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North Bay

New narthex dedicated at St. Brice's Church

The Canon Gosse Narthex has been successfully completed at St. Brice's Church in North Bay. Because there were so many factors and persons involved, like most construction projects it took longer to build than expected, but the work the men did was indicative of a very excellent and conscientious effort.

At long last, the plastering is done, and the interior walls have been painted. The stairs have been installed, and the heaters and lights are functioning. A large cross has been finished, and has been placed on the outer wall. The carpets have been installed. All was ready for the public and the Christmas services.

The Ven. David A. P. Smith, Rector of the Church, mentioned in a report in the parish publication, "St. Brice's Bulletin," that much of the work was done by the people of the parish. Mr. Kel Sewell spent many hours see-

ing that the over-all project moved forward. Bob Black, Miles Dodgson, Gib Dodgson, and Sam Jessup have all done extensive work, especially in regard to the wiring. Finally, Jack Snoddon was regularly involved in the project being more than useful.

The Dedication of the narthex took place at the 11 a.m. Eucharist on January 16. The Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, celebrated the Eucharist at the 9 a.m. Eucharist, for those who felt they could not stand the crush at the Dedication. Bishop Nock also preached at that service.

Bishop Nock officiated at the Dedication at 11 a.m., and the Rev. Canon Baxter G. Gosse, former Rector of St. Brice's after whom the Narthex is named, preached the sermon.

A Reception was held in the Hall after the Eucharist and Dedication. It was a very special day in the life of St. Brice's parish.

Thunder Bay

Archdeacon baptizes two of his grandchildren

On St. Stephen's Day, December 26, 1976, at St. Thomas' Church in Thunder Bay, the Ven. E. Roy Haddon, Rector, baptized his two grandchildren, Christine Michelle Haddon and Joel Aaron Sherbino. This took place at the 5 p.m. service of Evening Prayer and Holy Baptism.

The water used at the baptism was brought to St. Thomas' by Mrs. Florence

Haywood, a parishioner, from the River Jordan which she had visited recently.

Earlier that day, at the 11 a.m. Matins and Carols service, the guest preacher was the Rev. David Sherbino, the minister of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Kapuskasing. Mr. Sherbino is Archdeacon Haddon's son-in-law, and the father of one of the children baptized that day.

Sudbury

Church of the Epiphany sponsors "Game Dinner"

The Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury held its annual Game Dinner for the Men of the Parish on Monday, November 29. Although the attendance was not as great as had been anticipated, a good time was enjoyed by those present.

Some 70 men enjoyed a very varied menu of wild flesh, fowl and fish. Bobcat was on the menu for the first time. Although several confessed they didn't have the nerve to taste it, it was all consumed!

The Rev. Eric Paterson, Rector of the Epiphany, and Mr. Joe Mason, Editor of the parish publication, "The Epiphany Star," showed several movies of the Senior Voyageur trips of Camp Manitou. Both Father Paterson and Mr. Mason are great boosters of the Camp Manitou Voyageur programme.

Fr. Paterson also gave a short talk about the benefits to be gained by teenage boys who take part in this particular programme of Camp Manitou.

INSIDE THIS MONTH

In December, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN reported the first Anglican Men's Cursillo in the Diocese of Algoma. This month, we report the first Women's Cursillo. Please turn to page 6A for a report and a picture.

The regular feature, MONDAY MORNING, this month is written by a layman from Thunder

Bay, Mr. Nelson Merrifield. For his thoughts, which are most timely as we enter 1977, please turn to page 3A.

Finally, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN is pleased to announce the names of the 1976 Leslie Woodward Memorial Bursaries. For photos of the recipients, and a story about them, please turn to page 7A.



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star

Bishophurst sees 300 guests . . .

Bishop and Mrs. Nock greet visitors to this year's New Year's Day Reception at Bishophurst, the official residence of the bishop and first lady of the Diocese of Algoma. On the left is Mrs. Colleen Ray, and on the right is Mrs. Norma Hankinson. The girl in the middle, being welcomed by Mrs. Nock could not be identified. For the story and further pictures about this year's reception, please turn to page 4A of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star

. . . at New Year's Day Reception

Bishop Nock chats with Mrs. Norma Hankinson (left); and Mrs. C. Lowrie, who is 92 years old.

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A new look at work

The work ethic is something that has appealed to generations of Canadians as an example of what is right. It is quite simple—if you don't work, you really shouldn't eat. Nations that have invested heavily in various forms of welfare are often regarded as having a slightly rotten core. Examples of thrift, frugality and hard work are held up as a model for human progress.

The work ethic, that almost undefinable concept that the fruits of a person's labour is what they are most generally judged by, is an honorable ethic and of itself requires no real defense. But, as unrelieved welfare has proven to be almost more destructive of people than the ills it was designed to mitigate, so does blind devotion to the work ethic foster simple answers to the complexities of modern life.

Instead of less welfare and more work, perhaps we need to define what work means. The mindless, soul-numbing drudgery of the assembly line or garment factory is work but it does little for the innate creativity that lies in each human being's personality. Is it so decadent for a person to be allowed to dream a little or write a gentle sonnet or look at the leaves just for the sheer uplifting of the soul? Yet too often work, whether it be for wages or for self-aggrandizement, destroys that essential part of mankind's being, his soul.

Perhaps, rather than merely returning to the work ethic as a solution to our ills we need to find a new ethic, an ethic based on human relationships, on caring and sharing, on living within a natural environment.

We need to return perhaps to that ancient vision of humanity that saw us as multi-dimensional beings, not simply narrow economic creatures fated forever to work in order to merely survive. Certainly work is part of that multi-dimensional view, but it must never be the whole view and that perhaps is the failure of technological man more than any other.

Technological man has forgotten that he is a whole creature.

RWM

Smart or dishonest?

A small boy stood before a candy counter. His eyes were wide, the goodies so tempting. He had to have one. A quick look around and into his pocket went a handful.

A story so old that it hardly bears repeating. What kid hasn't been tempted and given into the temptation, only to suffer the pangs of conscience all night long to the point where the candy became tasteless?

But there's more as we were told one Sunday recently by a pastor who was witness to the whole thing. Mom was standing with her back to the kid. She turned just as the dreadful deed was done. Her reaction?

"For heaven's sake, Johnny, don't do that, a policeman might see you."

Perhaps more than anything that illustrates the morality—or lack of it—that threatens the very fibre of our society. Don't do anything dishonest unless you're sure you can get away with it.

