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Young and old enjoy the ocean in Hawaii. Photo by K. T. Tagawa, courtesy Paradise of the Pacific.



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**GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY**—The Rev. Wai On Shim in foreground, digs into the soil after Bishop Kennedy broke the ground for the new St. Elizabeth's Church at the corner of King and Banyan Streets, Honolulu. From left to right are: Richard Ching, Junior Warden and Diocesan Key Layman, the Rev. Wai On Shim, K. L. Ching, Senior Warden and Chairman of the Building Committee, Bishop Kennedy, the Rev. C. Fletcher Howe, Associate Rector, and Jack Hirakami, contractor of the new Church.— (Advertiser Photo)

### **Bishop Leaves For Forward Area**

The Bishop left on June 25th for Tokyo, Korea, and Okinawa. While away he will confer with Church officials in Japan and Korea and will visit the Reverend Messrs: Norman B. Godfrey, William C. Heffner, and Gordon G. Nakayama, our missionaries on Okinawa, and see what measures can be taken toward our building of the Church there.

In addition to the work that he wishes to do for the Church, he will visit the Episcopal Chaplains in the military installations in the Pacific, administering the rite of Confirmation and taking care of their needs.

He plans to be away for from four to six weeks on this trip.

### **Miss Blanche Meyers Visits Honolulu**

Miss Blanche E. Meyers, former Diocesan Treasurer, and Miss Emaline Bowne, arrived in Honolulu aboard the President Wilson on June 14th. Miss Bowne went on that night to the mainland, but Miss Meyers has been visiting with her many friends in Hawaii for a few weeks. Both missionaries were evacuated from China. All of Miss Meyer's friends have rejoiced in the opportunity to visit with her. She spent a few days at Kealahou, Hawaii, visiting with the Rev. and Mrs. Henri Pickens, who had known her and served with her in China.

### **No Chronicle During July And August**

The June number of the Chronicle is late in reaching you because during July and August we do not have an issue of the Chronicle. We hope that all subscriptions that are due for the year 1951 will come in during the summer months. Subscriptions should be sent to the Bishop's Office, Queen Emma Square, Honolulu.

### **Bishop Emrich, Of Michigan, To Visit Hawaii**

The Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Stanley Merrill Emrich, of the Diocese of Michigan, will be in Honolulu from August 11th through the 25th. They are on their way to Japan to see the work of our Church there. While in Honolulu they will be at the Halekulani Hotel.

On August 12th Bishop Emrich will preach at St. Andrew's Cathedral at the eleven o'clock service, and at St. Christopher's Church, Kailua, that evening. The Reverend Richard U. Smith, was in his Diocese before going to California, and before coming to Hawaii. He will preach at the ten-thirty o'clock service at St. Clement's Church on Sunday, August 19th.

On Saturday, August 18th, the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary will hold their Annual Woman's Day at our Conference Center, starting at ten o'clock in the morning. Bishop Emrich will be the guest speaker for this occasion.

Bishop Emrich will also be the leader of a Clergy Conference to be held at Mokuleia, starting Sunday evening, August 19th, and lasting through Tuesday, August 21st. He will speak to them particularly on tithing.

While in Hawaii he will visit some of the other islands, in order to see something of the Church's work in Hawaii.

We feel most privileged to have Bishop and Mrs. Emrich visit us, and extend our warm Aloha to them.

### **New Oahu Clericus Officers**

The clergy on Oahu paid great tribute to a retired clergy (who really is never very much *retired*, for he is always so willing to serve) when they elected the Rev. C. Fletcher Howe president of the Oahu Clericus. The Rev. William R. Grosh was elected Secretary.



THE REV. EVANS D. SCROGGIE



THE REV. STEPHEN KIM



THE REV. ROBERT CHALLINOR

## New Clergy Join Diocesan Family

### **The Reverend Evans David Scroggie**

The Rev. Mr. Scroggie, his wife, and two children arrived on July 7th to start work at Iolani School. The Rev. Mr. Scroggie will be assistant to the Rev. Charles A. Parmiter, Jr., Rector of the School, and will be in charge of Christian Education. He is a graduate of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and University of Los Angeles. He was ordained Priest in July 1949. We rejoice that he and his family will become a part of our Diocesan Family, and will play a part in the work at Iolani School.

