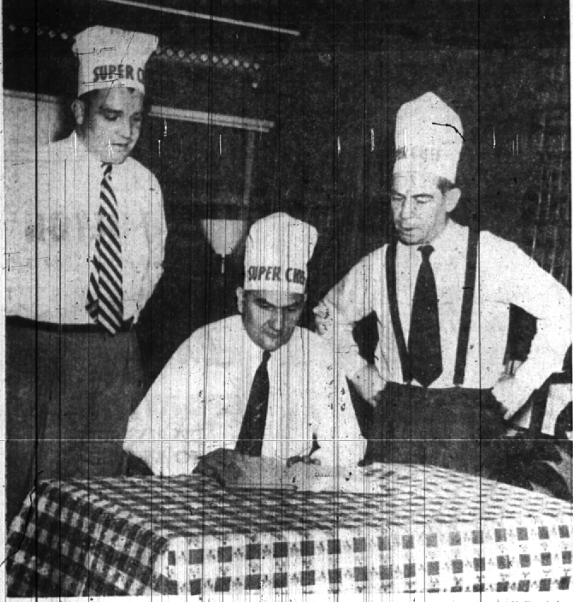


What the Church of Your Choice Is Doing



CHEFS' HATS and red-checked table cloths will add a festive air to the "All-Parish Mixer" which members of Holy Name Ursula club is sponsoring Dec. 11. Held at the Knights of Columbus hall in Royal Oak at 9 p.m., the affair is planned as a "get-acquainted party" for the rapidly expanding parish. John Kelley, Emerson Goetz and Don McGaffey check recipes and menus for the cabaret-style dance and social evening. (Eccentric Photo)

Baptist Women Plan December Program

An 8 p.m. meeting is scheduled for Dec. 12 by members of the Baptist Women Union. The session will be held in the church hall.

Mrs. L. W. Greer, will preside over a short-business meeting.

Prayer will be given by the Rev. Emil Kontz, with devotions led by Mrs. J. E. Letton.

Special music will include a solo by Mrs. James Shavin, accompanied by Mrs. Stewart Smith.

Mrs. T. Mel Tate will be featured on the program with her presentation of "A Serbian Folk Tale." The benediction will be given in song, Mrs. Charles King, soloist.

Mrs. Werner Schettling, chairman of the Mary Martha Circle, will have charge of refreshments.

Christmas Party

Plans for a Christmas party will highlight the Dec. 17 meeting of St. Michael's Youth club, 10 Mile and Code. The meeting is called for 8 p.m.

Christmas Club Check



What a joy it is to receive a bountiful check just in time for your Christmas gifting... a check big enough to insure the "best Christmas ever" for all your loved ones with NO "hangover" of Christmas bills for you! You can get on the receiving end of just such a check for Christmas 1955, by joining our Christmas Club NOW. Just a little money stashed away each week adds up to lots of Christmas joy for everybody... including YOU!

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Methodists Mark 133rd Anniversary

Dr. E. K. Seymour will come from St. Mark's Methodist church Dec 12, to preach at both morning services when Birmingham's First Methodist church celebrates its 133rd anniversary.

First Methodist is the oldest continuing congregation in the area.

In 1821 the first service was held in Willett's Log Tavern. The first church was built 18 years later at Bates and Merrill. In 1871 a \$20,000 structure was erected where the S. S. Kresge store now stands.

The next forward step was the erection of a parsonage, adjacent to the church, in 1877. This was done at a cost of \$800.

The name "First Methodist Episcopal Society of Birmingham" was changed to "First Methodist Church of Birmingham" in 1939 by order of the general conference.

This followed the merger of the Methodist church, North and South, and the Methodist Protestant church.

A YEAR before the present pastor, the Rev. Arnold F. Hunkel, D.D., assumed his duties in 1944 the first religious education director was employed.

Dr. Ranken's first year marked the opening of the fund drive for a church large enough to meet needs of a rapidly growing parish.

The year also noted the purchase of a new parsonage at 552 Madison. Two years later the first assistant pastor, the Rev. James Wright, was called. He is now serving at St. Clement.

Continued membership growth urged expansion plans and in 1949 the 5.5 acre site at W. Maple and Pleasant was purchased.

A year later plans were approved for the new church and construction started.

