

At the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

Leave it to the Rev. Dr. Arnold F. Runkel to make a farewell presentation with graciousness and good humor. He officiated last week when the members of the Birmingham Council of Churches presented a farewell gift to the Rev. Harold E. Towne, St. James Episcopal church's minister who will become minister of a Pittsburgh suburb's church July 1.

"Harold—eleven years ago you came to town—as handsome then as you are now," said First Methodist church's tall, good-natured minister.

"HAROLD CAME IN then and solved a very difficult situation problem in the life of his church," Dr. Runkel told the assembled ministers.

To Mr. Towne he presented the first volume in a series of 12 works called "The Interpreter's Bible." (In our talks with ministers about their sermon preparation, many have mentioned how helpful the big volumes are to them. A spy for the Council of Churches—Edwin F. Kirbert—learned that Mr. Towne would like to add them to his study shelf.)

Dr. Runkel kidded Mr. Towne. "That book is ecumenical in nature, but it's published by the Methodist publishing company."

"That must be why it was burning my hand!" retorted Mr. Towne.

When Mrs. Richard P. Ganchon calls in with news about the new Evergreen mission of Christ Church Cranbrook, we could talk to her for hours. For she speaks with one of those honey-flowing, charmin' Suthen drawls that an absolutely fascinatin'.

Said she today, "We got a name." The mission has chosen the name, Nativity Episcopal church, she reports. Mrs. Henry P. Bemis, of 1989 Crosswick road, Bloomfield township, suggested it to the name-choosing committee of four, which spent hours deliberating, over a choice.

Mrs. Bemis reasoned that a Nativity Episcopal church's special celebration date would be the Christmas season, "probably the most beloved of festival days."

"The joy, wonder and mystery of Christ's birth are carried in the name Nativity," Mrs. Bemis said. "It is free from somber and ponderous implications that many names bear, and thus would be a suitable and happy name for the church." Rev. Barton Lloyd conducts services at Nativity church (Beverly school on weekdays) at 11:15 a.m. Sundays.

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The Week Ahead

The annual meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of Embury Methodist church will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary. Devotions by Mrs. Ruth Norton, music by Mrs. John Pierce and Mrs. Blanche Kindig, in a prophetic, "We Give Because We Love."

Pledge service "Lift Up Your Voice," by Mrs. Vernon Goezler, Mrs. John Nizko, Mrs. Hazel Hodges, Mrs. Jack Walker, Mrs. Rudolph York, Mrs. William Belaire and Mrs. Earl Fenner. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Max Fall, Mrs. Jack Gibson, Mrs. Melvin Hunter and Mrs. Harriet Parkyn.

Priest's Silver Anniversary To Be Marked

An important event in the life of a Franciscan priest, a missionary in Brazil, who on visits to this area has been a familiar figure at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church, will be celebrated Sunday.

He is Rev. Odorico Schmid, OFM, who is visiting his uncle and cousin, Edward Krug and Mrs. Joseph Frederickson, both of 1222 Washington boulevard, Birmingham, and his cousin, Mrs. Pat Quinn of Detroit. He will be celebrating his silver jubilee Mass at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Birmingham, Sunday at 10 a.m.

Director Resigns As Family Leaves For Ann Arbor

Birmingham Unitarian church regrets the loss to its services of the Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Peter Rosewig of Royal Birm.

Mrs. Rosewig, first as chairman of the religious education committee, and then as director of religious education, guided the church school in growth from an enrollment of 125 to 322 children.

The church wishes much luck to the Rosewigs as they leave our community for their new life in Ann Arbor, she said. Rev. Russell L. Lincoln last week.

Mrs. Donald N. Elliot, of Huntington Woods, has accepted the board of trustee's appointment as the new director. Her husband is an associate professor of psychology at Wayne State university, and together with his wife has been active in the church for three years.

Is Cruise Preacher

Rev. Robert D. Dewey will preach Sunday to Ann Arbor high school graduating class as the students take a boat cruise to Mackinac Island. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey are going along on the three-day weekend cruise, and Rev. Carl Baird will preach Sunday at Birmingham Congregational church.

During His Visits to our parish, Fr. Schmid has attracted a large group of friends by his kindly personality and his priestly concern for us all.

"We consider it a great privilege to extend to him the facilities of the parish to celebrate so significant an event in the life of any priest."

From 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday the ladies of the church's Altar society will have a reception for Fr. Schmid in the church social hall, to which all who would like to meet him are invited.

BORN IN Germany, Fr. Schmid in 1927 joined the Franciscan Province of Santo Antonio with headquarters at Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil. Since his ordination on May 21, 1932, he has worked in the press, in schools and in parishes, and traveled as a missionary and retreatmaster over a mission territory extending over 2,000,000 square miles.

He is dependent prelate of Santarem, Para, Brazil, in the "green hell" of the Amazon jungle. He is also minister to his fellow Franciscans studied the language and christened the famous Mundurucos, who were headhunters. From their tribe comes the largest collection of shrunken heads in the Indian museum in New York.

Continually, the priests explore the virgin forest for Indian tribes who never saw white men. In all other northern states of Brazil they help the bishops, being responsible for 650,000 souls in 25 parishes. They take care of 19 parishes and 310 mission churches without a resident priest.

