



BISHOP CARRUTHERS

Carruthers' Rites Today At Charleston

CHARLESTON — Funeral services for the Rev. Thomas Neely Carruthers, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, will be conducted at 11 a. m. Tuesday from St. Philip's Episcopal Church at Charleston. Burial will be in Sewanee, Tenn., at 5 p. m. Wednesday.

He died Sunday night after being stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage at Camp St. Christopher, 30 miles south of here.

Bishop Carruthers went on a hike Sunday afternoon with some children at the Episcopal Diocese camp and afterwards complained of feeling tired. He was to conduct a service at 10 p. m. but did not appear. He was found about 10:15 p. m. on the floor of his bedroom, Coroner Jennings Cauthen said.

The bishop, born June 10, 1900, at Colliersville, Tenn., was chancellor of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., where he celebrated his 60th anniversary Friday.

He had been bishop of the diocese since 1944, when he succeeded the Rt. Rev. Albert T. Thomas.

Bishop Carruthers is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ellen Douglas Everett of Charleston, and two sons, Thomas N. Carruthers, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., and Ewing Carruthers, one of this year's graduates at Sewanee.

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It is a long way from Collierville, in West Tennessee, to the diocesan headquarters of the Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, but Thomas Neely Carruthers' earthly life which ended Sunday just after his 60th birthday consisted of that journey.

The journey was sure and deliberate. He attended the public schools in his native town near Memphis and then he went to Sewanee, on the Cumberland plateau in Middle Tennessee, site of the University of the South, from which he was graduated in 1921. After two years of teaching, he obtained his master of arts from Princeton in 1924, in which year he entered the school of theology at Sewanee. He became an Episcopal priest in 1926.

The young minister first served small charges in rural Tennessee and then became rector of St. Peter's Church, Columbia, Tenn. His next charge was Trinity Church, Houston, and from this parish he went to Christ Church, Nashville, in 1939. Here he remained until his election in 1944 as tenth bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina.

Bishop Carruthers was a worthy successor to the Rt. Rev. Albert S. Thomas, now living in retirement in Columbia. His see covered the Pee Dee and the Low Country area of the State. His leadership was effective and dynamic: it was recognized by his election in 1955 as chancellor of The Episcopal church's University at Sewanee for a six-year term. It is altogether fitting that this great clergyman, who has contributed so much to South Carolina, should rest on The Mountain at Sewanee where he will be buried today.

Bishop Carruthers died at the height of his vigor and energy as a clergyman. The gifts of his spirit will live behind him in the thousands who were helped by this man of God.

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Carruthers Eulogized as Rites Held

CHARLESTON (AP) — Funeral services for the Rt. Rev. Thomas Neely Carruthers were held Tuesday from St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church, the church where he was consecrated the 10th bishop of the diocese of South Carolina on May 4, 1944.

With the passing of Bishop Carruthers went a man, described by a long time friend and a lay leader of the diocese as "a person in the absolute prime of his life who would not have had to retire until he was 72 . . . a man who had 12 more years of tremendous value to the diocese and the national church."

Bishop Carruthers died at the diocese camp near here Sunday night. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage.

A native of Tennessee, Bishop Carruthers was born in Collierville June 10, 1900. In addition to BA and BD and honorary DD degrees from the University of the South, he held a Masters Degree in English literature from Princeton University and honorary doctor of Sacred Theology degree from Trinity College.

From the time of his ordination in 1926 until he became bishop of South Carolina in 1944, he served as rector of St. Peter's church at Columbia, Tenn.; Trinity Church, Houston, Texas, and Christ Church, Nashville, Tenn.

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Bishop Thomas Carruthers Dies; South Carolina Episcopal Head

Special to The New York Times. CHARLESTON, S. C., June 13 — The Right Rev. Thomas Neely Carruthers, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina and chancellor of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., died yesterday at the diocesan summer camp in Seabrook Beach. He had been attending a conference, when he was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 60 years old.

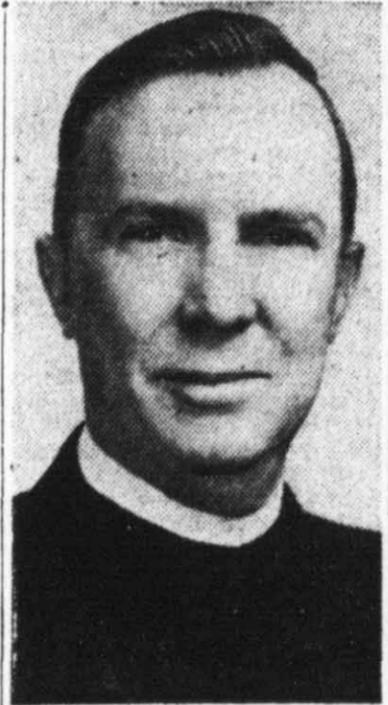
Bishop Carruthers was consecrated in 1944, after thirteen years service in two of the largest Episcopal parishes in the South. He became rector of Trinity Church in Houston, Tex., in 1931, and of Christ Church in Nashville, Tenn., in 1939. Earlier, he had been rector of St. Peter's Church in Columbia, Tenn.

At his death, Bishop Carruthers also was chairman of the board of regents of the University of South. He served on the General Convention Joint Commission on Holy Matrimony, and the Joint Commission of the Anglican Congress. He was president of the Fourth Province (Southern) of the Church.

He was also president of the board of trustees of Voorhees Junior College in Denmark, S. C., and a trustee of St. Mary's School and Junior College in Sewanee.

Before his election to the episcopate, he was four times a delegate to the church's General Convention.

Bishop Carruthers, who was born in Collierville, Tenn., stud-



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ied theology at the University of the South, where he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1940. He received a master's degree from Princeton University in 1924, and was ordained in 1926.

He wrote "Sparks of Fire," a collection of articles for laymen about the practical aspects of religion and life, published in 1954.

Surviving are his widow, Ellen; two sons, Thomas N. Jr. and Ewing Everett, and a grandson.

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