

# The Birmingham Eccentric

## CHURCH PAGE

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### Rev. Wittrup Elected to Head B'ham Council

A new slate of officers was elected at the recent monthly meeting of the Birmingham Council of Churches.

New president is the Rev. Allen Wittrup, minister at First Methodist church.

View president is the Rev. Mack Taylor, minister of Northminster Presbyterian church; treasurer, Edwin F. Ober, executive secretary of the Birmingham YMCA; and secretary, Dr. Emil Kontz, pastor of the First Baptist church.

The Rev. Robert Dewey, retiring president, was made chairman of a special committee to consider possible reorganization of the council to a more inclusive fellowship, with representation of laymen, laywomen and youth.

A constitution draft will be studied by the committee.

With the continued growth of the city, there is a feeling that a more extensive and representative organization is needed for Birmingham churches.

Feature of the Birmingham Council of Churches meetings this year was a presentation of "The Nature of the Church" by ministers of the cooperating churches.

The speaker presented the distinctive point of view of his group as to beliefs, faith, organizations and fuller understanding and appreciation among the community's spiritual leaders. The ministers met early in the morning for a breakfast meeting once a month.

The Birmingham Council of Churches sponsors several community-wide union services, such as Union Good Friday services, Reformation Day and Thanksgiving services and United Youth service.

Location of these services is rotated among the cooperating churches of the city.

Speakers include distinguished visiting ministers, as well as pastors of local churches.

The local council has a close cooperative relationship with the Detroit Council of Churches, which sponsors projects in this area.

### Embury Methodist WSCS Has Election

New officers recently were elected to head the 1956-7 season of the Embury Methodist church Women's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. William Lomas was chosen president, and Mrs. Melvin Uppenger and Mrs. William Milligan are first and second vice president respectively.

New recording secretary is Mrs. John Sweeney, Mrs. Archie Livingston is treasurer, and Mrs. Virginia Lamb is co-treasurer.

Committee secretaries are Mrs. Earl Fenner, Mrs. Floyd Crouse, Mrs. Marc Fall, Mrs. Harriet Parry, Mrs. John Hutton, Mrs. Samuel Dillard, Mrs. Reginald Becker, Mrs. John Nitake and Mrs. Ruth Norton.

Circle chairmen are Mrs. Robert Brauburger, Mrs. Warren Matice and Mrs. Vernon Gaeltzer.

### Ascension Lutheran Bible School To Open June 18

A Vacation Bible school will again be conducted at Ascension Lutheran church, W. 14 Mile road, for two-week period immediately following public schools' closing.

Daily activities include lesson study, handicraft, recreation, movies and a worship program.

Sunday school teachers and other volunteers will make up the Bible school staff, whose course theme for this year is "God's Children Pray."

All ages are invited to enroll in the school which runs from June 18 through June 29, with daily hours from 9 a. m. to 12.

### NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21600 West 10 1/2 Mile Road

11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

CHURCH SCHOOL

7:30 P.M. PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP (Young People's Group)

Minister: Reverend Ralph H. Read

ALL ARE WELCOME

### Elect New Officers

The Supper club at Birmingham Congregational church held its annual election of officers last week.

The coming year will see Ted Sura as president; Jo Isenhart, secretary; and Jim Isaham, treasurer. The program committee will have as chairman Bill Price, assisted by Fred Edwards and Jim Moore.

## 4 First Presbyterian Choirs to Join in Festival

The first annual festival of choirs will be presented Sunday afternoon, May 20, at 4 p. m. by the four choirs of the First Presbyterian church.

Under the direction of L. Robert Slusser, organist-choirmaster of the church, and Phyllis J. Gardner, director of youth choirs 220 choristers will sing in the hour-long program.

The youth, carol, chapel, and Schubert's "Omnipotence" and "Behold Now, Praise the Lord" by Everett Ticombe.

Gold cross awards for four years' service will be presented to several of the youth choristers by Dr. W. Glen Harris, senior minister of the church.

The final festive anthem in which all will sing will be "Almighty God of Our Fathers" by Will James.

Cecilian choirs will sing works by the composers Bach, Handel, Wycliff, Gluck, Beethoven and Bitgood. They will be assisted by Miss Sue Purvis, flutist.

THE CHANCEL CHOIRS, numbering 58 voices, will sing Franz

### Northminster Presbyterian Church

3336 W. Big Beaver Rd. (W. of Adams)

MACKAY TAYLOR — MINISTER

WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH SCHOOL 10:30 a.m.