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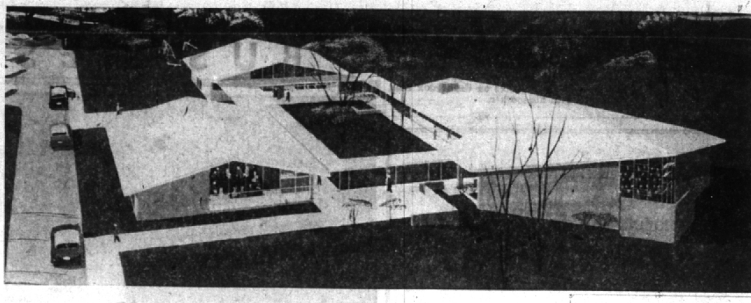
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Unitarians Reveal Plans

Architect's sketch reveals tentative plans for the Unitarian Church of Birmingham's proposed church, to be located on Woodward avenue, Bloomfield Hills, on an L-shaped lot which opens onto Lone Pine road. Designed by David B. Spalding, AIA, of Birmingham, the church would be built on a "campus plan", with meeting hall, a lounge, kitchen and offices in structure at right. Across center garden court

at left would be church school classrooms, with another separate building at rear to house pre-school and kindergarten rooms. Cost is estimated at approximately \$125,000. It would seat up to 300 persons. Date for beginning of construction is undetermined, but since the church's recent successful building fund campaign, efforts are being made to move ahead the planned 1959 completion date.

Local Ministers Attend NW Baptist Denominational Meets

It's convention time for a number of religious denominations, and several local ministers are participating actively in the meets.

Rev. Dr. W. Glen Harris, minister of First Presbyterian church, spoke at the ten-day meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, U.S.A., which ends tomorrow in Omaha, Nebraska.

His associate, Rev. Robert S. Graham of the assembly of the Presbyterian church, U.S.A., was chairman of the 18 Assembly delegates from the Presbytery of Detroit.

When the American Baptist convention convenes in Philadelphia next week, three local delegates will represent First Baptist church of Birmingham. They will be the Rev. Dr. Robert A. Macoskey, about 10,000 are expected to attend the convention which annually attracts delegates from nearly 7,000 churches with a constituent membership of over a million and half members. First Baptist church is in active cooperation with the national body.

This convention will observe a threefold anniversary: the 50th anniversary of the founding of the American Baptist convention; the 125th anniversary of the American Baptist Home Mission society; and the 250th anniversary of the Philadelphia Baptist Association. Each anniversary will be noted with appropriate ceremonies in the week-long program, May 29-June 4.

Dr. Kontz, pastor of First Baptist church, attends as a local delegate and a denominational leader. He is chairman of one of the Convention's two national boards, the Council on Missionary Education. This Council has a membership of about one hundred pastors, laymen and denominational executives, it is responsible for promoting the home and foreign mission program of the Convention.

It also aids in raising the Convention's budget of nearly nine million dollars.

Dr. Kontz will chair the Philadelphia meetings of the Council. He will also appear before the Convention at large on two occasions.

The Rev. Russell L. Lincoln will be absent from the pulpit of the Birmingham Unitarian church Sunday due to the annual meeting of the American Unitarian association which he is attending at Boston.

Rather than invite a guest minister to fill the vacancy, Mr. Lincoln requested that three members

MARKS ANOTHER Milestone

Sunday marked another milestone in the history of Northwest Baptist church, which has celebrated a number of milestones in recent months.

A major milestone occurred in March, when the 50-year-old congregation moved to its new church at 19421 W. 19 Mile road, near Evergreen. Ground was broken for the \$500,000 structure in December, 1955, and the cornerstone was laid in May, 1956.

Sunday the church's members worshipped for the first time in the newly installed pews. Services had been held in the church's fellowship hall during installation work.

REV. HALE THORNBERRY, minister of the church, said this week that pulpit furnishings had not yet arrived.

The new structure contains a sanctuary with seating for 400, a fellowship hall and part of the educational building. Additional building is planned in the future, Mr. Thornberry said.

The congregation sold its former church building, at Grand River and Clarendon streets in Detroit, to another congregation.

"THIS IS A MOVE of the entire congregation," Mr. Thornberry said. Generally, our church's members are moving northwest."

Morning services are at 10 a.m. Sunday school, including classes for "young people and adults," is at 10:30 a.m.

The church's youth group meets at 5:30 p.m. on Sundays, and an evening service is at 7 p.m. each Sunday.

N. Adams Mission Sets Drive

One of Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills' newest religious ventures—the North Adams Episcopal mission—will begin a drive this weekend to acquaint residents of the area of its existence.

The campaign, planned simply to let people know the Mission is operating, will be held Saturday, May 25, and Saturday, June 1. There will be no appeal for financial support.

The new Mission actually grew out of a neighborhood discussion group composed of Christ Church Cranbrook members. Supported also by St. James Episcopal church, it formally became a mission last week. The church is packed away in the gymnasium of Eastover school Feb. 3.

As possible, a committee is working to select a name.

Meanwhile the group plans to continue services each Sunday in the Eastover gym. Between services, the church is packed away in a small truck and members' cars, and stored during the week in various garages.

In addition to services each Sunday, the mission concurrently holds Sunday school classes at the school and a nursery school class at a nearby home.

Barton Lloyd of the Christ church staff is rector.

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