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## St. James' in Gravenhurst hosts annual ACW diocesan meeting

ACW Annual  
by Joan Slein

(Gravenhurst News)

Over two hundred women from the Diocese of Algoma arrived in Gravenhurst by car, bus and train for the Annual of the Anglican Church Women. The Deanery of Muskoka hosted the Annual on April 23, 24 and 25, and the host Church was St. James'.

St. James' House (the newly renovated former Rectory) was the busiest house in town on Monday. As the women came to register they were greeted at the door by Past President, Win McGinn, ably assisted by two other Past Presidents, Jean Huggett and May Koopman, plus many assistants.

Tea and coffee and homemade cookies and squares were served for hours. The delegates were delighted to relax in a home atmosphere and to chat with friends from as far away as Thunder Bay. Ann McLaughlin, A.C.W. President of St. James', and husband Frank, hosted an Executive Dinner on Monday at their home on Reay Rd. Bishop and Mrs. Nock and members of the Diocesan Executive, plus guests, enjoyed the opportunity of meeting prior to the regular program on Tuesday.

Jean Roberts, President of the Deanery of Muskoka, extended an official welcome on Tuesday morning at the Opera House. She mentioned that the assembling of over 200 women was a tribute to the devotion and dedication of Bishop and Mrs. Nock, and to the Diocesan A.C.W. President, Ellen May of Burk's Falls.

In her remarks, the Deanery President asked that we pray together, work together, learn together and have fun together. "Let joy be yours", she commented, and urged that the joy be shown to others and to people they would meet in Gravenhurst. Praise was given to all the churches in the Deanery of Muskoka, as they had all supported the Annual. Greetings were expressed also by Ann McLaughlin, President of the A.C.W. of St. James', and then, on behalf of the town of Gravenhurst, His Worship, Mayor Allen Sander, extended best wishes and the support of the town.

A panel discussion on the theme: CALL TO JOY with the sub-title "Walk Worthy of Your Calling", was the highlight on Tuesday afternoon.

The sessions were held in the theatre auditorium of the Opera House. Outstanding participants on the panel were: Judith Brocklehurst of Bracebridge, Father Ted Weare of the S.S.J.E., Bracebridge, Dorothy Hoover of Huntsville and Margo Smith of North Bay. The perspectives on walking worthy of one's calling in life were presented with sincerity and depth. The views presented ranged from coping with



Courtesy of the Gravenhurst News

Members of the Diocesan ACW met in Gravenhurst for their Annual Meeting. Pictured here is the Executive. Back row, from left, Helen Johnson (Vice-President), Jean Roberts (Muskoka Deanery President), the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock (Bishop), Mrs. Beth Nock (First Lady and Honorary President), and Isabelle Locke (Communications Officer). Front row, from left, Ann McLaughlin (Corresponding Secretary), Marjorie Brandt (Recording Secretary), Ellen May (President), and Peggy Hern (Treasurer).

children and laundry (and I'll be here in my laundry when He comes), to the opinion that being a Christian was a vocation in itself.

This was put forth by a person whose life had changed drastically by the sudden loss of her partner. Another panel member stated that if you are a Christian, you reach out to everyone whenever and wherever you can. The profound thought was also articulated that "just being ourselves" was the best way to walk worthy of our calling. Helen Johnson of Huntsville, Diocesan Vice-President, introduced each speaker and was a very effective moderator.

Three delicious meals were served to the delegates. At the Centennial Centre, on Tuesday, a capacity crowd enjoyed a salad lunch, turkey and ham plus scalloped potatoes, catered by the United Church Women under the direction of Mary Montgomery.

The U.C.W. and the A.C.W. of Gravenhurst joined hands and hearts as expressed in the sign "The United Church Women welcome the Anglican Church Women." On Tuesday evening, a superb hot roast beef dinner was served at the Royal Canadian Legion by the Women of the Legion Auxiliary, under the leadership of Edna Allen.

A special luncheon was served on Wednesday in the Trillium Court of the Opera House. The A.C.W. of St. James' catered this enjoyable meal, hot turkey a la king on patty shells plus a variety of salads, with Dorothy Reid acting as Convenor. The guest of honour was Mrs. Adams of Gravenhurst, the mother of

Mrs. Nock, who was celebrating her 90th birthday. Mamie Smith of St. James' pinned a lovely corsage on Mrs. Adams, and Ann McLaughlin carried in a birthday cake with candles all aglow. Everyone rose to their feet to sing "Happy Birthday" and to pay tribute to a grand lady. After lunch, Mrs. Adams and family received friends at St. James' House for a short period.

The program resumed at the Opera House. Peggy Hern, Diocesan Treas., paid a moving tribute to her late mother before presenting the Financial Report. Bishop Nock presided at the installation of Officers for another term. The invitation to the 1980 Annual was given by Mrs. Edith Morrow, President of the Deanery of Thunder Bay. It is to be held in the city of Thunder Bay.

The closing devotional was taken by Joan Maughan of Parry Sound. Her personal witness to the joys of Christian living as wife, mother and grandmother was beautifully expressed.

The Parish Committee of Jean Roberts, Ann McLaughlin, Liz Craymer, Win McGinn, Thelma Cumming, Betty Friend, Betty Shakespeare, Dorothy Reid and Joan Slein worked hard to make this Annual the most enjoyable possible.

The young people of St. James' also helped in many ways, the men willingly did all the "extras", the women contributed homebaking and kindly opened the doors of their homes to billet A.C.W. visitors. The success of the Annual was a wonderful Parish effort.



## Renewal Mission

At the April Algoma Deanery Mission, Fr. Stadnyk of Holy Trinity Church, stands before Dorothea Marwood, Keith Birkenhalo, and Vi Doers. Please turn to page 6A.



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

The Rev. Roger W. McCombe, Editor of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN from 1972-79, stands with the gift he was given by the Diocese of Algoma at the recent Synod meetings in the Sault. Bishop Nock made the presentation of a Robert Ralph Carmichael serigraph.

## THANK YOU, ROGER

With this issue of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, an era of seven years under the editorship of the Rev. Roger W. McCombe comes to a close. It has been a very happy relationship for me, as Bishop, and for the Diocese.

Roger has brought to his position a keen sense of dedication, a concern for the diocese, and a delightful sense of humour. As a result of his excellent leadership, the ALGOMA ANGLICAN has won plaudits within and beyond the Diocese of Algoma. It has been newsy, stimulating, presenting a broad perspective of views, as well as helping to strengthen the family life of the Diocese.

It was a great pleasure to welcome Roger at the recent Synod, and to present him with a tangible gift — a serigraph of a painting with a Northern flavour — as a mark of our appreciation. The unanimous applause at the time of the presentation was indicative of the sincere gratitude of the Diocese of Algoma.