### **The Rev. Stephen E. T. Kim**

The Rev. Stephen Kim, Vicar of St. Luke's Korean Mission, arrived on the President Cleveland on Sunday, July 1st. We welcome him in our Diocesan Family. He graduated in June from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. In February Bishop Kennedy Ordained him to the Diaconate at the Theological Seminary Chapel, Evanston, Illinois. He is the only active Korean priest in the American Protestant Episcopal Church, and was pronounced by the Dean of the Seminary as one of the most popular students there.

He is making every effort to get his wife and small daughter out of Korea. Bishop Kennedy will also see what can be done about this, when he visits Korea. We hope that this family may soon be together in their home in Honolulu.

### **New Curate At St. Andrew's Cathedral**

The Reverend Robert H. Challinor, who will come to St. Andrew's Cathedral on July 30th as Curate. Mr. Challinor has been in charge of the churches in West Plains and Mountain Grove, Missouri. He was graduated from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific a year ago this June. We welcome him into the Diocesan Family with a very warm Aloha, and know that we will benefit by his ministry.

### **To Be At Hawaii Episcopal Academy**

The Rev. John P. Moulton, former Chaplain of Iolani School, is to go to Kamuela, Hawaii, where he will be principal of the Hawaii Episcopal Academy and Vicar of St. James' Mission. Mrs. Moulton will also be an instructor at the Academy.

The Ven. Paul R. Savanack will continue as Headmaster of the Academy, but will become Vicar of St. Columba's Mission, Paaulo, in addition to his added duties as Archdeacon of the Island of Kauai. Under his direction the Academy has shown excellent strides, and with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Moulton, it should make a name for itself.

### **Holy Trinity Church Has New Rectory**

Holy Trinity Church has purchased the property at 1715 Anapuni Street and is having the place redecorated. It will soon be ready for occupancy. The Rev. Lawrence Ozaki and his family rejoice that they may now have a home of their own, and the Diocese joins in congratulations for his achievement.



The Rev. Charles A. Parmiter, Jr., Rector and Headmaster of Iolani School, the Bishop, the Rev. Kenneth A. Bray, Fred Akahoshi, president of the Iolani Alumni Association, Edward Wolter, president of the Iolani Elementary PTA, and Robert Williams, president of the Williams Equipment Company, who presented Father Bray with the Williams Outstanding Sportsman award.—(Advertiser Photo)

### Testimonial Dinner For Iolani Coach

Almost six hundred friends and admirers gathered for the testimonial dinner honoring the Rev. Kenneth A. Bray, who has led his Iolani boys in winning the 1951 championship in football, basketball and baseball. Few men are privileged to have admiration and affection bestowed upon them in such a gathering. All who attended rejoiced in the honor given Father Bray.

Iolani school's new athletic field, now being built at the Ala Wai, will be known as Bray Athletic Field, in honor of Father Kenneth Bray, outstanding sportsman and coach of Iolani's championship Interscholastic league teams.

Bishop Kennedy made the announcement at the testimonial dinner at Lau Yee Chai's for the beloved Iolani coach and athletic director, to the friends, schoolboys, alumni, parents, and sportsmen who came to bring tribute to Father Bray.

The program for the banquet stated, "Father Kenneth A. Bray is this evening being honored for his devotion to the youth of Hawaii and for his contributions to community, church, and school in his capacity as clergy-

man, athletic coach, and friend."

Speakers on the program further emphasized Father Bray's contributions.

Bishop Kennedy related anecdotes of his acquaintanceship with Father Bray, and said, "Some men build great industries, great buildings, great bridges, which are soon forgotten. Father Bray is building the lives of young men. This will pay eternal dividends, because it is an eternal investment."

Judge Alva E. Steadman, unable to attend the banquet, sent a letter, read by Chappie Chapman, master of ceremonies, in which he stated "All of us in Hawaii are richer for having Father Bray with us."

The Rev. Charles A. Parmiter, Jr., rector of Iolani school, followed by stating that the Good Padre's greatest influence lay, not in winning championships, but in sending great men out into the world.

Red McQueen, sports editor of The Advertiser, spoke of the way Father Bray had brought Iolani home to championships, and emphasized the Good Padre's knowledge of men, and keen sense of sportsmanship.

