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All Saints' Anglican Church Celebrating 70th Anniversary

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All Saints' Anglican Church in Burks Falls is marking its 70th anniversary at the Queen St. location this year. Its red brick facade is a familiar sight to local residents in the village, where the first Anglican Church was built in 1882.

Burks Falls congregation proud of its long history

All Saints Anglican Church in Burks Falls is 70 years old this week and along with the special ceremonies held by the congregation to mark the occasion, it's an appropriate time to remember the history of the landmark.

The gentle red brick edifice that stands at the corner of Queen and Ontario Sts. is actually the third Anglican Church built in Burks Falls since the congregation was established in 1882.

The first All Saints' Church was opened in August of that year by its founder, Rev. William Crompton, who established more than a dozen Anglican Churches during his stay in Canada.

In his report to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (SPG), Fr. Crompton wrote, "it has been my privilege during the last quarter to open for Divine Service the sixteenth building which God has enabled me to plant.

"Burks Falls was an unknown spot six years ago, and was, only two years since, on the verge of civilization; now it is a rising village containing about a dozen houses, and is the centre to a well-settled district of country.

"The site of the church (near the existing water tower) is a beautiful one and was specially chosen by Bishop Fauquier during the only visit he paid to this out-post of his diocese."

Father Crompton described the first All Saints' Anglican Church as having a most "church-like" appearance, although it was fashioned of rough wood, with a plane being used only for the window frames and doors.

"The appeals I have made in England furnished me with the means to purchase the site and to raise the building," he wrote. "The church is entirely free of debt, as I will not officiate in one in my district so long as there may be any debt upon it."

However, in 1884, two years after the first church was opened by Burks Falls villagers, most of whom at that time were members of the church, it was destroyed by fire.

In the three years of Rev. W.B. Magnan's term in Burks Falls from 1884 to 1887, the second Anglican Church was erected on the site of the first.

Interesting link

Burks Falls resident T.B. Higginson noted in his historical notes on district Anglican Churches that an interesting link with All Saint's Church in Huntsville is that Fr. Magnan was married there Dec. 29, 1884, to Lizzy Llwyd, daughter of Rev. Thomas Llwyd, first rector of Huntsville.

Rev. Francis Jephcott, a medical doctor and a clergyman, served in Gladstone, Man. before coming to Burks Falls in 1887. Reporting to the SPG, he wrote, "You have no idea what this country is like, only here and there

a few acres chopped out of the solid forest. I have often not time to eat, distances are so great, roads so bad, churches so many to attend to. I walk generally all over my mission."

T.B. Higginson adds that Fr. Jephcott clocked about 5,000 miles a year in his visits to parishioners.

During the stay of Rev. Eustace Vesy from 1888 to 1890, the Burks Falls parish was joined with Sundridge, an arrangement which continues today, with the addition of Magnetawan and South River.

Rev. P.G. Robinson served the parish from 1890 to 1892, while Rev. Charles Piercey, who had been the pioneer missionary at Sudbury and went on to be made a Canon, served from 1893 to 1898.

Rectors serving the Burks Falls church from 1898 to 1905 were Rev. Caleb Buckland, Rev. A.C. Mackintosh and Rev. Charles John Machin, who was an honorary missionary who had served at Port Arthur, Gravenhurst, and Beaumaris before arriving in Burks Falls.

Canon Arthur Henry Allman moved into a new rectory when he arrived in Burks Falls in 1905, having served at Port Sydney, Uffington and Emsdale.

It was during his stay that the second All Saints' Church was destroyed in the disastrous fire that swept Burks Falls June 20, 1908. The congregation rallied quickly, however,

and the existing church building on Queen St. was built and then ceremoniously opened on All Saints' Day (Nov. 1, 1909).

Canon Allman was succeeded by Canon Sidney Yeomans in 1919, who served the Burks Falls parish until 1923.

Rev. George Hilliard Phillips claimed the longest ministry in the history of All Saints', serving from 1923 to 1938. During his stay in Burks Falls, the skilled craftsman constructed the pulpit now on view in the church. It was also during his term that the existing parish hall was constructed adjacent to the church in 1929, as a memorial to the Henry Knight family who contributed \$500 toward its cost.

Previous rectors listed

Rectors who have served at All Saints' since 1938 include Rev. Ernest Dymond (1938-41), Rev. J. Selwyn Rhodes (1942-47), Rev. F.E. Jewell (1947-56), Rev. E. Raymond Nornabell (1956-58), Rev. Ross Crighton (1958-60), Rev. A. Robert Cuyler (1960-66), Rev. Lloyd Hoover (1966-74), Rev. Gregory Lynn (1974-76) and Rev. Duncan Lyon, who has been the rector for the Anglican Churches in Burks Falls, Sundridge,

Magnetawan and Sundridge since 1976.

Throughout the 70 years at the Queen St. location, All Saints' has had an active Anglican Church Women's (ACW) organization, which is headed this year by Helen Pink.

Burks Falls parishioner, Ellen May is this year's president of the Algoma diocese ACW.

Although numerous Burks Falls families and individuals have been actively involved at All Saints' since its inception several names are prominent.

They include former church warden Joseph Hilliar, Oswald Dukelow, Robert Lush, Alfred Woolgar, Jack and Ann Wilson, Harry May, Ed Witcombe and Horace Stephens. Other involved parishioners include the Culbert family and the Starr family.

Eunice Bennett (nee Starr) notes proudly that she is the second oldest member of the congregation, at 78 years old. Mrs. Bennett has been the organist at All Saints' for 36 years, and her mother, Sarah Starr, was the Sunday School teacher for 30 years. Flossie Goulding, 83, claims the honour of being the oldest member of the congregation.

Concluding Festivities



Concluding Sunday morning's festivities marking the 70th anniversary of All Saints' Anglican Church in Burks Falls was a ceremonial launching of two clusters of blue and white helium-filled balloons outside the church on Queen St. Here, the Right Reverend Frank Nock, Bishop of Algoma, left foreground, and Rector Duncan Lyon, right, watch the balloons make their colorful way into the sky, while members of the choir and congregation gather around.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN...

As we enter upon the season of Advent, 1979, the sensitive Christian ear can once again hear the voice of one crying in the wilderness down through the ages . . . "Prepare ye the Way of the Lord". As we make our spiritual and also our home and family preparations for Christmas, the message of Advent pulsates through every prayer, every hymn, and every gathering. As Christians have done since the shepherds heard the angels outside Bethlehem, we once again are aware of the need for the Son of God to be born anew in us not only at Christmastide, but also each day throughout the year.

Down through the ages, Christian scholars and sages have used such phrases as, "Never before have these words been more true than they are today." As we prepare for Christmas, 1979, we too, can echo those same words. "Prepare ye the Way of the Lord."

Some three decades ago, American playwright Marc Connelly, in his beautiful drama "Green Pastures", wrote a scene in which the angel Gabriel was reporting on the condition of the world to "De Lawd". He reported, "Mastuh, everthin' nailed down is comin' loose". With a tear in his eye, "De Lawd" says, "I've sent a flood, I've sent plagues, slavery and famine, I guess I'm going to have to send my boy".

