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Courtesy of the Sault Star

For the first time in many years, Algoma's episcopal family was all present at Bishophurst for the Annual New Year's Day Reception. Behind Bishop and Mrs. Nock, who are sitting, are Bob and Nora Wilson (from Surrey, B.C.) and Dr. David Nock (from Thunder Bay). In front are the Nocks' grandchildren Amanda (2½) and Christopher (6). For several more pictures of the New Year's Day celebration, please turn to page 4A of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

At Bishophurst

270 people attend annual New Year's special reception

More than 270 people, including Sault Ste. Marie's Mayor Nick Trbovich and his wife, Mary Ann, took the opportunity to visit and extend a warm and happy New Year to Bishop Frank F. Nock, and his wife, Beth, on New Year's Day.

The Nocks opened up their home to the Sault and Diocesan residents in the traditional manner with a reception at Bishophurst on January 1, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Bishophurst is the official residence of the Anglican bishop of the Diocese of Algoma.

Also attending the reception was Lt. Col. H. B. Halford, from the 49th Field Regiment, and the Bishop's entire family.

Attending were the Nocks' daughter, Nora, her husband, Bob Wilson, and two children, Christopher and Amanda (all of Surrey, B.C.), and their son, David, a sociology professor at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. This is the first time in 9 years the entire family has been together for Christmas.

The theme this year for the reception was the "Lambeth Conference" held in Canterbury, England, during the summer of 1978. These conferences of Anglican bishops

from all over the world have been held every ten years since 1867. The Nocks attended last summer. Pictures, slides and brochures, relating to the Conference, were on display during the afternoon reception, in Heritage Centre, with Dorothy Bowers and Lois Stanton as attendants.

During the reception, tea, coffee, hors d'oeuvres, Christmas cake, and hot mulled cider (a traditional favourite) were served by Mr. Nick Trbovich, Mrs. W. L. Wright, Mrs. Charles Noble, Mrs. Lawrence Robertson, Mrs. Fred Roberts, and Mrs. Frank Coyle.

Mrs. Mary Burfoot was in charge of the kitchen arrangements, assisted by Mrs. Marg Gower, Esme Johnson, Mercedes Coggon, Mollie Tyrrell, Gladys Reed and Lura Dew. The deanery clergy wives and daughters helped in serving the refreshments.

Philip Burfoot was at the door to greet the visitors. The cider table was staffed by the Rev. Frank Gower and Mr. John Wood.

Mrs. Nock wore a dashiki which she had purchased during the holiday she and the Bishop spent in Barbados, in November. Her robe, which originated with African tribes, is basically red and green.

Sudbury Coffee House recently transformed

The Coffee House at the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury has undergone renovations (or a transformation). The new use of this space will be multiple and varied. Small meetings, young people's activities, craft or discussion groups, and Wednesday morning coffee hours are some examples.

The new atmosphere will provide for a more homey appearance than the offices, for individual, family, or marriage counselling.

The funds for this long-proposed project have come from individual donations and from part of the anonymous donation the Vestry earmarked for this purpose

two years ago.

The design and work has been done by Mr. Ed Kyrzakos, of the parish, and he is well known for his workmanship. He also contributed the carpeting himself.

Parishioners Gary and Linda Brooks, proprietors of H & S Upholsterers, have offered, along with volunteer carpenters from the parish, to design and build the couch and chairs.

Entrance to the room can be had from the parking lot, so that it may be of use to outside community groups without going through the Church.

Interim appointment made

The Rev. Canon Edward Weare, on leave from the Diocese of Calgary, has been appointed *Locum Tenens* of Holy Trinity, Little Current, Sheguiandah, and Sucker Creek, until a permanent appointment is made. Associated with him will be Brother Edward Smith. Fr. Weare

and Brother Ted have formed the Society of the Common Life, and have been residing at Thornton House, Bracebridge, in association with the Mission House for the past few months. Canon Weare and Brother Ted took up residence at the Rectory in Little Current on Feb. 1.



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

INSIDE: A priest for 25 years

The Rev. John Jordan, who lives in Thunder Bay, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on December 16, 1978. The following day a special reception was held at the Red Oak Inn. Here Mr. George Burns, Warden at St. George's Church where Fr. Jordan assists, presents him with a watch from the parish. For more pictures, please turn to page 6A of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

(Ed. Note. As the present editorship of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN winds to a close over the next few months, a number of nostalgic feelings haunt the Editor. One of the things which will be missed the most is the personal contact which the Editor has had with so many over seven years. This personal touch is one thing this Editor has tried to stress in this diocesan paper. Of course, much correspondence is received — in fact, so much so, that the wife of the Editor refuses to look at the mail until the Editor has perused it and separated the family mail from the diocesan mail! However, it is the personal touch which has delighted the Editor. For example, the two letters below are evidence of the spirit which pervades Algoma, and which I hope has pervaded the pages of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

The September, 1978, issue of the diocesan paper carried a picture of the Rev. William Ivey in a "Candid Camera" pose. The picture was taken by Marjie Smith, one of our columnists, and she sent it to us to give a "lighter touch" to the paper. Recently, we received a letter from Mrs. Ivey, in explanation of the pose!

In December, 1978, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN published a picture of the Editor's son and one of his friends from Lindsay, Ontario. At Christmas, Warren, the Editor's son, received a letter from Archbishop Wright, former Diocesan of Algoma, which again exhibited the personal touch which is so pleasant an Algoma trait.

We publish these two letters below, and thank our readers for the many letters to the Editor, which never reach the paper's pages.)



Courtesy of Marjie Smith

This picture can be explained, of course, as the letter below illustrates!

To the Editor:

Well, we certainly discovered how many people read the ALGOMA ANGLICAN after Marjie's portrait of William appeared. We have heard so often — "Saw Fr. Ivey's picture in the paper. HA! HA! HA!"

Really there is a logical explanation. William had just sat down to amuse baby Dan while Mother cooked up breakfast. Daniel is at least partly Scottish and enjoys a bit of music on the bagpipe practise chanter.

