



The Christmas Season in Birmingham Churches



A CONDENSATION OF "Why The Chimes Rang" marked the Tuesday meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Christ Church Cranbrook. Under the direction of Miss Lyla McCormick, children enrolled in her church school dramatics class presented the special program. Participating from left to right were: Edward Windler, Ned Ely, Elizabeth Campbell and John Hyde.

Unitarians Have Children's Party

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill O. Bates of East Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills, were hosts Wednesday evening to the Women's group of the Birmingham Unitarian Fellowship. Honor guest was Mrs. Lois McCulloch of Boston who is visiting the Bates.

Program consultant of the Unitarian General Alliance of Boston, Mrs. McCulloch has been on a tour of Western states and her talk was upon the extensive work of the Unitarian Service committee.

Assisting the hostess were Mrs. Newell McCune, Miss Margaret Church Cranbrook. The Youth choir will sing with the Adult choir Hall, Mrs. Joseph G. Jarrell and in this traditional service.

Youth, Adult Choirs Sing

The annual Candlelight Service of Christmas carols, heralding the Christmas week, will be held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Christ Church Cranbrook.



Sunday Date For Annual Carol Service

Three of the choirs of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by instrumental guest artists, will present the annual carol service at 7:30 Sunday evening, Dec. 30.

Included in the program will be a prelude of carols from the balcony by the Cecilian choir of high school girls, and a harp and organ prelude titled "The Shepherds at the Manger" by Liszt.

Mary Bartlett will appear as guest harpist during the evening in both choral and instrumental compositions. Some of the carols to be sung are "The Snow Lay on the Ground" by Sowerby, "Farefare for Christmas Day" by Shaw, "Manger Carol" by Banks, "What Child is This" by Shaw, "O Holy Night" by Adams, "Christmas Lullaby" by Warren, "The Shepherds Story" by Dickinson and others.

THE LATTER half of the program will feature a contemporary Christmas cantata "When the Christ Child Came" by Joseph Clokey. This work consists of a series of choruses and solos for a quartet, Kent McDonald, choirmaster of St. James Episcopal church, will accompany this section, as well as the harpist, Mary Bartlett.

Soloists will be Ruth Killen, soprano; Bernice Craig, contralto; Lavren Nancarrow, tenor; and Edward Johns, baritone. The program is under the direction of Phyllis M. Gardner, director of youth choirs, and L. Robert Slasser, organist and choirmaster.

Church's Young People Plan Christmas Program

Young people of the United Brethren in Christ church are planning a special Christmas program for Dec. 30, at 7:30 p.m. The theme will be "What Christmas Means to Me."

A final rehearsal will be at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 18. The program is under the direction of Miss Ethel Mills.



JOHN ROSIER III, 12-year-old soloist with Holy Name Boys' choir, won an audition Dec. 9 enabling him to attend the Columbus Boychoir school at Princeton, N.J. Founded by Herbert Huffman in 1940 at Columbus, Ohio, the Boychoir group tours the country each year, presenting concerts in various cities. John is one of 65 boys age 9-14 chosen during the recent tour. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rosier, Jr., 279 Greenwood avenue, and received his singing training from Gilbert G. Gervais, choir master at Holy Name.

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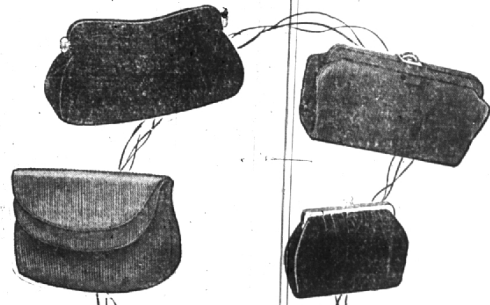
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Parties Planned For Sunday School

Sunday schools of the Congregational church are planning two Christmas parties this weekend.

Primary and junior class pageant and party will be from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Dec. 18, at the First Presbyterian church. The children will bring their white gift offering, which will be donated to the Detroit Christian Neighborhood house in Detroit.

On Dec. 19 from 2 to 5 p.m., the kindergarten and nursery school will give a Christmas program and tea will be served for parents and children. Mittens from the Mitten Tree, which these children prepared, will be given in the Deary house. This party will also be held in the Presbyterian church.

Townsite Mariners Club Schedule Dinner, Hymns For Yule Meeting Friday

Mariners and Ancient Mariners of Townsite Community church will meet for dinner and a Christmas Hymn sing at 7 o'clock Friday evening, Dec. 18, in Fellowship hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cook, Mr. and Mrs. James Spezzano and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rose of the which will be donated to the Detroit Christian Neighborhood house in Detroit.

Ancient Mariners in planning the dinner and presenting a program of Christmas music and group singing of carols. Reservations will be taken by any member of the committee.

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