And the Angel Gabriel appeared unto Mary and said, "Hail, thou that are highly favoured, the Lord is with Thee. Thou shalt conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Jesus."

Again, in 1979, in a world in which it appears as if "everything nailed down is coming loose", we need the Christ-child. As we prepare to celebrate the great festival of the birth of Christ, let everyone who reads these words receive Him anew. Above all, let the greatest gift we can give to one another be at the top of our lists, and let that gift be to love one another. And may the Peace of Christ dwell in all our hearts.

In concluding this Advent editorial, I would share with the reader some lines penned by Lawrence Houseman:

Light looked down and beheld Darkness.
 "Thither will I go", said Light.
 Peace looked down and beheld War.
 "Thither will I go", said Peace.
 Love looked down and beheld Hatred.
 "Thither will I go", said Love.
 So came Light, and shone.
 So came Peace and gave rest.
 So came Love, and brought Life.

"And the Word was made Flesh, and dwelt among us."

J.E.J.

Snowflake Tea In North Bay

Saturday, Nov. 10th, 1979 was a history making day in the parish of Christ Anglican Church in North Bay. It was the day the women of the parish held a highly successful Snowflake Tea and Bake Sale.

Donations of knitting, crafts, baking, etc., came in, in abundance from all corners of the parish and the people of North Bay responded in great numbers to attend the first Tea and Bake Sale at Christ Church in about seven years. While a light snowfall fell outside the inside of the church was also decorated with many snowflakes to help carry through on the theme of the day.

Comment from a

parishioner . . . Fantastic day, had a lot of fun, now, let's get planning for next year." And that's just what the women are doing.

MAY YOU ALWAYS HAVE

Enough love to keep you happy;
 Enough happiness to keep you sweet;
 Enough hope to keep you struggling;
 Enough trials to keep you strong;
 Enough successes to keep you eager;
 Enough failures to keep you humble;
 Enough sorrows to keep you human;
 And enough faith to accept your worth since God loves you.

Bishop's Letter**"WE ARE FELLOW-WORKERS WITH GOD"**

My dear Fellow Anglicans:

In a diocese as widespread as ours we must be constantly on our guard against parochialism and isolationism. To paraphrase the words of Archbishop Michael Ramsay at the Anglican Congress of 1963 - "The parish that lives unto itself dies unto itself". This can happen to any parish in our diocese.

I have chosen as our Diocesan Motto for 1980 the words of St. Paul to the Christians at Corinth - "We are fellow-workers with God". It brings before us the fundamental and glorious fact that we are colleagues of God. If every Anglican from Gravenhurst to Thunder Bay, from the Manitoulin Island to Charlton, says this motto daily, it will do a great deal to rid us and our parishes of parochialism and isolationism. The very

words "fellow-workers" indicate our interdependence. We are not workers with God, but fellow-workers. We are a family of 26,000 bound together by a common faith, a common worship, and a common love for one another. In this family everyone has his or her own talents, abilities and functions but these are all subordinated to the well-being of the family. To recall daily that we are fellow-workers will strengthen and enrich our family life together.

But not only are we "fellow-workers"; we are "fellow-workers with God". We are colleagues of God. God has a Master Plan and that plan is the salvation of the world through love and sacrifice. This is clear from the life and teaching of Our Lord Jesus Christ and you and I are called to share with Him in bringing to fruition this master plan. What a

glorious calling this is - to be colleagues with God! The scripture says "with God all things are possible". If we see ourselves as a family of Christians - colleagues of God - then our life and witness will be filled with joy and confidence: for with Him, in Him, and through Him all things are possible.

As we begin a new decade in 1980 as a diocese, may we be encouraged, strengthened and sustained in the assurance that "we are fellow-workers with God".

My wife, Beth, joins me in our prayer that the truth which lies behind the Birth of the Christ Child - God with us - will enrich and bless your lives during 1980.

Your friend and bishop,

Frank: Algoma

BISHOP'S ITINERARY

December

2nd	11:00 a.m.	- Church of Redeemer, Thessalon - Eucharist
3 & 4		- Meetings with Examining Chaplains
9th	11:00 a.m.	- St. George's, Espanola Dedications
	3:30 p.m.	- St. James', Sudbury - Dedication of new entrance, etc.
24th	9:00 p.m.	- St. John's, Garden River - Eucharist
	11:00 p.m.	- St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie Eucharist
25th	Christmas Day-	St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie
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January		
1st	New Year's	- Afternoon Reception at Bishophurst

ANGLICAN APPEAL '79**A LETTER MAILED TO HOMES IN THE DIOCESE EARLY IN NOVEMBER**

My dear fellow Anglicans:

This is the sixth annual National Anglican Appeal for increased support of the assisted dioceses of our Canadian North and of our Anglican Communion throughout the World. Each year has seen increasing contributions from all our dioceses and since 1974 total contributions have amounted to \$3,150,257. Our National Target for Appeal '79 is \$1,000,000. and our Diocesan objective is \$24,820. Last year Algoma contributed \$20,927. This is over and above the normal parish support of our Mission work in Canada and Overseas through our diocesan levy, and I am grateful to you for your response.

You have responded positively to my personal contact with you through the mail in the past, and I am confident that you will do so again. If the fundamental basis of our giving is that we give to God then I am sure that

we will reach our objective.

To personalize Appeal '79 Bishop Douglas Hambidge of the Diocese of Caledonia (B.C.) visited our Diocese from November 7th to 16th. His itinerary had been arranged so that he met as many Anglicans in our diocese as possible. To this end he visited in Parry Sound, Sundridge, North Bay, Sudbury, Spanish River Reserve, Blind River, Sault Ste. Marie, Nipigon and Thunder Bay. He is a bishop who is giving strong leadership to our Church in the North, and he is sure to challenge you. Whatever opportunity there is for you to hear him or to meet him personally, I hope that you will make full use of it.

God be with you.

Your friend and bishop,

Frank: Algoma

P.S. Your contribution can be made through your local parish.

LOVING GREETINGS WENT TO MRS. JESSIE COCHRAN (ST. PAUL'S OLDEST LIVING MEMBER) ON TURNING 96 ON OCT. 4TH.

Winnipeg-born "Dossie" Cochran was a valued Sunday School teacher at Holy Trinity Church in that city when she moved to Fort William with her husband Malcolm in 1911. Ever since she has been an exemplary member of St. Paul's - a faithful worshipper and keen participant in our congregation's life until recently becoming housebound.

For 22 years 1924-1946) Mrs. Cochran served as our Woman's Auxiliary President. Until age 90 she drove over from Port Arthur every Sunday and every Wednesday morning to worship at St. Paul's.

On her 96th birthday (Oct. 4th), Fr. Landon took her (at Bethammi) the loving greetings of all our congregation.

Perry Tanksley: A GIFT OF LOVE

I say to all who think I'm old and past my prime,

"It's just that I've been young for a very long time!"

