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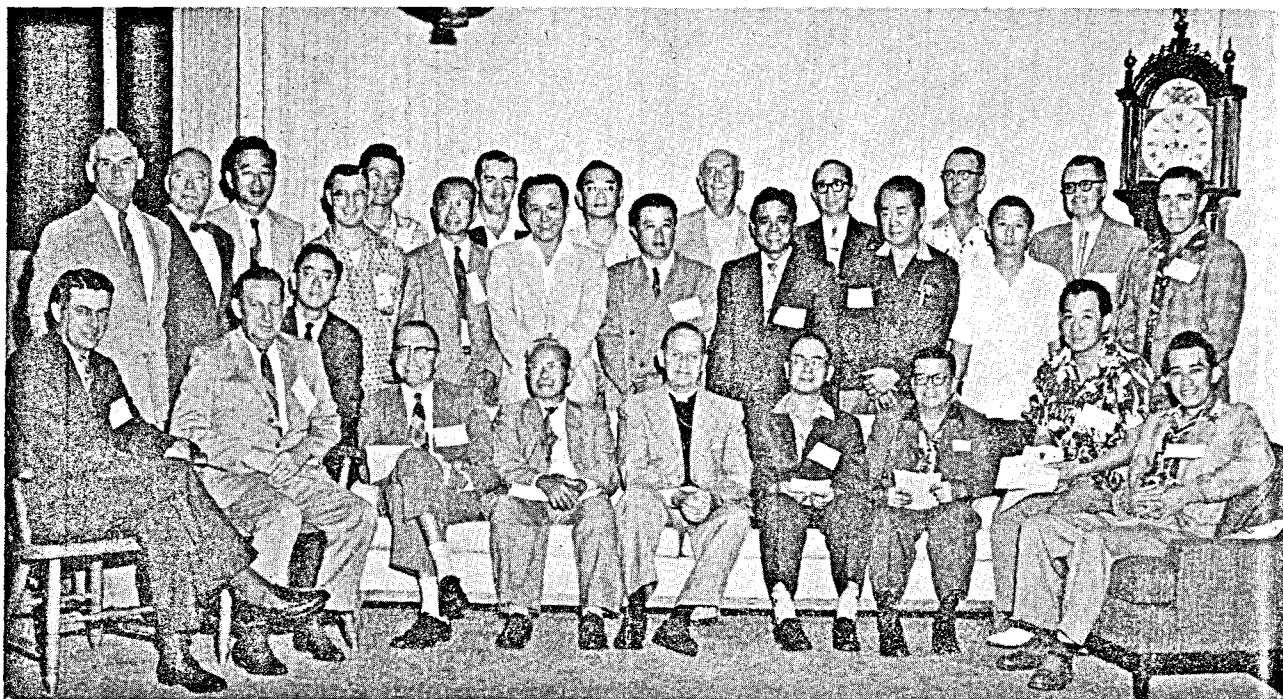
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Christmas Pageant at Holy Trinity Church, Honolulu



Key Laymen on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii, meet at the home of the Bishop to discuss plans for the Bishop's Quiet Half Day for Men and the programs for Reclaiming the Lapsed.

Wonderful Percentage

Our new mission, St. Philip's, of Waianae, has fourteen men in the congregation. At the Bishop's Quiet Half Day for Men ten of them drove that long distance in order to be present for this service.

Ordained to the Priesthood

The Reverend Roger M. Melrose and the Reverend Iver J. Torgerson, Jr., were ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, December 5th, at 10 a.m., in St. John's-by-the-Sea Church, Kahaluu, Oahu. The Bishop officiated. The Reverend Canon Wai On Shim read the Preface to the Ordinal, the Reverend Richard L. Aiken preached, the Reverend Timoteo P. Quintero read the Epistle, the Reverend Mr. Torgerson the Gospel, and the Reverend E. Lani Hanchett the Litany. The Reverend Claude F. DuTeil presented Mr. Torgerson while the Reverend William R. Grosh presented Mr. Melrose.

Following the service a luncheon was served by the women of St. John's and St. Christopher's Churches.

Mr. Melrose is Vicar of St. John's Church and Mr. Torgerson Curate of St. Christopher's, Kailua.

