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Embury Societies Plan '52 Bazaar, Harvest Dinner

The women's groups of Embury Methodist church, united under the Women's Society for Christian Service will hold their annual bazaar and harvest dinner in the church on Nov. 21. General chairman for the affair is Mrs. Melvin Uppeger.

The bazaar will be open from 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Lee Weldon in charge of booth arrangements. A special feature of the sale this year will be a number of handmade rugs which have been made during the year by church members. These braided rugs will highlight the booths which will also include handwork and hand-cropt, baked goods and a resale shop, to be supervised by the Friendly Circle.

Mrs. William Lomas, speaking for the Circle, said that the group would not only handle items for sale at the bazaar, but would also act as agents for items too large to bring to the sale.

"If persons having household items, washing machines, large chairs and other pieces of furniture which they wish to dispose of, the Circle will be glad to accept descriptions of them and arrange appointments for prospective buyers," she said. "It will benefit three ways—the seller, buyer and the church through its commission."

The harvest dinner, scheduled from 5:30 to 7 p.m., will be under the general direction of Mrs. Roy Smith.



SANTA'S HELPERS are busy among the members of Redeemer Lutheran church Walther League, getting toys and games repaired for their sale Nov. 13-14. The affair will be held in the Clobset auto sales, South Woodward. Shown (left to right) are Sharon Wai-kainen, Emily Schuster, Sylvia Uhrick and Pat McNab, putting the final coat of paint on a bed for some little girl's doll.

Sunday Sermonette

A Continuing Series by Local Religious Leaders

Christ Is Coming!

By The Rev. Paul Shippert
Lutheran Church of the Ascension

"Lo, I come, in the volume of the Book it is written of me."—Psalm 40:7.

One day while journeying in Greenland with a sledge and dog team, Peter Freuchen missed the trail blazed by his Eskimo guides. For hours he pushed on as best he could; but when darkness fell, early as it does after those short northern days, he had strayed onto treacherous, thin ice.

Lost in vast, crushing stillness and frozen blackness, he cried out with all his might until his hoarse throat was silenced. The sole answer was the echo of his screaming. He could only wait, hope, and try to keep himself from falling into total sleep and freezing to death. The night wore on, and his terror increased. Suddenly—he could hardly believe his ears—he seemed to hear a distant call: "I am coming! I am coming!"

Minutes that seemed like ages passed until he heard the voice again; and this time there was no mistake, it sounded through the night: "I am coming! I am coming!"

Can you imagine the joy that surged through his heart every time thereafter that the cry was repeated? He was finally rescued by an old Eskimo companion just as the first rays of the Arctic sun began to streak the horizon.

MANY, LIKE Peter Freuchen, have lost the way only for their sorrows and dangers are incomparably greater. They have turned aside from the one road to their Saviour. They may not realize that they are lost. In fact, they may actually boast that they are not lost, with the largest income ever enjoyed, they have really found life.

The hour is approaching, when they, perhaps you dear reader, will scream yourself hoarse as you plead in vain for rescue. May everyone, lost in the night of sin, affliction, doubt and unbelief, hear the welcome voice, not of a human guide, but a heavenly Saviour, Jesus, saying: "I am coming! I am coming!"

I am hoping and praying that you, in your home, make room for the Saviour whose message sounds: "Lo, I come, in the volume of the Book it is written of me."

"Christ is coming," was the cry even before the first Christmas. From the very beginning of things the promise was given that the woman's seed should come who would break hell's clutching hold on men's souls.

ON THE first Christmas Christ came. He appeared to fulfill all ancient prophecies. I cannot blame you if you put a question mark behind human assertions. Some of you trusted your best friends, but they lied, cheated, stole your business. Or, you paid dearly for impressively sealed stocks and bonds of corporations, which failed to meet their obligations of repayment.

Others among you have built your hopes on the assurances of politicians and statesmen, only to find their utterances empty, windy phrases. You relied upon your children's word, but they broke it, etc. The first Christmas news that Jesus keeps His word. He came as He had promised and He will come to you as His Word declares.

"Christ is coming" should be our cry before this Christmas. He is coming—will we greet Him in faith and welcome Him in love?

Some years ago, Ibrahim Pascha, Egyptian general, was to make an impressive entrance into Jerusalem. Laborers smoothed the way for him which he would travel. Heavy stones were removed from the road and the holes filled.

FROM EVERY side the cry arose, "The Pascha is coming! Move the stones!" That was the picture Isaiah had when he, like us today, beheld the Saviour's advent, and appeared, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

For you this means that every barrier, every obstacle in your life, every thing that keeps Christ from your soul must be completely removed, so that He, the Lord of Love and Prince of Peace, can come into your heart. Let me en-



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election will be held in the School District of the City of Birmingham, in the County of Oakland, and the State of Michigan, on Monday, the 17th day of November, 1952, from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M., to vote upon the following propositions:

- Shall the School District of the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000) and issue its bonds therefor, for the purpose of paying the cost of erecting and furnishing two new elementary school buildings, additions to the Barnum Junior High School building and to the Quorton, Torry, Bloomfield, Franklin and Walnut Lake Elementary School buildings, and acquiring five new school sites, in said school district?
- Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed each year against property in the School District of the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, for all purposes except taxes for the payment of interest and principal on obligations incurred prior to December 8, 1952, be increased as provided in Section 21 of Article X of the Constitution of Michigan, for a period of twenty (20) years from 1954 to 1972, both inclusive, by 45 100ths of 1% (\$4.50 per \$1,000) of the assessed valuation as equals, for the purpose of paying principal and interest on bonds aggregating not to exceed \$3,300,000 in principal amount, to be issued to pay the cost of erecting and furnishing two new elementary school buildings, additions to the Barnum Junior High School building and to the Quorton, Torry, Bloomfield, Franklin and Walnut Lake Elementary School buildings, and acquiring five new school sites, in said school district, including the establishment of a reserve for the payment of said principal and interest?

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the voting places for said election will be as follows:

- Precinct No. 1—Adams School
- Precinct No. 2—Quorton School
- Precinct No. 3—Barnum School
- Precinct No. 4—Pierce School
- Precinct No. 5—Franklin School
- Precinct No. 6—Bloomfield School
- Precinct No. 7—Walnut Lake School

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Board of Education of said school district has estimated the amount of money necessary to be borrowed for the project for which the said proposed bonds are to be issued, is Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000).

The following statement has been received from the County Treasurer as to previously voted increases in the total tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the school district, to-wit:

Local Unit	Voted Increase	Years Increase Effective
School District of the City of Birmingham	6 1/2 Mills 3 1/2 Mills	1950 thru 1969 1952 thru 1956

Amos F. Gregory

Secretary of the Board of Education of said school district

Dated: October 31, 1952

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