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Drapery selections, serious business

St. Columban Parish Builds Own Rectory

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An old-time barn-raising spirit pervades in the lives of the 450 Catholic families who live within the boundaries of Maple, Woodward, Starr and Crooks roads as they labor to build a rectory and church this spring for their new St. Columban parish.

Guided by the Rev. Thomas Kenney, formerly of the Shrine of the Little Flower, the parishioners have organized to do with their hands what they cannot accomplish with their pocketbooks alone.

Evenings and Saturdays, men of the parish meet to paint the interior of the 11 room brick rectory at 2200 Dunstable. A group of 20 women have organized a sewing group headed by Mrs. Thomas Gleason.

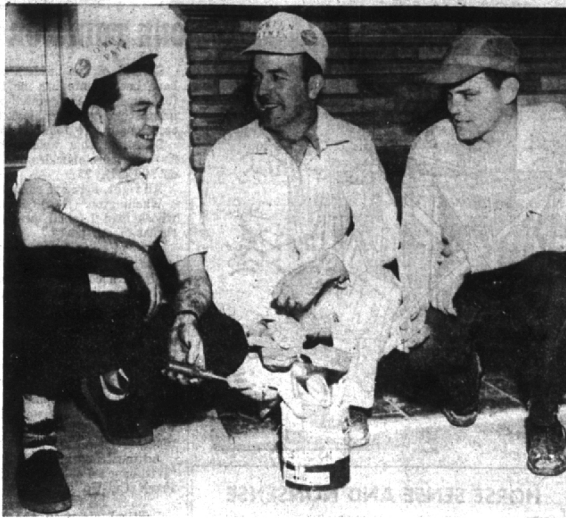
While Mrs. William Vroman, Mrs. Robert Lift and Mrs. Joseph S. Daick estimate yardage requirements on draperies for the parish house, other members meet to sew the altar linens.

Mrs. William Nitschman, chairman of the St. Francis of Assisi study and discussion group, reports that her 40 women have volunteered to wash the rectory windows when the painting is finished.

Mrs. Peter Duane Tibbitts, Jr., recently directed a rummage sale held in the former Kresge store and raised \$500. Home-lacked goods are sold the first Sunday of every month in the Little Flower high school, 13 Mile road, where masses are held in the chapel until the new church on Melton is ready for use. Mrs. Florina Sybilson arranges these bazaar sales.

Mrs. Louis S. Kastely helps parishioners arrange showers in their homes to provide household linens, kitchen utensils and the innumerable small items necessary for a new household.

The WOMEN'S groups make up the Altar society which is headed



ANDREW JARDINE JAMES BYRNE TOM MULLANEY
Smiling painters hit the right shade (Eccentric Photo)

True Knowledge Of God's Love Leads to Peace

"True knowledge of God's love for man is the unfailing way to find lasting home, peace and security," John D. Pickett, Christian Science lecturer told his audience when he spoke at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, on March 26.

"The bondage of sorrow and sickness disappears in your experience as you learn to understand God's infinite love for you, the child of His creating," he continued.

He showed the understanding, available today, which proves that knowledge of God as divine love can heal problems of marriage, business and world affairs, as well as those problems of sickness and sin.

Noting that people are seeking a dependable remedy for their many problems, Pickett attributed these problems to "the false sense of being estranged from God."

THE SPEAKER cited several examples of how prayer and faith and understanding had helped solve problems of personal life, business and to restore health.

"People have become unaccustomed to look to God for the answer to everyday problems," he said, "but Jesus' deeds showed that a complete and full salvation is within the present possibility of every sincere seeker."

He added that spiritual truths can be applied immediately to daily problems.

"IN THE scientific understanding of man's place in the government of divine Love, the unreal qualities of loneliness, discouragement, old age, lack and self-condemnation disappear. In their place come the divine qualities of joy, activity, health and peace.

"As we express these higher qualities, we partake of the blessings that come to those who are governed by the Christ. Then we find ourselves no longer strangers to God's love."

In conclusion, Pickett said, "Your desire to know your true self as God's child is prayer. Prayer, to be effective in our de-

Episcopalian's UTO Service on April 4

April 4 has been selected as the date for the spring ingathering of the united thank offering at a corporate communion in which all Episcopal churches of this diocese will participate. The ingathering will be observed at all three services, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

UTO funds pay 50 per cent of the salaries of Episcopal women serving in the mission field and helps train young women for social service, medicine, rural and recreational work. It also provides equipment and buildings and emergency aid to many church missionary projects at home and abroad. This offering, set at an earlier date than usual this year, is a special thanksgiving gesture over and above the regular contributions of Episcopal women throughout the world.

Congregationalists Plan Church Forum

The third in the series of forums at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, will be held at the church at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7.

Following a brief talk by the Rev. Robert D. Dewey on the faith and practice of Congregationalism, a discussion period will be held. Persons planning to unite with the church on Palm Sunday are especially invited to join members of the congregation for the program and informal coffee hour.

