

At the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

When we talked to the Rev. Dr. W. Glenn Harris the other day, we learned the happy news that Doug Witters, 16-year-old Derby high school student who was paralyzed when his neck was broken, is home and walking! Doug and his parents are active members of First Presbyterian church.

Three weeks ago Doug got out of that plaster of paris cast he was imprisoned in for several months at Harper hospital. He came home to 18181 Kirkshire a week ago Saturday in a brace he will have to wear for several months.

He walks around the house, takes physical therapy treatments at Beaumont for a slight weakness remaining in his left hand and leg, and studies his homework. With tutoring, Doug will be able to catch up with his class and enter Birmingham high school as a sophomore this fall. His accident occurred March 18 in a wrestling lesson at Derby.

Grateful and thrilled over their son's recovery, Mr. and Mrs. Douglass A. Witters sincerely thanked the many people who offered their good wishes and prayers for Doug. "We sincerely feel that it was the prayers of so many that brought Doug's recovery," Mrs. Witters said.

Another convalescent just returned from a hospital in Sault Sainte Marie, where he has been since an auto accident last November.

He is the Rev. John Dunn, 32-year-old Roman Catholic priest whose parents, the John F. Duns, live at 1561 S. Bates, Birmingham. Fr. Dunn was a member of Holy Name parish for many years, and said his first mass at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church just two years ago.

He was on a hunting trip with several other priests, friends from seminary days, when the accident occurred. Fr. Dunn found himself in a snow plow as he drove on treacherous roads to conduct a 6 a.m. mass at a little mission church near Trout Lake.

He remained on the critical list for weeks afterward. Surgeons have placed a silver plate in his badly mangled leg. Though he's still on crutches, he expects to be gone as new when he returns to his duties as assistant at Our Lady of Sorrows church, Farmington.

His father has worked for the Birmingham Eccentric since before the young priest was born.

Expand Building, Voters Say

By an overwhelming majority, members recently voted in favor of expanding facilities at the present location of the Congregational church of Birmingham.

Results of the balloting were announced at a meeting Sunday after morning worship services at the church on Woodward at Euclid.

Already faced with overcrowded conditions and with no end to the growth seen as population increases, the four-year-old congregation now numbers 750 members.

The Rev. Robert D. Dewey said voting reflected a majority of members' feeling that they preferred to eventually encourage the development of one or two other Congregational churches in the area, rather than see their church develop into what Mr. Dewey described as "the colossus church in terms of membership, with a tremendously big building."

FEW MEMBERS FAVORED building a new church.

"If we moved on a new location to build a new and larger church," Mr. Dewey told The Eccentric, "we would have to go way out to the suburban suburbs to find a site large enough."

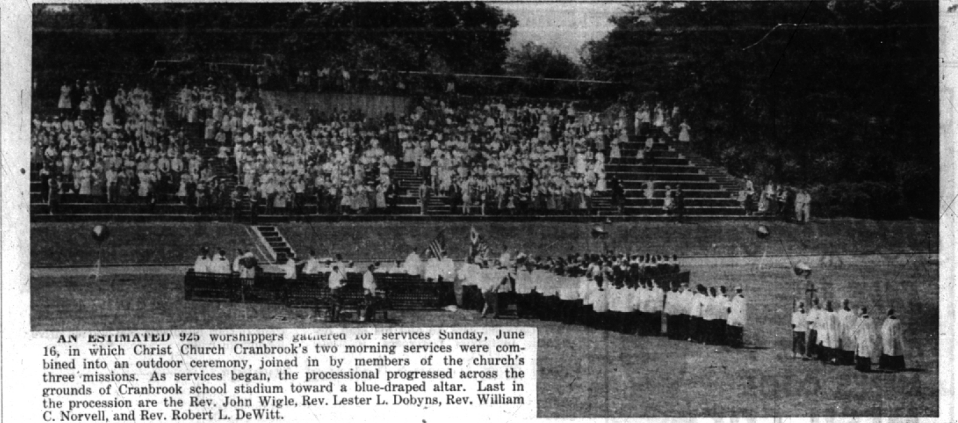
"Building a large church will inhibit the growth of other churches," he said.

As the suburbs continue to develop, Mr. Dewey added, people will want churches in their own areas. He said there is a strong sentiment in favor of the smaller church "where you can feel like you participate."

HE SAID The expansion of present facilities would probably inhibit the growth of other churches, with fundamental changes made.

Voting came after a seven-member committee presented alternatives to the congregation in May. Their presentation resulted from studies of data on the church and its community.

Items listed on the ballot included: 1. Do nothing; 2. build a new church; 3. assist another church to get started; and 4. expand facilities at present location.



AN ESTIMATED 925 worshippers gathered for services Sunday, June 16, in which Christ Church Cranbrook's two morning services were combined into an outdoor ceremony, joined in by members of the church's three missions. As services began, the procession progressed across the grounds of Cranbrook school stadium toward a blue-draped altar. Last in the procession are the Rev. John Wigle, Rev. Lester L. Dobyns, Rev. William C. Norvell, and Rev. Robert L. DeWitt.

Despite a boiling sun that relentlessly beamed on Cranbrook school stadium on a recent Sunday, Christ Church Cranbrook's outdoor service united hundreds of worshippers in an inspiring experience.

Families brought their picnic baskets and stayed to enjoy an outdoor lunch together after the service. Most of the picnicers retreated to the shade of trees around the stadium to sit and eat. Joining in the service were members of the church who normally attend services at 9:30 and 11:15, along with members of the church's three missions. They are the Episcopal Church of the Advent at Pine lake, Nativity Episcopal church which meets at Beverly school, and St. Stephen's church which meets at Eastover school.

OVER 130 VOICES sang with the primary "red" choir, the youth "blue" choir, and the senior choir. They were accompanied by the clear brass tones of a quartet of two trumpets, a French horn and a trombone.

Rev. John Wigle, minister of Cranbrook's three missions, participated in the service, along with Christ Church's clergy, Rev. Robert L. DeWitt, Rev. Lester L. Dobyns, and Rev. William C. Norvell. Mr. DeWitt preached.

Rev. Barton C. Lloyd, minister of the other two missions, was away, attending the North Conway institute in New Hampshire.

Since the Rt. Rev. Richard S. M. Emrich, Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, was also away, Mr. Norvell acted in his behalf in the presentation of the Bishop's Cross to Robert F. Grindley.

MR. NORVELL bestowed the high honor, since he is Dean of the Oakland convocation of the Michigan diocese.

The silver cross is awarded by the bishop to people in the diocese he feels have given distinguished Episcopal Church of the Advent, service, not only to their own parish, but to the church throughout the entire diocese.

Mr. Grindley, of Bloomfield Hills, has devoted almost full time as a lay assistant to the staff at Christ Church for the past two years. He has aided the development of the church's neighborhood groups, important project of the past few years.

AS THE CHURCH staff expresses it, the neighborhood groups have given new members "a community in their church member-ship, a sense of belonging, which they had not thought possible in a busy suburban area."

Older members "with only slight and formal connections with the parish have experienced a new warmth in their church neighbors."

a response to their deep need for close and trusting friendships, the staff expresses it.

As neighborhood groups share in the "little church," the "bigger church" rediscovered "the real meaning and joy of the faith that transformed early Christians."

Some of that was felt at the outdoor service as the "bigger church" joined together to worship.

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11:00 a.m. Church School
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