

## at the CHURCH DOOR

By JUDIE CANDLER



Jim Pratt (right) gets used to the feel of things behind the pulpit with an assist from the Rev. Dr. Emil Kontz of Birmingham First Baptist church. Pratt will be ordained into the ministry Sunday evening.

## Franklin Church Minister's Aide Wins Scholarship

Recognition of superior scholarship in theological education has come to Constance D. Koch, assistant to the minister of Franklin Community church, in the form of a scholarship awarded to her by the graduate school of theology at Oberlin (Ohio) college.

The scholarship provides for an amount equal to one-half of the total cost of tuition for the year. This will be Miss Koch's final full year in the three required for theological education. She will then have just a few hours remaining which she will complete this following year, graduating in June, 1960.

Miss Koch has been with Franklin community church since June of 1957, working primarily in two fields of work, the youth program and pastoral visitation. The youth program has almost quadrupled in size under her leadership.

She is one of a very small group of young women who are preparing themselves for the full ministry of the church, following the supervision allowing this by the Methodist general conference of 1956. Miss Koch will also be ordained a deacon in the Methodist

## "Travel Tea" Stated

Civil 7 of Birmingham First Presbyterian church will hold a "Travel Tea" Sept. 10 at the home of Mrs. R. C. Scott, 1252 Chesterfield.

## On Fall Schedule

Birmingham First Baptist church announces its return to fall schedule of services beginning this Sunday. Church school sessions will begin at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship services will follow at 11 a.m.

church at the annual conference in June, 1959.

She has served as the staff representative to the commission on education of the church and was also part of the faculty of the Detroit district senior high camp at Lake Louise in June of this year. As she began her second year at Franklin community church the timing coincided with the beginning of the fifth year of the minister, Robert J. Searls.

The notification of the scholarship from Oberlin mentioned with high favor Miss Koch's scholastic ability as well as participation in other worthwhile activities available to ministerial students.

THE SON of Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Pratt, 16162 Wetherby, Westwood, Jim was born in a small town, moved to Detroit with his family as a youngster and thence to the Birmingham area in 1953, after graduating from Redford high school and entering Harvard college in 1951.

Between 1951 and last spring he earned his BA in American history and literature cum laude at Harvard and his BD in Christian thought magna cum laude at Yale, the latter two years interrupted by a year of graduate work at New college, university of Edinburgh.

Along with his BD degree he received the Julia Archer high scholarship award for finishing at the head of his class. When he returns to Yale this month, Pratt will be studying toward a Ph.D. in contemporary theology under a Day fellowship.

NO SLOUCH at extra-curricular activities, Pratt has also proved himself something of a vocalist during his school years.

At Harvard he was a member of the glee club, which traveled 19,000 miles to give 200 concerts during his four-year stay. He also sang in a church choir and in 30 concerts with the Boston symphony orchestra.

At Yale Pratt was associated with the Marquand chapel choir, madrigal group, and Bach choir. While abroad he sang with the Edinburgh university chorus and performed with the Edinburgh orchestra.

Finding studies and music still

left him with some spare time while in Scotland, he made side trips into Germany, Italy, Scandinavia and other areas of the British Isles and spent brief time as a "visitation evangelist" in the Shetland islands.

PRESENT at Sunday's ordination ceremonies will be two of Jim Pratt's former pastors, the Rev. Chester A. Sampson, who taught him during his Iowa childhood, and the Rev. Robert S. Shabazz, minister at the church he attended in Redford.

At the conclusion of ceremonies, young Jim Pratt will be no more, and the Rev. James L. Pratt will replace him to say his first benediction—before going back to work and school.

A success story? Not exactly—just the beginning of one, we imagine.

IN OUR haste to welcome a new minister into his profession, we mustn't forget to extend a greeting to the Rev. Walter B. Pedersen, who takes over the helm of the Birmingham Unitarian church as full services resume this Sunday at Upton school, Royal Oak.

Mr. Pedersen, formerly of the Cleveland Ethical society, is a 1938 graduate of Harvard divinity school and has served in several Unitarian churches. During World War II he was with the Red Cross in the Far East and afterwards stayed on in the Japanese occupation government, assisting in the democratic re-orientation of Japanese educators and group leaders.

