

at the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

We felt some left-overs (items we didn't have space for last week) were too good to be left out.

The "left-overs" are part of our conversation with Dr. Reuel Howe, director of the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies at Cranbrook. They concern ministers.

Speaking of ministers, we could fill this whole column on the subject of Dr. Howe himself, an Episcopal minister, whom we consider a brilliant man, a charming person and fun to be with. And what really impresses this reporter, he's a religious man who believes that ministers of God should be prepared to help men through knowledge of the social sciences.

HE TEACHES pastoral theology, which he calls "practical" theology.

Which is what we write about in a picture story in last week's Eccentric.

One Birmingham church minister at one of the ten-day sessions at the institute. Now to the "left-overs."

Dr. Howe told us he plans a special session for directors of religious education. He'll hold another for women who are leaders in their churches.

Though most of the institute's session are for ministers who have been graduated for at least three years, he held one in December for ministers and their wives.

FIVE MINISTERS and their spouses discussed some of the problems special to their marriages.

As Dr. Howe put it, "The demands of marriage are great, and the demands of the ministry are great."

One Birmingham church minister's wife told this reporter recently that her husband has free evening a week to spend with their four children. Many other ministers' situations are similar.

The seminar on the problem produced "all kinds of understanding," Dr. Howe said.

"It resulted in insights that might very well make it easier for them to tackle the problem creatively," he added.

NOTHING HELPS like being able to sit back and look at your problem objectively, say we.

While we talked about ministers, we asked Dr. Howe about the many men who enter the ministry after first doing some other work.

At Virginia theological seminary where he was a professor before coming here, Dr. Howe says, "About half our students are men who finished college and worked in other fields for a while."

The trend began after the war, which changed the concept of age," he explained. "The average age of our theological students before the war was 22. Now it's 28 or 30. And this is pretty general in all denominations everywhere."

WHEN WE ASKED Dr. Howe what he thinks is responsible for this, he gave two reasons, which he emphasized were generalizations.

"First, these men are personally looking for something to do that has more significance in terms of service," he said. "And secondly, they become so conscious of the needs of people that they would like to do something that helps."

To write in broadway-columnist style:

What Methodist minister spent three and a half hours helping to fight the Franklin car puzzle house fire recently? (Hint: He's a member of the Franklin volunteer firemen's force, and he's minister of a Franklin church.)

Or how about this one:

What local church leader, president of a Birmingham church's women's group, received a standing ovation when she walked into a board meeting at her church last week? (Hint: She got the ovation because a Detroit Sunday paper had front-paged the story of her service to her church and denomination. Her husband's name is L. I. Woolson.)

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FEBRUARY 20, 1958

'World Day of Prayer' Marked Tomorrow

Joining millions of women around the world, Birmingham women will observe "World Day of Prayer" tomorrow at 10 a.m. at St. James Episcopal church. Since 1887, the service has traditionally been held on the first Friday in Lent.

The service here is sponsored by Birmingham United Church Women.

The offering given in churches all over the world will be used for Christian missions at home and abroad. It makes possible aid for Indians and migrants in America, helps furnish reading material for new literates on several continents, as well as providing many other types of help and educational services.

MRS. EARL BRAMBLETT, first Baptist church chairman for the day with Mrs. W. S. Hutchinson of St. James as co-chairman. Others working on the committee are Mrs. John VandeRooft,

Christ Church Cranbrook; Mrs. Darwin Kettering, Birmingham Congregational; Mrs. Arne Lawrie, Embassy Methodist; Mrs. Dale McNatt, First Baptist; Mrs. David Taylor, First Methodist.

Others are Mrs. A. C. Childs, First Presbyterian; Mrs. R. F. Trenchard, Franklin Community church; Mrs. William D. Rentsch, Kirk in the Hills; Mrs. Russell Cooke, Northminster Presbyterian; and Mrs. Alfred Ruppel, St. Andrew's Lutheran church.

Communion will follow the reading of tomorrow's service.

There will be nursery service for childless.

Baptist Church's Members Go Calling

During the six weeks preceding Easter, friends of friends will be calling in the homes of members who have been interested in the church's activities.

The Rev. James MacPherson is conducting a series of "Home Visitation" services. He will be calling on members who have been interested in the church's activities.

On Wed. 8 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. stations of the cross, to be followed by benediction, will be observed.

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With Fashion In Mind

With a style show on their minds, Mrs. J. E. O'Brien (left) and Mrs. R. E. Jacobs look through a current fashion magazine at the Jacobs home on Rivenook. They're planning the fashion show and tea sponsored by St. Martha's guild of the St. James Episcopal church Women's auxiliary. Davidson's will furnish the fashions, to be shown at the Community House at 1 p.m. on Feb. 27. Mrs. O'Brien is guild president, while Mrs. Jacobs is chairman of the show, at which guild members will model. Proceeds will go toward a stained glass window for the children's chapel at the church. Mrs. Dennis Collins, 1877 E. Maple, is ticket chairman.

Lutheran Church Sunders Aid Overseas

As outlined by the church, children of Lutheran church of the Shepherd-King, on its containing writing tablet, pencils, washcloths, soap and face covers were sent to the church. Mrs. Dennis Collins, 1877 E. Maple, is ticket chairman.

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