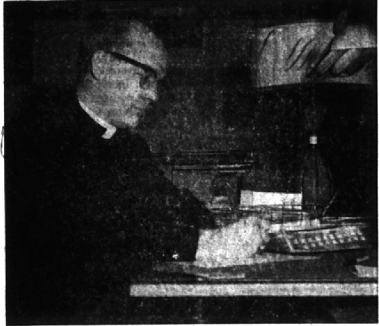


# The Birmingham Eccentric CHURCH PAGE

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The Rev. Chris A. Laursen, pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran church, Lathrup, works on a sermon in his basement study. Mr. Laursen came here in June of 1958. His congregation will be a year old in March.

## Open House Being Held By Mormons

Open house programs are being conducted this week at the Detroit Stake center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), Woodward at Chesterfield.

The programs started Feb. 22 and will continue through Sunday. The church will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight and tomorrow. The final program will be at 3 p.m. Sunday.

The programs will consist of brief lectures to explain the building, the church's history and its basic tenets.

**SPEAKERS WILL** be George Romney, president of the stake and president of American Motors; Ralph M. Johnson, Bishop of the Pontiac Ward; and Jonathan W. Snow, building chairman.

Also included will be organ recitals on the 18-rank Estey pipe organ and building tours. Guides will explain the features of the \$700,000 building, the first to be erected in Michigan for Stake activities of the church.

The building will be used regularly by the Pontiac Ward and periodically by 11 other ward congregations ranging from Toledo, Ohio to Sarnia, Ontario.

**IT WILL SERVE** as a religious, cultural and recreational center for the church and contains a full size basketball floor and theatre stage.

The building will be formally dedicated later this year after it has been fully paid for. A general authority from Salt Lake City will be here for the dedication.

## Dr. Cole to Speak At Lenten Program

Dr. Walton E. Cole will be guest speaker at a pot-luck supper at the Congregational church of Birmingham on March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

This will be the second of three Lenten programs to be held at the church, sponsored by the board of deacons and deaconesses.

Dr. Cole is minister of the First Congregational church of Detroit. He will speak on a Lenten theme. There will be movies for the children following the supper.

Reservations for the pot-luck supper may be phoned in to the church office.

## Woman's Society To Hold Meeting

The Woman's Society of Christian Service at First Methodist church will hold its general meeting March 4.

The business meeting will begin at 11:30 in the adult education classroom and a luncheon will follow.

The luncheon will be in commemoration of the Last Supper, and the food will be as nearly like the Passover meal as possible.

Bible readings and music will be included.

Writing bulletins and preparing sermons.

**IT ISN'T UNUSUAL** for him to spend ten hours on a sermon before he gets it the way he wants. He pointed out that this is a difficulty for many young ministers while gaining experience.

"You have to devote a great deal of your time to the church but it is certainly worth it," he said.

He admitted that he came out of the seminary a little disillusioned about the ministry.

"I left seminary school thinking of myself as a 'high-churchman' and suddenly found that I didn't even have a church and had to hold services in a school," he said.

"SINCE then, I've learned that it doesn't matter where you meet. The same principals are involved. Besides it is a wonderful experience to grow with your congregation."

And undoubtedly his congregation will be growing, because Mr. Laursen is a determined man.

"There are a lot of people in this area that need our church," he said. "They may not know it yet, but they will when I ring their doorbell and tell them so."



## National Catholic Book Week

Sunday was a busy day for Mrs. William Yates, Jr. (left) and Mrs. Lawrence K. Power. They were helping with the book fair and open house held in the Holy Name church library, located in St. Anne's hall. The open house was held in observance of National Catholic Book Week, Feb. 22 to

Feb. 28. Mrs. Yates, librarian, said the three-year-old library contains over 700 books. All of the books are of Catholic interest or are by Catholic authors. The library was started through donations and is now financed by the Altar Society.

## Wooster Choir To Sing Here

The 24-member Wooster College (Presbyterian) Male Glee club of Wooster, Ohio, will give a concert at the First Presbyterian church March 9 at 8 p.m.

