

## at the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER



What it took this reporter six minutes to say to the Rev. Robert J. Searls today, he summed up in this neat little phrase: "It's Point Four on a spiritual level."

Mr. Searls had been talking about American missionaries today being social workers, medical men, and technicians, as well as ministers.

"Back in the old days," said Mr. Searls, whose minister of Franklin Community church, "it was only ministers."

THEN WE TRIED to say that missionaries are providing much of the aid and technical assistance our government's foreign policy calls for. That's when Mr. S. took the words right out of our mouth.

Sunday Mr. Searls will preach a sermon on missions titled "The Robe, Too, Is Seamless." He'll be wearing a white cotton robe made especially for him in a cooperative in India. The cooperative is sponsored by the Methodist church, and directed by a missionary friend of Mr. Searls', Henry A. Lacy.

Mr. Lacy was back in the Detroit area for a visit two years ago (he formerly supervised Methodist Children's Village there). The missionary there took Mr. Searls' measurements, and months later a box arrived from India, containing the tailor-made robe.

ABOUT 250 PEOPLE live in the small Indian village where the robe was made. It was once destitute, Mr. Searls said. Now the village's cooperative grows the cotton, weaves the cloth, sews and sells the finished products. Lightweight, cool robes such as the one Mr. Searls showed us today as he visited in his handsome study (even had a fire in the fireplace) are worn by ministers in India.

Since, Mr. Searls says, human fellowship doesn't end, there's a corollary between the seamless robe and missions.

This week we learned of another missionary, a technician who has completed 25 years of service as head of the bacteriology department of a Methodist hospital in India.

She's Miss Hannah C. Gallagher. She talked this week to members of First Baptist church who were guests at the home of her cousin, Mrs. S. H. Knowlton of Birmingham boulevard.

She told of her work, and of life and times in India today. Now home on furlough, Miss Gallagher hopes to go back in six months.

That is, Mrs. Knowlton explains, she'll go back if the Indian government will let her.

"The Indian government is not very favorable toward the missionary program," Mrs. Knowlton said. "It's hard to understand the actions of people—and governments."

You don't have to go to India to find problems—or maybe the people who are inmates at Pontiac state hospital have blissfully escaped from their problems.

Actually, they're very lonely people, as church people and club women who have visited the hospital will tell you. Unitarian service committee members are going to a weekly square dance and party at the hospital tonight, to take 40 home-baked pies and stay on to visit with the 225 patients who'll be attending. Mrs. Wilford Payne is chairman of the service committee.

To get the 40 pies (the patients almost never have a taste of home-baked foods), clever Jean Payne left empty disposable pie tins at the church exit last Sunday. Church-goers got her hint.

It's enthusiasm like this that keeps all those activities humming around Birmingham churches.

Hear about a member of the Senior Women's club at Birmingham Community House who spent an entire day there recently helping to stuff thousands of letters going out for the current roll call drive.

This busy volunteer, who's eighty-ish, refused to rest when Mrs. Robert Watt, chairman of the Community House drive, suggested that the women stop work for the afternoon.

Later that afternoon she confided to Mrs. Earl Kuehl of the Community House board of directors that she was far from tired out. She was a member of Embury Methodist church, and she was going to the church that night to help wash dishes after supper!

## North Church Congregational Women Plan Party

Mrs. Raymond C. Miller is chairman of the annual birthday party luncheon slated by the Women's over the church service by reading the scripture and ushering.

al church Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. J. Ernest Grier Jr., is in charge of table decorations, and Mrs. Charles J. Coe is in charge of the program. "A Spiritual Pilgrimage."

Sunday morning at 11 the church's young people will take luncheon over the church service by reading the scripture and ushering.

## Lenten Observance Begins

Next week will see the beginning of the Lenten season and area churches have scheduled special services to mark the solemn beginning of the observance.

A special Ash Wednesday service will be held at 9 a.m. Feb. 19 at First Presbyterian church, Birmingham. The Rev. Robert S. Graham will give the sermon.

Christ Church Cranbrook will hold Holy Communion services in St. Dunstan's chapel at 10 a.m. Ash Wednesday. A Lenten supper at 7 p.m. will be followed by an 8 p.m. service.

St. James Episcopal church will hold Holy Communion services at 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Ash Wednesday. A family Lenten supper at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by Litany and sermon at 7:30 p.m.