To Be Ordained to the Priesthood

The Reverend George H. Quarterman, Jr., Curate of the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, is to be ordained to the Priesthood by the Bishop on Saturday, December 21st, at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral. He will be presented by the Venerable Charles T. Crane, Archdeacon of Kauai and Vicar of All Saints Church, Kapaa. The Very Reverend James S. Cox will preach the sermon. The Reverend Canon Evans D. Scroggie will read the Litany and the Reverend Richard H. Humke the Preface to the Ordinal.

A luncheon honoring the Reverend Mr. Quarterman will be served in Davies Hall following the service.

St. Peter's Church Honors Senior Members

The Tenth Annual Dinner for the Senior Members of St. Peter's Church was held on November 15th. The Reverend Burton A. MacLean, Headmaster of Iolani School, was speaker for the occasion. The President of the Men's Club, Fen Chin Chong, gave the welcome in English and David Kau gave the welcome in Chinese. Canon Paul R. Savanack, Rector, gave the invocation and blessing.



The Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, Rector of St. Clement's Church, Honolulu, and President of the Hawaii Council for Retarded Children, shown teaching these children to pray.

Christmas Message

Thank God for Christmas! That means thank God for His revelation of Himself through Jesus Christ as a God of love and truth and righteousness and justice and mercy.

It is a relief to turn our minds from the thought of confusion to the ordered and glorious life of Heaven from whence Christ came. At this season Heaven presses closest upon earth as God comes and dwells among us allowing us to behold His glory.

We all wish to utter the glad cry—"Come let us adore Him!" Surely there will be no person who will, this Christmas of all others, neglect to come into the presence of the Babe of Bethlehem by approaching the altar and receiving his Holy Communion on Christmas Day.

So again we recount the world's greatest story ever told. Poets, painters, sculptors and musicians have used their varied art to tell this story. It has been told and retold for nineteen centuries and the world never gets tired of the drama of Bethlehem.

It was a hard cruel world into which Christ entered. Rome's empire was far-flung. Physical prowess was in the saddle. The sword alone determined the destiny of men. Then Christ came. No royal palace for Him in which to be born, no golden trappings for the throne He was to occupy, no armies to guard Him, no throngs to

welcome Him. But the heavens opened and God shed the light of His approval on Him as Saviour of the world, and heavenly hosts burst into song, and a bright star shone to guide men to His cradle.

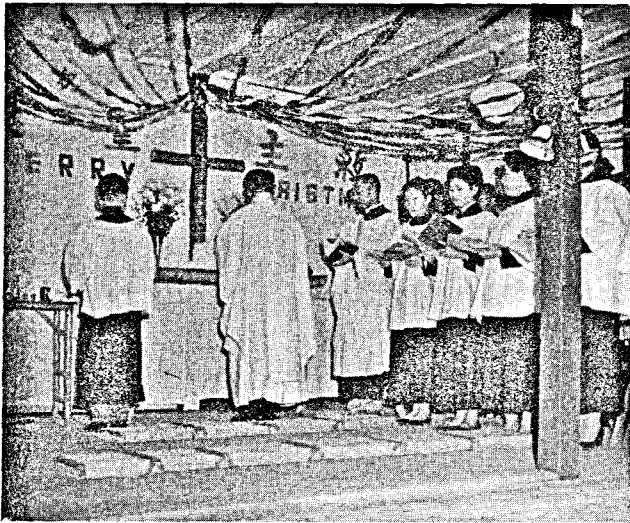
No single message today is more needed than, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will."

This Christmas we need to emphasize that the message of the angels was—peace to men of good will. Good will is the greatest need of the world today—good will that discloses itself to kindlier judgments, and broader charity and a more generous attitude toward the weak and misguided of the world.

There is no time for narrowness or bigotry of any kind. It is no time to emphasize class, racial or religious hatreds, but rather to accent those things that make and contribute to brotherhood and all that concerns our common life.

The best gift this world could have on this Christmas Day is a revival of the spirit of "Peace to men of Good Will." When men of good will are more numerous than men of ill will, those things that disturb and distract will vanish and peace will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

The colored candles used at Christmas were invented by Monks who used the various colors to indicate the passing of time.



Christmas at St. Paul's Church, Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

What About Santa Claus?