Frank: Algoma

## THANK YOU, ALGOMA

Seven years of editing the diocesan paper of the Diocese of Algoma have come to an end. Only one task remains in this 'editorial' column, and that is to say, "THANK YOU", to several people. At this moment, I understand what goes through the minds of those Hollywood people at the Academy Awards, when they are recipients of an Oscar. They want to include every person connected with the award, and fear leaving out someone.

First of all, thank you, Algoma, for the very fine gift of the serigraph painting. It will be a constant reminder in our home of our connection with the North, and the Diocese of Algoma in particular.

Thank you, Bishop and Mrs. Nock, for your support over the last four years. Your predecessor, Archbishop Wright, summed you up well, My Lord, in his commendation of your Charge to Synod. You are a bishop, "schooled in the faith", and in no way "a trendy bishop". And, First Lady of the Diocese, your husband summed you up well in his Charge — "one of the unsung heroes, who has a personal love and concern for the diocese". For you both, I thank God.

Thank you, Archbishop and Mrs. Wright, for your support in my early days as Editor, when we were preparing for the Centennial of the Diocese, and your retirement. Your Grace, I will always treasure the personal aspect of our friendship and relationship. Your large physique is so lovingly balanced by a concern for the infinitely small detail. Mrs. Wright, it is a pleasure to have known such a "lady", who with a quiet and loving manner brought stability wherever you went. For you both, I thank God.

Thank you, profusely, to many correspondents from many parishes throughout the Diocese. Thank you for the hours writing articles and sending pictures, and putting up with my reprimands about deadlines. A special note of thank you to the Rev. Reg Inshaw, for the many, many photos which have graced the pages of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN during my tenure.

Thank you, readers, for reading the paper, and responding in many ways, both through Letters to the Editor, and through personal notes.

Thank you, Algoma, and farewell.

RWM

## The bishop's letter

### Family spirit of real fellowship

My dear fellow Anglicans:

Our 1979 Synod is now history, and it was an interesting one for a number of reasons. There were many newcomers to Synod. 62 of the approximately 110 lay delegates were attending Synod for the first time, and the proportion of women delegates was significant in numbers.

It was a decisive Synod particularly in the large majority votes on the major issues such as *Christian Initiation* (where our present practice was endorsed); on *Christian Education* (where the Advisory Ministry Committee was instructed to produce more practical suggestions as to curriculum); on *Renewal* (where a committee was desired to assist the Bishop in monitoring and guiding the various renewal movements); on the motion advising the Bishop as to the advisability of *ordaining women to the priesthood* at the

present time (where 113 voted negatively and 47 voted positively in response to the motion).

My overall impression of Synod, however, was its family spirit of fellowship, love and concern for one another's point of view. It was significant to me that generous applause was given to those speaking for or against the major issues. It was a synod in which good humour prevailed so that serious issues were debated without rancour.

The implications of the decisions of Synod will have to be assessed in the weeks to come, but I rejoice in the

solidarity of our Diocese in Christ.

Thanks to all the clergy and lay delegates for a memorable Synod.

Since this will be the last issue of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN until September, my wife, Beth, and I wish you a summer of spiritual and physical refreshment.

Your friend  
and bishop,

Frank: Algoma

### The bishop's itinerary

#### July

[During July the bishop will spend some of the month visiting summer missions in the Diocese. His timetable is not complete, but services have been arranged at Eagle Lake and Sand Lake on July 15, and Port Cunningham, Dorset, and Fox Point on July 22.]

#### August

[The bishop will be on holidays.]

## The editor-elect writes

### "A prepared and spiritual synod"

by the Rev. J. Jordan  
Editor-Elect

The family gathered together from all parts of the Diocese of Algoma. Men and women, senior citizens and youth, all came together to discuss the past, present, and future affairs in an atmosphere of mutual love and concern. Led by their Father-in-God, Bishop Frank Nock, the members of the family aired their concerns and opinions, and listened with Christian charity to those who had a difference of opinion. When the business was concluded, all joined in a *Eucharist of Thanksgiving* in our diocesan home, St. Luke's Cathedral, in the spirit of prayer and devotion that was the hallmark of the twenty-ninth synod of this diocese.

To this writer, who has attended many synods in the past, but none for over a decade, Synod 1979 was both a thrill and an inspiration. One remembers stress-filled debates, and at times impatience and occasional hard feelings as Algoma was suffering from adolescent growing pains in the struggle from an assisted to a self-support-

ing diocese.

In contrast, this synod featured tolerance for another's viewpoint, patience in listening to what was being said, and above all, powerful confidence in the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. When "the going got tough" in a most important issue, our bishop in his wisdom directed us to pray about the matter, and ask for God's guidance at the next morning's Eucharist. This direction was earnestly followed, and when the time for the decision came at the next sitting, our prayers were answered in what for most was probably an unexpected way. All, I am sure, however, felt most comfortable that the guidance of the Holy Spirit had been asked for and received.

Two things impressed me tremendously with this synod, in comparison to others I have experienced. First, the careful preparation and learned discourse of the lay delegates, particularly those under forty years of age. Imagine one after another coming to speak with the *Holy Bible*, or the *Book of Common Prayer* in their hands, and

reading from them with assurance, familiarity, and knowledge!

Secondly, the relaxed, loving, and spiritual nature of all facets of the deliberations and worship. One could hardly be separated from the other. The worship upheld the concerns before the synod, and the deliberations in session were spiritual in nature. In reflection, I consider the whole synod to have been an offering to God of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, in which the Family of God in Algoma gathered to share their mutual concerns and plans for this area of the Father's vineyard.

One of the acts of synod was to ratify the appointment of this writer as editor of this paper, effective with the September edition. As I take up the editor's pen and other tools, I ask for your prayers. Please continue to support the ALGOMA ANGLICAN in the future as you have done in the past, and together under the Holy Spirit, our labours will be blessed as a positive force in the Diocese of Algoma.



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

The Rev. Roger W. McCombe (Editor of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, 1972-79), left, and the Rev. Canon David Mitchell (Editor, 1961-72), right, extend their best wishes to the newly appointed Editor, the Rev. John Jordan, of Thunder Bay. The picture was taken at the recent Sault Synod meetings. Above, Fr. Jordan writes his first article for the ALGOMA ANGLICAN, as he records his impressions of the Synod meetings.

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**MONDAY MORNING:****"The Me Generation"**

by the Rev. Eric Paterson

This generation has earned the nickname of the "Me Generation". We seem to be preoccupied or even obsessed with a demand for an exercise of our rights — the rights of ourselves as individuals or the concerns that we identify with, to the exclusion of all others. All around us we hear the strident cries and demands for 'rights' — the rights of free enterprise, the rights of labour, women's rights, civil rights, national rights, marriage rights, gay rights, human rights, children's rights, Third World rights, etc. The list is endless.

