

Methodist Financial Crusade Due Oct. 8

A financial crusade, under the leadership of Dr. John Henry Soltman of the Methodist board of National Missions, will be launched by the First Methodist church on Oct. 8.

Authorized at the last quarterly conference of the church, the goal of the expansion program totals \$175,000. This amount covers the purchase price and remodeling costs of the recently acquired Holzmeier property immediately east of the church on Maple avenue and the balance of the mortgage on the present church property.

Dr. Soltman, whose home is in Auburn, Wash., has conducted 124 such crusades in all sections of the country and in Alaska.

HE HAS BEEN in the ministry since 1915 and has been district superintendent, minister of finance and a member of the board of church extension.

The new property will provide classrooms for more than 125 church school students and space for future building growth.

In addition, it also solves a parking problem, making Maple avenue directly accessible to a traffic jam on a driveway to be constructed east of the church.

IN COMMENTING on the crusade, the Rev. Aaron F. Runkel, D. D., pastor, traced the tremendous growth of the Birmingham church since 1945 when the first building fund was launched.

He pointed out that in less than 10 years church membership has jumped 119 per cent. Church school has recorded an increase of 251 per cent, with 221 per cent of this figure having been recorded during the past four years.

Dr. Runkel added that C. L. Soltman, 1711 Riverside, is chairman of the drive, with W. H. DeLee, 1826 Webster, as co-chairman.

Missionary Film
On Sunday evening, Oct. 10, at 7:30, the United Brethren church, 14 Mile road at Ridgewood, will present the film, "Those Who Wait." The picture is sponsored by the American Leprosy missions. The showing is open to the public.

World Council Session Impresses Pastor

By REV. W. GLEN HARRIS, Pastor, First Presbyterian

The people who attended the Evanston meeting of the World Council of Churches became a part of a high point in Christian history. The growing evidence of the unity of the church was apparent.

In contrast to the Amsterdam Assembly of 1948, there was organization, planning and a more clearly stated purpose. The world of business and industry listened to the pronouncements of Evanston with a more open mind. They were a little more willing to admit that perhaps the Christian church has some things to say to which they might listen with profit.

The assembly made it plain that the "ecumenical movement now has firm roots."

At Amsterdam six years ago, the majority of the member churches declared that they intended "to stay together." At the second assembly in Evanston the official delegates made it clear that the World Council of Churches is no longer an experiment but a well established fact.

The assembly met on Aug. 15. It was a hot day, so many say, but not hot to listen to deep and profound, and to understand the "Second Coming of Christ." But we were not there.

McGraw hall was packed with loud speakers feeding the speeches to the great stadium of the Northwestern university. Prof. Edmund Schell of Germany pointed out that Europe despairs of hope, if he means to expect peace and the good things of this world.

IN PART he said, "If in our thinking about this subject we place the emphasis on the present situation of this world, then we shall miss the point of our assembly here. If we expect Christ to insure this world so that man may continue, undisturbed, in his selfishness, and seek an improvement in the world, if he means to expect peace, prosperity and the good things of this world."

It gives us a common language which we can share with one another and which meets the basic needs of men. The translation and spirit of the Holy Scriptures is therefore an inescapable task of the evangelizing church.

No renewal of our church life can take place without giving to the Bible its rightful place in the preaching, teaching, and worship of the church and in the missions and art enterprise. For God's promise still remains: "I am awake over the world to perform it." (Jeremiah 1:12)

THE ASSEMBLY at Evanston spoke out in a demand for social justice, for economic justice, for peace, for the rights of the oppressed. In part, he said, "asked us to do this."

In part, he said, "asked us to do this. You are committed to a program that involves personal responsibility for the general good. 'Kindle anew in us a desire to strive for moral greatness and show us where we fall short.'"

In compliance with that request, and in the line of duty, as delegates the assembly faced up to its job. A clear and ringing statement was made about Communism, but there was no hysteria, aggressively purged of evil, and steadily nearing perfection.

On the contrary, new achievements, new ideals and new forms of corruption. As far ahead as we can see or think, vast forces of evil deeply rooted in the lives of persons and societies, taking unforeseeable new forms as the patterns of life change from generation to generation, beset the way at every stage.

