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St. Mary's, West Thunder Bay

30 years of service

by Mrs. Betty Cotton

Thirty years ago, on April 11, 1948, a small building on South Victor Street, just off Broadway Avenue, was dedicated as a house of worship in the Anglican parish of West Thunder Bay.

In 1945 at the close of the Second World War arrangements were made to procure one of the quonset huts used by the Royal Canadian Air Force at the local airfield and the building was moved to property donated by the late Mr. and Mrs. William Doucett.

After countless hours of labor, the refurbished structure had shed all signs of its former use and implications of war time, and was sanctified as St. Mary's Anglican Church.

The Rev. J. S. Smedley, Rural Dean, officiated and the first wardens were Les Bromfield and William Towell.

The church was a dream-become-reality for the small group of people who had supported Anglican services held in the old Vickers Heights Public School; whose children attended Sunday School classes in the home of the late Jenny Sutherland, and the 14 to 15 women who faithfully worked in the Anglican Church Women's Association.

But the work had just begun! There were the practical needs of fuel and utilities and the aesthetic needs as well to be met and the people cleaned, cooked and catered, moving pews to make room and dispensing hospitality generously from a tiny kitchen with fall suppers, spring teas and Christmas bazaars.

As in most parishes, lay preachers spelled off rectors whose extensive parish included Kakabeka Falls, Murillo, Rosslyn Village, Slate River as well as Neebing.

During the past winter, St. Mary's parishioners met with the Rosslyn Village congregation. This spring, they welcomed a new rector, the Rev. Robert Kelsey.

Recently the Healing Prayer group at St. Mary's participated in a service in which Rev. L. H. (Larry) Winslow, associate pastor of St. Thomas' Anglican Church was honored by the Lakehead Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Fr. Winslow is a member of the Order of St. Luke, an interdenominational, international association committed to the healing ministry of the church.

Norah Flynn of Vickers Heights and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Sandalls of Rosslyn Road are active members. Mrs. Flynn has attended conferences where nurses, doctors and clergy share their insights of the healing concept.

Members locally meet once a month at St. Mary's to study and discuss the Bible, and to pray for the sick. They dedicate themselves to visiting and caring for the sick and in every conceivable way to practise a healing ministry.

Communities have been saddened to see their small rural churches close, but big is not always better, and St. Mary's members sustain a hope that the little church will continue to be a witness to that early dedication.



Courtesy of the Rev. A. Thwaites

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, SUDBURY

Algoma's new chancellor formally installed at his home parish

Mr. Ron Warren, Q.C., a prominent lawyer from Sudbury, was installed as the Chancellor of the Diocese of Algoma, on Wednesday, October 4, at the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury (his home parish). The Archdeacons, Rural Deans, and Executive of the Diocese of Algoma were meeting in Sudbury at that time. The Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, is seen here presenting the official papers to the new Chancellor. Behind the Bishop is the Very Rev. Lawrence Robertson, Dean of Algoma, and the Rev. Eric Paterson, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany.

NEXT MONTH

Watch next month's ALGOMA ANGLICAN for the usual Christmas and New Year's greetings, along with the following stories:

- (a) *Consecration of St. Michael and All Angels in Thunder Bay;*
- (b) *50th Anniversary of St. Stephen's, Thunder Bay, and a visit from Bishop Nock;*
- (c) *Thunder Bay ACW Deanery Meeting and a visit from Mrs. Nock.*

Dr. Maurice P. Wilkinson is honoured upon his retirement

Although his ministry in Parry Sound lasted only three years, the esteem and affection with which he and his wife were held by the congregation of Trinity Anglican Church, was amply demonstrated to the Rev. Dr. Maurice Wilkinson on Tuesday evening, Aug. 29, 1978.

On that evening three hundred members of the congregation and friends attended a giant barbecue on the church grounds at which Dr. Wilkinson and his wife, Islay-Ruth, were guests of honour. Following the outdoor meal, all pews of the church were occupied for a social gathering during which the Wilkinsons' contributions to Trinity, as well as the anniversary of his thirty years in the ministry, received recognition.

The program was chaired by former Rector's Warden, Ed Fisher, and a main feature was provided by the choir. During remarks by Dr. Fisher, the choir interspersed some amusing lyrics

set to music by Gilbert and Sullivan, and based on several happy and memorable incidents in the lives of Maurice and Islay.

Rector's Warden, Robert Brady, read a letter from Bishop Nock, who expressed regrets at not being able to be there, and commended them for their untiring and faithful service. He wished them many happy years to come. People's Warden, John Thompson, extended the best wishes of the congregation and heartfelt thanks for their ministry.

Bob Mansfield, Chairman of the Advisory Board, presented a glass topped case to contain a memorial book and made from oak to match the other church furnishings. An inscription on the case reads "To the glory of God in thanksgiving for the ministry of Maurice and Islay-Ruth Wilkinson."

After a holiday trip to the East coast, Maurice and Islay will continue to make their home in Parry Sound.



Courtesy of the PARRY SOUND NORTH STAR

Mr. Bob Mansfield, Chairman of the Advisory Board, is shown presenting a gift from the congregation to Islay-Ruth and Dr. Maurice Wilkinson (former Rector of Trinity Church in Parry Sound).

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Good news

Something seems to be happening to North American society that may be far more significant than past revolutions such as the "greening" of America, or the hippies, or the protest marches.

For the first time in many years, we're in a mood for good news again.

Star Wars becomes the biggest money making movie of all time. Surprise! — the good guys win. And they do it, not by some clever trick that catches their opponent off guard, but by trusting something bigger than themselves, by something that used to be called faith.

Close Encounters of the Third Kind presents alien creatures, not as a malevolent enemy to be beaten off, but as a sign of hope.

Almost all the big national magazines in Canada have now carried feature articles on marriages that last, instead of just those that break up. And on the Merv Griffin Show, Ross Hunter, the director of *Airport*, says that people are getting tired of sex, violence and pornography. According to Hunter, they're ready for love stories again.

Faith . . . hope . . . and love . . . Maybe it's true, as news-caster Lloyd Robertson writes in the *Presbyterian Record*, quoting a U.S. university president, that "the Christian experience has become acceptable again."

If our obsession with bad news is indeed waning, that in itself is good news.

RWM

Diving dollars

The Gold Medal for diving, in the competition of the Commonwealth games in Edmonton, should not have gone to a person at all. It should have gone to the Canadian dollar.

People still speak of the **Almighty Dollar**. But the dollar has proved that it is anything but almighty. So far, the American dollar has plunged through the so-called barrier of equivalence to 200 Japanese yen, and shows no signs of coming back up again. And the Canadian dollar has sunk even deeper—it seems determined to dive right through the bottom of the money pool.

The cause, according to economic experts, is an unfavourable balance of trade, which creates an unhealthy economy. Both the United States and Canada have been importing more than they export, spending more than they make. And as every family knows, you can't do that for long.

Japan, by contrast, exports more than it imports. That makes it **healthy**. Canada and the U.S. must do the same, say the experts. Their prescription ignores a simple fact—every country can't export more than it imports. For one country to have a favourable balance of trade, another must have an unfavourable balance. One country becomes **healthy** by making another unhealthy. And so it's said that the cure for the dollar will come as Japanese and West German exports price themselves out of the market, causing some of the same unemployment and reduced production in those countries that we are experiencing now.

The trouble can be simply defined: economics has never considered itself subject to a simple lesson taught 2,000 years ago, to love one's neighbor as oneself. In world economics, countries still attempt to profit at the expense of their neighbor—and in today's world, all countries are neighbors.