We hear very little about responsibility, ethics, duty or faithfulness that go with the rights. Our attitude seems to be that if we can get it by whatever means, it is right and we are entitled to it. The watchword is now "bargaining power". Power to obtain higher profits by our multinational corporations — oil sheiks, producers or retailers — power to obtain higher wages by multinational unions, the worker, or families, power to achieve political ideologies or terrorist groups, power to change social or cultural structures with which one disagrees — power essentially, to get "my way", to get my, or our needs met, regardless of the consequences to others. Me first, and to heck with everybody else.

One can see this sickness, and I believe it is a sickness, everywhere in our world. It is in business, in management, in labour, in politics, in international and national relations; it's in marriage, in our schools, in our homes, yes, and God forgive us, even in our churches. The reality is, that it doesn't work — it only brings destruction, tragedy, and more and more conflict and injustice.

Of course we all have needs, basic needs, and these needs must be recognized and satisfied. But does the acquisition

of power or bargaining position, or leverage, really satisfy them? The history of mankind and the state of our present world says no.

The recognition of human need in all its forms is the beginning of the Christian Gospel. Man's need and God's action in Jesus Christ. We will never find, understand, or value Christ and His Gospel until we recognize our own need and our inability to satisfy this ourselves by our own actions. We must be emptied before we can be filled — we must recognize our brokenness before we can be healed. Christ must die — humiliated, broken, abandoned — before He can be resurrected by His Father. He himself said it, "Whosoever will seek to save his life will lose it. Whosoever loses his life for my sake will save it. What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?" St. Matt. 16:25, St. Mark 8:35, St. Luke 9:24 and 17:33.

This is the message of the whole Christian Gospel. Resurrection, Triumph, Success — these only come through sacrifice, through surrender, through apparent failure. Each of us, as Christians, must recognize our own need and our helplessness to succeed without Christ. We must echo St. Peter's words when asked by Christ if his disciple would leave him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou has the words of Eternal Life". St. John 6:68.

Then we must take up our cross and follow Him to our own personal and corporate crucifixions, so that we may also rise with Him to a new life marked by responsibility, duty, justice, honesty and above all love.

Our needs and our rights? Take no thought for them — surrender them — crucify them — for "Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you". St. Matt. 6:32 and St. Luke 12:30.

**Choirs perform for TV**

People watching TV in Thunder Bay on April 23 (at 8:30 p.m.) and Friday, April 27 (at 9:30 p.m.) enjoyed an hour of musical enjoyment through the presentation of St. Thomas' Anglican Church Senior and Youth Choirs.

These gifted choir members are conducted by Mr. Frank Pierce who has been the organist at St. Thomas' for 14 years, and for the past 2 years, he has been the choir master as well.

The 20-member senior choir, and 35-member youth choir, meet each week, and through this dedication, have now reached a point of excellence.

Among the pieces heard were Handel's "Messiah", dealing with the Easter theme. The Ven. E. Roy Haddon, Rector, moderated the hour, and the entire community praised this musical treat.

**Diocesan GA Festival****A busy conference held in Sudbury**

by Isabelle Locke

"All things work together for good ..." is a well known quotation. Sometimes it is difficult for us to accept this, except in hindsight. So it was, the day before the GA Festival was to begin in the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury on April 6. The area received one of its heaviest snowfalls and the bus from Sault Ste. Marie was unable to leave on Friday afternoon as it was scheduled. However, the GA girls from St. Thomas', Thunder Bay, arrived by train early on Friday; the bus from Temiskaming Deanery, although hampered somewhat on the first part of the journey by the snow, arrived on Friday evening.

Saturday morning about 6:00 a.m. the girls from Sault Ste. Marie were able to depart and were able to take part in all of the activities and competitions of the Festival, except the opening Eucharist and breakfast. Everyone was so happy by the time we were all together that it would seem the weather had actually been a benefit rather than a hindrance to the success of the Festival.

One of the highlights of the Festival was the after-dinner talk by Bishop Nock on Saturday evening, when he said how very happy he was to see and to hear that the GA is no less enthusiastic this year than it was in years gone by; and that he hoped that that enthusiasm would continue to grow in our love for the Church. He also said how pleased he was to observe that so many of the Ring of Honour, and Ring of Achievement recipients were currently leaders of GA Groups.

"That is the way it should be. So many parishes say we don't have leaders to start a GA and some have had groups which have failed for one reason or another. It seems logical to me that the leaders should be those who have had GA experience. I hope you keep that in mind as you proceed with our work," said the Bishop.

**One of today's key words is "Participation"**

"One of the 'in' words today is PARTICIPATION, he went on. "By every possible means in advertising the government is urging people to become involved in some form of physical fitness, and there are some very large grants that are given by the government for the promotion of amateur sports. Now how important that is was made very clear to me in a title of an article in the *Globe and Mail*, Thursday, March 22 — and the title was this "Fitness, Religion of the Seventies." And the article dealt with women, but it could apply equally to men and I wanted to give you a few quotations from the article. *They pack the gyms starting at seven in the morning — stretching, pulling, running and lifting; another shift goes through the paces on lunch hour and hundreds more are there in the evening.*

*'As quickly as health and fitness clubs open women seem to be joining. Fifteen hundred women have joined the Sherman club since it opened one year ago in Toronto.' Vic*

*Tanny estimates that three thousand women a day exercise in its ten Metro spas in and around Toronto.' Industries and offices often hold exercise and yoga sessions instead of coffee breaks or they hold these at lunch time or after hours. — 'Fitness, The Religion of the Seventies.'*

"Now the desire to be physically fit is a very worthy objective but you know we have to realize, that is only part of our being. There are other areas of our life which are equally important if not more important. There is our Spiritual Fitness. There is our Intellectual Fitness and there is our Social Fitness.

**"Our Spiritual Fitness"**

"Spiritual Fitness involves our growing in friendship with God. Intellectual Fitness means growing in the knowledge of God's world and Social Fitness involves learning to live with our family, our friends and our neighbours. Physical Fitness of course means learning to keep our bodies strong. And if we are to lead a well balanced life then we must seek to be as fit as possible in all those four major areas, and if we don't do this of course then our life becomes lop-sided just like our diet would be if we ate nothing every day but french fries and drank cokes.

"Well if Participation is one of the 'in' words today, then I think the GA program has it. I think the GA program is 'right on' because it emphasizes participation in those four areas of our life which I have mentioned.

