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St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu

"Come unto Me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you."



Mr. Joseph Reed, the Bishop, The Rev. Claude F. Du Teil, Mr. Solomon McCurdy, Mr. John Kim watch burning of mortgage.

Mortgage Burned!

The treasurer of St. Stephen's Mission, Wahiawa, turned over the last payment of their debt to the Diocesan Treasurer on December 31, 1950. It meant that this congregation had made payments of \$4075 this past year to clear their debt on the Church. Quite an achievement for this small mission!

It was an occasion for great rejoicing, so a special service was held and a burning of the mortgage took place. The Bishop gave a special message to all attending the service. Mr. Solomon P. McCurdy, Treasurer, made the last payment on the debt to Mr. Joseph Reed, Diocesan Treasurer. Mr. John Kim, Senior Warden, then burned the mortgage.

Our congratulations are extended to this mission for the great strides they are making.

Leaves For Meeting Of The House Of Bishops

The Bishop left on Sunday, January 7th, for the meeting of the House of Bishops, held in El Paso, Texas, January 9-12th. Following the meeting he was to leave for Lexington, Kentucky, where he is to be in the Diocese for a week, having speaking engagements. He also plans to have speaking engagements in the Diocese of Kentucky and Southern Ohio while away, arrangements for these having been made by our National Council. Following these engagements he will go to Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, to ordain to the Diaconate, Stephen Kim, the young Korean priest who will come to St. Luke's Mission, Honolulu, in June. He has been a Candidate for Holy Orders from this Missionary District. The Bishop will return to Honolulu the first part of February.

Family Worship Leaflet On Prayer

What are you going to do with your Lent? We hope that it is going to mean a time for meditation and prayer. At the request of the Bishop, the Christian Education Committee, headed by the Reverend John P. Moulton, Chaplain of Iolani School, is preparing a Lenten Family Worship booklet on Prayer. We hope that it will be in the hands of all of our families and individuals, and that it will be a means for making a purposeful Lent. It will be ready for distribution before Ash Wednesday. Let us take the opportunities afforded by Lent and strengthen ourselves and faith through the many books, tracts, etc. afforded us at this time. It is the sincere hope of the Bishop that this Family Worship Leaflet will be used around the dinner table, or at some appropriate time when the family is gathered together, daily. Last year a similar booklet proved most helpful to many. The response to it was gratifying. We hope that it will prove just as helpful this year.

To Be Given Leave Of Absence

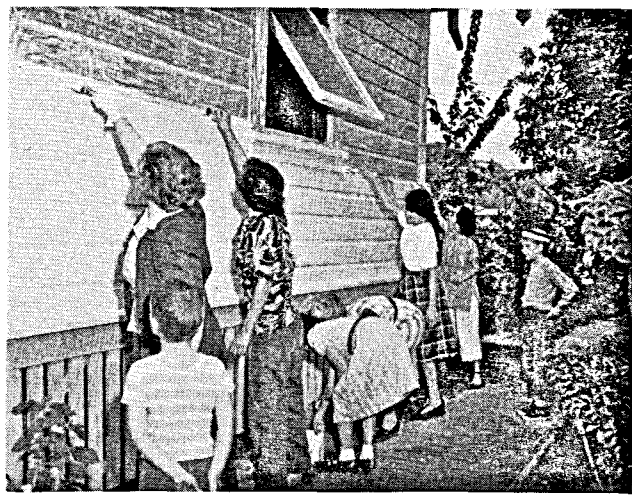
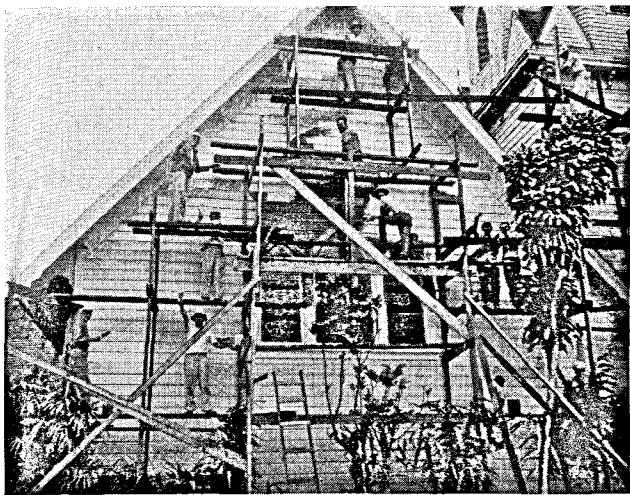
The Vestry of St. Peter's Church has voted to give the Reverend Y. Sang Mark, Rector, a leave of absence and well earned vacation, so that he might take a trip to his former home, British Samoa. The date of his retirement is in the not too distant future, so the Vestry wished to give him this trip and vacation. He has not had a vacation in many years.

