

Our principles are the springs of our actions; our actions are the springs of our happiness or misery. Too much care, therefore, cannot be taken in forming our principles. —Philip Skelton

What the Church of Your Choice Is Planning



HOPING FOR nice weather—convertible weather—are Jack Burgis and Pat Sullivan (standing), Karen Apers, Georgiene Close, Paul McGaffey and Ted Bath, members of the Holy Name Newman club. The group is sponsoring a dance in the Birmingham Country club May 21 for all teenagers in the area. "If this dance is well received," Burgis said, "we are going to try to make it an annual affair, maybe even the social highlight of the year for the teenagers in Birmingham." (Eccentric Photo)

Baptists Reveal Past Growth, Future Plans

At an annual meeting conducted by Moderator Fraser E. Pomeroy, the past and future of the First Baptist church was discussed.

A review of the year showed a membership increase of more than 20 per cent.

The church staff has been strengthened with the coming of the Rev. E. Robert Wilkie, minister of Christian education.

A calendar year change will see a "short year" ending Dec. 31, 1955. Future fiscal years of the church will be the regular calendar year.

One of the important features of near-future programs is the united efforts of this and the Congregational church in sponsoring a vacation Bible school as one unit.

COMBINED staffs will operate in both buildings with a joint program for all children.

Future events will include a European trip this summer by the Rev. and Mrs. Emil Kuntz. They will leave here shortly after the church observes its 85th anniversary next month, as delegates to the Baptist World Congress, being held at London, England in July.

During Mr. Kuntz's absence, Dean George Raby of Alderson-Broadus college, Phillip W. Va., will occupy the pulpit. With his family he will make temporary residence in the parsonage on Larchlea.

ANOTHER FUTURE plan includes the addition of a wing to the recently purchased educational building immediately west of the church site. Over-taxed within the matter of months, the enlargement program will be launched as soon as possible.

Additional tentative plans call



A NEW CITIZEN, a new flag and an old name. Mrs. M. G. Brush, newly made citizen of the United States, receives the American flag from members of the group she teaches at Community church in Southfield, the Davey Crockett class. Children and fellow teachers contributed a penny for each year they have been American citizens for the purchase of the flag. The presentation was made May 8, Mother's Day. Shown with Mrs. Brush are Heidi Hulbert, Patty McCormick, Ricky Thompson, Elizabeth Dickerson and Madeline Girvin. (Eccentric Photo)

Church Youth Honors Seniors

A program May 22 will honor 17 seniors, members of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Congregational church. Each will be presented a New Testament at the banquet program.

Parents of the members of the Junior and Senior High groups and members of the Junior High Fellowship, will be guests.

"The Miracle of Nature" will be the subject of the guest, Dr. Walton Cole of the First Congregational church. He will illustrate his talk with color slides.

Kirk Flack, SHPP past president, will recall highlights of the group's activities.

PRESIDING AT the banquet will be the president, Ed Peters, with Jim Johnson, faith commission and youth council chairman conducting a brief service in the newly finished youth chapel.

A large balcony room has been remodeled for the youth. Adult advisors are the John Watsons, Edward Eberhart, Ralph Ford and Robert Stanberry's.

The Rev. Robert Dewey will speak on "Farewell and God Speed."

Honored are Flack, Johnson, Dick Sheldon, Bill Watkinson, Peters, Jim Taup, Bennett Wright, Bob Gove, Carole Goodhue, Nancy McKenzie, Gail Smith, Gail Welser, Charlene Sutfin, David Allen, Tom Beck and Megan Butler.

Program and Dinner Planned for May 25

An all-church dinner and congregational meeting is planned for May 25 at 6:45 p.m. for the Congregational Church of Birmingham.

Curtis Snider, moderator, has indicated that the social activities committee will present its report.

A brief program will be presented by the choir. Those persons planning to unite with the church May 29, are invited.

Methodist Groups Schedule Meetings

Methodist groups are planned for 12:45 p.m., May 25, by the units of the First Methodist church Women's Society for Christian Service.

Group I is meeting with Mrs. Jenke, Mrs. George Jones and Mrs. Drayton McLaughlin.

Group VII, Mrs. M. W. Dadd, 882 Madison, with Mrs. Arthur Brantley.

Group VIII, Mrs. Glenn Wagoner, 1300 Oxford road, with Mrs. Arthur Meacham, Mrs. Charles Brettmeyer and Mrs. Ralph Johnson.

