

HISTORIC "FIRSTS" AT ALICE SPRINGS BASIC DECISIONS MADE FOR NEW DIOCESE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Alice Springs, June 21
The week-end, June 8 to 10, saw a number of historic "firsts" at Alice Springs. There have been:

• The first meeting of the Northern Territory Diocesan Council.

• The first ordination ever to take place in Alice Springs.

• The first Confirmation conducted by the Bishop of the Northern Territory.

Eleven of the twelve members of the council of the new missionary diocese gathered in Alice Springs for the first meetings those from the steaming north of the diocese revelling in the log fires and crisp air of Alice's chilly winter.

The meetings were held on three days, the first day's sessions being held at S. Mary's Children's Village, the Church's children's centre four miles from Alice Springs through Healy Creek.

Here, as well as their meetings, council members shared in the life of one of the most interesting and challenging pieces of work being done by the Church in Australia, led by the Reverend Peter Alexander-Smith. Council members enjoyed the hospitality of each of the four houses in the village, and got to know the children, most of whom are part-coloured.

On the Saturday morning, in the unique chapel at S. Mary's, the council heard the Charge given by the Bishop of the Northern Territory, the Right Reverend Kenneth Ross, and Mr Graham Oliver, who was to succeed him in the following morning.

The ordination took place on the Sunday in the parish hall of the Church of the Ascension, Alice Springs, because the church itself was too small for the numbers attending.

The preacher at the service was the Reverend Ernest Joseph, Anglo-Indo-Prussian, who, like the staff of S. Mary's Children's Village.

The Reverend Graham Oliver will serve on the staff of the parish of Alice Springs. The Rector, Canon P. S. Roy, will leave the parish soon to return to England after six years ministry there.

On the Friday night the Bishop conducted his first Confirmation, the confirmations being presided by Canon Roy.

BARBECUE LUNCH

Sunday afternoon saw a reception to council members in the Parish Centre, when representatives of other churches and civic groups were present.

That evening Festal Evensong was held in the parish church, when the preacher was the vicar, the Reverend Canon P. S. Roy, of Darwin.

Monday, after the final council meeting, brought a barbecue lunch for members at the Old Telegraph Station National Park, a few miles north of Alice Springs.

Much of the time of the council was spent in setting up a minimum basic machinery for the efficient working of the diocese, though it was strongly felt that a careful guard should be kept against unnecessary machinery and organisation.

The council decided that, instead of a parochial assessment being levied, each parish would be asked to make a meaningful contribution each year to diocesan funds, and pay it in quarterly instalments.

Congregations on the missions would be invited to do the same. A Finance Committee was appointed to give oversight to the scheme. Its conveyor is to be Archdeacon Munton, and members will include the Bishop, the Administrator of the Northern Territory (Mr R. L. Day), the Diocesan Treasurer (Mr R. Southern) and Mr W. Steenson, of Alice Springs.

A Constitution Committee was appointed and given the task of working on a diocesan constitution and standing orders for the Diocesan Council.

Its conveyor is to be Mr Justice R. A. Blackburn, of the Northern Territory Supreme Court.

Other committees elected were a Social Questions Committee, and a committee to deal with the Church's ministry to Aborigines in the towns and on the stations of the Northern Territory.

Reports were received from Canberra College, Darwin, and S. Mary's Children's Village, and there was considerable discussion on the progress of each of these institutions.

Mr Percy Leslie, Acting Field Commissioner, presented a report on the work of the C.M.S. missions in Arnhem Land, and Canon Barry Butler on his work as Chaplain to Aborigines in Darwin.

The council decided that in future there would be no statutory fees for any of the occasional services of the Church, in addition to the normal ones.

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Members of the Northern Territory Diocesan Council outside the Alice Springs Parish Centre before one of the sessions of its first meeting. (From left) Mr R. L. Southern (Darwin); the Diocesan Treasurer; Mr P. G. Spillert (Darwin); Mrs J. Elliott (Tennant Creek); Canon P. S. Roy (Alice Springs); the Bishop, Archdeacon G. B. Mason; the Reverend James Taylor (Angurra, Groote Eylandt); Mr P. L. Eske (C.M.S.); Canon N. B. Butler (Chaplain to Aborigines, Darwin); Mr D. Newman (Alice Springs); and the Reverend J. H. Mills (Carpenter College, Nightcliff Darwin).

THE ABORIGINES SEEN AS "LOST SHEEP"

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Goulburn, June 24
"We cannot criticise other nations; we cannot make easy judgments about the problem of race generally; we cannot sincerely deplore and condemn the assassination of Dr Martin Luther King, unless we are in fact involved in seeking a solution to the problems of the Aborigines in Australia."

The Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, the Right Reverend K. J. Clements, made this statement in his address to the annual synod on June 17 at Canberra.

