

Church Activities in the Birmingham Area

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Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the meek: for they shall be called the children of God. (Matt. 5:7,8,9)

IT'S PINK! It's sheer! It's a breath of spring brought straight to the hearts of the women who attended the style show of St. Hugo-of-the-Hills Altar society yesterday in the school auditorium. Mrs. Joseph Sweeney, Mrs. Alfred Algi and Mrs. Edward Klapproth pause to inspect one of the many "Davidson styles" a bit more closely. "I'd like a dozen, all in different colors," one spectator murmured.

(Eccentric Photo)



Speaks Feb. 24 At Embury Meet

A former member of Tojo's cabinet, Tomio Muto, will speak at the Lenten Family Night, dinner of Embury Methodist church on Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Muto, banished from politics after World War II turned to a new life and became an active Christian.

When Tojo was hanged by the allies in 1948, Muto said, "I felt

the rope. I know I must work for Christ. I definitely decided to become an administrator.

After a year and a half of study, he became a licensed minister in Tokyo's Ono church. He spent two years recasting a translation of the Bible into contemporary Japanese and turned himself into a self-binding evangelist.

During this time he assisted Dr.

Kagawa start the magazine, "Christian News."

His present goal is "A Million Japanese Christians in Four Years."

Currently he is on a three-months speaking campaign in this country and organizing a 40-man team for next summer's work in Japan. Sponsored by Methodists and Presbyterians, he also is raising funds to finance this team.

Church Offers Two Courses to Teachers

"We are fortunate in having staff members from the Detroit Council of Churches come here to superintend two courses, 'Teaching Children' and 'The Child's Approach to Religion,'" the Rev. Robert D. Dewey, pastor at the Congregational church said today.

"The courses will open Feb. 17 for two hours, beginning at 9:15 a.m. Classes will be each Tuesday and Thursday morning through March 8, with nursery care for preschool children.

Enrollments are being taken by Mrs. Jack Worth.

Franklin Is Building More Than a Church

Pointing out that the present building is used by nearly as many non-church as church groups, the building committee of the Franklin Community church is now explaining the proposed floor plans of the new building in terms of social neighborhood meetings.

Norman E. Kreider, public relations chairman, pointed to the inclusion of a stage as one example of planning for non-church activities in the new building.

"Since a stage normally is used only a few hours by a church," he said, "we would not be able to justify its cost by anything less than a frank admission that we are building a community center as well."

The desire of the church to develop a community program for youth, evidenced last summer by a church-subsidized daily activity for junior high youth, is reflected in the plans for the new building. A stage room, to be equipped with kitchette facilities, will be the center for this expansion of youth facilities. Across the hall will be a committee room for informal activities. A lobby room is available on the same hall.

STORAGE FACILITIES for the five units of the Girl Scouts using the present church are included, and much undesignated space is adaptable for youth use. Depending on the response of non-members in supporting these "extras," it is hoped that parking facilities might double as outdoor badminton, tennis or other recreational uses, Kreider reported.

But not all of the emphasis is on youth. Garden clubs, the League of Women Voters, Play school, and other groups are also included in the planning.

The social hall will seat 200 at tables, and nearly double that in a row-type arrangement. Classroom are flexible for the use of smaller groups with one unit capable of seating over 100 adults.

ALL ROOMS IN the social unit of the building are multi-purpose in nature, Kreider reported, and the committee hopes that the organizations of Franklin will feel free to use them.

At the first of these meetings held at the Ralph Woodburn residence last week, it was also recalled that many non-church persons in the area helped erect the church addition of 1949.

"We are pleased at the generous attitude of many such persons," Kreider added, "who have church loyalties elsewhere" but are giving us financial support since we are offering a community center.

Franklin Community Church is the only church in Franklin and plans to break ground Easter Day for a \$195,000 new church on the Village Green.



REV. ARLIE COLLINS



MISS RUTH SHANLEY

Mission Workers To Speak Here

Two speakers will be heard at special missionary services in the United Brethren church Sunday, coming here from the Christian Service Center, an interdenominational organization conducting centers for fellowship, recreation and Christian services for our armed forces.

Miss Ruth Shanley will speak at the 10:45 a.m. service. Since 1946 she has been working under the Belgian Gospel Mission's direction in Brussels.

At the special evening service, the Rev. Arlie Collins will speak illustrating his talk with pictures of activities in the centers.

Ash Wednesday Rites

Ash Wednesday observances will open the Lenten season for St. James Episcopal church. Communion will be given at 8 and 11 a.m., with a third communion and church service at 8 p.m.

City's Church Women Schedule February Meets

Women of several Birmingham churches have listed meetings for the coming week.

At Embury Methodist church the Mary Queen circle of the Women's Society for Christian Service will meet at 1 p.m., Feb. 22, at the home of Mrs. Ruth Norton, Bannville. Following the dinner luncheon Mrs. William Lomas will give the first part of a book review on "Change of Heart," a story of India by Harold Ebersperger.

AT THE FIRST Presbyterian church, Feb. 23 is the scheduled date for meetings of the Women's association group.

Circle I is meeting with Mrs. A. S. McCall at 1 p.m., Circle VI with Mrs. Frederic Sewin at 12:30 p.m.; Circle III with Mrs. Edward Laird at 1 p.m., Feb. 24.

Circle IV meets with Mrs. Andrew Home at 12:30; Circle V for a pot-luck luncheon with Mrs. C. C. Adams at 1 p.m.; Circle VI with Mrs. G. G. Steelman at 1 p.m.; Circle VII with Mrs. David Van Dusen at the same hour.

The Agnes Ross Circle meets Feb. 22 for a pot-luck for a book dinner at the home of Mrs. Jack Wilemann, 3520 Kenmore, Berkeley.

FIRST METHODIST church's Women's Society for Christian Service will see four groups meeting Feb. 23, for a 12:30 luncheon in the fellowship hall at the church, dining for the meeting are the Hattie Evans, Carrie Murray, Vera Simpson and Mary Utter groups.

Circle II with Mrs. G. G. Steelman at 1 p.m.; Circle VII with Mrs. David Van Dusen at the same hour.

The Sara Allen group meets with Mrs. Harold Chalk who will be assisted by Mrs. John Groves, Mrs. D. H. Lind, Mrs. O. J. Newnam and Mrs. R. V. Hutchinson, Cranbrook. The Rev. Robert L. DeWitt announced today.

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Following the international program, Mrs. Robert D. Dewey will lead the service.

Former AL Umpire Is Dinner Speaker

A former American league umpire, "Red" Jones, will speak at the 44th winter meeting of the Congregational church Men's Fellowship, set for 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Ed Brehm, president, said all men of the church are invited and make reservations at the church office.



ROBERT M. CRITCHFIELD

Science Progress In Auto Field, Men's Club Topic

Speaking on "Progress in the Automotive Industry," Robert M. Critchfield, general manager of the Fourie division, and a General Motors vice president, will be the guest of the Men's club of the First Baptist church at the 8 p.m. dinner, Feb. 18.

Critchfield will present several demonstrations of scientific developments by GM's experimental department.

He began his GM career in the Delco engineering department, advancing to the post of chief engineer, holding this position during the war years.

Walter E. Turner, chairman, said the meeting would be open to the public. Assisting him in planning the event are Robert Gifford, John Teague, Tom Morcroft and Robert Marker.

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Robert J. Searls, Minister

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