

Sunday Sermonette
BROTHERHOOD IS BASIC.

A Continuing Series by Local Religious Leaders

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A recent news item comes as a timely parable. It is from Rangoon and tells of the experience of a Burmese fisherman. A storm blew his raft over 600 miles from the coast. For 16 months he was stranded on a lonely island in the Indian ocean; no one to talk to but wild goats; nothing to eat but nuts and berries. An Indian boat crew spotted his distress signal and went to him, advising him to remain where he was for, they told him, "the world is in a terrible state."



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Said the fisherman, after his rescue, "They said I was better off by myself." The men were right about one thing—the world is in a terrible state. More than a storm is blowing over the masses of humanity. Vast and vital forces are stirring among multiplied millions of people. The plight of humanity is fraught with peril and, they say, the fishermen's advisors were wrong. Why? Because brotherhood is indispensable to human happiness and harmony. It is the life of the world wide world. Every emotion we have is centered in the fact of brotherhood. Let us, then, consider brotherhood. First, brotherhood is basic in religion. Taking our cue from the Bible, we find mankind united as brothers because we all have a common divine origin. Passage after passage in the Bible tells us of brotherhood among men. It is, therefore, mandatory that the churches of all faiths to set proper examples of brotherhood to all social groups in the community and the country. Next, brotherhood is basic in a democracy. Our own Declaration of Independence tells us of brotherhood when it states that all men are created equal. Although, in this country, we have attained a far greater standard of brotherhood than most nations, it still remains that we must go even farther. There are still frequent and far-reaching inequalities and injustices in our social order. These are not brotherhood. In the true sense of the word, brotherhood is basic in today's world. In the ominous words that title a recent book it is said, "One World, or None?" Gone are the days when nations were protected by boundaries. We live in an increasingly interdependent world. The United Nations gives a large and heroic measure of political reality to our present world-minded-

Completes Plans For Youth Retreat

Teen-agers of the First Methodist church here are busy making plans for a Youth Retreat for Sept. 5, 6, and 7, at the Methodist Conference Park, Huron camp grounds. They have mailed 250 letters of invitation to junior and senior high school students as well as high school graduates who attend the church school or Methodist Youth Fellowship groups. Leaving Birmingham by private bus late Friday afternoon, Sept. 5, the young people will arrive at the camp at 7:30 p. m. and register. From that time until 2:30 p. m. Saturday, Sept. 7, they will participate in a planned program of regular camp activities including recreation, sports, assemblies, devotions and discussion groups. A registration fee of \$6 will cover meals, lodging and transportation for small children whose parents wish to attend the services.

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

First Presbyterian
The Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., will preach his sixth sermon on the Book of Isaiah Sunday, when his topic will be "God Stands Supreme." His text is "For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?"

First Baptist
"Being Your Own Boss" will be the sermon topic at this church Sunday morning. The facilities of the cribroom and kindergarten are available each Sunday morning for small children whose parents wish to attend the services.

Redeemer Lutheran
The Rev. W. O. Kleinhaus, superintendent for the Lutheran Home for the Aged, Monroe, will occupy the pulpit for both the 9 and 11 o'clock services. His appearance will mark the last of the pastors who have preached here during the tenure of the pastor, the Rev. Theodore Wurgarier.

Christian Science
Everyone desires to have what is called a keen mind. In the Lesson-Sermon under the subject "Mind," as he read on Sunday, Aug. 24 it will be shown how one may have a true understanding of Mind.

Unity Center
Frank Glabach will speak on the "Unity Way to Health" at the services held in the Theater building, South Woodward.

Albion Conference Attended By Three

Birmingham was represented at the state-wide Church-Industry Conference held recently at Albion College. Local leaders attending were Paul Penfield and Arthur Tilton, laymen, and the Rev. Emil Kontz, pastor of the First Baptist Church. The conference brought together a select group of industrial leaders and clergymen of the Protestant churches of Michigan. The group met for intensive discussion over a three-day period. Theme of the conference was the Biblical reference, "Finding the Truth that Makes Men Free." Under this general topic, many subjects regarding the relevance of the Christian faith and modern economic life were considered. Dr. Halford E. Luecock, Professor of preaching at Yale University Divinity School; Dr. John Mackay, President of Princeton Theological Seminary; Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College and Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, former executive secretary of the Detroit Council of Churches and now one of the chief executives of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions. There will be one meeting held under the auspices of management with a representative of management as the speaker. Another meeting will be held under the auspices of labor with a noted labor leader as speaker. November 10th will be observed as "Layman's Day" and April 13th as "Windsor Day," both of which are annual observances.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Riddell? They and their two daughters, Suzanne and Sandra, have been making their home at 7506 Oakland drive since November, 1951. Mr. Riddell is president and general manager of station WXYZ. He is a member of Oakland Hills, Red Run, the DAC, Adercraft Club, Variety, and the Radio Executives Club. Golf, swimming and riding are his favorite pastimes.

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Capt. Eric A. Kast of the Episcopal Church Army, has assumed his duties as vicar of the St. James chapel in Berkley. The chapel was organized this year under the sponsorship of St. James church of Birmingham. Meetings are held in the Oxford school, Phillips and Oxford roads. A native of Connecticut, Capt. Kast, with his wife and two children, is making his home at 1207 Harvard, in Berkley. He has been a member of the Church Army for 16 years, serving in missions in Alabama and an orphan's home in that state. He also served a year as instructor in the Church Army training school in Cincinnati and was pastor of the Church of the Nativity. The Church Army is a group of laymen and women trained for mission and evangelistic work in the Episcopal church.

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