He succeeds the Rev. Russell L. Lincoln, who resigned at Birmingham Unitarian last spring to take a pastorate in California. Mr. Pedersen's initial sermon, at 10:30 Sunday, will be on "Religion: Energy for Human Creativity."

Registration for church school will be open to children from preschool through high school ages at Upton school at the same time, according to director of religious education Mrs. Donald N. Elliott.

## Groundbreaking Sunday for New Lutheran Church

Seventy-five families of the congregation are expected to participate in groundbreaking services for the new Lutheran church of the Shepherd King, Maple and Middlebell, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Each family will bring its own shovel to assist in turning the first earth for the new \$100,000 parish building. A circle of earth will be turned, symbolizing the fellowship which binds the families of the church into one. The service will be conducted by the Rev. A. Karl Boelmike, pastor of the congregation.

The new building will house up to 300 worshippers and also will incorporate church school and other supplementary rooms. Organized in December 1956, the congregation has its temporary headquarters in Eagle school, 14 Mile and Middlebell.

## Local Girl Attends Baptist Youth Convo

Ann Barsdale, 766 Chesterfield, Birmingham, was one of 150 Baptist young people who attended the national older youth conference of the American Baptist assembly at Green Lake, Wis., Aug. 23-30.

Included in the program, designed for young working people, military men and other high school graduates not in college, were reports on Baptist missionary work, movies, dramatic presentations and a communion service to conclude the convention.

## New Times Sunday

Returning to two morning worship services this Sunday will be Birmingham First Methodist church. Starting times will be 9:30 and 11 a.m. Church school classes will meet at the same time, crib nursery through ninth grade and senior youth and adult Bible class at 9:30 and crib nursery through ninth grade at 11.

Notices of church group meetings and special services must be submitted in writing by 3 p.m. on Thursday before publication date.

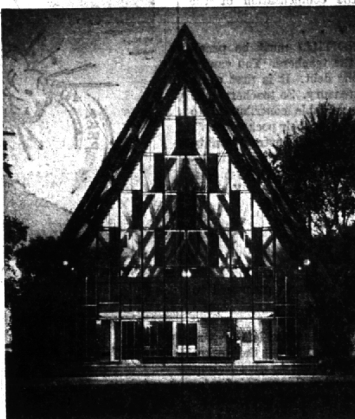
## Christian Science Society

Franklin, Michigan  
38100 German Mill Road  
SUNDAY—11 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL—11 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY EVENING  
TESTIMONY MEETING—8:15  
READING ROOM  
(In Church Edifice)  
Thursday—1-3 P.M.  
7:30-9:30 P.M.

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## Ready for Dedication

Slated for dedication this Sunday at 4 p.m. is this impressive addition to St. John's Episcopal church, 11 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak. Stained glass (dark panels in photo) was taken from the old church. The 900-seat church, which also boasts an undercroft designed for 600 diners, cost \$550,000 and measures some five stories (52 feet from ground to rooftop).

WELCOME TO  
BEAUTIFUL SAVIOUR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Lahser & 11 Mile Rd.  
North Adams Road at  
Whitmore Road  
9 mile north of  
East Long Lake Road  
Sunday Worship Service  
11:00 A.M.  
Sunday School and Bible  
Classes 9:45 A.M.  
Telephone: MI 6-5124  
H. J. KUHLMANN, Pastor

SOUTHFIELD  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Brooks School  
Lahser & 11 Mile Rd.  
Sunday Services:  
10 a.m. Bible School  
11 a.m. Morning Worship  
7 p.m. Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY—7:45 P.M.  
Bible Study and Prayer Service  
A Cordial Welcome  
Awaits You  
For Information Call  
EL 6-4558

NATIVITY  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
21222 West 14 Mile Road  
(Half way between  
Cranbrook and Lahser)  
Sunday Worship Service  
Bible School and Nursery  
10:30 A.M.  
Minister: Rev. Louis C. Gillette  
MI 4-5210

HOW  
CHRISTIAN  
SCIENCE  
HEALS

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

PRESBYTERIAN  
Kirk in the Hills  
SUNDAY WORSHIP  
10:30 O'CLOCK  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
Dr. Harold C. DeWind,  
Minister

