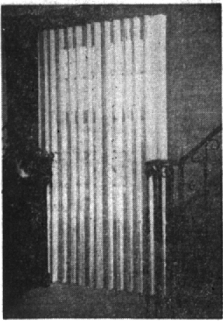


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Church Starts Drive For Expansion Funds

The official fund raising campaign of Townsite Community church, Congregational, was officially opened Feb. 3, when more than 250 members of the parish met at the Birmingham Community House for dinner and to discuss drive plans.

The group began formative action in 1946, but it was not until 1949 that construction work was started. In October, 1950, the building was formally occupied and dedicated.

Since that time the congregation has continued to grow as new families moved into the 11 1/2 Mile-Southfield area, until today the church facilities are far over-taxed.

ONE SPOKESMAN said, "If the church is too small for the adult congregation, that can be solved by duplicate services. But, when it is too small to provide adequate services expected from a church over and above worship, then the physical plant must grow."

The present plans are to extend over a three-year program, the ultimate goal being \$150,000.

In a letter to the congregation, the Rev. John D. Rose said, "Week day and youth programs cannot be planned because of lack of space."

"The task of the church is to lead and build the Christly way into the lives of people. . . . We shall continue to succeed in our God-given mission only if we have

space for fellowship and education."

CURRENTLY church school classes are meeting in the kitchen, with the stage of the basement auditorium being used as a chapel. Two departments meet in the lounge, with the cribs for little tots being moved to the already crowded church office.

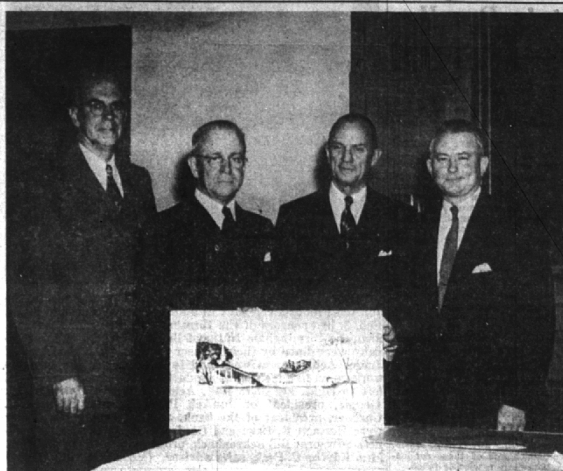
Four departments of the church school have been crowded out of their church home and are meeting in the school next door.

"Children," Mr. Rose said, "are quick to sense the difference between a well-equipped public school and a church school run on a makeshift basis. They may conclude that religion is secondary and inferior."

The special gifts committee announced that pledges in the amount of \$27,000 had already been received.

Additional pledges will be received as parish members launch a house-to-house canvass.

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Mission Workers Will Be Guests At Local Church

A series of missionary speakers are scheduled to appear at the United Brethren in Christ church during the next few weeks, according to the pastor, the Rev. Lee J. Griffl.

Opening the series at the morning service on Feb. 14, will be Miss Hannah Hubbard, an English woman who has done mission work in Palestine for more than 20 years. Though an independent worker, she has cooperated with English and American mission units in that area, and speaks both Hebrew and Arabic. She was one of the dozen missionaries permitted by the Jews to remain in Jerusalem during the siege of 1948.

The evening service will feature an address by Miss Lois Baily, mission worker in South Africa. Illustrating her talk with films and recordings of African testimonies, Mr. Griffl said her appearance would be of great interest to young people.

Miss Lenora Clark, a rural missionary in Missouri, is scheduled for the midweek meeting on Feb. 17. Also described as "a favorite speaker of young people," she will describe mission work being done in this country.

Scheduled to appear on Feb. 21 are the Rev. and Mrs. Rowley Judson, at the morning service, and Mrs. Thelma Nelson when the evening worship will be held.



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Police Official To Discuss Youth For Baptist Men

The Men's club of the First Baptist church will meet Friday, Feb. 19, in the church parlors. The topic for the evening is one being widely discussed, "The Problems of the Youth of Today."

The speaker will be Lt. Reynier Staats of the "Youth Bureau" of the Detroit Police department. He was personally selected to come to Birmingham by Inspector Ralph Baker, commanding officer of the bureau.

Lt. Staats has a long record as a police officer and since 1950 has been in charge of the Detroit Youth

Bureau School Safety program. He also has had considerable experience in the Youth Behavior section of the Bureau.

In charge for the event are George Jackson, tickets; John Perkins, music; William Richardson, publicity; Merritt Olsen, banquet and Walter E. Turner, speakers committee. All men of the Community 18 years of age and older are invited to attend the meeting at 8 p.m. in the church parlors. Dinner reservations may be made with Turner.

Congregational Groups List Meetings Next Week

Three meetings are being planned by the four Circles of the Congregational Church of Birmingham Women's Fellowship for Feb. 16.

At 12:30 p.m., Circle I will meet with Mrs. Kirby White, 264 West Brown, while Mrs. John L. Clarke is hostess to Circle II at her 4419 Beverly court home in Royal Oak.

Circles III and IV will meet together at 8 p.m. at the John Marshall home, 2914 Gulfport.

The Marshall home will also be the scene of the meeting of deacons and deaconesses at 8 p.m., Feb. 17.

Kirk Women to Meet

The Woman's association of Kirk-in-the-Hills, Presbyterian church will be held in the church social hall on Feb. 18, with members of the John Batgate Circle serving lunch. Mrs. Gertrude Barrett will speak on "My Duties as a Policewoman" from her experiences in Oakland county.

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Mission Union Circles To Meet Next Thursday

Units of the Baptist Women's Mission union have scheduled meetings for Thursday, Feb. 18. Each will start at 10:30 a.m., with white cross work. A luncheon, business meeting and period of devotions will follow.

The Esther circle will meet with Mrs. Edward Steele, 6660 Oak Hills, while Mrs. Stewart Smith, 1030 Clark, will be hostess for the Miriam circle.

Mrs. Derek Bolton will open her home at 458 Bennaville for the Ruth circle. Hostess to the Naomi group will be Mrs. Kenneth Kilbory, 2956 Pembroke.

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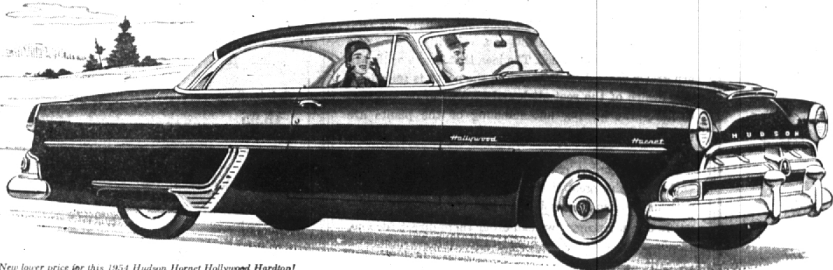
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