McQueen was followed by Joe Anzivino, who told



a few anecdotes about Father Bray, and Spencer Kama-kana, who, in speaking for all Father Bray's "boys," said, "We all loved him, and still do." Dr. John Kahaleanu expressed the "sincere gratitude and appreciation for leadership" of the Hawaiian congregation, Father Bray's parish.

Joe Rose, radio commentator, asserted that "there has never, in the history of the country, been a man who has done so much for the youth of the country."

Three presentations followed the speeches of tribute. The Iolani alumni association presented Father Bray with trophies for his championship basketball and baseball teams of the past school year, with Fred Akahoshi, president of the alumni, making the presentation.

Edward Wolter, president of the Iolani elementary parent-teachers association, presented a gold watch to Father Bray with the best wishes of the PTA.

The Outstanding Sportsman award of the Williams Equipment Co. was then presented by Robert Williams, president of the company, who stated he was "honored" to be able to present the award to Father Bray.

To top the evening, when Chappie Champman called upon Father Bray to stand take a bow, the crowd of 600 rose to its feet in a tremendous standing ovation for the "clergyman, athletic coach, and friend — captain of captains."

## Leave For The Mainland

The Rev. and Mrs. George Davison and their small son, George William, Jr., left in early June for their home in New Jersey, where they are on a furlough. Before leaving for the mainland their young son was christened in St. Andrew's Cathedral, by the Bishop, who was assisted by the Rev. Kenneth A. Bray.

The Rev. Mr. Davison plans to remain on the mainland following his furlough. When first coming to Hawaii he was Vicar at St. Columba's Mission, Paauilo. He then started the work of our Episcopal Academy at Kamuela, and was Vicar of St. James' Mission. This past year he has been an instructor of Religious Education at Iolani School.

## On Furlough

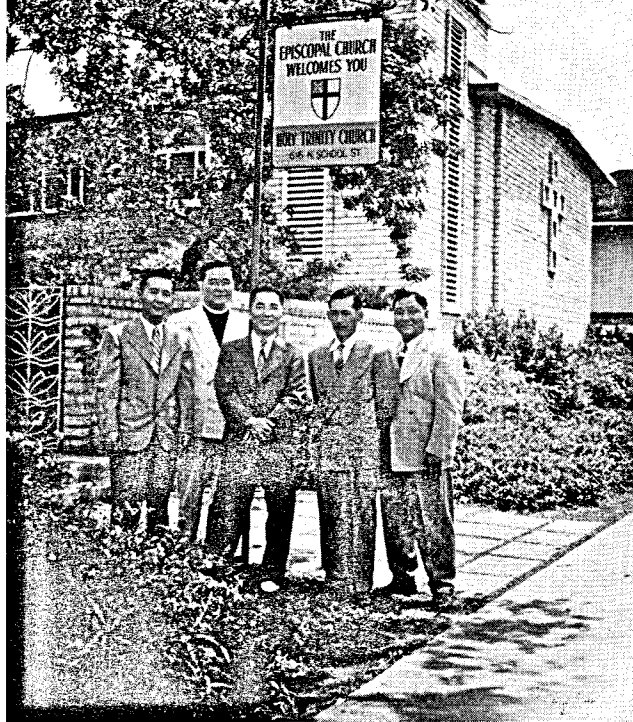
The Reverend Henri B. Pickens, his wife, and two children, Richard and Janet, leave on furlough on July 7th. The Rev. Mr. Pickens came to us three years ago from the Diocese of Anking. He was Vicar at St. Paul's Church, Kekaha, Kauai, then went to Christ Church, Kealahakua, Hawaii, where he also conducted the school. He is considering a call to a church in California, so will probably not return to Hawaii at the close of his furlough period. Our very warm Aloha accompanies the Pickens on their journey and in any new work they may undertake. They leave many devoted friends in Hawaii.



THE VICAR AND HIS COMPETITOR. Pictured here is the Reverend Claude Du Teil, St. Stephen's, Wahiawa, with the guest he took to a service club luncheon recently when members were asked to bring their competitors. Admiring the bright red figure is Mr. Du Teil's daughter, Susan. Susan calls it "Daddy's Big Dolly." The vicar says his full name is Lucifer Diabalo Mephistopheles. Fitted out with trunks, a golf club, and a pillow, Mr. Mephistopheles was presented with a lei at the luncheon by Mr. Du Teil, "as a token of recognition that he is spiritual advisor to more people than I am." Mr. John Kim, Senior Warden of St. Stephen's, and Mrs. Du Teil were chiefly responsible for drawing and cutting out the figure. Rumor has it that Senior Warden Lyman Hopkins, and Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Lucas had something to do with the project but the vicar refused to divulge it.

