



By JULIE CHANDLER

They just arrived at the church door of Birmingham Congregational church Sunday before last, and the Magniez family, from Holland, received a big welcome. After talking to this charming couple, we can understand why.

The refugee family arrived in Birmingham Saturday, the 16th. They are sponsored by the church's social action committee, through Church World Service.

It was only the day before they left Holland that they received word that their future home was to be in Birmingham. Notice came in a letter from Mrs. Angus McLay, head of the church's social action committee.

In their temporary residence with the Hugh Aughey family in Royal Oak, Mr. and Mrs. Magniez (pronounced Man-yay) and their two daughters are already well on their way toward a new life.

WHEN WE VISITED the new family at home on their fifth day here, we heard the 36-year-old father say something to his daughter in Dutch. The child sat, while the front door remained open.

Then her father said, "Mari Anne, go shut the door." The little eight-year-old jumped up immediately and closed it.

Besides Mari Anne, there's Celestine, 6. Their lovely mother is Maud.

When asked his first name, Magniez said, "You will never forget it. It's Napoleon."

To Mrs. Magniez and his friends, he's known as "Nap."

IN HOLLAND Magniez headed the large bookkeeping department of an auto parts importing firm. He expects to join a Ferndale manufacturing firm this week. He speaks English (and 3 other languages) fluently.

Magniez said he studied English in school and college in Indonesia, where he and his wife were born and lived when it was known as the Dutch East Indies. Both were members of the Dutch Reformed church. He is of French and Dutch descent, and she is Swiss and Dutch.

When war came in 1941, Mrs. Magniez was only 12 years old. But like nearly all Dutch in the land, she was placed in a Japanese prison camp. At Jakarta on the island of Java, she was held prisoner until the war's end.

MEANWHILE, HER future husband had been taken as a prisoner of war when the Dutch army, in which he was an officer, surrendered. For four years after he was held in Japan, working at forced labor in the mines. Often he worked side by side with Americans who had been taken prisoner in the Philippines by the Japs.

He learned a lot about the United States and our speech from his American prisoners, he says. And it's obvious that he did. For he is completely poised and conversant with Americans as is his wife.

The two met in Borneo after the war. Maud was 17, and living with her family in a temporary tent city of Dutch refugees.

"We were in love in two days," said Maud. They were married a year later.

WAR STARTED again in 1946 for them when he re-joined the Dutch army, this time fighting against the Indonesians.

From 1947 to 1949 they lived in Holland, then returned to Indonesia for six years. When his company in Indonesia granted him a six month furlough, the family returned to Holland, where they have relatives.

But when Magniez attempted to return to Indonesia, he was denied re-entry to the now independent nation. Probably because he was a former Dutch officer, he believes.

But the real reason for the denial, he says he will never know. Whatever the reason, members of the Congregational church are glad in a way that it happened.

The Magniez family's loss was their gain.



CASTING A CRITICAL eye at the church fair posters being prepared by members of the senior youth group of Community Church Congregational in Lathrup is Jack Givens. From left, Pat Harden, Lynn Chapman and Sandra Mott are doing the work. The youth group known as YVES, are participating in the Saturday holiday fair being sponsored by the church's Women's association. The fair is scheduled from 11 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. at the church on Southfield road. A snack bar will be open from 11 to 2:30.

Yule Season Themes Women's Group Meets

Christmas is really upon Birmingham when news arrives that Yule programs are being planned by churchwomen's organizations.

The Women's Mission union of First Baptist church will have its annual Christmas program next Thursday at 8 p. m. in the church parlors.

Mrs. Ralph Pearson, of the Story Tellers league of Royal Oak, will give a reading of "A Christmas Story."

Mrs. Stewart Smith will play special Christmas music, and Mrs. James Chauvin and Mrs. Ormon Davison will sing solos appropriate to the season.

Mrs. Fraser Pomeroy will give devotions.

The Lydia circle, Mrs. Curnell Staeger, chairman, will serve refreshments.

HOLY NAME CHURCH'S Altar society will hear Christmas music presented by the boys' choir under direction of Frank Janek when they meet in the church at 8 p. m. Monday. Later Monsignor Eugene Faddick will explain the symbols represented in recently acquired mosaics behind the church's altar.

After a service of benediction, tea will be served in St. Anne's hall. Members of St. Veronica's hall will be hostesses.

The youth choir of Mayflower Congregational church of Detroit will sing Christmas music, under the direction of Gene McCornak.

A dessert and coffee hour will precede the meeting.

To View Travelogue

The Supper club will meet at Birmingham Congregational church at 6:45 p. m. Dec. 7. A Pan-American World Wide travelogue on Bermuda, South America and Hawaii is on the agenda. Mr. and Mrs. William Neef are chairmen.

New Church Planned On Greenfield Road By Berkley Group

Last Sunday was "M Day" for members of the Berkley Church of Christ, signifying "Moving and Mobilization Day."

The moving will be to Angel school in Berkley, where worship services will be held during mobilization of efforts toward erection of a new building.

Chester H. Walter, minister to the church, said the church's proposed new structure will be built on a 200-foot frontage site on Greenfield road, north of 11 Mile road. The church's present building has been sold to the Wesley Nazarene church.

Blood Bank Slated

A community blood bank will be set up at Christ Church Cranbrook's church house Monday from 1:45 to 7:45 p. m. The Red Cross blood drive is being sponsored by the church's Women's auxiliary. Reservations to contribute may be made by calling the church office.

To Discuss Drinking

"To Drink or Not To Drink" will be the subject of a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Arnold F. Runkel Sunday, when the church will observe temperance Sunday. Dr. Runkel will preach at both the 9:30 and 11 a. m. services.



WHILE IT WAITS to go on display at the "Holiday for Things" bazaar at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church, a huge doll bed is enjoyed by Carolyn Kray (left) and Christine White. The Altar guild-sponsored bazaar is slated for Saturday in the church social hall, from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. It will feature Christmas gifts and supplies, and doll clothes at its dozen booths.

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MRS. F. G. GARRISON
BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN church's Women's alliance will depart from the Christmas theme to hear Mrs. F. G. Garrison, lecturer and world traveler, discuss the international farm youth exchange program of the national 4-H club.

Mrs. Edward Raney, of 25129 W. Roycourt, Huntington Woods, will be hostess to the meeting at 12:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Mrs. Garrison, of Orchard Lake, holds posts in several Michigan



FRIEDRICH PRELLER, of Berlin, Germany, will discuss the application of God's healing power to solution of men and nations' problems in a public lecture on Christian Science to be delivered Monday in Baldwin school at 8:15 p. m. An authorized teacher of Christian Science, he will speak under the auspices of Birmingham's First Church of Christ, Scientist.