

### Michigan Bell Quietly Observes 70th Anniversary

The Michigan Bell Telephone Company is quietly observing the 70th birthday of the telephone in the state while engaging in the largest construction and improvement program in its history.

W. B. Fausser, Birmingham manager for the company, pointed out that the first telephone exchange serving 50 subscribers was opened at Detroit on August 5, 1878, by the Telephone and Telegraph Construction Company, direct ancestor of Michigan Bell.

Five weeks later, the first directory of subscribers to the "speaking telephone" system was published. It listed 133 customers but no numbers.

**Negotiate With Inventor**

The license to operate a telephone company under Alexander Graham Bell's patents was obtained by William A. Jackson and George W. Balch through direct negotiation with the great inventor himself and Gardner G. Hubbard, Bell's father-in-law and business agent.

After a year of experimentation with private lines, Jackson and Balch asked Thomas A. Watson, Bell's assistant, to come to Detroit to advise them on technical problems regarding the organization of an exchange. This Watson did and later personally arranged for the shipment of a small switchboard from Boston.

**Waiting List Shrinks**

From such modest beginnings, Michigan Bell has enlarged its

### Christian Science Lesson-Sermon for Sunday, Aug. 8

"Spirit" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science churches throughout the world on Sunday, August 8.

The Golden Text, (John 4:24) is: "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Among the Bible citations is this passage (Matthew 5:8): "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, include the following (p.15): "To enter into the heart of prayer, the door of the erring senses must be closed. Lids must be made and materialism silent, that man may have audience with Spirit, the divine Principle, Love, which destroys all error."

facilities to serve over 1,600,000 telephones. It has grown as much in the last eight years as in the preceding 62 years.

With its five-year, postwar construction program of \$220,000,000 at the half-way mark, the company has succeeded in cutting its waiting list from a high of 127,000 at V-J Day to 30,000 today while meeting the greatest demand for new service on record.

A good woodman is the man who knows how to make five work for him instead of against him.

### Guest Preachers to Be at First Baptist Church

Several visiting ministers will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist Church during the vacation absence of the pastor, the Rev. Emil Kontz. Rev. Kontz and his family will spend most of the month of August on the West Coast.

The Rev. John W. Poorman of Granville, Ohio, will preach at the regular morning worship service on Sunday, Aug. 8. Rev. Poorman is the director of Evangelism for the Ohio Baptist Convention, an organization of over 400 churches. Guest preacher on Sunday, Aug. 15, will be the Rev. Cleo Y. Boyd, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church near Pittsburgh, Pa. Rev. Boyd and the local pastor were neighboring ministers some years ago in Cincinnati. He has a fine suburban church and is a very effective preacher.

On Sunday, Aug. 22, the pulpit guest will be the Rev. Clyde K. Booth. He is a Methodist Minister who is now the director of the Oakland County Temperance League, and has been an aggressive leader in religious and civic movements. The Rev. G. E. Ferguson will preach at the church on Sunday, Aug. 29. He is also a Methodist minister who has had a successful ministry in Michigan. He is a resident of Ferndale. Mr. Kontz will return to his pulpit on Sunday, Sept. 5.

The highlight of the service last Sunday was the administration of biblical baptism by the pastor. In the course of the service, Rev. Kontz recalled the fact that it was 25 years to the day that he himself was baptized as a youth. Among those who made their public Christian profession were Hartley Collins, Clark Davison, Mrs. Edna Kosman and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Arnsault.

Forest fires not only destroy the forests but the vibrant life of the land.

### Assumes Duties



Rev. DeWitt

The Rev. Robert L. DeWitt assumed his new duties at Christ Church Cranbrook last Sunday as successor to Dr. Charles H. Cadigan.

Mr. DeWitt served as assistant minister at Cranbrook from 1940-44. For the past four years he has been rector of St. Luke's Church in Ypsilanti.

Mr. DeWitt was graduated from Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., and received his bachelor of divinity degree from the Episcopal Theological school in Cambridge, Mass.

### Covichord Quartet From Geneva College to Appear at Church

From Geneva College at Beaver Falls, Pa., comes the announcement that the school's Covichord quartet will include Birmingham among the stops on its current nationwide tour.

The vocal group will appear at the Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church on Evergreen road just below 11 Mile road on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 8:00 p.m. "The Convener's Crusade" as the theme will be the initial offering.

The second part of the program will include a concert by the quartet and a talk, skit and slides depicting life at century old Geneva. This tour represents one phase of the College's Centennial observance.