THE MAKE-UP of the assembly, known as a participant in 600 of its education.

The assembly was made up of 600 official delegates, of whom 161 members of the World Council of Churches only 115 of these delegates were from the U. S. A.

One member church had one or more according to the size of the church. In addition to the official voting delegates there were 600 accredited visitors who were representative from the churches and church agencies with the privilege only to attend the meetings. They were not allowed to attend the sectional meetings or to vote.

There were, besides these 150 consultants who were the world's outstanding theologians and experts in the concerns of the assembly. They were invited by the central executive committee.

There were 120 youth consultants chosen by the youth department of the World Council of Churches. There were a limited number of fraternal delegates from related religious organizations. There were a small number of official observers who were from churches not members of the World Council of Churches appointed by their own churches at the invitation of the World Council of Churches Executive Committee.

THERE WAS A large number of general visitors who were permitted to purchase a limited amount of tickets sold each session. They sat in the bleachers. There were 400 representatives of the press, radio, TV, church press and news photographers. During the 17-day period, more than one million words were sent out to the newspapers of the world over the Western Union wires.

I was one of the 14 from the First Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. Four of these were pastors and church members. The assembly divided itself into six sections, and after long and prayerful thought, made announcements on the following subjects: 1. Our oneness in Christ and our diversity as churches; 2. Evangelism; 3. The responsible societies in our world; 4. International affairs; 5. Inter-church relations and 6. The Laity.

The assembly also advised a message to the church and passed certain resolutions concerning religious freedom.

All these documents are pertinent to present day problems. They were approved by the assembly and submitted to the member churches for study and action. None of the actions become authoritative and binding until the churches take action to make it so.

I WAS IN THE section on Evangelism and was proud to be a part of submitting the resolutions in which these words were found:

though we crossed picket lines to reach our desks as delegates. We stood up to the issues of our day: such as, church and state, race relations, labor unions, and many others.

There were many mountain top experiences while two or three of us were together. Each service was different.

One morning it was conducted by an Anglican bishop and the service was typically liturgical. Another morning it was led by a priest of the Greek Orthodox church, and the service greatly resembled the mass in many respects.

Another day it was in charge of a bishop of the Mar. Thoma, Church of South India. The service that I especially liked, was conducted by a negro born in the deep south, and now pastor of a large Baptist church.

He preached a good, sincere and simple sermon. He had us sing "The Old Rugged Cross," and just before the benediction, one of his own songs, with simplicity, but mightily power, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" How plain, how simple, yet how profound.

IT WAS A HIGH moment on Tuesday morning when Bishop Ovens called the delegates to order for the last plenary session. He had us stand and repeat the twenty-third Psalm.

From where I stood I could see the aging, bald head of Bishop Otto Dibelius, who is standing up in Germany against the full strength of the Communist rule of Soviet Russia.

On the platform was Bishop Eivand Berggrav, of Norway, who led the spiritual forces of Norway against Hitler and Nazism. Down the aisle a short distance was a Danish delegate in the uniform of the Salvation Army. Directly behind me was Father Klossow of Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic church.

About six weeks ahead of me was Dr. G. A. Haldimont, pastor of a Presbyterian church in Athens whose resolve are victims of persecution, imposed by a church that is a member of the World Council. So it goes.

It was a holy moment, in my belief, as all stood together, and repeated the Shepherd Psalm.

"THE LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he lead-

Teachers' Workshop WSCS to Hear Talk At Redeemer Church By Finance Advisor

A workshop in "Successful Teaching" is being conducted by the Sunday school staff of Redeemer Lutheran church during the week of October 6.

The Rev. Theodore Waggoner, pastor, will lead discussions on Oct. 6, "The Teacher - The Pupil"; Oct. 7, "The Language - The Lesson"; Oct. 8, "The Teaching Process - The Learning Process"; and Oct. 9, "Review and Application - The Final Test."

Dr. John Henry Soltman will speak at the Oct. 13 meeting of the First Methodist church Women's Society for Christian Services executive board. The topic will be the church crusade to raise expansion campaign funds.

The meeting will open with a prayer by Rev. Soltman, followed by the Carole Martin singing.