He will leave in February for Samoa. During his absence the Reverend Theodore T. Y. Yeh will be in charge of the work at St. Peter's Church. We send Canon Mark forth with our Aloha and best wishes.

Church School Teacher Training Course

The Christian Education Committee for the Diocese has planned a most helpful course for the training of Church School teachers. The first lecture was conducted by the Reverend Claude Du Teil, and was more than stimulating. The teachers did not even wish to leave when the "time" bell was struck. So many wished to avail themselves of the opportunity for instruction that the classes will be held in Tenney Memorial Hall, rather than at the Diocesan House, each Monday through February 5th, at 7:30 p.m.

The theme of the course is "The Mighty Acts of God." The first lecture, given by the Rev. Mr. Du Teil, was "Creation." The second lecture by the Rev. Burton L. Linscott was on "The Law." The third lecture will be on "The Redemption" and will be given by the Rev. Mr. Du Teil. The Reverend Frederick A. McDonald will lecture on "Pentecost." The last lecture, "The Last Things," on death, judgment, heaven and hell, will be given by the Rev. William Grosh. Anyone missing the lectures is really missing a tremendous opportunity. All are invited to attend.



Holy Apostles Church, Hilo, Hawaii

The men took the high spots and the women the low in painting their church in one day. Even the youngsters waiting their turn at a paint brush, gave the women and girls at work moral support by admiring their work.

Paint Church In A Day

The Congregation of Holy Apostles Church, Hilo, Hawaii, turned out in full force to paint their Church in a day. The following account of the corporate act of work has been written by the Vicar, the Reverend Robert Sheeran. It appeared in the Hilo newspaper:

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We reprint below the Rev. Robert Sheeran's account of the "day of work" which took place at the Church of the Holy Apostles last Sunday. Application of the first coat of paint by the congregation will enable the church to pay for a professional final coat.)

First-Coat Sunday was the natural result of our earlier project to scrape the church which was carried through by Dr. John Jenkin and Val. Tennent. Steadily from September 23 they led the small group who weekly gave their time and strength to the task of removing paint applied more than a decade ago.

The turnout last Sunday for our "Sacrament of Work" was beyond all expectation. It was a wonderful day—one of the greatest days of fellowship and labor together which we shall have, principally because of its mushrooming spontaneity. This was made possible by forty-eight hours of clear weather and good wind—the direct answer to the prayers of all of us. Our dry spell was preceded by five days of heavy rain and has been succeeded by unending showers and downpours. Who can deny the intervening Hand of Him who "prepareth rain for the Earth" or fail to give Him thanks for His support?

It was believed that if so many as twenty men turned out to paint, and ten women to feed them, we could call it a success. Twenty-six men and older boys, thirty-five members of the fairer sex, and fifteen children were moved

to give the Lord's Day back to Him. They arrived in work clothes to worship and praise Him at Morning Prayer first, then with the work of their hands. Our oldest member, nearly eighty, carried paint and the youngest painter applied it at the "ankle-level."

Men and boys promptly swarmed up the scaffolding with buckets of paint and brushes, youngsters and some of the ladies tackled the lower boards which they could reach from the ground-level, and the "kitchen brigade" turned to its task.

It seemed too soon when the call for "kau kau" sounded, with a pause to regroup for a photographer. There had been a scramble in the parish hall to get the picnic lunch ready—the turn-out had thrown some of the plans into confusion (we pause right now to say the kitchen will have to be equipped to handle larger crowds) but again a miracle was performed—our "five loaves and few fishes" stretched and all were fed, including one up on the scaffolding who was so eager he would not take time out for relaxation with his food and friends.

By the time the luncheon was cleaned up other women and girls were so infected by the spirit of fun with a brush and paint that they joined in the work. Despite the lack of scaffolding and brushes for so many workers, and a misty rain beginning in mid-afternoon, by dusk every board within reach had received its first coat.

What a weary, paint-bespattered congregation we were by then. But we were already friends with previous "nodding acquaintances," had learned the names of many we had never seen before, were happy at what we had accomplished, proud to stand back and view the transformation we had performed, and eager to return to start the second coat.



