

At the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

Must have seemed a strange experience for the Rev. Robert J. Searls of Franklin Community church when he got out of a bed at Henry Ford hospital Sunday morning, drove out to preach at the Franklin church, then returned to his hospital room immediately after services.

Reason for this strange procedure: to retain a hospital bed so that proposed neck surgery scheduled early this week could be performed. When he underwent surgery at the same hospital several months ago, the operation had to be postponed several times because no hospital beds were available.

While Mr. Searls is hospitalized for about two weeks/his place at the pulpit will be taken next Sunday by Dr. D. Lloyd McKinney, a member of the church and principal of the Detroit children's detention home.

Franklin Community church raised \$74,000 toward its fund for a building addition in its recently-concluded drive. "Our church members contributed about \$130 per capita to the church," says Mr. Searls, "which is pretty nice times the national average."

When we allowed as how they must be nearly five people Mr. Searls said, "Yes, they sure are."

Birmingham Unitarians have formally voted to begin a drive to raise funds for erection of a church at Lone Pine and Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Tentative estimates of the building's total cost come to \$116,500. Proposed church will seat 200, be completed in two to three years.

There's plenty of religion at Eagle school, 14 Mile and Middlebelt roads, every Sunday. The educational halls fairly teem with churchless worshippers.

The new Presbyterian mission to be located at Middlebelt and Maple meets there temporarily until their church is constructed.

And right across the hall in another large room, a second congregation gathers for services of the Lutheran (church of the Shepherd King, which plans to build at the same Middlebelt and Maple corner.



ARRIVAL OF LENT next week means Birmingham residents will mark "World Day of Prayer", traditional on the first Lenten Friday. Here Mrs. Edmund C. Leavenworth (left) and Mrs. Earl R. Bramblett of Birmingham United Church Women work on arrangements for the citywide observance. March 8, proclaimed by Mayor James C. Allen. A vigil held around the world to unite men everywhere in the bond of prayer, the day will be celebrated in special services here at First Baptist church at 10 a.m.

Christian Science Society
Invites you to attend its services in their new location.
26109 German Mill Road
Franklin, Michigan
Sunday Morning 11:00
Sunday School 11:00
Wednesday Evening
Testimony Meeting 8:15

Roast Beef Dinner St. Patrick's Day
Final plans for a St. Patrick's day roast beef dinner were made Thursday night by St. Columban's parish. Under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Thomas Mahoney, committees were organized to handle the various details.
Plans call for authentic background music and a genuine Irish motif. The dinner will be served from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall in Royal Oak.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1152 Bennoville Birmingham, Michigan
G. Wheeler Utley, Minister
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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Franklin Community Church
On Franklin's Village Green
1 block west of Franklin Rd., at Wellington and Normandy.
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AND CHURCH SCHOOL
10 A.M.
Robert J. Searls, Minister

ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH (L.L.C.A.)
A National Lutheran Council Church
Temporarily Meeting in the Bloomfield Village School
Lahser Road at W. Maple Road
Worship Service 11: A.M.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Parsonage: 2247 W. Lincoln Ave. Phone: MI 6-4119
Rev. R. F. Fuller
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Women's Meets To Emphasize World Missions

Several churchwomen's groups are slating their monthly meetings next week with many programs placing emphasis on missions and foreign lands.

First Baptist church's Women's Mission union meets Thursday at 2 p.m. in the church parlors, with members of the Mary Martha circle as hostesses.

Mrs. J. W. Grizer will preside over the business meeting, and devotions will be by Mrs. Frank Frowse, assisted by the 23 Guild girls of the church. Also participating in the program will be Dale Richardson, Carol Olson, Mrs. Art Tibbets, Mrs. James Chauvin and Mrs. Steward Smith.

Main speaker will be Dr. Richard Cummings, executive secretary of the Detroit association, American Baptist convention, who will discuss "Missionary World Outlook."

FIRST METHODIST church Women's Society of Christian Service meets Wednesday for 12:45 luncheon at the church and a talk, "We Give Because We Love," by Mrs. Colin Houston, past president of the Detroit district.

Devotions are by Mrs. Kenneth Janke, and a 9:45 a.m. executive meeting in the chapel precedes the luncheon.

The group will attend a special Ash Wednesday communion service in the church sanctuary after the meeting.

BIRMINGHAM CONGREGATIONAL church Women's Fellowship will hear a talk on "Unfinished Business" by Mrs. Edward W. Wilcox, wife of the Detroit Congregational association's executive secretary, when they meet Tuesday at 12:45 p.m. at the church.

Reservations may be made through the church office.

AT NORTH CONGREGATIONAL church, Mrs. Ralph H. Read will speak on Israel when the Women's association meets Tuesday at the church for a special birthday luncheon at 12:30 a.m. Mrs. Fred B. Keeler will lead devotions at 1:30 p.m., and there will be sewing at 10 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN church guilds meeting this week include the Jennie Keyes guild, with Mrs. Bruce Warwick of 1640 Birmingham boulevard as hostess at 8 p.m. tonight. Mrs. Harry Cook will speak on missions.

The same church's Westminster guild meets next Thursday at 8 p.m. at the church, where Mrs. E. A. Hubbard will discuss a current mission book on Hong Kong.

Kirk Shufflers To Square Dance
A square dance is being given by the Shufflers club this week at the Kirk-in-the-Hills Saturday from 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Bloomfield Hills high school, West Long Lake road west of Telegraph.