"It stresses your spiritual fitness by involving you in worship, in prayer, in Bible study and in the knowledge of the Church and of its Sacraments. It stirs up your minds by its requirements for public speaking, choral recitation, nature study, drama, music and the needs for physical fitness are recognized in such badges as camping, canoeing and dancing, and your fitness to relate to other people is encouraged in your badge work dealing with leadership, service, cooking, serving and group activities. I think it's very important for us, because we tend to think of the GA as a compartment or an organization — but I think it is very important to know that the GA program is really part of the Church's life, because part of the purpose is to help us to learn how to use all our talents and all our abilities for God and for others. Jesus said *'I come that people may have life and that they may have it more abundantly.'* And by His life and by His teaching, by His death and by His resurrection He showed us that we can only live our life to the full if we grow and become fit mentally, physically, spiritually and socially.

"I want to tell you about a letter Mrs. Nock and I received recently from Miss Annie Edgar who is living in an Anglican Senior Citizens' home in Toronto. She is 88 years old and was born in Sundridge, Ontario — now she is a wonderful example of a person who has lived her life

to the full as she became a member of the Junior Auxiliary, in Sundridge, in 1905. She sent her membership card to the Heritage Centre — *'Junior Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to Diocesan, Canadian and Foreign Missions, Church of England, Algoma Diocese.'* and she remained a member of the Woman's Auxiliary all her life.

**"A real example"**

"She is, I think, an example of one who has served Jesus Christ with all her heart, with all her soul, with all her mind and with all her strength. She started as a Junior, GA and then Woman's Auxiliary. She served as a nurse in Toronto General Hospital from 1914 to 1917 and as a missionary in India for 27 years to 1945. And that wasn't all, after that long period of years in India she returned to Toronto and became principal of the Women's Training college for Deaconesses from '47-55. (A.W.T.C.)

"She is a great example of complete PARTICIPATION," concluded Bishop Nock.

Women from each of the churches in the Sudbury area catered to the meals. Mrs. Nancy McLatchie was the overall convenor and the meals were all delicious. In the competitions, the **Corsage Flowers** were judged by Jean Campbell and Betty McLeod. Algoma Deanery received first place, Thunder Bay second and Temiskaming third. **The Choral Speaking** was judged by Mrs. Varpio and since her mother, Mrs. Neville Clark, couldn't get transportation out of Toronto because of the snow storm, Muriel Hankinson assisted her. First place went to Algoma, second to Temiskaming and third to Thunder Bay. **The Singing** judges were Mrs. Patricia McCord and Mrs. Pat Paterson. Algoma and Thunder Bay tied for first place, second went to Temiskaming and third to Sudbury. **In the drama competition**, Thunder Bay presented *'Mud Pack Madness'* which came first; *'I'm Sorry Wrong Number'* presented by Temiskaming came second and Sudbury Deanery came third. The Drama judges were Mrs. J. Turner and Wm. Martin.

The Bishop presented the Archbishop Wright Trophy, for overall excellence, to Thunder Bay Deanery. Algoma and Temiskaming were tied for second place. 'Miss GA' for the coming year is Darlene Williams, from Christ Church, Englehart, and the Bishop presented her with the plaque which is in memory of Fr. Hornby.

**Festival 1980**

We hope the Festival will be in North Bay in 1980, and the competitions will be *Drama, Singing, Choral Speaking, Dancing and Sewing*. Each of the girls will then model whatever she has made at a fashion show. The offering from the Saturday Eucharist was voted to go to Bishop Nock's Discretionary Fund.

## Bishop Nock places stress on sexuality and not homosexuality in charge to synod

Homosexuality has not been approved by the Anglican Church, the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock bishop of Algoma, told 200 delegates to the 29th session of the diocese's synod in Sault Ste. Marie.

He said bishops of the Anglican Church have tried to deal with homosexuality "with compassion and understanding, but not with approval." The speech was delivered to the opening session of the Synod at St. Andrew's United Church Hall on Wellington Street.

"We are not inviting people with strange obsessions, passions and aberrations to be clergy," Bishop Nock said.

"We have made it clear in this and other statements that sexual activity is right and proper only within the marriage relationship," he said.

When the matter of homosexuality was being dealt with, he said, it was in terms of the broad subject of sexuality.

In his charge to the delegates the bishop showed concern that clergy are often asked to officiate at weddings at which there is little Christian commitment.

"One answer might be the establishment of civil marriages for all and the blessing of those marriages by the Church for those who wish to commit themselves to the Christian ideal of marriage, as is the custom in parts of Europe," he said.

He said he doesn't think the provincial government is in any hurry to set up such a system and "I am the last one to desire the establishment of any further bureaucratic departments for we are sorely burdened with them as it is."

Many of the pastoral opportunities which our present system affords to the clergy in interviews with engaged couples would be removed, he said, and he urged delegates to further discuss the matter.

In his charge Bishop Nock reiterated his belief that ordaining women as clergy should be accepted "as a fact of Anglican life."

He said he is canonically

and constitutionally free to ordain women to the priesthood, license women priests and accept women candidates for theological education.

"Thus far it has been my policy not to accept women for theological education with a view to ordination, nor to ordain women, nor to allow women already ordained to function within the diocese," he said.

"I have felt that a bishop is called to be a focus of unity within the diocese and it would not be responsible to act unilaterally in the face of possible substantial opposition within the diocese.

"Accordingly, I ask you to consider the appropriateness of acting at this time on an issue which the diocese has already approved in principle.

"The question," he said, "is not whether women can or

cannot be ordained in the Anglican Church of Canada... they can. Nor are you giving or denying me authority to act... I have that already," the bishop said.

"What you will be offering is an opinion about the appropriateness of taking this action at this time."

"I can assure you that I will give much prayerful thought to your consideration in deciding what course of action I will take."

He said the motion will not be an act of synod in the strict sense of the word, but will be advice to the bishop.

Other issues the bishop charged the delegates to consider are ecumenical relations, renewal in the church what he called the electronic church and the practice of allowing young children to receive communion before confirmation.



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

### Diocesans six and seven

The seventh bishop of Algoma, the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, chats with the sixth bishop of Algoma, the Most Rev. William L. Wright, at the Open House at Bishophurst on May 6, the day before the Synod of the Diocese of Algoma began.



### Rural deans

Four of the Algoma's Rural Deans and Rev. Noel Goater (Temiskaming), (Muskoka).



