

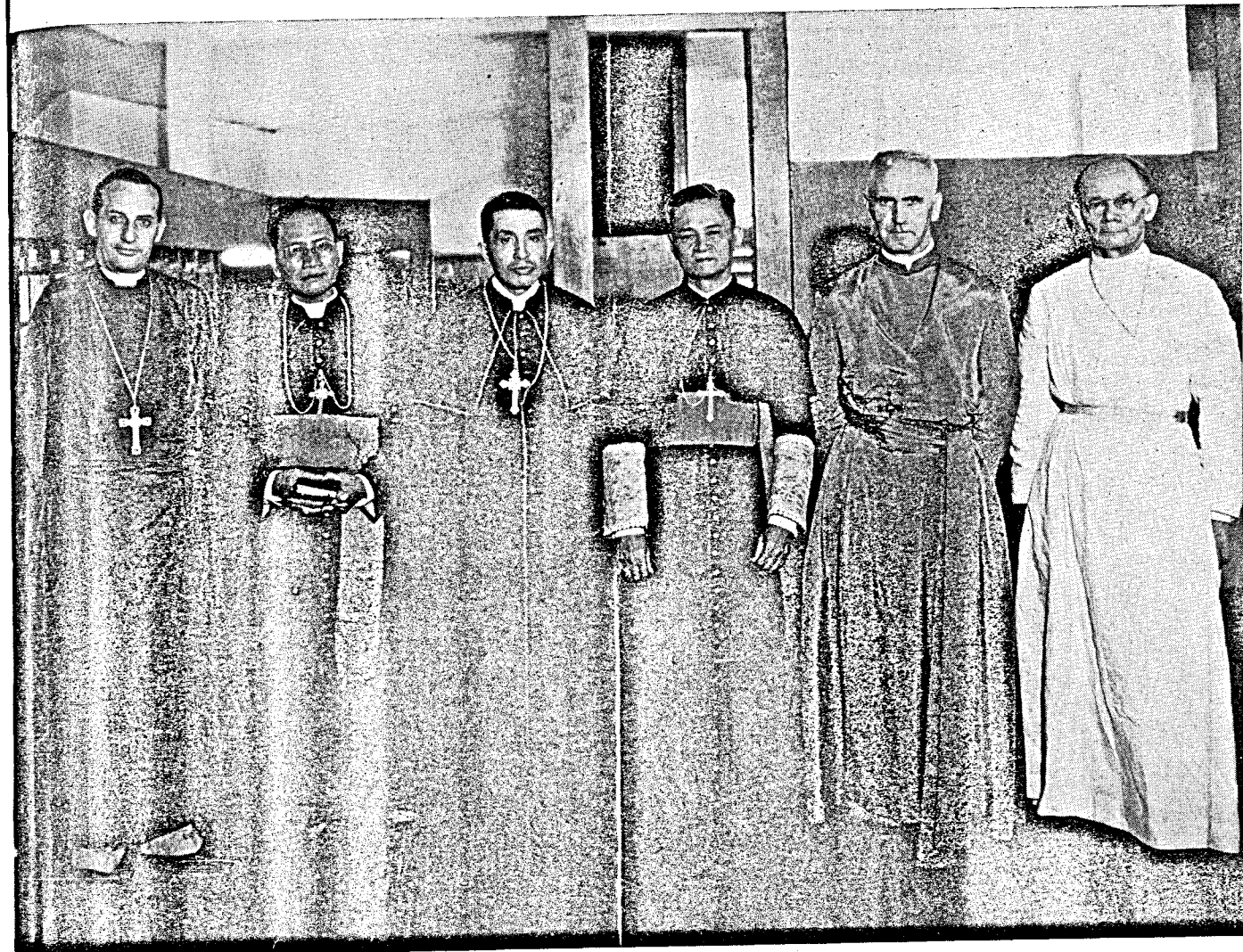
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## Consecration of the Bishops of the Philippine Independent Church

Left to right: Bishop Kennedy, The Rt. Rev. Gerardo M. Bayaca, The Most Rev. Isabelo de los Reyes, Jr., The Rt. Rev. Manuel N. Aguilar, The Rt. Rev. Norman S. Binsted, The Rt. Rev. Robert Franklin Wilner.

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## Consecration Service

Bishop Kennedy returned Monday, April 26, from his trip to the Philippine Islands, where he represented the Presiding Bishop in the participation of the consecration of the Mons. Isabelo de los Reyes, Obispo Maximo and Bishop of Manila and Quezon City; Mons. Manuel N. Aguilar, Bishop of Laguna; and Mons. Gerardo M. Bayaca, Bishop of Tariat and Zambales, held in St. Luke's pro-cathedral Church on April 7th. Consecrater was the Rt. Rev. Norman Spencer Binsted, Bishop of the Missionary District of the Philippine Islands, and co-consecraters The Rt. Rev. Robert Franklin Wilner, Suffragan Bishop of the Missionary District of the Philippine Islands, and The Rt. Rev. Harry S. Kennedy, Bishop of the Missionary District of Honolulu.

This service marked the end of a quest, which began even before those who founded the Iglesia Filipina Independiente severed their connections with the Roman Catholic Church. The foremost leaders of the movement including Don Isabelo de los Reyes and Mons. Gregorio Alipay, never intended to forfeit their catholic heritages. It was only after earnest efforts to win reasonable privileges for the Filipino priesthood and to bring about certain desired reforms which would secure to their people a degree of liberty of action consonant with the intellectual and political developments had failed, that they and their followers reluctantly decided to declare their independence of Papal authority and to organize a national Church.

The Church in the early days of its history was influenced by the sudden impact of scientific, philosophic and modern religious thought and espoused certain tenets which were later discarded as inconsistent with the catholic faith. And, although it welcomed truth from whatever source it came, the Church generally never departed from the fundamental catholic faith as set forth by the Ecumenical Councils of the undivided church. The doctrinal position of the the Iglesia Filipina Independiente has been clearly stated in the Declaration of Faith and the Articles of Religion unanimously approved by the General Assembly of 1947.

