



REV. DR. ARNOLD F. RUNKEL dictates a sermon to Mrs. Ruth Mosher, church secretary at First Methodist church. Dr. Runkel likes to do what he terms "situation preaching", in which he discusses problems he finds people meeting in modern life.

### How He Writes His Sermons: Sermons Begin and End With One Main Source

Though the Rev. Dr. Arnold F. Runkel draws from current events, professional journals and life itself for material for his sermons, his Sunday talks always come back to the same source.

"It's surprising," says the First Methodist church minister, "how the words of the Bible apply to things going on today. I always start my sermons with a text from the Bible, and I find myself coming back to the Bible as my main source book."

The Good Book can be applied fittingly to current events and problems of life today. Dr. Runkel believes, because there's actually nothing new under the sun. "We still commit the same sins," he says.

**IDEAS AND MATERIAL** to which Dr. Runkel applies his Biblical references come not only from current situations, but also from the novels he enjoys and other reading.

"I read with a homely mind," says the tall, distinguished-looking minister. "That means a preaching

mind." Consequently, he reads with specific sermon ideas or themes in mind. Sometimes it takes two or three hours before a sermon finally takes shape.

**ACTUAL WRITING** of a sermon is done early in the week if it is to be delivered. Mornings are devoted to its preparation in the cheerful study where huge and green are accented with flowered drapes at the large window wall.

When the sermon material is assembled, Dr. Runkel dictates the complete text and efficient secretary, Mrs. Ruth Mosher.

He goes over his typed notes Saturday evening, and again early Sunday morning. To be able to deliver the sermon without referring constantly to his notes, he memorizes the main points in the outline. "That means a preaching

### Mrs. Pomeroy To Head United Church Women

Newly elected members of the Redeemer Lutheran church council will be installed in a special ceremony Sunday at 11 a.m.

The recently elected members are president, Clinton Clark; vice president, Alfred Baumann; secretary, Karl Schuster; treasurer, Henry Gassaway; trustee, William Engelbrecht; elder, Martin Otto; finance committee, John Barnes, William Cowgill, Robert Ebert, Charles Sturz; Sunday school superintendent, Harold Meinert; and usher-in-chief, John Booth.

Members whose terms have not yet expired are Trustees Lee Kroeger and Ralph Busby and Elder Edgar DeBaugh. All members of the church council and their wives will have supper together at the parsonage Sunday evening. Rev. & Mrs. Theo. Wiggazer will be hosts.

### Redeemer Lutheran Sets Installation Of Church Council

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### Supper Club Slates Stock Market Film

The Supper Club of Birmingham Congregational church will gather in Fellowship hall at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. Following dinner Tom O'Banion, representative of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Beane, will present a film and speak on the stock market. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sura are in charge of arrangements. Reservations may be made through the church office.

### New Lutheran Congregation To Be Organized

Beautiful Saviour Lutheran congregation in Bloomfield township will be officially organized in a special meeting Sunday. The meeting will be held immediately after the 11 a.m. service in the worship room in the new parsonage at 1200 Whitmore road, just west of Adams road.

Dr. Norman Menter, president of the Michigan district of the American Lutheran church, will be present for both the service and the organization meeting.



Rev. H. J. Kuhlmann, minister of the new church, said Lutheran in the church's area are invited to become charter members of the new congregation.

A special New Year's Eve service was held in the worship room of the parsonage at 11 p.m. Monday.

The contract was recently signed for the first unit of the new church on Adams road and ground-breaking has been scheduled for about March 1.

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