### Youth deans

Pictured here, outside the Empire Synod meetings. Unfortunately, a



The clerical and lay delegates to the 1979 Synod of the Diocese of Algoma, June 7-9, pose for a picture outside the Empire Synod meetings. Obtain one from Fr. Inshaw by sending \$1.50 to Fr. Inshaw, Dorion, Ontario P0T 1K0. For an ALGOMA ANGLICAN, please send \$1.50 to

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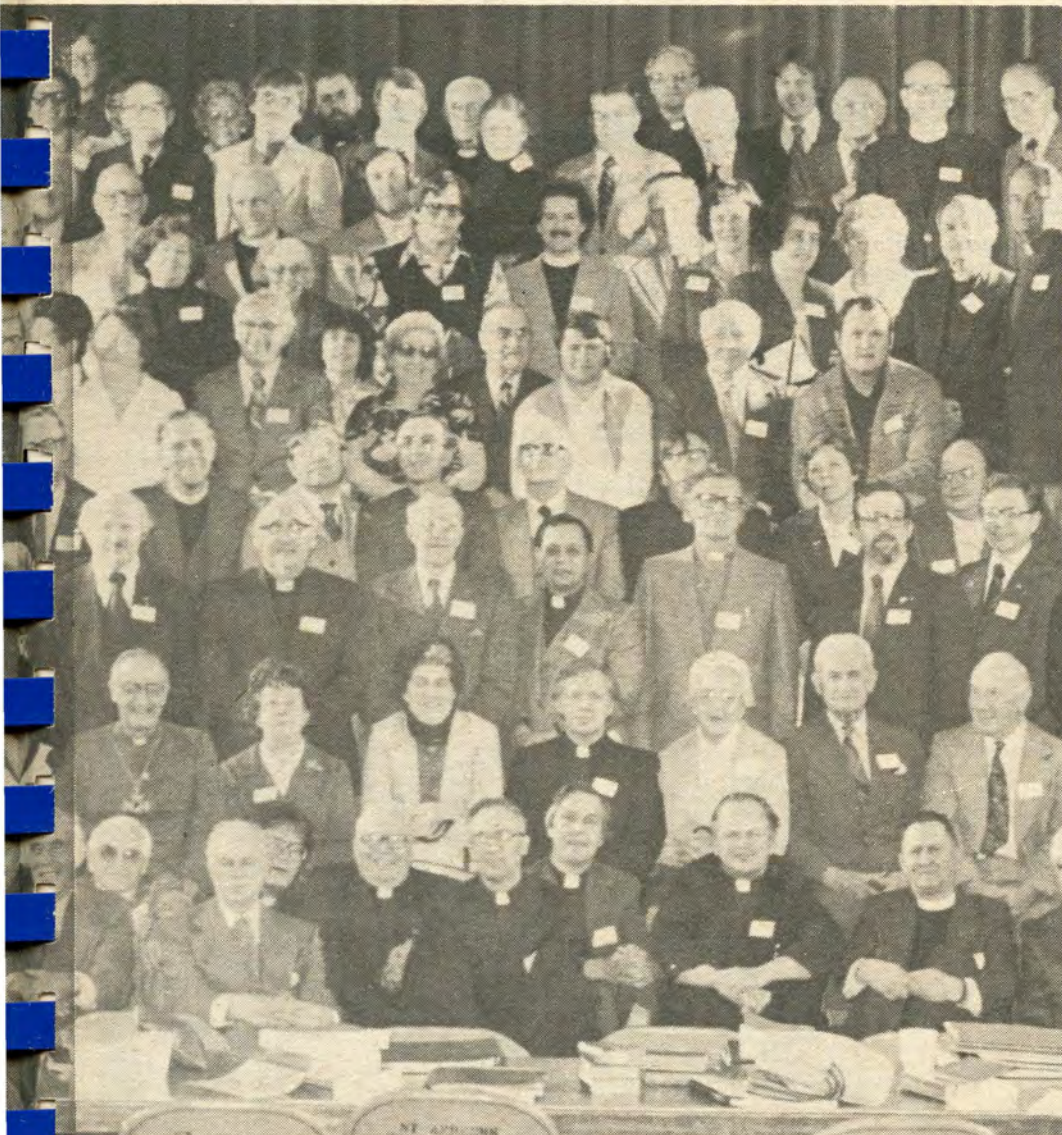
... pictured here. They are, from left, the Rev. Fred Roberts (Algoma), the Don Landon (Thunder Bay), and the Rev. Canon David Mitchell



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

**... play important and vital role**

... Hotel in Sault Ste. Marie, are six of the Youth Delegates to the recent ... time we did not have the names of these delegates.



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

29 Algoma Synod meetings held in Sault Ste. ... delegates or others who wish a copy may ... (for a 8" by 20" photo) to the Rev. Reg ... other Synod pictures in this edition of the ... Fr. Inshaw (for a 8" by 10" photo).

**“Not yet for Algoma?!”**

Delegates to the 29th annual synod of the Algoma Diocese of the Anglican Church of Canada have told their bishop they do not believe it is now time to ordain women priests within the diocese.

The Rt. Rev. F. F. Nock told delegates at the outset of the synod that, although women priests were a fact of life within the church and although the synod had on two previous occasions approved of women priests in principle, he wanted direction from the delegates.

In response, the nearly 200 delegates reaffirmed the principle, but advised the bishop that now was not the time for ordaining women priests in the diocese, which stretches from Gravenhurst to Thunder Bay.

Dr. David Gould, who sponsored the resolution dealing with women priests, said the resolution represented a poll of the delegates, who felt there might be some difficulty in instituting women priests in some smaller parishes.

Both Dr. Gould and Bishop Nock had indicated earlier that there was some opposition to the concept of women priests, particularly in smaller rural areas.

Bishop Nock said the final decision was still his, but he would keep the direction given by synod in mind.

In the vote on the resolution, 113 were opposed to “the ordinance and licencing of women priests on the same basis as men.” Only 47 were in favor.

**“The electronic church”**

Slick, expensive, well produced, commercialized religious broadcasts on television are dangerous, Algoma’s Anglican bishop told 200 delegates at the recent Synod.

“It is risky to speak against them for it is almost like speaking against motherhood, but I feel compelled to make statements about them because there are certain dangers inherent in them,” said Bishop Frank F. Nock. He was speaking at the opening of the diocesan synod.

“Such programs preach instant religion, instant salvation and instant healing at the twist of the dial”, he said.

“But it is all too instant and easy . . . it requires no commitment of abilities, money or service.” The bishop said of religious broadcasts that he did not have to name them because we all knew them.

Quoting an article in the Seventh Day Adventist magazine, he questioned, “Is religious broadcasting creating an electronic church that substitutes an anonymous and undemanding commitment for the personal involvement of the local congregation?”

“The purveyors of the electronic church, unwittingly or by design, are building huge audiences that bring them fame, wealth and power, but which in so doing, substitute a phantom, for the church of real people with real needs and real gospel to share in the midst of their real life.”

The bishop told delegates they must learn to use the mass media much more effectively in local areas than they have in the past.

“The instant religious experts have taken over by default,” he said.

“But there is nothing which can take the place of the personal contact, the personal commitment, the personal witness, the personal sacrifice in bringing the uncommitted, the indifferent, the antagonistic and the broken-hearted into the living fellowship of Christ’s Church.

“This makes challenging demands upon us far greater than the electronic church,” he said.