The Church from the time of its organization has always had the threefold Ministry of Bishops, Priests and Dea-



## Priscilla Nave

Shown with Bishop Kennedy and Bishop Binsted of the Philippines. Miss Nave is in her second year at St. Luke's Hospital, School of Nursing, Manila, Philippine Islands. This picture was taken April 2, 1948. Miss Nave is being sponsored by the women of St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish. Bishop Kennedy brings us fine reports of her work and hopes that even more can be done for her, as she is most worthy of the assistance given her.

cons; but as at that time there was no living Filipino who had been elevated to the Episcopate by the Roman Catholic Church, there was none to secede with the Priests and laity and bring to the new Church Apostolic succession, which had been retained by the historic branches of the Catholic Church, such as the Anglican, Roman and Greek Orthodox. This deficiency was recognized at the time and overtures were made by Bishop Aglipay to the Anglican Church and the Old Catholic Church of Europe in the hope of obtaining Apostolic Consecration for himself and other Bishops of the Church. However, for various reasons these early negotiations were never carried through and the Church has waited until today to make up this deficiency in its Orders. Today, through the action authorized by the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA, one of the Churches of the Anglican Communion, this gift of Apostolic Succession is conveyed to the Iglesia Filipina Independiente.

While the Iglesia Filipina Independiente will always cherish and maintain its independence and take pride in the record of its people in laying the foundation of national

as well as ecclesiastical independence, it rejoices that in this Service of Consecration the validity of its Orders is secured and a very close cooperation with the Episcopal Church made possible. It is expected that in the future by action of the two churches, a concordat may be concluded between them authorizing inter-communion. In the meantime the Episcopal Church has welcomed into its Theological Seminary the Seminarians of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, and a Commission has been appointed by the Obispo Maximo to revise the Book of Offices of the Church to bring it more in line with those used in other branches of the Catholic Church.

The Iglesia Filipina Independiente, strengthened by the blessings of Apostolic Orders, faces the future with faith and confidence, resolved to continue its work in the spirit of the Blessed Apostles for the spiritual and moral elevation of the people of the Philippines and the general welfare of the Republic.

In one of the front-row seats, his crew-cut hair now thin and grey at 79, General Emilio Aguinaldo sat stiffly at attention throughout the hour-and-a-half ceremonies. He was witnessing the happy ending of a long search whose beginnings were buried deep in his own patriotic struggles. Behind him sat Aglipay's widow, a small woman bent with age, her white hair covered with a black veil. For her the ceremonies were filled with meaning because it was her husband who started the quest.

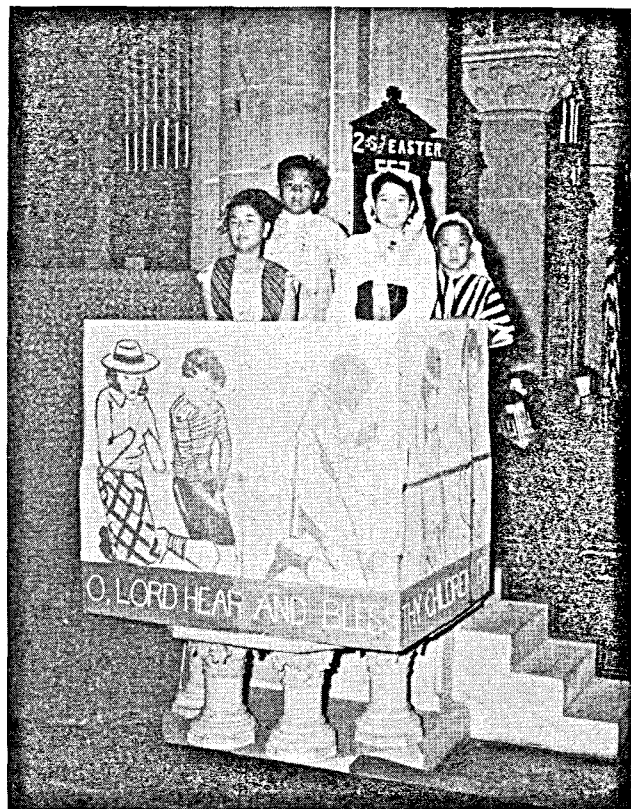
## Two Important Occasions

The Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, the Rev. Lawrence H. Ozaki, and members of his congregation take great pleasure in announcing that Trinity Sunday, May 23, will mark the opening of their new Church. Without reservation, it will be one of the most beautiful edifices in Honolulu. It shows the careful planning and diligent watchfulness of the Bishop's Building Committee and Vicar. Its beauty lies in the simplicity of its furnishings and arrangements, and the richness of the wood used in the altar, pulpit, pews, etc. The architect for the Church is Mr. Edwin Bauer; contractor, Mr. Ben Haiyashi, and cabinet makers, the Fujii Carpenter Shop.

The Bishop will be in charge of the Service of Dedication, and will be assisted by the Vicar and clergy on Oahu. It will be held at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, May 23, and will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. The old Church building has been converted into a Parish Hall, much of the work on that being done by Mr. Tadashi Kusuhara, a member of the congregation. He added a kitchen to the building, which is going to render great service to the Church.

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On Sunday, May 30, at 3:00 p.m., the new rectory at St. Christopher's Mission is to be dedicated by the Bishop. The Rev. and Mrs. Richard M. Trelease have moved into their new home, with their son, Richard M. Trelease, III, and are enjoying it to the fullest. Mr. Edwin Bauer planned the rectory and Mr. Ben Haiyashi was contractor. Friends and church members are invited



## Annual Mite Box Service

Frances Lee, a member of St. Elizabeth's Parish, Honolulu, and a junior student at St. Andrew's Priory, painted the life size Mite Box used in the Annual Service for the Church, held at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Children dressed to represent our different mission fields participated in the service.

