

# The Birmingham Eccentric CHURCH PAGE

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## Minister's Friend To Preach Sunday

In Michigan to be the key-note lecturer for several Methodist camp groups, Dr. Robert S. Eccles will be guest preacher Sunday at Franklin Community church, where his friend, the Rev. Robert J. Searls, is pastor.

Mr. Searls will conduct the service at 10 a. m., while his close personal friend from student days at Garrett seminary in Evanston, Illinois, will deliver the sermon.

## At Briar Bank

Formerly Sister Superior at the convent of the catechetical school at a South Norwalk, Conn. parish, Sister Mary Anastasia has become Sister Superior at St. Elizabeth Briar Bank, Daughters of Divine Charity, on Woodward avenue in Bloomfield Hills.

Dr. Eccles, a native of Tacoma, Wash., is now professor of Bible at DePauw university in Greensboro, Ind. He received his Ph.D. from Yale university.



By JULIE CANDLER

It was hard work, admits 17-year-old Joyce Nielsen. But it was also fun for the 25 teenagers who spent a month rebuilding and refurbishing a Congregational Indian mission in South Dakota this summer.

Joyce, who lives in Royal Oak, is a member of the Senior High Pilgrim fellowship at Birmingham Congregational church. She is the first of her church's youth group to volunteer to spend a month at a work camp. Now she recommends the venture to other teenagers.

Her recommendation is made despite the fact that the large old tent in which she and 19 other girls lived was destroyed in a windstorm. After that the girls gathered up their belongings scattered by the wind and moved into the old church.

"FORTUNATELY, that happened the last week," said Joyce, "so we didn't have to live in the church too long."

Greatest satisfaction from the work camp participation, Joyce says, came from watching the work progress. "Despite the fact that the work is hard, you and the others get a real satisfaction out of it, because you know you're doing something worthwhile for people who need it."

The people in need are the Sioux Indians on the Rose Bud reservation at Bad Nation, So. Dakota. Conditions in which they live, says Joyce, are appalling.

But their dilapidated old church has been transformed into a sanctuary which reflects a spirit of welcome and understanding.

Much of the hard work-like carrying and mixing cement had to be done by the girls, says Joyce, because there were only five boys at the work camp. Joyce and one of the boys tore out sagging beams in the back wall of the church, built in the last century. Then they rebuilt the wall.

THE YOUNG LABORERS tore out the church's old altar and pulpit, and built a new platform and pulpit at the opposite end. They constructed a communion table and wooden cross. Joyce made wooden candlesticks, then inlaid them with copper.

The girls shopped at the general store in the nearest town. From their purchase of turquoise yard goods they made a doilie cloth to hang behind the altar.

"It looked beautiful next to the wood," said Joyce. Other projects accomplished were new shingles, installation of electricity, a new room added to the three-room parsonage, repair work to the steeple, and addition of a furnace for winter warmth.

Joyce and her summer companions got up at 6 a. m. every morning, and were at work by 7 a. m. Evenings they sometimes watched the Indians dancing after daily vesper, but most of the time, says Joyce, "we were so tired we just wanted to go to sleep."

THEY TOOK TIME off to see a rodeo, of which Joyce says "I never had so much fun in my life!" Another holiday, jaunt took the teenagers on a tour of the Black Hills.

On their last night at Bad Nation, the teenagers attended candlelight communion services in the revitalized church. A larger than usual attendance of Indians filled the little church to overflowing, and the "workcampers" hastily had to construct another pew for themselves.

The pew consisted of boards laid across several upright cove cases, but sitting there with the Indians in the candlelight, 25 young Christian servants probably didn't mind at all.