St. Paul wrote of Christians that all are members of the same body, and when one part is sick or festers, all parts are endangered. The same can be said of world economics.

Perhaps the clamor from the many underdeveloped countries for a New International Economic Order will ultimately bring about the realization that when one economy is unhealthy, all are unhealthy. And if one country wants a thriving economy, it must help all other economies too.

RWM

Ten rules for living

There are ten requisites for living: Health enough to make work a pleasure; wealth enough to support your needs; strength to battle with difficulties, and overcome them; grace enough to confess your sins, and forsake them; patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished; charity

enough to see some good in your neighbour; faith enough to make real the things of God; hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future; desire enough to do your best to accomplish the thing worth while; thought enough for those we can help along the way.

WHAT'S A BISHOP FOR?

My dear fellow Anglicans:

Much of what a bishop does must seem very mysterious to many people as, most of the time, he is only seen functioning at Confirmations. So I thought that I would like to share with you some reflections on a bishop's life. This was one of our concerns at the recent Lambeth Conference.

As your bishop I have been called and consecrated to serve you and my fellow clergy as the Chief Pastor in various capacities. While it is difficult to differentiate between functions there are four areas which are of major concern in my life and which account for most of my time.

The first is *Spiritual*. If I am to be your chief pastor then much of my time must be spent in prayer for you, for the clergy, for the concerns of each parish and for the Church at large: if I am to preach the Gospel and teach the Faith and draw others to Christ then time for reading, study and meditation is a vital necessity and not a luxury. It is impossible for me to feed others on the Bread of Life if I myself have not been fed. To preach the Good News, to spread the Good News and to draw others to the Good News one must know the Good News.

A second function is *Liturgical*. In theory the bishop is the rector in charge of every parish and therefore the worship of the Church in his diocese is of prime concern. Obviously he cannot be present in every parish every week to celebrate the Eucharist, baptize, marry, bury, counsel and prepare candidates for Confirmation, etc., and so he appoints parish

priests to assist him in these responsibilities. He must be abreast of the changes in Liturgical matters and be prepared to offer guidelines for the assistance of clergy and congregations. In addition to this he must exercise his office as Chief Celebrant at the Eucharist, and in such services as Confirmations, Ordinations, Dedication and Consecrations of Churches, etc. He must endeavour to foster a unity of worship within the diocese without stifling the need for diversity which characterizes all our life.

A third function is *Pastoral* and this function extends to all lay people within his diocese as well as the clergy. The bishop must be ready, able and approachable to mediate, to reconcile, to counsel, to guide and to comfort all who come to him. He must be concerned with the well-being of his clergy and their families and the stability and happiness of their relationship with the parish.

He must have a deep love for those who are sick or suffer in body, mind or soul and be open to their needs.

A fourth function is *Administrative*. Such a function involves an immense amount of correspondence, attention to legal and canonical matters, diocesan and national scale as well as responsibilities at Diocesan, Provincial and General Synods. Such administrative detail cannot be avoided but I count it the least important of my functions.

This is a brief view of a bishop's life—much more could be said. But this much I know—your love and prayers have done much to uphold, sustain and strengthen me in the life to which God has called me. May I be worthy of them.

Your friend and bishop,

Frank: Algoma

The bishop's itinerary*November*

- 25 St. James', Massey (Confirmation and Eucharist, 7 p.m.)
- 26 St. Peter's, Elliot Lake (Eucharist and Dedications, 11 a.m.)
St. Saviour's, Blind River (Confirmation & Eucharist, 7.30 p.m.)
- 30 St. Paul's, Thunder Bay (Ordination of Priests)

December

- 3 All Saints', Huntsville (Confirmation, 10 a.m.)
St. Thomas', Bracebridge (Advent Carol Service, 3 p.m.)
St. James', Gravenhurst (Confirmation & Eucharist, 7.30 p.m.)
- 4 Uffington, Muskoka (Confirmation)

ALGOMA'S DIOCESAN GAZETTE

Courtesy of the PARRY SOUND NORTH STAR

Rector now settled in Parry Sound after 14 years in North Bay

The Rev. Les Peterson, and his wife, Yvonne, sit over a coffee, in their new home, the rectory of Trinity Church in Parry Sound. The Petersons moved to Parry Sound from Christ Church, North Bay, where Fr. Paterson was Rector for 14 years before coming to Trinity Church.

And just what is a LAYMAN meant to do?

by Mrs. Anne Lovekin

Today has been designated Layman's Sunday and I would like to speak to you for a few minutes as one layman to another.

As members of the congregation or laymen, we have the opportunity to serve our Church and the community every day, in our thoughts and prayers, in our words and deeds and by our example to others.

We have no way of knowing what influence we may have on another. Have you not been influenced by someone's word or actions or simple devotion?

In order to do the simplest task, we must have the proper tools and the skills to make those tools work.

To be better laymen, we must sharpen our tools and update our skills.

Books

Libraries and book stores and church publications are bulging with material to be read and assimilated. The amount of information available to us is greater now than ever before. Are we keeping up with the information explosion?

Prayer

The second tool we should have in good working order is prayer. How and when we pray depends on the individual. We may feel no better but, unconsciously, we may begin to behave much better; we love ourselves no less but love God and our neighbour more. We begin to nourish our souls and gradually we mature spiritually.

Prayer, by definition, is the raising up of the mind and heart to God. Whatever method of prayer we decide to use, we must make very certain that it does not kill that which is personal and spontaneous.

We may improvise or borrow, for in prayer, there is no copyright. We may pray in church, on a bus, while walking down the street, wherever we choose. We may pray on our knees or sitting or standing, pray silently or by reading or speaking aloud, so long as we raise our minds and hearts to God. Hopefully, we may derive a new and lasting satisfaction from our private devotions, an awareness of God and of our fellow men.

I have neither the time or the background to delve more deeply into the subject of prayer. But for those who would like to become involved in a prayer group, I know any Rector is most anxious to participate in such a group.

Awareness

The third tool we need to know how to use is our awareness of those around us.

So often we are aware, through the media, of what is happening in other parts of the world and yet we don't realize the crisis which may be taking place in our own home or next door or down the street.

If each one of us today made a conscious effort to visit, telephone or write someone known to us, who

(Ed. Note. This month's MONDAY MORNING column is written by Mrs. Anne Lovekin, who is a parishioner of St. John's in Thunder Bay. She is an active member of the Chancel Guild and the choir of that church. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN is pleased to print her challenge to the lay people of that parish, which she delivered on Sunday, September 10, 1978, as part of a "Layman's Sunday" programme in that Church.)

may be lonely or confused or sad or in pain and try and bring a little comfort or understanding or happiness to that person or listen to what he or she wants to tell us, there is no way of measuring the effect it might have. You may come home depressed or concerned for that person but more than likely, you will be elated by something they may have said to you that helped you. It is a two way street.

By your actions, you may have given that person the feeling that they are not alone, that someone cares or is interested in their problem.

Having taken this first step—don't stop there—do it again—next day or next week.

By our actions and attitudes, we can proclaim our love of Jesus Christ. Did He not say, "If ye do it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me"?

We have many wonderful laymen in this diocese who have served faithfully for many years. They know what it is like to visit sick people in hospital or take meals to folk who are unable to prepare their own or to read to a blind person or take someone for a drive or listen on the telephone while some tormented soul pours out his troubles. To them we owe a huge debt of gratitude.

Most of us do some volunteer work so I am preaching to the converted, but if there is one person who feels he or she has nothing to offer—I am speaking to you.

Fortunately in this city of Thunder Bay there are over 70 social services available to people who are in need of special help.

