heard a Youth Choir Presentation, "100% Chance of Rain". The parish reports some excellent singing by 35 members of the Youth Choir, assisted by two members of the Board of Education Music Department. At the same service, the new antependia and superfrontals, a gift of the parish's Altar Guild, were dedicated. . . . **Holy Trinity Church in Sault Ste. Marie** held a *Parish Sleighride* on February 12 at Garson's Hill. It was well attended, and was followed by a pot-luck supper in the parish hall at 6:30 p.m. . . . **The Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock**, Bishop of Algoma, sent each of the clergy and Church Army Captains a copy of Malcolm Muggeridge's book, *Jesus*, for their Lenten reading. In

a note to them, the bishop commented, "You may not always agree with his treatment of the life of Jesus, but I am sure that you will not fail to be challenged by it, as I was." Mr. Muggeridge will be receiving an honorary degree from Wycliffe College in Toronto at an upcoming Convocation. . . . **The Rev. W. E. Prentice**, Assistant Curate, St. Thomas', Thunder Bay, was ordained to the priesthood in St. John's College Chapel in Winnipeg, on Thursday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m. The Ven. E. R. Haddon, Archdeacon of Thunder Bay, and Rector of St. Thomas', attended the ceremony. . . . **St. Luke's Cathedral Choir in Sault Ste. Marie** sponsored a *Pancake Supper* on February 22, offering "country sausage and St. Joe's Island syrup". Proceeds will help fund renovations of the Choir Room. . . . **The Rev. Canon Alvin J. Thomson**, Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen in Thunder Bay, spoke of his work to St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Mesa, Arizona, during his winter vacation there. . . . **St. Brice's in North Bay** is in the process of forming a chapter of the Order of St. Luke. It is a non-denominational society of Christians, international in scope that exists to promote the ministry of Christian healing. At St. Brice's on the second Sunday of each month at Evensong, there is a Healing Service. On the Wednesday before, there is a meeting for anyone interested for study, discussion and prayer. . . . **The Rev. Canon Frank Moore**, Chairman of the Missions to Seamen in Thunder Bay, participated in the opening service of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity held at Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church. He spoke of the work of the Missions to Seamen being carried on by Canon Alvin J. Thomson. The work is ecumenical in that it serves men and women of all denominations and religious persuasions. The Roman Catholic Bishop and Fr. Carey of Corpus Christi Church, along with other of the Roman Catholic clergy, have shown a keen interest in this work, and have made substantial contributions during the past year. Part of the offering received at this service was given to the Missions to Seamen, while the balance went to other ecumenical endeavours in the city of Thunder Bay. . . . 187 people crowded Babe Hall at St. Paul's in Thunder Bay for the Feb. 11 "Coffee House" when "His Band" offered their first presentation since recently reorganizing. The movie, "Time to Run" was also viewed. Again, the evening was upheld by much intercession, including a prayer session in St. Paul's Chancel immediately before the event. . . . On Wednesday evenings during Lent, the Rev. Mark Conliffe (of St. Michael and All Angels' parish in Thunder Bay) spoke about the Holy Spirit. . . . **Mr. Grant Loewen**, of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, was the guest preacher at St. John's in Thunder Bay on February 6. . . . The sympathy of the Diocese is extended to Mrs. Wendy Lyon,

wife of the Rev. Duncan Lyon (of the parish of Sundridge), whose mother died in England in February. . . . The parish of **Holy Trinity in Sault Ste. Marie** sponsors *Anniversary Suppers* whereby all those who have a wedding anniversary within a specific time are invited to go out together to celebrate with a dinner and social evening. The first one was held on March 26. . . . The congregation of the **Church of the Messiah, Kakabeka Falls**, worshipped at St. James', Murillo, during the prolonged cold weather, up until Easter. **St. Mary's, Vickers Heights**, and the **Good Shepherd, Slate River**, were closed during February. These churches are poorly insulated, and are hard and expensive to heat. . . . At the Thursday evening meditations during Lent at **St. Thomas' Church in Thunder Bay**, Archdeacon E. Roy Haddon gave a series about "Preaching through the Bible". . . . **Holy Trinity Church Scout Troop** in Sault Ste. Marie has some 16 boys going to the Canadian Jamboree on Prince Edward Island in July. . . . **The Rev. Ken Gibbs**, Rector of St. Peter's in Elliot Lake, spoke to 45 students from Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic School. The students were from a Grade 5 class, and they visited St. Peter's and asked many questions regarding the world-wide Anglican communion. . . . **St. Michael and All Angels' in Thunder Bay** reports that it sent out \$21,690 beyond the parish, reflecting the wide range of interest of parishioners in supporting missionary endeavours. . . . **The JA-GA Missionary Tea at St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay** had an excellent attendance, and raised some \$226.20, to be given to a missionary cause, which has not as yet been designated. . . . **Mrs. Lil Fortes** of St. Michael and All Angels' parish in Thunder Bay retired from the Altar Guild after 26 years service, in order to "give someone else the chance to serve on the Altar Guild." The members of the guild and their husbands held a dinner in her honour, and presented her with a pictorial plate of the Church and a prayer book. . . . At the Annual Vestry meeting of **St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay**, a voluntary committee was formed to arrange for the 25th Anniversary of the Rector's arrival in that parish. Friday, November 4, 1977, will be an important milestone in the life and ministry of the Ven. E. Roy Haddon, Archdeacon of Thunder Bay, and Rector of St. Thomas' Church.



The Ven. E. Roy Haddon



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

Algoma's Synod meets from May 9 to 11

This picture was taken at last year's Algoma Diocesan Synod by the Rev. Reg. Inshaw, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN's unofficial retired roving photographer. Nancy Strickland, a youth delegate, is seen addressing the Synod. These same delegates will soon be gathering in the Sault for Algoma's "Theological Synod '77" from May 9 to 11. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN is hopeful that Fr. Inshaw's trusty camera will again be at work, so that in the June issue we may bring you pictures and reports of this special Synod.

Spanish River Reserve

Fr. Sissenah in hospital



The Rev. D. Sissenah

At the time the ALGOMA ANGLICAN went to press, it was learned that the Rev. Douglas Sissenah was in hospital in Elliot Lake (St. Joseph's General Hospital).

It was also learned that he was slated for surgery. Fr. Sissenah is the priest on the Spanish River Indian Reserve near Massey.

The best wishes of the Diocese are extended to him for a speedy recovery.

South River

Parish sponsors World Day of Prayer Service

The ladies of Grace Church, South River, sponsored the *World Day of Prayer Service* on Friday, March 4. Taking part were ladies from all the local churches including Chalmers United, St. Augustine's Roman Catholic, Gravelpit Mission, and Grace Church Anglican.

Sherry and Shelley, twin daughters of Harve and Betty Maeck sang, "Jesus, Jesus, He's My Friend".

The special speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Wendy Lyon, wife of the Rev. Duncan Lyon, Rector of the parish of Sundridge. Her topic was, "Love in Action". Mrs. Lyon proved to be a very talented speaker. She and Fr. Lyon came to Canada from England late in 1976.

After the service, an hour of fellowship was held in the parish hall, and tea was served by the Anglican ladies.