



How He Writes His Sermons: Gets Sermon Material From 'Mobile' Shelves

By JULIE CANDLER

Like most ministers, the Rev. Raymond F. Fuller writes his sermons in a room lined with books. Only there's a difference in the bookshelves on which Mr. Fuller's library rests.

The shelves in the study of the parsonage at 2247 W. Lincoln, Birmingham, are collapsible, so they can be taken down and reassembled somewhere else easily. Because this young minister of the United Lutheran church now ministering to the congregation of St. Andrews Lutheran church, is a mission developer.

That means that about next September, after he has been in Birmingham for a year, he will be moving again, going on to some other community where his denomination plans to establish a church.

MEANWHILE, HE will continue his work of building a new church here. Soon, he hopes, construction will begin on the church's site on Telegraph road near Maple.

St. Andrew's 60 charter members and their families in the nearby North Bluff neighborhood will gather Sunday mornings. There they hear their mission developer's sermons. "I like to make as completely Biblical as I can."

USING THE CHURCH year, he selects a Biblical text, then performs what he calls Biblical surgery. He dissects the sermon on the basis of what it said to people in Biblical days, and what it says for us in our times," he explains. For the latter point, he finds his remarkable library on American history valuable.

AS BACKGROUND material for our times, history vital," he said, pointing to the shelves which he estimates contain one-third theological and two-thirds historical works.

His "surgery" completed, he spends several hours every morning assembling material for his sermon. On Friday composes the first draft on the typewriter. He types the final draft Saturday afternoon and says it's subject to amendment right up to the time he goes to church with it. There he uses it for reference as he's preaching, because "the mind can play some terrible tricks on a person."

WHEN HE'S NOT writing sermons, he's often out canvassing Birmingham area neighborhoods, going from house to house to inquire about residents' religious faith.

"I always get a cordial welcome," he says. "And you learn a lot about human nature from getting out and talking to people at home." When he visited homes in Westchester village recently, he saw through the glass in the door at one home that the woman was on her knees, scrubbing the entrance way.

She looked up and laughed when she saw the minister's reversed collar. She told him, "I only do this

about twice a year, and I surely picked the right time to be down on my knees."



REV. EDWARD BROWN

New Minister To Be Installed On Palm Sunday

At services Palm Sunday at Peace American Lutheran church, the Rev. Edward Eugene Brown will be installed as pastor of the church by Dr. Norman A. Mentor, district president to the American Lutheran church.

The 31-year-old minister comes to the church on W. 11 Mile road from New Lebanon, O., where he has been minister of St. Peter's Lutheran church since graduation from the seminary at Capital university at Columbus, four years ago.

During his four years at the seminary, he spent one year of internship at St. Paul Lutheran church, Dearborn.

IN 1948 HE WAS graduated from Harvard university, where he majored in economics. His college training was interrupted by three years as a naval officer. In 1946 and 1947 he served aboard the USS Mount Olympus, flagship of the Navy's Antarctic expedition, "Operation Highjump" a native of Newark, O. he married Marilyn Louise Wurm, of Grosse Pointe. Mrs. Brown is also a graduate of Capital university, with a degree in public school music, and taught in Detroit schools for two years.

The Browns have a two-year-old daughter, Candy. At a reception in the church annex to honor the new pastor after his installation, light refreshments will be served.

Holy Name Church Receive Awards Groups Elect New Officers

Several Holy Name church groups have elected officers recently.

New leaders of the Usher's club are James Barbour, president; John Schottdorf, vice president; William Reichard, treasurer; Michael Feighan, recording secretary; and James Cox, assignment secretary.

The Spotlighters recently elected Bart Maloni as president, with John Moore, vice president; Jack Ferris, treasurer; Pat Daley, corresponding secretary; and Paul responding secretary, and Judy Colbrooke, parliamentary.

Receiving Pathfinder awards at Fensdale Seventh-day Adventist church Saturday were David Wall and Jimmy Wilson, both of Birmingham; Cheryl and Bobby Robinson and Dobby McPherson, of Troy; They were trained by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robertson, of Troy.

Grant, recording secretary.

The Collocators, new group of parishioners between 18 and 21 and unmarried, chose Joanne Geisler as their president; John Hayes, vice president; Penny Brucke, recording secretary; Mary Lamoureaux, corresponding secretary; Joseph Ludack, treasurer; and Paul responding secretary, and Judy Colbrooke, parliamentary.

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New Lutheran Congregation To Lay Cornerstone

Beautiful Saviour Lutheran congregation, North Adams at White more towers, will lay the cornerstone for its church, the first unit in its building program, Sunday at 4 p.m.

Reverend Reginald Holle, pastor of Salem Memorial Lutheran church, Detroit, will be the speaker. Dr. Norman Mentor, president of the Michigan district and his assistant in charge of missions, Pastor Schalkhauser, will also take part in the service.

Rev. H. J. Kuhlman is pastor of Beautiful Saviour church.