## A Happy Birthday Indeed

The Diocese takes particular joy in wishing Mrs. Henry Bond Restarick birthday greetings on the occasion of her 88th birthday, May 12. Her life has been rich in what she has given to others through her service as the wife of a clergyman and the first American Bishop of Honolulu. Much of the power behind the throne of her husband emanated from the helpfulness of his wife, and the Missionary District of Honolulu has benefitted through the years because of the loving interest of Mrs. Restarick.

Time never hangs heavily on the life of Mrs. Restarick, for she fills it too full of keeping abreast with it. Friends are not forgotten as the countless letters she writes daily will testify. Her interest in all that goes on about her should be a source of inspiration to everyone, as the years roll by.

Our Aloha to you, Mrs. Restarick—and may God's blessings be with you in the year that lies before you.

to attend this dedication. Plans are now going forward for the new Church building, which must be built in order to meet the growing congregation in Kailua. A reception will follow the dedication service.

## Living Church Annual Church School Essay Contest



Neal Pierce, a junior at South Kent School, South Kent, Connecticut, was the winner of the first prize of the Annual Essay Contest conducted by the Living Church. Honolulu again shared in the honors of this contest, when Mary Young, of St. Andrews Priory, shared with Mary Stewart, a freshman at St. Mary's Peekskill, New York, the honors for third prize. Second prize was won by Priscilla Hoyt, St. Anne's School,

Arlington Heights, Massachusetts. The topics selected were, first prize: "Christian Action for World Peace;" second prize, "Love, the Greatest Gift;" "What We Can Do for World Peace" by Mary Stewart; and "Pray for Peace," Mary Young.

Mary is in the sophomore class at the Priory and is an American citizen of Chinese ancestry, and has been baptized and confirmed. She is vice-president of her class, a member of many school clubs, and an active member of the YPF at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Condensed, Mary's essay reads:

The present situation of the world, that of securing world-peace, calls for the responsibility of each and every one of us to act according to the will of God. In these times of doubt and distress lies our opportunity to maintain and secure a stronger hold on our spiritual resources. We have promised to be Christ's loyal disciples, His faithful soldiers and servants to our life's end. God grant us wisdom and courage that our purposes, the purposes of men, may be ruled spiritually and not politically. In each of us our spiritual qualities must be brought forth and put to use.

Prayer is commanded by God as a duty and a privilege. Its power is unlimited.

Pray for the peace of the world. The power of prayer is unlimited.

Our world is not in perfect peace. Our opportunity is here and now. Our responsibility is to work, pray, and give for the spread of God's kingdom, by faith, hope, and charity. As Christ's faithful soldiers and servants, each and every one of us has a purpose in our earthly life. We can seek this purpose by prayer which is simple, earnest, fervent, regular, and sincere. Our creation came with a purpose. And as our prayers avail in Jesus Christ, who is ever the fountain-head of mercy and justice, He shall help our souls in these decisive times.

It is either prayer that will make a man leave off sinning or sin will make him leave off prayer. The most important work that a Christian man can do is to pray for his fellow men and himself. A Christian's life should center about prayer. Especially now, in this day when many parts of the world are in chaos, should prayer be applied.

Pray for God's spiritual guidance; pray for the peace of the world.

## To Lambeth Conference

Due to the generosity of friends in the Diocese, the Bishop will leave May 31 for his journey to Lambeth Conference. He is scheduled to attend the meeting of the Pacific Bishops, called by the Archbishop of Canterbury, on June 20th, so will arrive in London on June 19. En route to New York he will fill speaking engagements arranged by National Council. At the invitation of the Rev. Richard M. Trelease, rector of St. Paul's Church, Kansas City, Missouri, and father of our vicar at St. Christopher's Mission, Kailua, the Bishop will preach there on Sunday, June 6.

## Honored At Sewanee

The Venerable Henry Alpheus Willey, Archdeacon of Kauai, has received word from the Board of Regents of the University of the South that they have awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in recognition of outstanding service in the missionary field. This degree is supposed to be conferred at Sewanee's Commencement exercises on June 14th or at some other time mutually convenient to the University and to Archdeacon Willey when he may be on the mainland. Since the health of the Archdeacon makes a trip to Tennessee impossible at this time and improbable for the future, it may be that the degree will be conferred "in absentia."

We feel that this degree is not only an honor to Archdeacon Willey, but to the University of the South. The Archdeacon has done a magnificent work in furthering the Church on this Island. He has been one of the true servants of Our Lord and the fruits of his labor can be seen on every hand as you travel that beautiful Island. He has been not only spiritual leader, but counselor and confident to those whom he has served. He and his wife are much beloved on Kauai, and have given unselfishly of their time and energy to the interests of the Church and community.

## From Philip, New Guinea

Bishop Strong of New Guinea, for whom we in St. Clement's have such a real aloha, has written a delightful letter to Miss Mary Merrill, thanking her for the many packages which have come to him from our Altar Guild and parishioners, to aid in his work.

Bishop Strong, in writing from Oxford, England, where he has gone to attend the Lambeth Conference, says in part: "We were truly amazed when we opened the parcel at your generosity, the amount you had sent to us, its fine quality and the beauty of the work. It is all going to be a tremendous help to us and we do appreciate it, especially so, as you have offered it as a thank offering to God and in gratefulness for all the care and aid given to the men of the U.S. forces by the Papuans, 'The Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels,' in the war years. Please pass on to all who have worked and given my warmest thanks. There has been a tremendous lot of hard work behind this gift and it is a long time since we saw such fine embroidery and such beautiful work."

—St. Clement's Kalendar



## The Inspector General

The Rev. Kenneth A. Bray is coaching the members of the Senior Class of Iolani School in their Class Play, to be presented May 21 and 22 in Tenny Memorial Hall. The Inspector General, by Nikolai Gogol, is a satire farce in three acts, the action of which takes place in a Provincial town in Russia in the early part of the 19th Century. In his foreword to the play, Father Bray writes:

"The war with Napoleon and the final defeat of France aroused the self-consciousness of Russia, and stirred its latent energies. The stay of the army in Paris awakened in the Russians thoughts of freedom and liberty; which were smuggled into Russia and rapidly spread. In spite of a post-war nightmare of persecution, banishment and suppression, this spirit once awakened could not be stilled, and it produced among other fruits a golden age of literature, of which our author and his contemporary Puskin were shining lights.

