

# Cornerstone Ceremony Planned for Sunday

Birmingham's First Presbyterian church members take one more step toward the fulfillment of their dream on Sept. 20 when the cornerstone of the new building will be laid.

I. W. Robertson is general chairman of the ceremony, and will formally present the cornerstone to V. B. Watkins, chairman of trustees, who will represent the congregation.

E. J. Barney, building committee chairman, will present the ceremonial trowel to the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., who will apply the first layer of mortar, sealing the cornerstone and its box permanently into the building.

The 3 o'clock program will open with a selection by the sanctuary choir, after which the assistant pastor, the Rev. Robert S. Graham, will read the call to worship.

An Old Testament responsive reading will be led by Mrs. Robert Watt, president of the Women's association. This will be followed by the New Testament scripture reading by John Warner, church school superintendent.

FOLLOWING the prayer by Ernest W. Seaholm, the address of the day will be given by Dr. Harris, pastor of the First Baptist church, who will be read by Julian Wilson, Covenanters' president.

In announcing the cornerstone program, church officials said the steel work had been completed and the erected finish was underway. It is hoped that the building will be ready for occupancy for the Eastern States Exposition.

The church represents a long awaited accomplishment for this congregation.

First discussions of a new building were halted when World War II created a shortage of building materials. The dream remains alive, however, with members of the congregation continuing to work toward its goal.

AS SOON AS vital construction materials were released the plan became active once more and a broad campaign was launched to raise additional funds for the church building.

The original plan of approximately \$200,000 has increased to nearly ten times that figure in the present plan.

Completed, the building will provide larger worship areas, additional facilities for the activities of the church organizations such as men's and women's groups, young people's programs and the like.

It will be the fourth home for the Presbyterian congregation. The first meeting place was on East Maple, the second in the tabernacle at the rear of the Shain Harris store site and the third, the present building on North Woodward.

## Royal Oak Minister Will Tell of Holy Land Trip In Sermon Here Sunday

A recent visitor to the Holy Land, the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., will tell of his trip in a sermon here Sunday.

Mr. Harris will speak at the Birmingham church's Homecoming program Sept. 20. He will illustrate his talk on Europe and the Holy Land with color pictures taken during his trip.

Mr. Harris will be heard at the time of the 12:45 p.m. Homecoming dinner. Reservations for the dinner should be made with Mrs. Betty Crigen, Mrs. Edwin Minks, representing the Women's Mission Union.

At the regular 11 a.m. service the Rev. Emil Kontz will continue his September series, speaking on "The Church As A Home." The sanctuary choir will be under the direction of Charles L. Holtz, with Mrs. Walter E. Turner at the organ.

## Christian Science Group Plans Broadcast Series

Birmingham's First Church of Christ, Scientist, this week announced a new series of 15 minute broadcasts illustrating the power of prayer in everyday life.

The series will be heard each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. over KFLW.

It is planned to have each week's a fresh, documentary narrative, in which a great will relate his own religious experience. These verified accounts will come from persons living in the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa, Australia and other parts of the world.

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## Church Council Announces Plans For Coming Year

Assembled for its first fall meeting last week, the Birmingham Council of Churches voted to sponsor several significant religious projects. These included the support of the Billy Graham Crusade, the local Reformation Anniversary Service, World Communion Sunday and an Ecumenical dinner meeting.

Presiding at the session held in the Birmingham YMCA building was the Rev. William Norvell, present chairman of the Council. He appointed several committees to carry out the details of the projects outlined.

The Billy Graham Crusade starts Sunday, Sept. 27, with meetings in the Crusade auditorium on the state fair grounds. Several hundred churches, including local groups, have indicated their cooperation. The major Protestant denominations have also voted their official support of this united, city-wide project in Evansville, Ind.

MANY LOCAL lay people are already serving on various committees arranging for details of the vast project. Based on past experience, the Council is expected in the new auditorium which holds over 12,000 people.

Prayer groups are already in session in various parts of our community. The Rev. Arnold F. Runkel, D.D., and the Rev. Emil Kontz are serving on the publicity committee. The Rev. Robert Graham and Edwin F. Kirbert will work on the youth committee which plans to organize large delegations of local church youth to attend the Crusade.

World Communion Sunday is observed by all major Protestant denominations on Sunday, Oct. 4. The United Thanksgiving service will be held Thursday evening at the First Presbyterian church.

An Ecumenical dinner on behalf of World Council of Churches is planned for sometime in January, 1954.

The task of Christian education and its importance will be presented to members of the Townsbee Community church, Congregational, following the regular morning service on Sept. 20.

The Rev. John D. Rose said the special service would be planned for the participation of church school teachers, parents and members of the congregation as a whole.

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NEWEST MEMBER of the music department for the First Presbyterian church, Miss Phyllis Gardner, goes over secular music scores with L. Robert Slusker, department director. Miss Gardner begins her directorial duties with three youth choirs on Sept. 18. She has had experience in school and church choral work and herself was a scholarship pupil at Hillsdale, studying under Jay Paul Hinshaw. After additional study in Chicago, she directed a choir at the Englewood Presbyterian church there. She has also directed at St. James church, here, been a member of the Christ Church Cranbrook choir and is instructor of music in the Birmingham public schools. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

## Presbyterian Women Will Congregate to Study Sex Church Furnishings Christian Education

A preview of the furnishings to be used in the new Presbyterian church will highlight the September program of the Women's association.

