

## Dr. Emil Kontz Attends Baptist Meet in Seattle

In the month's absence of Dr. Kontz is attending the annual meeting of the American Baptist convention which begins today and lasts through June 22. Dr. and Mrs. Kontz left this week for Seattle, Wash., where Dr. Kontz will be meeting with a program involving 1,000 missionaries at home and abroad, and an annual budget of \$8 1/2 million.

Approximately 7,000 Baptist churches will be represented at the convention by delegates from 32 states. From Seattle, the Kontzes will visit relatives in Los Angeles and Culver City. They plan to return in time for Dr. Kontz to conduct services at First Baptist church on Sunday, July 15.

The Rev. Raleigh E. Sain, director of research and church planning, Detroit Council of Churches, will preach the following Sunday. Other guest ministers will be Dr. Harry O. Martin, associate minister, First Methodist church, Birmingham, and the Rev. Richard Cummings, Detroit Baptist executive secretary. Wednesday night Bible study classes will be conducted by laymen of the church in Dr. Kontz's absence.

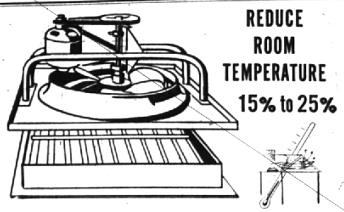
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## Youth Fellowship Visits 4 Homes For 4 Courses

Enjoying a four-course dinner, with each course served in a different home, the Methodist Youth Fellowship of 53 high school age young people wound up their season last week.

Driving from house to house, the group visited Jim Reeder's home on Merritt for appetizers, then traveled to Terry Bird's on Pleasant street for the salad course. Twins Bobby and Becky (Roberta and Rebecca) Woods were hostesses for the main course at their home on Cedar Hill drive. Dessert was served at the home of Mary Ann Curtis on Woodlawn.

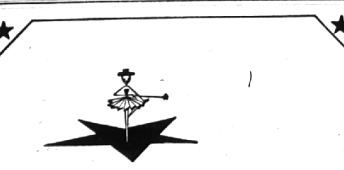
The evening ended there with a devotional period and games. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Brown, the group's head counselors, attended the dinner.



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**Barbara Ritter Awarded National GFS Scholarship**

A trip to Cuba is in the offing for Barbara Ritter, recently honored with the award of a national scholarship to a two-month Girls' Friendly society project in Guantanamo. Barbara, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Ritter, 552 Haines, has been a leader with the Girls' Friendly society at St. James' Episcopal church, Birmingham, for two years. During July and August she will work with 20 nine and ten-year-old girls, organizing and directing a branch of the world organization for girls and young women of the Episcopal church. She will live with a Cuban family, and will participate in a diocesan conference at Matanzas. Barbara, who graduates from Birmingham high school today, was formerly teenage chairman on the eleven-year Girls' Friendly society board. She sails from Miami June 29.

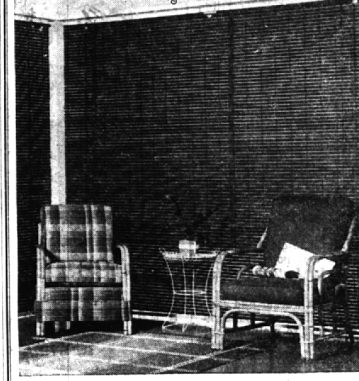
## SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, JUNE 17  
Franklin Community—Rev. Robert J. Searls, "Two Crimes," 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Christian Science—Lesson-sermon, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" 9:45 and 11 a.m.  
Christ Lutheran—Rev. G. M. Knack, "Bring the Little Ones," 8:45 and 11:15 a.m.  
United Brethren—Rev. Willis Bishop, "Father Knows Best," 11 a.m.  
First Methodist—Rev. Allen E. Wittrop, "Confident or Inadequate?" 9:30 and 11 a.m.

## Daily Vacation Bible School Set At 1st Methodist

Bible stories, worship, recreation and treats will be on the program for children at the daily vacation church school at First Methodist church. School will be in session from 9:30 a.m. to noon June 18 through 29. Rev. Allen Wittrop, associate minister, is the school's director, assisted by Dr. Harry O. Martin and Mrs. Charlotte Sellers. Children four and five years old will be placed in the kindergarten department, with the primary department designed for ages six through eight, and a junior department for nine through 11-year-olds. Parents are asked to register in person at the church Friday from 10 a.m. to noon or 3 to 5 p.m., at services Sunday, or at 9 a.m. on opening day.

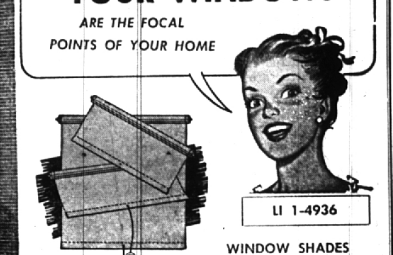
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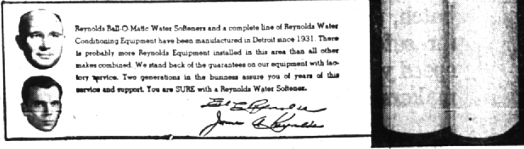
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