Apart from the financial contributions we make through our tax dollars and personal gifts which support these services, they depend heavily on volunteers. For those of us who are able to serve, we must seize this opportunity to become involved in the service of our choice.

One of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had was last March when our Church hosted the Happy Handicaps' Party.

It was a very bad night for driving but in spite of the weather, everyone turned out to assist and entertain those wonderful people. Even the young musicians were caught up with the enthusiasm of their audience and they played and sang louder and longer than they intended.

There are so many things right under our hand we can do to help change our world, all we have to do is reach out and touch someone.

Right here in church this morning, I'll venture to say there is someone you have seen Sunday after Sunday and yet you have never held out your hand to that person and said your name or asked them for theirs. Every month the Young Church Women or perhaps other groups in the church have a coffee hour, at which time you have the opportunity to speak to a new member. Do you take advantage of this opportunity to make someone feel welcome? I know—it is hard to find just the right words—but a warm smile and a handshake may be all that is needed to trigger a response from a new friend. After all, everyone was a stranger to us once. There are so many ways we can serve in the church. Some prefer to be very quiet and unassuming. They go about their duties unheralded and unsung.

I know of one who requested her name be deleted from the bulletin whenever she was on duty.

For those of us who rush in where angels fear to tread, there are many opportunities for on the job training and rapid advancement. Take me, for example. In July, I was asked to read the Epistle. In August I helped sing in the choir, and here it is September and I am trying to tell you how to become better laymen.

Fear not—I have no aspirations of becoming St. John's first woman Priest. But surely to goodness, after going to church for a lifetime—we must have something to offer.

Bible study

The fourth tool we need to sharpen is our Bible Study. Just before Christmas last year, a small group of interested people in the parish started to meet on a regular basis.

It was a revelation to me how really little we know about the Bible. Of course theologians have been studying the Bible for centuries and there are still many conflicting opinions.

We don't aspire to becoming instant experts on the Bible but the exciting thing is the way we have slowly and gradually opened up our minds and hearts, through reading together. We hope we will be better Christians because of our efforts to learn about the Bible and the teachings of Christ. We are doing this for our own edification. Perhaps someone here would like to join us. There are no fees, no election of officers, no executive meetings, just come and read with us and listen to the discussion and by all means, join in if you wish. Try it! You'll like it! Come to-morrow night at 7.30 p.m. in the parish house.

Shall we get our our tools of laymanship and have a good look at them as we begin our fall and winter term. Update our reading, polish up our prayers, be aware of those around us, seize the opportunity to serve the church and the community, change our attitudes, be a good sounding board, be a

good listener, join a small group for our own benefit.

In closing, I would like to read to you today's Epistle in part, commencing at the 14th verse of the 3rd chapter of Ephesians. "With this in mind then, I kneel in prayer to the Father from whom every family in heaven and earth takes its name, that out of the treasures of his glory he may grant you strength and power through his Spirit in your inner being, that through faith, Christ may dwell in your hearts in love. With deep roots and firm foundations, may you be strong to grasp,

with all God's people, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ, and to know it, though it is beyond knowledge. So may you attain the fulness of being, the fulness which God requires."

And reading on, but a few verses in Chapter 4:

"I entreat you, then: as God has called you, live up to your calling. Be humble always and gentle and patient too. Be forbearing with one another and charitable." And verse 7, "(But) each of us has been given his gift, his due portion of Christ's bounty."

WALK WITH ME:

Man's search

by Marjie Smith

... and they went forth and multiplied as God had commanded them,

and there came a time when they remembered no more... Their spirits were restless and they made a god of boulders, and they worshipped the monolith and made feasts to it. But their God was impersonal, so they carved a face and gave it attributes... and its kingdom was divided. It shared it with other gods and goddesses, as man made gods more and more like himself, rather than striving to make himself more and more like God.

The people weren't satisfied and so their gods weren't either. Men built them elaborate temples and gave them prostitutes. They gave the best of their harvests; they held orgies in their honor; Men competed for the favors of the temple priestesses, While women fed their screaming firstborn as sacrifices to the gods. Their hearts and memories were seared with the horror of their lives... but their gods were never satisfied and neither were their souls.

Yet they killed the prophets because truth was a pain they could not endure. They became captives and crumbled under the weight of oppression and meaningless existence... and they remembered then. And they cried out against the God who had created them. And He heard their cries. He dispensed with blood and offerings and implacable rules that controlled the body but didn't touch the heart. He gave them His son to teach them, to be as them. He lived like them and suffered their pain, Then he died to lift the burdens from them.

And He died at their hands as the prophets had. He gave them a church, as their spiritual home. He gave them His name and He gave them His very spirit to live in them and live through them. And the church grew as fire grows. The light destroyed the darkness by its very intensity, And with its truth it dispelled the empty cravings of the heart. Then there came a time when they began to forget. They made Christianity a law, and they created wars with it. They pillaged, destroyed, and committed genocide in its name. They forgot that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, Slave nor free, male nor female, And they tried to create a Christian religion by man's power.

Still, the light could not be stifled and it spread through the centuries to cast hope into the face of darkness. Gothic structures leapt up, striving to leave the ugly plateau of man and touch the purity of God. Then came the scientific age, and man put himself into the hands of the experts. They told him who he was, where he came from, what he was made of and what to feed himself. But the experts disagreed and man became confused. He sought a God, but they wouldn't let him have one. Ancient religion had proved its worthlessness, Christianity was not based enough on concrete evidence to satisfy the computers and grave diggers crusaded that man's existence was a mere accident. The real God of the universes was the mind. It could account for everything. It could become the master of truth.

But no one could explain why evil existed or why good existed... and why the spirit craved for truth. Then some remembered again.

And they built churches of Lego and put in inflatable pews. They ran programs and they air-conditioned Christianity. They were directed by the experts who crawled through the pages of the Bible like earthworms, filling it full of man-made pits and leaving behind piles of waste. They presented this porous truth to the people and claimed that they could now unite the heart and mind. And they did. They corrupted the mind and debased it to the level of the heart.

... and the people's spirits were restless and they made a god of boulders, and they worshipped the monolith and called it self. They made feasts to it and could not satiate the hungry ego. But their God was limiting so they carved a face and gave it attributes, and its kingdom was divided. It shared it with other gods as man made gods more and more to his liking... and he called them materialism, intellectualism, emotionalism, racism, and they all amounted to diversionism. Man was not satisfied and neither were his gods. Men built their lives to the gods as temples. They gave them the best of their time and earnings. They made orgies out of their lives in their honor. Men and women competed for their favors and they sacrificed their children and their homes and their whole nations to the gods. but their gods were never satisfied and neither were their souls.

Ugandan priest visits Algoma and North Bay parish

"The Church is not limited in any way by geography"

by Linda Wilkins-Vollrath

"To look beyond our own needs—to be identified with those who are in need—is missionary work," and, according to the Rev. Erasmus Bitarabehi, every member of "the Great Church which is not limited by geography" can be a missionary wherever he happens to be.

"The Christian life is a demanding life," said Father Erasmus as he is affectionately called, during a recent visit to St. Brice's Church in North Bay.

Just how demanding that life can be, this priest and his wife, Petwa, know full well, for prior to this his second trip to Canada for study, Erasmus was personal secretary to the late martyred Anglican Archbishop Janani Luwum of Uganda.

Prior to that, as priest, in his own parish at Kampala, he was also "refugee secretary" and as such was "the judge, the commissioner, the educationist, the welfare officer" for many families who had lost their men folk violently during Idi Amin's scourges.