"There are not a great number of Aborigines in this diocese, though mostly on the south coast. But there is a large number of them who are in the Church, and it is the Church which must take the lead in pressing a real concern for these lost sheep."

"I say 'lost sheep' deliberately. They are 'lost' because they do not belong; they are beyond the Church's normal range, and it takes time to time they suffer from it."

LIVELY DISCUSSION ON NEW FILM

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Intercom, a group of people of all denominations, which discusses current affairs every month at the West Centre, Sydney, chose an excellent subject for discussion on June 3.

This was M-G-M's "2001: A Space Odyssey", which takes audiences on a trip to the moon and then on to Jupiter, and gives the public plenty to think about with a controversial ending.

Film critics here, in America, Japan and England—their audiences here—were in release over the film to interpret the closing scenes.

It was a wonder, therefore, that the Intercom panel members of the diocese voiced some interesting theories.

A.V.A. RECRUITS WANTED NOW FOR OVERSEAS

Recruits are now being sought for serving with Australian Volunteers Abroad, starting next January.

Among those most wanted are carpenters, mechanics, teachers, nurses and graduates, and those who can alter and repair for other skilled persons.

This year A.V.A. has 141 volunteers working in 12 overseas countries, including Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, New Guinea.

Already 120 volunteers have returned to Australia after completing tasks in Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

UNIQUE CHANCE

A.V.A. was started in 1963 by the Overseas Service Bureau, a voluntary organisation which encourages Australians to serve in these areas of the world.

The Bureau provides return fares and insurance for volunteers who receive small allowances from the Government.

whites, for it goes deeper than that. "Even with whites who have indicated an abiding concern for them, the Aborigine cannot be that he really belongs to our ways."

"Nor can he easily find the emotional energy to overcome within himself that deep sense of being him taking to the European way of life."

"It is a very complex matter when an advanced technologist comes to change the life of a primitive culture."

"Some vestiges of the old culture which originally served for

its good can so often be counted against individuals in the misery of the impact. It is a complex problem, but that does not release us from our responsibilities."

"I have found much encouragement in what has developed in Beers since last synod, where part of the old glue there was sold to the Aborigine Welfare Board."

"The purpose is to settle carefully selected families who have some change in their lives, and themselves in standard housing areas."

"There was an outcry and much feeling, but much credit must be given to those Anglican and others (led by the sector, the Reverend F. R. Woodall) who courageously stood by their concern for the lost sheep and who, in the end, won over most of their responsible fellow-citizens to the cause."

A cottage has been completed by voluntary labour and an Aboriginal family has moved in.

It was produced by Stanley Kubrick who collaborated with Arthur C. Clarke, well-known English scientist and science-fiction writer, on the script.

Present on the discussion panel were the Reverend Albert McPherson, Assistant Priest at St. James' King Street; Miss Margaret Phil (Methodist education officer); Mr John Morris (Commonwealth Film Unit) and the Reverend Canon P. S. Roy, Secretary for the Australian Council of Churches).

\$9,000,000 to make and was in production for more than two years at the M-G-M Boreham Wood studios, England.

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BISHOP HAWKEY AT MOSSMAN

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Mossman, Q. June 21

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GLORIOUS SERVICE

But the highlight of the visit was a Family Eucharist and public service at S. Paul's Church morning at S. David's, which the Bishop celebrated and at which he blessed the baby, including the baby daughter of the rector, the Reverend R. F. Atkins.

After this glorious service the congregation assembled with the Bishop, held a parish hall last week, "brunch" for fellowship and to begin to get to know him.

CHEQUE FOR BISHOP

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Canberra, June 24

During the annual synod of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, held in the parish hall last week, a presentation of a handsome cheque was made to Bishop K. Clements by the Anglican synod from synodians to supplement their funds during their stay in the United Kingdom for Lamb.

They will fly from Canberra to London early in July, and return early in October. Bishop Clements will be acting Diocesan.

Professor S. Ogston, of the Australian National University, will represent the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn at the Forty-first Assembly of the World Council of Churches to be held next month in Uppsala, Sweden.

NEW TV SERIES

Robert Althaus has produced for the A.B.C. a series of television programmes with the title, "Did You Hear One About?"

Following the thoughts of a group of young Sydney actors, they presented fresh and provocative approach to some of the problems of Jesus.

This series of eleven programmes is to be shown on Sunday nights at 7.45 p.m., commencing on the following dates:

Victoria, July 7; New South Wales, July 14; C.T. July 14; South Australia, July 28; Tasmania, August 11; Western Australia, August 11; Western Australia, August 18.

S.S.M. GUITARISTS DELIGHT AN AUDIENCE IN ADELAIDE

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the book itself is a collection of some sixteen essays on a wide variety of topics. It is a hard book because it assumes a degree of academic discipline in its readers and the essays vary not only in title but in treatment.

