



# What Birmingham Churches Are Doing This Week



## Special Program for Church Women

A special program will mark the Dec. 8 meeting of the Christ Church Cranbrook Women's Auxiliary, final session until after the holidays.

Under the direction of Miss Lyla McCormick a group of children enrolled in her church school dramatics class will present a rendition of "Why the Chimps Rang."

An experimental presentation of orations.

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## Communist China To Be Discussed

Recently returned from Communist China, the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Saunders will speak Dec. 6 at the United Brethren in Christ church, 14 Mile at Edgewood.

At the 11 a.m. service the topic will be "The Present State of the Church in Communist China."

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders will be heard again at 7:30 p.m., when they give an illustrated lecture on "The Present Work of the China Inland Mission in Southeast Asia."

## Christmas Tree Legend Traced To Act of Eve

Many and varied are the legends of Christmas—its celebration, the superstitions and beliefs which go with it.

From "The Carillon", bulletin of Christ Church Cranbrook, comes a special Christmas message signed by the clergy, the Rev. Robert L. DeWitt, William C. Norvell and Perry R. Williams. It says:

When Eve disobeyed and expressed her own will, rather than God's, all nature quivered and groaned. Now the world of things knew that henceforth selfish people would have dominion. In horror, the leaves of trees shriveled into needle points and turned dark green.

"NOW, MANY centuries later, we Christians know that God came to earth in Christ to transform the curse of our selfishness. We know that we are His redeeming people.

"This, says the legend, is the reason we now decorate the evergreen at Christmastide. We trim the tree to give it a new radiance as it spreads its branches, ever our gifts to others. In this way we revive the frightened tree.

"Just as we have been revived by God, we make 't beautiful in reassurance that our selfishness has been transformed by Christ."

## Fellowship to Hear Detroit Pastor Talk On His Hobby, Cars

"Sports Cars", will be the topic and the Rev. Dr. Walton Cole the speaker when the Men's Fellowship of the Congregational Church of Birmingham has its dinner meeting on Dec. 7.

Dr. Cole, pastor of the First Congregational church, Detroit, is a sports car hobbyist and will speak, as such, for the local group.

Reservations for the 6:30 p.m. dinner must be made by Dec. 3 with C. Phillip Bartlett, 1611 Lauderdale, Fellowship president. The program will be held in the First Presbyterian church parlors, N. Woodward at Euclid.

## Bake Sale Duo Set for Friday

"Twin" bake sales will be one of the outstanding ideas of the sale which St. Hugo of the Hills Altar Society will sponsor on Friday, Dec. 4.

One bake sale will be held in the Bloomfield Market, under the direction of Mrs. Alex Tolboff and Mrs. Theodore McManus. The other will be in the school gymnasium, under the direction of Mrs. James Tomlinson, assisted by Mrs. Ralph Corlan.

Mrs. Morgan Collin, Jr., is general chairman of the entire sale, with Mrs. Tomlinson, co-chairman. In addition to the bake sale they will feature a white elephant sale and aprons.

The apron sale has been in charge of Mrs. H. Brownfield, with Mrs. Charles Bender, Mrs. John Wilde and Mrs. Joseph Lacey supervising the white elephant section. The sale will open at 9 a.m., continuing throughout the day.

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



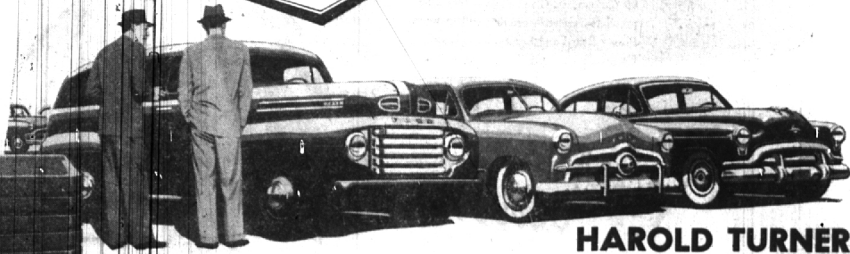
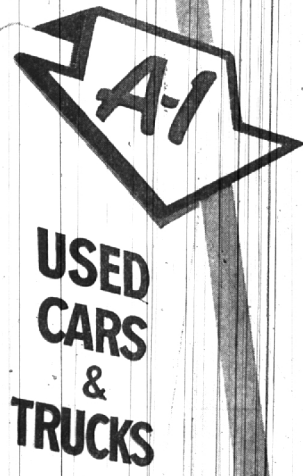
"WHO SAID Santa Claus?" Youngsters at the First Baptist church might well be checking on the arrival of the kindly old gentleman as they scurry around their "house" at the nursery school in the church. Standing outside, waiting for admittance are Billy Hebbelwhite and Mary Detwiler. The "reception committee" consisted of Cathy Clark and Craig Poppletton. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

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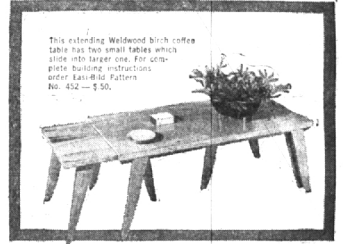
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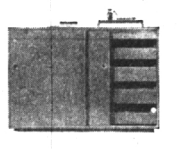
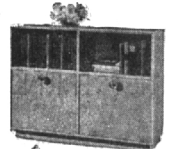
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