Because of this, Father Erasmus maintains that it is "impossible to separate the Church from politics—politics is life and the Church must be the organ to speak up for human rights."

The Western world often cannot understand this, he remarked, yet "if your neighbor were shot and his family came to you for help, you, even as a Christian, would prevail upon the proper government authorities to come to their aid."

We do not cherish our freedoms enough, he said, noting that "when you march and chant slogans on Parliament Hill, you do so in safety and may return unharmed to your comfortable homes, but in much of the Third World, if one chooses to march, he knows he must be prepared to sacrifice his life."

Father Erasmus has spent the past two years studying at McGill University in Montreal. Petwa has taken the opportunity to pursue a secretarial sciences course there although she is a teacher in her own country.

Like any woman, she groans with the memory of travelling from Uganda to London and then to Montreal alone with three children under five years of age. She followed her husband to Canada. The couple's daughter, Patricia, is going on seven; the eldest son, Byenkwaso is nearing six and little Byengoma is now almost three.

It is not without some trepidation that Father Erasmus will soon return to Africa. This time he will be sent by the African Council of Churches, which is under the blanket of the World Council of Churches, to Zambia where he will train church, youth and refugee leaders in community development. His duties will cover several African countries including Uganda. He cannot return to his former positions for obvious reasons.

With emotion, Father Erasmus spoke of Bishop Benoni Ogwal who was a visitor to North Bay earlier

this year. It seems that what Bishop Ogwal describes lightly to Westerners as the "hill country" through which he escaped Amin's troops, is really a "very dense and treacherous terrain through the heart of the jungle."

Father Erasmus' eyes grow misty as he speaks of Archbishop Luwum. "I knew him well—he was such a loving and caring man and so courageous—he stood up for the rights of the people."

Although 75 per cent of the Ugandan population is Christian and only four to six per cent Muslim, Amin rules because of the support he receives from the oil-rich countries of Saudi Arabia and Libya. They pay well for Uganda's agricultural products, so well in fact that trade with the Western countries is now non-existent. The money is used to buy armaments for Amin's regime and as well, he is backed by the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization).

In spite of, or perhaps because of the recent persecutions, the Christian Church in Uganda is growing and the two denominations, Roman Catholic and Anglican, "work together as one," noted Father Erasmus. "They may kill the priests, the bishops, the archbishops; they may tear down buildings, but they cannot destroy the Church" he says with conviction.

Both Erasmus and his wife, on considering the Church in Canada, ask that we not "become amazed at the troubles in Uganda," but rather that we become "more aware of the freedom and life you have." They implore us to "be identified while you have the opportunity."

Our practice of putting our old people away in homes particularly concerns the Bitarabehis. "In our country, grown up children have an obligation to look after their parents in their old age."

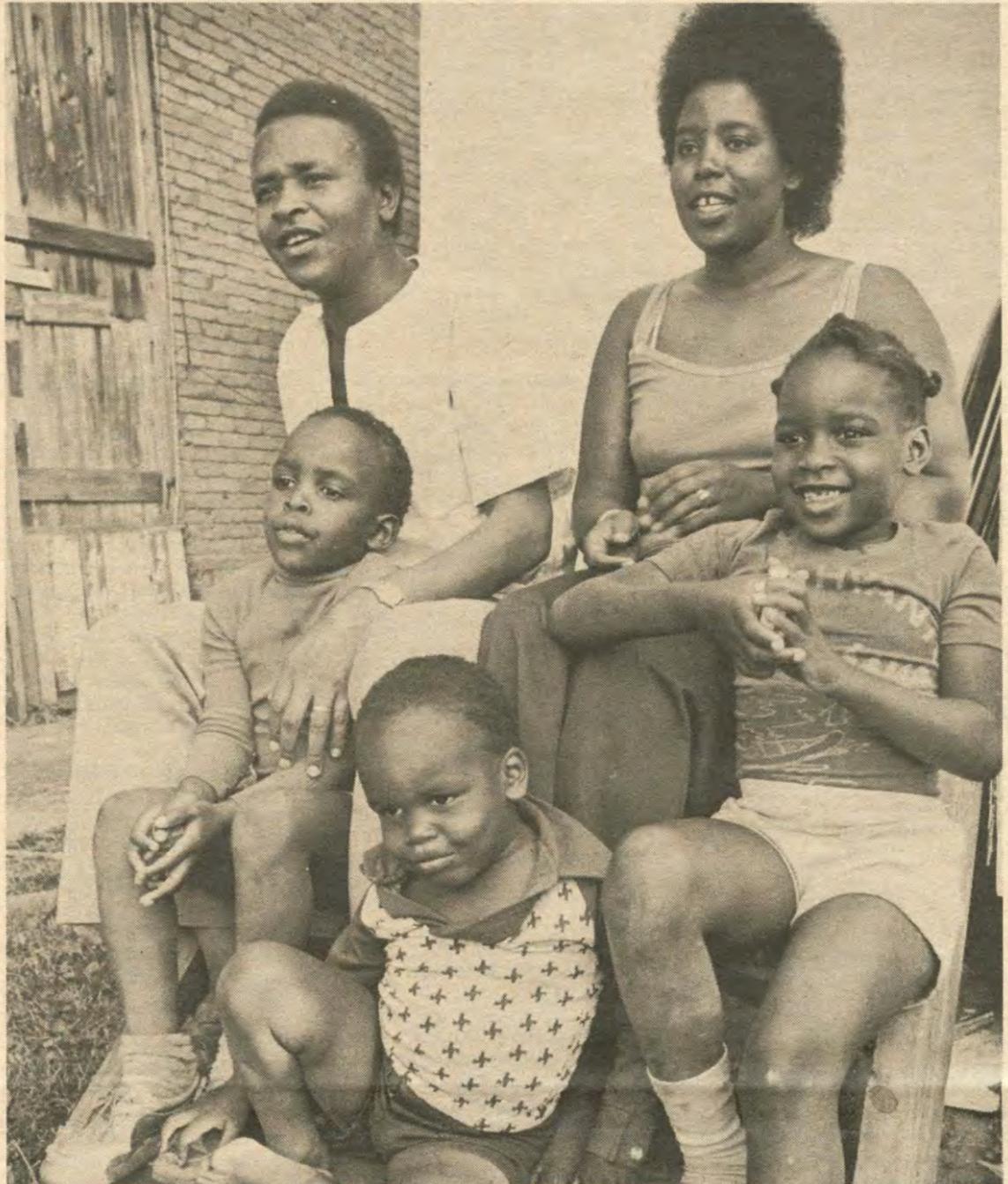
Erasmus' own grandmother died in the home of his father (her eldest son) as Erasmus' little sister held her to keep her warm. She died "peacefully, still mouthing the words 'God bless you all'."

Similarly Petwa's grandmother died at her home at the age of 102. "She was like a baby—we did everything for her, just as she did everything for her own babies when she was young."

The tendency of our youth to take educational opportunities for granted also concerns them. "When you walk five miles to school barefoot for six years" to get an education, it is precious, said Father Erasmus.

While expressing his Church's gratitude to the Christians of the Western World who support the work of the Church with money, Father Erasmus remarked that we cannot rest on that achievement—although we naturally are concerned and must pray for the Ugandan situation, we must "take up the mission in your own lives," showing more kindness to neighbors in trouble and helping where we can, right here.

The Rev. Erasmus Bitara-



Courtesy of the NORTH BAY NUGGET

The Rev. Erasmus Bitarabehi, a Ugandan priest on study leave in Canada, his wife, Petwa, and their children, Byenkwaso, 5, at left, Byengoma, 2, and Patricia, 6, were the guests of the parishioners of Christ Church in North Bay, during July of this past summer.

beho continued at Christ Church Anglican for the rest of July before departing with his family for Zambia.