"In connection with the *Revizor* (the name under which the play was published) Gogol wrote: 'I determined to gather into one place and to deride all that is bad in Russia and the evils which prevail everywhere in the provinces'. This play then is serious popaganda, though disguised in the dress of comedy. The acting version has been written by John Anderson and was first produced in New York in 1930, being played in the Hudson Theatre.

"A sympathetic understanding of the INSPECTOR GENERAL should help us in some measure to realize the gigantic problems which confront Russia today. Centuries were needed for that slow-moving country to bridge the gap between Czarism and any form of free government. The attempt to make the leap in a single generation has led to perilous extremes. We can only pray that Russia may pass through the present period of confusion and upheaval without bringing disaster upon herself and the rest of the world. May the pendulum swing back to sanity and bring to Holy Russia the peace and security of which Gogol dreamed and for which he died."

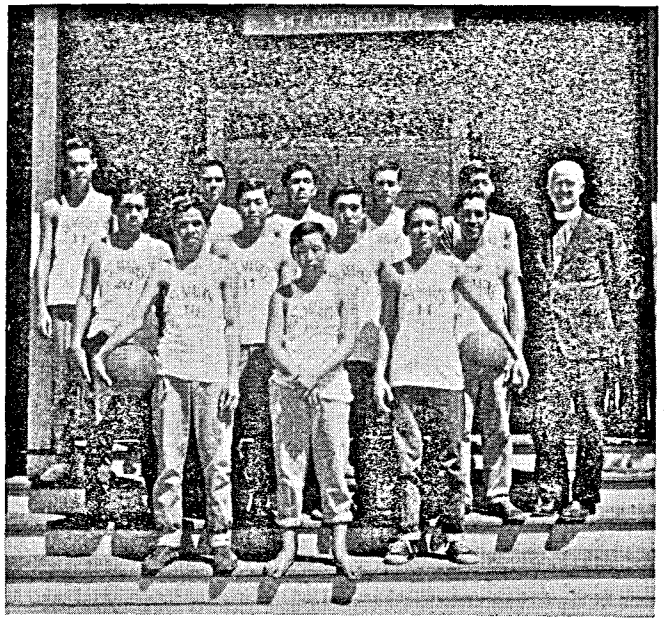
An all male cast, though female parts are in the play, should provide an opportunity for real talent in the giving of the play, and we eagerly await its presentation.

## An Expression Of Appreciation

We are grateful to National Council for the Prayer Books recently received by the Missionary District. Many of our missions, who have been sorely in need of Prayer Books, were the grateful recipients of this gift from our National Council.

## Henry V . . .

Some time ago the Bishop tried to make arrangements with United Artists to show the film, *Henry V*, with Laurence Olivier, as a benefit production for our Churches in the Islands. United Artists was anxious to have him do this, but technicalities that confront municipal activities made this venture an unwise one for us to assume. However, this great picture is coming to the Islands on May 21 through June 3, and we urge our people to avail themselves of the opportunity to see this great production, even though we do not reap the financial benefits of its showing. It is a picture rich in background and one that will benefit our people in many ways.



ST. MARK'S BASKETBALL TEAM—ST. MARK'S MISSION, HONOLULU

Back Row: R. Rees, G. Freitas, S. Malina, J. Kerr, O. Tsuchiyama; center row: B. Yin, L. Lim, H. Iwata, H. Feikert; front row: H. Hanohana, Hittalm, Jr., R. Hee. The Rev. front row: H. Hanahano, Hittalm, Jr., R. Hee. The Rev.

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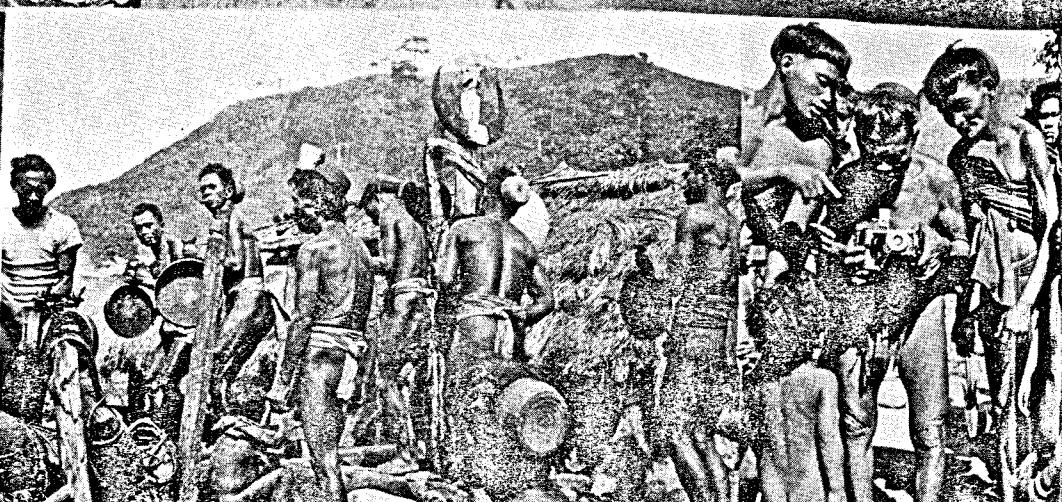
The above picture was taken by H. Paul Porter on St. Mark's Day, Sunday, April 25, which was the Patronal Festival of the Parish, and marked the thirteenth victory of the team. In addition to the Church services commemorating the great martyred Evangelist, St. Mark, a period of festivity was observed at a fellowship turkey dinner, held in the Parish Hall immediately following the service of Benediction.