The disease comes in many names—new morality, situational ethics, passivity, tolerance—but its face is the same. Dishonesty is okay as long as you don't get caught.

So how does Johnny learn? He only learns to watch for police more closely and his conscience will cease to prick him. After all Dad pads the expense account, Mom brings home towels from the hotel, the other kids cheat at school and everyone thinks they're so smart.

Politicians condone everything but an open revelation of their actions. Athletes place winning ahead of all else.

Anyone who disagrees is dismissed as an old-fashioned square, a common scold. Expediency is the order of the day.

The moral fibre of a nation depends on honesty, integrity and the ability to distinguish between right and wrong whether we get caught or not.

And integrity begins in the home.

RWM

TO THINK ABOUT

Sermons may be divided into three classes: first, those you can listen to; second, those you can't listen to; third, those you can't help listening to.

—William Connor Magee.

To be a Christian means to have a vital, personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and until that is established all other concerns are secondary.

—L. Nelson Bell.

Jesus promised his disciples three things; that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble.

—Fr. Maltby.

The bishop's letter**LENT—What's that!?!**

My dear fellow Anglicans:

There is an old familiar ditty which begins with the words—"The Old gray mare ain't what she used to be". With a few changes in the wording, the ditty might well read—"The season of Lent ain't what it used to be".

Lent, like many of our other Christian observances, has suffered a decline in the past number of years. Gone are the days when committed Christians attended mid-week services in large numbers, when they set aside extra time for prayer, Bible study and the reading of serious religious books. The Canadian Lenten Book is a thing of the past and its demise is something I regret very much.

The most important event today in the period covered by the days of Lent is not Holy Week, but the Spring School Break when literally thousands of families and students spend hundreds of thousands of dollars taking trips to exotic places all over the world. Many families, I know, plan their spring break holiday a year ahead for fear that they will not be able to find bookings on airlines or at hotels. Not many people in my experience plan their preparations a year ahead for Holy Week and Easter!

Lent, it seems to me, is meant for the committed Christian not for the secu-

larist or for the casual Christian. It is not a time for storing up spiritual merit in God's safety deposit boxes. It is a time for us to become more knowledgeable in our faith and to present to the world around us a visible witness to the depth of our faith.

Discipline has become almost a forgotten word in the Church today. So it is little wonder that Lent makes so little impact on the world around us as the world sees it making little impression on those who claim to follow Christ and his Saving Gospel.

This is vividly expressed in an article from a French Communist newspaper:

"The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of society than is the Marxist doctrine; nevertheless, it is we who will finally overcome you Christians. Here in France, we are small in numbers, and you are millions; but if you will recall your story of Gideon and his three hundred soldiers, you will see the point that we have in mind.

"We Communists do not merely play with words; of our salaries and wages, we keep only what is strictly needed and with the rest, we support the party; we also give our holidays and much of our free time as well.

"You Christians, on the other hand, give only what time you have left over, and

hardly any money to the spreading of the ideas of Christ. How can anyone believe the supreme value of the Gospel if he does not practise it? If he sacrifices neither time nor money for it, how can he impress anyone?"

"Believe me, it is we who shall win, for we believe in the Communist message, and we are ready to sacrifice anything, including life itself, but you Christians are afraid to soil your hands with real work for your cause, or give sufficient time to attend your meetings, and to study your principles, or of your money to strengthen your cause."

What a challenge this article from a French Communist newspaper presents to us all to observe some positive Lenten discipline in our lives. How sharply it rebukes our complacency in our Faith!

Let us begin in Algoma, this Lent, to witness among those with whom we live and work and play that our Christian Faith is the most important factor in our lives. Then, and only then, will others want to share its joy, its glory, and its power.

Your friend
and bishop,

Frank: Algoma

Holy Trinity promotes**Work in Searchmont and Heyden**

The work sponsored by Holy Trinity Church in Sault Ste. Marie in the Searchmont area has been dormant since 1967. As a result, some of the Anglican families in the area have become quite excited over the new concern being shown for them by the Church.

The Rev. Jerry Smith, Assistant at Holy Trinity, officiated at two services there during the summer months, and because of the interest and enthusiasm generated among Anglicans in the Searchmont area, regular

weekly services were begun in early September of 1976.

Fr. Smith isn't the only person from the Sault who drives out to Searchmont every week. Katie Merrifield plays the piano and looks after most everything when it comes to 'setting up' before the actual service, and Laura Welsh has just begun to teach Sunday School.

The work in Heyden is a little slower, but it has begun. A letter of introduction has been sent to all the homes in the Heyden area.

It was sent out through the school children in the area.

It is hoped that volunteers will now come forward to knock on doors as a follow-up to the letter. The personal contact is seen as a vital part of the work.

Such initial work in establishing the Church in an area takes a long time, and they certainly won't become self-supporting overnight. However, the people of Trinity are to be commended for their efforts in serving the people of Searchmont and Heyden.

St. Paul's, Thunder Bay**"Demolish the Deficit" campaign allows parish to begin new year in black**

St. Paul's in Thunder Bay towards the end of 1976 conducted a "Demolish the Deficit" campaign. At the end of November, the Churchwardens advised the congregation that St. Paul's had ended the financial year 1976 with a deficit of about \$1100, and they invited donations to help wipe it out.

This deficit, strictly speaking, did not result from the operations during 1976, but was a lingering result of the \$2500 shortfall in 1975. Early in December, the Treasurer gave the precise amount of the deficit (the excess of expenditures over income at the end of the year 1976) which was \$1170.96.

During December, some

\$1724 was received, giving St. Paul's a needed opening balance for 1977 of \$533.

In the January 2, 1977, Sunday bulletin, the Rev. Donald Landon, Rector, com-

mented: "Everyone at St. Paul's is heartened by the quick and generous response that the Holy Spirit stirred in our congregation in the face of an urgent need."

In the pot . . .

A travel-bored, sophisticated American tourist came upon an ancient native reading a battered Bible while he stirred the contents of a large pot. "Old man," said the American, "why do you read that book with all its

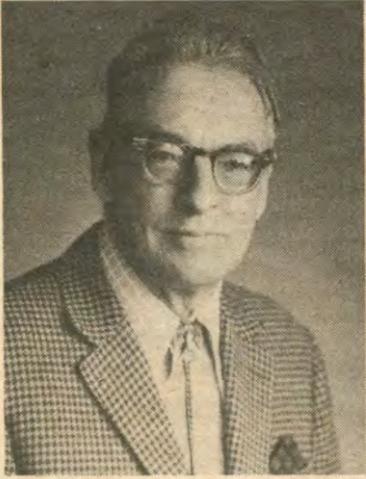
childish myths and fairy tales?"

