

Young Baptists Observe 'Youth Week' at Church

Last week was "Youth Week" at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham. During which the young people of the church literally took over all the activities of the church.

Highlight of the week was the

special worship service Sunday morning. All the young people entered the sanctuary in a formal procession with the adult choir. Participating in the leadership of the worship were: call to worship, James Lockrow; invocation, Elaine Kontz; scripture and prayer, Jane Turner; the offering, Larry Bunyan.

The anthem was the Fred Waring arrangement of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic", with Mrs.

Walter Turner at the organ and Sally Smith at the piano.

Need Real Understanding
The sermon was preached by Miss Muriel Lockrow, Youth Director of the church. Her subject was "The Pattern for Brotherhood". She emphasized the need for having a realistic understanding and sympathetic appreciation of our fellow men regardless of differences in race, nationality or creed.

"Jesus Christ has given us the example of true pattern of brotherhood. We need but the faith and courage to practice it daily," she said.

At the evening service, the special feature was a religious film entitled "For All People". It was a vivid demonstration of a church which was serving all people of the community with a complete Christian service program.

One of the important aspects of the "Youth Week" observance was the election of Youth Church officers. These officers conferred with the regular officers of the church, learning from them at firsthand the tasks and responsibilities involved in their positions.

Special Officers
The special officers included the following: pastor, Muriel Lockrow; assistant pastor, Jane Turner; church school superintendent, Roger Jackson; deacon, Larry Bunyan; deaconess, Elaine Kontz; trustee, Edgar Streten; church clerk, Janet Lockrow; usher, Gordon Jagger, Robert Brown, Robert Jackson and Edgar Streten.

During February the young people of the church observed "Brotherhood Month." The theme was "Brotherhood Among Faiths and Races". In order to gain a better understanding and appreciation of other groups, the young people visited a Catholic church, a Jewish synagogue and Friendship House among Negroes.

At the Midweek Meeting last week they reported on their experiences and impressions. Both the young people and the church members agreed that it would be most worthwhile to make this an annual event.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS: ECTOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT—YORKSHIRE TO DERBY

The City Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet Monday, March 15, 1948, at 8:00 P.M. in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building to consider any objections to the construction of certain improvements on Ector Road described herein and to the creation of a special assessment district, created to defray the cost of construction of proper excavation, curb, gutter and gravel, and to the cost of construction of proper drainage.

The Commission proposes to create a special assessment district to defray the cost of this construction and said special assessment shall consist of the following described property:

Lot 31, Ector 12 to 15 inclusive, 144 to 155 inclusive and 156 to 210 inclusive, East Main, Gardens.

Lots 57 to 76 inclusive, Parkway.

Lots 42 to 51 inclusive, 184 to 189 inclusive, 248 to 275 inclusive, 286 to 317 inclusive and 436 to 459 inclusive.

Plans and estimate of cost of the project are filed with the City Clerk of the City of Birmingham for examination by the public.

SHIRLEY F. HANLEY, City Clerk.

March 4, 1948.

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By Gene Allen

The first election to be in 1950, a non-presidential campaign year.

These elected officials to take office on December 1, instead of January 1, as at present. The new governor, for example, could then ready his legislative program before the legislature meets.

6. An amendment to remove salary limitations from the state constitution.

Added to these is a possible seventh plank—an amendment limiting the number of state departments and bureaus to a specified number, such as 20. Michigan has 100-plus state departments and bureaus. The governor may not press No. 7 unless the legislature balks at authorizing No. 1 to 6. Then he may take the "issue" to the people themselves, get petitions signed, and see that all amendments go on the November ballot.

There is also evidence that

1. No new or higher taxes. Michigan taxpayers, the governor feels are paying enough money today for government public service. The big job is to distribute this money equitably where it is needed. Hence, no new or higher taxes. For example: No increase in the state gasoline tax for additional building.

2. Remove from the November ballot the legislature-authored vote on repeal of the sales tax diversion amendment. The governor has consistently favored repeal, he still does. However, he is convinced that the time is not ripe for such action. The public must be convinced of its necessity, and the most realistic way to do this is to demonstrate through red-ink financing—deficits, if you please—that the public cannot enjoy state public service (without new or higher taxes) while 76 per cent of the sales tax money is returned to home communities for spending by home government.

4. Four-year tenure of office for all constitutional state and county officers except the state officer of secretary of state and attorney general, both to be filled by appointment by the governor.

Sigler is thinking more of a "cabinet" of responsible department heads and elective officials and less of suggested power whereby the governor would have the right to hire or fire any department head.

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Pierce PTA Members to Hear Lecture on Parental Attitudes

Tonight at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium, Pierce PTA members will hear Dr. George Roper of the City and Country School speak on "Children's Unconscious Reaction to Parental Attitudes". His topic will be illustrated by a sound film, showing a young woman bothered by headaches, who seeks the help of a psychiatrist. Flashbacks to her childhood discover the cause of her difficulty, and show how her personality growth was affected by her parents' attitudes. Dr. Roper will analyze the film and answer questions from the audience.

He has had a wide experience in Europe and in this country with nursery and grade school children. He holds degrees from the University of Geneva and was affiliated with Les Bayons, a Swiss school in Lake Geneva. With his wife and two children, he planned a branch of their Swiss school here in 1934, but the war intervened. In 1940, they started a school in Detroit, moving out here to their present location on North Woodward three years ago. Also on the program is the election of officers for next year and recommendations of the executive board for spending the money earned at the school fair last fall.

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