And how have I stayed young? Old age, to me it seems,

Can never lodge in hearts crammed full of faith and dreams.

I will admit I'm old when dreams go out of style;

Till then, say I've been young for a long long while!



Fr. J.G. McCausland

While the general teaching and healing were in progress, our Lord was gradually forming what we would call a "Christian Community or indeed we might say "A Church", though the term - "community" is more accurate at this stage. The Twelve Apostles were now aware that the Master was much more than a Rabbi. Evidently He had some special relationship with God. Being Jews they could not tolerate the idea that there were more gods than ONE. Yet everything Jesus said and did pointed to some god-like power or authority. When our Lord picked Peter, James and John to be witnesses of the Transfiguration, and gave them a special place in the Garden of Gethsemane, and allowed them to see the more "difficult" miracles, it was evident to everyone that a new relationship with God had come to pass. While the Scribes, Pharisees and Romans never really liked Jesus, they thought the limit had been reached when it was reported that Jesus said He knew the Heavenly Father, and had seen Abraham, although He was not yet fifty years old.

ONE RECTOR'S THOUGHTS .

From Holy Trinity, Sault Ste. Marie

Dear Friends In Christ;
Many years ago the writer of Psalm 133 realized the benefits and blessings that come from God when individual families, congregations, groups of leaders, and other gatherings of Christians experience harmony.

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore." vs. 1-3

It is clear from this word that God can accomplish His work only where such unity and love occurs. Lack of unity stands as a wall blocking out the fresh and powerful breeze of the Holy Spirit.

On the night that He was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ prayed that His followers would experience oneness in the

JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING

But the events between (what we call) Palm Sunday and Ascension Day proved to be the preparation for that final revelation of God to His creation, and particularly to humanity, in the descent of the Holy Spirit. It is important to remember that, between these two dates, all the ideas about the relationship between God and His People had their focus or centre in Jesus Christ. Jesus had united Himself with the common People and yet could speak and argue with the most learned persons. At the same time, He was able to speak to God in a way that nobody else could. Those who believed the old Prophets began to think that Jesus fulfilled the prophecies. At the same time, Jesus seemed to understand the Centurians and other Gentile Enquirers.

Easter Day deepened these convictions, but for a moment the Apostles were puzzled on two accounts. First, our Lord began to say that it was "necessary" for Him to become invisible, in order that a Guide and a Breath might come upon the Community. Secondly, our Lord began to form the Eleven into a Group that would be witnesses of His Resurrection, and having His authority to bring in a restored world. The last chapters of St. John's Gospel indicate the view of the New Testament Church that Jesus had given full teaching about the Holy Spirit between Easter Day and the Ascension. On Ascension Day,

Jesus gave two last commandments, before He blessed the Apostles. They were to pray and wait until the Guide, promised by God, would come. While waiting and praying they chose Matthias to take the place of Judas Iscariot. On the tenth morning, the Holy Spirit anointed the Christian Community with authority and strength. The Apostles threw open the doors and went to the centre of Jerusalem and preached: "This same Jesus whom you crucified is risen from the dead and we are witnesses".

From what has been said, it is evident that the Day of Pentecost was the focus of the final revelation of God to us. He revealed Himself, and goes on revealing Himself, to us because of His great love. God revealed Himself to "Ancient Thinkers" as the Source of all Ideas, Knowledge and Wisdom. He revealed Himself to the People of Israel as their Heavenly Father. To the Apostles. He revealed how He related to us. Within God Himself, existed the relations of Father, Son and Holy Spirit of Love. The continual activity of creating, giving knowledge and being fruitful allows us to participate with God in the restoring of the world. This participation was made possible by Jesus Christ's taking our body and soul or human nature, and wearing it perfectly. Creating, knowing and being fruitful are not static things. They are continual operations and developments. The Christian Faith is not only

historical and reasonable, it is subject to development and revelation, through the Activity of the Holy Spirit. On the other hand, it should be remembered that the Holy Spirit does not contradict Himself. All Development and Revelation must be treated by Scripture, Tradition, Reason and Religious Experience. The Holy Spirit is the Guide in all these matters.

What about you and me? If we have a relationship with the Creator, it must be for his purposes. He gave us free choice and a conscience so that we could take responsibility for events in the world and in creation generally. Consequently, each of us is given a "vocation" or calling to fit into God's Plan for the world.

Our relationship with God comes directly through Jesus Christ. The strength of His human nature is given to each of us in Baptism. It is true, of course, that some Christian Groups do not accept baptism or the sacramental means of unity with God. But these people or groups do believe they have a relationship through Scripture or religious experience. The idea of "relationship" is firmly fixed in Christian thinking.

We can sum up the basis of Christian belief about God in this way. God is One and is above all created things, yet He dwells among us. It is the eternal purpose, secondly, to reveal Himself to the world. Men and Women can receive this revelation and take part in its development, because we

are conscious of matters external to ourselves. We are also conscious of past, present and possible future events. We are the only part of creation that has these privileges. Because of this God makes humanity responsible for the well-being of the world, and God gives His Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen the human effort.

CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

THE CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA

MISSIONARY REPORT

South Africa: A recent issue of the newspaper of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa carries a front page account of the South African Christian Leadership Assembly, (SACLA), held in Pretoria earlier this year, which was attended by 6000 people. It quotes the words of one of the speakers: 'We know that evil, injustice, hatred, estrangement, prejudice and fear will never entirely disappear before the kingdoms of this world are finally consummated in the Kingdom of God. But the moment we allow this harsh reality to paralyse us and sabotage our effort we can no longer pray the Lord's prayer . . . To offer that prayer implies believing that Christians make a difference to this world . . .' A note at the bottom of the same page suggests that 'from now on SACLA stands for Swift Action at Congregation Level Also.'

AS REVOLUTIONARIES WE FAIL

As one young French Communist put it, "The Christian Gospel is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of society than is Marx's philosophy. But all the same, it is we who finally beat you. But if you will remember the story of Gideon and his 300 companions you will understand why I am right. We Communists do not play with words. We are realists and seeing that we are determined to achieve our objective, we know how to obtain the means. Of our salary and wages we keep only what is strictly necessary and we give up the rest for propaganda purposes. To this propaganda, we also consecrate all our free time and part of our holidays. You, however give only a little time and hardly any money for the spreading of the Gospel of Christ. How can anyone believe in the supreme value of this Gospel if you do not sacrifice either the time or money for it? Believe me it is we who will win for we are ready to sacrifice everything even our life, in order that social justice triumph. But you people are afraid to soil your hands.

To hail its advent in the east-the night forgetting;

To have enough to share - to know the joy of giving;

To thrill with all the sweets of life - is living.

Tuesday:

Take time to think, it is the source of power;

Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth;

Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul;

Take time to love and be loved, it is a God-given privilege.

Wednesday:

I shall pass through this life but once.

If therefore, there is any kindness

I can show, Or any good I can do any fellow being

Let me do it now!

Let me not deter or neglect it

For I shall not pass this way again.

Thursday:

Begin the day with friendliness.

Keep friendly all day long.

