

### St. James Church Grosse Ile, Site Of YMCA Retreat

Everett W. Allen, chairman of the Birmingham YMCA Christian emphasis committee, has announced that the 34th annual autumn Religious Retreat of the Detroit YMCA will be held in St. James Episcopal church, Grosse Ile, Mich., Saturday, Oct. 4, from 3:30 to 9 p. m.

The guest speaker this year will be Dr. Paul M. Limbert, president of Springfield college, Massachusetts, who has been elected general secretary of the world's committee of YMCAs, effective July, 1953. Member of the United States Education Mission to Germany in 1946 and delegate to the World's committee of YMCAs in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1947, and Denmark in 1950, Dr. Limbert spent the past summer in Europe and the Middle East, and leaves again on a world tour in November.



DR. PAUL M. LIMBERT

**HIS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** include leadership in city planning, social welfare, schools and churches, and he is author of books emphasizing his Christian approach in civic and educational

the local Retreat speaker. Ordained to the Christian ministry at University Place Church of Christ, Des Moines, Ia., in 1924, Mr. Armstrong has held a series of pastorates in Duluth, Minn., Richmond Hill, L. I., before coming to Detroit this year from the pastorate of the Judson Memorial Baptist church, Minneapolis, Minn.

**COMMUNION WILL BE** administered at the evening service by the Rev. Archie H. Crowley, pastor of St. James Episcopal church. Guest soloists will be Chalmers J. Wickwire, baritone, soloist and choir director at Stratmore Methodist church, and W. Carey Foster will preside at the organ.

Dinner will be served to those attending the Retreat by the ladies of St. James church. A motecade of cars will leave from the Birmingham YMCA at 1 p. m. on the date of the Retreat. Anyone needing transportation should call the Birmingham YMCA.

**Have You Met . . .** The newcomers from Union Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Laurent Rondeau and son Teddy? They are now making their home at 1342 Cole. Rondeau is a service salesman for Wilson Pontiac-Cadillac. He is a member of the VFW.



## Colorful 1 1/2-Hr. Tour Is Only 23 Miles Away

Colors in trees and shrubbery in the Kensington Metropolitan Park area will be ripe about October 1 for a 30-minute scenic tour outlined by the Haron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

Starting at the Metropolitan Parkway which joins US 16 (Grand River) 23 miles west of Birmingham, the tour commences about an hour and a half driving time and embraces some of the finest scenery in the Detroit Metropolitan area.

The tour centers around 4,300-acre Kensington Park, one of the Haron-Clinton Authority's main projects, and includes the most scenic of the park drives through hilly, wooded land, passing several lakes, as well as a carefully selected route over 14 miles of beautiful country road.

Scarlet and gilt predominate in the drive. Sugar maples, aspen and hickory lead gold to the picture. Red maple, red dogwood,

Virginia creeper and quantities of sumac accent it with red. The ash trees are turning purple, as is the grey dogwood with clusters of white berries contrasting with the purple-foliage.

**OPEN FIELDS** are masses of golden rod and purple asters. In some swamps the orange scarlet of poison sumac is like a brush fire against the light green of lamarch.

The trip follows the Metropolitan Parkway on the east side of Kent Lake to the rotary intersection with the main park road.

Turning back, you obtain an excellent view of 1200-acre Kent Lake, studded with islands and reflecting the autumn landscape, and continue along the west side of the lake. Tiny Lane Lake will be seen to the right.

Just beyond quantities of golden-brown sassafras form an unusual display, spreading horizontal branches against a background of green oaks which will not turn red for a week or so.

These kinds of sumac may be seen, the Staghorn with its fiery cones, the smooth, which is red and aromatic, and the poison sumac, brightest of all, in the swamps.

**AT THE NEW** parking lot near Beach Lake at the west end of Kent Lake, three labelled nature trails begin and end. These are plainly marked and those who wish a hike of from one to two and one-half miles will enjoy them.

After viewing the park itself, the motorist is directed through the rolling wooded countryside, following the new road toward the park's west entrance. Just short of the west entrance the route turns right on Kensington road, left on Larkin road, left on Pleasant Valley road, and right again on Commerce road, thus skirting the General Motors proving ground.

From Commerce road, the turn is right on Hickory Ridge road, leading into the park again. You may make a loop around the west side of Kent Lake again if you wish before following the parkway out to US 16.

**IT IS ALSO** possible to follow Buno road to Milford road for a fast exit, as a stop light at Milford Road and Grand River speeds the flow of traffic onto the main artery.

With Michigan's fall color at its peak during October, this tour should provide a high point in the enjoyment of the season's finest outdoor spectacle.

Park picnic tables and stoves are available throughout the fall months. The park is a wildlife sanctuary. Canadian geese and the blue heron remain, though many other migrating birds have flown, and visitors occasionally glimpse the park's deer herd.

The park office on Buno road is open, and further information and directions can be obtained there. The "color tour" route is plainly marked.

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