Personally, next to little babies and little dogs, I think that the unfolding of Nature's plan of life each Spring is one of our earth's grandest spectacles.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Holy Name Church History Told

First Services Held in B'ham On June 2, 1918

Birmingham's first Catholic pastor began his work here in the summer of 1921 when the Rev. Fr. William W. Ryan was appointed to this, a newly-formed parish. Since that time, expansion has been steady and substantial, with an exceptionally fine financial record, an indebtedness of considerable size incurred in 1929 having been completely paid off.

Prior to 1918, families of Catholic faith residing in Birmingham attended services in Royal Oak and Pontiac. However, on June 2, 1918, the first mass said in Birmingham was celebrated at the Shaw-Johnston Hall, situated on Woodward avenue where the Indian Craft shop is now located. The celebrant was the Rev. Fr. John Needham, of Royal Oak, or some other priest deputed by him, as Birmingham was a mission of St. Mary's, Royal Oak, from June of 1918 until the advent of Fr. Ryan here in 1921.

Rectory Acquired

In that year, Fr. Ryan acquired the present rectory at Harmon and Woodland avenues from Mr. and Mrs. John Glendon. In the fall of 1921, the present church building was started and completed in the spring of 1922.

The first mass was said in the present church on April 30, 1922, the records show.

All of the property owned at present by Holy Name parish was acquired either by Fr. Needham or Fr. Ryan. Another important milestone in the history of the parish occurred in 1928 when the Holy Name school and convent were erected. They were opened in the fall of that year. In October of 1929, the entire parish property was mortgaged to the extent of $75,000.

Fr. Cotter Here Since '31

When the Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills was erected, (St. Hugo of the Hills) Fr. Ryan became the pastor there, Feb. 12, 1931, and he was succeeded by the present pastor of Holy Name—the Rev. Fr. James W. Cotter.

During the ensuing years, the church has been enlarged (1937) and the parish continues to grow steadily. This parish originally embraced all the territory between 13-Mile road (at Woodward on the south and the Pontiac City limits on the north. With the establishment of St. Theresa's parish at 12-Mile road, the limits of Holy Name parish were set at Parkway on the south; and with the erection of St. Hugo's in 1931, the north limits of Holy Name parish were set at Lone Pine road.

During the past 10 years, many improvements have been made in the psysical make-up of the parish's buildings and equipment, and during that same period the entire debt of $75,000 has been liquidated. The parish is now in a position to forge ahead; in fact, the next decade ought to be a period of growth and expansion for this parish when it is hoped that the entire parish plant will be completed including a parish social center and a new church, it was said.

Early Members

Some of the people who were active here when the parish was first organized were Mrs. Victor Pollock, Mrs. Joseph Mack, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Signeigo, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McHugh, Mrs. Charles Gregg, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Donnelly, Mrs. Louisa DeLong, Mrs. John Berry, Mrs. Suzanne Craig, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Van Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Glendon, Mrs. Garner Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John Finn and Mrs. H. H. Corson.

The 1940 Church committee is composed of Harry Winter, John O'Toole, Vincent Ford, Dr. P. L. Ledwidge and John H. Savage, Sr.

There are several parish societies. For the men, there is the Holy Name Society, of which Joseph Bay, Sr., is the president. The Altar Society is headed by Mrs. J. W. deBeaubien. The League of Catholic Women, an organization which does charitable work in the parish, is headed by Mrs. Martin Wendell.

Young People's Group

There is also a Young People's organization for social affairs and for instruction of people of 'teen age.

The two women's societies are affiliated with the national Council of Catholic Women and in the near future the Holy Name parish unit of men is to become affiliated with the National Conference of Catholic Men.

The size and complexion of the parish has changed very much during the 19 years of its existence and the people of Holy Name have every reason to look forward to the future with much optimism, it was said.

Assisting Fr. Cotter is Fr. Lawrence V. Hamel, who has been serving the local parish for 3½ years.

Holy Name School

Of major importance in the parish is the Holy Name School situated on Harmon avenue, just west of the church. The school and convent, both attractive brick structures, were erected in 1928. The Mother Superior at the school is Sister Emeline, of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary order, of Monroe. There are six nuns in the school and instruction is given in grades one through eight. Students number about 200.