The footgear is explained by young Michael's habit of wearing Daddy's slippers (and leaving them somewhere). As our floors are very cold, William jumped into the next best thing. The nightshirt is explained by the very traditional nature of the Anglican Church . . . and sneaky Marj Smith was right there to record it all on film!

Mrs. W. Ivey



The Editor's son, Warren, and his friend, Iain Newman, from Lindsay, Ontario, receive a compliment from Archbishop Wright in the letter below.

Dear Warren:

You and Iain were the best looking guys in the whole paper — I mean the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

Tell your Dad that next time your picture must be on the front page, not stuck down in the corner!

Use your influence, Warren, and get Ryan's picture in the paper some time.

From an old retired Archbishop,

William Wright

The bishop's letter

Concerning our diocese

My dear fellow Anglicans:

Our next Diocesan Synod will be held in Sault Ste. Marie May 7th - 9th. It will be preceded by a reception at Bishophurst on Sunday evening, May 6th. I hope that you and your lay delegates will take an active interest in the Agenda materials which will be forthcoming.

In my letter this month I want to share with you some information on what keeps the Diocese ticking between Synods for I can assure you it does not run by itself! Many people are involved in caring for its well-being.

The body of clergy and laity which carries the heaviest responsibility between Synods is the Diocesan Executive Committee. It is composed of the Bishop, the Dean, the Chancellor, the Registrar, the Treasurer and the five Archdeacons, two Lay Stewards from each Deanery elected by the clergy and lay delegates of each deanery; the Rural Dean of each Deanery elected by the clergy and Synod Delegates of each deanery; one lay member and one clerical member appointed by the bishop if he so desires.

The Executive Committee is responsible for implementing many of the decisions of Synod and for making decisions on policy between Synods: for these decisions it is accountable to the Synod. The Executive usually meets at least three times a year for a full day, or longer if necessary, and considers carefully matters relating to finance and investments, long range planning, property and building maintenance, ministry, outreach and social action.

A very important auxiliary to the Executive Committee

are the Advisory Boards constituted to advise and report to the Executive in the areas of finance and investments, maintenance and property, planning, ministry, outreach and social action. The membership of these Advisory Boards involves many other clergy and lay people in the Diocese as only one person from the Executive is required to be a member of an Advisory Board. Since the Advisory Boards can co-opt other members the number of clergy and lay people involved is widespread. The Executive has often used "Think-Tanks" from the deaneries to focus on certain issues (e.g. - Christian Initiation and Christian Education).

The Dean and the Archdeacons have a particular function to fulfil as representatives of the Bishop and as his advisors concerning the welfare and well-being of the clergy in their Archdeaconry. The Rural Deans and two Lay Stewards have the responsibility of visiting each parish in their deanery and keeping

a weather-eye on their financial situation and the maintenance of the property and buildings.

The daily business of the diocese is in the capable hands of our diocesan staff — Din Oosterbaan, Treasurer, Marg Rose, Gladys Reed and Lura Dew. We are most fortunate in their devoted service as they give careful consideration to hundreds of details relating to matters such as bookkeeping, records, correspondence, central payroll, pension, government 'red-tape', legal concerns, ALGOMA ANGLICAN, etc.

I am aware that this letter has dealt with 'mundane matters' but 'mundane matters' are not unimportant to God for Our Lord Jesus Christ spent many years in Nazareth labouring as a Carpenter.

Your friend
and bishop,

Frank: Algoma

The bishop's itinerary

February

19-20 Diocesan Executive Meeting (Sudbury)

20-21 Provincial Ministry Committee (Sudbury)

March

4 10 a.m., St. Michael and All Angels, Thunder Bay
(Confirmation and Eucharist)

7:30 p.m., St. Paul's, Thunder Bay
(Confirmation and Eucharist)

5 8 p.m., St. John's, Thunder Bay
(Confirmation and Eucharist)

6 Quiet Morning with the Clergy of the Deanery

8 p.m., West Thunder Bay (Confirmation and Eucharist)

7 8 p.m., St. George's, Thunder Bay
(Confirmation and Eucharist)

8 8 p.m., St. Stephen's, Thunder Bay
(Confirmation and Eucharist)

9 8 p.m., St. Luke's, Thunder Bay (Institution and Induction
of the Rev. E. P. Moyle)

11 11 a.m., St. Thomas', Thunder Bay
(Confirmation and Eucharist)

12-13 General Synod Organization Committee (Toronto)

Greetings from . . .

The senior priest of Algoma

Now Living in Dundas, Ontario

(Ed. Note. The Bishop received this letter from Canon and Mrs. Goodier, and has passed it on to the ALGOMA ANGLICAN so that its contents might be shared with our readers. When in Algoma, he served in Milford Bay, Gravenhurst, Sturgeon Falls and Haileybury.)

Dear Bishop and Mrs. Nock:

This letter will carry our good wishes for Christmas 1978 and extension of those good wishes to 1979, having in mind God's good wishes to us in the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. We are thankful for friends and thoughtful relations.

Florence still sits in her chair, reading. When I go to see her, she is glad to show me the pictures she has. She enjoyed the over-90 birthday parties; there are over 50 of us in this Villa in Dundas, who attend these parties and while we are accompanied by wheel chairs, walkers, walking sticks and crutches, still music, joy and laughter are not in short supply.

As for me my 90th birthday has gone. I walk half an hour in the morning. I take a service at the Church on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. I swim twice

a week, and am on hand for our Villa Chapel Service on Friday. I assist at Church on Sundays.

This will let you see that I am still "retired and occupied" but my heart goes back to happy years in Algoma. I believe that I am now the senior man in the Diocese of Algoma in age and years of ordination, and I think I am the last priest to receive his licence from the hand of Archbishop Thorneloe. I am not taking credit for this; it is just that I have stayed alive a long time!

The Rev.
Canon Cyril Goodier,
St. Joseph's Villa, Dundas.



