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Rev. F. A. Pope Arrives Monday To Assume Duties As Pastor At St. George

Mrs. Pope, who is the former Marcia Ruth Baker, of Lebanon, worked with her husband when he was assistant at St. Francis Boys' home in Salina, Kan. The couple has two children, Frederick James, who is called "Fritzie," and a daughter, Carolyn Mary Pope, who will celebrate her second birthday anniversary in November.

The newly-appointed pastor of St. George Episcopal mission church, the Rev. Frederick Arthur Pope, will arrive here Monday from Hopkinton, N. H., with Mrs. Pope and their two children and will conduct his first service Sunday, September 5, at 10 a.m.

The mission church will be located at Lebanon pike and Manor lane, where the southern diocese church foundation, headed by Bishop Henry Wise Hobson and St. Paul Episcopal church, Oakwood, recently purchased a 135-year old house and four and one-half acres of land for parish use.

Mr. Pope's first service will be held in the Merchants National Town and Country branch bank, where the congregation, which has a potential membership of 1000, will continue to worship until completion of a temporary structure on Manor lane this fall. The church will remain a diocesan mission until it becomes self-supporting. Then members may petition the diocese to become a parish.

Although a young clergyman, Mr. Pope has had an interesting and colorful career, including work in a Worcester, Mass., industrial plant, wartime duty on a Merchant Marine oil tanker plying between Ireland and the Caribbean, active duty with the Navy, culminating in study at Trinity college, Hartford, and Dartmouth, and a sea assignment on the aircraft carrier Tarawa.

Following the war, Mr. Pope returned to Trinity and was graduated in 1947. He took his bachelor of Sacred Theology degree at Berkeley Divinity school, New Haven, in 1950, was ordained in Grace church, Lawrence, Mass., in December of that

year and served Grace parish until February 1952 as curate.

The four summers between 1947-1950 saw Mr. Pope successively as a lay reader in Woodsville, Mass., a rural worker in Montana under direction of the National Town-Country Church Institute, camp counselor in Massachusetts, assistant to the Rev. Frank Marshall in the Bor-



der Ministry around Colebrook, and as assistant at St. Francis Boys' home where he and Mrs. Pope worked together. The latter also worked for two years with the National Council of the Episcopal church in New York.

The minister comes to Dayton from St. Andrew's church in Hopkinton, where he has been rector. Until the arrival of their household goods, he and his family will stay with Mrs. Pope's relatives in Lebanon.