

CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

You read the book. Then you get together with others and discuss it. That's the way the Catholic book discussion club at Holy Name church operates. Sounds like fun.

In fact, it's disappointing to finish a book, then discover none of your friends have read it. It's frustrating when there's no one to share the book with.

Anyway, last night the Holy Name group discussed that terrific writer, Evelyn Waugh, and his "Brideshead Revisited."

WHEN THEY MEET again Feb. 12 in St. Anne's hall, the group will talk about "Autobiography of a Hunted Priest" by George Bernanos.

"Vipers Tangle" by Francois Mauriac is slated for March 12. "Criticism and Censorship" by Walter Kerr comes up April 9. "The Potting Shed" by Graham Greene will be the May 14 subject, and "The Everlasting Man" by G. K. Chesterton is June 11.

All the books are by Catholic writers.

Did you notice how the Lions football game against the 49ers on TV came right at the time a lot of churches were holding pre-Christmas Sunday pageants and programs?

To all the fathers who attended the program held that afternoon by the Birmingham Unitarian church, Rev. Russell L. Lincoln has made a special award. He calls it the Unitarian Medal for Gallantry in the Face of Overwhelming Odds. That for leaving their TV sets at the crucial moment.

Know any church group planning to take a trip to the Holy Land? Friend of ours recalled reading in this column a while back about the young peoples' group that hopes to go there. That was the group from Community Congregational church in Lathrup.

She called us to ask if we knew of any adult groups making plans to go. We don't but would like to hear if there is such a group.

First Methodist church's "Scepter Notes" recently quoted that wise old gentleman, Carl Sandburg, on something that fits in at the time when everyone is making resolutions.

Says Sandburg, "You've got to settle on one church and throw your life into it and build it up. Who would want to go to a picnic all the time and eat out of the other people's baskets?"

"It is the church and its Saviour, its Prince of Peace, who is the last hope on earth," Sandburg said, "and yours is a high and holy opportunity to support it with your undeviating loyalty."

Those are mighty strong words, Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel. She told a group of church women recently that "being a church woman must not be... just one more role to play, but the center of life. Otherwise, you're only playing at it. We can hear the husbands now, when their meals aren't ready on time or their wives forget to pick up their clean shirts at the laundry.

That could happen. To a man whose wife decides to stop "only playing at it."

Mrs. Wedel is president of the United Church Women. She was speaking at a recent convention of the Women's guild of the Evangelical and Reformed church.

Mrs. D. K. Olson, 3310 Dogwood court, Birmingham, attended the meeting as a delegate-at-large from the national Fellowship of Congregational Christian women.

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19421 West Ten Mile (Near Evergreen)
Sunday Worship Services... 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Church School... 11:15 a.m.
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Clark H. Hagstrom, City Assessor
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Plans Building On New Site Here

A building fund drive is getting underway at the Church of Christ, 152 Benaville, Birmingham, which several months ago purchased property at Lincoln and Floyd streets. The site of the new church is located on the north side of Lincoln, across from the Birmingham YMCA.

Rev. G. Wheeler Utley, minister of the church, said this week that building plans are indefinite.

"But at the rate the group is growing," he said, "we'll have to have larger quarters within a few years."

THE CONGREGATION of approximately 140 persons now meets in the structure which formerly housed the Embury Methodist church congregation, at Benaville and Woodward.

Mr. Utley, a Royal Oak resident, said the lease on the Benaville property had about four more years to run.

A businessman who serves as minister in his spare time, Mr. Utley is also chairman of the board of the denominational group which is establishing a junior college on the former Maxon estate in Rochester.



Youth in the Pulpit

Telling why he decided to become a minister, Jim Johnson, 20-year-old Duke university junior, spoke from the pulpit at First Methodist church on the Sunday before New Year's Eve. Jim, of 808 Chesterfield, Birmingham, plans to enter a Methodist seminary after college. He spoke at both morning services at the church on student recognition Sunday. Members of the congregation were enthusiastic about his talk. College students served as ushers at the special services.



Holiday Scene

A scene repeated in many Birmingham churches during the holidays was the reunion of vacationing college students as student recognition Sundays were observed.

Haugh, Miami of Ohio; Lee Abernethy, Annapolis; and Judy Dordill, Vassar.

Dr. Arnold F. Runkel chatted with a group of collegiates at First Methodist church at a coffee hour following services. From left are Jim Johnson, of Duke university; Tom Zacharias, Annapolis; Don Haugh, Miami of Ohio; Lee Abernethy, Annapolis; and Judy Dordill, Vassar.



4 Generations Visit Parsonage

Not only her grandmother was visiting little Joy Allwardit at Christmastime, but also her great-grandmother, bringing four generations together at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Howard G. Allwardit. Three-year-old Joy shows her Christmas gifts to (from left) her great-grandmother, Mrs. Charles (Annela) Allwardit, of Van Nuys, Calif; her grandmother, Ethel Hurst Cook, and her mother, Audrey Coy Allwardit. Visitors to the Our Shepherd Lutheran church parsonage at 1950 Melton were amazed to learn that young-looking Mrs. Hurst is in her 80th year.

Interim Pastor Here, Reception Planned Sunday

An interim pastor has been called by Northwestern Baptist church and will be honored by the congregation Sunday at a reception following 7 p.m. evening services.

He is the Rev. James Macpherson, of Denver, Colo., who began conducting services at the church last Sunday. He and Mrs. Macpherson, who has accompanied her husband here, will meet members of the congregation at the reception following 7 p.m. evening services Sunday.

Men Will View 'The Christian And His Work'

A panel discussion on "The Christian and His Work" will feature two representatives of a number of vocational fields when the Men's Fellowship meets tonight at the Congregational church of Birmingham.

H. L. Westerdale will introduce William Athand, representing industrial sales; Dr. William Pierce, medicine; Harold Warner, engineering and manufacturing; Dr. Lynn Nicholas, teaching; Rev. Carl Baird, ministry and James Flack, Whitely, Mr. Macpherson will conduct two services of worship each Sunday at the church at 19421 W. 10 Mile road, near Evergreen.

A PULPIT COMMITTEE at the local church has begun efforts to secure a new, permanent minister for the congregation. Its former minister, Rev. Hale Thornberry, left Dec. 1 to become executive secretary for the Baptist union in Rochester and Monroe counties, New York.

Mr. Thornberry will coordinate Baptist work in that area of central New York.

During their stay in Detroit, the Macphersons will live at 14003 Wilshire. Mr. Macpherson will conduct two services of worship each Sunday at the church at 19421 W. 10 Mile road, near Evergreen.

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Rev. Lester Dobyms Conducts Services

Rev. Lester I. Dobyms, associate pastor of Christ Church Cranbrook, will conduct services at Nativity Episcopal church, mission of Christ Church Cranbrook, until its newly-appointed minister arrives in June.

Mr. Louis Gilllette is expected to become the new minister's vicar after he is graduated from Virginia Theological seminary. The mission holds services at 11:15 a.m. Sundays on W. 14 Mile road between Cranbrook and Labster.

Station CKLW 800 KC Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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MI 6-3122

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Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.
Thurs. Bible Study 7:30 P.M.
MI 6-2902 Ch. FE 5-0572 Res.
Charles J. Whitfield, Pastor

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Northwestern at Labster
11:00 a.m. MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Ministers: Rev. Ralph H. Read
Rev. John W. Metter
11:00 a.m.—CHURCH SCHOOL (Nursery through Senior High),
7:00 p.m. PILGRIM FELLOWSHIPS (Junior and Senior High Young People)
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ELgin 6-5452
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