## New Postulant

Mr. David Coon, who is teaching at the Hawaii Episcopal Academy, is a new postulant in this Missionary District. He came to Hawaii a year ago, eager to work in a mission field, to see if he was really fitted for the call that was in his heart—to go into the ministry. With this humble spirit he has gone forward in his work, and has endeared himself to the pupils at the Academy and the people who know him on Hawaii. We are proud to have him as a Postulant of this Missionary District.



Some weeks ago, when the information about the standard street sign recommended by the National Council reached the Hawaiian Islands, the Rev. Lawrence H. Ozaki, vicar of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Honolulu, showed it to his senior warden, Mr. Fred Shiraki. Mr. Shiraki was very much interested in it, because many people drive past the church, never realizing that there is a beautiful new Episcopal Church on School street. Since then Mr. Shiraki interested enough members to make one themselves and donate it to the church. This sign, first of its kind in the Islands, was dedicated on Easter Day. The members are proud of the sign and are thankful to the following members with various skills:

Mr. H. Yonehara: (Auto painter)—Contributed paint and the painting of the post and ground coat for the board.

Mr. Edward Okutani (Proprietor, Okutani Sign Service)—Contributed sign-painting on both sides of the board.

Mr. Shikumi Yoshida:—Contributed materials.

Mr. Mochin Gaza:—Contributed labor for installation.

Mr. Henry Iseri: (Proprietor, Art Center Photo Studio)—Contributed photographing.

Mr. Tadashi Kusuha: (General contractor)—Contributed installation materials and labor.

Mr. Fred Shiraki: Proprietor, Fred's Auto Clinic)—Contributed materials and labor for making the sign and installation labor.

Those who were able to be in the picture were from left to right: Mr. Okutani, the Rev. Mr. Ozaki, Mr. Gaza, Mr. Shiraki and Mr. Yoshida.



Recent Confirmation Class presented at our newest mission, St. Matthew's, Waimanalo, Oahu, by the Rev. William R. Grosh.

### Portrait Dedicated

The Bishop, assisted by the Rev. J. Miller Horton, dedicated a portrait of the late Mrs. Gwendolyn Shaw, one time Superintendent of Shingle Memorial Hospital, and now Molokai Community Hospital, at a memorial service at the hospital Chapel, May 27th. The many people in attendance gave evidence of the esteem with which Mrs. Shaw was regarded. Through her love and devotion the hospital prospered and grew. Through her faithful work she rendered a great service to the people on Molokai. The portrait was painted by de Los Blackmar, of New York City, a devoted friend of the Rev. Mr. Horton.

### Laymen's League

The Episcopal Diocesan Laymen's League held its June meeting at the Church of the Holy Nativity at Aina Haina Monday night. The Men's Club of that church was host.

Bishop Harry S. Kennedy announced a laymen's conference in August with Bishop Emrich of Michigan as principal speaker, and a laymen's training school in September with the Rev. Claude DuTeil as education chairman for the diocese, and Mr. Bertram Parker, leading laymen of Corpus Christi, Texas, who will be sent to us by National Council.

The president, Richard Ching, was authorized to appoint a committee for an island-wide concert, or similar event, in August, and another committee to handle the details of the laymen's conference, also in August.

The July meeting will be held at the Diocesan House with the Church of the Good Samaritan Men's Club as host.

—Harry Cooper, Secretary



An archery class at Camp, at our Youth Center, Mokuleia, Oahu. The camp sessions have been full and the children have had a wonderful time. Camp will be in session until July 29th, completing three sessions of two weeks each. Directors of Camp have been the Rev. Messrs: Richard M. Trelease, Jr., Claude F. Du Teil, Lawrence Ozaki, William R. Grosh, and James Nakamura; Miss Mary Whitten. Assistant Counselors have been: Mr. David Coon, Miss Margaret Monteiro, Mrs. Claude F. Du Teil. Mrs. Edmund L. Souder has been Camp Nurse. Junior Counselors have been: David Alter, David and Paul Kennedy, Giovani Chung, Eleanor Santry, Cornelia and Louise Godfrey, Lilian Ikeda, and Dorothy Dennison.