Canon C. Goodier

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WALK WITH ME:**Back to Christmas — Mary deserves an academy award!**

by Marjie Smith

Perhaps it is because Christmas always seems to have a terminal ending, or because my own condition greatly resembles Mary's that first Christmas eve (fortunately she didn't have to weigh in at the doctors), but my mind seems to focus on the Christmas story long into the new year. When the Christmas cards flood the market with their rhymy-dimey poems and their dramatic display of manger scenes, I always have one overpowering thought. "It's a good job CBC wasn't on the spot with its foreign correspondent, the first Christmas!"

Mary deserves an academy award if she, in reality, bore any resemblance to our 20th century portrayals of her. Perhaps the centuries of icons dedicated to her, which have turned her into a legendary rather than a real person, have been her reward. The artist who paints a Saxon Mary, resplendant in embroidery and silk, and wearing that tiresome Mona-Lisa smirk, seems to be apologizing for the human race. Perhaps

he is saying, "If only I had been that inn keeper . . .".

Somehow the stable in the modern crèches has become almost Gothic in ideology. It is usually palatially large, sterilized and deodorized. It is almost as if a legion of angels, with nothing better to do with their time, descended on the little stable with brooms and Lysol, and saw to it that each straw was stacked in aesthetic relation to the others.

The fairy tale does not stop there. After descending a tiny hill in my children's toboggan, and trying to unravel my whole pregnant self at the bottom, I realized I'd never be able to cross Manitoulin Island on a donkey. Somehow we picture Mary's Judean taxi, as a close cousin to the ones our children ride on a carousel . . . no bumps, no jostles . . . just gliding through the air with the greatest of ease!

We also have this image of Mary, arriving in Bethlehem, having conveniently held off labour, and waiting until she is stabled down to give birth, spontaneously, to a no-cry,

no-mess kid, who pops out and blows Mom and Dad a kiss. Then Mary, of course, in keeping with her image, spends the remainder of the evening vigilantly kneeling over the manger (such a comfortable position post-partum).

During this time she is oblivious to the rough looking shepherds, curiosity seekers and strangers who pass in and out, either to visit the baby, or to bed down their animals. Even more appropriately, the animals, either kneel in stupefied reverence for the evening or softly lullaby the child in four-part harmony. As a special gift to the newborn, they pledged themselves to rigid bowel control so as not to offend the little nose.

Anyone, who has had any part in the maternity-floor drama, knows that there are a few discrepancies in our euphemistic approach to the first Christmas. The last place any woman in labour wants to be, is on the back of a donkey in the middle of a crowded metropolis. It is probably the fact that Mary was already in intense labour

that induced Joseph to accept a stable for the birthplace of his son. No conscientious husband would allow his wife to give birth in these conditions unless necessity drove him to it.

Worse, in a time when midwifery was a feminine task, it is quite probable that Joseph either had to deliver the baby or assist someone else. It is possible the he sought out professional help, but it is unlikely that he would leave his labouring wife for any length of time to seek it out, in a strange city whose overcrowded conditions would make anyone difficult to find. Of course the little insects and germs that love to infest a barn, wouldn't be likely to politely pack their bags and vacate for the duration of the evening either, and no doubt a flask or two of water served as the kitchen sink.

When the shepherds appeared, excited as Mary might have been about the whole evening, I doubt very much she was standing or kneeling, looking like she had just stepped out of a Dial commercial. It is probable

that she was lying down (the usual position of a woman post-labour) and no doubt her clothes still showed, to some degree, the distress of the whole ordeal.

Does this type of reality take the magic out of Christmas trees and holiday turkeys? Just as the stuffing and cranberries, hide the homeliness of the turkey, and the tinsel and lights brighten up the naked tree, so our ideas of Christmas hang sugar plums on the facts of Christmas.

The Christmas tree, in its own snow dusted environment, far outshines any beauty we can add to it. So too, Jesus' humble origins make the meaning of Christmas so much warmer and extraordinary. The very birth of Christ proved that Christ's Kingdom was not of this world . . . we have had kings and leaders from the very beginning. His kingdom was one that would last through the ages.

If Jesus had been born in satin and lace, how could He possibly have claimed to have been "tempted like us, yet without sin?"

MONDAY MORNING:**Our perspective is really changed by Quiet Days**

by Mrs. W. Ivey

Early in November of 1978, a Ladies' Quiet Day was conducted by the Rev. William Ivey, Rector, at St. John's in Chapleau. It was the first to be offered there, and it is hoped that others will be held, perhaps in shortened form to allow more to attend.

But what is a Quiet Day like? "Be still," says the Lord, "and know that I am God." How hard it is to lay our busyness down and sit at the feet of Jesus. How difficult to lay down the meals, the laundry, the pile of correspondence,

believing that the universe will still run on schedule if we stop rushing. A Quiet Day makes us feel like children going out to play, relieved a while of our responsibilities.

A Quiet Day is like taking off in a jet. As the plane leaves the runway, the clouds spill down to meet us. They envelop us, cutting off our view completely. Suddenly, the jet leaps up above the cloud layer. Now we see the clear sky and brilliant sun that were hidden to us before. Now the world, with its cares, is blanketed, cut off from our sight.

A Quiet Day is like a sight-seeing bus tour. We sit back, relax, allowing our guide to conduct us. Some of the territory is familiar. Other landmarks, pointed out by our guide, are totally new to us. The bus pauses at points of particular beauty. In silence, we spend a few moments reflecting on each new view of the Kingdom we are touring. A single stroke of the Church bell calls us back. We gather together and the bus moves on.

And our Quiet Day is like opening a box, bound with

ribbon, taking out old letters and re-reading them. Perhaps we know the phrases almost by heart. There may be lines that somehow we never read before. But the pages are filled with messages of love. Sometimes the love seems too high, too great to understand, like the love a great king for the people he rules. Sometimes there is revealed a tiny intimate half-forgotten show of affection, like remembering how Daddy used to zip your coat for you. For these are love letters, these are the Scriptures, let-

ters from the great king who wants us to call him, "Abba". It means, "Daddy".

The jet returns to earth, the bus brings us home, and the letters go back into their box. Quiet Day is over. Over cups of tea, we shift our gears, getting ready to go home. But we have seen the familiar things from far off. Our perspective has changed. There is supper to be cooked, laundry to wash, letters to be written. But now we know it is not the schedule which gives meaning to our days. It is the KING.