The aged native slowly looked him up and down the while he continued to stir the pot. "Young fellow," he replied, "if it were not for this book you would be in here."

—TAD

"MONDAY MORNING"

Our part in today's parish church — a layman's view



Mr. Nelson Merrifield

(This month's "MONDAY MORNING" column features a sermon by Mr. Nelson Merrifield, a layman at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Thunder Bay. Mr. Merrifield is well-known in Thunder Bay for his photography, and his 'Meandering with Merrifield' Travelogues over the last 30 years. Some 48 years ago, Mr. Merrifield started in the Choir of St. John's, and he has enjoyed a happy and active participation in the work there since then. This sermon was first preached in St. John's on Laymen's Sunday, 1975. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN is pleased to reprint it at this time.)

by Mr. Nelson Merrifield

I am not going to preach a sermon, since I am not qualified to do so, but I will ask you to share a few thoughts with me, which I think are related to Laymen's Sunday. I feel more secure when presenting one of my "Meandering with Merrifield" travelogues, than I do in a Church pulpit. Therefore, I ask you to bear with me in the time allotted for my part in this unique service.

How many times during the Church Year do we listen to the Exhortation, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"?

This is a great day in the life of our Church, one of the many great days I have experienced in my long association with St. John's. It is called "Laymen's Sunday". I would like to call it "Lay-people's Sunday", because of the fact that we have men, women, and young people given an opportunity by the Rector to witness publicly for their Faith. Therefore, my part of the service allows me a chance to suggest ways whereby we can follow the exhortation "to let our light shine before men".

First, we can be regular in our Church attendance. There is no finer way to witness, than to be in our place in God's House each Sunday. How important is Church attendance? I would like to quote from an article by the Rev. George Regas, of All Saints', Pasadena. He writes in the "Church Times": "Let me briefly state some reasons I think you should be at worship on Sunday mornings. Your presence strengthens and encourages us all. A large, expectant congregation produces a thrilling and expectant dimension to worship. I think

it is obvious, that some of you don't realize how much you are needed, or else you would be sharing these celebrations with us. When a deaf-mute was asked why he came to worship every week, he responded, "To show whose side I am on."

The forces of darkness are growing stronger and stronger, and we all need the Community of Faith if we are to remain faithful to God's high call. You, as a Christian, are part of a community. Solitary religion is neither scriptural nor effective. There is not the slightest hint in the New Testament to confirm a person in his spiritual blindness, when he says, 'I can be a good Christian without worshipping in Church'.

Christianity begins with an individual commitment to Jesus, of course, but if it ends with the individual, it ends! Jesus promised, 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them'. It is the presence of Jesus in the midst that changes a group of Christians into a Church. Your presence in this worshipping community will enrich your life tremendously.

Then we must let men see our good works, by our Christian witness in our everyday life. This should be a happy thing — in business, in school, in the home, and in all our social activities. In so many little ways, we can bear witness. For instance, if you heard someone saying something uncomplimentary about a friend, you would speak up and say, "That person is a friend of mine, and I will not allow you to pass such remarks in my hearing." You can and should speak up in the same way when you hear someone speaking ill about the Christian Church.

There is always a scarcity of workers in the Church organizations. We should consider carefully where we can be of the greater service. Then we should decide to offer our time and talent to Choir, Church School, Chancel Guild, ACW, BAC, or some other group. I am sure a warm welcome awaits you. Then we can proudly tell of our Church activities, and maybe encourage others to join with us. Such participation in Church activity will surely help carry out the exhortation "to glorify your Father which is in heaven".

You see, we all have talents — some not as great as others, but, we can and should use these talents to the glory of God who gave them. So often I find people with great talent who just let it lie idle. Johann Sebastian Bach gained immortality through the great organ fugues he left us, and by the many magnificent Choral works, many of which are in our Hymn Book. Bach left no doubt as to whom these great works were intended to honour, for at the bottom of many manuscripts, he wrote in his own hieroglyphic characters, "To the Glory of God".

In most phases of Church work, there comes a time of discouragement, and we feel

our work is in vain, and we say, "Oh, what is the use? I might as well give up." I have felt that way often, but an inner voice prompts me to cheer up and carry on. In times like these, too, I often recall a wonderful motto, which I remember from my childhood years in England. We had many fine young people's books from which to read, and one of the fine stories I remember was of a family living in a big, old house. Over the stone mantle was carved a motto which I still can see in the illustration with the story.

It comes to mind often, and I am always encouraged by it, and it never fails to give me a lift. In fact it is probably responsible for my long service as a Chorister — a matter of some 68 years. If it had not been for that motto, I may have given up, and I would certainly have been the loser. Oh, yes, you are wondering when I am going to give you the motto. Here it is — "BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING". May it be an inspiration to you as it

has been to me.

Although I am a good Canadian, I still have a great respect for the Royal Family, chiefly because of the wonderfully Christian example the Queen and the Prince set. No matter where they may be on a Sunday, it is a sure thing they will be attending Church, and I am sure many of you have heard the Prince read the lessons, which he does superbly.

The Queen's Christmas messages have been most moving experiences to me, and I shall always remember one message of some years ago. When speaking of the Christmas story, and the following of the Star, she made this comment: "We all can follow a star, and indeed, we must". I suggest that we, as lay people of our Church can follow a star, by re-dedicating ourselves to the work of our Church in a joyful, thrilling, new dimension.

I hope these Merrifield Meanderings may have brought a new thought or two as a layman sees things — ways in which we can best

fit into the life of our Church, and that we may let our light shine, and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

I also hope that we all may accept the theme proposed by our Rector, the Rev. H. Morrow, as outlined in that exciting publication, "St. John's Lamplighter", that we as individuals and organizations ask, "Lord, what would you have us do?"

Finally let us use the prayer for the parish regularly. I would like to close with it: "O God, our heavenly Father, graciously behold this congregation. Bind together its members with cords of friendliness and sympathy. Give us the vision of our Parish as it ought to be. By all the memories of the great past, rouse us to hear the calls of the present. Grant wisdom, courage, and patience to our leaders, and fill us all with the spirit of loving service; that whatsoever we do in word or deed may be done in the Name of the Lord Jesus, through whom we offer this prayer. Amen."