The clergy of Oahu join in the service of Ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev. William Ranck Grosh, at St. Christopher's Church, Kailua, Oahu. The Rev. Mr. Grosh is pictured at the right of the Bishop and is in charge of St. Matthew's Mission, Waimanalo. The service was held December 16th, 1950.

St. Stephen's, Wahiawa, Marks Hundredth Baptism

The 100th administration of the sacrament of Holy Baptism was entered in the Parish Register recently following the service for tiny Alfred Simon Los Banos, Jr. Alfred, infant son of M/Sgt. and Mrs. Alfred Los Banos of All Saints Church, Kapaa, Kauai, was baptized in the Chapel of Tripler General Hospital, where his father is confined to bed from war injuries received in Korea. The hospital authorities kindly permitted Sergeant Los Banos to be rolled to the chapel where the sacrament was administered amongst a large company of friends and relatives.

Started as a preaching station following Bishop Staley's visit to Waialua in 1863, St. Stephen's was moved to Wahiawa during the war. More than two thirds of the baptisms have been observed in the past five years, and almost a quarter of them in the last twelve months.

Taking Services At St. Christopher's

The Rev. John P. Moulton is taking the services at St. Christopher's Church, Kailua, Oahu, in the absence of a rector. His help is very much appreciated.

Plans For New Churches Are Made

Attractive plans for new church buildings for St. Elizabeth's, St. Stephen's, and St. Mark's churches have been drawn, and work will soon start on these buildings. They will all be a very wonderful addition to the Diocese and we rejoice that these congregations can go ahead with their building plans.

Blood Bank Donations

Some time ago the Laymen's League of the Diocese started a blood bank for the Episcopal Church. We have been able to care for three of our members and one of our clergy from these donations. It is a wonderful contribution to the Church, and we hope any who are physically able to do so, will give their blood for this purpose. The following have contributed to our present bank: The Rev. Mr. Frederick A. McDonald, the Rev. William Heffner, Mesdames: Sylvia M. Harding, Elizabeth S. Brodhead, Phyllis R. Halstead, Alice L. Hutts, Katharine K. Kennedy, and Messrs: Allison B. Given (two donations) Stuart C. Fitch, Thomas A. Major, Kim L. Ching, Richard C. Ching, and Harry J. Mattson.

Elected President Of The National Council Of The Churches Of Christ

The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, is the first president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. His nomination at the convention at Cleveland was met with an ovation and his election for a two-year term was unanimous. In Cleveland there was much hotel and press room conversation indicating that Bishop Sherrill was actually acceptable to everybody, from Episcopalians to Southern Baptists, to members of the Society of Friends, to Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, without a dissenting voice anywhere. Closing his inaugural address, Bishop Sherrill said: "A nation or a world, or a Church under God rests upon dedicated men and women. If we here and our brethren in the Churches we represent can at this time experience the gift of God's grace, then we can make the words of another our own, 'We shall this day light a candle by God's grace as I trust shall never be put out. Together we shall move forward with renewed resolve and great hope in the building of a Christian America in a Christian world.'"

Minneapolis has been selected as the site of a world-wide congress of the Anglican Communion to be held in August, 1953, the first such meeting since 1908. Announcement of the congress was made jointly by Presiding Bishop Sherrill and the Rt. Rev. Walter H. Gray, Bishop Coadjutor of Connecticut and chairman of the General Convention's committee on arrangements. About 1,000 bishops and representative clergy and laity from 325 dioceses are expected to attend. The purpose is "to witness to our common faith and to confer on matters of common interest." The fact that the World Council of Churches will hold its second assembly at Evanston, Ill., also in August, 1953, is expected to make it possible for many delegates to attend both events.

Canterbury Club Plans Outing

A three-day camping trip is being planned for all Canterbury club members and Priory and Iolani graduates now attending the University of Hawaii. This "Fellowship Camp" will be held between semesters at the Episcopal Youth Center in Mokuleia from February 10-12.

