

The Christmas Season in Birmingham Churches

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Christmas Season Has Deep Meaning

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"Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born, Unless He's born in thee, thy soul is all forlorn." As usual at this season of the year we will find our homes festively arrayed with lights and color. We look forward to all the celebration and cheer of the Yuletide season.

In our churches we find great programs proclaiming the birth of Jesus Christ.

These things are beautiful and they have a great appeal to the emotional and dramatic side of our nature. Nevertheless, we must somehow identify ourselves in the Christmas story if we are to derive the practical benefits which the birth, life and ascension of Jesus Christ afford us all.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Also, "Ye are the light of the world."

John writes of the Christ, "This is in the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

IN OTHER words, no one is here without the Christ light. We all have it. We couldn't have come into this world without this light. It is the firstborn of every creature. It is God's immaculately conceived idea of man.

Jesus let his light shine and manifested the divinity within him. Jesus said, "Let YOUR light shine."

It is through Christ that God has determined that He will illumine or show forth His glory. This is His "beloved Son in whom (He) is well pleased."

The birth of this Christ has taken place in Jesus of Nazareth. And there is the Spirit of Christ in each one of us that awaits birth into the world of OUR human experience. The demonstration of Jesus Christ is our guarantee that when we reach spiritual maturity we shall similarly show forth the same light or divinity.

FOR THE earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. Every human being represents an undeveloped expression of the Jesus Christ man. We are all like immature fruit growing toward perfection. But the Christ ideal

exists potentially in every man. And it is because of this ideal, the reality of its indwelling and the certainty of its eventual expression in every man, that Jesus could say, "You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."

At Christmas time we have a fine opportunity to become "enlarged" with the Christ child because it is a time when all our attention is directed to the "glad tidings of great joy" proclaiming the wonderful truth of our real nature in Christ.

CHRISTMAS—as the birth of the Christ—is the coming to know and humanly experience the peace, counsel, strength and prosperity of the orderly unfolding of the spiritual idea in Being which rises artesianly from within the deeper levels of the soul, leading man out of the wilderness of the sense of limitation into the conscious realization of the eternal God.

Our Christmas is to "Let Christ be formed in you." He it is that saves us from our sins, redeems us from the consequences of our own ignorance, and reveals the divinity of life.

Christ is born of Jesus of Nazareth. Our birth of Christ—our Christmas—is yet in the offering. Let us pray for our own true spiritual Christmas, this year—our awakening of God's original and eternal and perfect action in man.

These are the "glad tidings of great joy... TO ALL the people." Let Christmas happen to you.

New Guild Is Formed

"St. Cabrini" is the name selected for the new guild formed earlier this month by the women of Holy Name parish, at the home of Patrick Monaghan. With guild boundaries set at Maple, Telegraph, Cranbrook and the parish line to the south, Mrs. Anthony Foley has been named membership chairman.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. In the Matter of the Estate of J. MARK HARDIN, Deceased. At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 15th day of December A. D. 1953.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate. Nelda P. Hardin, Administratrix of said estate having filed in said Court her Final Account and petition praying for its settlement and allowing for the determination of the legal heirs of said deceased; and the discharge of said Administratrix; and that administration of said estate be granted to William C. Rowland as Administrator de bonis non or some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, that the 15th day of January A. D. 1954 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Court in the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that notice be given to the heirs-at-law named in the petition for administration filed in this case, and to creditors whose claims have been allowed but not fully paid, by personal service of a copy of this order, or by return receipt by registered mail with return receipt demanded, addressed as shown by the files and records in this case.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. 41-42-43



YOUNG PEOPLE of the United Brethren in Christ church go into a script huddle as they prepare for the presentation of their Christmas play, "A Gift in Deed." The play replaced the usual evening service on Dec. 20, and was based on the theme of the real meaning of Christmas. Shown boning up on last minute details Friday night are (front row) Carolyn Boyce and Sharon Bell and (back row) Sally Ann Pope, Norma Hammond and Bill Pope. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Mid-Week Service Change

At the First Methodist church the regularly scheduled mid-week services have been cancelled for Thursday, Dec. 24 and 31. The Rev. Arnold F. Runkel, D.D., pastor, said the customary schedule would be resumed on Thursday, Jan. 7.

Church News Deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursdays.

Are you thinking of buying a new home? Then read the "For Sale-Houses" columns on the Classified Ad page of this week's Eccentric.

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, DEC. 27

Christian Science
Has the "Comforter" promised by Christ Jesus? This question is answered in the lesson-sermon entitled "Christian Science." The text is from Isaiah 52:9-10, "Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations."

Unity Center
"Thou Crownest the Year with Thy Goodness" is the topic selected by Frank Glabach for the weekly services in the Unity Center, Birmingham theater building.

