

at the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

Looking at the way they recruit volunteers in a California church provides some pointers that might help Birmingham church workers. Might even save a headache or two when they're looking for someone to do an important job.

First of all, according to an article in Presbyterian Life, the California church goes on the theory that half the task of enlisting volunteers is "providing satisfying outlets for the members' talents."

Here are the three main principles which layman Ralph R. Johnson of the Menlo Park Presbyterian church suggests for volunteer hunters:

1. Offer a specific job to be done now, instead of asking for a promise to help at some vague future date.
2. Offer a job for a definite duration ("Will you teach this class for one year?").
3. Give the volunteer a realistic estimate of how much time the job requires.

Using these principles, Johnson has been so effective that the Presbyterian magazine devoted a full page to his story, labeling him a "talent scout."

"At least the fishing was good," says the Rev. MacKay Taylor, minister of Northminster Presbyterian church, of his recent vacation in Minnesota.

"Cloudy, rainy and cold," is the way he described the weather. There was only one day when it was nice enough to try swimming, he said, and even then the water was frigid.

"At least I have the satisfaction of knowing that every other vacationer had to cope with the same miserable weather," he joked.

It's pretty nice when a son can take over the pulpit while his father vacates. That's what's happening at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer this Sunday and next. Duane Wug-gazer, who is studying for the ministry at Concordia seminary in St. Louis, Mo., will step into the Rev. Theodore Wug-gazer's place to permit his father a few weeks' relaxation.

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INTRODUCING the Barton M. Loyds, pictured before the living room mantel of their new home. With their parents are (from left) Barton, Jr. (Buzz), John and Sally. Mr. Lloyd joined the staff at Christ Church Cranbrook recently, to develop a new mission at 13 Mile and Evergreen roads.

New Mission Begins For Missionary's Son

The stacks of boxes that every family accumulates when it moves are being emptied of their contents at 887 E. Maple in Birmingham.

That's where the Rev. and Mrs. Barton M. Lloyd and their three youngsters are making their new home since Mr. Lloyd joined the staff at Christ Church Cranbrook last month.

The son of a missionary, Mr. Lloyd will develop a mission church which will eventually be located on a seven-acre site at 13 Mile and Evergreen roads in Southfield township.

ON THE LIVING ROOM mantel of the Lloyd's new home are Far Eastern art pieces, very appropriate for the Loyds, since "Daddy" was born in Japan.

Mr. Lloyd received his early education in the land of his birth, before entering the University of Virginia.

After college came four years with U. S. Army intelligence, much of it in the China-Burma-India theatre. He met his wife, Rosamond, when she was studying music at the University of Michigan at the same time Mr. Lloyd was taking Army intelligence training at the Ann Arbor college.

AFTER THE WAR, Mr. Lloyd attended Virginia Theological seminary, then became chaplain to the students at his alma mater, the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Two years later, in 1950, the Loyds returned to another alma

mater, Virginia Theological seminary in Alexandria, where he was on the faculty until coming to Christ Church Cranbrook last month.

In addition to the Far Eastern influence seen on the Lloyd family mantel, there hangs an excellent watercolor painting of the family's former colonial residence at Charlottesville.

"I took some lessons after I painted that," said Mr. Lloyd as he looked at his work, "but I've never been able to do any better than this, which was my first attempt."

Main interest of the younger Loyds, eight-year-old Barton, Jr. (Buzz), six-year-old Sally, and John, who is two, is bike riding. The three are currently riding off to get acquainted in their new neighborhood.

A young Birmingham resident who is presently studying for the ministry led vesper services for young people at the Peradise Seventh-Day Adventist church.

He is Neil Mullins, of 2775 Dele-mere, who will be a junior next year at Emmanuel Missionary college, a Seventh-day Adventist school in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Neil is contemplating being a medical missionary, and is currently majoring in religion at the college. He spoke to the young people on "Having a True Sense of Value."

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Church's Life Changing, Area Ministers Agree

A recently published statement on the increasing tendency to broaden social activities in churches brought comments from Birmingham area ministers, all of whom recognize that changes are taking place in the life of the modern church.

Last week Dr. Samuel C. Weir, president of the Detroit Council of Churches, said social tendencies are endangering the spiritual mission of the Christian church.

Dr. Weir also asserted that clergyman's tasks have been extended in this country far beyond religious duties.

"THE DEMANDS UPON a minister's time are almost unlimited," Dr. Weir said.