Sermon Topic Sunday, May 20th

"The Promise and the Spirit"

Acts 2:38, 39

### 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. Searls, Minister

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

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### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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G. Wheeler Utley, Minister

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7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible Study

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LOTS OF PEOPLE at St. James Episcopal church are busy these days, with a plant sale now in progress and the annual Pet parade coming up Saturday. Mrs. James R. Patterson, co-chairman of the plant sale, relaxes for a moment as she watches Bonny Hart, (left), daughter of the Ralph E. Hunts, and Martha Russ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Russ, Jr., rehearse their Pet Parade entries, Amos and Chip respectively.

## Annual Pet Parade Set As Plant Sale Goes On

Two annual spring events are being distributed to all scheduled this weekend at one of Birmingham's churches.

A police escort will be on hand. The Detroit Edison calzone will be whistling key tones, and hundreds of Birmingham youngsters, and their pets will be ready to march Saturday at 11 a. m. from the corner of Martin and Chester streets.

Which means that the annual "Pet Parade" sponsored by St. James Episcopal church, will march through downtown streets and before the judges' stand.

OTHER SPRING EVENT is the annual plant sale in progress through Saturday at the YMCA grounds, 400 E. Lincoln. This is the 24th year that the women of St. Elizabeth's guild at St. James have sponsored the sale of annual plants in flats and by the dozen.

Daily sale hours are from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Leaflets describing the pet parade to Merrill, and west on Merrill to the former Hill school building.

Mrs. Kenneth Sproule is chairman of the Pet Parade, with Mrs. James St. Croix as co-chairman.

Sponsoring St. James Episcopal church groups include the Woman's auxiliary, Men's club and youth groups.

St. Anne's mission near Walled Lake and St. James chapel in Herkley will also participate in the event.

Following the award-winning entries as the parade moves past will be three judges, Mayor James A. Alton, Birmingham high school Principal Ross Wagner, and Lt. Jerry Timm, Birmingham police chief's guild at St. James have sponsored the sale of annual plants in flats and by the dozen.

A NEW ROUTE has been scheduled by police for his year's parade. Marchers will proceed east on Martin to Pierce, south on



COMPLETING WORK on a tympanum over the west door of Christ Church Cranbrook is Albert Leopold, Cranbrook's chief stone mason for 31 years. The tympanum with inscription and symbols designed by Henry S. Booth, youngest son of the Cranbrook founders, will be unveiled Sunday following a Founders Memorial rededication service conducted by Rev. Robert L. DeWitt.

## Cranbrook Celebrates Founders Day Sunday

CRANBROOK — Sunday, May 29 has been selected this year for Cranbrook Founders Day, which has been celebrated annually since 1947. The year in which Mr. and Mrs. George G. Booth observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

Day-long Founders Day program begins in Christ Church Cranbrook at 11:15 when the Rev. Robert L. DeWitt will conduct a Founders memorial rededication service, following a professional of all officers, trustees, directors, laymen and advisory board members carrying the flags of the six Cranbrook institutions.

Following the service an inscription over the west door of the church will be unveiled.

Invitational affairs on May 29 include a one o'clock luncheon for officers and board members, with their husbands and wives, at Cranbrook Academy of Art.

At 3 p. m. in Cranbrook House, is the posthumous award of a Founders Medal to the Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, associate of the founders, first rector of Christ Church, and rector emeritus from 1928 until his death in 1948. The medal will be accepted by tiny granddaughter of Dr. Marquis and the founders.

Following the founders custom of honoring graduating groups from the four schools—Kingswood, Cranbrook, Brookside and the Academy—a Founder Tea will be held at Cranbrook House from three until six, with board members and trustees of the six institutions as hosts.

Resale Shop Set For Saturday

A resale shop at St. Michael's parish hall, Ten Mile and Code roads, Southfield, will be held from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Saturday.

The sale, sponsored by St. Michael's guild, will feature clothing, materials for rug making and "Care" packages, small furniture items, jewelry and bric-a-brac.

Pick-up service for donations is being handled by Mrs. William E. Moore, 2819 Hawthwood.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Commission will hold a preliminary public hearing on Monday, May 21, 1956 at 8 p. m. in the Municipal Building for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 1956-1957 Budget for the City of Birmingham. Final hearing will be held at 8 p. m. in the Municipal Building on Monday, June 11, 1956, at which time the budget will be considered for adoption.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the office of the city clerk, in the Municipal Building, on and after May 18, 1956.

Irene E. Hanley,  
City Clerk

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