

### Volunteers Aid Children's Home Magazine Mailing

Intricacies of knot tying and pasted requirements were quickly learned and applied Monday when nine local women reported for work at the Methodist Children's Village, West Six Mile road, Detroit, to package and prepare for mailing 3,400 copies of "The Lantern," Christmas publication of the Methodist Children's Home society.

Heading the volunteer clerical staff was Mrs. Joseph Shaffer, chairman of the social service committee of the Village, in charge of volunteer drivers and workers.

Her assistants were Mrs. Amos Gregory, Mrs. E. S. Burns, Mrs. Edwin Fritake, Mrs. Neary Noffz, Mrs. Richard B. Sneed, Mrs. Jack McCullough, Mrs. Harold Chalk, all of Birmingham, and Mrs. Thom as Wolf of Oak Park.

The Methodist Children's Home society, a United Foundation agency, is also supported by Michigan Methodist churches, endowment funds, and payments of parents and public agencies.

ITS SERVICES include adoption (second largest adoption agency in the state), services to unmarried mothers, group care and treatment for school age boys and girls who must live away from their own homes, and supervised foster home care.

Its cottage plan is a model for other children's homes. It is an orphanage (there is not an orphan at the village), not an agency for mentally retarded or defective children, nor a reform school.

What makes the village unique is that the village serves as considered pre-adopts, and it is the purpose of the Methodist Children's Home society to help such children become acceptable members of society.

Mrs. Shaffer and her staff of volunteers took a breather from their mail duties to examine the many gift packages and checks which are being received at the Village from interested mothers, and which will be arranged around the Village Christmas tree for distribution to the children.

### 7th-Day Adventists Hold Yule Events

At the singing of Christmas carols by the church school choir at Fernside Seventh-day Adventist church last week, Mrs. Prentice Wall, Mrs. LaVerne Wilson, and Mrs. John Wall, all of Birmingham, sang with an accompanying women's octette.

As the church's Home and School leader, Mrs. Wilson directed a party Sunday at which Sabbath school children presented gifts they had made to their parents.

Use this page to keep everyone in your church and its several organizations fully informed on what is going on. News items and pictures are needed to make this Church Page a valuable medium.



"THE TINKER", portrayed by Leland J. Bunyan (at right), pauses in his clock-fixing to analyze the parties in a budding romance, portrayed by Chuck Ferrand and Carol Brisendine. The three are members of the First Baptist church's drama group, presenting "The Tinker", a special three-act Christmas drama. Its story of the real meaning of Christmas will be viewed in the church auditorium at 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow, and at 7 p.m. Sunday.

### 1st Methodist Church To Dedicate Window

(See photo on page 1, Sec. 1)

The story of the nativity is told in 3,549 pieces of stained glass which are being installed in the west transept window of First Methodist church.

Executed with a preeminence of blues accented with reds and greens, the large new nativity window will be dedicated in special services Sunday, Dec. 23. Dr. Marshall R. Reed, bishop of the Michigan area of the Methodist church, will be guest preacher at both 9:30 and 11 a.m. services that day.

The nativity window was presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Tanton, of 1011 Glenhurst, Birmingham, and Lake Worth, Fla.

The window has been in work for over a year at the studios of the Willett Stained Glass company in Philadelphia.

DR. ARNOLD F. RUNKEL, minister of the church, said it was designed to incorporate large areas of white glass, to insure adequate light in the sanctuary.

Focal point of the window portrays the kneeling Mary behind the manger with the Christ child in her arms. Joseph stands above, holding the symbol by which he is usually identified, a rod blossoming with lilies.

At left of Mary are three of the shepherds, with the three Wise Men at the right.

Capping the scene at the very top of the window's tracery openings is the star of Bethlehem. Small medallion scenes below

### Congregation To Decorate Church Sunday

The sound of hammers, saws, and drills has been echoing from the basement of Ascension Lutheran church, where members have constructed a large nativity scene for the church's front lawn.

Other members are busy feasting greens and ribbons to decorate the interior of the church, and the entire congregation, children and all, will join together Sunday to decorate the numerous trees and complete the adornment of the church.