His words may tend to make our "comfortable pews" a little less comfortable and our Christian freedoms seem

a great deal more precious. In this way, Father Erasmus is serving the Church while in Canada.

St. James', Goulais River

Centennial year for community

by Ruth McDonald

1978 has been the Centennial Year for Goulais River. As a centennial project, the congregation of St. James' Church planned the insulation and panelling of the building.

The contract was drawn up, and work on the building began in early February. Brian Elliott accepted and skilfully completed this project. As an additional item, the Ladies' Group of St. James' undertook to carpet the Church.

In May, the Church was ready for services. During

the winter, combined services were held in the United Church.

Bishop Frank Nock was present on Sunday, June 11, to dedicate the remodelled building, and celebrated at a Holy Eucharist at that time. Now year round services will be held; previously winter weather left the Church in an unsuitable condition for worship services.

Archbishop Wright visited the parish on Sunday, August 6. As he joined with the worshippers, he expressed his appreciation and happiness with the efforts which

had been put forth to improve the building.

THANKSGIVING this year has had a three-fold meaning for the parish of St. James'. First, thanksgiving is offered to God for a bountiful harvest as was displayed in the decoration of the Church. Second, thanksgiving is offered for being able without financial help, to have the Church suitable for year-round services. Third, thanksgiving is offered that the parish of St. James' has left in the community a contribution to Centennial Year in Goulais River.

Son of Englehart rector

Wedding of interest to Algoma

St. Matthew's Church, Oshawa, was the setting for the marriage of Susan Elaine Jackson of Oshawa, to David Andrew Chabot, on May 6, 1978.

The father of the groom,

the Rev. Canon Arthur L. Chabot, of Englehart, officiated at the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. R. A. Sharp, Rector of the parish.

The bride and groom are

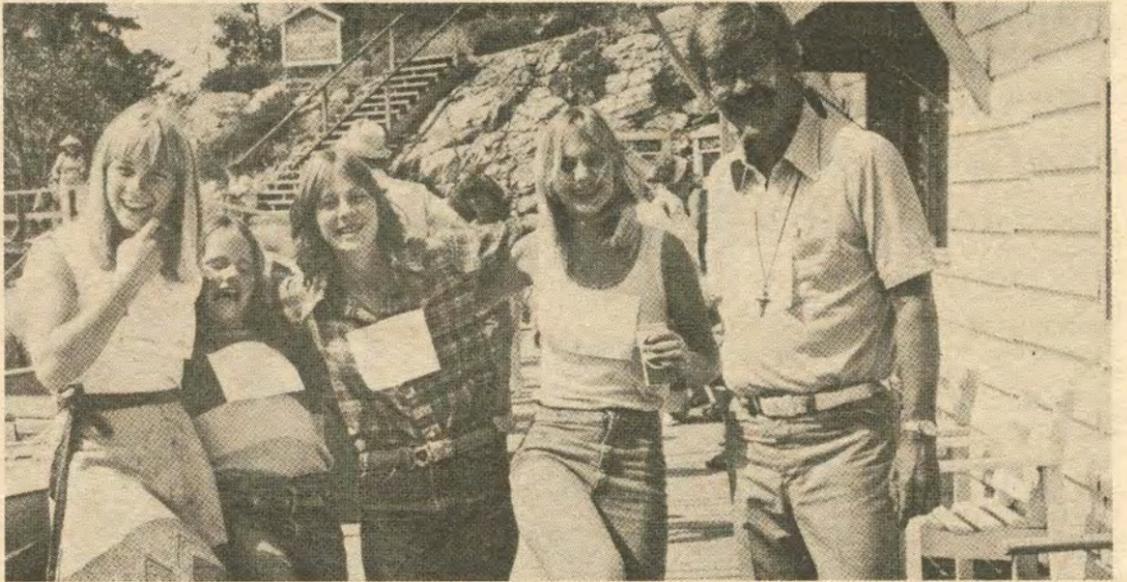
graduates of the Toronto Institute of Medical Technology in laboratory technology. They will reside in Barrie, where the groom is a registered technologist at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S COMMUNITY CHURCH



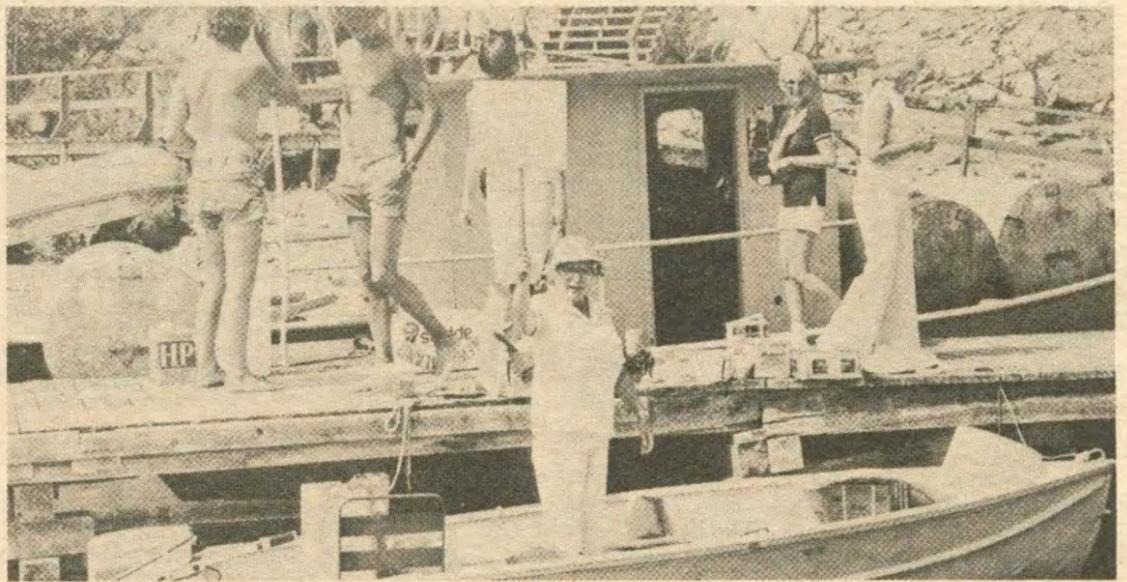
Courtesy of the McGregor Bay Shoal

Mrs. Pauline Grothier, Rector's Warden of St. Christopher's, displays her trophy for selling the most at the "Your boat is your booth" Sale.



Courtesy of the McGregor Bay Shoal

Not only articles were sold, but these four mini-maids offered to clean cottages for \$25 an afternoon, while Mr. Robert Cantwell, from Chicago, offered to go to the islands of St. Christopher's parishioners, to read poetry for a fee.



Courtesy of the McGregor Bay Shoal

The boat was truly the booth as members of the parish of St. Christopher's, McGregor Bay, sold their unwanted articles, raising some \$300 for the Church funds.

"Your boat is your booth" — a very successful parish venture

Summer is long over, but parishioners of St. Christopher's in McGregor Bay will long remember an unusual sale held this past summer in connection with their Annual St. Christopher's Benefit Luncheon.

"Your boat is your booth" was the theme for this sale, and parishioners, who all live on their own islands (St. Christopher's itself is on an island), cleaned out the trash on their islands which might

just be "someone else's treasure". They then filled up their boats, came to Church for the 11 a.m. service, returned to their boats for the sale after church, and then went up to the rectory for refreshments.