Keep in your soul a friendly thought -

In your heart a friendly song.

Have in your mind a word of cheer

For all who come your way,

And they will greet you too, in turn -

And wish you a happy day.

Friday:

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born and a time to die;

- a time to break down and a time to build up;

- a time to weep and a time to laugh;

- a time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together;

- a time to mourn and a time to dance

- a time to keep and a time to cast away; Eccl. 3:1-8

Saturday:

Friendship is the comfort the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words but pouring all right out just as they are chaff and grain together certain that a faithful friendly hand will take and sift them keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of comfort blow the rest away.

THOUGHT: Age is a matter of mind; if you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

same way that He and God the Father were in total accord in all things.

"I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their work, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou has sent me."

John 17: 20-21

This prayer of Jesus must be our continual prayer if God's call for us to be brothers and sisters in Christ will be fully realized and if people will be convinced that we are authentic Christians.

Love in the Lord

William Stadnyk

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Sunday:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things that can't be changed,

The courage to change the things that can be changed,

And the wisdom to know the difference.

Monday:

To watch the sun set in the west without regretting:

JOINT ST. LUKE'S - ST. PAUL'S CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL - THUNDER BAY



Our Very Successful "Children's Festival" On Oct. 20th will long be remembered by all who took part!

It was a joint St. Luke's - St. Paul's venture, a breakthrough in inter-parish sharing and co-operation. St. Paul's warmly thanks the St. Luke's participants for their initiative, leadership and hard work in planning and preparing for this event. St. Luke's held a similar festival on their own last spring, and we very much appreciate their

willingness to share their enthusiasm and expertise with us this fall.

Children's Festival highlights:

- the two presentations by talented Christian ventriloquist Lonna Cunningham (aged 11)
- the joyful worship (led by Fr. Moyle in the church) which opened and concluded the Festival. Many contemporary Christian songs were sung enthusiastically by the children (and the adults!) accompanied on the piano by Marion Beecher. Specially enjoyed were songs with actions (e.g.

"His Banner Over Me Is Love" and "Joy Is The Flag")

- the absorbing, creative craft time in which the children made banners and other articles
- the well-organized noon meal, prepared and served by members of our Group 14.

Ernie Tilbury calculates that 124 children took part in the 5 1/4-hour session (10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.). 35 adults were also present for all or most of the time.

ABOVE ALL, JESUS CHRIST WAS PRESENTED... AND PRAISED!

Participating leaders and helpers from St. Luke's ...

Darlene Armstrong
Marion Beecher
Elsie Dean
Carol Kostyniuk
Wendy McFadden
Betty Moyle
Ted Moyle
Alma Nicholls
Colleen Nicholls
Ernie Nicholls
Tom Osborne
Florence Pattison
Bernice Visseau
Val Walters

Participating leaders and helpers from St. Paul's ...

Brenda Berringer

Wendy Bryson
Jean Chaplin
Karen Crowe
Janet Dennison
Olive Ede
Suzanne Forester
Marie Gagnon
Shirley Hyslop
Sandra Jordan
Don Landon
Georgina McCallum
Mike McCarthy
Brenda Moore
Dorothy O'Donnell
Janice Robertson
Dana Stefurak
Ernie Tilbury
Diane Varga
Arlene Whelan
Janice Yule

THUNDER BAY A.C.W. DEANERY MEETS



St. Mary's Church, NIPIGON, hosted the Thunder Bay Deanery ACW Meeting recently, when some 70 members met to enjoy the sum-

ptuous Buffet, and to join in prayer, fellowship and planning for the May Diocesan Annual, to be held in Thunder Bay, May 5-6-7th.

President Mrs. H. Morrow introduced Archdeacon E.R. Haddon, who spoke of the forthcoming visit of Bishop Hambidge of Caledonia, B.C. and told of Diocesan events.

GUEST Speakers Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elkin of St. John's showed slides on the flight of the Refugees, explained what is being done to assist, how we as Christians should assist,

and how to go about it. REV. T. Delaney conducted Compline - followed by Rev. R.J. Inshaw photographing the Group.

DIOCESAN YOUTH PAGE

-BEV BAXTER - EDITOR

Algoma Anglican Editor's Note

In the September edition of the ANGLICAN, the editor asked for any interested youth members of the church in Algoma to contribute to a Youth Page, and for younger members to contribute to a Childrens' Corner.

In early November, the report appearing elsewhere on this page covering the recent Youth Conference was received. Bev Baxter, of Sudbury, in a covering letter asked if the editor could consider a regular allotment of space in the ANGLICAN for Youth activities and also items of interest to the children. A couple of telephone calls later, Bev had accepted the editor's offer to be Youth Page editor, and had her first copy in the mail.

It is hoped that young people throughout the diocese will send Bev reports of activities and planned events. To assist her in her work, please try to have copy in her hands by the first of the month preceding publication. This will give her the opportunity to compile materials and prepare the Youth Page and Childrens' Corner in time to meet the paper's publication deadline of the tenth of the month.

Address all correspondence for the Youth Page and Childrens' Corner to: Miss Bev Baxter, Youth Editor, 1356 Fernwood Drive, Sudbury, Ontario, P3E 4J9.

Thanks, God Bless you, and good luck, Bev!
J.E.J.

From The Youth Editor's Pen

Church is people. This collective group includes young people. Three parties have to be convinced of this; the clergy, the adult congregation, and the youth themselves.

It is understandable that the clergy will be reluctant to trust the majority of young people within the parish. As a result it is the adolescent population which suffers. The Church Sunday School is expected to provide the needs of the younger children of the parish. Whether this is in fact so, will depend upon individuals, their Church and its system. Unfortunately, a Youth Group is not in existence in every parish. Part of this problem exists with the youth and if the clergy have attempted to organize a group certainly they have fulfilled part of their responsibility. Youth involvement in the Church should be a priority. Adolescence is a critical period. If an individual's interest is obtained, that person will, in all probability, be an active lay adult. A Youth Group which attracts people simply for comradeship and no religious direction is justifiable in that the young person has a regular attendance. Inevitably, the individual will come to realizations of his/her own as the regular interaction will affect their development.

Youth may function in the service as servers. The Youth Group or Sunday School could equally add variety to sermons and readings. Presentations of material studied would be interesting. Older adolescents could teach Sunday School or certainly

assist. Thus youth can serve as a constructive device for the clergy. However, youth, as all people, require fun. Youth probably need to find fun in most activities if it is to be a benefit. Keeping this in mind, clergy will have to be flexible and imaginative. Some activities, such as plays and conferences can serve two functions. These two parties, clergy and youth, have the potential to teach and learn together.

The relationship between clergy and youth is special and there is always room for improvement.

This is the first of a three article series on Youth and the Church as I view it. Any suggestions, comments or opinions from the reader are encouraged. Please write Bev Baxter, 1356 Fernwood Dr., Sudbury, Ont., P3E 4J9).

CHILDREN'S CORNER

MY CREED

I believe in one God, I believe in Church.

I believe in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

I believe in the Bible. I believe in the Creeds.