## Returns To Hawaii

Mr. Masao Fujita, postulant for orders in the Missionary District of Honolulu, returned to Honolulu on June 13th, going to his home, Eleele, Kauai, on June 15th. He has been attending Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, Texas, an Episcopal Church School, and will enter the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California, this fall.

The Very Reverend Louis A. Haselmayer, Dean of Daniel Baker College, wrote the Bishop: "Masao Fujita was graduated on May 20th, having done very commendable work here. We hope that in the future we may have the privilege of having other students as alert and competent as he was. We are very happy that he was one of the two graduating seniors in our first commencement after taking over the College to be entered in a theological seminary. He made a very colorful figure at the Commencement Exercises, since his family had sent him by Air Mail a purple orchid lei, which he wore in Hawaiian fashion over his academic gown. It made him quite a center of attention, and we were very pleased to have this colorful note introduced into the academic exercise."



A large class of eighteen boys recently baptized by the Rev. Kenneth Cosbey, vicar of St. John's Church, Eleele, Kauai.

## Aloha Nui

It is with a great sense of loss that we bid Aloha to the Rev. Hollis H. A. Corey and his wife. They leave on July 11th for the mainland, where they will be near their family in the years of their well-earned retirement. For three months they will be at Ventnor, New Jersey, then they will go to Florida.

The Rev. Mr. Corey has served as missionary in Labrador, Quebec, Japan, and in Hawaii, coming to the latter in 1929. He was at Holy Apostles Church, Hilo until 1939, and then came to Honolulu to serve as Vicar of Epiphany Church. He served there until last year, when he joined the Bishop's staff and helped at St. Luke's Mission. During 1939-41 he was instructor of Religious Education at Iolani School. He was a Delegate to General Convention in 1937.

We pray that God will abundantly bless these good people as they leave us. We know they will be very much missed by their many devoted friends.

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The Ven. and Mrs. James Walker have left for their home at Kamuela, Hawaii, where they will spend their years of retirement. Archdeacon Walker was due for retirement in December, 1950, but continued to help the Bishop at St. John's-by-the-Sea, Kahaluu, in the absence of a priest. He has served in the Kohala Missions since 1919, and was made Archdeacon of Hawaii in 1931. He has wrought a fine work in this Missionary District, and we wish him and his good wife every blessing in their retirement.



The above photograph is another of the many showing the "Church at Work." But it is a different picture—perhaps a unique one, for it shows James Spencer, a member of the Bishop's Committee of St. James' Mission, Kamuela, Hawaii, with his son Walter and another member of the congregation, Robert Newcomb, breaking sheets of black lava rock, pahoehoe along the Saddle Road, to be used in the construction of the tower and sidewalks of the new St. James' Church.

Back in the days when there were only nine grades at Kamehameha School, Jimmie, as he is called by everyone on the Big Island, came to Honolulu. After completing his work at Kamehameha he attended St. Louis College. As one of the star football players at St. Louis, he was "picked up" by the University of Dayton, (Ohio), playing football as long as Conference rules permitted. After graduation from the University he married Vera Wolf of Dayton. Later he returned to the Big Island and for many years has been working for the County of Hawaii, as Supervisor of Roads in the Kohala District. One daughter, Gwendolyn Spencer Forsythe lives in Honolulu. Two other daughters and five sons live at home.

Jimmie Spencer believes in action. As shown above, when the new church was being built and we needed lava rock, Jimmie called together his sons and friends in the community and did the job. When the Mission cemetery needed attention, we turned to Jimmie. When a luau needed sponsoring, we turned to Jimmie. When the grounds of the Hawaii Episcopal Academy needed grading, we turned to Jimmie. When buildings for a new rectory were available and had to be moved, we called upon Jimmie.

But Jimmie isn't just a "laboring churchman." Definitely he is a "worshipping churchman." Every Sunday morning and every Tuesday evening you will find the entire Spencer family in church. What an inspiration to any clergyman to know that a family like the Spencers will be in church for worship—come what the weather.

—The Ven. Paul R. Savanack

## Dedication and Consecration of St. James' Church, Kamuela, Hawaii

Early in October of 1950, Mr. A. Hartwell Carter of the Parker Ranch, advised Bishop Kennedy that Mr. Richard Smart, owner of the Parker Ranch, was interested in presenting a new church building to St. James' Mission. Plans were immediately drawn for a building to take care of the social, as well as the spiritual, needs of the Mission.