Mrs. Pauline Grothier, Rector's Warden, was awarded a special prize for being the best salesperson, a bowling ball complete with stand. Mrs. Wilma Starke, organizer of the sale and presenter

of the award, said it was Pauline's duty to pass the award on next year.

This sale raised well over \$300 for St. Christopher's Church, and the Annual Benefit saw the increase of the bank account by some \$1,200.

The sale attracted many Bayites. A small rowboat went for \$25 and a 5½ horsepower motor went for \$20. Perhaps the fastest articles to go were loaves of home-

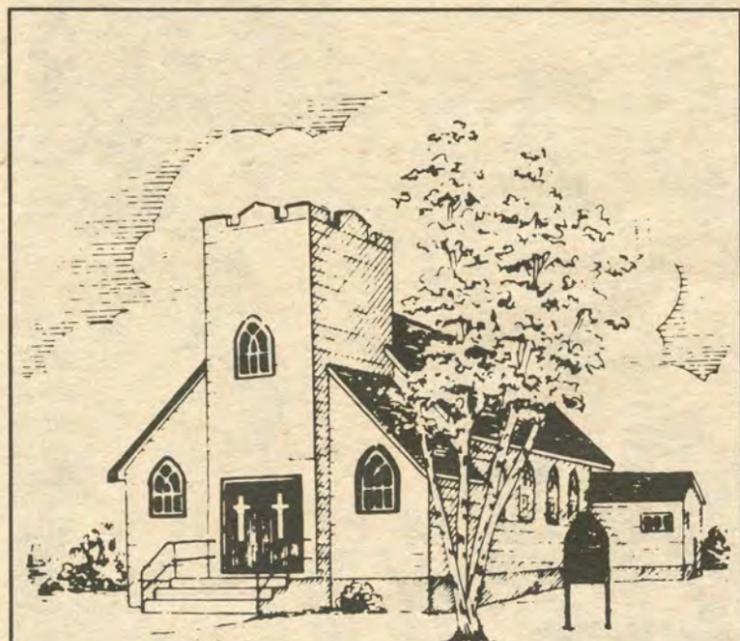
made bread, donated by the Linders of Camp Hiawatha.

However, not only articles went on sale. Four girls, calling themselves 'mini-maids', offered to do clean-up and odd jobs around cottages for \$25 an afternoon. Mr. Bob Cantwell, for \$10 per 45 minutes, offered to come to parishioners' cottages and read poetry.

Appetites were satisfied at the rectory by the many delicacies prepared by the won-

derful cooks of McGregor Bay, well-known for its gourmet and culinary-skilled ladies! Mrs. Aggie Agnew and Mrs. Doris Porter organized this part of the day.

Mr. Frank Mason, Student Minister, said that he was very pleased with the day, and thought that the sale could become an annual event in conjunction with the Annual St. Christopher's Benefit.



ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH THUNDER BAY

For a complete pictorial report of this parish's 50th anniversary, see next month's issue.



Courtesy of the Manitoulin Expositor

Manitowaning's "Grandma's Attic"

Auctions and sales seem to be the order of the day in this issue of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN. Here people are busy inspecting the wares at a "Grandma's Attic" sale at St. Paul's, Manitowaning, this past summer.

INDUCTION

Fr. Bill Ellam becomes this parish's rector

The Rev. William Ellam was inducted as Rector of Christ Church, North Bay, on Sunday evening, October 1. The Ven. D. A. P. Smith, Archdeacon of Temiskaming, officiated at the Induction Service.

Fr. Ellam, 47, comes to Christ Church, from Thunder Bay where he was the Rector of St. Luke's Church for the past five years. He replaces the Rev. Les Peterson, who moved to Parry Sound this summer to become Rector of Trinity Church there.

A native of Toronto, Fr. Ellam spent three years as an office worker, and three years at a printing business following high school. It was then that he decided to become a priest. "I guess I always wanted to go back to school," he said. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario's Huron College in 1961.

His first charge—Garson, Falconbridge, and New Sudbury—lasted 14 years. He then went to St. Luke's in Thunder Bay.

Fr. Ellam's major interests are boating, music and gardening. Regarding boating, he has a large boat named "Lazarus", which was built in 1910, and which he rebuilt in 1968. (Please see the attached poem.)

He likes all types of music and plays the organ and the piano, and he finds great joy in the "old type of church music". As for his interest in gardening, Fr. Ellam has already put up a greenhouse in his back garden at the Rectory in North Bay.

Fr. Ellam and his wife, Vivian, have six children, five of whom are still at home.

(Ed. Note. As most ALGOMA ANGLICAN readers will know by now, Fr. Bill Ellam,



Courtesy of the NORTH BAY NUGGET

Attending Fr. Ellam's induction as Rector of Christ Church in North Bay were, from left, the Rev. Canon Arthur Chabot (Englehart), the Rev. B. Rod Brazill (New Liskeard), the Rev. Noel Goater (St. John's, North Bay), Fr. Ellam, the Rev. Ken Blaber (St. John's, North Bay), the Ven. D. A. P. Smith (St. Brice's, North Bay), and the Rev. Dalton Woodward (Powassan).

formerly Rector of St. Luke's in Thunder Bay, and now Rector of Christ Church in North Bay, owns a rather large boat, called "Lazarus". On September 8, three parishioners of Christ Church—Mr. Bob Franklin, Mr. Dave Bowman, and Eric Magill—left North Bay for Thunder Bay, as a safari to bring "Lazarus" to the southern part of the Diocese. This poem by Karen Bowman of Christ Church tells the story!

"Getting Lazarus"

There once were three fellows from North Bay
Who cheerfully set off the north way
A boat there to find
And tow back behind
Those three happy fellows from North Bay.

They travelled all night
To time it just right
And went to the home of the parson
Then on to the boat which still was afloat
Bill got it when he was in Garson.

The man with the crane
Said the trip was in vain
The boat was too big and too heavy
So they searched round the town
Another trailer was found
To hold it and pull with the Chevy.

Then off they did set
Oh they'll make it yet;
But, alas, still the boat was too heavy,
And back they did turn,
And the air it did burn,
The air and the boat both were "heavy".

Father Bill was amazed
Poor man was so dazed,
When he saw them turn up with his Lazarus,
They had to give in
And felt it a sin
But towing the boat was too hazardous.

So back they did come
And the car she did hum,
Just pulling the trailer to North Bay,
And home they did stay,
After two nights away,
Those three tired fellows from North Bay.
Karen Bowman
Christ Church,
North Bay.

FROM THE BISHOP'S ALBUM

A visit to St. Brice's in North Bay

fifteen people confirmed



Courtesy of the NORTH BAY NUGGET

Bishop Nock confirmed 15 candidates at St. Brice's in North Bay, during his episcopal visit to that parish. FRONT row, from left, Debbie Money, Kathy Hynes, Myra Randa, Bishop Nock, Archdeacon David Smith (Rector), and Bonnie Simmons. Back row, from left, Bill Newhook, Greg Money, Russell Davids, Fred Farmer, Keven Coles, Beverly Coles, Ti Randa (Server), Simon Evans, Janice Phillips, Ken Rice, Bruce Savage, and Stewart Newhook.

Annual ACW dinner

The annual pot luck supper of Christ Church A.C.W., Englehart, was held Monday, June 19, in Darlington hall.

Prior to the meal and while the ladies were gathering punch was served and a social time enjoyed.

With a colourful floral table centre of garden flowers flanked by lighted tapers, a bountiful meal with a variety of dishes to choose from was served buffet style to all present.