I believe in the Saints and I believe in love.

I believe in peace, I believe in Jesus.

I believe in Heaven, above. I believe in Hell, below.

I believe in our souls and in life after death.

I believe in kindness, I believe in helping people in need.

I believe in sharing.

Tammy McIntyre
(Grade 4)
Sudbury, Ontario

Provincial Youth Conference Report

BY BEV BAXTER AND PETER BOLTON -DELEGATES

The Anglican Provincial Youth Conference held September 13-16 at Lake Couchiching was a tremendous success. Each of the 82 youth delegates returned spiritually and intellectually enriched.

Organizers centered the conference around the theme "You Are the Church" and encouraged participants to "Go into the World and BE the Church". This encouragement was voiced in a series of four theme addresses by the Rev'd. John Spencer of Huron Diocese. Spaced throughout the four days, each of the speeches dealt with a different aspect of the conference theme song. The address was accompanied by a slide show which became so familiar to all that a chorus of voices served as narrative. Reflective Groups discussed each sermon in an informal and intimate atmosphere. Each member of the group considered the fears of young people today and possible solutions to personal, local and world problems. Laughter and tears were shared at every session.

Timetabling includes two of six possible workshops. Titles were:

Catacomb Club in Parry Sound

"Come to Catacomb Club" was the clarion call in Parry Sound this fall. Twenty-five children responded, and a new program was initiated at Trinity Church.

This club is modelled after the Catacomb Community in Toronto founded by Mrs. Ruth Herridge and other parents concerned about the quality of Christian education. Mrs. Herridge brought a team to Parry Sound in June to give a workshop which demonstrated their program. Thus a small group was led to form a similar community at Trinity Church.

The team follows the guidelines of the original

Thornloe College Scholarships

The Senate of Thornloe University is pleased to announce the award of the following scholarships:

The Robert H. Murray and Eva P. Murray scholarships awarded to students entering Thornloe College. Laurie Brady (Sudbury, Ontario) Steven Douville (Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario).

The Robert H. Murray and Eva P. Murray scholarships awarded to members of Thornloe College who have the best overall averages in any Laurentian Univer-

Bible Study, Programme Planning, Group Effectiveness, Prayer and Meditation, Music, and Special Events. Between the two Epiphany delegates, Bible Study, Programme Planning, and Prayer and Meditation were undertaken.

As expected at any Church activity or outing, a Eucharist was celebrated each day. A revised prayer book which offered folk-song hymns, passing of the peace, in a shorter service was used. It is interesting to note that the changes in the Creed and the Lord's Prayer raised objections. Health conscious individuals appreciated the whole wheat host used. The passing of the peace created a really warm feeling, necessary in any church activity.

General pastimes were lively sing-songs, a modified game of baseball, tennis and even swimming. Delegates, rectors and nuns all participated.

A highlight of the weekend was an informative presentation by the Rev'd. Carl Majors of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. The PWRDF is currently dealing with the

malnutrition crisis in the Third World. The crisis is intensified by the feeding of poor quality milk products to infants. Delegates agreed to a boycott.

Mike Thompson, conference co-ordinator had participants assess their education during the weekend and also list ideas to take home. For the Diocese of Algoma this includes a possible youth column in the Algoma Anglican and a diocesan conference. Suggestions for the Parish include a revitalized youth group, new additions to the Sunday School staff and the introduction of the passing of the peace and the song "Be Not Afraid".

Lasting friendships, personal awareness, and inspiration for future actions in the Church were all part of the 1979 Provincial Youth Conference.

BE NOT AFRAID

Perhaps it was a reflection of the Youth Conference and its motto "Be Not Afraid" that prompted me to write Father Jordan and request a Youth Column. Certainly I had no idea my suggestion would bring a long distance telephone call and ultimately the offer to edit a Youth Page. Needless to say I was enthusiastic and thrilled at the opportunity.

The Provincial Youth Conference at Lake Couchiching in September was probably the most religious experience I have ever had. God's people included youth co-ordinators, Priests, from several dioceses, Nuns, staff and counsellors, and of course, youth. Organizing activities for approximately 100 people is no easy task. Mike Thompson, national youth co-ordinator for Anglican Churches did a fine job. The outlines of activities is printed in the article which was written for my parish. Other parishes which represented the Algoma Diocese included St. John's of Copper Cliff, Church of the Resurrection of Sudbury, St. Brice's of North Bay, St. Matthew's of Sault Ste. Marie and Christ Church, Englehart.

This is an invitation to these parishes and all other parishes in the Diocese, to correspond with the Youth Editor. Your support will be appreciated and it will provide an opportunity to form a youth federation - a really neat brotherhood as I have found out.

Bev Baxter

THE CHALLENGE TO TITHE . . .

One of the Resolutions on Stewardship passed at the 1977 Synod of the Diocese of Algoma reads as follows:

"Resolved that this Synod challenges every Algoma Anglican to renewal in stewardship which must begin with an acknowledgement that all we have is a gift from God and must produce personal commitment to God that is reflected in the true tithing of time, talent, and treasure which is our true and reasonable service."

Read this carefully. It isn't talking only about money. It isn't an appeal for money. It isn't an "order" to tithe. It is a CHALLENGE.

Now, a challenge is like a dare; it implies adventure, a Quest, risk, danger, excitement, fun! Many of us find these things have an irresistible attraction for us.

Let's begin with the thought of a Quest; and first, do some searching. Look up the word "Tithe" in dictionaries and encyclopedias. Search the Scriptures. Here are a few references to begin with: Genesis 14:20, Genesis 28:22, Leviticus 27:30; Deuteronomy 14:22; II Chronicles 31:4-12; Malachi 3:8-10; St. Luke 11:42; St. Luke 18:12. There are many others. Find a concordance, and

look under "Tithe" and "Offering". Read the Offering Sentences in the Communion Service. Ask the Rector about it. Talk to people of other denominations who make a regular practice of tithing. Don't be satisfied with just one viewpoint; get several.

This kind of research can be fun. Let's not get sidetracked by questions such as "How could tithing work for a person in such and such a situation?" The only valid question is "How could it work for me?" Then the question can grow into a prayer: "Lord, show me what you want me to do about it". With that prayer, we accept the challenge and really begin on the adventure.

When we have learned all we can about tithing, the only way to find out if it will work is to try it. Think of the challenge our Lord gave to His disciples, telling them to let down the net - and they did, catching more fish than the net would hold even though their night's work, just over, had yielded nothing. Think of Peter, challenged by Jesus to walk on the water. He tried it, to find he could only do it when he put his hand into that of Jesus.

Are you ready to take the risk? Let's begin!

St. Thomas' Thunder Bay Plans New Year Party

Every year people of all religious and non-religious persuasions gather together to celebrate the coming of the New Year. It is usually a joyful experience whereby family, friends, and neighbours look forward to the year ahead. Such is especially the case for Christian who see the day-by-day workings of God in the world. Christians become particularly excited when they are looking forward to see His wonderful works in the year to come.