Mrs. John Russell, WSCS head, will conduct a business session, with Mrs. Rodney M. Peterson leading the devotions.

PRESBYTERIAN
Kirk in the Hills
1110 West Lane Lake Road
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
Dr. Harold C. Duffield, Minister
Identical Services - 9:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
SERMON: *On the Wings of the Holy Spirit*
Church School - 9:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1152 Bernice Rd.
Birmingham, Michigan
E. C. Utley, Minister
10:00 A.M. - Sunday Bible Class
11:00 A.M. - Sunday Worship
6:00 P.M. - Sunday Evening Service
7:30 P.M. - Wednesday Evening Bible Study
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Franklin Community Church
(Methodist)
26109 Germantown Mill Road
1 Block East of Franklin Rd.
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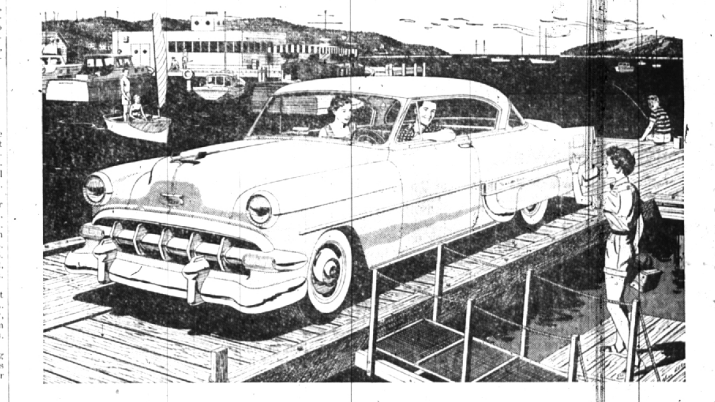
Presbyterian Units' Fall Rummage Sale Starts on Oct. 12
The rummage sale committee of the Women's association, First Presbyterian church, is completing plans for the Oct. 12-13 rummage sale. The five-day sale will be held at 234 South Hunter, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.
Rummage will be received for classification and marking on Oct. 7, 8 and 11, during the same hours.
Mrs. Robert Watt, association president, has appointed Mrs. Clarence Kraft, Mrs. Charles S. Kinison, Mrs. Dwight B. Ireland, Mr. Dan B. Edgett and Mrs. Bronson Brant to have charge.
Others working on the project are Mrs. Ray Morgan, Mrs. H. L. Breitenstein, Mrs. Glen Berry, Mrs. Ralph B. Beebe, Mrs. William Sotter, Mrs. E. H. Peterson, Mrs. Fred Zollin and Mrs. J. G. Neal.
The sale will feature wearing apparel in all sizes, jewelry, games and toys, furniture and other household articles.

Westminster Church Plans Panel Meet
An 8 p.m. meeting is planned for the evening of the First Presbyterian church Westminster guild, Mrs. Ralph A. Main, 1819 Fairview, will be the hostess.
The program, a panel discussion, will be presented by Albert Switewitz, Mrs. D. W. Millman, Mrs. N. A. Niles, Mrs. O. C. Mohler and Mrs. R. S. Pleisto.

Lutheran Youth Club Formed at Ascension
Young people of Ascension Lutheran church held the organizational meeting of their new youth club last week, and elected officers. Keith Frantz will head the group during its first year.
Other officers are Gary Simick, vice president, Bill Peabham, secretary and Steve Hunt, treasurer.
The Rev. Paul Shipper, advisor for the group, asks the current members ranged from 12 to 16 years.
Meeting at the church at 7 p.m. each Tuesday, they will discuss family, social service and church growth projects as well as special subjects.

Catholic Society 'Thrift Shop' Sale
The church social hall is the site of the "Thrift Shop" which will be held at the altar of the Queen of Martyrs Catholic church will hold Oct. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
The church is located on Pierce street, four blocks south of 14th Mile road.

Sale Plans, Voting Up for Eastminster
Mrs. C. Meyer, 950 Oakland, will be hostess to the 12 p.m. meeting of the Eastminster guild, First Presbyterian church. Plans will be made for a bake sale to be held Oct. 9, at Jacobson's.
The section of officers will also be held.



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