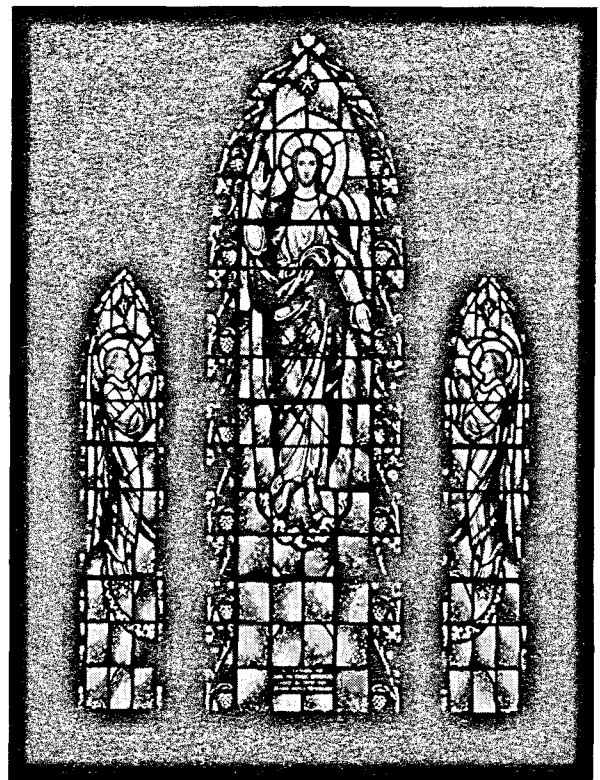
There will be morning and evening worship services, a retreat, games, folk and social dancing and other activities.

General chairman is Charles Char, a junior. He is a 1948 graduate of Iolani school.

Registration will be held on January 25 and 26 at a special booth set up in front of Hemenway Hall between the hours of 12:30 and 3 p.m.

Club president is Norman Chow, a junior.

Other club members planning the camping trip are



Brodhead Memorial Window

St. Clement's Church Has New Memorial Window

On December 24th the unveiling and dedication of the Brodhead Memorial Window took place at St. Clement's Church, Honolulu. The window, on the east wall of the Church, is behind the altar and depicts a vision of Christ ascended in glory. It is the work of the Connick Studios, and in the first window made by these craftsmen to appear in Hawaii. The window was given by Mr. Thomas Brodhead, Senior Warden, in memory of his father and mother, Frank Reynolds and Jane Brodhead. It is a beautiful addition to the Church.

Daddy's Weather Prayer

One asks for sun, an' one for rain,
An' sometimes bofe together;
I pray for sunshine in my heart,
An' den forgits de weather.

—Ruth McEnery Stewart.

Richard K. T. Au, finance; Juliette Ling, food; Nancy Yates, chaperones; Richard Y. C. Au, transportation; Mollie Lee, reception; Violet Okada, program and recreation and Janice Pang, publicity.



Ordained To The Priesthood

The Reverend William Clancy Heffner was ordained to the Priesthood by the Bishop, acting for the Rt. Rev. Frederick Deane Goodwin, D. D., LL.D., Bishop of Virginia, Saturday, January 6th, on the Feast of the Epiphany. He was presented to the Bishop by the Reverend Frederick A. McDonald. The Reverend Norman B. Godfrey preached the sermon. The Reverend Claude F. Du Teil read The Preface to the Ordinal, Mr. Thomas Major, the Litany, The Reverend Y. Sang Mark, the Epistle, and the Rev. William R. Grosh, the Gospel. The Rev. Gregory Lock, the Rev. Lawrence H. Ozaki, and the Rev. Kenneth D. Perkins helped administer the Holy Communion. Master of Ceremonies was the Rev. Hollis H. A. Corey and the Bishop's Chaplain was the Rev. Wai On Shim. The Iolani Boys Choir, under the direction of Miss Mary Whitten, sang for the service.

Following the very impressive service a luncheon was served in the Parish Hall by the Women's Guilds of St. Clement's Church. The Rev. Mr. Heffner's parents flew from Richmond, Virginia, to be with him for this important occasion.

Chronicle Subscriptions

Many of our people have failed to pay their 1950 Chronicle Subscription. Notices have been sent to our subscribers. We hope that we may have subscriptions due in the near future.

The 1951 subscriptions are due in January. We hope that it will not be necessary to send reminders of past due subscriptions, and will appreciate receiving them at an early date.



Theological Education Sunday

At the request of the Joint Commission on Theological Education I have designated Sexagesima, January 28, 1951, as Theological Education Sunday.

On that day I hope that there will be addresses in every church upon the importance of the work of our theological seminaries, and furthermore, that in every parish there will be an opportunity for the people of the Church to give financial support to the seminaries.

Our theological seminaries are of supreme importance to the Church, for they, in large measure, determine the calibre of our clergy. This is of practical significance to every layman. What of the conduct of the services in your parish? How was the sermon? What of the Church School and the Christian education of your children? Strong seminaries make possible favorable answers.