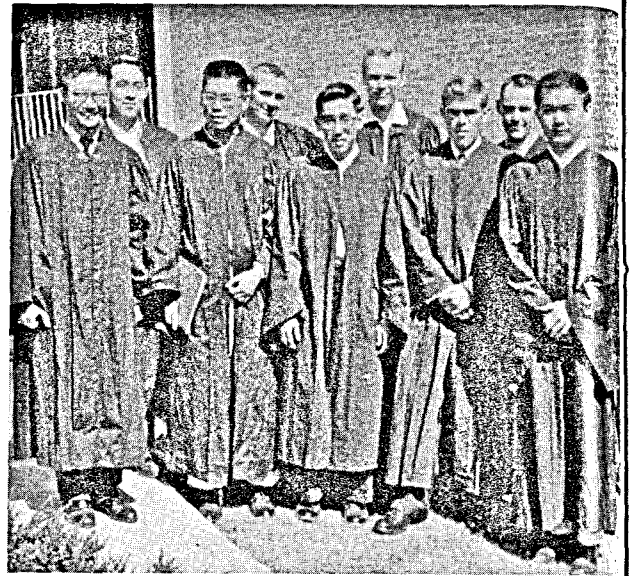
There comes a time in the life of most every child when he discovers father dressed as Santa, or begins to question how this person in the toy department can be Santa when he just passed another Santa standing at the entrance ringing a bell and collecting coins in a kettle.

If the child is in this instance disillusioned he will in all probability question more important truths later on. So it is wise to have an intelligent answer and explanation ready when the occasion requires it.

The explanation which I set down here has appealed to many parents and seems to satisfy the questionings of the children.

Actually, Santa Claus once lived. Historically, he was none other than St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, who died in 343 A.D. Our Santa Claus is but an American distortion of the old Dutch name, Sant Niklass, which meant St. Nicholas. This goodly man was and is the Patron Saint of Children. He was born in Patara, not far from the Port of Myra on the shore of the Mediterranean, directly north of Syria and the Holy Land. Many lovely tales are told of this saintly Bishop and from them have evolved the customs of hanging up the Christmas stocking, the giving of gifts at this season, and other joyous practices. His red Bishop's robe and his white beard are naturally copied by those who imitate him at Christmas time. St. Nicholas is remembered in the Church Calendar on December 6th.

Now with this historical background, what must we



Church Divinity School Seminarians from Honolulu: Left to right: Front row—Edmund Der, David Auyong, Thomas Yoshida, William Aulenbach, John Liu; Back row—Thomas Kunichika, Bruce Kennedy, John Maxson, Arthur Strauss.

tell children about the present day Santa Claus, when they see the numerous men dressed as Santa and inquire as to which is which? Let us be truthful and say that these men are dressed to represent Santa, as an actor in a play may represent another person. Just as a young girl may act the part of the Virgin Mary in the Christmas Play, or a doll is used to represent the Christ Child in a Nativity Story, so do many fathers and others dress in the traditional garb of Santa to represent him at this joyous season.

We can also tell them that the good St. Nicholas, when he lived, was most kind and generous to children. That he distributed to them candy and toys and other things that delighted the hearts of the little ones. His spirit of generosity and love towards others has come down to us as a great example of devotion to Christ, and we emulate his deeds when we observe the birthday of Jesus.

The child can be taught these truths and as he matures there is nothing to undo, no shock to overcome, no misrepresentation to clear up. He will know from the very beginning that Santa (St. Nicholas) actually lived on earth and helped teach God's law to be kind and good and loving. And we are thankful for all he did to make us more aware of our duty to our fellowmen.

*The Rev. A. Elliston Cole,
in the "Grace Church Parish Helper"*



An amusing sign in Okinawa. Few Americans there can read the Chinese characters on the signs. Probably fewer Ryukyuan can read the English. So, such slips as "Ice Plunt" proudly announce the wares of the shopkeeper. Some Americans believe that the odd spellings come about on purpose to attract business, but most are the result of an honest effort to help Americans to find what they want in the way of Okinawan products.

