

## Painting Tower Requires Ship-Style Rig

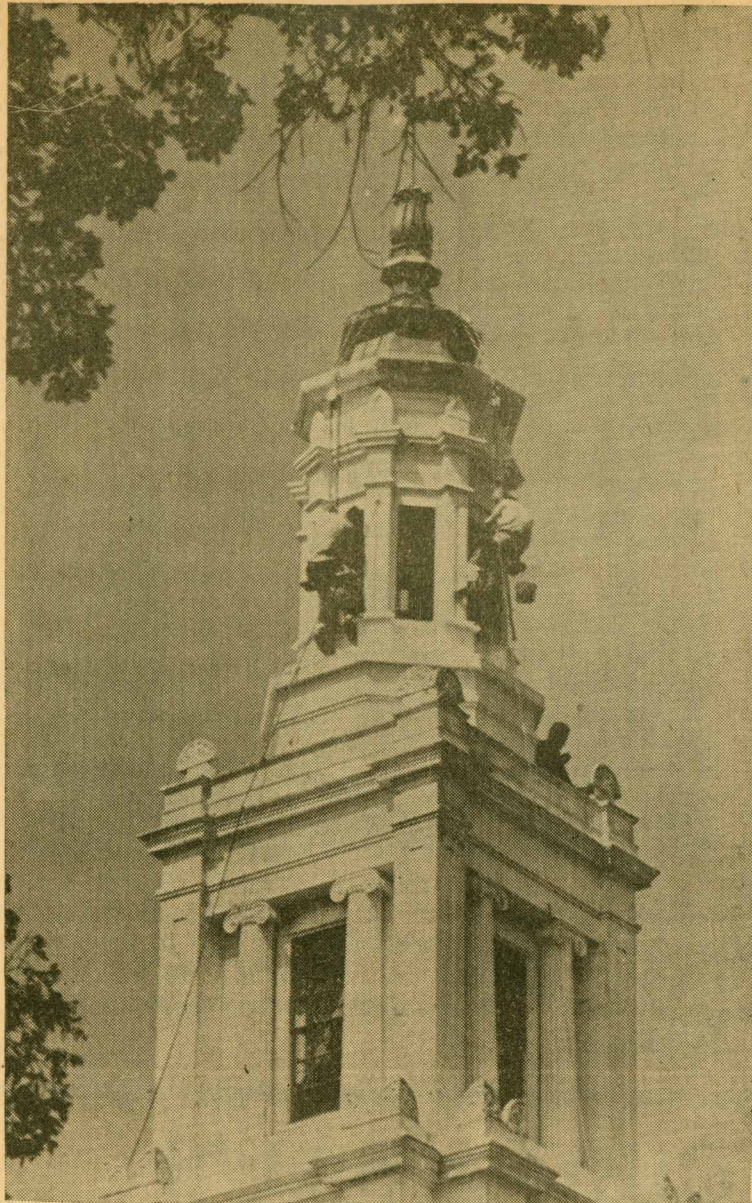


Photo by Ross Moffett

Painting the 113-year old tower of the historic Universalist Church of the Redeemer calls for the use of a bosun's chair, a rig more commonly seen on water than on land. Work on the tower, designed after the English church architect Sir Christopher Wren, was completed early this week. The entire facade of the church will also be repainted, following a decision made at a special Parish meeting last night.

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THIS WEEK Herman "Tiny" Rivard has been installing floodlights to illuminate the beautiful Church of the Redeemer (Universalist) which, with its stately steeple, is said to have been built after the fashion of Sir Christopher Wren. The standard behind the church sign is mounted with a 1500 watt light for flooding the entire front of the church and above is a smaller 50-watt spotlight which will be trained on the top of the steeple.



## flotsam and jetsam

While the tower of the Universalist Church was being painted recently, a lot of people were evidently attracted to glancing skyward who hadn't done so for a long time. For a number of them discovered to their concern, that the church tower appeared to be tilting. No cause for alarm, Arthur Bickers was telling us the other day. The church has been settling at the northwest for years, but there doesn't seem to be any likelihood of anything serious happening. For one thing the timbers used in the construction of the tower go all the way down to above the choir loft. The area all around the church is an old swamp, as several folks living in the neighborhood have good reason to know, and they'll sadly point out you have only to dig down a few feet to strike water. Perhaps if the settling goes on for a long enough time, the Church may receive some distinction as has the Tower at Pisa, but it's doubtful that any of us will be around to take notice of it.

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HERE IN THE CENTER of town the lovely old Universalist Church which has been swallowed in the darkness at the end of day for 115 years, is now brilliantly lighted during the evening from 8 to 11 p.m. Every detail of the beautiful Christopher Wren tower and the facade with its dignified simplicity with the great spruces on either side, make an unforgettable picture. Inside the church there is the same beautiful sanctuary, just as it was in 1847 when it was built, with the same priceless Sandwich glass chandeliers. It is a visit no one should miss and donations will be gladly welcomed for this famous old landmark.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1962

## Church Here Calls Woman To Pulpit

The Reverend Miss Violet A. Kochendoerfer has been called by members of the Parish to assume the ministry of the Church of the Redeemer, Universalist, on November 1.

Miss Kochendoerfer is a native of Minnesota. She attended Reed College in Portland, Oregon, and served three and a half years in England, France and Germany as Service Club director and supervisor for the American Red Cross during World War II, following which she continued with the Red Cross in Dearborn, Michigan in Services to the Veterans Hospitals. After several years as office manager of the Chamber of Commerce in Santa Fe, New Mexico, she went to Berkeley, California, where she completed a

three-year training for the Unitarian-Universalist ministry at Starr King School.

This school is named for Thomas Starr King, a Universalist minister who sailed around the horn in 1850 to be the minister of the Unitarian Church in San Francisco. He is one of the two Californians in the Hall of Fame in Washington, D. C., sharing this honor with Father Sera, founder of the California Missions. He was chosen for this honor by the State of California for his untiring efforts which resulted in saving California for the Union.

Miss Kochendoerfer, one of the few women in the Unitarian-Universalist ministry, is looking forward to her stay in Provincetown. In addition to the regular Sunday services, she hopes to make the historic Universalist Church here a center for stimulating activities for permanent residents, as well as for Summer visitors.

## Miss Kochendoerfer Installed As Minister



Ordination and installation ceremonies of Miss Violet Kochendoerfer as the first woman minister of the First Universalist Parish of Provincetown were held Sunday afternoon in the Universalist Church.

The act of ordination was led by John F. Rosenthal, church moderator, and the act of installation was led by Herbert F. Mayo, parish trustee.

The opening words were given by the Rev. Kenneth R. Warren, Unitarian-Congregational Society, Barnstable, and the meditation was led by the Rev. V. L. Vanstrom, assistant minister, First Unitarian Church, Providence.

Mr. Warren gave the charge to the minister and the charge to the congregation was by Mr. Vanstrom. Welcome to the church was led by Mrs. Nell L. Silvey, president of the Get-Together Club. The Rev. Ernest D. Vanderburgh, vicar of the Church of St. Mary of the Harbor welcomed Miss Kochendoerfer to the community.

The Rev. George J. Spencer, associate director of the Department of the Ministry of the Unitarian-Universalist Association gave the sermon, "But Where Is The Glory?", and Miss Kochendoerfer gave the benediction.

A reception was held in the vestry of the church immediately following the service.