Over a year ago the proceeds from the pre-Christmas Bazaar enabled St. Mark's Mission to put in an asphalt playground. It was the stimulus for organizing a basketball team which has chalked up thirteen straight victories for itself. The vestry voted to outfit the boys with "St. Mark's" playing shirts in recognition of their keen interest and good work. Members of the team include Bobby Rees, Benny Yin, Harry Iwata, Harry Feikert, Edgar Hanahano, Henry Hanohano, Louis Hanohano, Lawrence Lim, Gilbert Freitas, Dukie Kerr, Sammy Malina, and a number of substitutes. Owen Tsuchiyama acts as coach and the Rev. Edmund L. Souder their advisor and staunch supporter.

Interest in the city parishes has increased to the point where, under the auspices of the Diocesan YPF, a basketball league has now been formed, and a schedule of games drawn up. The first games of the "season" were played on Sunday, April 11.

I think that as twilight opens the hearts of flowers, so the twilight of a man's life may make his soul put forth blooms that his youth never knew—blooms that reach up through the darkness toward Heaven.

—Hudson



# Bishop's Philippine Trip

Thirty-six hours by air from Honolulu to Manila, by way of Midway, Wake and Guam. Bishop and Mrs. Binsted, Bishop and Mrs. Wilner, and nine bishops of the Philippine Independent Church met me at the airport.

Manila is trying to rebuild, but ruins stand as the only evidence of what was once a beautiful city. The cost of living is very high, and many commodities unobtainable. Life is difficult in Manila today.

The Consecration of the Bishops of the Philippine Independent Church—Bishop Isabelo de los Reyes, Jr., Obispo Maximo and Bishop of Manila and Quezon Cities, Bishop Manuel N. Aguilar, Bishop of Laguna, and Bishop Gerardo M. Bayaca, Bishop of Tarlac and Zambales, took place in St. Luke's Church, Manila, the only one of our Church buildings left intact after the war. This historic event of passing on Apostolic Succession to this Philippine Independent Church of two million members was a very solemn occasion, attended by dignitaries of the Philippine Republic, Army, Navy, Church and civic life.

These three bishops having received this gift of the Episcopate will, in turn, consecrate the other twenty bishops of their Church. Under the leadership of their Obispo Maximo (Supreme Bishop), The Most Reverend Isabelo de los Reyes, the work of this great Christian body should go forward. We hope that he will visit Hawaii next year.

The day following the Consecration Service, we were the guests of the Philippine Bishops, visiting several of their parishes where, as American Bishops, we were welcomed with great enthusiasm, and deep courtesy. We found something of the strength of their Church in the large congregations that filled their churches—several thousand in attendance on some occasions.

Bishop Binsted took me on a two weeks trip through the mountain provinces of Northern Luzon. We left our car at the beginning of the trail and hiked twenty-five miles through jungle, mountains and beautiful valleys. It was an exhausting trip, but we had eighteen native boys who carried our supplies. We reached the village of Balbalasang, where our Church has a splendid work under the leadership of The Rev. Alfred Griffiths. Miss Dortha Tavenner, a nurse, is the only person in this whole area to give medical care. Here we see the mission work of our Church ministering to the Igorot people. We have a Church, rectory, dispensary, and school. On Sundays the congregations number 600 or more. These people love the Church and are faithful in their devotions.

The night before we left the village the people presented a program of native dances and singing by the light of torches.

We had to hike out again, but on the way stopped in several outstations for confirmation services. It was a long, weary trip, and we were glad to find our car waiting for us at the end of the trail.

We drove to Bontoc and visited our missionaries who are living in the ruins of what was once a fine center of Church and school buildings. These devoted servants of the Church are carrying on in spite of food shortage, no creative comforts, and lack of equipment.

We drove into the mountains to Sagada, where our Church has a fine hospital. The large Church and school buildings were destroyed during the war. The basement of an old building has been made into a very attractive Chapel. The Sisters of St. Mary are in charge of an orphanage in the same building. While here the news of President Roxas' death reached us, so all entertainment was cancelled. Father Lingid, an Igorot priest, is in charge of this mission.

We moved to Basao, another isolated village. Here I was thrilled to see a class of 89 Igorots presented for confirmation. Their enthusiasm for the Church is inspiring. War has left its mark here in the destruction of many of our mission buildings.

Our next visit took us to Baguio, the summer capital of the Philippines. This once beautiful resort city in the mountains was almost totally destroyed. We stayed at Brent School, and visited Easter School for Igorots. Here again our Church workers are carrying on in the face of great obstacles.

After a long motor trip through the mountains, and a hot, dusty journey through the lowlands, we arrived in Manila where I was able to rest for two days before boarding the plane for Honolulu.

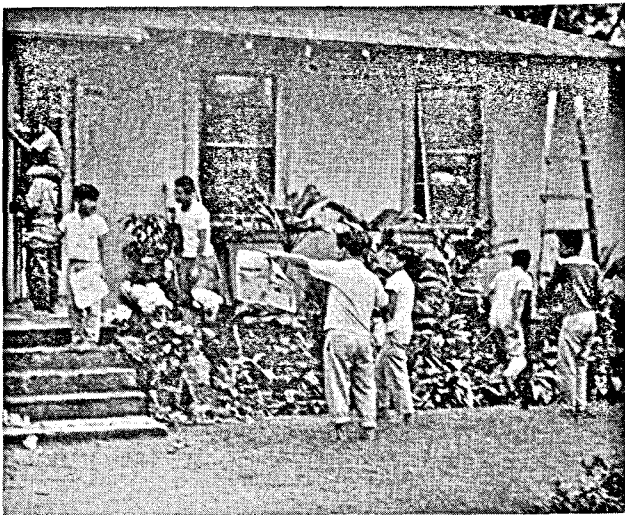
During my stay I had many opportunities to speak, not only to the missionary congregations in the mountain provinces, but in Manila, to over a thousand children in St. Stephen's School, to our Theological Seminary students, to St. Luke's Congregation, and the Chinese congregation.

Bishop and Mrs. Binsted were wonderful hosts. It was such a joy to be with them. The magnificent work being carried on under his leadership, in spite of trying times and conditions, we should remember in our prayers.

