

NATIONAL CAMP FOR BOYS IN JANUARY

1,200 FOR LANGWARRIN

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, December 12.—More than 1,200 boys from all States will come to Melbourne next January for the national camp of the Church of England Boys' Society at Langwarrin.

The camp will be held at Studio Park, Langwarrin, 20 acres of undulating grass lands with abundant shade trees.

Between now and January much work will be done regarding water and electricity and erecting buildings to be used as administrative offices, banks, canteens and stores, etc.

The Department of Army is making available the tents in which the boys will sleep, the mattresses for bedding as well as cots and a host of other need.

More than 1200 members and leaders from all over Australia will come to the camp which will last for 10 days.

PAPUA AND FIJI

Two small parties of boys from Pagan, the Fijian Islands, Fiji, will also be present as guests of the boys in Australia. Recognising the differing interests and abilities of boys between the ages of 12 and 18, a programme is being prepared that will offer variety and flexibility.

This will include great acts of corporate worship, track-and-field entertainment, tours, swimming and other sports, and developing and challenging activities.

Under the guidance of ten leaders, the programme will be to choose such sports as tennis, basketball, gymnastics, water skiing, basketball, table tennis, golf, and other sports, cricket, a commando race course, rock climbing, flying of balloons and hiking.

It is planned to take a party of 100 boys to the national camp in the Cathedral Range.

There will also be a party of 200 boys from the Police Search and Rescue Squad, Seeing Eye Dogs and the Australian Army.

A feature of the camp will be the presentation of awards from recognised by those responsible.

MARRIED

A marriage was solemnized at 5.30 a.m. on 3 p.m. of Miss Jennifer Gai Swanson married Mr Leslie Donaldson at a service conducted by the Rev. Canon Catherall at the Anglican church at the residence of the Reverend Barry Green.

Anglican services were held in the Kinnear, at the Kinnear, and it was in the same building that Miss Swanson was Baptized and Confirmed in June on the first official visit of the Bishop of the North.

PUFFING

FROM OUR OWN

With diesel traction and the electric system any sort of steam train children, but "Puffing B" is the train which runs on a narrow gauge line from Belgrave, through the hills to Morley Creek.

Some years ago, the regular passenger service (then from Ferntree Gully) was discontinued because of a landslide which covered the line; but the local and "Puffing B" service was restored part of the line and the train runs for special occasions as a tourist attraction.

On Wednesday, November 30, it had a complement of pas-

engers for the planning of the camp that the boys are at a most impressive age; many may be passing through a stage of doubts and questioning.

During the camp each boy will be encouraged through the daily activities to face up to some of the problems that confront him in life.

In the light of these issues the chaplains will present the Christian Gospel, and together with the leaders, will help each boy to see its implications to his own situation.

To ensure that the best possible use is made of the opportunities the camp affords each participant is required to attend in a special course of training.

Application forms have been sent to all branches, but other supplies or any information can be obtained by contacting the C.E.B.S. Office on 61134 (Melbourne).

DR KNIGHT WILL LEAD THE R.S.C.M. SCHOOL IN CANBERRA

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

The Director of the Royal School of Church Music, Dr Gerald Knight, formerly Organist and Master of the Chorists at Canterbury Cathedral, and by now well-known to Church musicians in Australia, will visit this country from January 17 to February 11.

One of the main purposes of his visit is to direct the annual R.S.C.M. Summer school at Canberra Boys' Grammar School from January 23 to 29.

Before this Dr Knight will visit Perth (January 17 and 18) and Adelaide (January 19 to 21).

Dr Knight wishes to meet the members of R.S.C.M. branch committees and church musicians as possible who are involved in Church music in Australia. The aim of the R.S.C.M. is to help promote good standards of worship (in the spoken word) as well as in the sung parts of the services in parish churches as well as in our cathedrals, and to help members of choirs, organists, chorists and clerics perform their task more organically in leading the worship of the people of God.