Callers is E. C. Dick Lewis. Refreshments will be served. Tickets may be secured by calling J. Tom Miller, 3455 Bloomcrest drive or Cecil Moore, 6300 Norham road.

Working on arrangements for the dance are the J. Tom Millers, George Howard, John Perkins, Cecil Moore, T. L. Guarniere, Mrs. George Howard, Mrs. Franklin J. Dowling, Mrs. A. M. Simpson, Mrs. John Perkins, Mrs. Cecil Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hughes, and Mrs. T. Tashey and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Chapton.

Guest Minister At United Brethren
Guest minister who will preach at United Brethren church, Birmingham, Sunday is the Rev. Don Rogers, of Oak Park, regional director of the National Association of Evangelical.
Rev. Willis Bishop will preside at the worship service at 11 a.m. Weekly nursery service is now being provided at the church for small children.

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NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
21600 West 10 1/2 Mile Road
11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
Minister: Reverend H. Read
11:00 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL
Pilgrim Fellowship Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
Pilgrim Fellowship Meeting 7:30 p.m.
(Junior and Senior High School Young People)
ALL ARE WELCOME

The Birmingham Eccentric CHURCH PAGE

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SLIPPING HIS folded sermon notes into his pocket, the Rev. Ralph H. Read is ready to leave his attractive study at North Congregational church, Oil painting of Madonna and Child hangs over patterned fireplace. Bright red carpeting, white draperies, a huge black enamel desk and brass accessories are feature of the study in the new church.

How He Writes His Sermons: Rev. Read Carries Sermons in His Pocket

By JULIE CANDLER

Like most ministers, the Rev. Ralph H. Read is sermon-minded. Throughout the week, he subconsciously or consciously has on his mind what he will say from the pulpit at North Congregational church Sunday.

He even carries his sermon in an inside pocket of his suitcoat as he makes his afternoon rounds of calls. When he has to wait a few minutes to see a sick member of his congregation or for some other appointment, he studies his sermon in book form.

The handsome, white-haired minister adds marginal notes, underlines important points in red as he carries the sermon on his rounds from Tuesday on.

Back home in his study, he repeats the sermon about once or twice "to make sure the language is the way I want it." Sometimes he repeats it into the dictating machine, then plays it back.

"I CAME ACROSS an illustration in this morning's paper," said Mr. Read as we talked in his colorful study at the church at 10 1/2 Mile road and James Couzens highway.

"This morning," he explained, "I read about a pilot whose plane was traveling so fast that he raced into a bullet he himself had fired, shooting down his own plane. To me it was a perfect illustration of the point of one of my sermons,—that our civilization goes at such a fast pace that it is destroying itself."

The illustrations and other material he has gathered for sermons are usually written out Monday mornings in his second study in his home at 19729 Marlowe, near James Couzens in Detroit. There he spends about two hours in sermon preparation before going to his church study each morning.

HE EITHER TYPES the sermon or speaks it into a dictating machine for his secretary to type. When it's completed, it usually covers four sheets of paper, stapled

Congregational Church Calls Rev. Carl Baird

In a recent meeting, the Congregational church of Birmingham voted to call the Rev. Carl Baird as associate minister of the church. Mr. Baird will begin his duties tomorrow. He is a graduate of the College of Puget Sound and received his B.D. degree from the Yale university divinity school in 1950. For two years he served in Bavaria, Germany, under the Congregational service committee as a traveling youth secretary for the Evangelical church.

Mr. Baird served as minister of congregational churches in Lone and Tacoma, Washington. Mrs. Baird is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and did graduate work in astronomy at the University of Michigan.

The Bairds and their two sons, now two years and one four months, will move to Birmingham from Amherst, Mass.



Slate Card Party At Sacred Heart

The Altar Society of Sacred Heart church will hold a luncheon and party and bake sale at the church on Monday. The church is located on Adams road, Auburn Heights.

Party chairman are Mrs. Tomman Denby and Mrs. Bruce Washburn. Mrs. Charles Trayer is in charge of serving. Mrs. George Williams and Mrs. Paul Derohs are handling tickets.

Other chairman include Mrs. Jack Brickell, Mrs. Frank Gross and Mrs. Dorothy Marks. Mrs. Raymond Krenler, Mrs. Howard Norman, Mrs. Henry Goodell and Mrs. Lloyd Dell.

Proceeds will go into the church building fund.

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Name New Officers

Newly elected members of the Senior High Program Fellowship cabinet of the Congregational church of Birmingham are Mike Sogauer, president; Steve Taylor, vice president; Nancy Hagen, recording secretary; Ann Bailey, corresponding secretary; Jesse Nielsen, Don Walsh and Jim Wester, commission chairman.

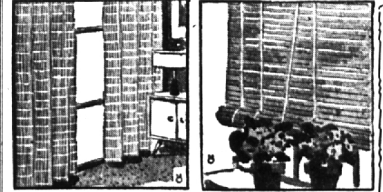
Talk on Gardening

Alice Burlingame will speak on gardening and landscaping at the upper club of Birmingham Congregational church tomorrow at 7:45 p.m. Reservations can be made with Mr. and Mrs. Del Hurman, at Royal Oak.

Plan Smorgasbord

A smorgasbord dinner is slated for First Presbyterian church Thursday, March 14, sponsored by the Nellie Gilbrecht guild from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tickets may be obtained by calling Mrs. Paul Hogg of West Center way or Mr. George Johnston, of Parton road.

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