A REPORT:**Native Spirituality Conference presents a real challenge**

(Ed. Note. Mr. Jack Bedgood, of North Bay, attended a Conference on "Native Spirituality" on Oct. 10-11, 1978, at the Aurora Conference Centre, as a representative from the Diocese of Algoma. In this article, he presents his reflections on that conference.)

by Jack Bedgood

The evening of Oct. 10, and the next day, 1978, was yet another time of experience, which challenges any who attended that gathering at the Anglican Aurora Conference Centre. I say "challenges" rather than "challenged" because the influence of that time continues to have impact upon my thinking, as I am sure it does for all 40 of those who attended.

I was one of four or five Christian lay persons in that gathering, along with ten students from the University of Trent (students in Native Studies) who attended as observers. The balance of the delegates was made up of Anglican bishops and priests, and Native Spirituality leaders.

The common denominators

for these delegates were for the most part the fact that all lived in the province of Ontario, and all desired to share the fundamentals of the beliefs of the two "spiritualities". The goal for the conference was this: "(A) a growing acceptance of each other's symbols as meaningful and acceptable; (B) a recognition of the differences in value judgements, in that one identifies man and the earth as one, and that we are to live in harmony and replenish the land, and the other is based on possessions and ownership; and (C) an acceptance of the richness and value of both heritages, so that we may see each other as brothers."

The first evening saw us assembled in a circular fashion, in a "Sweetgrass Ceremony", one of our Native Indian brothers' symbols — a sacrament of cleansing and getting right with the Creator and one another. For over four hours, the delegates, each in turn, shared their individual backgrounds. Thus, an immediate and giant step was made towards accomplishing, at least for those present, the goal. It set the stage for the following day.

For the most part, the full day of sharing was a time of listening — listening to the native peoples share their spirituality, their symbols, their language, their ceremonies, songs and prayers, their visions, their stories. We very soon sensed the feeling of brotherhood. There was no vindictive rehearsal of our white ancestors' persecution of their native ancestors. Rather, there was a deeper, honest sharing of today's Indian and his growing and awakening need to regain his roots. As it was put, "we need to go back and pick up some of the values we have lost".

It was both stirring and exciting for us to "see", in a spiritual sense, an awareness, an honouring of one God, a praising of one Creator, a thankfulness to one "Grandfather", that our Indians hold. Just as the Christian community prays to "Our Father", so does our Indian brother call upon "Grandfather" — the one who has an unending supply of love for his children, the one whom no other surpasses, the one who always has time to listen.

I was struck, repeatedly, with the tremendous paral-

lism in our Native People's spirituality and the Christian faith — one Creator of all; the universality of love and brotherhood of all mankind; the awareness of the "soul" as a part of God in us; that all men are children of the one God-Creator; the "family of man". A Sundance Ceremony, when Grandfather is worshipped in prayer and praise, is much like the Christian's experience of the presence of the Holy Spirit when the gifts are manifested in a circle of prayer and praise.

Indeed, there is a oneness among us, regardless of skin colour. Our native Indian brothers are regaining a new awareness of their "faith", in a way analogous to the growing awareness in the Christian community of the basics of our "spirituality" (a re-birth of the first century Christian Church). Yet, I do not believe that the Christian community can sit back to co-exist peacefully with, or leave our Indian brothers, to find themselves.

The zeal of our ancestral forefathers, the Christian missionaries to this continent, was so intent on "saving" the native savage that they were

blinded and failed to recognize the very fertile "spiritual" soil the Indian was for the "fold". For, indeed, there was, and is now, this tremendous common and mutual accord between the two religious expressions. In one sense, the Natives' spirituality is much like Judaism in its relation to the Christian faith. Both have one Creator, a worshipping and glorifying relationship with Him, love for the Creator and His creation, and a recognition of the oneness and uniqueness of all humanity.

We are left with only the Lord Jesus Christ's commission to us: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Our Lord's call is to share with our Indian brother that new dimension of the "Grandfather", the Good News!

Let us all pray that the Holy Spirit will in the times ahead afford to us more opportunities to, not only in the words of the conference's objectives, "to see each other as brothers", but also "to become brothers in Christ."

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Bishop and Mrs. Nock welcome their guests

Bishop and Mrs. Frank F. Nock welcome Dorothy Bowers and Jackie Miller (right) to Bishophurst,

where the Annual New Year's Day Reception was held from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.



Courtesy of the Sault Star

Mulled cider poured by Fr. Gower . . .

The Rev. Frank Gower, Assistant Priest at St. Luke's Cathedral, serves hot mulled cider to Laura Reed, and Marianne Robertson, at this year's Annual New Year's Day Reception.



Courtesy of the Sault Star

. . . coffee by Mrs. Wright

Mrs. Margaret Wright, former first lady of the Diocese of Algoma, pours coffee for Hilda Hanley of Marathon.

A letter to the editor:**University chaplain disagrees with Dr. Agnew's December article which dealt with the issue of homosexuality****To the Editor:**

We appreciate the opportunity to read about activities in the Diocese each time the ALGOMA ANGLICAN arrives at our house in Saskatoon, bringing back many happy memories for us. We note that you will be "retiring" from the editor's desk this summer, and we wish every blessing upon you and your successor.

The MONDAY MORNING page provides us with some thoughtful and provocative material and this December's contribution ("*From where I sit — a doctor's view!*", by Dr. James Agnew) raises some questions which need to be examined more deeply.

Whilst it is always encouraging to see laymen and women taken a rightful place at the prayer-desk and in the pulpit, remarks made from the latter, be they by bishop, priest, or lay person, must always be open for debate. Certain areas of my work at the University of Saskatchewan have led me to have serious doubts about the validity of some of Dr. Agnew's assumptions, widely held though they may be with the Christian Church in North America.

It was good to see Dr. Agnew refer to the "crime of power", but, unfortunately, in my opinion he did not develop this further. The crass materialism of our society (frequently aided and abetted by some of the more visible aspects of Christianity) has been the major cause of the disillusionment of so many young people, and the subsequent success of the bizarre "religious" cults which are proliferating on this continent.