Of interest to Anglicans is his essay "Theology and Theology" where his logical skill is brought to support the thesis that "820 years, 1332 patriarchs, archbishops, and bishops have sent 1859 editions asking that Our Lady's assumption be defined as a matter of faith. . . . Such a practice is not only acceptable and consistent down the centuries and throughout the Church provides the theologian with sufficient ground for affirming that the assumption can be defined." *Post hoc ergo propter hoc!* Indeed!

HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE
New York, June 21

The Right Reverend Robert Brown, Bishop of Arkansas, led the 96th diocesan convention this month that a majority of American Christians were so ill off they find it difficult to comprehend misery, disease and tragedy.

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S. MARY'S CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

S MARY'S mission and before that S. Mary's Hostel, S. Mary's descriptive title now stands as S. Mary's Children's Village.

This name has been approved by both the Bishop and by the Diocese of Social Welfare.

The new name suits much better than the old one. It is much closer to accuracy, for S. Mary's is a village for children housed in four cottages built around a central church.

Other administrative buildings, store rooms and a farm house, making 13 buildings all told, the village is small and compact.

It is looked upon as home not only by the 50 children actually at present being brought up here, but also by many who having been brought up here and discharged are now useful members of their community.

Situated on the seldom flowing Todd river, the village is five miles from Alice Springs and is reached by the main road to the airport which passes through Heavitree Gap.

BEAUTIFUL SPOT

The village is one of the most beautiful spots in the Northern Territory, the buildings are designed to blend with the scenery. Everywhere, some of these huge river gums, lawns around the buildings, pretty hills all around and there are mountains and hills all round enclosing Mt. Rutherfords which is just on one border of the property.

The Superintendent-Chaplain's house is situated at the foot of this oddly named mountain. Plenty of life abounds, adding to the beauty, including parrots, budgies and cockatoos.

The children come to the village at any age and are of any race. They might be Aboriginal, part-Aboriginal, part-European, European and having, in some cases, a slight Chinese mixture.

Some come from remote stations areas having parents who want their child to be educated, but most come from broken or neglected homes, being brought up by the Welfare Department when they think that a child is in need of care.

The present age range is from three years old up to seventeen. They stay at the village until they are finished with schooling. When they first arrive they are often in a state which is best described as wild, never having seen a water closet, never having seen a running water tap, with no table manners, not having used a knife and fork, never having slept in a bed.

So when they first come they are housed in a building called the transit block; this is an army hut now divided into cubicles. Here they stay for a while until they learn the use of civilised amenities and learn how to be clean and tidy.

When they show aptitude and are beginning to train and are knuckling down to discipline, they are moved into one of the village cottages. Cottages built by grant from the Welfare Department.

These cottages have their own dining-rooms, lounges, kitchens, laundries, bathrooms, etc., and the children live two to a room, each room tastefully furnished with two beds and built in wardrobes and drawers for each child.

These rooms all have a different colour scheme.

HOUSEMOTHERS

Resident in each cottage should be a housemother who does for the children all that any mother would do for her children, but such has been the staff shortage that at present there is one cottage without a housemother and the other block has no staff resident. This situation will be rectified very shortly.

There are 49 children at the mission. Twenty-four of the children have been confirmed and are regular communicants; another seventeen are baptised and attend regular worship; and there are seven children not yet baptised but who are undergoing instruction for baptism and it is expected that they will request baptism in the near future.

All members of staff are con-

firmed members of the Anglican Church and are practising communicants. The children attend church on Sundays and they must all be confirmed in the Diocese during the week.

Also, it is a rule that each house of the village be represented at the daily Communion.

Scholastically, some of the children are further back than they ought to be because they so often come in later than they should, so that at present we have two girls doing the Intermediate year, one doing second year and one doing first year High.

There are twelve in 7th grade, five in 6th grade, two in 5th grade, seven in 4th grade, three in 3rd grade, fifteen in grades 1 and 2, and two in a special opportunity class.

All members of staff assist with the supervision of homework but the children go to the three schools in Alice Springs.

The Superintendent-Chaplain and his wife, who is the Matron, were formerly working in the Diocese of Adelaide.

The Reverend Peter Alexander, who is an assistant chaplain at Adelaide, having been previously based by his ordination a stipendiary lay reader with the Mission in Seamen, having served in the parts of Hobart and Melbourne in Australia; Durban, South Africa; and London, England. He describes himself as English by birth but Australian by inclination.

Mrs. Alexander-Smith was formerly the Organiser of Religious Education in the Diocese of Adelaide. She is a graduate of the Diocese of Sydney and a trained school teacher.