There will be lectures, tutorials, group discussions, and choir practices led by various prominent Australian Church musicians and clergy as well as Dr Knight himself.

Applications and further details are now available from Mr John Barrett, 16 Dalrymple Street, Red Hill, Perth.

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of honour, Mrs C. Callender, (with high bouquets from Lununurra, undergrowth becomes popular area in the intense heat.

At 7.30 a.m. the couple with their guests moved to the airport to board the Perth-bound flight where they were showered with bouquets and "puffed" by the aircraft by members of the Perth-Kimberley Search Station and Kimunurra.

The airline company, M.M.A., issued on a special treat for the couple and the captain presided a toast in champagne during the flight to Perth. A special breakfast was provided at Les and Gai.

At Perth airport at 3 p.m. when the plane arrived, the couple were met by parents and friends who were unable to get to Kimunurra for the service. Reception was held at the airport lounge.

V cameras and reporters were waiting for the couple the afternoon. They planned a special Kimunurra wedding with 100 guests and the couple seemed to get out of the airport.

However, the day was a sad success and the couple enjoyed all as did the parishioners who shared it with them. People immediately from Perth is a new one in the New

WORKING HOLIDAY FOR CANON THORPE

The Bathurst Diocesan Chaplain, Canon Harry Thorpe, is making his fourth trip to Les Marceolles, Switzerland, as a member of a party of British and French schoolchildren.

His unusual "posting" is made with the authority of the Bishop of Bathurst, England, and allows him to take in some of the most beautiful scenery.

Canon Thorpe is the only Australian Anglican to be given this "working holiday". Canon Thorpe lives at Saratoga, near Gosford, but spends most of his time ministering to the vacant parishes in the Bathurst diocese.

SKIIING.—The party is organized by the British School Travel Service. The children will have plenty of opportunity for skiing, but I won't be doing any, but I'll be too busy — and besides, I might break my glasses," he says.

"I'll return to London in late January to make a round of visits to see p.p.w."

METAL SCULPTURE DEDICATED

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, December 12.—A striking and artistically designed metal sculpture of James the Apostle was dedicated by Bishop F. R. Armitage, of St. James Church, Glen Iris, on December 11.

The metal sculpture was made by Mr Charles Bosh, a well known Melbourne artist, who depicts the Apostle James, the fisherman and the fisherman's son, Christ saying "come follow me."

The artist has given his work a two-dimensional effect by the brilliant use of gold, silver, bronze castings. It is fifteen feet high and six feet wide and is reported to be the largest metal sculpture in a church building in Australia from most States are expected at the 1967 Summer Conference in Canberra.

The school will be held at the Grammar School where facilities are in every respect excellent, and the surroundings delightful.

There will be lectures, tutorials, group discussions, and choir practices led by various prominent Australian Church musicians and clergy as well as Dr Knight himself.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Canon H. N. Poyvis of Tarnamurra, N.S.W., will celebrate his fiftieth anniversary in Holy Orders on December 22.

Canon Poyvis is very well known in the Diocese of Sydney where he is a Canon of St. Andrew's Cathedral and Chaplain for Lay Readers.

He was ordained in 1916, and priest in 1917, and served subsequently in the parishes of Woodlark, Concord, Penrith, Annandale, and the rural parishes of St. Michael's, Rose Bay and Vaucluse from which parish he retired in 1957.

Since then he has succeeded regularly at St. James', Tarnamurra, where he was Locum Tenens for six months this year.

470 BAPTISED AND CONFIRMED AT SAKARINA, NEW GUINEA

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Nearly 500 people have been baptised and confirmed in the Northern District of Papua.

Guinea Church and was approved at the synod meetings 10 days in August.

Previously, except in special cases, people usually waited a couple of years before being baptised and confirmed. Now, in areas where Church authorities are satisfied that adequate pastoral care exists, people can be admitted into full membership of the Church as soon as they have been baptised.