In this vein, as Christians, many members of St. Thomas' Church, Thunder Bay have been celebrating together for the past several years. This year St. Thomas' is hosting a New Year's Eve party that is aimed at uniting the parish family for this joyous celebration.

Organized by members of the St. Thomas' (Sparky's) Angels baseball teams, the evening includes a pot luck supper followed by dancing to the

music of a local disc jockey organization. Later in the evening a cold buffet will be offered for snacking purposes. At midnight - that special point of celebration - noisemakers, singing, and happy salutations will break forth. Then silence! At this time the Christian family joins in prayer to Almighty God for the coming year - that His will may be done and we may serve Him as He calls upon us. We then return to fellowship and dancing.

New Year's Eve parties are normally expensive. Much money is unnecessarily wasted at this time. The Angels have organized this event on a breakeven basis such that the rented hall, music, party favours, supper, etc. can all be had for \$5.00 per person plus a contribution to the pot luck supper. St. Thomas' sees this as particularly beneficial time when the Christian family should join together in family celebration.

Cara Community Corporation . . .

Holy Trinity, Sault Ste. Marie

There have been a number of significant developments and considerable progress made on the proposed Northern Ave. housing project over the summer.

At the Special Vestry Meeting May 29, at which the Vestry approved going forward with the project, an ad hoc committee was formed to take preliminary steps in forming a non-profit housing corporation. This group was composed of the following members: Steve Dent, Bor and Karen Doiron, Helen Douville, Stan Fisher, Les Gaunt, Neil Howson, Hugh Hamilton, Marilyn Lynn, Geraldine McKee, Din Oosterbaan, Peter Paskins, Stan Pratt, Fergie and Eileen Reid, Ron Richards, Bill Smith, Judy Speller and Mert and Pat White (plus the Rector and other wardens in an ex-officio capacity).

This group met July 3 and after receiving reports on various meetings with City and CMHC officials during June, voted to proceed with incorporation of a non-profit housing corporation under the name of Cara Community Corporation. The group elected Stan Pratt chairman and Judy Speller secretary and an initial group of incorporators and initial Board of Directors composed of the officers plus Steve Dent, Din Oosterbaan, Bill Smith, Fr. Bill Stadnyk and Pat White. This board was instructed to proceed with in-

corporation and negotiations re: purchase of the property (in the name of the corporation) and to develop proposals and bylaws and an expanded Board of Directors and other necessary steps to pursue the project and report back to the larger group in the fall.

Accordingly, the Board of CCC (Cara Community Corporation) met several times through July and August and the following steps were taken.

- The chairman and secretary met with the Neighbourhood association on July 19 to inform them of the status of the project and answer questions, as well as extend an invitation to the group to appoint representatives to attend future CCC meetings dealing with design of the project so that the neighbourhood group will have a voice in this development.
- The Board retained Ben Pritchard as attorney and approved letters patent (articles of incorporation) as a non-profit housing corporation, which have been submitted to the Provincial officials.
- Several meetings were held with City and Canada Mortgage and Housing officials (CHMC) to determine what sort of subsequent steps are called for and begin development of a time-table for carrying them out.
- Negotiations are un-

derway with City and Ontario Housing Corporation (the present owner of the property) officials re purchase of the property and a preliminary offer on behalf of the corporation has been submitted, subject to zoning changes financing, CMHC approval, soil tests and subsequent issuance of building permits as well as further negotiation on the price to be paid.

- City Council, based on a unanimous recommendation of the Planning Board, approved rezoning the property to RM-10 which would permit building up to 5 storey high apartments and/or town houses (or a combination of apartments and townhouses). This type of zoning should provide adequate flexibility for design of the project.
- Preliminary discussions with architect Chris Tossell were held to begin to develop design criteria. Design is still very much an "open question" pending completion of the needs survey, further meetings with CMHC and the City and input from the neighbourhood group in order to reconcile potential tenant needs, economic realities and parish and neighbourhood desires.
- United Baptist and Willogrove Churches have both been approached and asked to participate in this project.



St. Brice's Church in North Bay was the scene of a recent confirmation. Rt. Rev. F.F. Nock, bishop of the Anglican diocese of Algoma, is shown talking with two candidates, Jennifer Collbear and Tony Bruyns. North Bay - Nugget Staff Photo

MISSIONARY REPORT

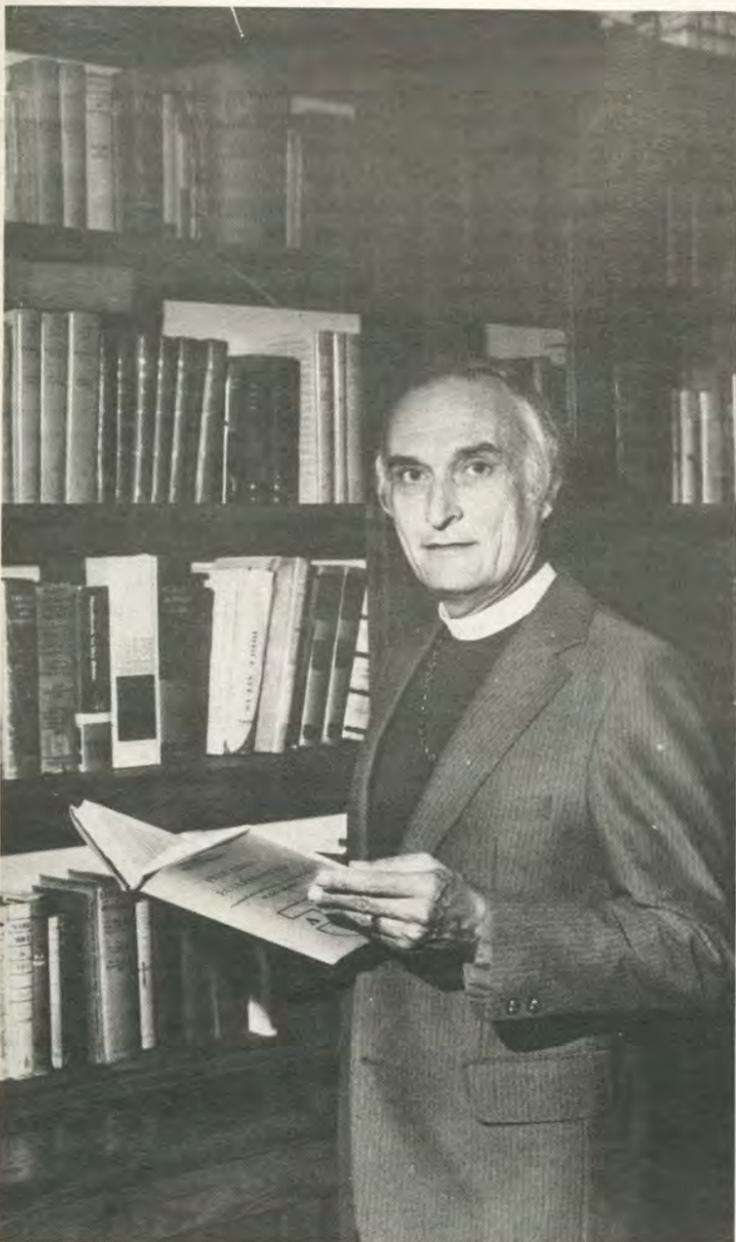
Sudan: Canadian Alison Crabb, teaching at the Episcopal Girls School in Omdurman, writes: We have a good number of girls this year and began the year with a full complement of staff. However, we soon lost our English teacher and then a second, and now one of the Arabic teachers. When we have found replacements and I am teaching fewer English periods myself, I hope to do more remedial work with girls who have come from other schools and are weak in English . . . We have a lot of new Christian girls this year and an energetic young pastor to teach them Religious Education and I am delighted to see them coming alive spiritually and being a recognizable influence in the school . . . The unrest all around us has certainly been in the news lately . . . Please pray for peace and stability and especially for our excellent President, who is doing his best in a difficult situation.'