Bracebridge, Ontario

Canon Mitchell and Fr. Hemming comment about ordination of women

On Tuesday, November 30, six women were ordained into the priesthood of the Anglican Church of Canada. On Sunday, November 20, the Rev. Canon David N. Mitchell, Rector of St. Thomas' Church in Bracebridge, read a statement to his congregation on behalf of a group called "Concerned Clergy of the Anglican Church of Canada".

Canon Mitchell is a member of this group, and he and some 375 others signed a manifesto last year, addressed to the bishops of their Church, outlining their objections to the proposed ordinations.

The statement read by Canon Mitchell, to his congregation, was as follows: "We reiterate our position that we are unable to recognize the ordinations which have been performed; i.e. we cannot regard them as valid even though our Bishops and Clergy have taken part in them.

"We realize how varied will be the reactions of people to the events of November 30. Some will be tempted to abandon the Church

out of sheer disillusionment; yet, as Christians we must serve our vocations not just as individuals, but as members of a Christian community. Some have felt constrained to leave the Anglican Communion to serve the Lord in some other part of His mystical Body. Others hesitate and agonize, and may do so for years. Others will stay and run the risk of appearing to agree with what has happened. Others may try to maintain a continuing Anglican witness apart from the present structure and risk rending still further the robe of Christian unity. At this point it is difficult to find fault with any of the means by which troubled Anglicans may seek to bind up their wounds.

"It is our counsel that we should leave this issue to the judgment of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church through the test of time. If this is of God, it will gain acceptance not only in the Anglican family, but in all Churches which share the Apostolic Ministry. If it is

not, it will fail."

The Rev. David Hemming, Superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Bracebridge, commented as follows to the HERALD-GAZETTE: "My chief feeling about the ordination of women is that it has been unfavourably blown out of proportion and that there are far more important issues that the Church now faces. I would hope that those outside of the Church would not regard this as one of the most important issues now taking place in the functions of the Anglican Church.

"Arguments against women being ordained might point out that none of the Lord's twelve disciples were women. However, this may have been in keeping with the social structures of the times.

"Whether women are ordained or not does not hold relevance in the whole and true purpose of the Church."

In a further comment, Canon Mitchell said, "This issue will just have to pass the test of time."

St. Saviour's, Blind River

Bishop Nock confirms four youths and dedicates several memorials

The Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, was at St. Saviour's in Blind River, on the evening of December 19, 1976, in order to confirm four young people — James Horton, John Wilson, Jon Kirchmeir, and Victor Stoneman.

At the same service, Bish-

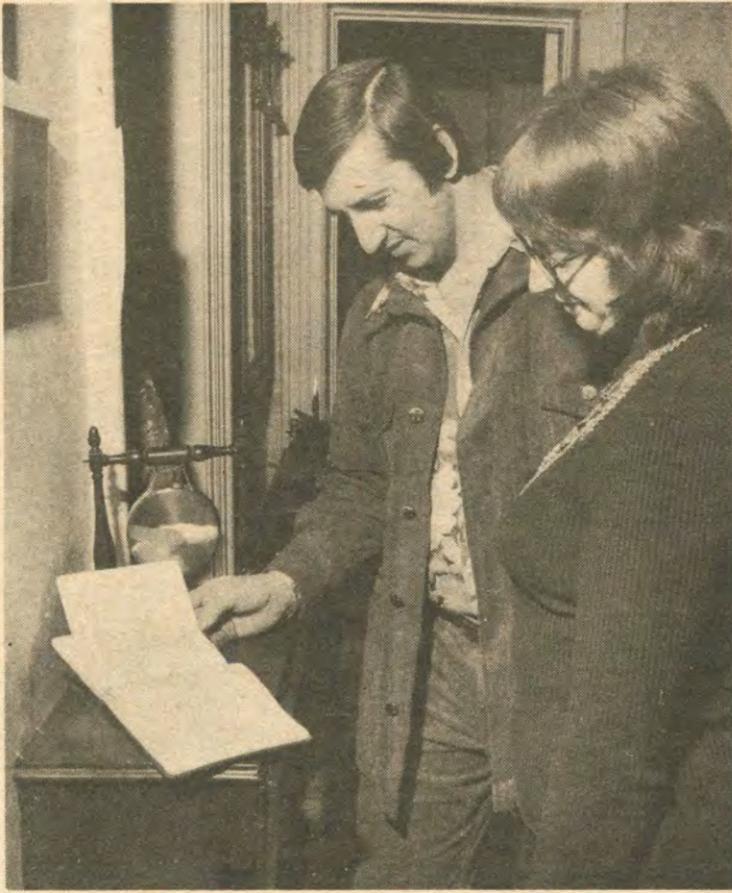
op Nock dedicated the new Tabernacle, a new memorial window, and some new hymnals.

The new Tabernacle is a gift of Mr. Jack Wheeler. The new "Nativity" window is given in memory of Mother Haja Shamas, Father Michael Albert Shamas, and

Sister Mary Shamas, by their family. Finally, the new hymnals are given in memory of Mary M. Shamas by her family.

At the reception following the service, the parish family enjoyed a time of fellowship with the Bishop and Mrs. Nock.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY RECEPTION



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star

The guest book

Phil and Marilyn Brideaux look at the names on the guestbook at the 1977 New Year's Day Reception at Bishophurst, Sault Ste. Marie.

Annual tradition still a delightful occasion

About three hundred persons participated in a Sault Ste. Marie tradition on Saturday, January 1, 1977, when they attended the *Annual New Year's Day Reception* at Bishophurst, the official residence of the Bishop of the Diocese of Algoma.

Bishop Frank F. Nock and Mrs. Nock, welcomed guests from Sault Ste. Marie, and out-of-town, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., at their home, 134 Simpson Street.

The guests enjoyed tea, coffee, plumcake, fruitcake, shortbread, as well as the hot mulled cider that is a traditional favourite at this particular reception.

A special attraction was the display in Bishophurst's Heritage Centre, the diocesan museum, which was unveiled at last year's *New Year's Day Reception*. This year the Centre had on display books, journals, paintings, and photographs, which told the story of Shingwauk Hall, founded by the Anglican Missionary, the Rev. E. F. Wilson. Items on display were drawn from the Archives of the Synod of Algoma.