I trust that there will be a generous response.

—Henry K. Sherrill, Presiding Bishop

World Day Of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer, sponsored by the United Council of Church Women, will be held the first Friday in Lent at the Makiki Christian Church, starting at 10:30 a.m. An evening service for all business women will be held at Parke Memorial Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

Kohala Missions

The Reverend Harold W. Smith reports the last payment of \$500 has been made on the indebtedness of the Kohala Missions for the improvements on their property. They have redecorated their churches and parish halls, and the St. Augustine's Vicarage, making all most attractive and in better condition.

How To Keep Lent --- In Six Hard Lessons

THE SHORT WAY

THE LONG WAY

Master your MIND

Think less about the present and more about the future. Think less about yourself and more about God (and others); think less about the dust in your house and more about the dust on your soul; think less about the beauty (or lack of it!) of your face and more about the ugliness of your soul. Make up your mind what you want to be—the richest man in the Graveyard, or the poorest saint in heaven.

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Master your TIME

If you do not go to Church at all, start going; if you go now and then, go every Sunday; if you go every Sunday, then go twice—on Sundays. You can go during the week. And don't forget your prayers—morning, noon, and night—and grace at meals. You have time; use it! If you haven't time, you're the very one who should take time to observe Lent!

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Master your BODY

Stop eating so much mashed potatoes, candy, country ham, etc.; and stop drinking so much—even cokes and coffee. When you say "NO!" to that extra piece of pie or that third cup of coffee, your stomach won't cry out, "The throat's been cut!"—You'll simply be telling your stomach that the throat CAN be cut! and that YOU can do it. Are you so weak that your body can tell YOU what to do—against your better judgment, The body is a good servant, but not a good master.

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Master your WILL

Plan to do the right thing and then DO it—MAKE yourself do it! Don't just think about getting up out of your nice warm bed and go stumbling off to Church, GET UP AND GO! You get up and go to work, don't you? Don't just think about saying your prayers, SAY them! Don't just think about being kind, BE kind! Don't just think about turning over a new leaf, TURN IT OVER! If you can't do what YOU will to do, then maybe the Goblin's got you already!

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Master your SELF

"Of ashes thou art comen, and to ashes thou shall turne agayne." Remember that in spite of all the nice things people say about you or what nice things you think about yourself, you are only a tiny little speck on a second-rate planet, and you can move about and do a few things. When you were PUT here, you were given the power to will, and you can WILL to serve your weaknesses, or you can WILL to master your weaknesses and make them serve you.

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SERVE THE MASTER

Whether you want to think so or not, you were put here for one purpose only—that is (obviously [?] enough) to SERVE GOD. Why do you think Christ allowed Himself to be mocked and tortured—spat upon and nailed to a cross? Do you think that He died to make us free, just to serve ourselves? He came to free us FROM OURSELVES, so that you COULD SERVE GOD. Didn't He mean, "Thy will CAN be done ON EARTH as it is in heaven?"

TO KEEP LENT: Put down the bad and take UP the good—for His sake!

What Are You?

"There are three kinds of people in the world—the wills, the won'ts and the can'ts. The first accomplish everything, the second oppose everything; the third fail in everything. The last group is like the pessimist, who, faced with two evils, chooses both."

What Counts

A man has two creators: his God and himself; his first Creator furnishes him with raw materials of his life and the laws in conformity with which he can make that life what he will. His second creator, himself, has marvelous powers he rarely realizes. It is what a man makes of himself that counts.



Photo by Evelyn Christian Johnson

Robert Nako, Wallace Nitto and Jana Higashi making Christmas gifts while enjoying the RCA phonograph presented to Epiphany School by the women of the Diocese of Maine.

No One Spoke To Them

It is reported that a young couple, having moved to a new community, attended one of the local Episcopal churches on their first Sunday. No one spoke to them. They returned to the same church the following two Sundays and still no one greeted them. Their first reaction was to try another church. Further discussion changed their minds. They reasoned that, if that particular church was lacking in fellowship, their work was cut out for them. They would become communicants of that church and use their influence to make it a friendly parish.

It is one thing to stand on the side lines and criticize. It is another thing to use talent to rectify a situation. In every parish there are areas of activity and leadership that call for the particular training and experience of some lay person. The use of these talents broadens the program of the parish and increases its effectiveness.

News Notes From St. John's, Kula

St. John's Mission, Keokea, Kula, Maui, has two firsts to report which we trust will be of interest to the Diocese.