S. Mary's is fortunate to have an assistant chaplain. The Reverend Ernest Joseph and his wife, who arrived in the Diocese of Adelaide three months ago and they are temporarily working at S. Mary's while they adjust to Australian conditions.

Mr. Joseph is housemother of one of the cottages where he is looking after ten of the children, with his own son Edward in addition.

Father Ernest acts as house-father but he also assists the Superintendent-Chaplain in all his duties. He is especially concerned with the care of sick children who are not sick enough to go to hospital and yet not well enough to go to school.

POW! FARM

S. Mary's has an extensive fowl farm which is supervised by Mr. Peter Allan who is from the Diocese of Adelaide.

Peter has under his care a large number of laying fowls which provide S. Mary's with all the eggs we can eat and more, so that we are able to supply the local shops.

Also he has geese and ducks breeding for the table. There is a number of bantam fowls which some of the children have as pets.

There are also pet rabbits and pet guinea-pigs.

Some of the children are attending organisations such as the Girl Guides and, indeed, S. Mary's has its own Church of England Boys' Society group which was the first such group to be organised in the Northern Territory.

This group has as its Branch Governor, Mr. Peter Allan, already mentioned as being S. Mary's livestock farmer.

Mr. Allan has been over and attended the regular dance at the Youth Centre, some of the girls play softball, some of the boys play football.

There are all excellent swimmers, although at this time it is rather cold for that activity. Many of the children are quite artists so that it was very good to receive recently from a pencil factory, some 50 coloured pencils, which without factory rejects, were of great use to us.

The children help with the work of the mission. They are trained to look after their own rooms and help keep their cottages clean and do the washing-up. In addition, they assist with the gardening. We grow much of our own green vegetables.

Most of the boys serve at the altar.

JAUNTS IN BUS

S. Mary's has its own Toyota Dyna Bus which officially seats 14 adults but will carry about 30 of the children.

They enjoy their jaunts to town and the occasional visit to the drive-in. In addition, there is a Mini-Moke for runs when there are only a few children to go at a time.

Also we have just acquired, through the sale of such second-hand clothing as was sent to mission parcels but was not available for our use, an old type car in which it is hoped some of the older children can be taught to drive.

S. Mary's has 480 acres of its own ground, so that we can give learner drivers plenty of practice in driving without actually going on to the main roads.

WOMEN ELIGIBLE

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE, New York, June 21

The 96th annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas has voted to make women eligible for election to parish vestries and as delegates to the annual convention. Previous conventions had refused to give approval.

NEW PARISH FOR FRANKTON

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT, Melbourne, June 15

A further pointer to the rapidly increasing population of the Mornington Peninsula is a decision to form a new parish of S. Luke's, East Frankton, and create a new Parish of S. John's.

This will include the parish, particularly known as the Pines, and the Belvedere Park Estate.

The inaugural service of the new parish will be held on Wednesday, July 3.

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"OPERATION CONNECTION" WILL TACKLE U.S. URBAN PROBLEMS

ANGELICAN NEWS SERVICE

The Suffragan Bishop of Washington, the Right Reverend James H. Moore, has been appointed Director of Operation Connection, according to a joint statement by the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Right Reverend J. E. Hines; and the Reverend Albert Cleage of Detroit, co-chairman of the Executive Committee of the national inter-faith coalition set up to tackle the nation's desperate urban problems.

Operation Connection will function initially for an eight month period in selected urban areas. The coalition will utilize Roman Catholic and Jewish resources as well as those of participating Anglican and Protestant bodies.

Bishop Moore has been granted a three months leave of absence from his diocesan responsibilities by the Bishop of Washington, the Right Reverend William F. Crockett.

"It is the hope of the sponsors of this coalition," said Bishop Moore.

SUCCESSFUL PARISH BALL

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT, Melbourne, June 15

Swinging music and a good supper ensured the success of the annual Parish Ball for S. Peter's Church, held at the Mornington Civic Centre on Wednesday.

It was the first such function attended by the new Vicar of S. Peter's, the Reverend J. McAulay.

Moore, "that the Church can be a catalyst in rebuilding American cities." Operation Connection will co-operate with such bodies as the Urban Coalition, headed by John Gardner, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

In planning and strategic staff will work with business, political, religious, labour and local community leadership.

CHELSEA MINISTRY

Bishop Moore, who was educated at S. Paul's School, Yale University and General Theological Seminary, began his ministry in the downtown mission, S. Peter's Church, Chelsea, New York City.

He then went as part of a team ministry to Grace Church in the Bronx, New York City.

He remained at Grace Church in New York until his election as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of

Washington in September, 1963. He was consecrated Bishop on January 25.

During 1963-65, he served as the first chairman of the board of the Delta Ministry, a co-operative venture of the churches in Mississippi.

He is the author of "The Church Reclaims the City", and "The Church and the Urban Crisis", published by "The Underground Church".