One of the active Parent-Teacher associations of the City is the Holy Name P.-T. A. Mrs. John F. Dunn is its president.

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HOLY NAME SCHOOL

This is Holy Name School, attended by about 200 children in grades 1 through 8. The convent, church and rectory are to the right of the school. A new church and social center are likely to be built some time in the future, it is said.

PASTOR

—Courtesy Michigan Catholic

The Rev. Fr. JAMES W. COTTER is the second pastor of Holy Name parish. He came here in 1931.

Frank Street Zoning Petition Is Rejected

Because the neighbors voted 12 to 1 against changing zoning on Frank street between Stanley and Watkins to permit "income bungalow" homes where only single-family residences are now permitted, the City Commission decided Monday night to reject a request for a hearing on the matter.

BLIND INMATES GET $151 EACH

DENVER. — Inmates of the Adult Blind Home were the recipients of a check for $151.57 each from the estate of the late Mrs. Mary C. Smith, who died twelve years ago. Among the surprised beneficiaries were Mrs. Mary Anna Fish, 70, and Louis C. Jackson, 79, both blind, who had obtained a license to be married the day before the money arrived.

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Music Guild Presents Folk Songs Collector

The Detroit Music Guild will sponsor the appearance of Alan Lomax in a recital and lecture on American folk music entitled "America: A Singing Country" on Friday evening, April 5, at 8:30, in the lecture hall of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Mr. Lomax will sing a wide selection of folk songs from all parts of the United States and will discuss the sources, background and development of our native music. One of the outstanding collectors of folk songs in America, Mr. Lomax has in the past seven years amassed a collection of over 4,000 records.

Lost and Found Bicycle 'Dept.'

Bicycle thieves are busy again. M. H. Frank, 440 Chesterfield, reported to police Saturday that a tricycle left by children in front of the home had been taken.

Mrs. Robert Peck 1440 Birmingham boulevard, reported Monday noon that a new Hawthorne bike left by her son at Barnum School had been taken. She was hopeful that it way only an April Fool's joke.

Also, Fire Chief Vernon Griffith, 1234 Maryland, found a Rollfast bicycle in front of his home.

Dale Roberts reported to police Monday afternoon that his green Viking bike had been stolen from Barnum school. He lives at 1347 Smith.

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as of March 26, 1940

ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Banks		$ 564,258.20
United States Treasury Notes and Other Guaranteed Notes		562,132.16
Federal National Mortgage Association Notes		75,000.00
United States Bonds and Other Guaranteed Bonds		28,475.62
Other Bonds—		
State and Municipal Bonds		897,610.99
Canadian and Foreign Bonds		30,105.75
Industrial Bonds		153,374.77
Railroad Bonds		79,965.59
Public Utilities—Operating		78,008.66
Loans and Discounts—Secured—(Secured by Adequate Listed Collateral)		158,967.33
Loans and Discounts—Unsecured—(To Birmingham Individuals, Business Enterprises, and Corporate Units of Oakland County)		63,230.32
Real Estate Mortgages—(All on Birmingham and Community Improved Property)		593,841.84
Overdrafts		12.13
Federal Reserve Bank Stock		6,300.00
Banking House, Less Depreciation		38,430.67
Furniture and Fixtures, Less Depreciation		11,759.31
Accrued Interest on Bonds Purchased		2,485.87
TOTAL ASSETS		$3,343,959.21

LIABILITIES

Capital—		
Common Capital Stock	$ 116,400.00	
Preferred Capital Stock	8,600.00	
		125,000.00
Surplus Fund		84,000.00
Undivided Profits—Net (Not Accrued)		53,457.90
Reserve for Contingencies		8,089.42
Interest Collected But Not Earned		986.55
Dividends Unpaid		27.65
Other Liabilities—(Canadian Discount, Federal Tax and Expense Checks Outstanding)		258.82
Deposits—		
U. S. Government and Other Public Deposits Secured by Pledges of U. S. Bonds and Other Securities	$ 375,110.48	
Other Deposits	2,661,095.91	
Certified Checks, Cashier's Checks and Bank Money Orders Outstanding	35,932.48	3,072,138.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$3,343,959.21

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