There are some good things happening to be sure. It is encouraging to see Christian leaders taking a stand at company shareholders' meetings: it is uplifting to see the Primate, Archbishop Scott, giving the kind of spiritual and practical leadership that is so desperately needed.

But the Church's past reluctance to become involved in the day-to-day activities of men and women has made it difficult for her to give any effective guidance to the majority of North Americans today. While crime, sexual abuse, drugs, and (much more significantly) alcohol continue to be with us, and must ever be cause for Christian concern, a critical situation currently exists where the most idealistic and creative of our young people are in danger of being led into groups like the Unification Church, because they are told that they can change the world with the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

If Dr. Agnew had had the time, he might well have enlarged on this breakdown of society "from the top". We are certainly becoming increasingly aware of the number of young people "opting out" of society and joining a "religious cult". The instances are much more common than is generally realized. Your readers might be interested in learning more by reading an excellent book, "*All God's Children*", by Carroll Stoner and JoAnne Parke.

I was particularly distressed to read Dr. Agnew's comments about "homosexuality". Since coming to the University of Saskatchewan, I have had the opportunity to work with a number of homosexual men and women, most of whom have been committed to either the Christian or Jewish faiths, and who have joined together in a campus group we call "*Grapevine*".

Like many in this province, we are presently engaged in preparing a brief to the Saskatchewan Government asking that the human rights legislation be reworded to provide full protection for any person, regardless of their sexuality, who lives in this province. We are greatly encouraged by responsible studies that are now being undertaken by the Anglican, Presbyterian, and United Churches, and through TV, radio, and the press, we have been able to show that so much of the prejudice against homosexuality needs to be re-examined in the light of Christian love and understanding.

On July 1, 1978, we participated in a "*Celebration of Love for All God's Children*" in downtown Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, as our response to the visit of Anita Bryant later that day. We believe that Anita Bryant's crusade in no way represents Christ's love for all men and women, and we were joined at the celebration not only by homosexuals of many faiths, but by representatives of the feminist movement and the Jewish community, each of them having been hurt by some of Ms. Bryant's published statements.

We have been recommending that Christians read some of the excellent books by the Rev. Dr. Sherwin Bailey (Anglican), the Rev. Dr. Norman Pittenger (Anglican), and the Rev. Dr. John McNeill, SJ (Roman Catholic). I regret that Dr. Agnew's words may

reinforce the misconception that homosexuals "foist their quirks and escapades on others" for nothing could be further from the truth. Isolated incidents of homosexual molestation are tragic, but actually rarer than similar heterosexual assaults. Both are equally wrong.

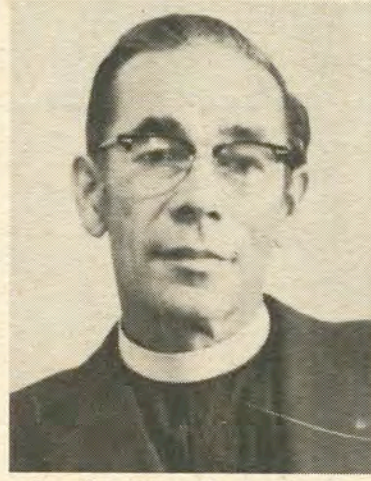
Homosexuals comprise a very significant proportion of our population, and since our sexual orientation is something quite beyond our control, it is sad to see so many fine men and women rejected, not by God, but by the Church they often love and serve.

It is quite likely that many who read this will have a minister, a school-teacher, a parent, friend, or child, who is a homosexual. Contrary to public opinion, there are no stereotypes, and many of us are quite unaware of each other's sexuality.

I am happy that in my work at the University of Saskatchewan I am able to share with the men and women of "*Grapevine*". We are hoping and praying that Christians will not only afford homosexuals equal rights and privileges with heterosexuals in society, but that the day will come when homosexual clergy can be open and frank with their congregations, without the fear that we know now surrounds them. Perhaps too, the day will come when we can, in the Name of Christ's Church, bless the commitments which so many homosexual couples are now making to each other in responsible, lasting love.

The Rev. Colin Clay.

(Ed. Note. Prior to his departure from the Diocese of Algoma, Fr. Clay was the Rector of St. Alban's in Capreol, and a lecturer at both Huntington and Thorneloe Colleges in Sudbury. Fr. Clay is now the Chaplain of the University of Saskatchewan, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.)

STEWARDSHIP — PART I**"A faithful steward"**

by the Rev. R. A. Locke

What follows is intended to be a consideration of some practical and logical thoughts about stewardship, based on an assumed agreement on four basic points.

First, while our Lord's recorded words referring to servants or stewards and their faithfulness are relatively few, they occupy a vivid and central place in his parables and teachings: "*Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.*"

Faithfulness in stewardship has been a condition of all God's promises from the beginning. Adam was unfaithful and God said, "*Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; ... So he drove out the man.*" "*Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God ... And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh has come before me ... and, behold, I will destroy them ... But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives*

with thee. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort ... to keep them alive with thee ... Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him ... And God remembered. Noah went forth ... and Noah builded an altar unto the Lord, ... and offered burnt offerings on the altar." Here was probably the first good and faithful steward, and to this day we share the promise that his faithfulness made possible, for "*... the Lord did not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; ... While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest; and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*"

The pattern continues throughout the Scriptures, the contrasting consequences of unfaithfulness and faithfulness. Lot and Abraham, Saul and David, Judas and John, are a few examples.

The theme of promise always requiring faithful service and stewardship found its perfect fulfilment, of course, in our Lord's own life, death, resurrection and ascension, to sit at God's right hand, and as Christians we are promised that, in Christ, this ideal is within our reach also. It will not be realized, however, if we dare to aim at any lesser ideal or choose any other model.

It was only through the perfect faithfulness of his stewardship that Jesus could say, "*I and my Father are one*", and it is only through our faithfulness in his stewardship that his prayer for us can be fulfilled, "*That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us.*"

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Just a thought . . .