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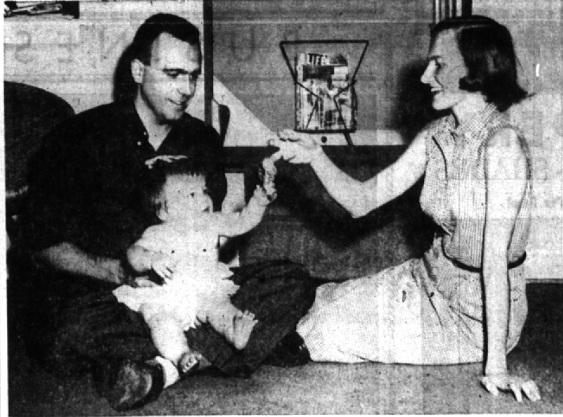
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YOUNG HOLLY McAlpine reaches for a shiny bracelet as her mother and father relax with her on the living room floor of their new home at 484 Park street. Holly's father, James McAlpine, is spending the year at Christ Church Cranbrook under the Samuel S. Marquis memorial fellowship. Mr. McAlpine was graduated from the Episcopal Theological school in Cambridge, Mass., in June.

## Comes to Christ Church from Seminary

Residing at 484 Park Street is a young couple who are new to Birmingham.

With their delightful ten-month-old daughter, they'll be living there while young Holly's father studies and works as this year's Marquis Fellow at Christ Church Cranbrook.

The James McAlpines came here from Massachusetts after the new Marquis Fellow graduated from the Episcopal Theological seminary in Cambridge last June.

THEY WERE MARRIED as Mr. McAlpine began his second year at the seminary. The former Sally Ann Larsen of Newton, Massachusetts, Mrs. McAlpine met her future husband while she was completing her study of elementary education at Wheelock college in Boston.

Studies will continue for Mr. McAlpine, who is tentatively planning to spend several hours weekly in classes.

The study is an important part of the one-year fellowship offered each July to a graduating senior from an Episcopal seminary. The fellowship is made possible through a fund parishioners established in memory of the Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, first rector of Christ Church.

PURPOSE of the fund is to offer young-seminary graduates experience and interim training that will be helpful to them as they go on to other parishes.

Though plans for his studies which will begin this fall are still indefinite, Mr. McAlpine hopes to make sociology one of his subjects. "Knowledge of sociological factors which affect people," Mr. McAlpine feels, "can be very valuable

## Congregational Church Ready With 'New Look'

A "new look" is in store for the Congregational church of Birmingham, as preparations get underway for a fall year ahead.

Painters are now at work refurbishing the sanctuary with a fresh coat of cream-colored paint. Adjoining areas, in the 40-year-old building are also being painted.

Other improvements underway include reconditioning the organ, and tuck-pointing of the exterior brickwork. A gift from an anonymous donor makes possible a new doilie curtain for the youth chapel.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 28  
Northminster Presbyterian — Rev. MacKay Taylor, "Christ, the Dreamer," 10:30 a. m.  
Embury Methodist — Rev. Reginald Becker, "Paths of Righteousness," 10 a. m.  
Franklin Community — Dr. Robert S. Eccles, guest minister, 10 a. m.  
Christian Science — Lesson-sermon, "Christ Jesus," 9:45 a. m.  
First Methodist — Rev. Dr. Arnold F. Runkel, "The God Who Saves," 10 a. m.  
Redeemer Lutheran — Chaplain Adolph Klein, of Flint, guest minister, 9:30 and 10:45 a. m.  
First Presbyterian — Rev. Robert W. Gibson, Jr., "The Finger of God," 9:45 a. m.  
First Baptist — Rev. Dr. Emil Kontz, "Living on Higher Levels," 11 a. m.  
Christ Lutheran — Rev. G. M. Krach, "Let Life and Faith Be Right," 9:45 and 11:15 a. m.

**Sisters Return**  
The Sisters of the Order of the Immaculate Heart of Mary returned Friday to the convent at Holy Name parish, to make preparations for the opening of school next month. Their number this year has been increased from 11

**Northminster Presbyterian Church**  
3633 W. Big Beaver Rd. (East of Adams)  
MACKAY TAYLOR — MINISTER  
WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH SCHOOL 10:30 a. m.  
Sermon Topic, Sunday August 28  
"Christ the Dreamer"

**Christian Science Society**  
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