## ← Philippine Pictures

Bishop and Igorot native; Natives turning the mud in rice fields with their feet by dancing; A Bantoc native; Natives at Balbalasang dancing for Bishop; Bishop Kennedy, Bishop Binsted and natives on their hike to Balbalasang; Native woman pounding rice; Igorot with spear and shield; Natives celebrating at a feast; Igorots interested in the mechanics of a camera.





## Heave Ho

Members of All Saint's Mission, Kapaa, Kauai, YPF, join in cleaning the parish hall and grounds. Spring house cleaning was done with efficiency and speed when the young people of this church took a hand in it. One of the reasons the Church and grounds look so well kept is because the young people take pride in seeing that this work is done.

The Venerable Henry A. Willey, Archdeacon of Kauai, is generous in his praise of his young boys who assist in all the Church activities. Of one in particular, we read in a recent Kauaian.

## Our Dependables . . .

The Kauaian is speaking of the host of laymen and women of the Archdeaconry who are always both willing and glad to do anything and everything and at all times for their Church often calls them our "dependables." You may not find the word among the nouns in your dictionary but it is a most expressive noun just the same.

What do we mean by a "dependable,"—one who teaches in church school, sings in a choir, acts as a lay-reader or usher, heads one of our many church organizations, or works through a man's club or woman's guild? Yes, all these and many more.

We can't name all our "dependables." Our issue of The Kauaian couldn't carry their names.

One "dependable" that comes to our mind is Mr. Thomas Asao who has grown up in All Saint's Church. Tommy, as he is known to us all, returned from Honolulu in the late fall as a graduate in accounting. With no job immediately open to him although with several openings in prospect, Tommy helped for some four months in the Archdeaconry office. Without pay, he was everything from private secretary to office boy. He worked full time and most efficiently. When he went to his new job in the office of the Lihue Store and we tried to thank him, he said, "My Church has done a lot for me so why shouldn't I do all I can for my Church?"

One day in Holy Week, Tommy gathered some hundred young people together and with the slogan "Let's make everything clean for Easter," saw that all windows in the rectory, church, chapel and parish hall were

washed and polished and that the church, chapel and hall were given a thorough cleaning. When thanked for this, his response was: "Easy, I had 100 per cent cooperation." So, you see, it isn't just any one "dependable" that gets a job done but all our "dependables" together who give 100 per cent cooperation. And a world of thanks to them all.

Editor's Note: For some time Tommy lived at the Diocesan House and Army and Navy Center, while he was taking his business training in Honolulu. This same spirit of doing for others shown forth in all that he did around the Army and Navy Center, and Tommy became a great favorite of those in service who frequented it. On his way to Business College, Tommy always stopped in the Cathedral for his private devotions.

## Summer Camp

*Creates Fellowship—Builds Bodies—Refreshes Souls*

Through the ministry of the great outdoors boys can learn to work with others, to play with others, and to develop spiritually and physically with others. That is what the well rounded camp program does for boys and girls.

"It sounds fascinating, perfectly fascinating," one mother remarked, "and I do so wish my Jimmie could be prevailed upon to go, but I am so afraid he will be homesick. He has never been away from home before—etc. etc." You know the story just as well as we. But what we really know is that Mamma is the homesick one, not Jimmie. He is too busy to wile away the hours yearning for home, Mom, and Dad. His interests are so definitely taken up with other things that the short week of camp is much, much too short.

Our Youth Center at Mokuleia is going to help fulfill the dream of many this year, for we have a well staffed camp committee to see that the boys and girls who attend Camp are given a memorable time.

Dormitories are provided for boys and girls, each supervised by a Counselor. A well-rounded camp program is followed throughout the day. The cost is nominal—\$15.00 for the Camp period.

Those attending must be recommended by an Episcopal clergyman or the heads of our schools. The first period of camp is for boys and girls aged 7, 8, and 9, and will be held from Sunday afternoon, June 13 until after breakfast on Saturday, June 19; the second camp is for those aged 10, 11, 12 and 13 and starts on Sunday afternoon, June 20, closing after breakfast on Saturday, June 26.

The Bishop is eager to send children to camp who may need partial or all camperships. Any who are interested in contributing to such a fund are urged to see that he has this early enough to allow youngsters to plan for this outing.

Camp is an opportunity for your child to receive the most enjoyable fellowship the Church can offer, as well as to profit by the religious instruction, handicraft opportunities, physical improvement in the way of sports, and a general spirit of fellowship that can be obtained in no other way than this.

There is little difference between a man that's going to do and man that never does.

—E. F. Davies



## Joseph N. Koomoa: Layreader



Holy Apostles Church, Hilo, is proud indeed of the history of the life of the kindly Layreader shown here, Joseph Koomoa. The story of his life as a member of our Church has been condensed for us by the Rev. Hollis H. A. Corey, one time vicar of Holy Apostles Church, and now vicar of Epiphany Church, Honolulu:

"Shortly after going to Holy Apostles Church as Vicar, I was asked by the Church Warden, Mr. William H. Beers, to visit an old Hawaiian couple who had recently married after several years of widowhood for each, and found these Hawaiians delightful from the start. Only one circumstance marred their happy marriage—Mrs. Koomoa was a Roman Catholic and Mr. Koomoa was an active Deacon at Haili, the ancient Hawaiian Protestant Church. They wanted to be one in religion as well as in life, and were eager to learn more of our Church. They committed the whole Church Catechism to memory in the Hawaiian language, using a Prayer Book given to the vicar by Bishop Restarick. After a series of weekly instruction covering three months, Mr. Koomoa was confirmed by Bishop Littell and Mrs. Koomoa, having already been confirmed in the Roman Church, was received into the fellowship of our Church. From that time on there was scarcely a Sunday in all my remaining eight years at Holy Apostles that they were not in their accustomed places in our Church.