Prominent Sault residents at the Reception included Mayor Nick Trbovich, Har-

old Tolley, retired diocesan Archbishop William L. Wright, and Donald Lawson (Chancellor of the Diocese of Algoma). Representing the clergy were the Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Fetter (of Central United Church), the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Lloyd (of Emmanuel United Church), and the Rev. and Mrs. William Wiedrich (of St. James' Episcopal Church in the Sault, Michigan).

In addition, about ten residents of the Sault in Michigan were in attendance.

House guests of Bishop and Mrs. Nock at the Reception were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoyle of Chatham, Mrs. Bea Collins of Oakville, and their son, Dr. David Nock (Professor of Sociology at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay).

Pouring tea during the afternoon were the following: Mrs. Mary Trbovich, Mrs. Donald Lawson, Mrs. William Wiedrich, Mrs. Michael West, Mrs. W. L. Wright, and Mrs. Lawrence Robertson. Assisting at the Reception were clergy wives and their daughters. Kitchen hostess was Mrs. Mary Burfoot.

Parry Sound's Trinity Church rings in its 101st year

To ring in the 101st year of Trinity Church in Parry Sound, parishioners of all ages gathered in the Crypt of the Church for a New Year's Party. Country dancing, skits, singing, and party pieces blended together to promote the evening's good fun and fellowship.

The New Year was "piped and drummed" in by three

of the young people who led the assembly into the Church for prayers. After a rousing rendition of Auld Lang Syne, a special 'Happy Birthday' was sung to Mr. Sam Shames, a long-time and faithful member of Trinity Church.

This concluded the programme, and the old year!



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star

Old books fascinate guests

Trudy Armstrong, Fern Allen, and Hazel Armstrong look at some old books in Bishophurst's Heritage Centre, at the 1977 New Year's Day Reception.



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star

David Nock home for holiday

Dr. David Nock, son of Bishop and Mrs. Nock, and Professor of Sociology at Lakehead University, talks with Mrs. Mary Trbovich (wife of the Sault's mayor), who is pouring tea. Looking on are the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd is the Chairman of the Algoma United Church Presbytery.

AT BISHOPHURST



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star

Relaxed conversational atmosphere

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bentley chat with the Ven. Frank Coyle, Rector of St. John's in the Sault and Archdeacon of Algoma, at Bishophurst.



Courtesy of the Sault Daily Star

Heritage Centre's birthday

Celebrating its first birthday at the New Year's Day Reception at Bishophurst was HERITAGE CENTRE, which was officially opened at last year's Reception. Pictured here in the Centre are (left) Mr. Din Oosterbaan, Treasurer of the Diocese of Algoma, and the Rev. William Wiedrich, Rector of St. James' Episcopal Church in the Sault, Michigan. Both are looking at some old photos on the desk concerning the early days of Shingwauk, and the photos of the seven bishops of Algoma on the wall.

Sault Ste. Marie

Keep this advice in mind for next year

In the parish publication, "Trinity Topics", of Holy Trinity Church in Sault Ste. Marie, the Rev. William Stadnyk gives the following good advice:

"Many people have become concerned about the energy crisis in North America and have been debating what to do about their customary seasonal lighting as a matter of principle. Others have decided to put their lights up anyway.

"May we suggest a possible 'happy medium' which would be more in keeping with the Spirit of Advent and Christmas? In the Church the season of Advent has always been a season of preparation, but not celebration! We want to make sure that on Christmas Day the spirit of Jesus

Christ is 'born anew' into our hearts. This involves self-examination, and repentance . . . in fact, in the Eastern Churches, the season of Advent was often called, 'Little Christmas'. The celebration of the birth of Christ should not begin until Christmas Eve.

"So if you are putting up your Christmas lights, don't turn them on until Christmas Eve. You'll be liturgically correct. If Advent is kept properly, Christmas will be more meaningful to you, and you'll be doing something about the energy crisis besides."

The ALGOMA ANGLICAN suggests that it is a little late for 1976's Christmas, but it is something for you to think about in the year ahead!

Thunder Bay

Deanery sponsors a youth retreat called "Upreach . . . Outreach"

On November 12-13, 1976, the Thunder Bay Deanery sponsored a "Youth Retreat" at the Avila Centre (a splendid facility run by the Sisters of St. Joseph). The Retreat was entitled, "UPREACH . . . OUTREACH". This overnight fall retreat drew 15 teens and young adults from three parishes (St. George's, St. Paul's, and St. Thomas').

In addition to these people, the five leaders were as follows: Capt. Ken Buckley, Capt. Earl Burke, Judy Chorney, Marian Page, and Hugh Walker.

After the group registered and settled into their rooms on the Friday evening, there was a Hymn Sing, followed by a Study, led by Capt. Buckley, about the "Titles of Jesus". Using worksheets, the participants had a private meditation in their rooms on the aspects of Jesus' character. Following a plenary session in order to reach a summation of the private thoughts, there was informal prayer in the

Chapel and a snack.

Following breakfast on Saturday, Capt. Buckley compared the lifestyles of Kojak, the Fonz and Jesus. Mr. Hugh Walker contrasted the Christ of "Jesus Christ Superstar", with the Scriptural Christ. Just before noon, conversational prayer was conducted in groups.

During the early part of the afternoon, the group listened to the favourite music of each individual participant, since each had brought one record. Marian Page spoke about music in the Bible and in the Christian's life. After a coffee break, Capt. Buckley spoke about "Witnessing to our Faith". After supper, there was a final summing up, and the Retreat concluded with a Eucharist, celebrated by the Rev. Don Landon, Rector of St. Paul's in Thunder Bay.

Reports suggest that the twenty participants felt strengthened spiritually by this Deanery Youth Retreat in Thunder Bay.

Is any one among you sick?

Mrs. Huff is up the Miff tree
On a seat fixed good and firm
And she'd like to tell the Rector
A few things to make him squirm.
Mrs. Huff was sick abed, sir.
Yes sir, sick abed a week
And the Rector didn't call, sir,
Never even took a peek.
Then I asked her how her Doctor
Knew that sickness laid her low
And she said that she had called him
On the phone and told him so.
So the Doctor called to see her,
And the Rector didn't go,
For the Doctor knew she was sick
And the Rector didn't know.
Now the Doctor gets his bill paid
With a nicely written cheque
But the Rector for not knowing,
Simply gets it in the neck.