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## CHURCH Services

- Holy Name Catholic Church**  
St. James' Woodland  
Rev. Fr. David J. Donohue, Pastor  
Sunday masses at 8:00, 9:30, 11:30  
12:00, 4 p.m.—Church School  
Daily masses at 6:45 and 8:15  
10:30 a.m.—Catholic Doctrine classes each Sunday in the morning for primary grade children at 8:30  
Nursery School in Alumni House each Sunday at 8:30 for children of pre-school age  
High School Discussion Group each Monday evening in Alumni House at 7:30  
July Hour first Thursday evening of the month at 8:15 o'clock
- Christ Church Cranbrook**  
The Rev. William S. Hill, Asst. Minister  
Mrs. James Patton, Church school director  
Holy Communion—8:30 a.m.  
Church School—10:30 a.m.  
Morning prayer and sermon—11:00 a.m.
- Cathedral Baptist Church**  
2014 E. Waverly, Pastored  
Masque Temple Bldg. corner Woodward and Stone  
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.  
Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m.  
Children's Prayer Meeting, Bible Study, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at 1127 East Lincoln road
- Southfield U. P. Church**  
10 Mile near Lakota Road  
10:30 a.m.—Youth Fellowship, Sermon, 11:30 a.m.—Bible School  
11:45 a.m.—Youth Fellowship, Bible Study, Thursday, 8 p.m.—Choir Practice
- First Presbyterian Church**  
Rev. W. Glen Harris, P.D. Minister  
Rev. Carl George L. Boush, Assistant Minister  
Miss Julia M. Boush, Church School Director  
Director of Christian Education  
Dunwoody and Avenue of Freedom Church School will meet at 11 o'clock on Tuesday, August 10, at 11:00 a.m. in the Women's Church School  
Worship—11 a.m. Sermon 11:30 a.m. "The Ministry of Healing"  
Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m. will proceed
- St. James Episcopal Church**  
155 West Maple Avenue  
Rev. Harold C. Wright, Rector  
Rev. Francis Hoffmeister, co-rector  
Mrs. Frank E. Schick, Director of Religious Education  
8:30 a.m.—Junior and Senior church school  
10:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon  
7:30 p.m.—The Bible Church  
8:00 p.m.—Youth Fellowship, Monday at 11:30 a.m. except on Wed. First Communion is celebrated at 12:15
- Embury Methodist Church**  
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Church School each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
- United Brothers Church**  
Vernon Macy, Pastor  
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- Christian Temple**  
229 E. Waverly  
Dr. Leland I. Martin, Pastor, Director  
Rev. Willis Soyars, Pastor  
10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship and Communion  
10:00-11:30 a.m. Children's Church and School  
11:20-12:30 a.m.—Adult Bible Classes
- Franklin Community Church**  
Rev. William C. Lovjoy  
5145—Church School  
11:30—Worship Service
- First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
Chester and Willetta  
Sundays and Wednesdays—11 a.m.  
Wednesday Meeting, 3 p.m.
- First Baptist Church**  
Willetta at Bonaventure  
Rev. E. K. Baker, Pastor  
Mrs. Walter E. Turner, Director of Music  
Mrs. Walter E. Turner, Church School Supt.  
Miss Mabel Lockwood, Church School Supt.  
8:15 a.m.—Children's Church Classes for all Ages from Nursery to Adult. Present: 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Sermon  
The Rev. John W. Poorman will preach  
8:00 a.m.—Meeting with Fellowship  
Two groups meet every Sunday  
Midweek meeting every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.  
Continuation on First Sunday of the Month
- English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer**  
1800 West Maple Road  
Theodore Wurgasser, M. A., Pastor  
James Vaughan Head, Director of Choirs  
Sunday School—9:30 a.m.  
Rev. Roy Lewis, Jr., Organist  
All ages from Nursery to Adult Present: 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship and Sermon  
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### Kirk in the Hills to Have Excursion Trip to Bob-Lo

There will be a choir practice for the intermediate and senior choruses of Kirk in the Hills on Tuesday, Aug. 10. It has been announced.

On Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 8:30 a.m., there is to be a youth trip to Bob-Lo. Boys and girls under 12 years of age are required to have one parent or another adult in attendance, and should bring their own lunch and fare and transportation. Those needing transportation should be at the church promptly at 8:20.

A Session meeting will be held in the church study at 7:30 on Aug. 11.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, Atty. 207 Wabash Bldg., Birmingham, Mich. No. 12-583

The Probate Court for the County of Oakland is a trustee of said County, and the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, in and for the County of July A.D. 1948.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Mann, Judge of Probate.

In and for the Estate of Florence Cook, Deceased.

Charles W. Hines, executor of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that she then claim the settlement of claims against said estate be limited and that the same place be appointed receiver, examine and adjust claims against said estate, and that he be appointed receiver of said estate, and that he be allowed for costs incurred by him in and for the estate.

It is Further Ordered that the 4th day of August, 1948, at nine o'clock in said Probate Office, be the time when and place appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ATTEST: I. MOORE, Judge of Probate. 12-58-21

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