PRAYER CORNER

Remember Bishop Nock's Fifth Anniversary Next Month With A "Spiritual Bouquet"

(See Last Month's Editorial)

Bishop Hambidge Visits Algoma



The Right Rev. Douglas Hambidge, Bishop of Caledonia, Recent Visitor to Algoma

by The Rev'd Donald M. Landon, Rector St. Paul's, Thunder Bay

WHAT WE LEARNED FROM BISHOP HAMBIDGE

A close encounter of the episcopal kind. . .

A very interesting Anglican visited Thunder Bay on Friday, November 16.

Our visitor was Bishop Douglas Hambidge, who heads the Diocese of Caledonia on the west coast. He spent six days in our Diocese on behalf of the Church in the North.

On Friday evening, November 16, Bishop Hambidge was to have been at a major Deanery event at St. George's Church. From all indications, their basement hall would have been packed with laypeople from our eight local parishes. Regrettably, the meeting had to be cancelled.

The clergy, however, were more fortunate. We were able to spend several hours with Bishop Hambidge on Friday afternoon, and in a very short time he taught us a lot.

What he shared with us turned out to be so interesting, and so relevant to the Church's needs, that on Friday afternoon I made a decision, a fairly drastic decision for any preacher who imagines himself to be "organized"!

The sermon I'd prepared for today I put on a back burner, so I could report today on what Bishop Hambidge had to say.

Who is Douglas Hambidge?

Very briefly, he was born, and trained for the priesthood, in England. He came to Canada in 1956 to serve in the Yukon, and he was elected Bishop of Caledonia ten years ago (in 1969).

Naturally we asked him to describe his Diocese and the Anglican work there. Caledonia covers an immense area - the northern 5/8 of British Columbia. From west to east it extends from the Queen Charlotte Islands in the Pacific across the Rocky Mountains to the flat Peace River country around Fort St. John.

Numerically his diocese is much smaller than ours. Caledonia has only 28 clergy and about 50 congregations.

Ten of those congregations consist of native Indian people, and Bishop Hambidge has identified very closely with their culture, their activities, and their aspirations. While in Algoma he visited one of our Indian congregations - on the Spanish River Reserve, west of Sudbury.

And then comes the clincher:

"The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all."

(I Corinthians 12:4-7, T.E.V.)

Bishop Hambidge drove the point home with this statement: each of us is called to Christian ministry by our Baptism. So tiny Sarah Catherine Ann, who was just baptized in this service, is called to future Christian ministry by her Baptism.

Of course ordained Christians are needed to carry out their special priestly and co-ordinating work. But the New Testament stresses that every Christian is given a ministry or ministries to perform on behalf of the Body of Christ.

Every baptized person has service for Christ to carry out, either within the life of the Christian community or in the larger secular community.

Every congregation enabling its members to minister

What is the responsibility of a congregation in this regard? Bishop Hambidge noted that the responsibility is threefold:

- 1) to help the individual members discover what their particular ministry is
- 2) to help those persons become equipped for their ministries
- 3) to encourage them in exercising their ministries

Can we ask ourselves this morning - just as Bishop Hambidge was asking the Deanery clergy on Friday - how far have we awakened to these insights, this understanding of ministry which was always there in the New Testament but which the Church is only rediscovering in our day?

The congregation enabling its members to recognize and fulfil their God-given ministries - isn't that the only way we can truly carry out what Christ has for us to do:

- telling the world about His love (evangelism)
- taking His love to the unloved (service)
- praising Him for His love (worship)

Let's be specific: what are some of our needs at St. Paul's in terms of ministry? Our Sunday School needs additional teachers . . . our Choir needs more singers . . . and St. Paul's has so many shut-in members to be visited and cared about.

We can be certain that God has done His part - that He has given enough of our members a ministry of teaching so that our Sunday School can at all times be properly staffed. Are individuals discovering that this is their ministry and fulfilling it?

Re-discovering the New Testament picture of Ministry

Now on to what we learned from our visitor. A quiet, inspiring sort of person, Bishop Hambidge shared with us the renewed understanding of ministry

that Christians are coming to more and more these days and the new kinds of training for ministry that are being pioneered in Caledonia.

Caledonia Anglicans are coming to recognize something the New Testament has been saying all along - that ministry is for all the people of God, that each and every Christian has a ministry.

For centuries the Anglican Church and other mainstream churches have limited themselves by a hang-up - the hang-up that real ministering in the Church has to be done by men with their collars on backwards, plus perhaps a few special laypeople.

Bishop Hambidge illustrated how strongly this misconception used to be held in his area. A few years ago, at the Cathedral in Prince Rupert, some laypeople were asked to identify ways God was being served in the life of that congregation and whose ministry each form of service was.

Mentioned, for example, was visiting the sick. Whose ministry was that? Answer: the Rector's. . . Marriage counselling - whose ministry? The Rector's. . . Sunday School teaching? That was seen as the ministry of only the 4 or 5 laypeople who were currently doing it.

As a result of this exercise, they saw that ministry in their congregation was being left to their priest and a very few others.

But where does the New Testament teach such a pattern? Nowhere!

Of course ordained Christians are needed to carry out their special priestly and co-ordinating work. But the New Testament stresses that every Christian is given a ministry or ministries to perform on behalf of the Body of Christ.

Listen to Paul's words to the members of the Church in Rome:

" . . . we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us.

If our gift is to speak God's message, we should do it. . . ;

If it is to serve, we should serve;

If it is to teach, we should teach;

If it is to encourage others, we should do so."

(Romans 12:6-8a, T.E.V)

Again in I Corinthians Paul speaks about this:

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to everyone for their particular service."

Surely God has given enough of us a ministry of singing so that His praises can be fittingly sung in our worship. Are people recognizing that this is their ministry and responding?

Hasn't God assuredly given enough of our congregation a pastoral ministry so that we can keep in regular caring contact with all our shut-ins, and none of them will be neglected?

Many other ministries are required in this and any congregation - ministries of leadership and administration. . . of evangelism and encouragement. . . of healing and helping. We can be sure that God has bestowed the spiritual gifts so that these forms of service can be carried out as He wills.