Following the supper Even-song was held in the church. Margaret Ham read the first lesson and June McGuiness read the second lesson. The psalm was read by Debbie Lett.

During the service Barbara Ham and Darlene Williams sang their Girls' Auxiliary festival songs.

Janet Saunders, St. Faith's Charlton, gave a report of their many and varied activities. Margaret Butler gave a report for Christ Church, Englehart, and presented a cheque to the treasurer of the church.

Doreen Stark presented a gift to Canon and Dorothy Chabot in appreciation for their services in the past year.

The evening was enjoyed by all and it was hoped that more gatherings such as this will take place.

All joined singing in the service the two hymns: "Behold Us Lord A Little Space From Daily Task Set Us Free" and "We Find Thee Lord in Others Need".

The ladies returned to Darlington Hall to continue their social gathering.

Parish participates in town's "Summer Carnival"

Although it is many months past now, the parishioners of Christ Church, Englehart, look back on June, 1978, as a very busy month for them.

The first Saturday in June was the occasion for an Auction Sale. Various items, large and small, antique and new, were collected as parishioners sorted out their basement and attics. The auctioneer, with the co-operation of the weather and able assistance of the buyers and customers, made it a huge success.

Englehart celebrated its 75th Anniversary by staging a *Summer Carnival* on June 24, 1978. The parishioners of Christ Church assisted in this venture by providing the "Caboose Cafe". The theme was "The Railroad". The menu included such items as "Brakeman's Lunch", "Caboose Special", "C.P.R. Lunch", "Charlton Flyer", "O.N.R. Special", "Engineer's Cold Plate", and "Dispatcher's Break".

It was a huge undertaking, but everyone worked together so well, and made it a success.

Bishop visits Manitoulin

On his return from a meeting of the Ontario bishops at Southampton, the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, paid a visit to St. John's, South Baymouth (Manitoulin Island). On the Saturday evening, the members of the parish provided a very fine buffet dinner at

the Community Hall, where they had the opportunity of meeting or renewing acquaintances with the Bishop.

The Church service followed at 7:30 p.m., when Bishop Nock celebrated the Holy Eucharist, assisted by the Rev. Jerry Smith, Incumbent of the parish.



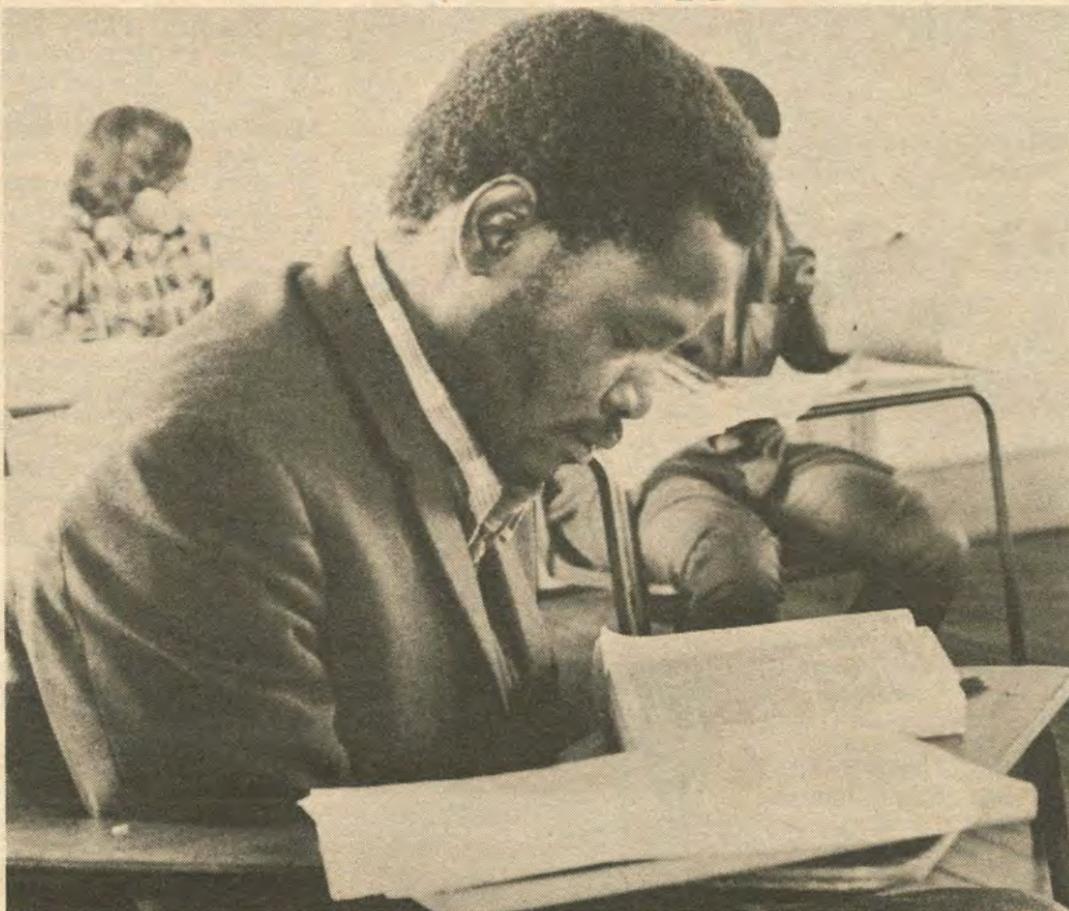
Courtesy of Mr. Clifford Abotossaway

Last duty as chaplain

Prior to his retirement as Rector of Holy Trinity in Little Current, Canon Dixon was honoured by the Branch 177, Royal Canadian Legion. Shown before the Jubilee Portrait of Her Majesty, the Queen, and the Duke of Edinburgh, Canon Dixon receives a Life Membership in Branch 177, from Boyne Heise, Legion Secretary, and Burt Bussieres, Legion President. Canon Dixon unveiled the Jubilee Portrait as his last official function as Chaplain of Branch 177.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH

Give to Anglican Appeal '78



A student of St. Bede's College, Umtata, South Africa. From this year's Appeal \$240,000 is allocated for the church overseas. Theological education and other forms of clergy and lay training are priority items for Appeal funds.



The Reverend Harold Munn of Christ Church Cathedral, Whitehorse, Diocese of the Yukon, conducted a service at Carcross for a vacationing priest. 'The small communities of the north provide an opportunity for the clergyman to be involved in every aspect of community life,' Harold Munn says. 'Knowing every member of the community by name allows the clergyman to have a role in the community—to minister to the community, not just to church members.'



'Pipeline who needs it.' These words painted on a vacant building in Dawson City, Yukon, expresses the feelings of many northerners. Across Canada's north development often brings massive community problems: inflated prices, an influx of transient workers, disruption of community life . . . and few permanent jobs. Unresolved native lands claims and racial tensions increase the difficulties. In such communities the ministry of the Church in the North is of crucial importance.

News from around the diocese of Algoma . . .