A New Zealand Board of Missions publication recently noted, "Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more

than going to a garage makes you a car, but if you are a car, skipping the garage will eventually lead to breakdowns".



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

Parish ACW honours departing member

A farewell party was held recently in St. Mary's Church in Nipigon, by the ACW members and friends, in honour of ACW Past President Mrs. Fran Bird, prior to her departure to Toronto. Front Row,

from left, M. Inshaw, L. Braslins, S. Atwill, F. Bird, M. Willan, E. Choicelat, E. Harding. Back Row, from left, P. Hunter, L. Spicer, G. Oyakawa, M. Gill, J. Scott, G. Beange, S. Nelson, K. Dampier.

READING FOR LENT

(Ed. Note. Lent has always been a time for self-examination. The ALGOMA ANGLICAN passes on the two following articles as a starting point this Lent for our readers.

The Golden Rule

by Edith McKinnon

One of the oldest and most important rules of human life is to "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." It is the basis of all moral and ethical principles. There has never been a time when kindness, unselfishness and consideration for others were not essential qualities.

We read where Dr. Henry Fosdick said "that a person completely wrapped up in himself made a small package", and how right he was. The desire to be well-liked, to enjoy the affection of friends, to get along easily and pleasantly with other people is a basic instinct in human nature, and there is no better rule than this golden rule. And here are ten more Golden rules. Eat less and chew more. Ride less and walk more. Clothe less and bathe more. Worry less, work more. Idle less and play more. Talk less and think more. Go less and sleep more. Waste less and give more. Scold less and laugh more. Preach less and practice more. Practise these 10 golden rules and live longer!

Be Yourself

Be yourself — but be your best self. Dare to be different and to follow your own star. And don't be afraid to be happy. Enjoy what is beautiful. Love with all your heart and soul. Believe that those you love love you. Forget what you have done for your friends, and remember what they have done for you. Disregard what the world owes you, and concentrate on what you owe the world. When you are faced with a decision, make that decision as wisely as possible — then forget it. The amount of absolute certainty never arrives.

And above all, remember that God helps those who help themselves. Act as if everything depended upon you, and pray as if everything depended upon God.

—Author Unknown



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

Fr. Jordan receives spoon for "Stir Up" Sunday

The Rev. John Jordan has just received a spoon (wooden) from Marion Page, of St. George's,

Thunder Bay, who instructed him that it was for use on "Stir Up" Sunday!

ST. JOHN'S NORTH BAY

Various winter activities

by Thomas F. Chambers

The Rev. Noel Goater and his wife, Jan, spent a weekend in Toronto with another couple in November, attending a marriage enrichment course. Always on the lookout for interesting and worthwhile things for the parishioners of St. John's, Fr. Goater hopes to set up a similar program in North Bay.

On Saturday, December 16, a Christmas drama was presented to the people of St. John's entitled, THE 'NO NAME' CHRISTMAS SHOW. It was written and directed by Geoff Harvey, a Christian Education teacher. The show opened with "Away in a Manger" sung by the kindergarten and Grade 1 children, while the children in the older classes presented a drama of the nativity. The audience was also encouraged to participate by singing carols during the presentation.

On Sunday, December 17, the "Re-Joy-Sters", children from 7-12, presented "Sunshine Christmas" at the 11 o'clock service. Under the direction of choir master, Mary Sirrs, this was a modern version of the traditional festival of lessons, and carols, with very up-to-date music.

For the second year in a row, St. John's had services at both 6:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The early service has become very popular with young families, and many in the packed congregation were children. Music for the early service was again presented by the "Re-Joy-Sters", allowing the Senior Choir to have a break before the 11:30 service.



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

A very happy family poses for picture

Fr. and Mrs. Jordan stand with the members of their family; in back stand David, John, and Paul. In the front row, with them, is Mrs. Jordan, Sr., and Peter Mark. Another child, Elizabeth, is married, and lives in the Maritimes.



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

Priest, bishop and Church Army captain

Fr. Jordan's 25 anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood was a happy time for the officials of St. George's, Thunder Bay. Here Fr. and Mrs. Jordan (left) stand with Bishop and Mrs. Nock, and Capt. and Mrs. Earl Burke (who is in charge of St. George's, and is assisted by Fr. Jordan).

St. Luke's, Thunder Bay

New rector arrives

In last month's issue, the "Diocesan Gazette" announced the appointment of the Rev. Ted Moyle, from Hornepayne in the Diocese of Moosonee, to the position of Rector of St. Luke's in Thunder Bay, effective January 15.

In perusing the NORTHLAND, the official publication of the Diocese of Moosonee, edited by the Rev. Tom Corston, a former Algoma and Chapleau resident, the Editor of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN noticed an article and pictures concerning Fr. Moyle and his family and work in Moosonee. We reprint them here, with a further welcome to the Moyles to the Diocese of Algoma.

The Moyles' son, Teddy, was accepted this year at the St. John's Cathedral Boys' School in Selkirk, Manitoba. It is a famous institution, recognized for its training of young men not only academically but in all areas of life. The rugged training in the outdoors as well as the instilling of responsibility makes many young boys fine young men. It has been reported that Teddy is enjoying his new home and studies.



Teddy Moyle

It has also been reported that Mr. Jerry Taylor, a Senior Server from Fr. Moyle's former parish of St. Luke's in Hornepayne, was accepted by the Ontario Government to be a Page Boy at Queen's Park in Toronto from September until December, 1978. Jerry enjoyed this experience in the Ontario legislature.



This is a view of St. Mark's Chapel, Thorneloe College, in Sudbury, Ontario. The Eucharist is celebrated here each Thursday, at 5:30 p.m., when special addresses are given by the College authorities.

Three new entrance bursaries

Thorneloe College at its recent Board of Governors meeting announced the institution of three entrance bursaries.

Any student enrolling in any degree programme at Laurentian University is eligible to apply for the bursaries.

The bursaries are valued at \$925.00 (1979-80) per year payable in free accommodation at Thorneloe College Residence. The bursary recipients must agree to take one course in Women's Studies, Classics or a Thorneloe College course in Religious Studies. However, the choice of programme that recipients wish to enrol in at Laurentian University is unlimited.