Ground was broken in October and early in February the building was completed—a fine one-story building of redwood, one hundred feet long and twenty-four feet wide, with a huge tower of black lava rock with a great silver cross superimposed upon it. A delay in the arrival of the new koa furnishings prevented the use of the building at a date earlier than Easter. The last service in the old chapel was held on Good Friday evening and the first service in the new building was on Easter Day—March 25, 1951. The first baptism was held immediately after the service of Holy Communion on Easter morning—Kenneth Wildman Walsh having the honor of being the first person baptized in the new St. James' Church. On Friday, April 20th, Joy Nao Kauhi and Helen Berdon were married in the new St. James. Since Easter Day all of the mission services, as well as daily services of the Hawaii Episcopal Academy have been held in the new church.

The service of Dedication and Consecration of St. James' Church took place on the afternoon of Sunday, May 27th, 1951—the First Sunday after Trinity. The Rt. Rev. Harry S. Kennedy, D. D., S. T. D., Bishop of Honolulu, officiated at the service, it being the second church consecrated by the Bishop since his consecration as Bishop of Honolulu. (St. Paul's, Kekaha, Kauai, was the first).

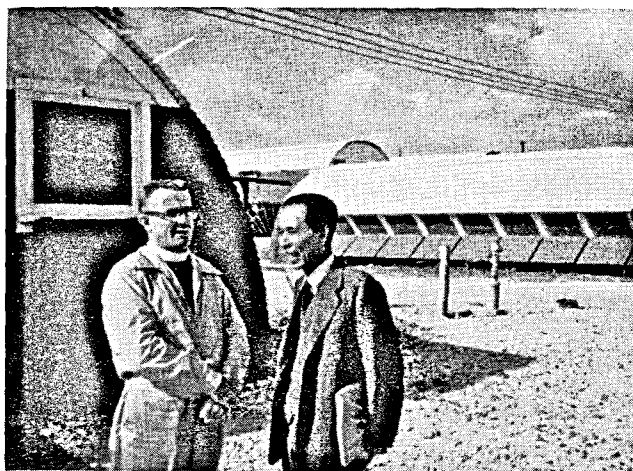
The church and parish hall were filled to capacity for the service. Mr. Richard L. Aiken, of the Academy Staff, played the organ and directed the Academy choir.

After the singing of "The Church's One Foundation" the Bishop, in traditional manner, standing outside the closed church door, struck it three times, symbolically asking for admittance into the new church. In the tower entrance stood the Bishop's Committee, consisting of James Spencer, Walter S. Rycroft, Richard O. Chock, John Lindsey, Jr., and Dr. Leonard N. Case. Mr. Spencer opened the door admitting the Bishop and the procession then moved into the Church. Members of the faculty of the Hawaii Episcopal Academy, officers of St. James' Woman's Auxiliary, the Bishop's Committee, and the clergy of the Island were in the procession.

The Order for the Consecration of a Church, as found in the Book of Common Prayer, was followed. Mr. Carter, acting for and in behalf of Mr. Smart, read the letter of presentation in which he conveyed to St. James'

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The Rev. Norman Godfrey and interpreter, Mr. Gogoro Imai, who has asked to be prepared for baptism and confirmation.

### News From Okinawa

History is being made in the Okinawan area by our three missionaries. They are suffering many hardships, but with their bond of Christian fellowship and great faith, upon which they are establishing a real work, they are pressing forward with fortitude and assurance.

The Rev. William C. Heffner has been appointed secretary by their election, and writes very interesting accounts of their work:

"We decided to name the Mawashi mission the Mission Church of St. Peter and St. Paul. One day, as the two of us stood up there on top of the hill on the land we hope will soon be ours, we fell to discussing the name for it. Each knowing the other's 'patron saint', while at the time admiring the other, this incorporation was reached. Thus Norm has his St. Peter and I have St. Paul as the name for our first joint efforts here on Okinawa. To me, there are none greater in the long procession of the saints of God who have witnessed to Christ than these two men."

A letter from the Rev. Gordon Nakayama, after his arrival, states:

"I was guided to the Rev. Canon Godfrey and the Rev. Mr. Heffner. I cannot describe our joy in meeting each other. They are two of the finest men I have ever met. They took me to several places to be introduced. It seems as though God is guiding us every moment of the day.

