

In the year 1949 All Saints' Church received a Deed to newly acquired land, when we bought four lots directly behind the church property, from the town of Scotch Plains. It was understood that the conveyance of this property would also include a right of way and entrance from Church Street.

Early in the 1940's the parish saw an urgent need for a Parish House. The Church School population was growing so rapidly that the pews, where the children sat during classes before the Church Service, were over-crowded, — and Mrs. Richard Lea, kindergarten teacher, had to teach her little children in a cubby hole behind the organ!

On April 10, 1949, the Parish House cornerstone was laid. The Rt. Rev. Wallace J. Gardner, D.D., officiated at the ceremony. Mr. Shilay of Fanwood was the builder, and it cost \$16,244.87.

KOREAN WAR, 1950 - 1953

All Saints' Parish House was dedicated by Bishop Gardner on March 19, 1950. He also confirmed a Class of nine; — William Tucker, Herbert Erholm, David Thompson, David Holzhauer, Janet Bazin, Virginia Broch, and Peter Thompson, — and Mr. John Appleton and Miss Johanna Shilay.

The first outside organizations to use the Parish House were the Red Cross (to handle blood donors), and the Scouting organizations.

Vestryman Fred Rich received his lay-reader license from Bishop Gardner on May 26, 1950. During the same year, All Saints' became active in the Youth Consultation Service of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey.

In 1953, two Sisters from the Motherhouse of St. Helena, Helmetta, N.J. conducted a Lenten Quiet Day in our church.

On August 1, 1952, the Rev. William F. Bassill resigned.

The Rev. George A. Ernst came to us from St. Mark's Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia. He arrived on December 1, 1952 with his wife Ann, and their sons, Tom, Jim and Michael.

At the annual meeting on January 5th, Fr. Ernst suggested the reorganizing of the Men's Club, and the starting of an adult Bible study class.

In 1952, Mr. Kynes resigned his post as organist and choirmaster of All Saints'. Mrs. George Hahm was our next organist, with Mrs. Charlesworth acting as choir director. In 1953, Mr. Charles Jenckes accepted the position of choir director.

The 75th Anniversary of the first Worship Service held in All Saints' Church, was celebrated on All Saints' Day, 1957. The Rev. Elwood Scofield of Westfield was the speaker, and the Rev. Harold A. Scott, Pastor of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, spoke on behalf of the local clergymen. After the service, all were invited to a "country style" supper in the Parish House. The ladies of the church guilds acted as hostesses, and were assisted by the parish young people dressed in the styles of 1882. An historical display of early pictures of the church, the original Altar, old ledgers, — also a lace handkerchief, — a gift to a parishioner from Queen Victoria, and used at our Altar as a small Chalice Veil, — was held.

After the gift of the Andrews' Memorial Altar in 1945, the original Altar had been standing in the back of the church unused. During the summer of 1958, the Church School Superintendent, Mrs. Marie Dalrymple, had the happy thought of using the old memorial Altar in the Parish House for the children's services. This led to the formation of the Junior Altar Guild, who were trained to do the work by Mrs. Henry Broch of the church Altar Guild. The Charter members were Sherry Bishop, Marge Fusselman, Karen Hahm, Lynn Hughes and Tracey Wood.

William Heiks Paul, a faithful, hardworking parishioner here, — left our parish church to study for Holy Orders. On November 1, 1958, at Trinity Cathedral, he was presented to the Rt. Rev. Alfred L. Banyard by our rector, the Rev. George A. Ernst, and was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood. The then Rev. W.H. Paul is now the Rev. Canon William Heiks Paul.

In the 1950's, there was an amazing increase in the populations of Scotch Plains and Fanwood. Scotch Plains grew from 9,069 in 1950, to 18,491 in 1960. This, of course, affected our own rate of growth. The Church School was again over-crowded, and classes were being held in the rectory and in School #1. There were now three church services on Sunday and chairs were being set up for the extra seating needed. By 1961, there were 346 church school pupils meeting in two sessions. The rectory