“It is vital that we respond to these demands upon our faith and our commitment,” the bishop told delegates at the opening of the three day synod.



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**TWENTY-NINTH SYNOD**

## Renewal Mission '79 in the Deanery of Algoma

### Eight days which were alive, heart-warming, and life-giving

by Peggy Coyle

Every evening from Sunday, April 1 to Sunday, April 8, Anglicans and their friends from Sault Ste. Marie and district gathered together at St. Luke's Cathedral for *Renewal Mission '79*.

This was a mission with a difference, one that might well be a pattern for other groups of parishes or for inter-denominational groups to follow. It was alive, heart-warming, life-giving. It produced, and is still producing fruit to the glory of God in lives that are changed, healed, restored by His Spirit.

This mission began a year ago when the clergy of Algoma Deanery invited the Reverend David Mitchell to assist them in bringing renewal to their parishes.

Father Mitchell, a priest in the Church of England, lives in St. Thomas, Ontario. He and his wife, Delphine, have three children, two in High School and one at Huron College. Father Mitchell is chaplain of the Company of Plough-Hands, a non-denominational Christian fellowship aimed at building up Christians in the exercise and experience of their faith. He has a wide counselling and healing ministry as well as being experienced in conducting missions for renewal in the churches.

Beginning in October, 1978, the nine Anglican clergy of Sault Ste. Marie and St. Joseph Island met together each Wednesday at 7:15 A.M. to prepare for *Renewal Mission '79*.

The men shared Morning Prayer, the Eucharist and breakfast. Then they reported on the activities of the various committees and discussed further plans. "When we began," one clergyman told me, "I didn't believe we could keep meeting with such full attendance, much less come to a common mind on how to proceed. But we have experienced a wonderful growth in love and understanding."

Long before April, renewal had begun.

It had begun also among the people. Lay men and women from all the parishes were involved in praying for the mission, studying a weekly list of Bible passages (which appeared in each Sunday's bulletin), and spreading word of the mission. Some trained to be counsellors, some to be singers, some volunteered to be ushers, some to sell books and tapes.

Preparation became ecumenical when friends from other churches (Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Baptist) came to set up microphones, make tapes, play the piano, take part in counselling, or provide special ministry in music. Some were invited, some just came.

Mr. Mike Porter, who is in charge of taping for the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in Sault Ste. Marie, brought his special equipment and taped each evening's address. In all, he made 400 tapes and we sold them all. Profit from these and from the sale of books, private donations, and nightly offerings took care of all the expenses of the mission.

By the end of March all systems were go; a new awareness of God's presence developed an air of expectancy among us all. Finally,



The Rev. David Mitchell

Saturday evening's plane arrived, bringing our missioner and his song leader, Norman Hare, who works for Compassion of Canada.

On Sunday evening the Cathedral was filled. From then on we were caught up in singing praises, and in listening to Father Mitchell present the gospel of Jesus Christ.

After each service the clergy ministered in Jesus' name to people's needs. Approximately 25 lay counsellors, easily identified by bright yellow lapel markers, assisted the clergy.

Friday evening was special. A severe storm had paralyzed the city. The only thing "on" was the mission. One hundred and fifty people managed to get there to hear the address "Life in the Spirit", to join in singing song after song led by piano and guitars, to listen to Pat Rooney sing, "They will know we are Christians by our Love". The ministering that followed was powerful for many, some accepting Christ for the first time, some experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. No one wanted to go home!

On Saturday evening the theme was "Healing Tonight". Mrs. Doretha Marwood was sitting in her pew; her right leg severely injured at the knee eighteen years ago, was so stiff and painful that she had to have it massaged before she could stand up. She then was able to go slowly up the aisle, with two men supporting her every step. She couldn't kneel at the communion rail, but stood with her head bowed while a priest and three lay people laid hands on her and prayed for healing.

On Sunday evening, our last joyful night of the mission, Father Mitchell asked whether anyone would like to witness to the Lord's healing power. Immediately, Doretha Marwood came walking, unaided, with a straight, sure tread up the aisle to the mike. "That is my testimony," she said, as everyone clapped. "This morning, for the first time in six years, I knelt to receive my communion, praise Jesus!"

A great many people

attended night after night; some people came only once, yet can testify to its being a significant turning point for them.

The following testimonials written or overheard, give a sample of the effectiveness of our renewal mission.

*A thank-you card:* My heart overflows with the joy and happiness of the love of our Saviour for me and for you and for everyone.

*A note received:* The renewal mission has meant so much to our family and we shall be eternally grateful to all the ministers who participated.

*Funeral Home Director:* Everyone who came into our place this week was talking about the mission. Instead of hearing little conversations about the weather, I was hearing words like healing and God and mission and miracle.

*One lady:* I was praying for my daughter who is very ill and I asked Jesus to assure me in some small way that He was healing her. As I prayed, I was rubbing my thumb, which had been numb for some years, ever since a nerve was severed. Later, feeling returned to that thumb, and it has remained ever since.

*A witness given:* The first night I came, but my husband didn't, because we weren't getting along. The next night he came with me and during the service he gave his heart to the Lord, and now our marriage is healed.

Father Mitchell gave a morning seminar for clergy only on the subject of spiritual warfare. He talked about the power of the Name of Jesus to overcome every spirit of darkness in human lives. He illustrated this with examples from his own ministry of how people had achieved freedom from spiritual oppression.

Two other seminars, open to clergy, their wives, and key lay people were well attended. Discussions in one meeting centred on the need of the clergyman's wife to be herself, not a stereotype; and on the need of the clergyman to have an 'enabling' wife, who is

herself reconciled to God.

The Saturday morning seminar was on "Our Apostolate in the World." Using John 17:14, Father Mitchell showed how as Christians we are called by the Lord to be in the world but not of the world. "We never convert anyone," he said. "We can only direct people to God's love and He does the converting." Father Mitchell reminded us that the presence of even one Christian in a group totally changes the tenor of discussion.

Father Mitchell spoke at Central Algoma Secondary School and at Lakeway Collegiate on the Subject — *Christ versus the Occult*. "Throughout the years, men have been looking for spiritual power" he said. "The devil has always counterfeited true spiritual power. God has forbidden man to accept the counterfeit."

He called the occult a papier-mache imitation of a real banquet. He believes that some physical, spiritual, and emotional problems can be traced to involvement with ouija boards, fortune tellers, seances and other manifesta-

tions of the occult. A Christian has power and authority, in the name of Jesus, over all the powers of darkness. One boy who had been involved in Satan worship and other evil practices asked for help ... and got it. The change in his appearance and manner was evident to everyone.

Renewal is still going on. I believe the Cathedral still silently rings with all the praises we sang those eight evenings. Those who were reborn or renewed in the faith are reading the scriptures, sharing with others, finding the abundant life Jesus promised His followers. We seem stronger and more effective now in praying for the sick and suffering and bolder in our witness.