"One of the Episcopal members who was baptized in Formosa many years ago is in charge of the Radio Broadcasting. I was asked to broadcast for twenty minutes next Sunday night, and each Sunday night for the month of June. It is a great opportunity to tell the people here that I have come to help our two missionaries."

In the report of the June 11th meeting of our missionaries, the following, greatly briefed, comes to us.

We can see that barriers and obstacles confront them on all sides, but we can also see progress:

"Of paramount importance to the Seikokwai were discussions carried on between Canon Godfrey and Dr. von Scorebrand relative to the Leper Colony at Airaku-en. Upon the arrival of Canon Godfrey and Mr. Heffner in March, they immediately visited the doctor to get some information about Seikokwai people there. At that time, it is now seen in retrospect, we were put off. A bitter religious controversy has raged about the Doctor's head between two factions. One faction forced a show-down with the Commanding-General that ended in the people expressing a desire for a church that would minister to all denominations desiring to use it. It was decided that our missionaries would visit the Leper Colony (Airaku-en) on June 13th.

"The missionary expedition set out in high spirits on June 13th at 8:00 a.m., from Naha, filled with hopes for this first out-reaching of the Seikokwai from the center of Naha. The sure and certain knowledge that there were members of the Seikokwai at Airaku-en, plus the call to 'Come over into Macedonia, and help us,' from Izena, gave us confidence. Nor were we to be disappointed on either count.

"Kami-Unten, the rendezvous spot with Dr. von Scorebrand, was reached at eleven a.m. Finding the Doctor nowhere in sight, nor the ferry that was to carry us across, we hired a fisherman's boat and traveled across to the Island. The Doctor was not there, either. In short order word of our arrival spread throughout the Colony. The mayor, who was the first to greet us, told us that he was a member of the Seikokwai. He then retreated into his office and returned with a large scrapbook, filled with clippings about our coming to Okinawa. These all had come from a Japanese language newspaper in Honolulu. This man, who was a leper, introduced us to some of the other leaders and officials. A conference was held with them, in the middle of which Dr. von Scorebrand and his party arrived. The Doctor was most anxious that we see all the colony, so took us on a tour of it.

"At two p.m. the sounding of the gong announced to the lepers the start of the meeting. Watching the two hundred and fifty lepers, in various stages of affliction by this dread disease, was an experience that shall never be forgotten. The triumph of leprosy was more apparent in the adults, some of whom had fingers gone, feet eaten away, eyes infected. But when they sang the first hymn, it was even more apparent that leprosy had not triumphed over their spirits. Mr. Nakayama had prayers out of the Prayer Book, and then we all sang another hymn. Dr. von Scorebrand spoke next, telling them that we would have been here sooner had it not been for his protracted

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The Rev. and Mrs. Richard U. Smith, St. Christopher's Church, Kailua, Oahu, Carolyn, and Richard, Jr.

## Consecration Waimea Church

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Mission the beautiful new church and parish hall. On behalf of the Mission, the gift was received with deep appreciation by James Spencer. Since title to all mission property is held by the Bishop in the name of the Diocese, the gift from Mr. Smart was formally received by Bishop Kennedy. A complete list of the gifts, memorials and thank offerings which had been placed in the new building were read.

All of the furnishings in the new church are of beautifully grained koa. The altar and koa font were from the old Church, but the twenty pews, lectern, prayer desks, Bishop's chair, altar cross, and candlesticks, as well as vases, were presented as memorials, thank offerings, or gifts. Mr. K. Takemoto of Honaunau made the koa pews and other large pieces of koa furniture. The smaller pieces, such as crosses and candlesticks, came from the shop of Mr. Clyde Stanley, one of our churchmen at St. James', Papaaloa.

Formal application was then made to the Bishop by the Priest-in-charge, the Ven Paul R. Savanack, that the new building be consecrated, he having declared in writing that the new building was entirely free from debt. The

As announced several months previous to the Consecration, a special offering was requested. Instead of an individual making a gift of the silver chalice and paten, it was deemed appropriate that this should be a corporate

gift and the special consecration offering was designated for this purpose.

Following the service, the members of the Woman's Guild acted as hostesses at the informal reception held in the Parish House.

## An Open Letter

Dear Friends:

Detailed descriptions are at last on hand of the disaster which came to the Diocese of New Guinea, presided over by our friend Bishop Philip Strong—through the eruption of Mount Lamington.