Visits Mainland Colleges

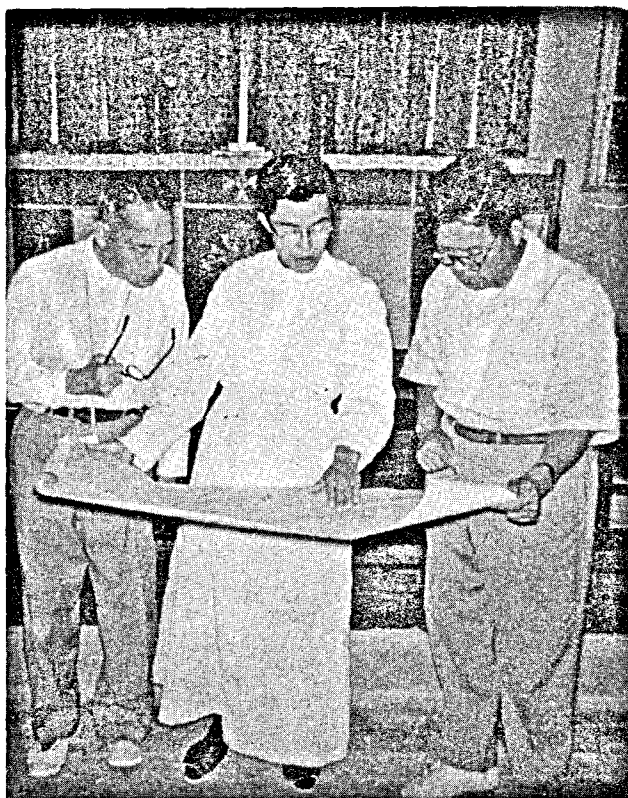
The Reverend Burton A. MacLean, Headmaster of Iolani School, made a brief trip to the mainland to visit several colleges. He left on October 20th and returned on the 27th.

The main purpose of his trip was to call on the Directors of Admissions at the different colleges, and acquaint them with Iolani and its students. Dr. Nathaniel C. Allyn, Associate Director of Admissions at Stanford University will visit Iolani to interview possible applicants to Stanford University. He will interview only Iolani boys.

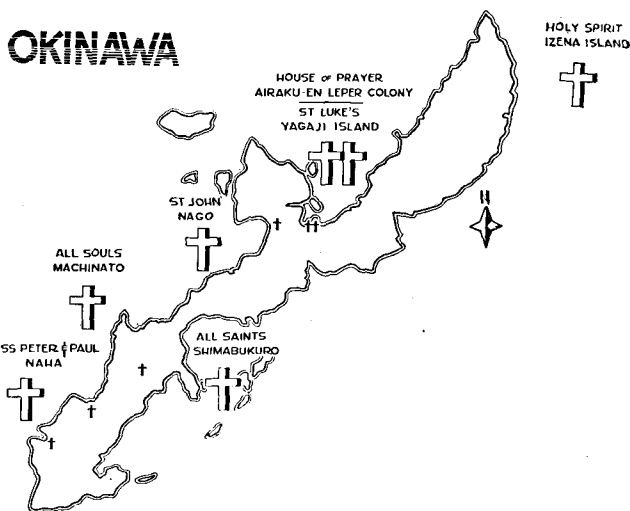
The Rev. Mr. MacLean attended a Secondary Education Board meeting for all independent schools west of the Mississippi in Colorado Springs, Colorado. While on the mainland he visited the following colleges: Pomona; Claremont College for Men; University of California, at Berkeley; California Institute of Technology; Occidental College; Denver University; Stanford, and Harvey Mudd College.

Holding Services at Laie

The Reverend Roger M. Melrose, Vicar of St. John's-by-the-Sea Church, Kahaluu, is holding services for our church members at Laie. Services are being held in the homes for the present, but we hope soon to obtain land and build a temporary chapel for regular services.



Looking over plans for repairs for the House of Prayer, at the Leper Colony at Airaku-en, Okinawa, are Keisai Aoki and the Reverend Luke Kimoto, and contractor.



Whether it's on the road or in an argument, when you see red, stop!



Korean children are given clothes sent to them from St. Luke's Church, Honolulu. The United States Army assists in sending the clothes and distributing them to the people.

Lay Readers

The Lay Readers of Holy Apostles Church, Hilo, Hawaii, have a most active and devout group of Lay Readers. They have been serving faithfully conducting services in vacant missions, as well as to provide services in missions where the clergy have been on furlough, or absent because of illness. They plan to expand their usefulness in a program for parish calling and Evangelism to interest non-Christians in the life and work of the Church.

The men serving so devotedly are: John Keppeler, John Rickard, William Fullaway, George Talbott, Robert Speer, Bruce Wichman and Stanford Deverill.



It is a great day for the Korean children and people when the clothes reach them from Honolulu.