The first Mission Meeting was held on November 29th with 14 members present. While the number of people was small, enthusiasm was high and much impetus for the work of the Mission gained. Harold Shim, Senior Warden, conducted the meeting. After several reports, The Vicar, the Rev. H. L. S. Thompson, explained from a chart the budget for the New Year and the work which is expected to be accomplished in the New Year. The

spiritual side was stressed and everyone present felt the stirring earnestness of the Vicar. April 22nd was selected as the time for the next Mission meeting. Our beloved Bishop will be with us for that meeting and the Woman's Auxiliary will serve dinner.

Another FIRST was the Christmas Market sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary. This was truly a community affair and the Chinese Dinner, served under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Hannah Shim, was enjoyed by more than 250 people. Kula Farmers donated all the material used in the preparation of this dinner! The various booths were decorated in the Christmas colors and piled high with attractive merchandise—all of it having been donated by friends from everywhere—eleven states and the islands of Oahu and Hawaii being represented. Stow Wengeroth sent three of his exquisite prints to the women! Altogether more than \$700.00 was added to the Auxiliary Treasury and the beautiful new Estey Reed organ was given to the Church by the Woman's Auxiliary.

Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Schultz of Honolulu sent us a beautiful chair to be the "Bishop's Chair" and we are very pleased to have this chair for the Bishop. At his last visitation he sat on a kitchen stool.

The Christmas pageant presented by the Sunday School was well done and when Santa Claus' visit was well out of the way Maui's own Master Magician, Mr. Peter Ross, entertained the children with his magic. A gift of \$29.00 in the form of a free will offering was made by the audience to the Cancer Fund in appreciation of Mr. Ross's entertainment.

Happy indeed are we at St. John's to have a resident Vicar—our Christmas Eucharist was especially beautiful and poignant at midnight—and on all Holy Days Holy Communion is celebrated. Without a resident Vicar this could not be and our Vicar's talented family adds much to the happiness of the Mission family.

—By Mrs. Betty McEldowney

Cover Picture

We believe that the cover picture is one of the loveliest taken of St. Andrew's Cathedral. It was taken by a young man aboard the USS Princeton, when the men were given a short stay in Honolulu before going to the Korean shores. A copy of this picture was given to the Bishop. The Bishop wrote the young photographer to thank him for the picture. In reply, the young man said that he had found something in the beauty of the Cathedral that had given him a realization of the nearness of God. He said it was very cold for the boys on the ship—twenty miles offshore from the battle front, but that inland it was much colder. He wrote, "The doughboys and Marines have really got it tough with the snow and sub-freezing weather. Not being a church goer and not knowing too much about religion, I wish you would say

a special prayer for the boys over there at your services. Since I left Honolulu I've been attending church services on board ship for the first time in about seven years. Only now am I starting to realize and appreciate the fact that I have Someone to turn to. Never, in all my life, have I ever felt so close to God. When there is talk about an air raid or the ship being torpedoed, I take out my Bible and read a few chapters and my fear melts away. It's getting so I don't know the meaning of fear anymore. Thank you for your letter, which, of course, I will always keep."

The Lenten Call

Lent should lead us to a personal spiritual growth in the quietness of our own soul. Brief daily devotions through this God-given season can be a great blessing to our soul. Take time each day to think of Him, pray for Him, listen to Him, read of Him in the Holy Bible. Such discipline can make us better Disciples and give us new revelations of the meaning and purpose of our life.

Lent should lead us to the habit of going to Church regularly and consistently—not just when we happen to feel like going. Here is the God-given season to draw near to Him in His House and receive the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. Through such services we shall discover great changes taking place within our inmost beings.

Lent should lead us to a new sense of stewardship of who and what and why we are. So in Lent there is self-denial for that is the very meaning of the Cross of Christ.

Yes, God gives us through His Church this season of Lent for the growth of our souls, the nourishment of our minds, the discipline of our bodies, that each of us may seek and find that Peace of God which passeth all understanding!