The bursaries are intended to encourage students to come

to Laurentian University, particularly those students who would not be able to afford the residence fees.

For further information on these bursaries, please contact The Registrar, Thorneloe College, Ramsey Lake Road, Sudbury, Ontario, P3E 2C6.

Students who register in Thorneloe College are also considered for the following scholarships:

1. Ten entrance scholarships of \$200 each are awarded on the basis of the best overall grade 13 averages to full-time students registered in Thorneloe College enrolled in the first year of a B.A. programme, provided that they select their courses from at least four of the following ten areas: Canadian Studies, Classics, English, History,

Mathematics, Philosophy, Physical Sciences, Religious Studies, Women's Studies, and a Second Language.

2. Five entrance scholarships of \$200 each are awarded on the basis of the best overall grade 13 averages to full-time students registered in Thorneloe College enrolled in the first year of a B.Sc. programme, provided that they choose an elective course from one of the eight following areas: Canadian Studies, Classics, English, History, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Women's Studies, and a Second Language.

3. Ten scholarships of \$200 each are awarded to the Laurentian students who obtain the highest marks in each Thorneloe College course offered on or off campus.

New Thorneloe Board of Governors



Mr. Ron Warren, QC

The new Board of Governors of Thorneloe College in Sudbury has been announced by the Chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock. The Vice-Chancellor and Provost is the Rev. E. B. Heaven; Chairman, Mr. R. B. Warren; Vice-Chairman, Mr. E. D. Evans; Secretary, Mr. N. E. Greene; and Treasurer, Mr. W. Robert Hutcheson.

The members who will serve a 2-year term, ending in 1980, are as follows: the Rev. Noel Goater (North Bay); Mr. W. L. W. Taylor (Falconbridge); the Rev. Kenneth Gibbs (Elliott Lake); Mr. E. D. Evans, Mr. A. E. Goring, Mrs. M. Hewson, Dr. F. A. Peake, Mr. E. G. Higgins, Judge S. D. Loukidelis (all of Sudbury); and Mr. William G. B. Thompson (Sault Ste. Marie).

The continuing members of the Board, whose term will

expire in 1979, are as follows: Mr. F. C. C. Boland (North Bay); the Very Rev. John Fowler (Timmins); Mr. Norman E. Greene (Falconbridge); Mr. A. J. Grout (Chapleau); Mr. W. Robert Hutcheson (Huntsville); Mr.

T. A. Roscoe (Timmins); Mr. Ernie Checkers, Miss Rosanna Kelly, Mr. N. J. Segger, Mr. Peter W. Souter, Mr. N. G. Stoner, and Mr. R. B. Warren (all of Sudbury).

The Student Representative is Anthony Nanne.



Courtesy of Wolfe Kirchmeir

Confirmation service

Margaret Pettigrew was confirmed and Armand Pitre was received into the Anglican Communion by the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock during his episcopal visit to St. Saviour's Blind River, on November 26. They stand here with the Bishop, and the Rev. Canon Benjamin Cooper, Rector of St. Saviour's. Also confirmed were Lisa and Shawn Horton, and their mother, Joan, was received into the Anglican Communion.



Courtesy of the NORTHLAND

The Rev. Ted Moyle, the new Rector of St. Luke's in Thunder Bay, stands here with Jerry Taylor, his Senior server from his former parish in Hornepayne.

Captain Jim Galbraith has new appointment

Last month's "Around Algoma" column commented upon the presence of Capt. James Galbraith, CA, at Chapleau and the CPR line last summer. It also mentioned how the people of that parish enjoyed his presence and work among them.

The ALGOMA ANGLICAN, since that time, saw a picture of him in the publication of the Diocese of Keewatin, and is pleased to reprint it here.

Capt. Galbraith has been appointed to the Fort Alexander mission in the Diocese of Keewatin. This parish is a real challenge as it necessitates driving many miles each week to visit the Reserve and being responsible for Christ Church (Fort Alexander), St. George's (Little Black River), St. Phillip's (Manigotagan), and Christ Church (Hole River or Wanipigow).

The Diocese of Algoma offers the best of wishes to Capt. Galbraith in his new work.



Capt. Jim Galbraith

SPECIAL REPORT:**"1978 — another busy year for Missions to Seamen"**

by the Rev. Canon
A. J. Thomson

1978 was another busy year for the Missions to Seamen, Thunder Bay. About 5,000 seamen from Europe, Asia, Africa and South America aboard 135 deep sea ships, with crews of 30-40 persons, visited Canada's furthest inland port during the past year.

The Chaplain visits each ship several times, if possible, and meets the officers and crews usually at "coffee time" when the ship's company is relaxing in their various messes. Ethnic newspapers and Scriptures are distributed supplemented by generous quantities of magazines supplied by local friends of the Mission.

In addition, sight seeing and shopping tours are arranged in our 15 passenger minibus, mail is posted for the crew and international telephone calls arranged. On several occasions, Mass was arranged aboard ships with the help of foreign-speaking Roman Catholic clergy.

The Fall season was very busy. Early in October, the Rev. Wm. Down, General Secretary from London, England visited us and spoke at a public meeting in St. John's newly-renovated Parish Hall. Our Chairman, the Rev. Canon Frank Moore, presided. He was also guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Lakehead Harbour Commission. Since his appointment two years ago as head of the worldwide Missions to Seamen he has visited the 300 ports where we have Chap-

lains at work. After visiting Canadian ports he went to the Far East and Persian Gulf on an extended visit to ports in Asia.

During Thanksgiving week I attended the Third Triennial Conference of International Christian Maritime Association held in the Seamen's Church Institute in New York. All the principal Christian organizations serving seamen were represented. The theme was "Evangelization and Pastoral Care in the Maritime World". Papers were presented by speakers representing many churches. It was inspiring to meet Chaplains from 17 nations and exchange experiences with them. I had the honour of being the celebrant at one of the daily communion services. The closing service was held in nearby Trinity Church with prelates from several churches participating, and the Bishop of New York was the preacher.

