



By JULIE CANDLER

There's a foreign exchange in the church news this week. It involves Birmingham's Barbara Ritter and a charming 13-year-old Cuban girl who is spending the summer at the Episcopal-sponsored Girls' Friendly Society camp at Pine Lake.

Her name is Sylvia Blay, and Holiday House director Myrtle Armstrong at the camp says she is not only beautiful, but also a "very happy child."

Young Sylvia has made many American friends this summer, and a special one is Mrs. Howard D. Ritter, of 552 Hanna, Birmingham. Sylvia has spent several weekends at the Ritter home, which is where the exchange comes in.

For the Ritters' daughter Barbara is living at the Cuban home of Sylvia's parents this summer. Barbara, who is a member of the Girls' Friendly society at St. James Episcopal church, is on a special mission for that organization, working with nine and ten-year-old girls in Cuba to organize a GFS branch there.

Next week Barbara will be attending a conference of young people of all Protestant churches in Cuba. She'll board a plane for Miami when the conference ends August 30, and arrive home just in time to get ready to enter Albion college as a freshman this fall.

They'll soon be scheduling two morning services out at the new Northminster Presbyterian church, according to the Rev. Mackay Taylor. Already the church's first completed section, where first services were held in May, seems to be shrinking weekly as the congregation grows.

Mr. Taylor says two complete sessions of Sunday school and two sessions of nursery care are planned at 9:30 and 11 a.m., along with two worship services, beginning Sept. 9.

It's like a vacation for some ministers, we learned the other day, when they can exchange pulpits with another minister. When they preach to a new and different congregation, they can do a "repeat" of a previous sermon, instead of having to prepare another new one.

Northminster Presbyterian Church

3631 W. Big Beaver Rd. (East of Adams)

MACKAY TAYLOR — MINISTER

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Sermon Topic Sunday, August 19th
"Joseph The Man"

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THE REV. LESTER L. DOBYNS enjoys the view from the picture window in his new office, looking out on the evergreen trees, rolling hills and beautiful buildings surrounding Christ Church (Cranbrook). Mr. Dobyns recently joined the church's clergy staff as associate rector.

New Associate Joins Christ Church Clergy

It was 19 years after the Rev. Lester L. Dobyns left college that he became a minister. His decision to study for the ministry came because he wanted more background training for the religious education work he was doing at the time.

And that move led eventually to his becoming an associate rector at Christ Church Cranbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobyns and their two sons, Stephen, 16, and Christopher, 11, recently moved into a home adjacent to the church grounds, and last Sunday the new associate preached his first sermon at morning services at Christ Church.

ONE OF HIS associates in his new work, the Rev. Barton Lloyd, is no stranger to the new member of the Christ Church clergy staff. Mr. Lloyd, who also came to Christ Church Cranbrook only recently, was formerly on the faculty at the Protestant Episcopal seminary in Virginia.

It was at the seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, that Mr. Dobyns received his training for the ministry. Now the former faculty member and student find themselves working together in Bloomfield Hills.

OKLAHOMA-born Mr. Dobyns entered the seminary after doing religious education work as executive director of the Michigan State University Young Men's Christian association, from 1947 through 1952. Prior to that he was program director of the New York City YMCA for two years.

HE TAUGHT IN New Jersey public schools immediately after receiving his A.B. and M.A. de-

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19
Northminster Presbyterian — Rev. Mackay Taylor, "Joseph the Man," 10:30 a.m.
Congregational — Rev. Robert D. Dewey, "What Have You To Do With Life?" 9:30 a.m.
First Methodist — Dr. Arnold F. Runkel, "God Has a Plan for Every Life," 10 a.m.
Christian Science — Lesson-sermon, "Mind," 9:45 a.m.
Christ Lutheran — Rev. G. M. Krach, "Have We the True Light of Faith in Christ?" 8:45 and 11:15 a.m.
First Baptist — Dr. Emil Kuntz, "Everyone's Inner Enemies," 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian — Rev. Robert W. Gibson, Jr., "The Peace of Christ," 9:45 a.m.

Rickey Kuntz Reported Well After Surgery

Latest reports this week from Rickey Kuntz, 19-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Emil Kuntz, say that he is completely recovered from the after-effects of an emergency appendectomy.

Dr. and Mrs. Kuntz spent several days at Green Lake, Wis., two weeks ago during their son's illness.

Rickey, who is training for the ministry at Kalamazoo college, is working this summer on the student staff at Green Lake, the national conference center for the American Baptist convention. His father is pastor of Birmingham's First Baptist church.

Parish Makes Plans For 10-Room School

Architects are drawing up plans for a ten-room school to be built at the Parish of St. Bede, according to the Rev. Cyril J. Keating, pastor of the church.

Fr. Keating said that at present plans for the school were quite indefinite. The Sisters from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Religious Order, with headquarters in Monroe, Mich., will staff the school.

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Adventists Attend 10-Day Campmeeting

Local members of the Seventh-day Adventist church are participating in a ten-day denominational campmeeting at Grand Lodge, Mich., August 9 through 18.

Living in a "tent city" which houses over 2,000 adults, children, the Adventists will hold special services each Saturday. No work or commercial activity will be carried on at the 40-acre camp grounds from sunset Friday until sunset Saturday.



A CIRCLE OF friends from the Birmingham area enjoy the water at the Episcopal-sponsored Girls' Friendly society camp at Pine Lake, which ends its summer season on Saturday. Along with regular camp activities, campers' daily schedule includes a brief chapel service both morning and evening, and a one-hour service on Sunday.

GFS Campers Win Directors' Praises

"It's amazing that you can have 80 to 100 children on the place, with no discipline problem. You hear so much about behavior difficulties with today's young people, but there are none here."

That was the statement of Miss Myrtle Armstrong, director of Holiday House at Pine Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pence, directors of "Birds' Nest," younger girls' cottage at the Episcopal-sponsored Girls' Friendly society camp, agree with her.

THE GIRLS AT this camp, attended every year by a large Birmingham area contingent, are too busy having fun to even think of getting into trouble.

Both Holiday House and Birds' Nest have "Indian" as their camp theme this year. Every week the best camper is chosen as the "Indian princess," and is crowned with a feathered headdress at a Friday night campfire ceremony.

Lynn Draper and Judy Smith at Holiday House, and Jane Upward at Birds' Nest have been

represented by Barbara Sabelton, Sandy Weston, Margaret Close, Susan Williams, Martha Allen, Louise Wooder, Barbara Hill, Dianne Baxter, Lucy Asiers, Cynthia Calverwood, Megan Clark, Ann Greenhigh, and Heidi Handren.

Other activities at the two large cottages are brief daily chapel services, followed by swimming, crafts, games and sports.

"THE GIRLS HAVE done especially interesting craftwork with a new copper enameling kiln this year," said Miss Armstrong.

Birmingham area residents this summer at Holiday House, for girls 11 and over, include Grace Safford, Candy Clark, Rene Hunter, Darlene Hamilton, Elaine Hall, and JoAnn Golder.

Over at Birds' Nest, for six to 11-year-olds, the Birmingham area of the camp's house committee is represented by Barbara Sabelton, Sandy Weston, Margaret Close, Susan Williams, Martha Allen, Louise Wooder, Barbara Hill, Dianne Baxter, Lucy Asiers, Cynthia Calverwood, Megan Clark, Ann Greenhigh, and Heidi Handren.

Girls of all denominations may attend the Girls' Friendly society camp.

Mrs. Sheldon E. Noble, of 1421 Howdies, Birmingham, is director of the camp's house committee.

Franklin Community Church

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