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**CHURCH DOOR**

By JULIE CANDLER  
 "I never knew a man I didn't like."  
 This famed Will Rogers quote will be the basis for the sermon Mrs. Norris Host, of 1835 Bedford road, Southfield township, will deliver from the pulpit of Community Church Congregational in Lathrup Sunday.  
 In her talk at 9:30 and 11 a.m. services she will cover her recent two months' tour of Europe, with special emphasis on what she titles "A Child's Heritage."

That heritage, the charming redhead believes, is today's child's right to grow up without prejudices about other peoples.  
 "My husband and I served in World War II. He was an Army officer, and I was overseas with the American Red Cross," Mrs. Host said.  
 "BUT WE DON'T want our seven-year-old Bradley to have to live through a war," she added.  
 To that end the Hosts feel that one of the most valuable lessons they can give their son, and one that every child of today should learn, is to be like Will Rogers, never seeing a man he cannot like.



MRS. HOST

Approximately 50 former overseas acquaintances or exchange technicians from foreign lands have been guests in the Host home in recent years. Son Bradley is already growing in knowledge and understanding of other citizens of the world.

IN HER OWN efforts to gain understanding of Europeans on her recent trip, Mrs. Host talked to scores of college students in every land she visited. Most of them, she says, are planning to leave their homelands as soon as they complete college, because there is no outlet for their skills in their native lands. Only in Germany, Mrs. Host said, did she find a reversal of the trend to want to emigrate to Australia, England or Canada.  
 "German students," she observed, "want to stay and help rebuild Germany."

Sunday Mrs. Host will tell the congregation of the particularly warm and friendly attitude people of The Netherlands have for Americans. Their gratitude for postwar American aid, she said, was demonstrated to her many times.  
 And as Mrs. Host will demonstrate to the congregation in her talk Sunday, such gratitude, warmth and friendliness between peoples, and between today's American youngsters and other children around the world, can help create the understanding which might prevent future wars.



THE NAPOLEON MAGNIEZ family, new arrivals here from Holland, are pictured at the Hugh Aughey residence in Royal Oak, where they are residing temporarily. Children are eight-year-old Mari Anne, at left, and six-year-old Celestine. The refugee family's entry to the United States was sponsored by the Congregational church of Birmingham.

**Bach Oratorio To Be Performed At St. James**

Sunday the choir and soloists of St. James Episcopal church will present the celebrated "Christmas Oratorio" by J. Bach at the 11 a.m. service.  
 The presentation continues an annual tradition at St. James of presenting a major choral work at one of the regular services during the Advent season.  
 The choir will be under the direction of Kent McDonald, organist and choirmaster. Soloists will be Nioma Sherman, soprano; Marie Wilson, contralto; Neil Soper and Carl Christenson, tenors; George Mullin, baritone.

Choir members from Birmingham are Shirley Bowers, Florence Curcun, Nellie Hertzberg, Natalie McKaig, Elsie Moon, Anna Steinbauer, Jean Blauvelt, Mary Dolan, Ann Geiger, Elisabeth Graham, Leonie Kidd, Helen Ridskoff, Dorothy Young, Robert Davis, Phillip Kidd, Harold Walkers, Oliver Green, John Hertzberg, Robert Kent and Edmund Leavenworth.  
 The Christmas oratorio was completed in 1734 for the Feast of Christmas as celebrated in the Reformed church of North Germany. The oratorio is in six separate sections, or cantatas, each to be sung on one of six special days during the Christmas season.  
 At St. James, only the first half of the oratorio, or the cantatas pertaining to the first three days of Christmas, will be performed.

**Redeemer Lutheran Christmas Bake Sale Is Tuesday**

Gingerbread houses, complete even to trees in the yard, will be a special feature offered by the Ladies society of Redeemer Lutheran church at their Christmas bake sale Tuesday at the church, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham.  
 Mrs. Don Hacker, president of the Ladies society, has announced that Mrs. Harold Heigerson and Mrs. Robert Engelhardt will be co-chairmen of the affair.  
 A snack bar, under the direction of Mrs. Lowell Heigerson and Mrs. John Barnes, will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Choice family Christmas cookie recipes, many from foreign lands, are being used. Fruit cakes, holiday breads as well as rolls, pies and cakes will be available. Home canned fruits, jellies, jams and homemade candy will also be featured.

