



**MARY WELLINGTON GALE**, of San Francisco, will discuss the availability of divine power with which to meet pressures of modern life in a lecture Monday at First Church of Christ, Scientist, at 8:15 p.m. A member of the Christian Science board of lectureship, Mrs. Gale will speak on "Christian Science: its answer to man's need in the atomic age."



**How He Writes His Sermons:**  
**Rev. Barsale Builds Sermons As He Works**

By JULIE CANDLER  
"Come on over," said the Rev. Herbert Barsale over the phone. "I'm working on my sermon right now."  
We arrived at the first unit of St. James chapel of Southfield, just west of Greenfield, 12 miles from the city, to find the young minister of a young mission putting some finishing touches on the new church's altar.

The church is a parochial mission of St. James Episcopal church of Birmingham, which still contributes to its support. Mr. Barsale explained that he began his sermon mentally on Mondays, organizing his thoughts in preparation for writing them out Thursday morning.  
So while he worked in the kitchen this Wednesday afternoon, the prematurely balding minister was at the same time preparing his sermon.

HE POURED TWO cups of instant coffee from a tea kettle on the stove, proudly conducted us around the roomy, well-lighted first unit of a proposed four-unit structure.  
About 150 families now attend the mission church. Back in the kitchen next to the 20-seat sanctuary, the sincere minister, who graduated from theological seminary just six years ago, looked back against a counter and talked about sermons.  
"I wonder how many books a minister writes during his lifetime," he said. "Each sermon is approximately the length of a chapter. If you write a sermon a week, 52 sermons a year, that's enough to fill at least one book in a year's time."

ON THE SUBJECT of the year, he added that the church year was always the basis of his sermons. "I don't believe in being a slave to it," he said, "but sticking to the church year prevents you from going off in tangents, you probably have no business going off on."  
"How many would preach on the Ascension," he asked, "if you didn't have Ascension Sunday?"  
AFTER HE HAD gone over the lesson for the week, found a basis for his sermon and developed it mentally, he sits down in his study at home, 1206 Beverly in Berkeley, to write it out.

mon. As he thinks of additional points to include further along in the sermon, he notes them in the correct spot on his outline.  
"She's my sharpest and dearest critic," he said.  
Asked if his wife found something to criticize, he remarked, "Heaven help the guy who minds. He's dead!"  
SOMETIMES HE pauses, he says, to listen to his four-year-old daughter, Lenny (Lillian Anne). The youngest likes to use her father for a sounding board while sister Martha, 7, and brother Robert, 10, are in school.  
Her Daddy has a sounding board, too. It's his wife, Barbara, to whom Notices of church groups' meetings and special services must be submitted in writing by 3 p.m. on Thursday before publication date.

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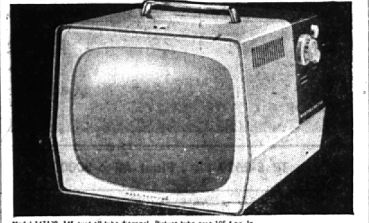
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WHILE HE'S THINKING over his sermon for Sunday, the Rev. Herbert Barsale gets what he calls his "puttering" done. Here he gets ready to install handles on drawers. Finished product fits behind the altar at the new church on 12 Mile road near Greenfield.

**Congregational Youth to Finance Tour Via Carnival**

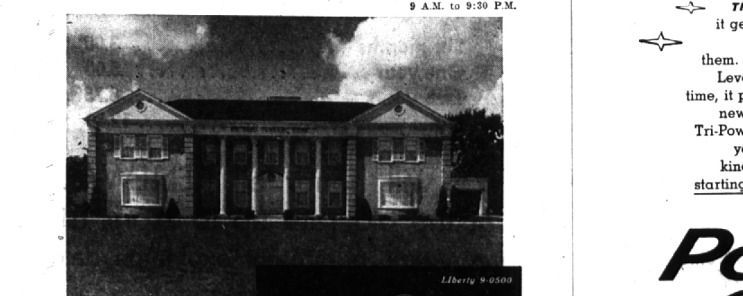
"Eastward, Ho!" titles the carnival through which members of the Senior High Pilgrim fellowship at the Congregational church of Birmingham will make possible their spring tour through New England.  
The 50 young people will provide games, prizes, and entertainment for adults and children from 3:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 29, at the church. A supper will be served, and "dances" will be auctioned off to work for carnival-goers.  
Included in the entertainment which will continue throughout the event is the music of the "Matis-tas," calypso group whose members include several young people in the church. Dave Lindley and Steve Taylor will play the piano, and the youth choir will sing.  
The spring tours have become a tradition at the church since the first trip to Washington and New York two years ago.



**Mrs. Sears Picks '3 Saints and a Sinner' For Tea**

Because she used to review books as a librarian and because she felt "it was better to keep using that training" after she married, Mrs. Wilbur A. Sears, of 17228 Buckingham, Beverly Hills, devotes many hours to reading and telling others about books.  
So well liked are her reviews that she has been invited for several years to appear at the annual book review and tea sponsored by St. Agnes guild of St. James Episcopal church.  
This year she will review "Three Saints and a Sinner," Louise Hall Sharp's biography of Julia Ward Howe, (who isn't the sinner) at the event slated for 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in the church undercroft. Mrs. John Chapman and Mrs. W. Lyle Bones are in charge of the tea table.

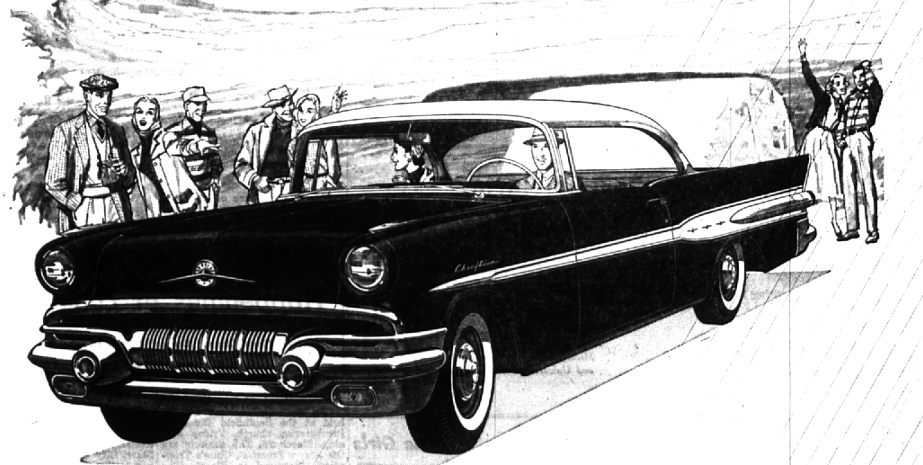
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