Mr. Koomoa was soon elected a vestryman, and never failed in all the active interest he took in all the affairs of the Church. This fine couple bought and gave to the vicar the first automobile he ever possessed.

About a year after his confirmation he was given a Layreader's license, and from that time on, he read the lessons in Church and took the services in the absence of the vicar. He had a rich and deep bass voice, and just about the time he became Layreader, he also joined the choir, where he is still serving.

Shortly after he became layreader, he and the pastor opened a Hawaiian Mission at the Keaukaha Rehabilitation Area. The young people formed themselves into what they called the Ehukai Club—and for four years Mr. Koomoa and the pastor conducted services in what was called the Nawahi Building, with excellent attendance. Mr. Koomoa preached in Hawaiian one Friday and the pastor in English the next. Evenson was always read in English, except the Lord's Prayer, which, when we came to it, was always recited in tremendous volume in Hawaiian. The hymns were always sung beautifully in that language.

When the tidal wave came, Mr. and Mrs. Koomoa lost their home and all their wealth, and nearly lost their lives. Indeed Mrs. Koomoa did not long survive. May she rest in peace! Mr. Koomoa is still living—a grand old

man—a typical Hawaiian of the old school!

He was born in Kona on February 20, 1869, and is therefore now 79 years old. He came to Hilo in 1915, and engaged in various businesses there. It is sometimes said that the generous spirit that emanates from the Hawaiian does not give him a true sense of the value of money. Mr. Koomoa is typically Hawaiian, but this statement does not fit him at all. He had, in his virile days, an acute business sense, and was an efficient guardian of his quite considerable property, until the tidal wave swept it out of his hands. May God bless abundantly the declining years of a true servant of His!"

## BACKWARD GLANCES

*By Mrs. Kenneth Miller*

In Bishop Restarick's historical sermon preached at St. Andrew's Cathedral at the consecration of the last addition to the Cathedral on July 19, 1908, we find that the first known churchmen to live on the islands were John Young and Isaac Davis. In John Young's journal, amidst accounts of trading, there is a page devoted to prayer. "It is that of St. Chrysostom from the Book of Common Prayer. It is evidently written from memory as the spelling and capitalizing are his own. Here it is as he wrote it: 'Almighty god who has given us grace at this time with one a Cord to Make our Common Suplications unto thee and Dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their Requests Fulfil Now O Lord the Desires and petitions of thy Servants as May Be Most Expedient for them granting us in this world knowledg of thy truth and in the world to Cum Life Ever Lasting, Emane.'

"It carries us back to some English church which Young attended as a boy.

"On another page we find a religious poem beginning:

'Life is the time to serve the Lord  
Then i insure the great reward  
And (while) the lamp holds out to burn  
The vilest sinner may return.'

"It is extremely touching to see in this sailor, the grandfather of Queen Emma, amidst all the barbarism in which he lived, evidence of religious feeling."

We find as we look back into our yesterdays that the men of the church had a united thank offering and through this men's thank offering a gift of ten thousand dollars was given toward a building fund for St. Andrew's Priory.

It was not easy to be a Christian in the early pioneering days. People had to learn everything by the slow, hard method of doing everything themselves. Heads and hands were certainly worked overtime. Even friendships were harder to make. We recall the words uttered by an early missionary to a Christian neighbor who had come with her little family a number of miles to make a friendly visit: "Step not thy foot too often into thy neighbor's house lest by thy continual coming she weary of thee."

## Watch Yourself Go By . . .

Just stand aside and watch yourself go by;  
Think of yourself as "he" instead of "I."  
Pick flaws, find fault, forget the man is you.  
And strive to make your estimate ring true.

—Strickland Gilliland

## HERE AND THERE WITH OUR CHURCHES

St. Andrew's Cathedral has an enterprising Young Married Women's Guild who gave a most delightful tea and fashion show on May 12 for the benefit of St. Mary's Children's Home, to buy new dishes for the children, and other furnishings. The women of this group have taken a keen interest in the Home and have greatly enhanced the living room for the children by providing new drapes and redecorating the room. This is constructive and helpful work in the Diocese and we extend thanks to the women of this group for finding their interest in one of our Church institutions.

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The men's group of St. Andrew's Cathedral had a most entertaining evening on Wednesday, April 28, when they held a Forum led by Mr. Arthur Smith, our Chancellor, Mr. T. Clive Davies, one of our leading laymen visiting from England, Mr. H. P. Dahlquist, and Canon Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr. Christianity and Communism was the topic for discussion, and this was followed by a question and answer period.

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The Woman's Auxiliary Educational Committee is planning a series of talks at the Diocesan House, the first one being held on Wednesday, April 28th, with The Rev. Frederick F. Driftmeir, Chaplain of Punahou School, talking on "The Too Much Promised Land of Palestine." It was a most intellectual and stimulating talk. On Wednesday, May 26, the Bishop will talk on his trip to the Philippines.

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The Rev. Peter Boes, from Oakland, California, has been visiting friends in the Diocese. He was a group leader at the Oslo Conference and the Anglican Youth Conference in Conterbury last summer, and one of the eight official youth delegates from our Church to the first world conference of Christian youth which was held in Amsterdam in 1939. He spoke at St. Andrew's Priory and Iolani School while in Honolulu, and preached at St. Clement's and St. Elizabeth's Churches. The young people enjoyed this first-hand knowledge of these important conferences. We are grateful to the Rev. Mr. Boes for giving so graciously of his time, especially when he was on a vacation.

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## Chimes For St. John's Church

When St. John's Church, Eleele, was completed in 1940, several of our communicants there expressed the hope that some day chimes might be placed in the tower of the new church building. New churches need many things and it is often some years before all visions are materialized.

Knowing nothing about St. John's hope for chimes our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman A. Cowper of Los Angeles, wrote some weeks ago that they would make a generous contribution toward a set of chimes for any mission on Kauai and that they would double this amount if the chimes could be placed at St. John's. The vestry of St. John's accepted this gift with much appreciation and agreed to raise the additional amount needed.

