

at the
CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

"Anyone who has shepherded an alcoholic and his family, has quietly asked himself the question: 'How can we prevent this terrible disease?'"

So says the Rev. David A. Works in a letter inviting churchmen to a five-day session at which clergy and lay leaders of all faiths will study the problem of social drinking.

To help ministers help men and women suffering from alcoholism, the North Conway foundation at North Conway, N. H., was set up this week the Rev. Barton C. Lloyd, Christ Church Cranbrook missioner, and Mrs. William F. Tighe, of 439 Park street, Episcopal diocesan lay leader, are attending the third annual North Conway institute.

THEY WILL ATTEND sessions on such drinking customs as that Birmingham favorite, the cocktail hour. At other sessions, a psychologist will explain "why people drink and they do," and a doctor will tell the church people "what social drinking means to modern people."

Most provocative subject for discussion is, "Should a Clergyman Drink Socially?" A Lutheran minister will express the affirmative viewpoint—that it is proper for a man of the cloth to drink socially under certain circumstances. A Presbyterian layman, secretary of the North Conway foundation, will maintain it is better for an ordained minister to abstain from social use of beverage alcohol.

Mr. Lloyd, who is minister of two Christ church missions, Nativity Episcopal church and St. Stephen's (newly-chosen name for the North Adams mission) studied at Virginia theological seminary with the Rev. David A. Works, president of the North Conway foundation.

"WE'VE KEPT IN touch since those days," says Mr. Lloyd. "Dave went on to found the North Conway foundation, with the help of private individuals, after taking studies at the Yale school of alcohol studies at Yale university."

"He looks upon this as one of the major problems of the nation," Mr. Lloyd said.

And well it might be. We talked to Mrs. Tighe, who has made a study of the problem. She says there are over five million known alcoholics who have sought rehabilitation or medical care in this nation. We have 65 million drinkers—could care all be wrong?—and 37 million of America's drinkers are church members.

WHEN A CHURCH MEMBER alcoholic seeks the help of his minister, Mr. Lloyd adds that many clergymen "haven't the slightest idea what to do about it."

Hence the North Conway foundation, which disseminates information about the problem, holds seminars such as the one this week, and in other ways guides churches in developing programs to deal with drinking and alcoholism.

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Gothic Contemporary

GOthic CONTEMPORARY is what architects term unusual design of the new Northwest Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran church on Lahser road between 9 and 10 Mile in Southfield township. First services were held there Sunday. The four-year-old congregation formerly met for services at a school in northwest Detroit. Pastor is Melvin E. Hagelberg. Building architect is Hurless E. Banks, A.I.A.

Presbyterian Women Preview Bazaar Items

A preview of the articles to be sold at the fall bazaar sponsored by the women of the First Presbyterian church will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the social hall of the church. Articles being made by various groups and individual members will be in charge of a tea served during the afternoon. Orders will be taken in the afternoon by representatives in order that all articles may be completed by Nov. 8, the day of the bazaar.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Lincoln at Edgewood (2 Blocks West of Woodcroft)
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.
Thurs. Bible Study 7:30 P.M.
MI 6-2902 Ch. FE 5-0572 Res.
Charles J. Whitfield, Pastor

CHURCH OF CHRIST

1152 Bennaville Birmingham, Michigan LI 2-0855
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
"THE HERALD OF TRUTH"
WXYZ—Each Sunday 5:00-5:30 P.M.

Beverly Hills Baptist Church

Temporary Building GREENFIELD AT 13 MILE ROAD
Permanent Location—13 Mile and Fairfax
Church School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Youth Meeting 6:15 P.M.
Evening Service 7:30 P.M.
Midweek Service—Wednesday 7:45 P.M.
Minister—Rev. Roy A. Pitts LI 9-2904
Choir Director — Mr. C. Christensen

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Christian Science Services
101 N. Chester — Birmingham, Michigan
Sunday Morning Services 9:45 and 11:30
Sunday School 9:45 and 11:30
Infants' Room (in Reading Room) 9:30 and 11:15
Wednesday Evening Meeting 8:15
READING ROOM, 255 East Maple Ave.
Open 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Except Sundays and Holidays.
Evenings 7:00 to 9:00. Except Wednesdays and Saturdays.
Note: The Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased.

Northminster Presbyterian Church

3633 W. Big Beaver Rd. (East of Adams)
MACKAY TAYLOR — MINISTER
WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH SCHOOL
8:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

BIRMINGHAM UNITY MINISTRY
Unity Services
Sunday 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:00 A.M.
Reading Room Open 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Tuesdays & Fridays
1128 West Maple, Birmingham

Rev. Baird Explains Basis of His Faith

EDITOR'S NOTE: Seldom does a community have an opportunity to hear one of its ministers define his faith and the experiences that led to it. At a recent ceremony at the Congregational church of Birmingham, the Rev. Carl Baird was officially installed as associate minister of the church. According to custom, he spoke at length to a Congregational examination council and about 100 assembled members of the church just before the ceremony. The minister and one delegate from each of the 27 Congregational churches were present.

The Birmingham Eccentric asked Mr. Baird's permission to publish the following portions of his stimulating talk.

A pattern that is particularly familiar to Congregationalists is that of the person who grew up in a very narrow religious background and who in youth or early adulthood rebelled against that conservatism either in favor of a more liberal faith or no religion at all.

I hasten to add the hope that with the bath and indicate at least some grounds for that hope in the preservation of that temper even while abandoning the liberal content of theological liberalism.