The choir will present a varied program of spirituals and have appeared recently in Findlay, Ohio; Elkhart, Ind.; and Berwin, Ill.

The choir will be assisted by Mrs. Gloria Miranda, a native Argentine student who will play piano selections by Argentine composers.

The program, to be held in the church social hall, will be open to the public without charge.

## Detroit Councilman Talks to Men's Club

William Patrick, Jr., Detroit city councilman, was the guest speaker at the Feb. 16 meeting of the Northminster Presbyterian Men's club. Patrick spoke to the group on current integration problems in the Detroit area.

The meeting was the second in a series of four on the general theme "Prejudices," and was timed to coincide with National Brotherhood Week.

## Supper Club to Hear Talk on Civil War

The Supper club of the Congregational church of Birmingham will hold its monthly dinner March 6, at 6:45 p.m. at the church.

James Flack, past moderator of the church, will speak on the Civil War era and William Price will show slides and sound effects. Flack's topic will be "This Hallowed Ground."

The dinner will be prepared and served by the Supper club committee. Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wheatley, chairman, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. James Isham, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. George Grossman and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pennell.

## Robert Eddy to Talk To B'ham Friends

Robert Eddy will be the speaker at the meeting of the Birmingham Friends (Quakers) at 3:30 p.m. March 1, in the Community House. His subject will be "A Constructive Approach for the Individual Toward International Tensions."

He will deal with both the tensions, peace, and the problems of the individual feeling of impotence when thinking of the relation to international politics.

Eddy was born and reared in Saratoga Springs, N. Y. He graduated from Syracuse university in 1953 and received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Drew University in 1956.

He was ordained into the ministry by the Methodist church. He has served pastorates in North Creek and Fort Johnson, N. Y.

Since 1958, he has been Director of the Peace Education program of the Dayton Region, American Friends Service Committee.

After the talk, there will be a short meeting for worship.

## Unitarians Attend Stage Play in Det.

The public is invited to join members of the Birmingham Unitarian church at the March 1 production of "The Dark at the Top of the Stairs."

The stage play by William Inge is playing at the Shubert theatre, and the Unitarians are selling tickets for Sunday night at 7:30.

The play is directed by Ella Kazan with Barbara Bayley, Audrey Christie and George L. Smith in the cast.

Reserved seats may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Fredrick Robinson, 287 Pilgrim, Mrs. Newell McCuen, N. Glenhurst or Mrs. Harold Boehm, W. Lone Pine road.

## 1st Presbyterian Drama Department To Present Skit

The department of religious drama at First Presbyterian church Sunday will present a short skit for the Sunday school young people for the "one great hour of sharing."

The skit, "A Little Honeyeater," by Marjorie VanAlstyne will be presented by permission of "Grade Teachers" magazine. It is a story about farm animals and is intended to teach children to share.

MRS. WILLIAM MILLIGAN will narrate the story and sixth and seventh grade girls will act as animals. The girls participating include Christine Hubber, Christine Meyer, Linda Giles, Louise Bailey, Linda Eastman, Peggy Talburt, Jill Cook, Julie Rundle, Linda Thomson and Kathleen Walker.

The cast of 43 young people is now in rehearsal for the passion play, "Joy of Easter," which will be presented for the congregation March 8 in the church social hall.

## Camera Explained

James C. McDonald lectured and showed slides on "Photographing the Play" at First Presbyterian church Feb. 18. He explained the use of the camera, lighting and the best ways to pose for pic-

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## Women's Fellowship To Hear Writer

The Women's Fellowship of the Congregational church of Birmingham will have its Founder's Day luncheon Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.

Mrs. Elmor K. Rose, nationally syndicated feature writer will be the guest speaker. Her topic will be "Sugar and Spice" and her program will consist of witty comments on everyday life. Some verses will be quoted from her book, "Relax, Chum."