In Part 2: the "how"

Next, we move on to the "how." How are individuals in a congregation to be helped to discover their particular ministries and become equipped to carry them out?

You'll have to read next month's instalment in the Algoma ANGLICAN, when I'll share more of what Bishop Hambidge taught us.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently a delegation of 10 young people of the Diocese of Algoma attended a Youth Conference at Camp Couchiching. Enclosed is a copy of the article that appeared in the Epiphany Star which was written by two of the delegates. Hopefully this article will give you some indication of what the conference meant to us.

I am writing to you for two reasons. Primarily, due to the enthusiasm generated by the conference it was decided by the Algoma delegates to revitalize the Youth Group in each parish and the Diocese paper could serve as an ideal communication link between parishes. Thus, the Youth of the Diocese are requesting a Youth Column in the Algoma Anglican which would serve as a bulletin and a means of expression of our opinions and beliefs. Also a column would give an opportunity to others in the Diocese to read about the Youth Groups and their efforts. It was also expressed by the Youth of Algoma that another conference be held for the Diocese of Algoma in the future to give an opportunity to more Algoma Youth. Any help from any Parish in the organization of this conference would be appreciated. Correspondence is gladly accepted by the Church of the Epiphany Youth Group in Sudbury.

I hope you consider our request for the column and I would appreciate word of your decision. Please write: Bev Baxter, 1356 Fernwood Drive, Sudbury, Ontario, P3E 4J9. Thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely,
Bev Baxter

More of Burks Falls 75th Anniversary Celebrations

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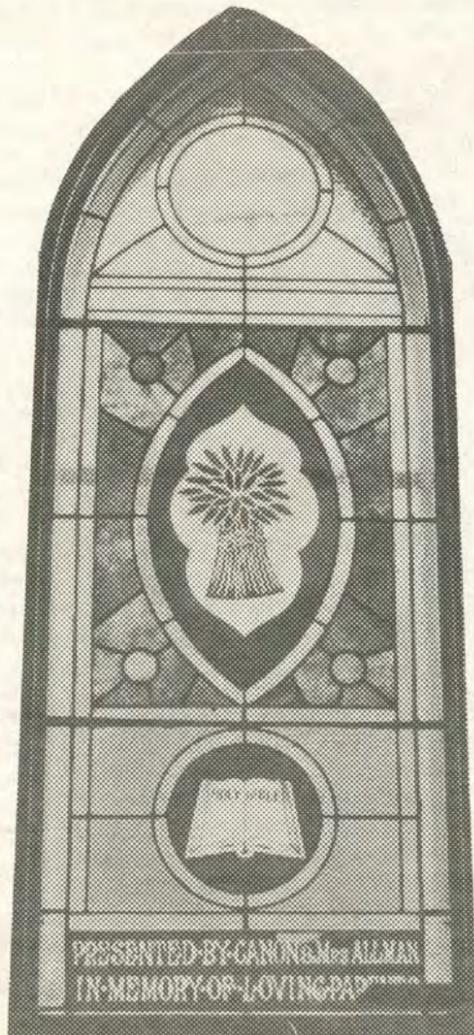
The sanctuary of the church remains a place of simple beauty, 70 years after the structure was built. The congregation of the church, under the guidance of Rev. Duncan Lyon, has given the sanctuary a face-lift in honour of the anniversary celebration.

Held special service

Members of All Saints' Anglican Church gathered at the church Thursday evening for a special service commemorating the 70th anniversary of the church building and the 97th year of the congregation.

Sunday, the Right Reverend Frank Nock, Bishop of Algoma, visited All Saints' to preside at 10:30 a.m. service with the Rector Duncan Lyon. A reception followed at a parish hall, where pictures and historical memorabilia were on display.

Fr. Lyon has extended a warm welcome to all former parishioners and friends to join in the celebration of All Saints' 70th anniversary. He and the other members of the church see it as a time to celebrate the first 70 years of All Saints' and a time to look forward to the next 70 years.



One of the subtly-designed stained glass windows gracing the sanctuary of All Saints' Anglican Church commemorates Canon and Mrs. Arthur Henry Allman, who served the Burks Falls parish from 1905 to 1918.

The Best Age

Gleaned from "Trinity Topics" Holy Trinity Tarentorus - S.S.M.

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age, Psalm 92:14

Many people dread the thought of growing old. And in one sense this is understandable. The passing years do bring a decline of physical strength and endurance. Yet elderly people have a decided advantage over those who are young. In fact "the sunset years" can be the most fulfilling of all.

Henry Durbanville gives this testimony of one who actually enjoyed growing old: "My mouth is full of laughter and my heart is full of joy. I feel so sorry for the folks who don't like to grow old. I revel in my years. They enrich me. If God should say to me, "I will let you begin over again, and you may have your youth back once more," I should say, "Oh, dear Lord, if Thou dost not mind, I prefer to go on growing old" I would not exchange the peace of mind, the abiding rest of soul, the measure of wisdom I have gained from the sweet and bitter and perplexing experiences of life, nor the confirmed faith I now have. . . in the unfailing mercies and love of God, for all the bright and uncertain hopes and tumultuous joys of youth. Indeed, I would not! These are the best years of my life --- The sweetest, and the most free from anxious care. The way grows brighter; and the birds sing sweeter; the winds blow softer; the sun shines more radiantly than ever before; . . . my 'outward man' is perishing, but my 'inward man' is being joyously renewed day by day." If you are growing old, rejoice in the good things that are yours. And if you're young, honour God. Then as you reach that golden plateau, you too will find it to be THE BEST AGE!

As sunset falls upon one's life,

Its golden rays reveal Those qualities of faith and love

The years have made so real.

Treason In The Family

From a Parish Newsletter

One of the most disturbing facts in today's culture is that so many marriages are breaking up. The emotional shockwaves of divorce undermine the very foundations of human love and greatly limit the influence of the home. Psychological scars and spiritual upheaval are left in its wake. And no wonder, for God in His infinite goodness has established the family as a means of ensuring human happiness. The unity of the husband and wife was intended to be so strengthening, so comforting, and so ennobling that neither party could break that bond without permanently damaging themselves and others. If children are involved, the results of infidelity can affect generations to come. The Heavenly Father is therefore deeply grieved when either of the parties in a marriage breaks the 10th commandment - that of coveting someone else's mate.

Benedicte's Scrapbook tells of a publisher who offered a prize for the best answer to the question, "Why is a newspaper like a good woman?" The winning answer was this: "It's like a good woman, because every man should have one of his own and not look at his neighbour's!"

If you are planning, or even remotely considering to break up your home and seek a divorce, read carefully and prayerfully the warnings and admonitions found in I Thessalonians 4: 1-8. Beware of any enticement to covet another man or woman. Remember, there's one you have promised to honour and cherish for the rest of your life. You must not disregard these sacred vows. Plotting against the divine institution of marriage is one of the highest forms of "treason." H.G.B.

How sad when flames of love burn low
In hearts that once their warmth did know!
But Christ will freely grace bestow
And cause that love again to glow.

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