My parents were missionaries in China under the United Christian Missionary Society when I was born. Because of my father's efforts in behalf of open membership and united church in China, they decided to work in the Congregational churches when they stayed in America, shortly after I was born. Otherwise, they would have been fighting that battle in every Christian church wherever they went.

Both of my parents were educated in what was then a relatively young liberalism. For instance, my father received his master's degree from the University of Chicago Divinity School. Although he had been studying under such men as Shailer Mathews and Shirley Taylor, I was born and brought up in an atmosphere of liberalism of the kind I mean when I refer to liberalism, with the possible exception of economic income.

I attended a liberal college—the College of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington—a Methodist school. It was just a few weeks prior to my entry there that the cumulative effect of four summer conferences pushed me into thinking seriously about the ministry. I know now that my years at a P. K. had had their unconscious influence on my thinking, though I feel everlastingly grateful that my father never once in my memory mentioned that he would like to see me go into the ministry.

This, too, is a commentary on his kind of liberalism. My primary considerations at that time were youthful, but I hope therefore un-genuine, idealism, plus an awareness of the relative values of working with people, as compared with my former interest in mathematics and science. I was at that time a vehement pacifist, and this was a major consideration in my decision, which was to study for the ministry.

After college graduation, I spent one year at Pacific School of Religion, in Berkeley, California, as a member of the group in Training for Postwar Rehabilitation Abroad—the "Post-Warriors" they called us.

At the completion of this course in 1945, I felt prepared to do rehabilitation work overseas, and felt little disappointed when I was prepared to send me overseas to do such work. I applied with all the service committees I knew, but no results came, so I went on with what I planned to do eventually anyway, which was my theological education. For this, I entered Yale Divinity School.

Both in my later college years and in seminary, I made it a principle in seeking summer and field work to look for two things: (1) a kind of work I had never done before, and (2) a part of the country where I had never been. The result was that I ended up (See BAIRD, Page 7 D)



WHEN PARISHIONERS leave Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church on Sundays after masses, they often stop in the new library near the church entrance to select a book. Here Mrs. Victor Tarabusi (left) waits for Mrs. Milton Young to check out a book for her, while Mrs. H. W. Dempsey, (right) librarian who supervised cataloging of the books, checks over the shelves.

Start Library at Our Lady Q of M

BEVERLY — Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church, Pierce at Dunblaine, Birmingham, opened its new lending library for adults with a flourish this month. The little room of the church vestibule was complete with flowers and decorative ornaments and almost 500 books, a large number of which are brand new best sellers, fiction and spiritual alike.

The idea of a parish library grew out of the wishful thinking of the discussion group of the Altar society, parish women's organization, faced with the problem of getting material for their discussions, members decided to join a Catholic book of the month club, making voluntary donations for this purpose at each meeting. More than 20 choice books were purchased this way.

Then the group, headed by Mrs. Milton Young, with the whole-hearted blessing of the Rev. Lucian Hebert, pastor, conceived and undertook the task of a parish lending library.

WITH FUNDS FROM the men of the St. Vincent de Paul society and the altar society of the parish, additional new books were purchased, shelves were bought and installed by Milton Young. Library materials, such as plastic book covers, application and membership cards, book pockets, were acquired.

Parishioners donated good used books from their own shelves and a committee to staff the library on Sunday mornings was organized by the Altar society. With the valuable assistance of Mrs. H. W. Dempsey, a librarian, books were catalogued. Most of them are now available to members, who pay a membership fee of one dollar a year and are charged 15 cents weekly for each book rented.

The library is not a profit-making organization, but it is hoped that the small fee charged will keep on hand a good supply of books that are in demand.

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

ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH

(U.L.C.A.)
A National Lutheran Council Church
Temporarily Meeting in the Bloomfield Village School
Lahser Road at W. Maple Road
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Parsonage: 2247 W. Lincoln Ave.
Phone: MI 6-6119
Rev. R. F. Fulle
Mission Developer

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★ WEST MAPLE AT CRANBROOK RD.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH
Formerly North Adams Episcopal Mission
Eostover School
Westview Road and North Adams
Sunday Worship Service 9:30 A. M.
Church School 9:30 A. M.
Nursery School—3 and under at 1296 Leno
Minister — Rev. Barton Lloyd

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Formerly Evergreen Mission
Beverly School
Beverly Rd. (18 1/2 Mile) West of Southfield
Sunday Worship Service 11:15 A.M.
Minister—Rev. Barton Lloyd
MI 6-3432

Lutheran CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
(Synodical Conference)
Corner 14 Mile Road and Pierce Avenue
Rev. Paul Shippert, Pastor
Services — 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Bible Class—9:10 a.m.
Midwest Advent Service, Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

Franklin Community Church
On Franklin's Village Green
1 block west of Franklin Rd., one this week, and in other ways guides churches in developing programs to deal with drinking and alcoholism.
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AND CHURCH SCHOOL 10 A.M.
Robert J. Searls, Minister

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Northwestern at Leno
21600 West 10 1/2 Mile Road
11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
Ministers: Reverend Ralph H. Reed
Reverend John W. Metler
Pilgrim Fellowship Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
Pilgrim Fellowship Meeting 7:30 p.m.
(Junior and Senior High School People)
(Children will be cared for at both Services)
ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Bede's Catholic Church
12-Mile Road at Southfield Road
ELGin 6-5452
FATHER KEATING, PASTOR
SUNDAY MASSES
8:00 — 9:30 — 11:00 — 12:15