Source Unknown



Courtesy of Michael Brauer

These are the participants in Algoma's first Anglican Women's Cursillo. Front row, from left, Maureen Purificati (Rector), Muriel Newton-White, Mary Lou Watson, Cecelia Smitheram, Nancy Bedggood, the Rev. William Stadnyk (Assistant Spiritual Director), Marj. Smith, Judy Speller, and Anna Lee. Second row, from left, Dorothy Taylor, Ann Oosterbaan, Carol Smith, Sue Golec, Shirley Turner, Marg. Rose, Doreen Stadnyk, Mary Bazeley, Noreen Kane, Lynne Boston. Third row, from left, Ann Brauer, Ann Aaltonen, Myra Smith, Bev Gaines, Janice Brisland, the Ven. Frank Coyle (Spiritual Director), Jackie Hay, Joyce Edwards, Vera Graham, Vi Dobbs, and Marion Savela. Back row, from left, Shirley Green, Cathy Putnam, Jessie Bennett, Jean Speller, Betty Barich, Carol McLean, Jocelyn Howson, Marilyn Gostlin, Pat Watts, Arline Griswold.

Women's Cursillo held in Sault Ste. Marie in December

by the Ven. F. Coyle

Another first for Algoma! You have read in a recent issue of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN about the Anglican Men's Cursillo, which was a breakthrough for our Church in this Diocese. Here now is an account of the women's counterpart in the same movement.

Thirty-eight women gathered at the Catholic Centre in Sault Ste. Marie on Thursday evening, December 2, 1976, to begin the Cursillo Weekend. Despite snow and rather hazardous driving conditions, they had come

'from every quarter'. Two came from North Bay, one from Haileybury, one from Matachewan, one from Manitoulin Island. All the rest were from the Sault. There were women from all walks of life — secretaries, housewives, teachers, clerks, single girls and nurses.

The Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, addressed the group after having shared breakfast with them on the Friday morning. He spoke movingly of how the Lord of the Church calls all his people into ministry in His Name, an apos-

tolate that He sends, that each one may influence his or her particular environment for Christ in love. The Bishop received a standing ovation at the close of his talk.

The Rector of the Cursillo was Mrs. Maureen Purificati and the Assistant Rector was Mrs. Arlene Griswold, both of the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Gerard Majella. Spiritual Directors for the weekend were the Ven. Frank Coyle, of St. John the Evangelist in the Sault, and the Rev. Bill Stadnyk, of Holy Trinity, also in the

Sault.

Together, the group shared in talks and addresses, in devotions in chapel, and in the Holy Eucharist daily. There was fun and laughter. There were tears and mutual sharing in the growth and love that only Christ gives us. Cursillo means "short course" in Christianity. It proved to be just that—an all-too-short course or pilgrimage to the heart of the Good News of Jesus' love, as He calls us personally to respond and find out how to serve Him in His world.

Applications for future Anglican Cursillos are available from either Fr. Coyle or Fr. Stadnyk. To attend a Cursillo, one requires a sponsor who has made Cursillo, and also the signature and approval of your Parish Priest. It is normally expected that the man in a marriage will first make Cursillo, and that his wife will make hers later.

This movement is one of the many ways that God is using to renew His people in His body, the Church Catholic.

Camp Gitchigomee revises constitution and sets objectives for its 1977 season

At the Camp Gitchigomee general meeting on November 23, 1976, the main business was the revising of the Camp's constitution, and the election of officers for 1977.

In the Constitution, the statement of the Camp's objectives was improved to read: "The objective of Camp Gitchigomee is to provide opportunities for Deanery Anglicans and others (a) to grow in the Christian life, (b) to develop camping and sporting skills, and (c) to find enjoyment and refreshment all in an environment of Christian faith, worship and community."

Some 23 attended the

meeting, held at St. John's in Thunder Bay, represent-

ing six out of eight local parishes.

St. Mark's, Garson

Parish reports happenings

On Sunday, November 28, 1976, in St. Mark's, Garson, a prayer plaque was presented and dedicated in the Church in loving memory of the late Archdeacon Lloyd S. Hoover, a former Rector of that parish.

At the December 12, 1976, service, four Junior members of the parish were presented with a server's cross. They

were John Sheppherd, Judy Morin, Marlene Summer, and Derek Charbineau.

The Rev. M. Hankinson, Rector of St. Mark's, officiated at both these services.

St. Mark's also reports that the men of the parish have been busy putting on the finishing touches to the new Narthex.

North Bay

Dr. Leonard Griffith speaks at special ecumenical service

On Sunday, January 30, 1977, at 7 p.m. in the evening, a special Ecumenical Service was held in North Bay's Roman Catholic Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption. It was an occasion to mark the unity in Christ of all the fellow Christians in North Bay.

It proved to be a magnificent service with special music by a combined choir. The Rev. Dr. Leonard Griffith was the guest preacher-

er; presently, he is an Assistant at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Bloor Street in Toronto.

It was an especially interesting guest speaker to have at such a service since Dr. Griffith recently, after many years as a United Church minister, was ordained a priest in the Anglican Church. Dr. Griffith is one of the foremost preachers in Canada today.



Miss Kathy Pattison



Mrs. Grace Poulin

(Ed. Note. As was pointed out in the December issue of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, sufficient funds were available to award a number of Leslie Woodward Memorial Bursaries this year. This was the result of a lack of applications over the last two years. In view of that, two

awards have been made by the committee, and have been awarded, since both recipients have completed the first four months of their studies in nursing. The two recipients are Miss Kathy Pattison, and Mrs. Grace Poulin, both of Thunder Bay.)

Recipients announced for the 1976 Leslie Woodward Memorial Bursaries

Miss Kathy Pattison, one of the recipients of the Leslie Woodward Memorial Bursary for 1976, lives at home with her mother, Gwen Pattison at 523 E. Christina Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario. At home also is a sister, Margaret, and a foster sister, Louisa. Kathy has another sister, Liz, who is married and a brother, David, who is attending uni-

versity in Edmonton.

Most of Kathy's time is devoted to the present to her nursing studies, but she does have a couple of knitting projects, and she hopes to undertake other kinds of needlework and crafts. She does spend some time in the winter doing cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

In the summer, Kathy enjoys frequent trips to her

boy friend's parents' camp in Fort Frances, where she participates in swimming, fishing and water skiing.

Mrs. Grace Poulin, of 5 Golf Links Road, R.R. #11, Thunder Bay, is the second recipient of the Leslie Woodward Memorial Bursary for 1976. Mrs. Poulin is the mother of four girls — Colleen (17), Elaine (16), Marilyn (14), and Valerie (12). The Poulins attend the parish church of St. Michael and All Angels' in Thunder Bay.

