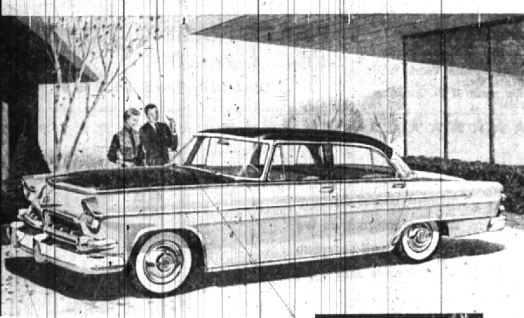


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SMILES LIGHT THE faces of Mrs. James T. Moore, Mrs. Marvin Kauffman, Mrs. William T. Bridge and Mrs. Allen T. Frederick as they bring more items out of the big box for their Dec. 4 "Holiday for Things". Mrs. Frederick, general chairman, said the customary bazaar items would be featured, including aprons, children's toys and clothes, baked goods, candies, novelties, parcel post booth, fish pond and white elephant booth. A special section of on-the-spot games will be provided to amuse the little folks while mothers shop. (Eccentric Photo)

MYF Schedules Variety Program

Youth groups of the First Methodist church are combining in their efforts and are already in rehearsal for the annual variety show they will present early next year.

Taking Broadway for its theme, the show will be given Friday and Saturday evenings, Jan. 21-22, with Tom K. Burg as director. Other play committees are lighting, Dave Masterson; publicity, Norma Webb; scenery, Jerry Barber; scenery, Joan Caldwell; Betty Nichols; props, Jim Feeder; Dick Brown; tickets, Sandy Walker; Barbara Thiel; programs, Sylvia Jones.

At Church Session

Five young people, Dave Allen, Bennet Wright, Joyce Nielsen, Jeff Weststrate and Kirk Phoebe, attended the Nov. 26-27 Michigan Pilgrim Fellowship meeting at Olney college. The group is composed of senior high school students.

Early cups for church activities makes it better for us and better for you. Don't wait until the deadline, please.

SERMONETTE

In Today's Restless World We Must Have God's Steadfastness

By FRANK GEABACH
Director, Unity Center

Wherever man looks man looks for the signs of unrest. The inconsistency that characterizes the world impress upon him the conviction that there must be a power which subordinates and makes inferior the desires and efforts of man.

That for which he cannot account he attributes to an unknowable agency. Whenever he fails to apprehend the cause of an event or circumstance he fills the gap by charging God with it.

He says, "Well, it must be fate or, 'I guess it's just God's will.'"

He concludes that God is a creature of mood and apt to do unpredictable things and to set at naught the plans of some men and to crown with success the plans of others.

AND MAN SEES the world which is unrelated to the place in which God dwells. "God" in His heaven and all is well," he says, but he thinks that all is well only in God's heaven and that things here aren't so good and it's a shame He doesn't do something about the things that go on.

By holding God to be unpredictable and beyond understanding he feels life is a continual inconstant that one must simply take as it comes and hope for the best.

He brings forth a bewildering world and then says, "Well, that's life."

There is no stability in life until we recognize that God is changeless good. To see sight of this from time to time and it seems that it is needed that we remind ourselves of this and gain a greater conviction of it. God does not change. He cannot change.

IF CHANGE were possible to God our studying to know Him in character would be futile. For if God were of one mind yesterday He is not the same today, and what basis could we have to catch up with His mood of tomorrow?

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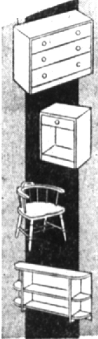
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Holy Name Ushers Plan 'Mixer' Party For Entire Parish

More than 100 men, members of the Holy Name parish usher club, are planning for the All Parish Mixer scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11. The affair will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall, 41 Fourth, Royal Oak.

John Keeley, general chairman, said both square and ballroom dancing will be featured. Refreshments in a buffet style will be furnished throughout the evening.

Planned to start at 9 p.m., the Mixer is arranged as a get acquainted party for all members of the parish.

Other committee members are Donald McGaffey, Kirk Baldwin, Dominic Caputo, J. David Benz, Edward Sammut, Cassan Wilson, Emerson Goetz, Ray Flynn and Roger Blamford.

Pastor to Explain Communion Rites in Three Lectures

"The Service of Holy Communion" will be the subject of a series of three lectures to be given by the Rev. Harold E. Towne, rector at St. James Episcopal church, during the advent season.

The first is scheduled for 10 a.m., Dec. 8 in the undercroft. Subsequent lectures will be on successive Wednesday mornings.

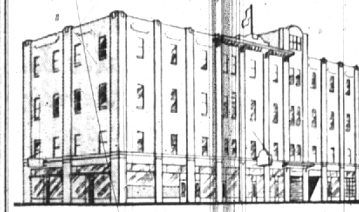
The Christian education and mission committee of the Women's auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Richard Fowler, has arranged the series so members of St. James and any others interested in this church ritual, may obtain a greater understanding and more intelligent appreciation of it.

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