The clergy continue to meet Wednesday mornings. One possible plan is to have a Deanery Renewal service every time there is a fifth Sunday of the month. A small surplus fund is being kept to provide speakers for future renewal events; the first of these will be on Ascension Day evening.

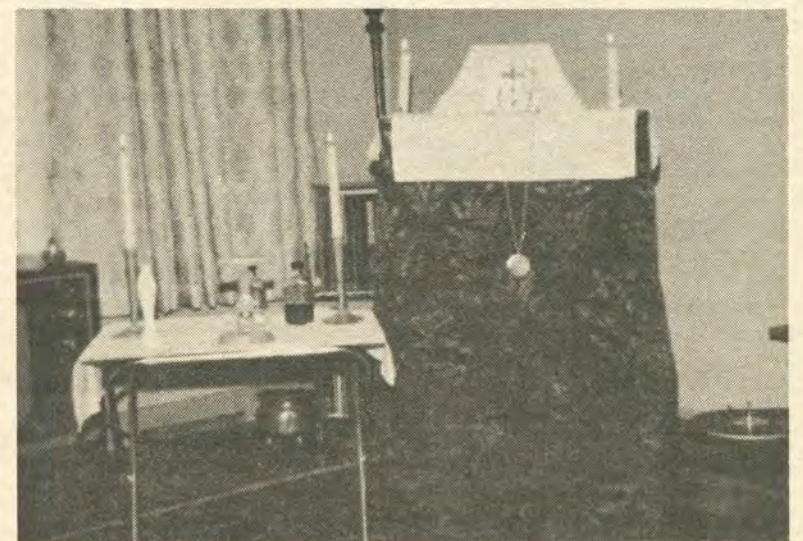
We hope we'll never be the same again!

### FROM THE PARISHES



#### St. Michael's, Thunder Bay

This picture of the ACW of St. Michael and All Angels in Thunder Bay was taken to send to their newly adopted child (through the World Vision Program). The child is a Mexican 11-year old, Margarita Martinez. She is one of a family of four, and the ACW hear from her regularly. Front row, from left, Mary Dunnill (Pres.), Jametta Denford, Erminie Reia, Shirley Donaldson, and Amy McCulloch. Second row, from left, Jean Brayshaw, Agnes Brayshaw, Pat Couch, Marilyn Wilson, Bea Stevens, Ann Cochran, Chris Hope, and Isabel Kelly. In back, top, is Fran Smith.



#### St. Mary's, Dorset

During Lent, Fr. Murray Bradford held services for his parish of Dorset (St. Mary Magdalene) at the Rectory on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. This was done to conserve fuel, and not have to heat the church in mid-week. This picture shows the improvised altar and credence table.

**St. Thomas', Bracebridge**

**Mother and daughter annual supper**



Courtesy of the Sault Star

**An historic occasion**

The Heyden Anglican Mission celebrated its first confirmation class in its history recently with the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock, right, officiating. The mission has been in existence for the last two years. The Rev. Ken Ostler, left, is the present pastor. Thirteen people were confirmed including David Lewis, 11, the youngest to be confirmed, and Mr. Art Holotuk, 48, the oldest to be confirmed. A Coffee Hour followed the ceremony.

Mothers and friends of the St. Thomas' JA and GA (Bracebridge) were guests at their annual *Mother and Daughter Supper* recently in the Browning Memorial Hall.

Following grace and the recitation of the bishop's 1979 Diocesan Motto, the chairman welcomed the mothers and other guests, and called upon various girls to thank those who had assisted in handicraft and sewing.

The ACW President, as well as the Rector, the Rev. Canon David Mitchell, and the People's Warden, were present. Members of the ACW assisted in the kitchen. A vote of thanks was extended to the leaders — Mrs. George Brodie, Mrs. R. Black, and Mrs. D. N. Mitchell.

Following supper, a delightful programme was presented by the two groups. After a hymn and prayer, the audience participated in a spirited sing-song, followed by "The Lord's My Shepherd", sung by the GA (to the tune of "Amazing Grace"). Two comedy skits — "Wedding Bells" and the "Disadvantages of Multichannel TV" — were presented by the GA.

The JA presented an interesting skit, based on knowledge gained from work on the "Pet Badge", which concluded with a prayer for pets and the song, "Friendly Beasts". A well-executed sam-

ple of disco-dancing was given by the GA. Garments made by GA members for the sewing badge were worn in a mini-fashion show, complete with music and a commentary by one of the girls. An apron, tops, pyjamas, and a wrap-around skirt and bolerojacket were modelled.

The closing number on the programme was a Biblical selection for choral speaking — "The Beatitudes", by members of the GA, and a senior group of Juniors. Canon

Mitchell expressed his pleasure at being present and his pride in the two groups, and presented stripes and pet and sewing badges, as well as attendance pins, to Juniors, and sewing and handicraft badges to GA members.

A display of handicrafts included covered coat-hangers, bread-dough roses, coloured weeds, cake decorations, necklaces by the GA, and stuffed turtles, knitting and embroidery by the Juniors.



**Muskoka Deanery meets**

A Muskoka Deanery meeting at Trinity Church, Parry Sound, shows the "boys" gathered. They are from left, the Rev. W. Johnson, the Ven. J. H. Watson, Fr. Kennedy (SSJE), the Rev. W. Graham, Canon H. W. Garbutt, Canon David Mitchell, Dr. E. A. Pulker, Canon James Hinchliffe, the Rev. Leslie Peterson, Canon George Sutherland. Absent for the picture is the Rev. Robert Charles. The clerics enjoyed a pancake lunch, served by the ACW, and a slide presentation of the historical events of Trinity Church, by Mrs. Gloria Virgo.

**A last little letter to editor**

To the Editor:

You have made a real contribution to the Diocese of Algoma. As your colleague for some years, once again I thank you for your personal fellowship and devotion.

You have many and varied gifts. Your academic back-

ground has found expression constantly in the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

May God the Holy Spirit continue to enrich your ministry in its many facades.

**William L. Wright,**  
Former Diocesan of Algoma.

**CAMP GITCHIGOMEE — 1979**

Camp	Age	Dates
#1 Intermediate Girls	11 - 13	July 1 - 7
#2 Junior Girls	8 - 10	July 8 - 14
#3 Boys (Junior & Intermediate)	8 - 13	July 15 - 21
#4 Mixed Seniors	13 & up	July 22 - 28
#5 Mixed Seniors Canoe Trip [Limit of 14 people]	13 & up	July 29 - August 4

Note: Camp brochures with registration forms are available from any Anglican Church in Thunder Bay, or from the Camp Registrar.