The Seamen's Church Institute is a 21-storey building overlooking the Statue of Liberty. It is the largest seamen's centre in the world. It has accommodation in comfortable rooms for several hundred seamen and wives, as well as dining rooms, a post office, library and a splendid Chapel. It is maintained by the Diocese of New York and has a staff of several chaplains. The new Director is the Rev. James Whittemore, who was Rector of the Episcopal church in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan in the early 1950's. He told me he enjoyed his friendship with the Arch-

bishop and the Soo clergy and recalled being present when St. Luke's was rebuilt and dedicated after fire destroyed the Pro-Cathedral.

Early in November Mrs. Thomson and I left for our winter home in Mesa, Arizona. My place was taken by David Bradford, recently appointed a Diocesan Lay Reader by Bishop Nock when he consecrated St. Michael's Church. Over 30 years ago when I was Incumbent of St. Michael's, he was one of my valued co-workers. During the cold weeks of November and December he visited 49 ships and rendered yeoman service to many foreign seamen.

Despite the freezing weather on the waterfront and the hazards of ice-coated gangways and decks as well as the serious illness of his wife, Dave carried out his work faithfully every week. Some days he had as many as 11 foreign ships in port! Just after visiting the last ship of the season he received word that his aged mother had died in Belleville. The Missions to Seamen is fortunate to have such a dedicated worker. We hope Dave Bradford can continue to assist our work in Thunder Bay.

In April our work will resume again after the winter freeze-up. One of our greatest needs will be for hundreds of recent magazines and paperbacks to place aboard ships. Thunder Bay Readers can help us by saving magazines etc. for the men of the sea to read on their long voyages to distant corners of the world.



Mr. Dave Bradford serves as lay chaplain

Dr. Sidney Smith, one-time organist of St. Michael's in Thunder Bay, now living in Woodstock, Ontario, in the Diocese of Huron, where he is organist at the Church of the Good Shepherd, presents a plaque to Mr. David Bradford, who was installed in October as a diocesan Lay Reader, after serving 25 years as a Parish Lay Reader at St. Michael's. Mr. Bradford has also been serving as a Lay Chaplain at the Missions to Seamen at the Lakehead.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA . . .



The Rev. B. King-Edwards

The Rev. W. Bagot King-Edwards, a former priest of the Diocese of Algoma, retired to Peterborough, Ontario, some years ago, but he recently returned "north" for a visit to St. Matthew's, Hearst (in the Diocese of Moosonee) for the 60th Anniversary celebrations of that parish. Fr. King-Edwards was Rector there from 1953-57; when in Algoma, he served at Garden River (1957-63), White River (1963-69), and Manitowadge (1969 until his retirement). . . . The Rev. Canon A. J. Thomson (Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen in the Lakehead) and his wife plan to go to Hong Kong in March to visit their daughter, Elizabeth. She is the legal counsel for Nugan Hand International, a banking company. Canon and Mrs. Thomson also hope to visit Japan and other countries while in the Orient, and we hope he will pen an article for the ALGOMA

ANGLICAN upon his return. . .

The Rev. Eric Paterson, and his wife, Pat, once again welcomed parishioners and Sudbury people to the Annual Open House at their home on Moss Street, in new Sudbury, on Sunday, January 7, from 2-6 p.m. Fr. Paterson is the Rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury. . . . The sympathy of the Diocese is extended to the Rev. Canon Frank Moore and Mrs. Moore as they lost a grandson, Thomas Norval Moore, in a tragic drowning accident just before Christmas. He was 17. . . . Mr. Neil Simmie has been given permission by the Bishop to assist Father Flowers (Rector of Christ Church, Lively) by administering the chalice in the Holy Communion services in that parish. . . . St. Brice's in North Bay has raised over \$9000 in its Organ Fund. The organ is being installed slowly, and it has been used in a limited way already. . . . Both Paul Baskcomb and Ken Wheatley, who were winners of the Robert Murray and Eva P. Murray scholarships at Thorneloe College in Sudbury, are former members of St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie. Paul, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Baskcomb, 234 Simpson St., is in his final year of geology. Ken, a third-year geology student, is the son of Mrs. Grace Wheatley, 16 Grove Crescent, Sault Ste. Marie. . .

At St. Michael and All Angels' Church in Thunder

Bay, Mr. Charles Dallaire and Miss Julie Sato are the two new organists playing at the morning and evening services respectively. Mr. Dallaire is a professional musician with the Symphony Orchestra and comes to Thunder Bay from Montreal and Ottawa. Julie is a local girl and is presently attending Lakehead University. . . . Holy Trinity Church in Sault Ste. Marie has obtained a new refrigerator for its church kitchen, by saving \$300,000 in Dominion Store tapes. . . . The Rev. Jack Crouch and Mrs. Crouch held an Open House at the Rectory, 8 Colbalt St. in Copper Cliff, on St. John's Day, December 27 from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9:30 p.m. Fr. Crouch is the Rector of St. John's in Copper Cliff. . . . 455 attended the 11 a.m. service at St. Thomas' in Thunder Bay to witness the young people and choir perform, "The Choir Boy Who Couldn't Sing", on December 24. . . . Holy Trinity Church, Sault Ste. Marie, held a New Year's Party on Sunday, December 31, in the parish hall. It cost only \$5 a couple, and there was a Pot Luck Lunch. The New Year was prayed in, with a brief Eucharist in the Church at midnight. . . . St. Brice's in North Bay has resurrected its Youth Group. Temporary officers are Sandy Tenger (President), Denise Randall (Treasurer), and Susan Ivany (Phoning Convenor). . . . The

Searchmont Mission (sponsored by the Church of Holy Trinity in the Sault) is now

holding its services at the Roman Catholic Church at 11:50 a.m. every Sunday. . .



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S BUY & SELL SALE, — 1978



The Fergusons

McGregor Bay

Ontario

As reported in an earlier edition of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, St. Christopher's in McGregor Bay held a "Your boat is your booth" sale last summer to boost parish funds. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ferguson, who own the store in the Bay, used a picture of that sale on their 1978 Christmas card.