

at the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

Think it was Walter Winchell who wrote a book titled, "Such Interesting People," telling about the fascinating people he had met in his newspaper work.

Well, he should be church page editor of the Birmingham Eccentric. He could write another book!

This week we met the interesting Mrs. Benjamin E. (Winifred) Storrs. She was asked to play the organ for a couple of Sundays last fall, and she's been doing it every Sunday since.

Now she's official. According to an announcement from the church, Mrs. Storrs is the new organist.

WHEN THE Storrs family moved here a little over a year ago, they looked for a house with a big living room to house the concert grand Steinway piano. That's one of their most important pieces of furniture.

They found the right living room at 6310 E. Surrey, in Foxcroft. Mrs. S. concentrated on getting settled in her new home and getting acquainted for the first year. She had been playing the organ every Sunday in Schenectady, N. Y. churches for the past 12 years, with only two Sundays off a year. That was the two weeks when she, her husband and three children vacationed.

She even managed to arrange the birth of her last child on a Wednesday, so she only had to miss one Sunday at church.

ALWAYS LOVED music, she says, but it wasn't until she already had two children that she began to realize how important further training was to her.

Then she began her studies. Three years at the College of St. Rose, Albany, a year at Skidmore in Saratoga, and over four years with the noted organist, Dr. Elmer Talmarch, at Union college, Schenectady.

Now the whole family goes along Sunday mornings to services at First Baptist church.

And occasionally "dad" takes the musical spotlight there to sing a tenor solo.

You can hear or see the Rev. Ralph H. Read Sunday morning without stepping out your front door. The minister of North Congregational church will speak on "The Darkness of the Lord" over WJ and WJ-TV at 9 a.m. that morning. He'll be on the Detroit Council of Churches, "The Church at the Crossroads."



New House, New Moderator

Pictured in front of the house recently purchased by the Congregational church of Birmingham are Harrison Goodhue, retiring moderator, and James K. Fluck, moderator for 1958. The house behind the church at Ferndale and Euclid streets will be used for Sunday school facilities, along with the two-family home next door to it. Goodhue

said this week that eventual plans are to tear down the homes, build a Christian education addition which would join onto the present structure. Goodhue said tentative plans call for moving the church's main entrance to Euclid, allowing worshippers to enter and turn right for the sanctuary, left for church school.

B'ham Congregational Announces Purchase

Announcement of the purchase of residential property at 3rd Ferndale and arrangement for purchase of second property at 2nd E. Euclid are part of a proposed expansion program announced this fall by the congregation of the Birmingham Congregational church.

The two houses will be used as auxiliary church school space and for provision of a Christian education addition at some future date. A program to cover at least four years was outlined by the congregation at a meeting.

These facts were highlights of a recent meeting of the church last Thursday.

Other reports of the various groups within the church reveal that the five-year-old church has grown from 41 members in March 1952 to a present membership of 142. The church school numbers were 100, and Sunday morning devotionals group, and two evening prayer fellowship groups.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT of 1957 was the arrival of the associate minister, Carl Bards, who began his work exactly four years after the church was founded. The arrival of the Herman Kukiers family of seven from Holland and Indonesia, an expanded program of adult education, and family and youth activities, and a significant increase in the church's benevolent fund, were also noted in annual reports.

The work of some 75 church of boys during 1957 was recognized as appreciation for their skill and devotion expressed by the minister, Mr. Dewey. New officers elected for 1958 included the following: James K. Fluck, moderator; Darwyn Kettering, treasurer; Mrs. Harlan Bond, clerk.

OTHERS ARE John Rosso, Elmer F. Scott, Hazel Starnes, and John Greenwood, members of the board of trustees; Ike Ross, Joe Whinney, and Larry Westerville, board of deacons; Mrs. Clair Duval, Mrs. William Arnold, Mrs. Harold Morrison, board of deaconesses; Vern Downing, Mrs. John Gibb, Mrs. Lee Harlan, Herbert Bowers, William Dicks, and Dr. Robert Huttridge, board of Christian education.

Name of committees are Mrs. Albert Eckfeld, Mrs. William Simpson, William Scholz, Walter Lewis, Hugh Bean, Mrs. M. E. H. Del Duem, Hal Oates, Robert Bird, Curtis Pade, Mrs. Carl Vignoles, Mrs. William New, Mrs. Howard Tattle, Stanley Rosso, and Robert Kutcher.

**St. James Church
Names 5 Vestrymen**

Newly elected to the vestry of St. James Episcopal church are James Mason, Ralph Moore, John A. Schmidt, George F. Schnell and Richard O. Straight.

They were elected at the church's annual meeting held last week.

Delegates named to the 1958 diocesan convention are George Cary, Trevor Hall, Roy W. LeMoine, with Raymond Green, and Admiral Rutledge B. Tompkins as alternates.

Women's auxiliary delegates appointed are Mrs. Hollis P. Halladay, Mrs. Wilbur Sears, Mrs. L. A. Smith, Mrs. A. N. Hill, Alternates are Mrs. George Puddington, Mrs. Trevor Hall and Mrs. Ford Laet.

**Rev. Meller Speaks
On Youth Work**

The Women's association of North Congregational church, northwestern and Labor, will hear the Rev. John W. Meller, associate minister of North Congregational church, after their luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

He will speak on "The Philosophy of Youth Work as Related to the Church." Mrs. Edward T. Ives will give the devotional program.

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Albion President To Preach Here At 1st Methodist

"The Challenge of Christian Education" will be the subject of Albion, a President William Whitcomb Whitehouse when he is guest preacher at 9:30 and 11 a.m. services Sunday at First Methodist.

Dr. Whitehouse is the former dean of the liberal arts college of Wayne state university, Detroit. He is a member of a number of important boards and committees of the Methodist denomination. He has been a member of the North Central association of colleges and secondary schools' commission on higher education, and the executive committee of the national council on cooperation in teacher education.

He is now vice president of the association of American colleges, and is a frequent contributor to national journals.

Teaching Course For Teachers At United Brethren

Teacher training classes are continuing at United Brethren church Wednesday evenings, beginning at 7 p.m.

Sunday School Superintendent Stanley Currie instructs the course, designed for those who want to become Sunday school teachers, or as a refresher course for present teachers.

The ten-week course began Jan. 8, but enrollments can still be accepted.

Rev. Phillips To Show Slides, Discuss Indians

While discussing his former work among the "tipiwea Indians in Minnesota, the Rev. Thomas Phillips of St. James Episcopal church will illustrate his talk with slides.

The talk will be coupled with a film, "The Strength of the Hills," at a meeting which is open to the public next Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the church's undercroft.

The film pictures the Sioux Indians in South Dakota, the mission of St. Catherine's guild, at whose regular meeting the program is slated.

Jehovah Witnesses To View Teaching At Area Assembly

Jehovah's Witnesses of the Berkeley congregation are preparing to attend their regular semi-annual area assembly at Pontiac tomorrow through Sunday. More than 1500 persons will be attending the meeting along with Birmingham area members of the denomination.

Kenneth Palfier, Berkeley group presiding minister, said the program's theme is "Qualified to Teach."

Palfier said the teaching work is "bringing to fearful and worried persons the comforting knowledge of God's Kingdom, now near, and the trouble-free world it brings."

He said all the denomination's teachers and ministers work voluntarily and without pay.

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Refreshments will be served. The same program will be presented at 1 p.m. that day in the undercroft, for those who can't make the night session.



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