—By the Rev. Clinton L. Morrill

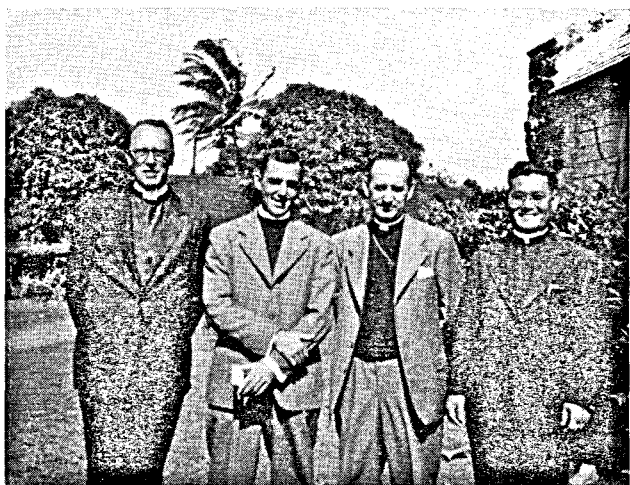
It Is Up To You!

A rigorous application of the accepted form and discipline of the Church has a value. Occasional attendance is more or less of no value; a sermon, a service, even an occasional Sacrament is only a sample and too often meaningless gesture, the result of a sentimental or emotional re-action.

A great company of people complain that they are not helped by the Church; that the Church does nothing to relate them to life and the task of living in this complex world.

Of course they are right—it would be a miracle beyond my comprehension if it did.

Would you expect results in a language, music, science, or in any field you desired without paying the price of application, study and sacrifice?



The Ven Norman R. Alter, Archdeacon of Kauai, the Rev. Kenneth T. Cosbey, Vicar of St. John's Church, Eleele and St. Paul's Church, Kekaha, Kauai, the Bishop, and the Rev. James S. Nakamura, Vicar of Good Samaritan Church, Honolulu and in charge of Japanese work on Kauai, taken at the time of the Ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev. Mr. Cosbey, at St. John's Church, Eleele.

I never heard that complaint from one who regularly "worshipped God every Sunday in His Church."

A Churchman is one who knows his Prayer Book and accepts the Church's discipline voluntarily; it is the rarest thing to find such a person disappointed with the Church.

A "Fifth Column" always talking of failures; or disappointed because they have not developed spiritual power sufficient for their problems; or seeking strength in some "new thing" or trying to have the Church change to suit their ideas of their need; these are they who see no reason for service, sacrifice, or application to religion.

Religion, like everything else worth while in this world, is available for you, only, if you are willing "to put out and pay the price."

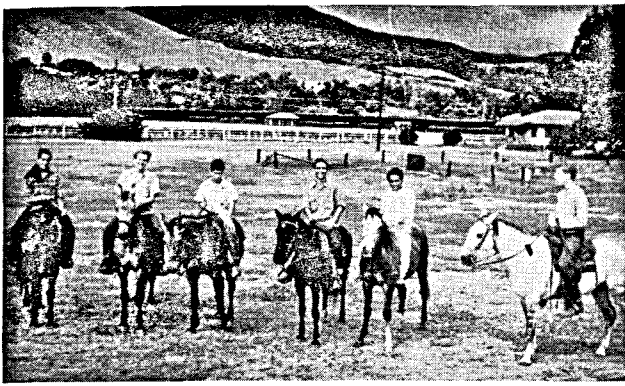
—By the Rev. G. I. Hiller, D. D.

New Rectory

Canon and Mrs. Richard Trelease, Jr. and family have moved to 42 Kawananakoa Place, which has been purchased for them by the Cathedral Parish.

Okinawa In Our Jurisdiction

The Bishop has written that the work on Okinawa had been placed in the jurisdiction of the Missionary District of Honolulu. The Rev. Norman B. Godfrey and the Rev. William C. Heffner are now preparing themselves for going to this field to start the work of the Episcopal Church.



The boys and girls of the Hawaii Episcopal Academy enjoy the horses given to them recently by the Hawaiian Pineapple Company, through Mr. Henry White and Mr. W. A. Cleghorn.

A Lenten Catechism

1. *What Does the Word "Lent" Mean?*

The word "Lent" means "Spring," and refers to the lengthening of days in March and April. There is a Dutch word "Lente" which is their word for Spring.

2. *How Long Does Lent Last?*

Lent lasts forty days. It is a period kept in remembrance of our Saviour's Temptation and Fasting of forty days in the wilderness.

3. *Did Lent Always Last Forty Days?*

No. At first, forty hours between Crucifixion and the Resurrection were kept in remembrance. Then it was extended to three weeks, and later the Church Fathers agreed that the forty days before Easter Day should be considered as the Lenten period.

