

# The Birmingham Eccentric CHURCH PAGE

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## 'Men Should Read This, Too,' Says Auxiliary Letter

"Men should read this, too, so that they will know what their wives are doing," says the recent letter Mrs. W. L. Bones, president, mailed to all members of the St. James Episcopal church Women's auxiliary.

Enclosed with the letter, inviting all women of the church to the auxiliary's events, was a calendar of scheduled activities, giving dates for luncheon, a plant sale, pet parade, children's do-it-yourself style show, rummage sales, town halls, and other varied activities slated during the year.

Mrs. Hollis Halliday, first vice president, and Mrs. James St. Croix, second vice president, assisted with preparation of the calendar and letter of invitation.

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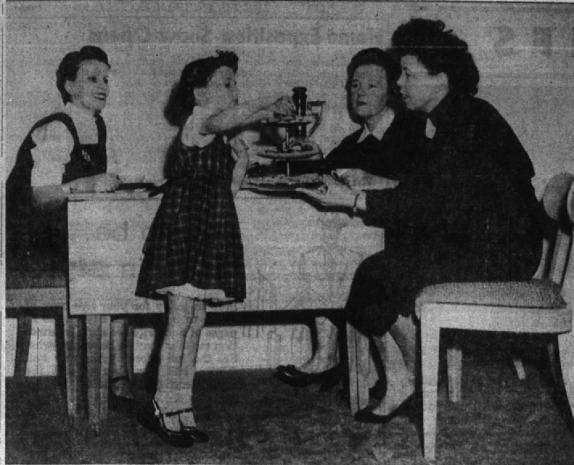


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PLANNERS PAUSE for refreshments during a meeting to consider the menu for the tea accompanying their fashion show. Watching five-year-old Denise Kreider help herself to a cookie are (from left) Mrs. David Goodnough, Mrs. Thomas W. Lepine, and Denise's mother, Mrs. Norman E. Kreider. The women are members of Franklin Community church's Fellowship circle, whose fashion show-tea is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, at the church. Bloomfield Fashion shop is presenting the showing of spring fashions.

## Throng to Services

Father Lucian H. Hebert congratulated women of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish for their response last week when over 700 thronged the church each evening for Women's Mission services. Large numbers were also at morning Masses.

## Local Woman Serves Church In Many Ways

"You're from Birmingham? Oh, yes, I've heard of it, that's where Mrs. Woolson lives!" That's the kind of response you might get from a Presbyterian church leader anywhere in the United States. For throughout Presbytery Mrs. L. Irving Woolson is recognized for her capable and devoted service to her church on a local, state and national basis. Mrs. Woolson, of Gleggarry road, is the wife of the president of DeSoto division, Chrysler corporation. Many church leaders know her through her distinction of being the only woman member of the national council responsible for all theological seminaries in the Presbyterian church, USA, the council on theological education.

AS PRESIDENT of the Women's Association of First Presbyterian church, Birmingham, Mrs. Woolson guides the affairs of 17 separate groups within the large and active organization. Another distinction came for Mrs. Woolson in 1950, when she was chosen to be an elder of the local church, making her one of the handful of women elders in Michigan. Now serving her second term, Mrs. Woolson is in her sixth year as a member of that important group. She is a member of the local church's council on church administration, and formerly was on its council of Christian education.

ASSUMING CHURCH leadership responsibility in the Detroit area, Mrs. Woolson is a member of the Detroit Presbytery's Christian education committee, dealing with training programs for church schools and youth leaders. The state organization of Presbyterian women chose her as their president in 1952, and she recently



MRS. L. IRVING WOOLSON

retired from office after four years as president of the Michigan Synodical.

The question of possible ordination of women as ministers had Mrs. Woolson's consideration when she served on the national committee to study and make recommendations on the subject. MRS WOOLSON and her fellow committee members recommended to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in May, 1955, that the overture for women's ordination be submitted to all Presbyteries for a vote. Latest results of that recommendation indicate that women's ordination will probably be approved, as a large number of Presbyteries voting so far have accepted the measure.

Serving with modesty, devotion and true leadership ability, this Birmingham churchwoman deserves a place of honor among those whose efforts have furthered their church's ability to be of Christian service to others.

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## Lay-Churchman Of the Year Has Local Connection

At the sixth annual awards dinner of the Washington Pilgrimage, Washington, D. C., the father-in-law of a former Birmingham resident, on April 28, will receive the award, Lay-Churchman of the Year.

Receiving the honor, which last year was bestowed upon President Eisenhower, will be Paul T. Babson. His son, Donald, of Walsley Hills, Mass., married the former Susan Averill, daughter of the publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric.

The Washington Pilgrimage, whose purpose is to emphasize American democracy's religious basis, named Billy Graham as Clergy-Churchman of the Year 1955.

MRS. MOSSIE ALLEMAN WYER of Mount Vernon, O., five-year president of United Church Women of America, was named Churchwoman of 1956.

Awards are made on the basis of outstanding contributions to religious activity. Babson, who is a Boston investment counselor, has become known as an international leader. Of the YMCA. Presently a member of the board of finance of the Congregational church in Walsley, Mass., he has served as moderator and chairman of the Church Council.

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## Plan Square Dancing

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