



TALKING TO PEOPLE is important to the Rev. Roy A. Pitts, pictured here in his office at Beverly Hills Baptist church. Over the phone or in person, he gets ideas for sermons from subjects church members discuss.

How He Writes His Sermons:

Beverly Hills Church Members Suggest Topics

By JULIE CANDLER

What interests people in the congregation? That's the first thing the Rev. Roy A. Pitts asks himself when he selects topics for his sermons. He asks the same question of members of his church, Beverly Hills Baptist, at 13 Mile and Greenfield.

He finds interests varying with age groups. Primary concern of the church's large junior high age group, he says, is "What's expected of me in the matter of Christian conduct? What can I do or not do?"

Senior high, he says, want to hear more about the implications of Christianity in today's world. "THEY'RE ADVANCED to the point where they're asking how Christianity fits into the pattern of life in the world today," says the dark-eyed, mustached minister.

He leaned back in the chair of the small office he shares with a coffeemaker, furnace, and numerous items for which there is no other place in the temporary

Chaplain To Pioneer New Field

Appointed to a state-supported chaplaincy to work in parole camps, the Rev. David Voorhees will be installed in a special service at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Sunday at 7:30 p.m. As chief chaplain in the rehabilitation centers, or parole camps, for the Michigan department of correction, Rev. Voorhees will be the first to work in this new field.

He will develop a program designed to aid spiritual and mental outlook of prisoners and about wouldn't be discussing it," he says.

Also interesting the congregation, as well as his minister, is building a church. By the end of May they plan to begin construction of a building on 13 Mile road

TO BE LOCATED on a four-acre site just west of the present small church, the new building will provide a temporary sanctuary to seat around 250 people, as well as additional educational space. Eventually a permanent sanctuary on the corner of 13 Mile and Fairfax will be added.

Meanwhile, the three-year-old congregation meets in the one-time barn. It is nearly filled by the average of 100 who attend services each Sunday.

THE QUAIN STRUCTURE was moved to its present site from the Baptist Children's Home grounds, then re-furnished to serve as a temporary church.

There at the side of the small altar, Mr. Pitts culminates his week's concentration on his sermon. With the penned outline before him, he discusses the matters his congregation has revealed its interest in.

"MY LISTENERS," he says, range from six to 70 years old. Their denominational backgrounds vary, too, because there are few churches in this area. Many who attend our church were formerly members of some other denomination.

"As a result," he adds, "It's hard to find subjects that will interest them all. Maybe that's why he surprised us when we called to ask him how he writes his sermons. "Sometimes," he said, "I would like to find out how I write them myself!"

be released or paroled, helping them to become rehabilitated to a free society.

REV. VOORHEES was selected to pioneer in this new field by the institutional chaplaincy board of Michigan's Synodical Conference Lutheran churches, of which Rev. Theodore Wuggazer is chairman. The state's request for a chaplain to assume the new duties was made to the Detroit Council of Churches chaplaincy council, who referred the request to the Lutheran board.

Rev. Wuggazer will conduct the installation ceremony, and receiving hospital chaplain Rev. John Angle will give the sermon. Lutheran clergy of the south Oakland county area will assist in the service.

Rev. Voorhees, a native of St. Louis, has been hospital chaplain there for the past ten years. He will work out of Ann Arbor in 12 parole camps throughout the state.

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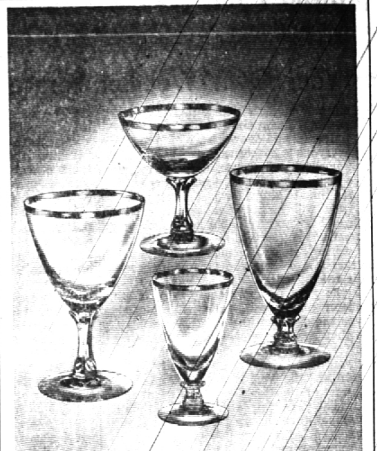
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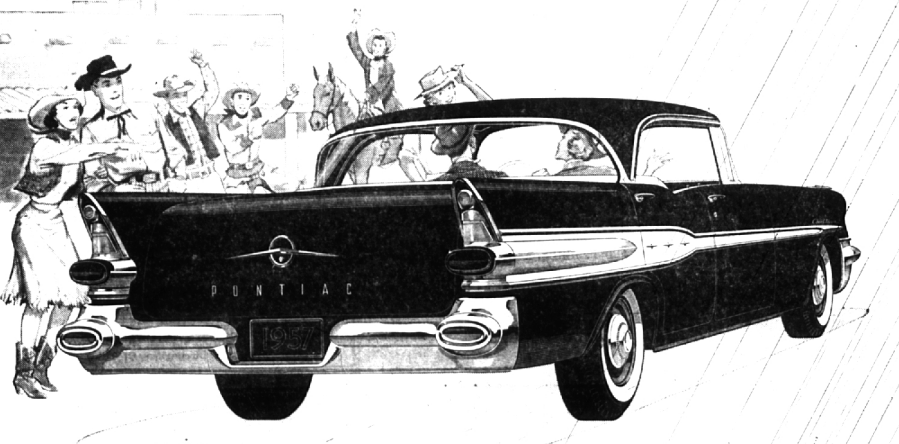
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This notice is published in accordance with Chapter 11, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Birmingham, and Book 1 of Edition No. 228 of 1952.
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WHEREAS, in connection with such request, this Commission has been petitioned to create a public alley which runs

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on Monday, March 18, 1957, at 10:00 a.m., in the Municipal Building for the purpose of consideration of creating the 20 ft. alley which runs south from Bowling Road between Lots 13 and Lot 14 of Block 1 of East Part of Quarter Lake Estates Subdivision;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of such meeting, together with a copy of this resolution, shall be published in the Birmingham Eccentric two or three weeks prior to the 25th day of March, 1957.
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