"I've made eight trips to Eng land to see them so far, and I always look forward to it." Canon Thorpe was attached to the Diocese of Bathurst, Australia, and spent three years in O.W. in Singapore.

Thousands of Allied troops came into contact with the enemy during this period, and on the most of his time ministering to the vacant parishes in the Bathurst diocese.

Canon Thorpe will return to Australia, New Guinea, on February 18, leaving on February 18.

ARCHDEACON TO RETIRE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Mackay, December 12.—After sixteen years of service to the Diocese of Queensland, Archdeacon H. R. E. James, has retired from his post as Rector of Holy Trinity, Brisbane, on December 11.

Archdeacon James was born in Sydney where he attended the Anglican school, and received his theological training at St. John's College, Armidale.

He was ordained priest in Bulahin in 1926 and after a period of work at St. James' Church, Street, Sydney, he joined the Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd, working under its auspices from 1930 to 1937.

During these years he travelled the length and breadth of New South Wales, mainly on horseback.

After one epic ride he was made a life-time member of the Royal Empire Society and in 1942 he received the honor of being made a Knight of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. He then became successively Rector of Protonotary, Brisbane, in 1945, and of Ayr from 1951 to 1957.

NEW PARISHES

From Ayr he came to Mackay and during his tenure there, in 1949, he was made a Canon of James' Cathedral, Townsville, in 1949, and Archdeacon of Mackay from 1951.

During his incumbency of Holy Trinity, Mackay, two daughter parishes were established in Mackay, namely St. Andrew's, and St. Ambrose's, North Mackay, by Mr. J. I. Morris, a former bank manager in Brisbane.

The archdeacon will continue to reside in Mackay after his retirement, but will be in the home in Andergrove, North Mackay, by Mr. J. I. Morris, a former bank manager in Brisbane.

TrIBUTE to his work and long years of service was paid by representatives of the Diocese of Mackay on learning of his retirement, as they extended to their best wishes for a most happy future.

The archdeacon himself expressed his appreciation and love for the parishioners to whom he has ministered for so long.

CHOIRS AND CHOICES HERE

SING

By DR NEVILLE G. STEPHENSON

"In Quires and Places where they sing, here followeth the anthem".

This is the well known choir printed in the Book of Common Prayer for use throughout the year in the Orders of Morning and Evening Prayer.

Unfortunately, there is no comparable rubric for the inclusion of a sermon in either of these orders.

In practice, however, it has become rare to hear an anthem as an invariable feature of Morning and Evening Prayer, just as it rarely now to hear a sermon.

Do the Quires and Places where they sing belong to the past, like the archaic language of the rubric, or has choir music still some relevance in this second half of the twentieth century?

If the latter is the case, then some stock-taking is desirable and we should look from time to time at how choirs are organised, what sort of job they do, how they do it and what encouragement they receive.

Even small parish churches used to have a choir, which is usually a robed assortment of various sizes and ages, and which is commonly placed in the chancel.

NOT TO LEAD

With its royal blue, black, white or red robes, the choir sits up and out, stands, sits, kneels, and in general provides much colour and movement in the chancel, often making up for a lack of these in the sanctuary.

Is the choir there primarily for musical reasons? Or is the answer, *definitely not*, unless it is making a musical contribu-

tion to the worship which is distinct from that of the congregation.

We are often told that the choir leads the congregation in worship. This is, of course, a mis-statement. Congregations should not be led in this sense.

The singers may sing together, or sing in strict time, their parts of the liturgy with full confidence, whether or not the choir is present.

The emphasis on fully congregational services today stems in some measure from the Liturgical Movement which has demanded a more active participation of the faithful in the liturgy, whether by various corporate acts, or by speaking or singing.

TRADITIONAL GOING

In general, the increasing part taken by the congregation is most commendable, but unfortunately the excessive application of this principle is destroying a great deal of the musical tradition of our Church.

