

At the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

The 22 boxes of baby clothing, shirts and old sheets First Methodist church young people sent to the Belgian Congo about a month ago haven't yet arrived.

In fact, says Virginia Seger, director of Christian education at the church, it will take three or four months for the packages to go via freight boat to the mission hospital. Its nearest post office delivers mail only once a week. (No remarks, please, Postmaster Summerfield.)

Cost of shipping the 20-pound packages came to \$104, raised by the kids themselves. And we think they're wonderful.

Addressed to "Some radio station or newspaper, Birmingham, Mich.," a postcard reached this desk last week.

It requested us to "please ask folks to send him bright picture postcards." The "him" is Thomas Strickland, route 3, Charleston, W. Va.

The reason: "Age 23, the last nine years in a wheel chair. No hope of recovery, but he sings as he sits." Card came from a Rev. Bill Shumaker, of Elkins, W. Va.

We learned a new musical phrase when we heard the term with which Dr. Maurice Garabrant describes the carillon music he plays Sunday afternoons. It's "popular classical" selections, says the director of music at Christ Church Cranbrook.

No such thing, we said at first. Then we caught on—it's the most popular of the classics.

People gather and sit on the lawn near the church when Dr. Garabrant holds his spring series of 45-minute recitals at 4 p.m. Sundays. They'll continue through June 9, with some guest carillonneurs scheduled.

Everybody's talking about spending, what with Ike ready to spend 72 billion. They discussed spending in the Berkeley Church of Christ's bulletin recently, providing some food for thought. We spend millions to fight disease and billions to buy alcohol, the bulletin said.

Yet, it continues, "statistics show alcoholism five times more prevalent than cancer, 32 times more prevalent than TB, 102 times more than polio."

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The Birmingham Eccentric CHURCH PAGE

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GETTING READY for their annual variety show, two members of Holy Name church's Teen Hi club, John Rosier and Pat Heatherson, gather around the piano with Mrs. Michael Remondino, show accompanist. Pat and John are rehearsing a duet for the musical comedy, "Ivy Echoes," slated Friday and Sunday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 at the Holy Name school auditorium. Part of the ticket sale proceeds will go toward acquiring lighting and sound equipment for the Holy Name school auditorium.

Church of Advent Holds Confirmation
The Right Rev. Archie Crowley, Suffragan Bishop of Michigan, confirmed 18 children and adults Sunday at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, W. Long Lake road at Middlebelt. The new communicants were presented by the Rev. John W. Wigle, rector of the church. An informal reception in the church undercroft followed the at Middlebelt. The new communicants were presented by the Rev. John W. Wigle, rector of the church.

Christian Science Society
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26199 German Mill Road
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Sunday Morning 11:00
Sunday School 11:00
Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting 8:15

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NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Northwestern at Lahser
21600 West 10 1/2 Mile Road
11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
Ministers: Reverend Ralph H. Reed
Reverend John W. Metler
11:00 a.m. Church School
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

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
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CHURCH OF CHRIST
1152 Bennaville
G. Wheeler Utley, Minister
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
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WHEN HE STUDIES in the big chair in his study, Rev. Dr. Emil Kontz of First Baptist church likes to mark significant passages with a pencil or pen. Nearly every page of the Bible he has used for the past several years bears several underscored sentences.

How He Writes His Sermons:
3 Sermons: 3 Subjects
Often Needed Weekly
By JULIE CANDLER

A story about an old Baptist minister tells how he preached from a different text every Sunday. But within a few sentences after he related his text, he worked it around to the subject of baptism by immersion.

Not so, a modern minister like the Rev. Dr. Emil Kontz of First Baptist church. He preaches to members of his congregation as many as three times weekly with a variety of subject matter that only an energetic enthusiasm for his religion and the world around him could sustain. In all of his preaching, says Dr. Kontz, he has definite objectives.

"I KEEP A LIGHTED globe in my study to remind me of the rest of the world as I work," said he. "I want to think about things that are true to people of all colors, all backgrounds. That apply not just to people in Birmingham."

A smile appeared on his cheerful countenance, and he looked at us through his rimless glasses. "You know," he said, "I believe in what Dr. Samuel Shoemaker, a Pittsburgh Episcopal minister, once wrote. He stated that the church's task is two-fold; to comfort the troubled and to trouble the comfortable."

"HERE IN BIRMINGHAM I think we need to keep people from becoming too complacent and satisfied. We need to remind them about the inequities of life," he added.

Another of his objectives is to spend several hours of "prayerful contemplation" on his subject, usually Saturday night in his study at home.

That, he explains, is because "God has to add his spirit to it for it to be a divine message. You must never get the notion that this is your doing."

A third point of emphasis with Dr. Kontz is to lend "a note of evangelism, to win recruits to the Christian cause."

EARLY-RISE Dr. Kontz starts work on his sermons about 6:30 a.m. daily. He goes to his small but cheerful, book-lined study at the rear of the Kontz home at 501 Larchdale.

He pulls out notes he has been collecting on a specific sermon. About two weeks ahead of its delivery, he begins to work out an outline, fill it in with details, illustrations, personal references.

The final week he sharpens up the handwritten outline he will have before him as he preaches Sunday morning.

That same week he often refers to an important bookshelf. The long shelf in Dr. Kontz's study contains 50 to 60 little black note-books. They bear labels like "family," "forgiveness," or "God." Their owner has filled each with notes and clippings on these subjects.

NORTH ADAMS EPISCOPAL MISSION
Eastover School
Westview Road and North Adams Road
Sunday Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
Church School 9:30 A.M.
Nursery School—3 and under at 1296 Lennox
Minister—Rev. Barton Lloyd

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
Lincoln at Edgewood (2 Blocks West of Woodward)
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Rector to Preach At St. James Chapel Ceremony

In one of his last official acts as rector of St. James' church, Birmingham, Sunday at 3 p.m., the Rev. Harold E. Towne will preach the sermon at the dedication of the mission chapel of St. James, at 10300 W. 12 Mile road, Southfield.

The chapel stands as one of the many accomplishments of Mr. Towne and the Birmingham parish, which began this mission in 1952 at a time when their own building program was far from complete.

As a venture in faith, Mr. Towne called together a group of interested people on March 2, 1952 for a service in the Oxford school, Berkeley. From that beginning the Chapel grew from some 20 families to over 150 today.

The early services of the chapel were made possible by Mr. Towne's trips to Berkeley, and the assistance of the lay reading staff of St. James' church, under the direction of the Rev. A. Fletcher Plant. Among them were Mr. Ray Green, Earl Landman, John Chapman, Roy LeMoine, Will Connelly.

Holy Name Parish Begins Fund Drive

The annual Detroit Archdiocesan development fund campaign began at Holy Name church last evening when 200 captains and solicitors met.

The drive is under the co-chairmanship of James Barbour, newly elected president of the Ushers' club, and John Schottdorf, Ushers' club vice president.

The drive to raise funds for Archdiocesan projects such as homes for the aged, seminaries, and new construction, continues through May 19. Solicitors will make returns at St. Anne's hall between 2 and 4 p.m. that day.

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