

REV. THOMPSON ASKED TO STAY AT SOUTHFIELD

Veteran Pastor Heartily Approved by Church Board

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

The Rev. Calvin M. Thompson, 223 Ferndale avenue, was unanimously requested to remain as pastor of the Southfield Methodist Episcopal Church by the congregation at the fourth quarterly conference Sunday.

A 35 percent increase in membership, all expenses for the past year paid up in full and a balance on hand in the treasury were reported at the conference. All benevolent claims have been paid, also according to the treasurer, G. Sturman.

The following officers were elected to serve for the next year: Charles Simmons and L. M. Dunbar, trustees emeritus; Lansing G. Sturman, Everett Lockwood, Raymond Roediger, Ralph E. Duffy, Alexander Currie, LaVerne S. Sturman and Justin R. Jenks, active trustees; and these stewards: H. G. Noble, district steward; L. G. Sturman, treasurer; Albert Roediger, Mrs. A. Roediger, Mrs. W. Sturman, recording steward; Mrs. Dan F. Hughes, communion steward; Mrs. Robert Churches, Mrs. Stephen Wright, Mrs. Ada Roediger, Mrs. Alex Currie, Mrs. Grace M. Lockwood, Mrs. Clyde Utley, Mrs. Grace E. Noble, Mrs. Emma E. Sturman, Mrs. William Davis, Mrs. Irving Johnson, Miss Emma Strang, Mrs. Justin R. Jenks, Miss Tillie Ferguson, Mrs. Walter White, Mrs. L. V. Snider.

and Mrs. Anna Roediger, H. G. Noble, Mrs. A. Currie and Mrs. Ada Roediger will have charge of the world service work, and Mrs. W. Sturman, Mrs. Clyde Utley, Mrs. Roy Churches and Miss Emma Strang, of hospital and homes. The Sunday School work will be carried on under the direction of H. G. Noble, Mrs. H. G. Noble, Miss Margaret Johnson, A. V. Dennis and Mrs. Grace Lockwood.

Mrs. Anna Roediger, Mrs. Dan F. Hughes, Mrs. Helen Wright, Mrs. Harriet Hughes and Miss Harriet Roediger will see to the church music for the year, and L. G. Sturman, H. G. Noble, Mrs. W. Sturman, Everett Lockwood and Mrs. A. Currie will be in charge of estimating and finance. Harold G. Noble will remain as Sunday School superintendent and Mrs. Alexander Currie as president of the Gleason Society.

FIRE DAMAGES AUTO

Fire caused by overheated brakes Sunday afternoon damaged the floor boards and upholstery on an automobile owned by A. M. Smith of Berkeley at Woodward and Willets avenue. The blaze was extinguished by firemen from the Birmingham department.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Oakland, ss: I, Clerk of said County, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same is on file in my office in the City of Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan, at this date, to-wit: A. A. Roediger, Plaintiff, and Miss Myrtle Bissell, Defendant. Summons having been issued in this cause and having been returned and filed in this cause, or judgment will be entered by default; and that this order be served or published as required by law. This suit is brought to terminate the interest of the defendant on certain land contract for the sale of premises located in the Southeast 1/4 of Section No. 2 of part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section No. 1, Township 36 North, Range 2 East, Royal Oak Township, Oakland County, Michigan, and that the same be sold according to the plan thereof recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Oakland County, Michigan. GEORGE B. HARRICK, Circuit Court Commissioner, Oakland County, Michigan. Dated August 26th, 1927. 26-22

LADD TELLS REAL ESTATE BOARD CONDITIONS ARE EXCELLENT HERE

"Conditions are better today in Birmingham for growth and increase in property valuation than in any part of the west," members of the Birmingham real estate board were told Monday night at a dinner meeting at the Chateau Tea Room by David H. Ladd, president who returned recently from a western trip.

The national convention of realtors at Seattle was attended by Mr. Ladd, who visited many cities in the west. Mr. Ladd based the opinion that little progress, on impressions gained at first hand as well as on opinions from realtors, he asserted.

St. Paul, Minneapolis and Spokane were all found by Mr. Ladd to be making slow progress in real estate, the population increase being so slow that the land values remained at a standstill or even decreased because of depreciation of buildings, he said. Conditions are practically the same in Portland, Ore. Mr. Ladd told the board.

The real estate convention, attended by thousands from all over the United States, was divided into eight divisions. Mr. Ladd said, each of which held numerous sessions during the week of the convention. Why Detroit planned to build so many wide superhighways was answered by Mr. Ladd at one of the sessions of his division. He told the realtors, he related, that the highways were built to allow the easy flow of wealth from the city into the country where people were building homes.

The conditions in Seattle are somewhat better than in many western cities, Mr. Ladd found. This city, he tells, has a population of 370,000 with a 10 per cent yearly increase. Timber is plentiful around Seattle and, when cleared away, provides fertile soil. This, of course, he says, is an asset to real estate. Although assessments are made on 50 percent valuation, similar to the taxing in this section, Mr. Ladd said, the rate of tax is very high being about \$25 per \$1,000. An excessive school tax is levied Mr. Ladd found, because the University of Washington, exempt of tax, is in the business district of the city.

GIRL SCOUTS OPEN SEASON

Draw Up Constitution To Prepare For National Recognition

The Girl Scout council met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lee A. White on Brookside Drive for the first of this season's monthly meetings.

The most important feature of the meeting was the drawing up of the constitution and the preparation for national recognition. The council also decided to draw money out of its treasury to be sent to Pontiac, there to help face the deficit caused by the summer camps. Fifteen of the Birmingham Scouts went to camps operated by the Pontiac council.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN THE "GRAB BAG"

- 1. Alexander Meiklejohn; Amherst; 1924; University of Wisconsin.
- 2. William H. Taft.
- 3. John Quincy Adams.
- 4. Paris.
- 5. Lewis and Clarke.
- 6. Isaiah XVIII, 22.

Robert Skinner of Reading, Eng., only 14 years old, is 6 feet 6 inches tall.

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2 PAY COURT FINES AS DISORDERLIES

Stanley Kriski, of Wyandotte, and Bill Toretto, 192 Rockwell street, Pontiac, arrested Sunday by Chief William A. Putnam of the Bloomfield Hills Police department, in Bloomfield Hills, paid fines amounting to \$25 in Judge Floyd S. Buck's court Monday. Kriski was fined \$10 when he pleaded guilty to a charge of being disorderly, and Toretto paid a \$15 fine rather than spend 10 days in jail for being drunk.

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