

[Bristol, Ontario Co. NY]

### Bristol Congregation Plans Rededication of Sanctuary

BRISTOL—Rev. Robert Eads, of Colgate Rochester Divinity School will occupy the pulpit of Bristol Community Church at the 10 a.m. service tomorrow. He will assist the church pastor, Rev. Karl Herrenkohl, in a service of rededication of the church sanctuary following an extensive remodeling and redecorating.

Several memorial gifts also will be dedicated, including a 7-foot aluminous cross presented by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Green in memory of his mother, Mrs. Fannie Abbey Green and her mother, Mrs. Anna Randall Standish; a pair of bronze vases for the altar table, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ferrin, in memory of their son Clifford and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferrin; and a pair of candlelighters presented by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rogers in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Morse.

The white frame building at Baptist Hill, overlooking Bristol Valley, was built in 1861 by the Universalist Society and continued in that denomination until June of 1961 when the congregation voted to withdraw from the society<sup>1</sup> and function as a Community Church. The Rev Mr. Herrenkohl, then a student at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, became the first resident pastor.

The church, without a resident pastor since 1956, had been served on alternate Sundays by Rev. Hardy Lamb and George McG. Hayes of Canandaigua.

The work project just completed, was organized under the direction of the pastor and church boards. It includes the installation of a new ceiling and laying of new carpeting in the sanctuary, remodeling of the altar, installation of a furnace and the painting of the interior and exterior of the edifice. An estimated expenditure of \$3,500 was carried by the church funds and additional materials, labor and finances contributed by members of the congregation and friends.

Older members of the congregation can recall only one other program of alteration. This took place during the pastorate of Rev. Richard Dicks in 1946-51. The Sunday School rooms at the rear of the sanctuary were enlarged during the following year.

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<sup>1</sup> They were opposed to the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America into the Unitarian Universalist Association a month earlier.