Mrs. Poulin's hobbies include dressmaking, macramé and other crafts. Of course, many of these have been put aside for the duration of her studies, but she does have the support of her husband, Harold, her daughters, and her very loyal friends (themselves Registered Nurses, and Anglicans).

In a letter to the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, Mrs. Poulin wrote as follows: "I feel that the Holy Spirit walks with me daily, and has opened my mind to the lessons being taught. Although there is, at present, a shortage of nursing opportunities, I have no doubt that God will find a use for me and my knowledge. And with so many praying for me, I cannot help but succeed."

Both Mrs. Poulin and Miss Pattison expressed their appreciation for the award of these bursaries. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN joins the Diocese of Algoma in wishing both ladies the very best as they continue their studies in working towards a full time career as nurses.

WRIGHT BROTHERS IN THE NEWS



The Rev. Canon Joseph DePencier Wright

1. Retirement announced

The Rev. Canon J. DePencier Wright was a familiar sight in the Diocese of Algoma, when his brother, the Most Rev. W. L. Wright, was Archbishop of Algoma. Canon Wright recently retired as Rector of St. Cuthbert's Church in Leaside where he served for almost twenty-three years.

In a tribute to Canon Wright, the TORONTO ANGLICAN described the life he has led from his birth on April 30, 1911 to his recent retirement. In that account, it was mentioned that the Wright family can claim over 400 years of distinguished service in the Anglican Church of Canada.

It all began with the Rev. William Wright, an immigrant from Northern Ireland. Ordained in 1873, he served in the Diocese of Ontario at Newboro and Athens, villages in Leeds County. He had two sons who entered the priesthood — Silas and John. John had three sons, two of whom entered the ministry — Joseph (now Canon Wright), and William (who later became the Archbishop of Algoma, and the Metropolitan of Ontario). A third son, Joseph's twin brother, is Headmaster of St. George's College in Toronto.

Canon Wright has three sons and two daughters, and one of those, John, is the Precentor at Christ Church Cathedral in Montreal.

Canon Wright's parting words, as he entered retirement, were these: "I'm available as a counsellor to banks or business, and I'm willing to help out for periods of a week or so should any of our clergy become ill or in need of a rest. I can kick the drum or have Solemn Procession. I'm very humble and I'm versatile."

The Diocese of Algoma and the ALGOMA ANGLICAN would like to join the Diocese of Toronto and the TORONTO ANGLICAN in offering best wishes to Canon Wright.

from the water. The nine-year-old had been in the river for about 5 minutes. Apparently, a rather large plastic lunch box helped the youngster stay afloat.

According to the Rev. Canon David N. Mitchell, Rector of St. Thomas' in Bracebridge, Billy was a member of that parish's Confirmation Class last year, and he hopes to become a server.



The Most Rev. William L. Wright

2. A visit to a former parish

Fifty years ago this past September, the Most Rev. William Wright was made a deacon and commenced his ordained ministry as the Assistant Curate of the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, in Toronto, under the Rev. P. G. Dykes.

On November 14, for the 131st Anniversary of St. George's, Archbishop and Mrs. Wright returned to this Church for a very special visit.

There are still some members of this congregation who remember him first as the Assistant Curate (1926-28), and later as the Rector of St. George-the-Martyr. Many more have come to know and to love him for his frequent visits, at least once a year.

This particular visit was very special both for St. George's and for the Archbishop. He wanted to show his gratitude and continued love for the Church of his early ministry, a number of whose members have been his friends for fifty years. The Church had two little gifts for the Archbishop to commemorate his anniversary—a door knocker and a book of daily readings by Michael Ramsey "for one's visitors and one's books are very important in this period of one's life."

During his visit, the Archbishop made a presentation to Mr. Cecil Reid, S.Th., who for many years has been the Licensed Lay Reader of St. George-the-Martyr, and whose license has just recently been renewed. Mr. Reid, who has served the Church most faithfully in many capacities, was given the recent recording by King's College Chapel Choir of Handel's Messiah.

(Ed. Note. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN is grateful to the TORONTO ANGLICAN for this article, as it first appeared in the January issue of that publication.)

St. Paul's, Thunder Bay

Church conducts a survey to discover make-up of attendance

St. Paul's Church in Thunder Bay posed the following question for itself last fall: "How many children . . . teenagers . . . young marrieds . . . and adults not-quite as young . . . make up our attendance at St. Paul's on a typical Sunday in late fall?"

November 21, 1976, was chosen as a typical Sunday because there were no special activities that day (i.e. no youth-led service or public baptisms) to distort upward the number of children, teenagers of young marrieds in attendance. The following statistics were reported:

AGE LEVELS	8:30 am	10 am	7:00 pm	Total	%
pre-schoolers	—	29	—	29	10.4
children in Grades 1-7	—	39	—	39	14.0
teenagers (age 13-19)	4	22	8	34	12.2
single young adults 20+	2	7	4	13	4.6
"young marrieds"	—	36	1	37	13.3
other adults	20	101	6	127	45.5
TOTALS (Nov. 21)	26	234	19	279	100.0

The conclusion of St. Paul's Rector, the Rev. Donald Landon, was that the figures indicate certain weaknesses as well as certain

strengths. A final question was posed, "What is each of us doing to invite others into our worshipping family at St. Paul's?"

Blind River

Canon Ben Cooper is honoured on occasion of 24th anniversary

The Rev. Canon Ben Cooper, Rector of St. Saviour's in Blind River, recently celebrated his 24th anniversary of ordination. The parish of St. Saviour's celebrated with him at a parish supper and Thanksgiving Eucharist. The Rev. F. Roberts (Rector of St. Matthew's in the Sault, and Rural Dean of Algoma) was the guest preacher at the service.

During the Parish Supper, gifts were presented to Canon Cooper, and also to Mr. John Jarratt, the retiring organist of St. Saviour's.

BRACE-BRIDGE

Confirmer rescues boy from river's icy water

Billy Howarth, of River Street in Bracebridge, saved the life of a nine-year-old boy on November 23. The nine-year-old had fallen into the north branch of the Muskoka River, just north of the Bass Rock Apartments, and was unable to swim to shore in the icy water.

A companion of the nine-year-old ran for help and found Billy Howarth, 12. Billy jumped into the water and rescued the young lad



The Rev. Canon Benjamin Cooper

Directions

Enter expectantly.
Breathe prayerfully.
Worship reverently.
Relax restfully.
Greet others cordially.
Leave thoughtfully.
Come again soon.
—A parish paper

News from around the Diocese of Algoma . . .