MRS. ROSE WRITES light verse quatrains for daily newspapers and her poetry and prose have been published in such magazines as "Saturday Evening Post," "Christian Herald" and "Readers Digest."

She has been active in the Methodist church, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, PTA, Kappa Gamma, and the Detroit Women Writers. She is a member of the American League of Women Voters and Pen-women. She is listed in the 1958-1959 edition of "Who's Who of American Women."

## To Present Lecture

Dr. W. Glen Harris' final lecture in connection with his European trip will be presented Sunday at 5 p.m. at First Presbyterian church. His topic will be "Where Protestantism Failed and Why—Spain."

## Play to Be Given By Chancel Players

The Chancel Players of the First Methodist church will present "The Symbol of a Cross" following a dinner at the church tonight.

The story, by Mattie B. Shannon, is about the influence of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

The cast includes Helen Romaine, Rose Stokes, Chester Stokes, Tanja Ives, Rev. Robert Falk, Boyd Zacharias and Hugh Janney.

Other persons involved are: Evelyn Samanen, director; Gordon Boling, lights; Martin Samanen, set design; Alice Lermany and Mrs. Edwin Rake, costuming, and

## Book Lists Posted

Mrs. Milton Young, chairman of St. Lucians Library at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church, announced this week that book lists are posted in the church's vestibule in connection with Catholic Book Week. Book markers were passed out after each mass last Sunday.

## BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH

Upton School, Royal Oak  
2 1/2 W. of 1st St. W. of Coolidge (RELIGION FOR MODERN MAN)  
Services & Church School—10:30  
"ON BEING DISILLUSIONED"  
Guest speaker—Rev. William D. Hammond, minister of the Cross Pointe Unitarian Church  
WALTER B. PEDERSEN, S.T.D.—Harvard  
Minister LI 8-7282

## Christian Science Society

Franklin, Michigan  
26109 German Mill Road  
SUNDAY—11 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL—11 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY EVENING  
TESTIMONY MEETING—8:15  
READING ROOM (In Church Edifice)  
Thursday—1:30 P.M.  
7:30-9:30 P.M.

## St. James Episcopal Church

355 W. Maple—Birmingham, Mich.  
Sunday Services  
8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion  
9:15 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon—"The Whiner"  
11:00 A.M.—Holy Communion and Sermon—"The Whiner"  
5:00 P.M.—Young People's Fellowship (Church School and Nursery—9:15 and 11:00)  
Midweek—Holy Communion—Wednesday 7:30-11:00 A.M.  
Clergy—K. H. Gass—W. E. Snouck—T. G. Phillips  
Mus. Dir.—Kent McDonald

## NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Northwestern Highway and LaHar Road  
11:00 a.m. Morning Service of Worship  
MINISTERS  
Rev. Ralph H. Head Rev. John W. Metler  
11:00 a.m. Church School (Nursery through Senior High)  
ALL ARE WELCOME

## UNITY UNITY SERVICES

1128 West Maple, Birmingham  
Sunday 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday School 11:00 A.M.

## Northwestern Baptist Church

19421 West Ten Mile (Near Evergreen) EL 6-1717  
Minister: Rev. Nelson C. Munson  
Sunday Worship Services . . . 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Church School . . . 11:15 a.m.  
Youth Groups . . . 5:30 p.m.

## Franklin Community Church

On Franklin's Village Green  
1 block west of Franklin Rd., at Wellington and Normandy.  
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE—10:00 A.M.  
CHURCH SCHOOL—2 Year Olds thru 3rd Grade 10 A.M.  
4th Grade thru Junior High 11:15  
Robert J. Searls, Minister  
Assistant to the Minister, Constance D. Koch

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Christian Science Services  
191 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.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

1152 Bennaville Birmingham, Michigan  
G. Wheeler Utley, Minister . . . . . LI 2-0855  
10:00 A.M. Sunday Bible Class  
11:00 A.M. Sunday Worship  
6:00 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.

## 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 6-2602 Ch. XI 6-6167  
Charles J. Whitfield, Pastor

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