Albert A. Stewart, interior decorator from Detroit's Hudson store will speak before the group at 1:15 p.m. and display several items of furnishings.

The meeting in the church parlor on Sept. 23 will open with a sewing session at 10 a.m. A business period is slated for 11, followed by the luncheon at 12:45 p.m.

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BIRMINGHAM women will work with professional models when the fashion show sponsored by St. James church Women's auxiliary is presented at the Community House on Sept. 24. Among those to be seen in the 1 p.m. show and dessert luncheon will be (left to right) Mrs. Norman James, Mrs. Franklin White and Mrs. Norman Howell. Mrs. Herbert F. Royal, fashion show chairman, said gowns would be shown through the courtesy of one of Birmingham's newest fashion shops. Cocktail dresses, evening gowns and casual wear for the suburbanite will be featured. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

**SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS** SUNDAY, SEPT. 20 **First Methodist** The Rev. Arnold F. Runkel, D.D., will preach the second in a series of "Operation—Harvest" at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. His topic for this week is "We Are the People." **Townsie Community** The Rev. John D. Rose will preach on "Carrying a Wound." **Congregational** "On Placing the Banner" is the topic here with the Rev. E. W. Wilcox, D.D., preaching. Services are held at Adams school at 11 a.m. **Christian Science** That matter is found to be unstable in human experience is shown in the sermon on "Matter" by the Rev. Paul Snupper, Sunday, Sept. 20. His opening sermon will be "Land of the Living" and will be held at the YWCA building. Mr. Russell has been associate minister and religious education director for the Church of Our Father, Detroit, for the past two years. During a part of the summer he was associated with the laboratory schools for Universalist churches in New York and was in charge of the southeastern Unitarian's religious education program at Andover, Me. For the past year, he has been secretary of the Council of Religious Advisors at Wayne university.

**Named to Serve Unitarian Church** The Rev. Russell L. Lincoln will assume his office as pastor of the Birmingham Unitarian Fellowship at the regular morning service on Sept. 20. His opening sermon will be "Land of the Living" and will be held at the YWCA building. Mr. Russell has been associate minister and religious education director for the Church of Our Father, Detroit, for the past two years. During a part of the summer he was associated with the laboratory schools for Universalist churches in New York and was in charge of the southeastern Unitarian's religious education program at Andover, Me. For the past year, he has been secretary of the Council of Religious Advisors at Wayne university.

**HE RECEIVED** his A.B. degree from Lafayette college in southern California and did graduate work at Tufts school of theology, Denver, Colo., and Boston university. He holds a master's degree from the University of Southern California. Mrs. Lincoln is a graduate of Kansas training school for Christian workers and was director of religious education at Trinity Methodist church in Denver.

**First Baptist** Continuing his September series on "The Christian and His Church," the Rev. Emil Kontz will speak on "The Church As A Home" at the annual Homecoming observance Sunday. Church News Deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursdays.

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**BYF Goes 'West' In First Program Of '53-54 Season** A "Western Roundup" will feature the opening fellow-ship party of the senior high young people's group of the First Baptist church of Birmingham. The event will take place on Friday, Sept. 18, 8 p.m. in the social hall of the church. Devotional services and programs of games and refreshments will carry out the Western theme. A committee of the officers is making full preparations for the annual fall get-together. The closing part of the evening's program will be a devotional period. These arrangements along with Sunday evening programs were developed by the B.Y.F. council at their meeting last week. Plans for Sunday evening meetings are complete for the next two months. Officers of the group for the current season are president, Ray Pomroy; secretary, Phyllis Strook; treasurer, James Ovens; youth advisers, Ecker Jackson, sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bertelson. Topics scheduled for presentation and discussion in the coming weeks include "Christian Faith," "Christian Citizenship," "Christian Fellowship," "Christian Witness" and "World Outreach." At each meeting a different committee of the young people present the subject and conduct a discussion on it. The cabinet voted to organize a delegation of young people to attend the October Billy Graham Crusade meetings in a busy.

**Ascension Lutheran** The second sermon on "Applied Faith" will be preached by the Rev. Paul Snupper, Sunday, Sept. 20. This week is from James 5, 13-20. **Presbyterian** "What Model Is Your Religion?" is the question to be answered in the sermon by the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D. His text is Luke 8:8. "And the other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and up, and bare fruit a hundred-fold." And when he had said those things, he cried, "He that hath ears to hear let him hear."

**Guild Plans Meeting** St. Catherine's guild of St. James church will hold its regular business meeting on Sept. 23 at the home of Mrs. W. A. McCarty, at 8 p.m. Assistant hostesses will be Mrs. Richard Straight, Mrs. Dell Holmberg and Mrs. Richard Brown.

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