The chimes will be played from a turn-table in the vestry room of the church and will be heard over a loud-speaker in the church tower.

## News From Epiphany, Honolulu

*By Mrs. Hollis H. A. Corey*

Things are very active in the "Little Stone Church on the Corner of Harding and Tenth Avenue these days.

The YPF were responsible for the spring cleaning of the church and grounds. The Easter services were happy occasions, due to the combined efforts of all. The Day School gave gardenias for the ends of each pew, and one woman, as her free-will offering laundered all the Church linens. Music was furnished by the young people's choir, with Edward Mobbs, fifteen years old, as organist. A gift of six new brass candlesticks was presented to Epiphany Church for use on their altar until David Corey, son of the Vicar and now a student at Sewanee University, is ordained and has a church of his own.

The Epiphany Guild, under the leadership of their new president, Mrs. Norman Soong, plans on a food and white elephant sale in October. All organizations of the Church are participating in this. Contributions of every kind will be most acceptable. The funds realized will be used to redecorate the interior of the Church.

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## Christ Church, Kealakekua

Notes by The Rev. Burton L. Linscott

### Three-Day-Circus

If not a 3-ring circus, at least a 3-day circus has come to Kona. The boys and girls of the Church School presented the same at their own request, as a means of supplying more playground equipment. What began as a humble form of entertainment grew entirely out of bounds. All parents and friends were enlisted morning, afternoon, and evenings to construct life-size animals out of light framework covered with chicken wire. These frames were then shaped by our good artist friend, Mr. Roy Wall, who worked untiringly until each animal was properly clad in 'skin' of burlap and rope-hair, painted and fitted to the children. Such feats of construction as making a bull that would divide into two sections at the touch of the finger, and a horse that could move his head in three directions were but two of many

Mothers worked diligently on costumes which were many since a number of the children played as many as four parts. Nothing was omitted; there were wild animal acts, trapeze artists, tight-rope walkers, dancers, singers, trained animal acts, and the usual clown catastrophes. The magician brought his act to a conclusion by sawing a lady in half, an event bringing great delight to all present excepting the young lady, who actually 'got-the-saw' at the first performance!

No amount of praise could adequately thank all those adults who worked as 'circus crew.' Scenery paintings, endless properties, wardrobe and makeup, music all made for a glorious experience for the children, a near state of exhaustion for the parents.

The Boy Scout Troop most ably provided the sideshows; the Cub Scouts helped in the concessions.

So successful was the Circus that we have decided to keep it as an annual event. Our big objective for next year is an outdoor performance under the 'Big-Top' and, believe it or not, a merry-go-round.

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### Doughnut-gun Agency

One of the projects fostered by our women is of a more commercial nature. The recently invented doughnut-gun which combines the mixing, rolling, cutting, and all other processes of preparing the dough into a mere flick of the finger, has taken first place in local culinary interests. To date about 50 of these guns are sold and in use. Any housewives in the district interested should write for further information. The ladies have the sole agency granted for the Hawaiian Islands!

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### Confirmations

One of the most heartening occasions at Christ Church was the recent confirmation of 4 adults and 5 children. From our community with its many cultures and backgrounds they came: Hawaiian, Japanese, Portuguese, Filipino, Caucasian, the Christian family showing itself to be what our Lord intended, the United Fellowship including all peoples, all races, all cultures.

### Vicar's Furlough

The reception for the Bishop on May 2 became an Aloha party for the Vicar and his wife as well. At this occasion the parish presented them with beautiful leis, two of which were made up of generous gifts.

## For The Youth Center

The Rev. Y. Sang Mark, rector of St. Peter's Parish, Honolulu, has very energetically undertaken, with his Young People's Fellowship, to sponsor the play, "The Whole Truth," which is being put on by the Iolani Dramatic Club, under the supervision of Miss Lucille Manard. It is to be given at the Central Intermediate School on Friday, May 14, at 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. Proceeds from the play will go toward our Youth Center at Mokuleia. We ask the backing of our entire congregations, not only for the good for which the play is being given, but to see the true talent among the boys who are in the cast. It is an evening of wholesome entertainment—something this world needs at the present time.

## Sympathy in Bereavement

Mr. Frank Thompson, the father of the Rev. Hugh L. S. Thompson, vicar of St. John's Church, Eleele, died at his home in Wilton, Connecticut, Monday, April 5. A memorial service, conducted by the Rev. Andrew N. Otani in St. John's Church and sponsored by the youth organization of that Church was held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 8. The entire Diocese joins in extending sympathy to the Rev. Mr. Thompson in his bereavement.

## Silver Anniversary Present

It will be remembered by the clergy of Oahu that when the Rt. Rev. G. Ashton Oldham, Bishop of Albany, went through Honolulu on his way to Australia, they presented him with a silver offering at the breakfast following his celebration of Holy Communion on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his Consecration.

Bishop Oldham used this to buy a silver remembrance in Australia, which was lost along with all his personal belongings in the near tragedy over the Tasman Sea.

He has written us that he has recently received from jewelers in Melbourne a duplicate of the pyx which he had originally bought.

He expressed his appreciation again for the gift and the kindness shown to him at each of his visits in Hawaii.

## Just A Minute . . .

I have only just a minute,  
Only sixty seconds in it;  
Forced upon me—can't refuse it,  
Didn't seek it—didn't choose it,  
But it's up to me to use it.  
I must suffer if I lose it,  
Give account if I abuse it;  
Just a tiny little minute,  
But eternity is in it.

—Writer Unknown

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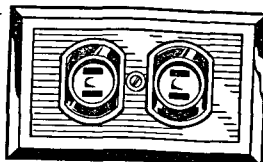
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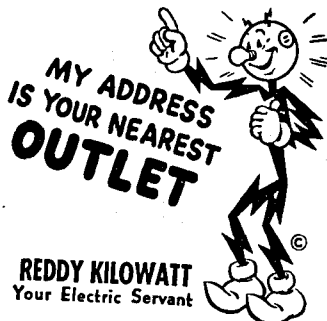
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