

# The Birmingham Eccentric CHURCH PAGE

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RECENTLY PHOTO

**GUEST PIANIST** Kent McDonald (seated) St. James Episcopal church organist and choirmaster, checks over the score for Sunday's oratorio at First Presbyterian church with L. Robert Slusser, organist and director of that church's choir.

## Guest Pianist Joins Choirs for Oratorio

Responding to requests from church members and friends, First Presbyterian church choral choir will sing again the "Seven Last Words of Christ," by Theodore Dubois, when they present their sixth annual oratorio service Sunday.

Kent McDonald, organist and choirmaster of St. James Episcopal church will appear as guest pianist at the 8 p.m. service to be held in the church sanctuary.

The 55-member group combining choir singing regularly at 9:45 and 11:45 a.m. services, will be directed from the organ by L. Robert Slusser, organist and choirmaster.

SLUSSER is assisted in the administration of the church's music department, including four choirs and a professional quartet, by Mildred G. Ritter, associate organist, Evelyn Kronmeyer, chapel organist, and Phyllis J. Gardner, director of youth choir.

The combined choral choir will sing at First Presbyterian church's Good Friday and Easter services. A later program is scheduled before the church's Supper club, and the choir's annual festival will be held May 20.

In addition to regular worship services, the choir sang at special services of Holy Communion for the Presbytery of Detroit.

## Successful Living Series To Hear Marriage Counselor

Dr. Katherine Green, marriage counselor for Wayne county circuit court, will be speaker at the third successful living series dinner at Community Congregational church Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m., in the church's fellowship hall.

The many domestic problems being solved by the Wayne circuit court caused Dr. Green to leave the chair of professor of education at University of Michigan, and assume this helpful work.

She directed a private school for gifted children in Bloomfield Hills several years ago.

The public is invited to the open meeting at 8 p.m.

Use this page to keep every member of 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.

## Marriage Clinic Here To Counsel Young Couples

To help engaged and recently married couples in understanding some of the emotional, physical, cultural and religious factors important to the success of their marriages, a series of clinics has been inaugurated by the Detroit council of churches.

The third monthly marriage clinic at Birmingham's Congregational church will be held Friday from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Couples from as far away as Livonia and Dearborn are expected to hear the Rev. Donald F. Schroeder, family life director of the Detroit council of churches.

Mr. Schroeder, formerly counselor and teacher at Clara Elizabeth fund for maternal health at Flint, speaks in the role of clergyman and marriage specialist.

A LOCAL PHYSICIAN will attempt to be on hand to answer questions.

One clinic session is designed to cover all phases of education for marriage, including economic problems like budgeting and insurance, and the place of religion in couples' lives and homes.

Sessions are open to all young couples, and individuals may also attend.

The council of churches sponsors monthly marriage clinics at Detroit and Allen Park as well as Birmingham.

## Senior Highs Begin Training Classes

Classes began Sunday and will continue through Palm Sunday for senior high young people who desire to join the Congregational church of Birmingham on Maunty Thursday.

Classes are conducted at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in the Congregational church parlor. Curt Miller will be in charge of the group, which will hear from different officers of the church.

## Set Fifth Potluck

The fifth Lenten potluck supper will be held at the Congregational church of Birmingham at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday. The choir and music committee will be in charge of the program, presenting Stainer's "Cruelty Cantata," featuring tenor and bass soloists, at 8 p.m.

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DR. ELMER A. FRIDELL

## Baptist Leader To Preach Here At Sunday Service

Recently returned from a trip around the world, a noted Baptist preacher, teacher and author will speak at the First Baptist church in Birmingham Sunday, March 18, at 11 a.m. service.

He is the Rev. Dr. Elmer A. Fridell, of New York, director of public relations for the American Baptist foreign mission society.

Dr. Fridell, who will speak on the subject "A Gospel For The World," will be assisted in the service by the Rev. Dr. Emil Kontz, pastor of the church.

DR. FRIDELL recently made a tour of the 11 foreign mission areas of American Baptists in such far-flung places as Africa, Burma, Thailand, Japan, the Philippines and Europe.

Dr. Fridell is a native of Nebraska and the son of a Baptist minister. He has held pastorates at Seattle, Wash., and Fresno, Calif.

Before his election to the foreign mission staff, he was a theological professor at the Berkeley Baptist divinity school in California.

HE WAS PRESIDENT of the American Baptist convention with a constituency of 7,000 churches, and a vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, with a constituency of over 23 million.

In addition to his teaching and preaching, he has written several

## Protestant Players Appearing Tonight At First Methodist

The group plays here tonight after the Lenten family night dinner at First Methodist church.

WITH EDNA ALEE participating and directing, the players will present "The Terrible Meek," by Charles Rams Kennedy. The production is a dramatic portrayal of a message appropriate to the Easter season.

Next Thursday, the Rev. Hugh White will speak on "Founding a Church in Japan," illustrating his talk with slides. Mr. White spent two months in Japan last summer, establishing a church now supported by the Grosse Pointe church congregation.

The commission on missions arranged for Mr. White's talk, which will follow the dinner.

**Franklin Community Church**  
26109 German Mill Road  
1 Block East of Franklin Rd.  
IDENTICAL MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES  
9:30 and 11:00 A.M.

9:30 a.m. Church School, Grades 4-8  
11:00 a.m. Church School Nursery through 3rd Grade  
Robert J. Sears, Minister

**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21600 West-10 1/2 Mile Road  
MARCH 18, 1956

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE - CHURCH SCHOOL  
7:30 P.M. Junior and Senior Youth Meeting  
The Sermon: "IF YE FORGIVE"  
Minister: The Rev. Ralph H. Read

8 P.M. Midweek Evening Lenten Service March 21, '56  
Guest Minister: The Rev. Edward W. Wilcox  
ALL ARE WELCOME

**Northminster Presbyterian Church**  
Temporary Location - Poppleton School  
Located on Big Beaver rd. at Crooks rd.  
MACKAY TAYLOR - MINISTER  
WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH SCHOOL 10:30 a.m.  
Sermon Topic Sunday, March 18th  
"The Prayer for Pardon"  
Matt. 6:12

## Dr. John Ormond To Discare India At Lenten Supper

On Friday evening, March 16, under the sponsorship of the Hannah guild, members and friends of Ascension Lutheran church will have Dr. John Ormond, as guest speaker at the Lenten buffet supper.

Recently returned from India, he was commissioned approximately two years ago to establish a department of urology in Bombay.

Dr. Ormond, currently the head of the urology department at Henry Ford hospital, will speak on his experiences in India, particularly of the missionary work. He will show movies in conjunction with his talk.

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