On Wednesday, December 29, 1976, in spite of a morning temperature of -22 F. in Thunder Bay, an enthusiastic group totalling 39 (34 teenagers and 5 adults) gathered at St. Paul's in Thunder Bay to drive to the Sandstone Lake turnoff and then snowshoe or ski down the hill and across the lake to Camp Gitchigomee. After warming up near the wood stove in the crowded 3-room staff cabin (newly winterized) the group ate their lunches and then enjoyed more snowshoeing and skiing near the Camp in the frigid but sunny weather. . . . On Sunday, January 9, 1977, the Rev. and Mrs. Eric Paterson and family of the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury held their annual 'At Home' at the Rectory, 1064 Moss Street, in Sudbury, from 2 until 6 p.m. . . . Holy Trinity in Sault Ste. Marie is one of the parishes which ushered in the New Year with a *New Year's Party* at the Church and Parish Hall. They prayed the New Year in, with a brief Eucharist in the Church at midnight. This was followed by a Pot Luck Lunch—for \$5 a couple! . . . Over 400 attended the *Annual Christmas Pageant* at St. Thomas' Church in Thun-

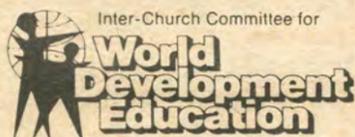
der Bay on Sunday, December 19, under the direction of the Rev. W. Prentice, Assistant Curate. . . . St. Brice's in North Bay is hoping to form a Visiting Group to call on members of the parish. The Rector feels frustrated that he is unable to get around to the houses of the parish in the way he would like to. The Group will have nothing to do with raising money, but is simply set up to bring the good will and concern of the parish as a whole into the houses of those who would appreciate it. A special group within the larger will be responsible for visiting the sick. . . . *The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* was celebrated in Thunder Bay by two services—Jan. 16 at Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church, when three speakers gave short talks on local ecumenical projects; and Jan. 23 at St. Paul's United Church, when the Rev. H. Morrow (Rural Dean of Thunder Bay, and Rector of St. John's) spoke about "International Ecumenical Co-operation". The offering went to World Relief and Development Work. . . . At Milliken Mine on December 12, 1976, the Elliot Lake Pony Club and the Sheriff Lake Riding Club

sponsored a *Carol Service* on horseback! . . . On Sunday, December 26, the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury presented an original dramatic presentation of the Christmas Story that was both devotional and instructive. . . . The Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock was the special guest at the *Annual Parish Supper* of the parish of St. Michael and All Angels in Thunder Bay on January 21, 1977. . . . Many parishioners of St. Luke's in Thunder Bay look nostalgically back to the summer when the Rev. Bill Ellam, Rector, conducted a number of boat rides for parishioners to the Flat Land Island, Pie Island, or simply a cruise up the Kam River. The boat is now up on land, but many recall the enjoyable hours of good food and fellowship. . . . Mr. Derry Tenger is the new Organist and Choir Master at St. Brice's in North Bay. He is a highly-qualified choir director and musician, who comes to North Bay from Holy Trinity in Cornwall, where they hated to see him leave. . . . The Sunday School of St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay contributed over 100 gifts, plus a large sum of money to the local Christmas Cheer Fund. The Youth Group of this church

sang carols at Westmount Hospital and Grandview Lodge during Christmas week. . . . The Rev. Bill Ellam, Rector of St. Luke's in Thunder Bay, has two new servers to assist him at the morning services. They are Miss Charlene Kostecki and Miss Darlene Hill. They are not the first female servers at St. Luke's, but Dorothy Rydholm who has been doing this is now attending Guelph University. . . . The Church of the Epiphany has had a busy year in the restoration of certain parts of the Church. This Sudbury Church has had a new roof put on the Church, the Coffee House, the Chapel and the Narthex. The front doors of the Church have been refinished. Many walls were cleaned and re-painted, while some interior work was done to the Chapel. The work and material for this project was donated to the Church by Regional painters in memory of Nicholas Kryakos. . . . The members of the Sir Winston Churchill Senior Band, directed by Saville Shuttleworth, played carols and hymns from 11 p.m. and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" at 11.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve at St. Paul's in Thunder Bay. . . . Brother

Gordon Walls was made a deacon in St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, by Bishop Henry Hill, on Sunday, January 9, at 11 a.m. Brother Gordon is a member of the SSJE in Bracebridge. . . . A *Neighbourhood Improvement Committee* plans to put in a park for children on the corner lot of Cameron and McKenzie streets, owned by St. Luke's in Thunder Bay. It will have a terraced background, trees and shrubs. A Supervisor will be in attendance. The concrete steps on both the church and hall will be replaced. The total cost is to be between \$20,000 and \$30,000, at no cost to St. Luke's or the Diocese of Algoma. The property is to be leased for five years at \$2 a year. This has been approved by the Diocesan Executive. . . . *The Epiphany Fair* of the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury fed over 1,000 people. This has become one of the downtown core activities in Sudbury which many look forward to each year. . . . The SSJE in Bracebridge reports that the appeal for the new building in memory of Fr. Norman Thornton has now reached the target of \$10,000. Fr. David Hemming, Superior, says that the SSJE appreciates this response.

THE MYTH OF POPULATION GROWTH AS THE CAUSE OF WORLD HUNGER



A photo-story prepared by the Inter-Church Committee conducting the campaign, "Ten Days for World Development", February 11-21, 1977.

The most popular answer to why so many people in the world are hungry is the neo-Malthusian contention that population growth (3.5 billion today; 7 billion by the turn of the century) is outstripping any potential food production.

In Japan, however, where there is less food available per person than in the world as a whole, the population is among the world's best nourished. Small scale, low capital, labour intensive, basic needs production is Japan's answer.

Malnutrition and hunger are neither necessary nor inevitable anywhere in the world.

There is no country where people could not feed themselves from their own resources.

Hunger is a social not a demographic problem. Ordinary people can do something about it.

Through "Ten Days for World Development", the Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United Churches are mobilizing public opinion favourable to changes encouraging human growth both in developing countries and in Canada.



Tanzanian villagers preparing farm for coming season



Planting rice in Japan
(Photo credit: Anglican Church)



Marketplace in Cameroon
(Photo credit: CIDA)