Massing of the Colors

A most colorful service at St. Andrew's Cathedral, held on Wednesday, November 11th, at 10:45 a.m., was that of The Massing of the Colors in tribute to American Veterans.

The service was sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans of Hawaii and St. Andrew's Cathedral, with the support of The Veteran's Organization of Hawaii and the participation of the Armed Forces.

The Invocation was read by Chaplain (Captain) James W. Kelley, of the United States Navy. The Psalm and anthem were sung by the Choir of St. Andrew's Priory. Major General J. E. Theimer, Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division of the United States Army, read the lesson. Prayers were read by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Clarence E. Hobgood, of the United States Air Force.

The bishop greeted the congregation, and Edward M. Tamanaha, Commander of the Disabled American Veterans in Hawaii, spoke. The address was given by The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Member of Congress from Hawaii. The Commemoration was given by Colonel F. B. Henry, U. S. Army Chaplain; Presentation of Colors by Captain W. F. Williams, of the U. S. Army.

Dr. Clement Moore, a professor in the General Theological Seminary in New York, wrote "The Night Before Christmas" for his own children and it was first published without his knowledge.



St. Andrew's the Fisherman Church, in an isolated fishing village on Taiwan, which was purchased by our Church there.

William H. Soper Dies at 85

William H. Soper, who came to the Islands when Hawaii was a monarchy and lived to witness statehood, died on November 21st in a local hospital after a prolonged illness.

The son of John Harris Soper, who was prominent in California and Hawaii's early history, William came to the Islands at five years of age. He was associated with the Honolulu Paper Company, before his retirement three years ago.

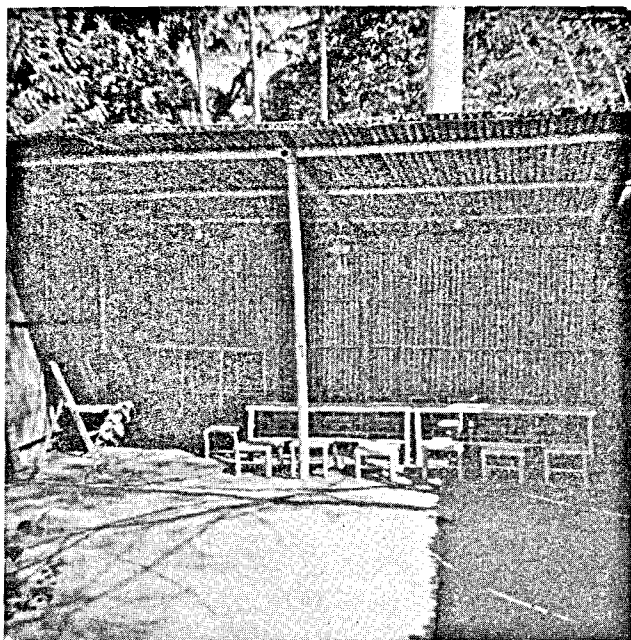
He was a member of St. Andrew's Cathedral and served as Registrar for the Diocese for many years.

Mr. Soper was taught to swim by Duke Kahanamoku's grandfather. He was 17 years old when the revolution that toppled the monarchy broke out. He stood guard with a gun at Kawaiahao Church during the troubled times.

Later his father became the commander-in-chief of the military forces of the Republic and signed the order for Queen Liliuokalani's arrest.

Burial services were held in Parke Chapel, at the Cathedral. He is survived by his widow and two sisters.

A person soon learns how little he knows when a child begins to ask questions.



Grace Church Sunday School building, Tainan, Taiwan.