We had heard of this disaster, but had hardly appreciated its severity. It killed over 4000 of our Christian family, it completely destroyed a great Christian field of successful endeavor, and its victims included two priests and several lay workers.

We all of us learned to admire Bishop Strong during his two visits here, but never have we had more occasion to admire him than when we see him now refusing to fall under the crushing blow, but uncomplainingly accepting the new cross, and courageously seeking to undertake the reconstruction of the work.

Will you not like to send a check to Bishop Kennedy's office for Bishop Strong, and will you not pray for the blessing of God upon him and his Diocese?

KENNETH A. BRAY (The Rev.)

## They Triumph Again

The Oahu Laymen's League contributed some nine hundred dollars toward improvements at our Mokuleia Conference Center through an Island-wide Laulau sale. This is a tremendous undertaking, and demands much effort in not only selling tickets for the laulaus, but work in preparing them. Mr. Richard Ching, Diocesan Keyman, and his fine committee are to be congratulated on the results of their sale, and to be commended for the worthy use made of their profits.

## Okinawa News

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trip to Formosa. The three missionaries then spoke. The meeting ended with another hymn and a prayer and blessing. The mayor then got up and read an account of Mr. Heffner's personal life which had gotten into the paper in Honolulu via a speech Canon Godfrey had once made there to a group of Japanese business men. This proved to be just as embarrassing as it was unexpected. Even so, the fact that our coming was followed so closely for so long a time was much appreciated and proved that they wanted the Seikokwai to be there.

"The mayor then told us that he had wondered why we had not come before, that they had been expecting us, and the silence on our part made them fear that we should

never come. He said that quite frankly they had been disappointed. But this was all erased with our coming and the promise that we would return, and if possible, bring the Bishop with us when he arrived.

"The leader of the Seikokwai members there was a Mr. Aoki. His right foot is gone, his fingers have fallen off, his jaw bone has slipped, his eyes are infected, and his face is drawn tight. But this does not hide the power of his living faith. He told us that of the 150 Christians in Airaku-en, about 80 are members of the Seikokwai. The Colony had been bombed during the war, the Marines

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believing it was defended by Japanese. All the people lost their Prayer Books. All Mr. Aoki had left was a white surplice and his Bible.

"The long trip north to Okuma started about 7:00 p.m. Rising at 5:00 a.m., we ate some soggy sandwiches bought the night before and drank some juice, and started out for the trip to Toguichi, where we were to get the police boat for Izena Shima. Arriving there at about 7:45 a.m., we discovered that the crew had been out all night before chasing smugglers, and would not be on hand for a long time. They arrived about ten and the expedition was under way at about ten fifteen.

"Having no dock at Izena, it was necessary for us to transfer to a cigar-shaped canoe, which could land us right on the beach. We were later to discover that the three of us were the *first Christian missionaries ever to set foot on the Island*. You can imagine how close we felt to the Apostolic Age. We went right to a little inn near the beach, where we secured lodging for the night. As Canon Godfrey expressed it: 'I expected any minute to have the Good Samaritan ride up with the injured man to leave him in the care of the innkeeper.' The setting took us back 1500 years. It was completely primitive."

A Mr. Nakata, a teacher, took the missionaries to a school, where they spoke to some 500 pupils. Mr. Nakayama taught the children some hymns. That night, after the farmers had completed their chores, they came to hear the missionaries. Three hundred and fifty of them filled the hall with countless numbers outside. **THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THE GOSPEL HAD EVER BEEN PREACHED IN THIS PLACE.** Eagerly and patiently did they listen for two hours. There was no question in the minds of the missionaries about returning to this place. As they said, "the floor of the inn did not seem too hard for the exhausted missionaries as they ended one of the most thrilling and rewarding days of their stay in the Ryukyus."

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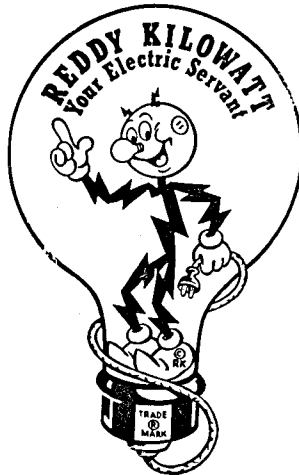
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