



AMONG BIRMINGHAM'S churches are many unusual features which we feel would be of interest to residents as a whole. One, in plain sight of everyone traveling west on Maple, is often missed in the hurry and scurry of downtown traffic. Suspended high on the east side of the church tower, are three bells, keyed D, E and F. The D bell, weighing 300 pounds, has been a part of St. James Episcopal church for some time. When it was reconsecrated some time ago, two other bells were purchased, E, weighing 310 pounds and F, 325. Currently they are played from a push-button arrangement inside the church. As other bells are added in the future, a special keyboard on the organ will provide the motivating power for their music. (Eccentric Photo)

## Missionary Doctor Tells of His Life At African Center

Members of the First Methodist church are reading regularly the interesting reports of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Mikulasek, missionaries they are sponsoring in Portuguese East Africa.

Letters reprinted in the church organ, "Sleeping Notes," tell what the modern day missionary faces in one foreign field.

A part of the Mikulaseks' time is spent with afternoon classes for the women of Gambia who gather for instruction in sewing, reading, writing and Bible study. The group varies from 70 to 80 persons each day.

The missionary couple, in turn, find themselves students as they try to learn the native language, "Xitsang."

"Most of the women are from different tribes," the doctor writes, "and speak this particular dialect which is very difficult to learn. We have our 'Xitah' lessons in the morning.

"A LITTLE blind girl comes every day to learn to play the piano. Rufina has another little girl with her, about six, who acts as her companion and guide. Rufina speaks Portuguese, which helps a lot because I can use that language as I teach her.

"The piano I have is not in too good tune and one day I shall have to take it apart and try to repair and tune it.

"I wonder if there is a child in Birmingham who has some old beguine piano lesson material left which could be sent to us?"

Dr. Mikulasek, who is also giving singing lessons to a group of 14, 15 year-old boys and girls, has no blank scores and has to prepare all the paper on which music is written, by hand.

THE DOCTOR said many things are needed by the children in this section, especially in educational fields. He added that if marked "Gift Parcels," material could be sent from the States, duty free.

"These boys and girls are eager to learn," he wrote, "and are anxious to know more and more about the Bible. They are good pupils, will behave and bring what they had young friends in Birmingham, Michigan, they immediately wanted to write letters to them, and are eager to have replies.

"They are learning how to say 'Birmingham,' but, of course, with a Portuguese accent.

"THERE ARE lots of people coming to the various groups of the Christian Center. They seem to have separate groups of their own deciding, at least we have found it so. Some of them are like the Boy and Girl Scouts in America."

The doctor said the wants of his charges are simple. A hundred or two girls will occupy one dormitory, asking nothing more than a thin mat on the floor and a blanket for covering. Knowing this, the Center tries to keep

# This Week's Activities in Vicinity Churches

## Northminster Church Tops Campaign Goal

With some 20 more persons to contact, Northminster Presbyterian church topped its \$20,000 campaign quota June 19 by \$1,500.

Working Sunday afternoon, a crew made personal contact with church members in an effort to raise \$20,000 toward their building fund for the new church to be erected in the near future on Big Beaver road, just east of Adams.

Robert Hoffman, campaign day chairman, said, "We were delighted with the results of the drive. We went out knowing we could make our goal, but not even hoping to pass it before the entire canvass had been made."

HOFFMAN SAID a scale model of the church would probably be completed by Linn Smith, Birmingham architect, to be presented to the congregation early in August.

"Ground breaking," he continued, "will probably not be scheduled for another two or three months. We are planning to start out on a small scale, the first unit being a chapel, three classrooms and a utility room. The chapel will become a youth chapel when the entire plant is completed."

Hoffman said the immediate cost was estimated at about \$65,000, with \$1,500,000 as the probable cost of the entire church system which will occupy the six-acre site.

## SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

**SUNDAY, JULY 10**

**Christian Science**  
Humanity's need for clear thinking and Christlike living will be stressed in the sermon on "Sacrament." The Bible text will be from Leviticus 19:2, "Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am Holy."

**Congregational**  
The Rev. Robert D. Dewey will give another in his series of "biographical sermons" at 10 a. m. Sunday, when his topic is "Saint Without Halo." This third sermon deals with the life of Paul.

**Unity Center**  
Speaking in the Center's reading room, Birmingham theater building, Frank Glitsch has chosen for his topic, "Someone to Watch Over Me."

**First Baptist**  
Continuing his services as guest pastor during the absence of the Rev. Emil Kontz, D.D., Dean George E. Bixby, of Aldershot-Britannia college, Phillip, W. V., will have as his subject, "On Seeing Oneself." The rites of communion will be observed.

## Franklin Church Building Report To Be Submitted

The congregation of the Franklin Community church will hear the detailed report of the church building committee Monday, July 11, at 8 p. m. according to Norman E. Kreider, public relations director.

Included in the report will be a comprehensive statement of building fund finances, a detailed presentation of his review of the various phases of construction and the probable starting and completion dates.

Building Committee Chairman Grant I. Sivier will preside and, as in the meeting last December, the report will be in the form of a recommendation by committee to the congregation. The period of discussion will follow the report.

INDICATIONS are that if recommendations are accepted, construction of the new church within the year following the appointment of the committee and less than eight months after the congregation approved relocation of the church to the Franklin Village Green, a site donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Wellington Smith. A symbolic ground-breaking service at the site was held Easter Sunday.

Erection of a completely new structure came from vastly increased church school and attendance at the worship hours.

SINCE LAST fall the church school has met in two sections with pre-school to third grade meeting at one hour, with fourth through eighth grades at another. No high school or adult classes meet Sunday mornings because of the lack of space. Even with these adjustments the two room educational

conduct the service this week, his topic being "Thank God and Take Courage." His text is from Acts 28:15. "And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appi forum, and the three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage."



AWAY AT LAST! Dr. and Mrs. Emil Kontz smile broadly as they boarded the airliner last week to spend two months in Europe. Stranded by a dock strike, the Birmingham couple took to the air in order to reach Europe on schedule. They will visit several countries there and will be official delegates at the July 16-22 Baptist World Alliance in London, Eng.

ional wing erected in 1950) overcrowded. Kreider reported that since last November two worship services have been held in the 92 year old Sanctuary to accommodate worshippers.

A colonial style church is planned which, when completed, will include a sanctuary seating 300, social hall, seating 200 at tables, a church office and pastor's study, as well as glass rooms, youth, choir, and committee rooms. Committee members in addition

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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G. Wheeler Utley, Minister

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## Plan Church Supper

Advance ticket sales are being scheduled for an all-parish supper for St. Columban's church on July 24. The plans call for serving from 4:45 p. m. on the church grounds, with a program of games and entertainment for children and adults.

### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

191 N. Chester Street—Birmingham, Michigan

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Wednesday Evening Testimony Meetings	8:15

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