The 8' x 12' outdoor nativity scene, was prepared to portray the Christmas message to those outside the church as well as its members. A log shelter to house life-size figures was constructed under the direction of Carl Beckman, Ralph Johnson, Walter Leopold, Ray Simanek and William Weston.

THE SEWING MACHINE at the

home of Mrs. Arthur Roller hummed as costumes for the markings were fashioned. Mrs. Ralph Lubke sewed the plastic which will serve as stable windows.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Laussen and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kratt, neighboring residents of Elizabeth street, Southfield township are preparing the greens. Mr. Kratt is also busy in the woodworking department, making candleholders to be used at evening services.

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### Young Pastor Of New Church Attends Seminary

A young student at Midwestern Baptist seminary in Pontiac, Charles J. Whitfield, 23, is pastor of the new Grace Baptist church, which recently began holding services at 159 Brownell, Birmingham.

Before services were moved to the former McClellan-Ball store site, the group temporarily held services in a congregation member's home.

The new church, how an independent Baptist church, was started in July through the combined efforts of Dr. Tom Malone, pastor of Pontiac's Emmanuel Baptist church, and several Birmingham families who were formerly members of the Pontiac church.

MR. WHITFIELD is a lifelong resident of Pontiac. He and his wife, Judy, plan to move to Birmingham soon with their four-year-old daughter, Susan Kay.

The young pastor is studying toward a degree of bachelor of theology at the Pontiac seminary, which his wife also attends, majoring in music. Mr. Whitfield's mornings are devoted to his studies, while he usually spends afternoons at the church's Brownell street meeting place.

There worship services are held each Sunday at 11 a.m., with a Sunday evening evangelist service at 7 p.m. A family Bible study group meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

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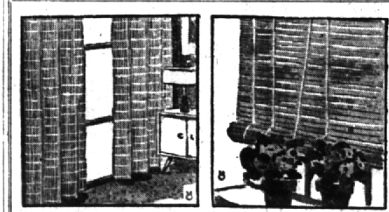
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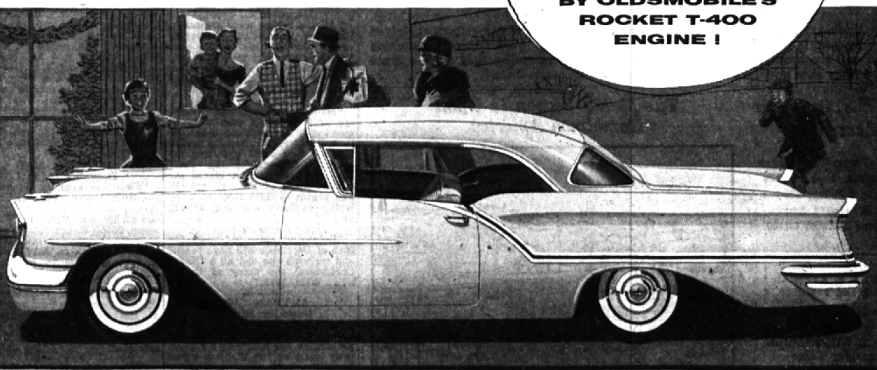
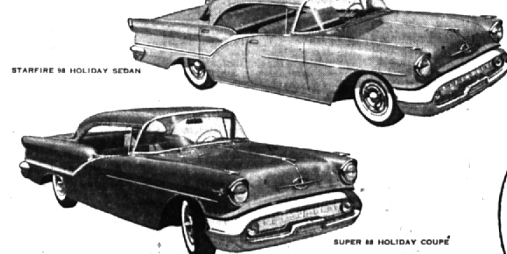
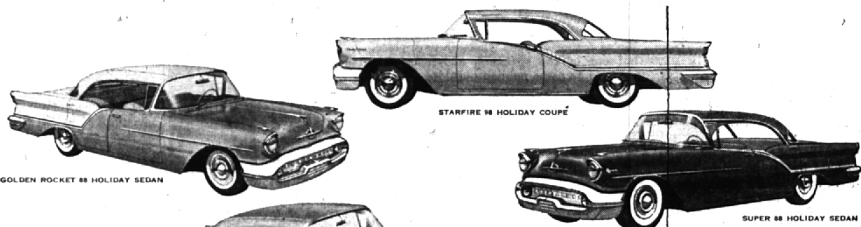
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