Such deleterious effects demand sharp criticism in the London diocese, where just Angles and they are just as appalled by it.

The music has been over-congregationalised, and the distinctive process of the choir should be carefully studied.

It is not only the music of the choir to sing the same music as the congregation, then, but the grounds for the continuing existence of the choir.

In other words, if all the music is congregational, and if the congregation is to make most of its own organisation, then it will require no help from an organised choir.

Under these circumstances, the position of musically gifted people who can read and sing a vocal part and who would like to offer their talents in the service of the Church is far from satisfactory, and they should be well advised to remain in the congregation where their singing will be approved and where their opinions are more likely to be heard.

If they are persuaded to become members of a parish church choir, they will be asked to attend a weekly choir practice, assuming of course that there is a weekly choir practice and that it is attended regularly by other members.

At choir practice, they may be required to spend some time on practicing hymns, canticles, and psalm, knowing full well that most of this music will be sung by the unrehearsed congregation on Sunday.

It is surely the congregation and not the choir that should be having the weekly musical practice.

When it becomes obvious that attendances are steadily on the decline, alternative measures are not necessarily effective measures are sometimes adopted in an attempt to reverse this trend.

POPULAR MUSIC

The suggestion that the more modern, popular music, the more likely are people to be attracted to church services, is emotionally accepted.

The ultimate in this respect is reached when, on no occasion in the service, the choir does not involve the whole congregation.

The so-called fully-congregational service is then the vogue. No quarter is given to those

who cannot sing and would prefer to read.

Although they might sound good inspiration by listening to good music well sung, they are expected to join their company to the hearty chorus, and are thereby constantly reminded of their own musical shortcomings.

Obviously, there is a happy balance to be struck in these matters, but those who advocate completely congregational services should remember that parish churches and cathedrals at home and abroad are filled far more often with a sacred occasional recital than with congregational participation is limited or nonexistent.

No one would deny that the congregation generally should have opportunities for direct vocal participation in worship. But it should be remembered that people are gifted in different ways and that those with special musical talents should have an opportunity to exercise these in a vocational sense.

HANDMAID

The point is sometimes forgotten that it is possible for a congregation to be silently in worship and that when a choir sings parts of the service on its own it is not doing so for entertainment or for the gratification of its members.

A choir, then, must exercise its talents in such a way as to justify its existence, and it will not flourish unless it does.

Choirs serve the Gifts of God and have a direct contribution to make to the worshiping Church and its members.

They therefore deserve encouragement in their attempts to do this, and such encouragement by definition be, namely, the handmaid of the liturgy.

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PRAYER BOOK REVISION IN AUSTRALIA

The Report of the Prayer Book Commission appointed by General Synod, together with draft Revised Forms of Service, published by the authority of the Standing Committee of the General Synod, has been reprinted.

A second edition has just come off the press. A small quantity has been bound already. These will be used to meet outstanding orders. The remaining copies will be bound by the end of next week and will be available for immediate sale.

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PREMIERE DEBATED

MARTYR'S CROWN

PREFERRED

ANGELIC NEWS SERVICE

London, December 12

The ancient penalty of *praemunitio*, consisting of outlawry was forfeiture of property, was described by the Archbishop of Canterbury as "terrible" in the House of Lords on November 16. The House was debating the report of the Law Commission which proposes that the penalty should be abolished.

Under the Statute of *Praemunitio* (passed in 1353) and subsequent Acts of Parliament the bishops of Canterbury and York have been liable to the royal command to consecrate bishops nominated by the Crown.

SAVAGE PENALTY

Deans and cathedral chapters are also subject to it if they do not elect nominees. Dr Ramsey said: "Personally I would prefer the penalty of excommunication, which was the fate of several of my predecessors because a penalty which has, at least, the possibility of a martyr's crown. There is no doubt that churchmen generally have a desire for the abolition of this savage penalty."