The Rev. Clive Griffith

The Rev. and Mrs. Clive Griffith, who spent the last few years in the Sudbury area, have now returned to Trinidad and Tobago. Their new address, as of October 1, 1978, is as follows: The Anglican Parish of St. Clement's, with St. Barnabas', St. Madelene, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies. . . . The parish of Holy Trinity in Sault Ste. Marie honoured their Rector and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. W. Stadnyk, with a 25th Anniversary Surprise Party. They were given a gift of a visit to Disney World; they left on October 8. The Stadnyks reported that they were deeply moved by the presence and participation of so many of their friends in arranging this party. . . . The Church of the Resurrection in Sudbury held a Mini-Flea Market at the New Sudbury Shopping Centre on September 14-15. . . . St. Paul's teenagers (in Thunder Bay) held their Annual Hay-Ride on September 30, at Slate River. . . . Jane Desourdie has taken over the duties of Secretary at St. Brice's Church in North Bay, replacing Betty Burke, who has retired after four years as secretary to the Rector, the Ven. D. A. P. Smith. . . . The Thunder Bay Diocesan ACW held its Fall Deanery Meeting at St. Stephen's Church on Monday, October 2, at 7.30 p.m., when the special speaker was Mrs. Beth Nock, the First Lady of the Diocese. She reported on her involvement in the Lambeth Conference this past summer. . . . The Ven. C. Peto celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on September 25. On that day he received a call from his old friend, Archbishop Wright, and friends visited throughout the day. A small surprise party in the evening made the occasion a day to remember. Later in the week, Archdeacon Peto spent a happy day at the SSJE mis-



The Ven. C. Peto

sion house in Bracebridge, where he was ordained 40 years ago. . . . Holy Trinity Church in Sault Ste. Marie held a one-day retreat for its church members at the House of Prayer (Mt. St. Joseph College) on September 21. It began at 9 a.m. and ended at 4 p.m. . . . Mr. John Futhey has taken over as Organist and Senior Choir Leader at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Thunder Bay. . . . The Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury held a Shortened Mattins at 10:30 on October 29, so that discussion groups could follow in the parish hall. This was an experiment suggested by the Outreach Committee and Christian Education Committee. . . . Since Mr. Terry Cue of St. Brice's Church in North Bay moved to New Brunswick, the office



Mr. Bob Black

of Rector's Warden has fallen back on the reliable shoulders of Mr. Bob Black, who will carry these responsibilities until the end of the year. . . . Holy Trinity Church in the Sault has instituted an opportunity at some of their 11 a.m. Eucharists for those who desire to do so to be prayed for and to receive the laying on of hands. . . . St. John's, Copper Cliff, is conducting a Music and Worship Questionnaire, whereby the officials hope to discover some of the preferences, complaints and wishes of the parishioners. . . . Sunday, September 24, was "Round Up" Sunday for St. John's in Thunder Bay, when summer vacationers and "strays" were welcomed back. The Covenant Players were present to provide new inspiration, and to challenge them to a better understanding of the faith through the medium of drama. . . . The Annual Algoma Deanery ACW Meeting was held at Elliot Lake on October 14, when the theme was "Harvest". . . . The Rev. Robert Kelsey, a Deacon-in-Charge of West Thunder Bay, was the guest speaker at St. John's in Thunder Bay on September 17, for their "Harvest Service". . . . The Ven. D. A. P. Smith was the guest speaker at St. John's, New Liskeard, for the 85th Anniversary service in that parish. . . . The next Men's Cursillo will be held at the Centre for Christian Living on Albert Street in the Sault from Nov. 30 to Dec. 3. The next Ladies' Cursillo will be January 11-14, 1979. Contact the Rev. William Stadnyk, or the Rev. Ken Ostler, of Holy Trinity Church in the Sault for information. . . . The Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury has new janitorial people in the person of Mr. and Mrs. England, who are

carrying out the duties done formerly by Mr. and Mrs. Erickson's Janitorial Service. . . . The Rev. Robert Kelsey was the guest preacher at the Harvest service at Holy Trinity Church in Sault Ste. Marie, on September 24. . . . On Sept. 12, the members of the three women's groups at St. Brice's, North Bay—the ACW, the Parish Guild, and the Altar Guild—came together for the "Second Annual Pot Luck Fall Supper". They followed this with a film on the Church in the Sudan, where the Rev. Ross Kreager is now serving as a missionary/teacher. . . . The Ven. E. Roy Haddon, Rector

of St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay, completed 25 years as the Incumbent of that parish as of Nov. 5, 1978. . . . Christ Church, Lively, held its Annual Church Dance on Saturday, October 14, at the Royal Canadian Legion. . . . The Rev. Michael McCarthy, Assistant Curate of St. Paul's in Thunder Bay, preached at St. Luke's Cathedral on Sunday, September 24, at the Cathedral's Harvest Festival service. . . . Mr. George Favell is now playing the piano at the Sunday evening services of St. Paul's in Thunder Bay, replacing Janice Neelands, who has left for university in Ottawa. . . .

The Rev. Robert Flowers, Rector of Christ Church in Lively, is now conducting an Evening Prayer Service at that church on the third Sunday of the month. The continuation of such a practice will be determined by the response. . . . Mrs. Jean Nisbet has been the Church Secretary of the parish of St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay for the last 20 years. She has recently resigned in order to undertake a full-time position. The congregation was indeed sorry to hear of this as she has been a real tower of strength both to the Rector of that parish and the congregation.

OBITUARY:

Mr. Charles Sandford Raymond dies at age 90 in Parry Sound

Mr. Charles Sandford Raymond died at the age of 90 on September 28, in Parry Sound General Hospital.

Mr. Raymond was born in Nova Scotia, but in 1918 he arrived in the village of Rosseau, Ontario, to take up the duties of telegraphist for Canadian National Telegraph.

After the phasing out of the telegraph service, he remained in Rosseau, and in 1926 was appointed Clerk-Treasurer of the village, and

remained in this capacity until his retirement in 1975. He became widely known and respected in municipal affairs throughout the districts of Parry Sound and Muskoka and beyond.

He was a member of the Church of the Redeemer, Rosseau, and in 1927, during the incumbency of the late Rev. Canon W. A. Hankinson, he was invited to assist with the services of worship. It was on July 16, 1928, that he was awarded by Bishop Rox-

borough Smith the first of many Lay Reader Licences.

An unfortunate accident cost him the use of one eye; yet, he continued his duties as Lay Reader, until the loss of all sight forced him to retire in 1977.

A sometime lay delegate to Synod, a Sunday School Superintendent and Vestry Clerk, the appellation "faithful servant" fits Mr. Raymond naturally and easily, as will the evaluation, "well done".



Courtesy of the HERALD-GAZETTE

The ALGOMA ANGLICAN offers congratulations to Mrs. James Bromley, of Bracebridge, who celebrated her 90th birthday on September 11, 1978. The ACW of St. Thomas' parish held a party at which Mrs. Bromley was the guest of honour. Many friends of her church and the community offered their best wishes at that time. During the afternoon, one of the gifts was a shawl made by members of the Girls' Auxiliary of St. Thomas. She has resided in Bracebridge since 1941, and is now a resident of The Pines.

Celebration of ninetieth birthday

Mrs. James Bromley, formerly, Lucy Dorothy Coster, who celebrated her birthday on Sept. 11, has lived a number of places in Canada. She was the second eldest of seven children of James Arthur Coster, and his wife, Mary Jane (Smith) of St. John, New Brunswick.

She taught music for some time, and then went to Toronto where she trained in nursing at St. John's Hospi-

tal, operated by the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine.

In her nursing work, she went to Regina, then to Estevan, Saskatchewan, where she met Dr. James Edwin Bromley, a widower with two children. They were married April 2, 1923, and had one son, James Arthur Coster Bromley, born in 1924.

After leaving Estevan, they lived in Toronto and

Brampton before moving to Bracebridge, where Dr. Bromley opened a medical practice in 1941. He died in 1963.

Mrs. Bromley has one brother, the Ven. A. S. Coster, a retired Archdeacon of Fredericton, New Brunswick, and two sisters—one in Fredericton, and one in Toronto. A step-son, Jack, also lives in Toronto. She has one grandson, Peter, born October 25, 1955.