

It is good, every so often, for one to take inventory of the pattern of the life that appears to be striving to reach. Such an inventory will enable one to find whether his inventory is directed toward the Good life.

Two New Churches Opening for Lent

Two Birmingham church groups, First Presbyterian and St. James Episcopal, will start working on a "camp-out" basis with the coming of the Lenten season.

St. James will hold services in its enlarged church for the first time on Ash Wednesday, in spite of the fact that workmen are not yet out of the building. Special communion services are scheduled for the three programs of March 3, the first slated for 8 a.m.

The woman's auxiliary will meet at 10:30 a.m., with their communion service set for 12:15 p.m., and luncheon at 1 p.m. in the undercroft of the church. Reservations are to be made at the church office or with a guild president.

THE ASH Wednesday evening service will be at 8 o'clock, when the Rev. Harold E. Towne will preside during the communion and sermon hours.

Work schedules there this week include installation of art windows on the Maple avenue side of the building. Interior workmen's schedules have been arranged so that as soon as one group finishes an area, another is ready to take over its particular job in that place.

Pews are expected to arrive for installation this week. A church representative said Monday, whether the pews come or not, we start using the new church on Ash Wednesday.

Major project yet to be completed in the church includes the woodwork and the organ installation.

AT THE First Presbyterian,

1689 West Maple, classrooms are in shape for use, along with the children's chapel. Although work is progressing rapidly, it will be some weeks before the building is completely finished.

Parishioners will move into the building for their first service on March 7, to open the Lenten program for 1954.

A complete Sunday school schedule has been arranged with 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. class programs. Church school enrollments are being notified by mail as to which class they are to attend.

Mrs. John E. Machin, Christian education director, listed these appointments to become effective at this time: William Mikulas, general superintendent for the first session, John Werner, the 11:15 program.

DEPARTMENT superintendents under Mikulas will be Mrs. John Stiff, Nursery I; Mrs. M. H. Stern, Nursery II; Mrs. Floyd Doherty, beginners; Mrs. Markham Cheever, kindergarten; Mrs. Edson Pool, primary; Mrs. Burton Hutchings, junior; Edwin Kirbert, junior high; John Stiff and John Slater, senior high.

Assisting Werner will be Mrs. Thomas Spiegel, Nursery I; Mrs. Wilfred Amos, Nursery II; Mrs. James Bernard, beginners; Mrs. Franklin Bird, kindergarten; Mrs. Richard Hatch, primary; Robert Fisher, junior high, and George Coombe, junior high.

March of Dimes Totals \$23,930

A final total of \$23,930.21, has been released by Mrs. Howard Riegan, chairman for the 1954 March of Dimes, with John B. Taylor, Mrs. Riegan added that \$4,500 of this amount had been spent for mailing expenses, leaving a balance of \$23,925.21.

Donations from clubs and miscellaneous groups, such as children who prepared and presented neighborhood "shows" amounted to \$1,027.71; canisters, \$796.45; Fighting Dimes, \$1,768.51; March of Dimes cards, \$2,300 and the Mothers' March, \$16,978.04.

"Needless to say," Mrs. Riegan commented, "those who headed this drive, are once again very proud of the folks in and around Birmingham."

Special Election For Annexation

The annexation question involving the 44-acre Fortitt property on Adams road will be treated as a special election in the April 5 regular city election in Birmingham, city commissioners learned Monday night.

The annexation vote which asks that the city of Birmingham annex the property from Troy township also will be a special election on that date in Troy.

In last week's issue of The Eccentric it was erroneously stated that the W. E. Reid Development company sought to construct terraces on the Fortitt property. The company is planning duplexes for the land.

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Church League Race Still Tied

Christ Church Cranbrook and First Presbyterian church kept pace with each other in the Birmingham YMCA Church League by winning their respective games to maintain their first-place tie. Christ Church defeated First Baptist church 64 to 50 as Jerry Kraus and Buzz Johnson combined scoring efforts to score in 40 points for the victors. Christ Church trailed through the first half and then scored 13 points in each of the third and fourth quarters to win.