First Presbyterian
Tomorrows are strange will be brought out in the sermon topic of the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., "With Faith in God's Tomorrow He will show how tomorrow may bring peril, disappointment, success or the assurance of great happiness. Dr. Harris has chosen for his text, "Who among you will give ear to this? Who will hearken and heed for the time to come?" from Isaiah 42:23.

First Baptist
The Rev. Emil Kontz will conclude his series of sermons based on the Apostles' Creed Sunday morning when he speaks on "More Years or More Life?" Another series will be brought to a close with his sermon on "Master of Men—His Communion" at 7:30 p.m. service. This series, "Candid Views of Christ," has been running since Nov. 1. On Wednesday, Dec. 30, the church will hold a "Year-closing Devotional Service" program.

Congregational

The Rev. Edward C. Wilcox, D.D., of Detroit, supply pastor, will speak on "So You Have Called A Minister" at the 1 p.m. service in the First Presbyterian church.

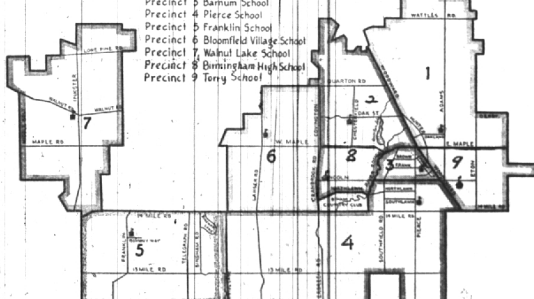
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CHRISTMAS TREES bear strange fruits and the one at the Unitarian Fellowship program Sunday morning was no exception when a "sprouted" pair after pair of warm mittens and gloves. Children of the church school presented a pageant on the spirit of giving while the large tree was being trimmed. Among the cast was the Angel, Sandy Rosewar, and Shepherd, Martha MacCleery, who joined in the journey to the East, each bearing gifts. The mittens will be distributed to needy children under the direction of the American Friends society. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

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

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Precinct 1 Adams School
- Precinct 2 Quanton School
- Precinct 3 Barnum School
- Precinct 4 Pierce School
- Precinct 5 Franklin School
- Precinct 6 Bloomfield Village School
- Precinct 7 Walnut Lake School
- Precinct 8 Birmingham High School
- Precinct 9 Torry School



Resolved, that the following voting precincts be established for all school elections to be held in the School District of the City of Birmingham:

- Precinct No. 1.—** The area bounded on the north by the district limits, on the east by the district limits, on the south by West Maple and on the west by Woodward Avenue shall be known as Precinct No. 1. Registered voters residing within these boundaries will vote at the Adams School for all school elections.
- Precinct No. 2.—** The area bounded on the north by the district limits, on the east by Woodward Avenue, on the south by West Maple and on the west by Covington Road shall be known as Precinct No. 2. Registered voters residing within these limits will vote at the Quanton School for all school elections.
- Precinct No. 3.—** The area bounded on the north by West Maple, on the east by Woodward Avenue, on the south by Lincoln Avenue and on the west by River Rouge shall be known as Precinct No. 3. Registered voters residing within these boundaries will vote at the Barnum School for all school elections.
- Precinct No. 4.—** The area bounded on the north by Lincoln Avenue, on the east by Woodward Avenue, on the south by the district limits and on the west by the former Franklin District limits shall be known as Precinct No. 4. Registered voters residing within these boundaries will vote at the Pierce School for all school elections.
- Precinct No. 5.—** The area included in the former Franklin School District shall be known as Precinct No. 5. Registered voters residing within these boundaries will vote at the Torry School for all school elections.
- Precinct No. 6.—** The area bounded on the north by Quanton Road, on the east by Covington and Cranbrook Roads, on the south by Fourteen Mile Road and on the west by the district limits shall be known as Precinct No. 6. Registered voters residing within these limits will vote at the Bloomfield Village School for all school elections.
- Precinct No. 7.—** The area included in the former Walnut Lake School District shall be known as Precinct No. 7. All registered voters residing within this area will vote at the Walnut Lake School for all school elections.
- Precinct No. 8.—** The area bounded on the north by West Maple, on the east by River Rouge, on the south by Birmingham Golf Club and on the west by Cranbrook Road shall be known as Precinct No. 8. Registered voters residing within these boundaries will vote at the Birmingham High School for all school elections.
- Precinct No. 9.—** The area bounded on the north by East Maple, on the east by the district limits, on the south by Fourteen Mile Road and on the west by Woodward Avenue shall be known as Precinct No. 9. Registered voters residing within these boundaries will vote at the Torry School for all school elections.

AMOS F. GREGORY
Secretary Board of Education

* Precincts No. 8 and No. 9 have been newly established to provide greater convenience for registered voters living in these areas.

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