

first issue, as well as bearing the costs of publication. We read: "At present the Parish Car is the first in this district to run on charcoal. I hope this is going to solve the petrol question and it will be possible to do more visiting in the Parish". During December 1942 the Bishop would pay his annual visit; Warmbaths would have the new St Andrew's Church in the Location dedicated by him. It had been built largely through the dedicated effort of the local catechist, Mr Elijah Motsisi. (The Rondawel was built because the Rectory was very cramped.)

Rev. Gaylard left in 1945; the gap was filled by Rev. Ronald Park in 1946 then in 1947, Rev. Meggitt, a frail man injured during the war - he died in Rhodesia in 1948 - followed in March 1947 by Rev. Stanley T. Andrews and his wife Hilda, till Dec. 1952.

Rev. Andrews kept meticulous records, and we learn from his report to the Bishop that in 1948, services were held at: "Nylstroom; Naboomspruit; Rietbokspruit (the Jacksons); Crecy (the Blacks); Warmbaths; Settlers; 24 Rivers, Vaalwater, Alma; Potgietersrust & Zebediela; Radium, Hammanskraal and Pienaars River; Rooiberg; Tuinplaats and Nutfield." One sympathises with his suggestion that "Potgietersrust and Zebediela be cut off from the Waterberg and included in the Pietersburg Parish," and that "the Waterberg be given Parish Boundaries"! The Rector also held services in the "Waterberg Native Mission" and lists 12 Mission congregations. (During this period the Railway Missioners Lavinia Roberts and Rev. Michael Fidgin also occasionally took services.)

Rev. Andrews comments that not even hot water is available in the Rectory, and requests that it be made habitable.

#### 6. Robert Selby Taylor: 1951 - 1960

On 3rd Jan. 1953 Rev. Hubert H. Colvin Lewis was inducted. Because he was elderly and frail with no wife to assist him, the Nylstroom Ladies' Guild came into being with Mrs H. Driver as its first chairwoman (afterwards Mrs E Jackson, then Mrs D. Pitout). The Warmbaths Ladies Guild had been in operation for many years; Mrs J. Earle is probably the longest serving member in its history - and due to their fund-raising efforts the church of St Mary's, Warmbaths was built then dedicated on 17th October 1954.

Also during Rev. Lewis' term of office the church of All Saints, Naboomspruit was built and consecrated in 1960, the result of planning since 1924 when Rev. Short visited the area in a Cape cart and £300 had been donated by the S.A. Estates and Finance Corporation. (One of the first marriages in Naboomspruit was that of Mr and Mrs E.A. Galpin in 1928).

There were many accidents to the Parish car and a chauffeur was employed to drive Mr Lewis round the Parish. Because of age and ill health, he retired to Natal in August 1961; in the words of Mr Earle, "He was sent here in order for the people to show love".

#### 7. Edward Knapp-Fisher: 1960 - 1975

In Sept. 1961 Rev. Trevor D. Verryn, his wife Mary and little Steven moved to Nylstroom. By that time the old Rectory, built in 1923 for Rev. Short and added to later, was uninhabitable; a new Rectory financed by contributions from the whole parish was completed in 6 months; Mr. R.M. Tucker, Mr L. Jackson, Mr G.W. Pitout and Mr F. Austin were on the Building committee, and also demolished the old Rectory and cleared the garden and repaired the church. St Michael and All Angels church had never been consecrated; Bishop Edward performed this ceremony on 19/9/66 to coincide with Nylstroom's Centenary Year.

While Rev. Verryn was in this parish (till early in 1967), the parish was divided into 5 chapelries, each with their own Chapel Wardens; the Bishop licensed Lay Readers; a parish newsletter, the Bell, was started; a Cookery Book was published to raise funds to  
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