**Jehovah Witnesses Plan to Attend Training Program**

The Birmingham congregation of Jehovah's witnesses are making preliminary plans to attend a three-day training program Dec. 28 to 30 at Mt. Clemens, Mich.  
 "The object of the program," said Kenneth Puleifer, minister of the group, "is to equip the preaching fellowship of Jehovah's witnesses in the practical use of the Bible as a help in fortifying the spiritual morale of people of our community."  
 The program was announced at the weekly ministry-development program held at the local Kingdom Hall, 2965 W. 12 Mile road, Berkeley.  
 Puleifer said that Jehovah's witnesses are enrolled in ministerial training of at least five classes weekly.  
 Church News Deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursdays.

**City's Oldest Church Marks 135th Year**

"The Heritage of These Years" will be the subject of the Rev. James Wright, former associate pastor of First Methodist church, when he is guest speaker Sunday at the church's 135th anniversary observance.  
 Mr. Wright will speak at both 9:30 and 11 a.m. services.  
 The heritage he will discuss began in 1821, when a Methodist worship first began in Willett's log tavern in Birmingham. In 1839, Birmingham's first church was the Methodist church built at Bates and Merrill streets.  
 By 1871 the growing congregation of 141 members had built a \$20,000 church on the site where the S. S. Krasge building now stands. Six years later a parsonage was built next to the church.

**Singles to Dance At 'Tinsel Tingle'**

The Single Mingle dinner Dance club will present its Christmas dance, "Tinsel Tingle," Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Congregational church in Birmingham from 8:30 to 12 p.m.  
 Music will be provided by the Paters, and refreshments will be served. Co-chairmen of the dance are John Van Blois and Tom Easton. Reservations can be made by phoning Barbara Lemle, of 525 N. Hunter, Birmingham, or the church office.  
 F. Runkel began his residence in the new parsonage when he became minister of the church in 1944. Two years later Associate Pastor James Wright came to assist Dr. Runkel. By now there were 734 members in the church.  
 Plans for the fine new church on W. Maple road at Pleasant were begun in 1945, and in 1952 the first worship service was held in the new church.  
 The church now has two other parsonages, one at 327 Pleasant which is the residence of Associate Pastor Dr. Harry O. Martin, and another at 755 Madison, where the Rev. Allen Wittrup, another associate pastor, resides.  
 The church now has a membership of over 2100.

**North Church Welcomes 43**

At a communion service and reception last Sunday, 43 new members were welcomed into North Congregational church by the Rev. Ralph H. Read and the congregation.  
 The church's Women's association will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. for sewing, with dessert and coffee served to accompany sandwiches at 12:30 p.m. Participating in a program after luncheon are Mrs. C. R. Meloy, Mrs. Gordon Van Loon, Mrs. Robert F. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox, and Mrs. Robert G. Donaldson.  
 Members will bring gifts for the hospital chaplain.  
 Dr. Edward Wilcox, minister of the Detroit Congregational association, will be guest speaker at the 7:30 p.m. meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday, when members are observing Universal Bible day with a special exhibit.



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 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

**Lutheran CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**  
 (Synodical Conference)  
 Corner 14 Mile Road and Pierce Avenue  
 Rev. Paul Shippert, Pastor  
 Services—8:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
 Bible Class—9:40 a.m.  
 Midwest Advent Service, Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
 21600 West 10 1/2 Mile Road  
 11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE  
 Minister: Reverend H. Read  
 11:00 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL  
 Pilgrim Fellowship Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.  
 Pilgrim Fellowship Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
 (Junior and Senior Highschool Young People)  
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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 1152 Bennoville Birmingham, Michigan  
 G. Wheeler Utley, Minister U 2-0855  
 10:00 A.M. Sunday Bible Class  
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 6:00 P.M. Sunday Evening Service  
 7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible Study  
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**Science Lecturer Says Bible Truths Help Meet Problems**

Application of the spiritual truths contained in the Bible can enable mankind to meet today's problems in a practical way, Friedrich Preller of Berlin-Dahlem, Germany, told an audience here Monday night.  
 Preller, whose talk here was sponsored by the First Church of Christ church, Birmingham, was introduced to his audience at Baldwin school auditorium by Mrs. Lee R. Baker, second reader.  
 By replacing blind belief with spiritual understanding of God, the member of the Christian Science board of lectureship said, men and women are gaining new freedom from fear, worry and sickness.

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