First Presbyterian church ran up the largest score of the season with its 81 to 54 win over Congregational church. All members of the Presbyterian church quintet figured in the scoring with Jerry Wedge and Jim Sargason scoring 49 points between them. Half-time score was 32 to 25 in favor of the Presbyterians. Kirk Flack and Tom Beck ranked up 17 points each to pace the losers.

IN THE THIRD game of the evening, Kirk-in-the-Hills started slowly and then moved into a commanding lead over Redstone Lutheran church to win 48 to 28. Both teams were tied at the end of the first quarter with 9 points each. After changing tactics in the second quarter, Kirk-in-the-Hills freed Harvey Franian and Ralph Garlick for repeated shots under the basket. Ralph Garlick led both teams in scoring with 13 points.

Games Thursday night pit First Presbyterian vs. Redstone Lutheran church at 7 p.m.; First Congregational vs. First Baptist at 8 p.m. at the Baptist church. The games at Barnum Junior High, St. James vs. Kirk-in-the-Hills, is at 9 p.m.

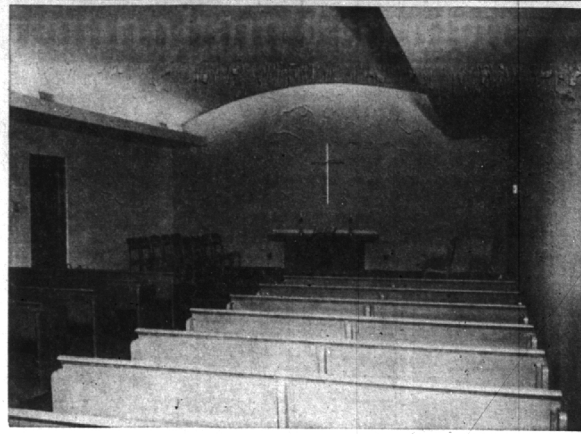
Barton Asks City For Parking Space

A public hearing to act on a petition asking for extension of parking area at the rear of the Kroger store on the northeast corner of Maple and Poppleton was called for March 22, Monday night by Birmingham city commissioner.

Carl O. Barton and his wife, owners of the property, petitioned for the right to use residentially-zoned land they now own at the rear of the existing parking area for parking under a new section of the city's zoning ordinance.

When the zoning on the remainder of the Barton property was first considered last year, commissioners refused to rezone the land to a business use to allow parking because they felt the land might sometime be used for business buildings.

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2 Berkley Youths Pay Fines For Simple Assault

Convicted on charges of simple assault, two Berkley youths were ordered to pay \$30 each in fines and costs Friday, by Birmingham Justice John J. Gault.

Police said the pair were arrested Wednesday night, Feb. 17, after they had threatened two Birmingham boys with a defective revolver.

"The guns could not have been fired, because the hammer was missing. But it would look like the real thing to anyone it was pointed at," said Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley.

Moxley said the incident took place when the Berkley youths drove their car up to the curb at Woodward and Maple and engaged the Birmingham boys in an argument.

THE YOUTHS agreed to meet for a showdown near a restaurant on S. Woodward. Two Birmingham patrolmen, in plain clothes and off duty, were in the restaurant and were tipped off about the impending trouble.

They arrested the Berkley youths, Morris Holden, 17, of 1827 Thomas; and William H. Fabeck, 18, of 1809 Oakshire.

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IT APPEARS THAT there is a poet in the midst of Lathrup Girl Scout leaders. At a recent leaders' meeting, Mrs. Eugene Gardulski, an expectant mother, was presented with a gift from her fellow workers. The gift was accompanied by a poem written by Mrs. Wayne Dickerson, the last half of which read:

"As a good Scout, you highly rate
(In spite of all your added weight.)
So—when that happy day is here
and it will come, too, never fear
Go quietly... we'll get a 'sub'
But... bring home a BROWNIE, not a Cub!"

BIRMINGHAM'S NEW director of city finance, James H. Farkles, attended his first city commission meeting Monday night. One part of the meeting he listened to intently was City Manager D. C. Egbert's resume of the city's vastly improved debt obligation over the past 19 years.

