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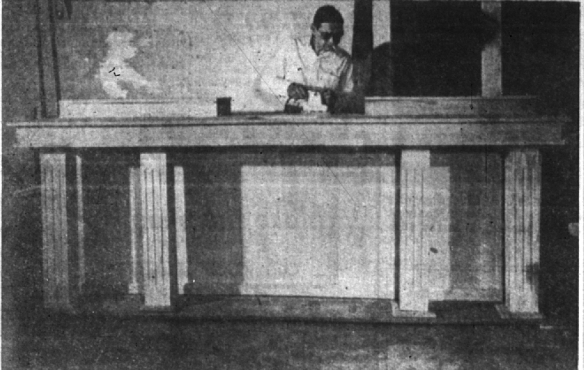
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**RED OAK ALTAR FOR NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Took William Gleason 400 hours to build (Eccentric Photo)

**First Fall Festival**

At a meeting June 17, members of St. Columban parish launched plans for its first fall festival. Joseph Erreh was named general chairman, with Fred Steink, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gombard, Mrs. Henry Kowacki, Mrs. Don Wilkinson and Donald Richards on the committee.

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

## St. Columban Church Has First Services

Opening day for the newly built St. Columban church, June 13, was almost a "first anniversary" event for the founding of the parish, which was officially announced by Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit early in June, 1953.

The Rev. Thomas Kenney, assigned to the parish at its formation, conducted the first services with the assistance of two priests from St. Nicholas. Highlight of the service was the observance of first communion for a group of 12.

Located at 14 Mile and Melton, the parish will serve about 500 families in the southeast section of Birmingham and a small adjoining area of Royal Oak. Temporary headquarters have been at the Shrine of the Little Flower and Upton school, both in Royal Oak.

The present plant consists of the rectory, built partly by members of the parish and the new church. Final plans will include a school, plus, probably a larger church.

The new building, of rinder block, will seat about 500, with a parking lot to accommodate 100 cars.

A circle drive at the front of the building, will serve as a setting for a statue of St. Columban, which has been imported from Italy and will be erected in front of the church shortly.

The present building includes the main auditorium, a mothers' room and choir loft, all on one floor.

Altars and pews of red oak blend softly with the green arch and laminated wood in natural finish which make up the interior of the building.

The main altar has been the work of a parishioner, Thomas E. Gleason, who estimates that he has spent nearly 400 hours in its completion.

Working in the basement of his home at 4220 Cooper, Royal Oak, Gleason designed and made a small model from which his working plans were made.

The finished work is nine feet long, 39 inches high and 39 inches deep. Fluting of the pillars, sanding and refinishing were also a part of Gleason's work.

A former carpenter and cabinet maker, Gleason is now teaching English at Garfield intermediate school, Detroit.

Future services for the church are scheduled for 7, 8:30, 10 a.m., and noon, each Sunday.

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**SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS**

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

Unity Center

Preaching at 11 a.m. in the Center reading room, Birmingham theater building, Frank Glabach will have as his subject, "When in Dispair with Fortune."

First Presbyterian

Taking his text from Exodus 20:7, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain," the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., will speak on "On Using God's Name."

Christian Science

The vital importance of understanding the inspired word of the Bible spiritually will be brought out in the sermon "Christian Science." The text will be "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven... O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day... Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever; for they are the rejoicing of my heart" (Psalms 119: 89, 97, 111).

First Baptist

The Rev. Emil Kontz has chosen to speak on "Card Carrying Christians," taking his text from Galatians 6:17, "Henceforth let no man trouble me for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus."



REV. WILLIAM LOVEJOY

## Franklin Pastor Sent to Alpena

The Ralph Woodburn home on Telegraph was the scene of a party June 16, honoring the Rev. and Mrs. William Lovejoy and daughter, Maureen who left Franklin this week after eight years there.

Mr. Lovejoy began his pastorate at the Alpena Methodist church on June 20.

He will be succeeded in Franklin by the Rev. Robert Searles, who comes to the community from Dundee Methodist church.

The Lovejoys were presented a purse of money by members of their congregation. In charge of the affair were Mrs. E. B. Rottiers, president of the women's group, and Emil Bates, chairman of the church board.

Others assisting with arrangements included Mrs. R. Fisher, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. W. C. Hinman and Mrs. Donald Tracy.

## Congregationalists Have Guest Speaker

The Rev. Raleigh E. Sain will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational Church of Birmingham Sunday, June 27, during the absence of the Rev. Robert D. Dewey. Mr. Sain, a resident of Royal Oak, has been director of research and church planning for the Detroit Council of Churches for the past year. His sermon topic will be "Sharing the Secret," the text taken from Luke 11:1-10.

Mr. Dewey, who will be absent from the city through July 2, will attend the general council of Congregational Christian churches at New Haven, Conn. He will be one of 16 delegates representing the Detroit Association of Congregational Christian churches.

## Embury Members Entertain Beckers

A "welcome back" party was given June 23 by the congregation of Embury Methodist church for their pastor, the Rev. Reginald Becker and his family. Mr. Becker has been returned by the Methodist conference to begin his seventh year with Embury.

Lay Leader Fred McCallough was in charge of the party, with Mrs. Mary Uelen, representing the Women's Society for Christian Service, assisting. The congregation joined in presenting a gift to the Beckers.

## Community Church Plans Bible School

Summer vacation Bible school will open June 28 at the Franklin Community church for one week. Daily sessions will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Among those who will work with the children are Mrs. Harry B. Rottiers, Mrs. Donald G. Tracy, Mrs. James W. Washburn and Mrs. Arthur C. Hays.

They will be assisted by Mrs. Grant Stiver and Miss Shirley Bunell. Children from the first through the sixth grades are eligible and should register with one of the above on opening day.

## On Summer Schedule

The summer schedule of services at the First Presbyterian church will be adapted with the July 4 service. Through July and August only one preaching service will be held each Sunday, scheduled for 9:45 a.m.

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