4. *Why Was Lent Started?*

People were so careless about Christ and His Church that the Church Fathers decided that a special time should be set apart in which people by prayer, almsdeeds, fasting and repentance and "by faith" would revive their faith and so come into right relations with God and man.

5. *How Long Has the Church Kept Lent?*

Since the Seventh Century the Church has been observing Lent.

6. *What Colours Frequently Are Used in the Church During Lent?*

Violet or blue for these are the colours used to express penitence, sorrow and suffering. Lent is a penitential season.

7. *Are the Sundays Included in Lent?*

No. The Lord's Day is always kept as a *feast* and never as a *fast*. There are then six Sundays during the Lenten period but not of it.

8. *What is the First Day of Lent Called?*

Ash Wednesday. In the olden days blessed ashes (made from the blessed Palms used on the Palm Sunday of the previous year) were on this day sprinkled on the

heads of Churchmen, with the words, "Remember, man, thou art ashes, and to ashes thou shalt return." The Church has special services for Ash Wednesday.

9. *Have the Sundays During the Lenten Period Any Special Names?*

Yes. Mid-Lent or the Fourth Sunday is called Refreshment Sunday, and the Gospel for that day relates the feeding of the five thousand. The fifth Sunday is called Passion Sunday for on this day our Lord began to foretell His coming suffering. The sixth Sunday is called Palm Sunday from the old custom of blessing, distributing and carrying in procession branches of palms. It is the first day of Holy Week. Lent ends on the evening before Easter Day.

10. *How May Children Keep Lent?*

Take time to pray often both by yourself and as a member of the family and of the Church. Go to Church more often. Read the Gospels, and some good religious books. Make up your mind to do all the kind deeds you can. During Lent this year plan to do some definite Christian work. Your minister or Sunday School teacher will advise you as to some things you may do. Instead of spending all your allowance of money on pleasures for yourself, save a goodly share of it for missions, so that others may hear the "old, old story, of Jesus and His Love." "God first" should be the motto of Christ's children everywhere. That should be your motto, too. Then if you follow these suggestions, you will have the great happiness which comes into the heart from communing with God during Lent.

11. *Are Church People Expected to Fast in These Days?*

The Bible stresses the duty of fasting. The Church which tells us when to practice fasting includes the forty days of Lent. With prayer, fasting and almsgiving, spend the days of Lent this year in the companionship of Jesus Who comes for you and wants you to "Come apart with Him."

—The Rev. B. S. Murray, M. A.

Prayers For Peace

Organized by a group of World War I veterans in 1948, a prayer-for-peace movement has spread to many parts of the United States and to other lands.

More than 750 organizations have adopted the practice of having daily prayers at noon, asking that the nations of the world may be led into the ways of peace. Organizations concerned with the movement include churches, business and industrial organizations, and civic groups.

The Presiding Bishop stated his belief that such prayer, offered by Christian people everywhere is certain to be of value, and expressed the hope that this plan will be adopted by many members of the Episcopal Church.

God's Will

What we see here of this world is but an expression of God's will, so to speak—a beautiful earth and sky and sea—beautiful affections and sorrows, wonderful changes and developments of creations, suns rising, stars shining, birds singing, clouds and shadows changing and fading, people loving each other, smiling and crying, the multiplied phenomena of Nature, multiplied in fact and fancy, in Art and Science, in every way that a man's intellect or education or imagination can be brought to bear.

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Too swift for those who fear,
Too long for those who grieve,
Too short for those who rejoice,
But for those who live, Time is

Eternity,
Hours fly,
Flowers die,
New Days,
New ways,
Pass by.
Love stays.

(Inscription on sundial at University of Virginia)

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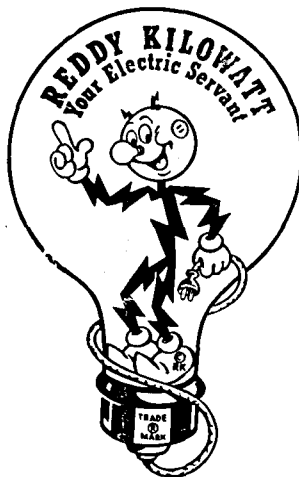
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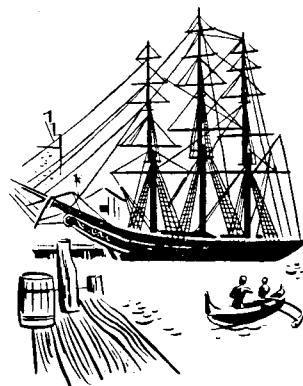
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