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
United Lutheran Church  
of America  
6255 Telegraph, 1/10th of a  
Mile North of Maple  
Summer Schedule  
Worship Service 9:00 A.M.  
Sunday School 9:00 A.M.  
Parsonage: 2247 W. Lincoln Ave.  
Phone: MI 6-6119  
Rev. John A. Root, Pastor  
A National Lutheran Council Church

## St. James Episcopal Church

355 W. Maple—Birmingham, Mich.  
Sunday Services  
8:00 A.M. 9:15 A.M. 11:00 A.M.  
Church School and Nursery  
9:15 and 11:00  
Young Peoples Fellowship 5-7 P.M.  
Midweek—Holy Communion—Wednesday 11:00 A.M.  
Clergy—K. H. Gass—W. E. Snodell—T. G. Phillips  
Mus. Dir.—Kent McDonald

## THE BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH

Religion without dogma  
The Rev. Walter B. Pedersen, Minister  
Service and Church School 10:30  
Sermon:—"Religion: Energy for Human Creativity"  
Alfred E. Upton School, Royal Oak  
near Fourteen Mile Road and Coolidge

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Christian Science Service  
181 N. Chester—Birmingham, Michigan  
Sunday Morning Services 9:30 and 11:00  
Sunday School 9:30 and 11:00  
Infants' Room (In Reading Room) 9:15 and 10:45  
Wednesday Evening Meeting 8:15  
READING ROOM, 355 East Maple Ave.  
Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Except Sundays and Holidays  
Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 Except Wednesdays and Saturdays

## GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH



Lincoln at Edgewood  
(2 Blocks West of Woodward)  
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.  
Thurs. Bible Study 7:30 P.M.  
MI 6-2023 Ch. MI 6-8167  
Charles J. Whitfield, Pastor

## Franklin Community Church

On Franklin's Village Green  
1 block west of Franklin Rd.,  
at Wellington and Normandy.  
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES  
AND CHURCH SCHOOL  
10 A.M.  
Robert J. Searls, Minister  
Assistant to the Minister, Constance D. Koch

## NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Northwestern Highway at Lahser Road  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service of Worship  
MINISTERS  
Rev. Ralph H. Read Rev. John W. Metler  
11:00 a.m.—Church School (Nursery through Senior High)  
All Are Welcome

## Northwestern Baptist Church

19421 West Ten Mile (Near Evergreen)  
Sunday Worship Service . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Church School . . . 11:15 a.m.  
EL 6-1717

## ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

12 Mile Road at Southfield Road  
Elgin 6-5452  
Rev. Cyril J. Keating, Pastor  
SUNDAY MASSES  
7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:15 P.M.  
Daily Mass—7:00 A.M.  
Holy Day of Obligation Masses  
7:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 7:30 P.M.  
Confessions—Saturday 3:30 P.M., 7:30 P.M.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

1152 Bennoville Birmingham, Michigan  
G. Wheeler Utley, Minister  
10:00 A.M. Sunday Bible Class  
11:00 A.M. Sunday Worship  
6:30 P.M. Sunday Evening Service  
7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible Study  
"THE HERALD OF TRUTH"  
WXYZ—Each Sunday 5:00-5:30 P.M.

## UNITY

Affiliated with The Unity School of Christianity  
UNITY SERVICES  
Sunday 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday School 11:00 A.M.  
1128 West Maple, Birmingham

## "CHURCH GOING FAMILIES ARE HAPPIER FAMILIES"

Lutheran Church of the Ascension  
(Missouri Synod)  
16935 W. 14 Mile Rd. at Pierce Ave.  
(1/4 mile West of Woodward)  
The Rev. Elbert W. Nygelken, Pastor  
Sunday Worship Hour—11:00 A.M.  
Family Worship and Sunday School—9:30 A.M.

## Start Your "Fall Shopping"

IN YOUR  
CLOTHES  
CLOSETS . . .

(Start Today)



Rummage through your clothes closets for last year's fall garments and bring them to us for like-new cleaning that will put them in tip-top shape for wearing this fall.

Our personalized cleaning puts new life in old garments. There's no easier way to save money on fall wardrobe shopping than to start "buying" in your own closets.

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- W. MAPLE at CRANBROOK RD.

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