Group IX, Mrs. Everett Allen, 554 Wembleton; Group X, Mrs. Harold G. Haines, 4133 Meadow Way, Foxcroft, with Mrs. Henry Anderson, Mrs. Wesley Staehler and Mrs. D. H. Swartz.

Group IV, Mrs. Colin Grant-Walters, 1025 Canterbury, with Mrs. Grant Barber, Mrs. Herbert Lagers and Mrs. C. A. Olin.

GROUP V, Mrs. Mel Haugh, 684 Puritan, with Mrs. E. F. Henshaw, Mrs. Blythe Jones and Mrs. B. C. Ericken.

Group VI, Mrs. R. G. Surridge, 986 Huenhurst, with Mrs. Henry

Receives Bachelor Degree in Divinity

Carl Edward Thomas was graduated from Hanna Divinity school, Wittenberg college, Springfield, Ohio, at commencement exercises May 15 at the Fourth Lutheran church.

The wife of Mrs. Beatrice Petera of 17925 Kirkshire, Thomas will receive the bachelor of divinity degree. He will be assistant pastor at Fifth Lutheran church in Springfield and a case worker at the Desterlen Children's home.

Episcopal Women Plan Diocese Meet

Mrs. Richard Fowler is receiving reservations for members of the Diocesan Women's auxiliary meeting scheduled for May 23 at Christ Church in Grosse Pointe. Reservation deadline is May 20.

The session starts with a 10:30 a.m. communion service. The Rt. Rev. Austin Fardus, D.D., bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, will be the afternoon speaker.

Sportsman to Speak

Sports will be the subject of Mort J. Neff, TV sports editor and commentator for "Michigan Out doors" when he addresses the St. James' Episcopal church Men's club dinner meeting May 23. The program will be in the church hall, 986 Huenhurst, with Mrs. Henry

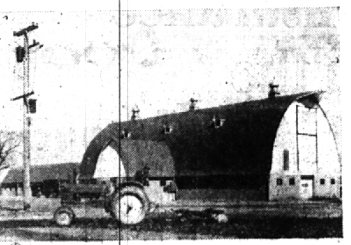


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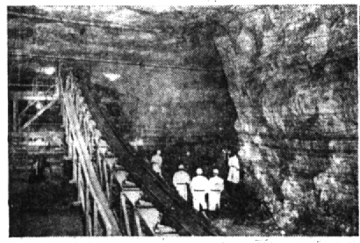
Most everybody boasts about his home town.
But me, I brag about my whole state—and here's why



I work in factories—all kinds of factories. I make steel, cars, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, rubber. I make furniture and other wood products, and I'm a metal worker, too. I work in the big plants, on the big lines, and I work in the thousands of small ones—the ones that keep the big things going. I'm an Michigan's huge industrial payroll, and doing right well at it.



I'm a farmer, too—one of the men who keeps Michigan near the top in farm crop dollar-value. I'm the world's best grain grower, for I've brought more international grain championships to Michigan in recent years than any other state can boast. Michigan's one of the top states in production of fruits, grains, sugar beets, dairy products, potatoes and beans.



I'm a miner, a quarryman, a shovel operator. Nature put resources under Michigan's soil so I can remove them, turn them over to industry to make the great products of Michigan. I mine salt, iron, copper, I bring out magnesium and gypsum, I quarry limestone, and I scap tons of gravel for construction. I'm a lumberjack in the tall timber, and I'm a seaman on the long ships. And whatever my job, I need water to keep me going, and Michigan certainly has plenty of water. I've all the gas and electricity I need for heat and light and power, and always will have.



I'm a seasonal guy, myself. I like cold winters, with snow for skiing and tobogganing, ice for skating and ice-fishing. I like colorful autumn and fresh-green spring, because I'm a hunter and a fisherman. And, brother, do I like loafing on a warm, sandy beach beside our many lakes. But, I own size a best to 5,000,000 tourists a year, a big business. I'm a customs inspector, watching all the millions of dollars of commerce that flow between Michigan and Canada every year. I'm a merchant, selling everything that makes the Michigan market one of the nation's greatest.

Me? I'm Michigan—I'm everybody. I come from just about anywhere you can name, from other states, from other countries. I'm what makes Michigan great, because for all her resources, it takes me to make use of them. Whatever I do, I'm a builder, building greatness on greatness in Michigan. I've got faith in Michigan, that's why. I know there's no stopping her, because we won't be stopped. It's as simple as that.



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