AS THE BUILDING progressed the staff was again increased. Rodney M. Peterson, a graduate Westminster Choir school at Princeton, was hired as the first minister of music. He has formed five complete choirs.

The new church was opened for service on Sept. 7, 1952. In the church accepted the full-time support of a medical missionary to Portuguese East Africa. Dr. and Mrs. Walker Mikulasek were commissioned for the post.

Another phase of the expansion program was entered earlier this year with the purchase of ad-

ditional property at 327 Pleasant as a residence for Dr. Hunkel O. Martin, assistant pastor.

A SECOND purchase was the Holzinger property to the east of the church. This provided an additional 1.75 acres and a large home being converted into an educational building for 250 children.

A building fund crusade for further expansion now totals \$135,000 in cash and pledges.

Arrangements are being completed to purchase another parsonage to house an associate minister, the Rev. Allen Wittrop, appointed to this church by Bishop Marshall Reed.

Mr. Wittrop will come to Birmingham from his present charge in Watertown, S. D., early next year.

The spirit of Christmas giving will permeate the children's Festival of Gifts during the morning services at Christ Church (Grandbrook, Dec. 12. Services are at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.)

Each child in the parish is asked to bring an unrapped gift which he or she has selected. These toys, games, mittens, and so on will be placed at the altar by the little donors.

Later, in addition to other gifts from church organizations and groups, they will go to needy children in the county.

Distribution will be handled by the Women's auxiliary through its social service organization. Working with hospitals, child's homes and welfare groups, they are aware of what needs exist.

Besides the toys, Christmas gifts will include clothing and money for underprivileged families to buy Christmas dinners.

Parents are invited to make cash donations as their children present toys, in order that the additional needs may be met.

Christmas Party

A Christmas party for the Sunday school and church will be held at United Brethren in Christ church Dec. 10. Games for all and refreshments will be served.

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

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, DEC. 12

First Methodist
Speaking in observance of the 133rd anniversary of the First Methodist church in Birmingham, Dr. E. K. Seymour will come from St. Mark's church to preach at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. He has announced his topic as "He Took It Upon Himself."

Congregational
"A Reason to Rejoice" will be the topic of the 11 a.m. service at the Rev. Robert D. Dewey continues his Advent series. He has taken for his text Isaiah 9:1, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'"

Unitarian
The Rev. Russell L. Lincoln speaks on "Allowing to Learn" at 10 a.m. in the Birmingham YMCA building, 400 E. Lincoln. "A Religion may be evaluated in the light of how many children to learn" will be the theme of his sermon.

First Baptist
Having completed his series of sermons on the Ten Commandments, the Rev. Emil Kottz has chosen to speak on what will be the 11th Commandment Sunday, taking his text from John 1:14, "And Jesus said, A new commandment I give unto you; love one another as I have loved you."

Franklin Community
"The Christ-Like Christmas" series will continue with the Rev. Robert J. Seal's speaking on "The Elusive Christ."

Church School Staff To Attend Workshop
On Dec. 6, church school teachers of the Birmingham Congregational church will attend a Pilgrimage to the Michigan district headquarters in Detroit.

All-Church Party
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Columban Sodality Plans Yule Party
St. Columban's Sodality will meet at 8 p.m., Dec. 14, in the Community House.

Yule Music Follows Business Meeting
A musical program by Mrs. Theodora Wiegman, Jr., Miss Nancy Chenski and Miss Sandra Shuckler will follow the gift wrapping session at Redeemer Lutheran church at 8 p.m. in Detroit.

Pot Luck Dinner
A "dinner to pass" will be the theme of the pot luck supper for members and friends of Embury Methodist church on Dec. 14. The affair should be in the church at 6:30 p.m., with roast turkey as the featured item.

LEGAL NOTICES
William Lund, Atty., 1506 Dime Bldg., Detroit, 4-2577

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 15th day of November A. D. 1954.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—ORDER OF THE PROBATE COMMISSION. RE: PROBATE IN THE COUNTY OF MICHIGAN.

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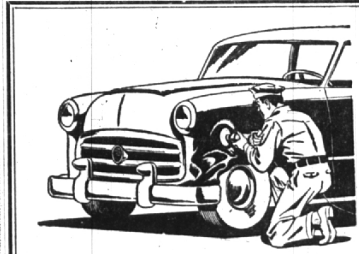
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