SPEAKERS AT HIGH SCHOOL assemblies can never be quite sure if the applause they receive is entirely sincere or partially synthetic. There is always a hint of doubt as to whether prolonged clapping is due to the excellence of a speech, or to the students' desire to run the assembly into the next hour and thus get out of attending part of a class. A case in point was observed by This Wanderer Friday afternoon at the Birmingham high school gym. When Dr. Fred Schwarz, of Sydney, Australia, concluded his stirring speech on Communism's threat to the free world, students applauded vigorously for the space of about five minutes, in spite of the efforts of a young master-of-ceremony's efforts to quiet them. However, in this instance, having heard the talk, we believe the audience reaction was in all sincerity.

MRS. KEITH BLISS, 1777 Norfolk, thinks the Birmingham fire department is just the greatest. Mrs. Bliss got a chance to see the department in action Feb. 13 when a fire started in the wall of the porch of the Bliss home. "The firemen got to our house in nothing flat. They put the fire out just as fast, and undoubtedly saved our home from greater damage through the speed with which they worked," said Mrs. Bliss. "We were simply amazed at the way they handled things, and we were very grateful for the consideration they showed to our house and its furnishings while putting the fire out."

BIRMINGHAM stamp collectors and residents interested in stamp collecting have been invited to attend the 40th anniversary exhibition and business of the Michigan Stamp club. The two-day affair is scheduled for Feb. 27-28 at the DAV Memorial building, 1360 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Stamps from Arabia and the middle East will be stressed at the show.

MILT BEZ, owner and operator of the local Bez Air-people was called on the telephone last week by a friend who asked: "Say, Mil, yesterday I saw several ducks come into a fine landing on a small body of ground water at the edge of your field... and I wonder if you were able to collect a landing fee from 'em." Mil just chuckled and replied: "These ducks have an international flying license, and the only way I could collect from them would be to make a sure hit with a shotgun... but you can't go that in this area, you know."

LOCAL USERS of the Grand Trunk commuter trains to Detroit are wondering if the railroad people are aware of the fact that the current long train sections they are running cause many passengers to get wet in rainy weather, as they board and leave the commuters' specials they daily use. "Recently I was in the last car of a 16-car section train and got soaking wet as I reached my destination and ran into the station," commented one local resident to This Wanderer last week. "Can't the Grand Trunk people do something about it?"

THOUGHTS OF summer occupied many minds while the lightning and thunder, wind and rain lashed the area one night last week. Throughout the drizzly day that followed there was a definite, though not entirely pleasant, touch of spring in the air. From Mrs. James Flack, West 13 Mile, came news of the first delightful hint of spring when she informed This Wanderer on Friday that she had noticed a mourning dove in her yard. Since these birds seldom are among the early arrivals, may we hope the "back of the winter has been broken"?

Marriage Lecture At YMCA March 3

Under the sponsorship of the Birmingham Council of Churches, Boyd L. Walker of the Metropolitan Detroit YMCA will give the fourth in a series of six lectures based on "Preparation for Marriage" at the Birmingham YMCA on Wednesday, March 3 at 8:15 p.m. The title of the lecture and discussion is "Mixed Marriages" and deals with marriages of different religions, one party being much older than the other, a divorcee marrying a person never previously married, and persons of different races marrying. Questions may be submitted for the floor or handed in previous to the lecture. There is no charge and young adults are invited to attend. Betty Arnold, president of the Young Adults of Birmingham, will introduce the speaker.

City Approves Cab Firm Sale

Mike Janis, 1444 Benvenville, and Maurice Thompson, 1833 Southfield, have purchased the Birmingham Cab company from Oregon Atchinson of Northville, after Birmingham city commissioners Monday night approved operation of the cab firm by the new owners. Commissioners also approved issuance of a sixth cab license to the company and the new purchasers stated that a seventh plate would be applied for after the sixth cab is in operation. The two men will continue the company under the same name and from the same offices at 124 S. Woodward.

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