Leitner church of the Shepherd-King Lenten services will begin Ash Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Eagle school, 14 Mile at Middlefield. Six Wednesday evening services will be held.

The theme will be "Voices of Passion," in which personalities who played into the passion of Jesus will relate their experiences as if in their own words. The services will be conducted by A. Karl Boehmke, pastor of the church. The choir, under the direction of John Goodell, will lead the Lenten music.



REV. W. D. PENDELL

## Pals Meet Again As Ministers In Troy Churches

The first full-time minister of the Presbyterian church of Troy, the Rev. W. Donald Pendell, recently began his duties at the church on Livernois just north of Wattie road.

Mr. Pendell, 29, has served as the assistant pastor of Alton Park Presbyterian church since 1955. A native of Lincoln, Nebraska, Mr. Pendell grew up, attended high school and college (Wayne) in Detroit.

He now finds his friend of high school and college days, the Rev. Ralph Janka, nearby as minister of Big Beaver Methodist church.

THEY WERE inseparable neighborhood friends, Mr. Pendell said, "and now we are together again, serving side by side across denominational lines."

While attending Princeton theological seminary, Mr. Pendell was chosen as one of 25 ministerial students to tour Japan and Korea hospitals, service centers and UN centers, as chaplains and to sing with the touring group.

Before entering the seminary, the area's new minister taught English in small college in France in 1951.

A SINGER of note, Mr. Pendell was seen by millions when in 1954 he was part of the bid and then paragon team which won three time winner on the Ted Mack amateur hour. He performed in the Madison Square Garden show sponsored by that program.

At the Troy church, Sunday school starts at 9:15 a.m. with classes for all ages, and church is at 11 a.m.

## Baptists to Attend Evangelistic Rally

Approximately 75 persons are expected to represent First Baptist church, Birmingham, at the city-wide Evangelistic rally sponsored by the Detroit association of American Baptist convention churches at Covenant Baptist church Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The rally and service sponsored by 49 churches will feature Dr. Clarence W. Cranford of Washington, D. C. as main speaker, and combined choirs of 200 voices.



## Service Written in 60 Tongues

Reading part of a special service written for women's annual international observance of "World Day of Prayer," Mrs. George A. Barnham, of First Presbyterian church, prepares for the service to be held here Friday, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. at St. James Episcopal church. Seated in the choir stalls of the church are three of the other members of the sponsoring Birmingham United Church Women who will be readers in the local observance: (from left) Mrs. John VanderRoest, of Christ Church Cranbrook;

## Inter-Faith Music Festival Slated Here

CRANBROOK—For the second consecutive year local churches of various denominations will join together to present an inter-faith music festival on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 23. The festival will be held in Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, at 4 p.m., and is open to the public, free of charge.

Participating in the festival will be 170 singers from nine choirs of churches in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Detroit, Warren, and Pontiac. Local church choirs participating will be those of Christ Church Cranbrook, First Presbyterian church, and St. James Episcopal church.

Accompanying them will be a fifteen piece orchestra composed of musicians from the Detroit symphony. Conducting both orchestra and choir will be Dr. Maurice Garabrant, organist and choirmaster at Christ Church Cranbrook.

Dr. Garabrant says "For many years churches have been exchanging ministers and preachers for various services, but extending this inter-faith idea to music and choral festival is a new venture. It could grow to be a very big project in the Detroit area."

The first and only other inter-faith music festival was held last year at Temple Israel in Detroit.



## Episcopal Mission Reveals Plans

Recently approved by the parishioners of Episcopal Church of the Advent, these plans for a new church structure should begin to materialize with construction this spring. The new congregation now meets at the lit-parochial mission of Christ Church Cranbrook, since first services were held Dec. 4, 1955, the church has grown to a membership of 290, with an active Woman's auxiliary, youth group, choir and altar guild building will seat 176, and will include Sunday school rooms, kitchen and rectory's office. Russell Meyer, building fund committee chairman, estimates cost at \$100,000. Rev. John W. Wigle is rector of the church, a parochial mission of Christ Church Cranbrook. Since first services were held Dec. 4, 1955, the church has grown to a membership of 290, with an active Woman's auxiliary, youth group, choir and altar guild.

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11:00 a.m.—CHURCH SCHOOL  
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**Franklin Community Church**  
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Robert J. Searls, Minister  
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