Adult Discussion Group Is Formed

Ascension Lutheran church's newest group, an adult discussion group, has announced its schedule of meetings for 9:40 a.m., each Sunday morning. The one-hour sessions are under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Paul Shippert. General themes are the basic teachings of the Lutheran church as they apply to 20th century living.

"The meetings are informal and the outline of the discussions from an orientation course for those considering joining the church," Mr. Shippert said. "It is also a refresher course for members of the congregation."

Students to Speak At Methodist Church

Mrs. Maurice Garabrant will conclude her series of studies of "Jeremiah" when the Women's Society for Christian Service meets April 7 in the First Methodist church.

The afternoon program will feature a panel discussion by Wesley Foundation students from area colleges, under the direction of Mrs. Harold Chalk. The meeting will open at 11:30, with the Garabrant series, followed by luncheon at 12:45, under the direction of the Mary Utter group.

Devotionals for the afternoon program will be led by Mrs. A. T. Schooley.

Laymen to Meet

A schedule of activities for the Albert MacCleery Laymen's League will highlight the meeting which has been scheduled for April 6 at the Birmingham Community House. The affair will be the League's regular monthly dinner meeting.

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Baptist Choir Plans Cantata

"Olivet to Calvary," J. H. Maunder's Easter cantata will be presented by members of the First Baptist church choir at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 4. The singers will be directed by Charles L. Holtz, with Mrs. Walter Turner at the organ.

Featured soloists will be Mrs. James O'Connell, soprano; Cecil King, baritone, and guests Carl Christensen, tenor, and Fred Burnett, baritone.

Burnett, soloist at the Nardall Park Methodist church in Detroit, and is widely known for his oratorio work with Detroit and Canadian choirs. He has been featured in summer concerts at Belle Isle. Christians will know here, is a member of Detroit's Orpheus Male chorus.

Presbyterian Group Will Hear Speaker

"The Church at Work" will be the topic of the Westminster guild, when the Rev. Robert Graham, assistant pastor, speaks before the group on April 7. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. F. Schad, 623 Bloomfield court, at 8 p.m.

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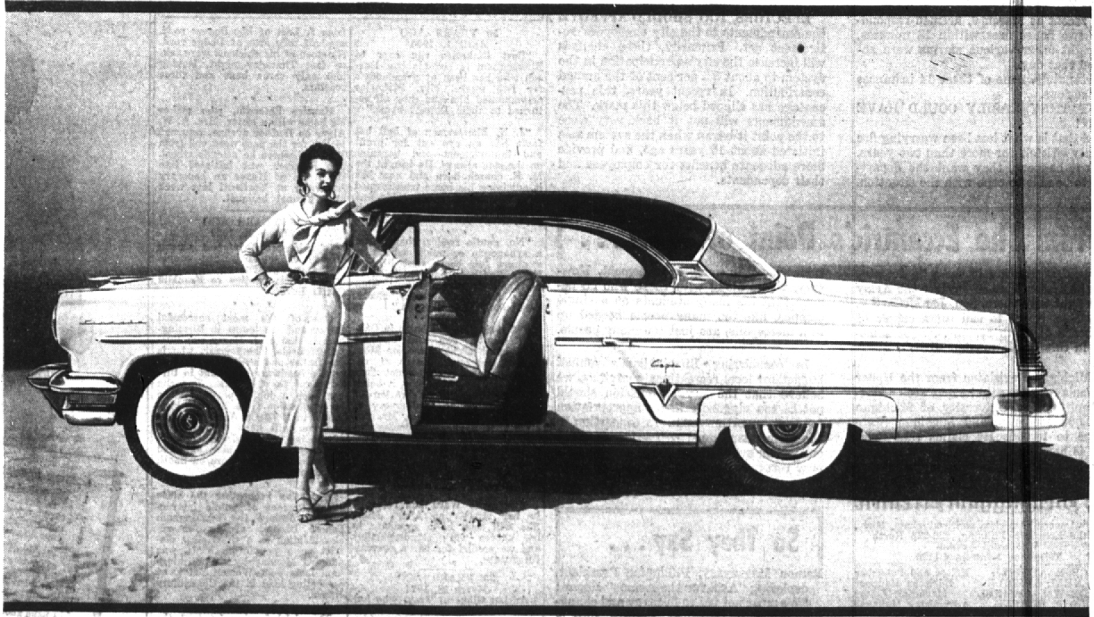
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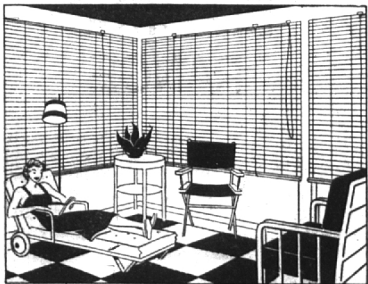
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