BISHOP MADINDA'S ITINERARY

The itinerary of the Right Reverend Yohann Madinda, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, has been announced.

Bishop Madinda will now visit each State as follows: February 22, New South Wales; February 28, Tasmania; March 10, 8 Victoria; March 9 to 12, South Australia; March 13 to 15, Western Australia.

A MARRIAGE SERMON

Rooted and grounded in love

(Eph. 5:1-7)

In the regular course of human life, nothing is so natural and human than that a man and a woman should meet, find themselves drawn together, fall in love, and get married.

This is the way it has always been, and the institution of matrimony shows no evidence of loving the popularity and appeal of marriage confirm the truth of this, and Scripture itself tells us that from the beginning of things love and marriage are an integral part of natural creation and operate under the blessing of Almighty God as such.

It is a match, however to be true circumstances, solemnized in any circumstances.

But we have more to say about marriage than this and woman, for it is more than the unthinking obedience to natural impulse that we celebrate here today, and we are prepared to make a well-wishers to something more than the formal compliance with requirements of the law of the land.

For this is a Christian marriage that is here being solemnly promised and is shortly to be offered to the glory of God at his altar in the great oblivion of the Holy Eucharist.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST

The mighty act of God in Christ has transformed and elevated to a new level of glory all that nature and everything else we do.

For as natural and winsome loveliness, the most important thing to be said of this marriage, is that it is a thousand times like it, it is that a man and woman from this Spirit of Christ and consciously

This is the text of the sermon given at the marriage of the Reverend Canon Ott and Miss Andrea Foster in St. James' Church, Kelvin Grove, Brisbane, on November 19, by Dr John Holt, Chaplain of St. Francis' College, Brisbane.

The glory of God deliberately offered in Christ. The bride and groom have agreed to solemnly vow to give themselves to each other in mutual reservation of qualities for the rest of their days together on this earth.

With no more certainty about what the future may bring than anyone else, they nevertheless promise that, whatever their future may be, they will live in it and through it together.

LIFE-LONG

All that either of them has will be at the disposal of the other, and each one and the other promised to make such a demand upon them.

They have abandoned all others who might have had, or thought they had, comparable claims on them in the past and have vowed that from this day onwards they will neither do anything out of spite or withholding, all that they have and are: body, soul, time, talents, and aspirations.

They will find, as thousands, indeed millions of other Christians have found before them, that in this life-long, exclusive partnership they will participate fully in a unity that is greater than themselves, either by giving or by receiving, as an individual could do.

For they are offering their union in Christ to be sanctified and glorified by that Holy Spirit of Christ which liberates men and women from their isolated selves and gives them

the new dignity and worth of life for or another.

All the joy that will ever exist in them all will be that which may ever be to crush them; they will take a simple, yet, severity, rooted and grounded in the love of Christ. Surely all of us who have known and loved this man and woman as friends or relatives will rejoice that God has brought them to this point of decision.

As they begin to minister this life-long sacrament to each other, all of us who are joined in praying God's best blessings upon them, will be glad to see that it is a life that will involve the same kind of patience and self-insistence, restraint as well as freedom.

But all and all the rest of us, who are joined in prayer, as she goes into a marriage, is the discipline of love which far from submerging individuality, enhances and affirms it as each party to the marriage learns to live in terms of the other, and each one and the other respond to the love of Christ made manifest in the other.

Giving and exchanging vows, rings, and selves on this foundation, this bride and groom are caught up in the embrace of the inexhaustible love of God in Christ, and they will fully enjoy their lives together in the love and service of God.

HONG KONG CONGREGATION

The Reverend Gilbert Baker was consecrated to be Bishop of Hong Kong on Tuesday, December 13, 1966, by the Archbishop of Hong Kong, and was ordained on December 14.

The Right Reverend James Wong, Bishop of Tai Po, and the Canon of the Church of South East Asia was the consecrating bishop.

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