To which the Rev. MacKay Taylor, of Northminster Presbyterian church, agreed.

"It's true, but there is no way out of it for a minister," said Mr. Taylor. "Unless he is fortunate enough to have a very unusual congregation, he ends up being a preacher, administrator, correspondent, financial planner and counselor."

AS FOR THE social activity in churches today, Mr. Taylor said it helped the churches, and provided fun for the members.

"We had a square dance last spring," he said. "Everyone had a good time, and several new people who came became so interested that they later joined the church."

At Northminster Presbyterian church, he said, their goal is to see that the activity degenerates into a purely social club.

We try to assure that no activity goes on unless they have as a purpose the following of Christian fellowship, or interesting others in the church," he said.

AT FIRST METHODIST church, the Rev. Dr. Arnold P. Runkel agreed that a minister today must be "a spiritual leader and a businessman to be effective."

"With the necessity for a minister to guide the total life of his church, and the fast-growing congregations, churches are getting more and more ministers on their staffs," he said.

"And the help of additional ministers is badly needed in these churches," he said, "to enable a minister to slow down his pace."

The social life of the average congregation is "no problem at all," he said, because "it's a desirable thing to see family life more and more becoming integrated with the church."

"That," he said, "is why they're building fellowship halls into new churches today."

THE REV. RALPH H. READ, minister of North Congregational church in Southfield, blamed the hectic pace of modern life for some of the problems of today's minister.

"The churches ought to make a study of how they can cut down the activities of their ministers and give them more time for study, sermon preparation and other important duties," Mr. Read said.

"For six months straight last winter," Mr. Read said, "I had to be at a board meeting or some other gathering six nights of every week. It's a lucky thing I love my work, or it could have been quite a grind."

MR. READ said his own situation should improve in the fall, when the church expects to have an associate minister to carry part of the load.

As for the social aspect of the church's life today, Mr. Read feels the trend is a healthy one. "I think it's a good thing that people are building so much of their social life around the church," he said.

"But there should be lay leadership to take care of this side of the church's life," he emphasized.

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Northminster Presbyterian—Rev. MacKay Taylor, "The Hungry Heart," 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist—Rev. Dr. Emil Kottz, "Saying 'Yes'—Living 'No'," 11 a.m.

First Methodist—Rev. Dr. Arnold P. Runkel, "God Loves Even Me," 10 a.m.

Christian Science—Lesson-sermon, "Soul," 9:45 a.m.

Christ Lutheran—Rev. G. M. Krach, "God's Works Are Wonderful," 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.

Franklin Community—Rev. Robert J. Searls, "Is God Lost?," 10 a.m.

First Presbyterian—Rev. Robert W. Gibson, Jr., "Intimations of Immortality," 9:45 a.m.

Congregational—Rev. Robert D. Dewey, "Joy Even in Trial," 9:30 a.m.

Party Honors Sister Superior

To honor Sister Superior Mary Theresa on the occasion of her leaving to head a home for retired nuns in New Jersey, 65 of her friends entertained at a farewell party last week at St. Elizabeth's Senior Bank in Bloomfield Hills.

Sister Superior Mary Theresa had headed the home sponsored by the Daughters of Divine Charity for 17 years, 13 of them at Briar Bank. She left for her new work immediately after the party.

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

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10 a.m.

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10:00 A.M. Sunday Bible Class

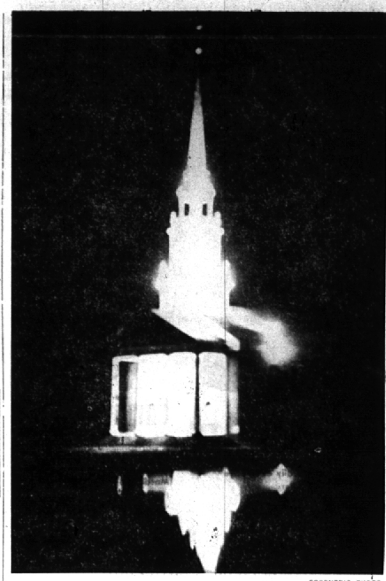
11:00 A.M. Sunday Worship

6:00 P.M. Sunday Evening Service

7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible Study

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A LONG NIGHT-TIME exposure creates an unusual effect in this photograph of the new Franklin Community church on Franklin's Village Green. The tall spire, which can be seen for miles around, is silhouetted against the darkness by floodlights.

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