Mrs. R. A. Wanlin,  
Camp Registrar,  
2616 Walnut Street,  
THUNDER BAY, Ontario.  
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**First confirmation class at Parry Sound for new rector**

The Right Reverend Frank F. Nock, Bishop of Algoma, was a welcome visitor to Trinity Church, Parry Sound, on Sunday evening, April 28, where eight candidates were presented for Confirmation. Bishop Nock expressed his pleasure at receiving the first confirmation class of the Rev. Leslie Peterson's ministry in his new parish.

In an informal address, Bishop Nock spoke to the candidates and the congregation about gifts of grace, noting that the first and most important is God's gift of Himself. The gift received at Confirmation is the Holy Spirit, which is necessary to live the Christian life. "It is the power that keeps the Christian motor running," he said.

The service concluded with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and the presentation of membership cards "good in any Anglican Church in the world" to the newly confirmed.

The congregation met the Bishop and the candidates at the reception in the crypt of the church.



Courtesy of the Parry Sound North Star

Last year we published the final class of the Rev. Maurice Wilkinson, before his retirement. Now we publish the first class of the new Rector of Trinity Church in Parry Sound, the Rev. Leslie Peterson. Back row, from left, Mr. L. Maughan (Bishop's Chaplain), the Rt. Rev. Frank F. Nock (Bishop of Algoma), and the Rev. Leslie Peterson (Rector). Middle row, from left, Randy Maughan, Jonathan Dunnill, and Gary Moran. Front row, from left, Wendy Poytress, Beulah Malkin, Marie Cormier, Isabel Salter, and Caroline Moran.



The Rev. David Hemming

**Superior at SSJE dies**

The Diocese of Algoma is saddened by the death of the Rev. David Hemming, Superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Bracebridge. Further details and an obituary will appear in the September issue of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA



Mrs. Norma Hankinson



Archbishop J. Watton



The Rev. Noel Goater



Mrs. Beth Nock



Mr. Ron Warren, QC

Mrs. Norma Hankinson, of Sault Ste. Marie, was a busy person during the recent Synod. She was in charge of the "Arrangements Committee", and the smooth operation of the social aspects of the meetings indicated her efficient manner. ... The Book Club of Trinity Church in Parry Sound sponsored a series of noonhour seminars during Lent. People were invited to bring their own lunch, and to share an hour of fellowship. A short program at each meal featured either a speaker or meditation. Two of the speakers were Fr. Kennedy, of SSJE, on "Christian decision-making", and Dr. W. Radforth, a retired professor and world expert on muskeg, who shared his thoughts on what led to his own conversion. ... The ACW of Chirst Church, in Lively, sponsored a "Spaghetti Dinner" on April 1, attended by some 95 people. 55 of these remained to participate in a congregational Information Session, which proved lively and informative. ... In conjunction with the Centennial Celebrations of St. James' Church, Murillo (West Thunder Bay parish), a dinner-dance will be held at the Royal Edward Hotel, Thunder Bay, on Saturday, Oct. 6, 1979. Bishop and Mrs. Nock will be in attendance. ... Our congratulations to the Rev. Jerry Smith (Incumbent of Manitowaning-South Baymouth-Mindemoya), and his wife Marjie (who writes the WALK WITH ME column in

the ALGOMA ANGLICAN), on the birth of a son, Aaron William, born March 30, 1979, at Sudbury's General Hospital. He weighed 10 pounds (metric, Marjie?). ... The Most Rev. James A. Watton, Archbishop of Moosonee, and Metropolitan of Ontario, has resigned as Metropolitan of Ontario, effective in September. The new Metropolitan will be elected at the Provincial Synod held in Sudbury in September, and will be installed in Sudbury's Church of the Epiphany. ... After repeated urgings by some members of the congregations, the Rev. Noel Goater of St. John's in North Bay, now tapes his sermons every Sunday. These are then made available to the sick and others who find it impossible to get to church. ... The Thunder Bay Deanery ACW Meeting was held on March 28 at St. Mary's Church, Vickers Heights. In keeping with the "International Year of the Child", Mr. John Craig, of the Children's Aid Society, gave an informative talk, and showed a slide presentation, "Families are Special". ... The Rev. Noel Goater, Rector of St. John's in North Bay, gave a number of meditations during the recent Synod Meetings. These meditations showed the usual expertise and sense of humour, for which Fr. Goater has become known. ... Groups from St. Thomas' and St. Michael's in Thunder Bay participated in the Junior Girls' Auxiliary Deanery Festival, which began on May 11, with a sleep-in. ... A parish Family Supper for the people of St. John's, North Bay, was held on April 27 to mark the conclusion of a Visitation Programme. Unlike previous potluck affairs, this was a proper meal with ham and delicious salads prepared by the ladies of the Church, under the leadership of Connie Elliott. Following the supper, a slide show was given by Lutheran Padre Joe Von Smelling, featuring the "Holy Land". ... Mrs. Beth Nock, First Lady of the Diocese of Algoma, was a frequent visitor to the Sessions of Synod, recently held in the Sault. The Open House at Bishophurst on the Sunday evening prior to Synod was a first-rate social occasion, and enjoyed by all in attendance. Mrs. Nock is a fine First Lady! ... Another busy person during Synod '79 was Mr. Ron Warren, QC, from Sudbury, who is now Algoma's Chancellor. This was his first Synod, and he is to be commended for a job well done. As the Bishop expressed it in his Charge, "he was kept on his legal toes!" ...

Diocesan paper — a family affair



Courtesy of the Rev. R. Inshaw

Best wishes to the Jordans . . .

The Rev. John Jordan, the new Editor of the ALGOMA ANGLICAN as of the September, 1979, issue, stands with family. In the front with him, are his wife, Phyllis, his mother, Mrs. Jordan, Sr., and Peter Mark. In the back, from left, are David, John, and Paul. Another daughter, Elizabeth, is married and lives in the Maritimes. Please send all future material to the Rev. John Jordan, 180 Woodside Street, Thunder Bay, P7A 7G6. Material for the September issue is due by August 10. All the best to the Jordans from the McCombes!



. . . from the McCombes in Ingersoll

Pictured at left is the retiring Editor's family, to whom the Editor is most grateful for patience and understanding while many hours were spent at typing, pasting, and headlining. With the Editor and his wife, Gloria, are their two children, Warren (8½) and Ryan (5). You asked for a picture of Ryan, Archbishop Wright, and here it is! And so, on the last page of the last edition for which this Editor is responsible, we sign off with a FAREWELL!

Thanks!

Sharon Smulders, one of the Editor's Grade XIII Latin students at Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute, did the cartoon work for the Christmas edition last December, and for the Editor's "Thank You" in the May issue last month. She is a very talented, and capable young lady, and the Editor is grateful to her for her assistance. Besides, she is very pretty!