



By JULIE CANDLER

When a new church meets temporarily in a school building, it poses a problem to its members and clergy. How to transform a multi-purpose or kindergarten room into a spot suitable for worship services?

What's more, the transformation usually has to be repeated every Sunday. That transformation was performed for the first time last Sunday as a new Episcopal mission of Christ Church Cranbrook began holding services at East-over school, Bloomfield Hills.

Following Episcopal tradition, the new church's members brought forth covers and altar appointments one by one as part of the impressive opening service.

CENTER OF THE North Adams mission's ceremony was a collapsible altar, designed by Mrs. Carl Zuber, directress of the altar guild. The altar's four wooden legs screw into a large 7 foot by 30 inch wooden board. When covered with a silk damask cloth which drapes to the floor, the bare table becomes a lovely altar.

When services end, the ingenious Mrs. Zuber's altar board can be stored back of the multi-purpose room's stage. Because the school can provide no additional storage space, the four altar legs, plus crosses and candlesticks, prayer books, collection plates, hymn books, etc., etc., go home with members of the church.

As the congregation arrived in the multi-purpose room at 10 a.m. last Sunday, they saw only the bare altar table and a credence table on the right.

SERVICES BEGAN with a traditional tap on the door from the Rev. Barton S. Lloyd, now minister to the mission. He was admitted by William Dewey, chairman of the mission. After a prayer, the blessing of the church ornaments began.

Mrs. Zuber and Mrs. Roland Deimer brought forth the damask altar cover. Then came the protector, the white linen which covers the altar. After that followed the credence table cover and fair linen, on which vessels of the sacrament are placed.

Two acolytes then placed on the altar the handsome hand-burnished copper cross, the work of Richard Jennings, member of the new church who designed Northland's mobile fountain.

CANDLES WERE BROUGHT forth and lighted, then the communion vessels were placed on the altar. William L. Martin II, supervisor of the acolytes, placed the elements, the bread and wine, on the credence table.

Mrs. Zuber and the members of the altar guild even created what she calls "the illusion of a rail" for communicants by placing two long strips of fabric-covered foam rubber before the altar.

She and the other members of the new group say, "It's very exciting to be part of a new church."

200 Women Participate In St. Bede Society

By DOROTHY ZATELL

SOUTHFIELD—Active for little more than two years in the rapidly growing St. Bede parish, on 12 Mile just west of Southfield road, the St. Bede Sanctuary society now lists more than 200 members.

Besides offering spiritual and social benefits to the women of the parish, the society acts as a parent organization to its 13 working guilds. Many fine additions to the new church have come through the society, latest of which is a large refrigerator for the social hall kitchen.

Among standing committees of the Sanctuary society is the membership committee, with Mrs. Douglas S. Lambourne chairman, assisted by Mrs. Frank York. The tabernacle group, headed by Mrs. Richard Mrowczynski, prepare the altar linens and the altar for Sunday masses. This group has planned a May 1 card party.

MRS. LOUIS RODGERS is director of spiritual development for the society. Mrs. Robert A. Kahl is guild coordinator. The house committee is composed of Mrs. James Dally and Mrs. William Soper. Mrs. E. T. Sommer is social director and Mrs. George Sevick is the NCW representative. Mrs. Earl Boush is secretary and historian for the coming year.

New officers of the St. Gerard guild are Mrs. Thomas Jackson, Mrs. Norbert R. Balzer. Guild members will meet Feb. 21 at the home of Mrs. Carl J. Jurek, 29672 Spring Arbor drive.

Mrs. Lee V. Malcolm and Mrs. Mayle and Middlebelt of the Lutheran church of the Shepherd-King is growing steadily under the leadership of the Rev. A. Karl Boehmke.

"The church will be built at a point near four townships," says Rev. Boehmke, "and its membership is made up of families from West, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, Bloomfield and Farmington townships."

"Most of these families are young," he added. The new church's minister is well suited to a congregation predominantly of young couples. Mr. Boehmke is 37 years old. The former Air Force chaplain and his wife, LaVerne, have three children, Sharon, 10; Karl, 8; and Anne, 5. They live at 3175 Belmont drive, Farmington.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — Missouri synod minister hails from Buffalo, N. Y. From his first parish in Washington, D. C. he entered the Air Force as a chaplain, serving during the Korean war years of 1950 to 1952.

During part of that time he served at Lopez Air Force base, operational field in the Azores, while his young family remained behind in Massachusetts.

Back in the states after the war, he attended Yale divinity school for a year, obtaining the degree of master of sacred theology.

OFFICERS of the St. Gabriel guild are Mrs. Leo Ferstle and Mrs. Addison Johnson. This guild will meet

HE BECAME MINISTER of a New Jersey parish in 1955. From there he came to the newly formed Oakland county parish which began holding services this fall.

After living in New Jersey, he says, "The area of our new church seems like the wide open space. Until a new church is built, the young congregation is holding services in the Eagle school at 14 Mile and Middlebelt roads Sunday school at 9 a.m. and church at 10:30 a.m."

Rev. Ralph H. Reed, minister of North church, has secured Rev. Herman F. Reising, international relations secretary of the Congregational Christian churches as the speaker for the first men's night at North Congregational Church, Northwestern highway and Luther. It will be a box supper at 7 p.m.

Rev. Reising will introduce the speaker. All men interested in hearing Mr. Reising's talk are invited to attend.

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"BUTTON UP YOUR Overcoat" is the name of the number this group are rehearsing for the annual variety show of First Methodist church's youth groups. Buttoning up Ron Morrow's overcoat is Betty Nichols (left), while Norma Webb helps out Bob Croly. The show, with a plot combining "the sinking of the Andrea Doria and 'Mr. Roberts'", will be presented Feb. 15 and 16 in the church fellowship hall.

Guides to Meet
St. Gabriel's guild of Holy Name church meets Wednesday at 12 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Louis Barthelemy, 2925 Oakland drive, Bloomfield township, when Mrs. Anthony Foley will review the story of St. Gabriel.

The Nellie Clavin guild of First Presbyterian church meets for luncheon in the church social hall Wednesday at 12:30 p.m., with a meeting to follow in the women's lounge.

A. J. LEWANDOWSKI is chairman of the social committee, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller assisting him.

Athletic committee chairman is A. S. Moore, supported by J. H. Kemp and Mrs. C. P. Mehas.

Mrs. C. W. Wagner is chairman of the educational committee assisted by Mrs. J. H. Kemp and Mr. A. J. McDonald.

The teen age club also has basketball games and practice sessions in the Saint Hugo gymnasium on Saturday afternoon for the boys and plans are being completed for the girls' games. Ping-pong, table tennis and other activities are being held at the monthly meetings. The next regular meeting is on Valentine's day.

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