

# At the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

All ministers work hard. We knew that. But we discovered it all written down in black and white when we caught a glimpse of the Congregational church of Birmingham's yearly report.

- During the year 1956 the Rev. Robert D. Dewey passed the time of day with:
  - 69 Sunday services on 46 Sundays
  - 46 sermons preached
  - 2 special services
  - 49 baptisms
  - 4 weddings
  - 7 funerals
  - 372 pastoral calls (200 to the sick, 100 to new members, and 72 other)
  - 117 church meetings (boards, committees)
  - 111 meetings with church activities groups (youth, men's and women's associations, etc.)
  - 83 personal interviews and counseling
  - 35 conferences on church business
  - 58 meetings and conferences outside the church
  - 25 outside speaking dates
- Outside of that, he didn't do a darn thing!

More church construction will be getting underway in Birmingham in about two months. Lutheran Church of the Redeemer expects that construction will start by then on their new addition. And Our Shepherd Lutheran church will begin work on a four-bedroom parsonage.

It will be a colonial style structure, located across from the church at the corner of Bradford and Melton. That same church will be well represented at a showing tomorrow of "The Ten Commandments," when 110 members of its couples club will attend the film in a body. Howard Heintz was chairman of the arrangements.

First Baptist church is placing ads in the "Situations Wanted" columns of the Birmingham Eccentric, since the two Hungarian brides are again looking for work after a work shutdown at the Detroit textile plant where they were employed.

They are Teréz Kerekes and Clara Kiss, who are learning English rapidly and willing to learn any job. Another of the Baptist church sponsored Hungarian refugees, Ignace Pinter, is now a maintenance man for—all people—the Birmingham Eccentric.

## Unity Center Sunday School Begins March 3

The Unity group began holding services in their new W. Maple location in December. Prior to purchasing the former residence property, they met in the Birmingham YMCA building, where they had moved after rooms in the Birmingham theatre building became over-occupied.

Rev. Frank Glabach, attorney and judge, is minister of the group.

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USING THE hunt-peck system, Rev. H. G. Allwardt, pastor of Our Shepherd Lutheran church, types his sermons on small looseleaf notebook sheets. Behind him, window of his contemporary-styled study looks out on 14 Mile road.

### How He Writes His Sermons:

## Rev. Allwardt Says He Needs Sermon, Too

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When the Rev. H. G. Allwardt delivers a sermon, he isn't thinking only of the members of his congregation. He's thinking of himself as well.

"I approach my sermon writing with the viewpoint I was taught as a seminary student, said the minister of Our Shepherd Lutheran church, Birmingham. "That is, the biggest sinner is in the pulpit."

"I think I need the message behind the scripture passage I'm discussing, as much as anybody in the pew," said the slender minister with the friendly smile.

"CONSEQUENTLY, as he manages a Bible message in which he is basing a sermon, he relates it to 'my own shortcomings and failings in my attempt to live as a Christian.'"

"I think," he adds, "that the Bible leads you to a great deal of about Wednesday each week, when introspection."

He begins following that lead by selecting a text from those chosen for that particular Sunday of the

## Unitarians To Map Plans For New Church

Neighborhood meetings among groups of Birmingham Unitarian church members have been leading up to an important milestone in the church's history.

The meetings were scheduled so members could discuss informally in small groups the building of a church. That subject will be the main business on the agenda of tomorrow night's congregational meeting at Embury Methodist church, at 8 p.m. A potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. will precede the meeting.

The board of trustees will ask the congregation to decide upon the manner of raising funds for construction of a meeting hall and church school on church property at Woodward and Lone Pine roads, Bloomfield Hills.

At the same time the question of inclusion of the 1957-58 operating budget in the fundraising drive will be brought up.

Architect David Spaulding of the Detroit architectural firm of Shreve, Walker and Associates, will submit a preliminary drawing of the proposed structure at the meeting.

## Christ Church Annual Meeting Names 5 to Vestry

CRANBROOK — Five local men have been elected to serve as Vestrymen at Christ Church Cranbrook for the next three years.

The five, picked at last week's annual meeting of the church are: Syver K. Thingstad, Alan W. Josselyn, F. E. Moore, Charles R. Weir, and Henry Woodcock.

The 15-man Vestry's members are elected by parishioners to three year terms, with five men retiring each year. The Vestry governs all internal affairs of the church and parish.

In addition to these newly elected, the full Vestry complement includes: Robert C. W. Sadler, Fred W. Sanders, Howard R. Steggall, Roy E. Stringer, C. Theron Van Dusen and Morley Walker.

Thursday he begins getting points together, outlining what he wants to say.

FRIDAY HE WORKS out illustrations to clarify the points, and types the entire sermon on 5x7" looseleaf notebook sheets.

"I always type it, because it's faster than writing," he says though he admits he uses a self-taught hunt-peck system he developed in college.

After he finishes and studies the sermon, using another system he worked out in college.

He underlines points to emphasize or remember. The result is single-spaced pages of type, color fully underlining in blue and red and even black lead.

Background material which eventually ends up in the little notebook comes from Mr. Allwardt's reading, which he says is mostly non-fiction and mostly late at night.

Asked why he usually reads during the late hours, he explained that his early evening hours are frequently tied up with meetings of various church groups.

"When I get home I do my reading," he explains, "because I find it very difficult to sleep after a good meeting."



TO CALL THE meeting to order, President Ralph Conlan prepares to pound the gavel starting one of the first sessions of the newly formed teen age club at St. Hugo of the Hills church in Bloomfield Hills. Watching are three of the club's other officers (from left) Sandy Wagner, Jim Filiatrault and Chuck Miller. The group's monthly meeting is being held today.

## Grace Baptist Moves to Former Nazarene Church

A new area Baptist church, organized only last June, held its first services in a newly acquired church building Feb. 3.

Over 100 members of Grace Baptist church attended the opening service in the former church of the Nazarene on Lynch road, Birmingham.

They learned of plans for a series of revival services, Feb. 25 through March 2, nightly at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Tom Malone, pastor of Don'tia's Emmanuel Baptist church, and radio preacher for 16 years, will speak each evening of the "crossroads" campaign.

Special music will be directed by the Rev. Robert Johnson, assistant pastor of the Toledo Baptist Temple, Toledo, O.

Rev. Charles J. Whitefield, Grace Baptist church pastor, and the

## 1st Presbyterian Guilds to Meet

First Presbyterian church guilds meeting next week include the Townhouse guild, which meets for luncheon in the social hall at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Missionary Aimee's Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the church, and Missionary B meets for potluck luncheon in the social hall at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Mrs. Julia Ormond will review the book "The Church in Southeastern China."

Notices of church groups' meetings and special services must be submitted in writing by 3 p.m. on Thursday before publication date.

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