Travel 4000 Miles to Attend Iolani School

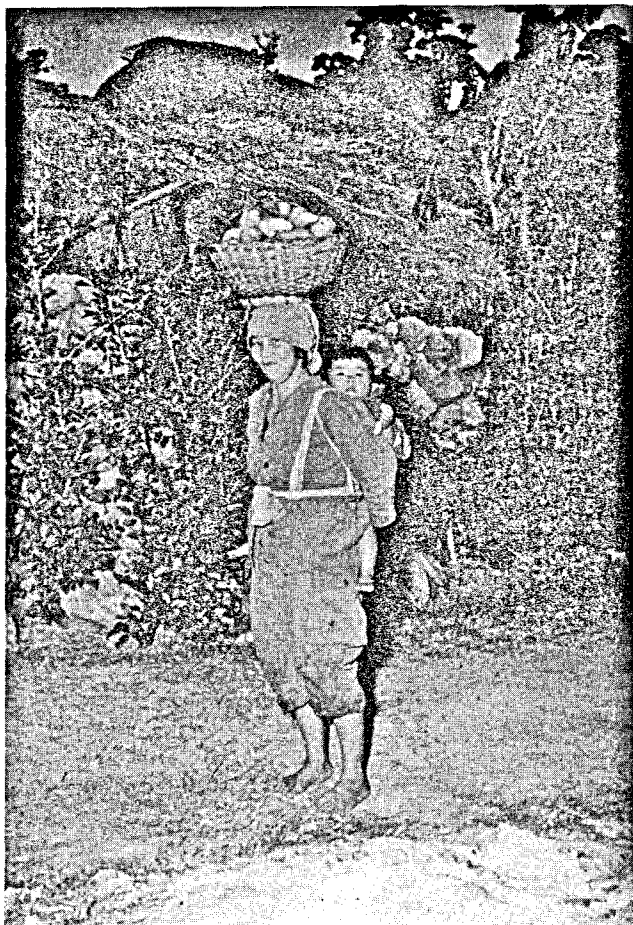
Andrew and Richard Ho traversed nearly four thousand miles of the Pacific Ocean to attend Iolani School. Andrew is a junior and Richard a sophomore. Their uncle, who presently has two sons in Iolani, recommended the school to them. They are living with him on St. Louis Heights.

Attractive Church Service Leaflets

The Diocese has a supply of leaflets for Church services in colors. One is the shield of the Diocese; another that of the Episcopal Church; a third of the Distinguished Service Cross of the Diocese and the fourth of the pictures of those historically linked to the Diocese. They may be obtained from the Diocesan Office for a nominal fee.

Parish Hall Being Erected At Pearl Harbor Church

St. George's Church, Pearl Harbor, is in the midst of building a parish hall, kitchen and classrooms, to take care of this rapidly growing Church School and congregation. This will be a splendid addition to our Church properties and we are grateful to the lay leaders who have taken such an active part in making their plans and supervising the construction. Colonel Paul Millichamp is Chairman of the Building Committee.



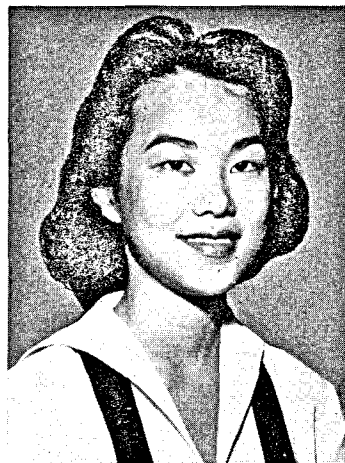
Women's work in Okinawa is never done. This "mama-san" has been to the fields to get food for the family table. With her youngest tied on her back with an obi, she had gathered greens, turnips, sweet potatoes, onions, and so on. With them balanced on her head, she must hurry to get home by dark to prepare the evening meal.

Renowned Author Visits Honolulu

The Reverend W. Norman Pittinger, Professor of Christian Apologetics at General Theological Seminary, New York City, stopped in Honolulu on his return from a lecture tour in Australia recently.

At a meeting of the Oahu Clergy, Dr. Pittinger delivered two addresses. He was most helpful and the clergy deeply appreciated having an opportunity to hear him. The meeting was held at Iolani School, in the Student Center.

Dr. Pittinger's writings are too numerous to mention.



Diane Chang

Priory Student Honored

Miss Diane Chang, a seventeen-year-old senior at St. Andrew's Priory, won a free trip to Chicago to attend the National 4-H Club Congress November 28th to December 3rd. She and other members of the Club were guests at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Her trip to Chicago was made possible by Sears Foundation.

"I couldn't believe it," she said, when informed of her good fortune.

Her home improvement project started three years ago when she decided to re-decorate her bedroom. With her father supervising, she repainted the room to turquoise-blue, covered the desk top with plastic, and the floor with vinyl tile in white, brown and turquoise. She made new pink curtains, two comforter covers and matching bed-spreads with multi-colored denim. Her mother helped select fabrics and assisted with the sewing.

"This year," said Diane, "I had a feeling of accomplishment because I was able to pay for the material with money I had earned at the pineapple cannery during the summer."

Her ambition is to attend college and become an interior decorator.

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