

# The Birmingham Eccentric

## CHURCH PAGE

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### at the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

We heard a thought-provoking expression on tithing last week from Dr. Olen F. Hunt, who is head of the finance department of the national Methodist church. He's preaching at Birmingham's First Methodist church on three Sundays in connection with their present "complete the building" project.

Dr. Hunt is charming and fun, and he expressed his belief in tithing as we talked at Birmingham United Church Women's Mission institute.

When it was suggested that tithing might be very difficult for some families today, Dr. Hunt replied, "The reason why God doesn't give more money to more people is because so many people already have so much of His money that he isn't going to trust them with more."

Therefore, Dr. Hunt adds, "You can't afford not to tithe!"

As we admired the beautiful carpet in the delightful St. Anne's Hall over at Holy Name church recently, we heard a down-to-earth expression on carpets from Mrs. James R. Harrison, of 551 Kennesaw. Mrs. Harrison was in the hall at the time to work on plans for the Holy Name Altar Society's current round robin card party venture.

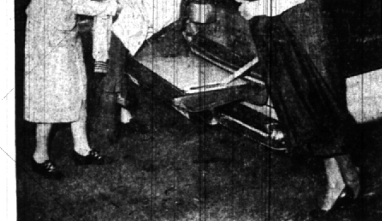
Mentioning the beauty as well as practicality of the St. Anne's hall floor-covering, Mrs. Harrison remarked, "We have a good practical color in the dining room carpet at our house. It's gray-colored!"

A special guest speaker, a young people's banquet, and a missionary association meeting make news this week at United Brethren church.

Chaplain Dave Martin, of the TV program, "Crusade for Christ," will be guest speaker Sunday at 11 a.m. The church's young people will hear guest speaker DOWITT Baker, of Sierra Leone, Africa, at a banquet at Wayne United Brethren church Friday night.

Last week at the home of Mrs. Frank Mitchell, Bird avenue, the Women's missionary association heard a discussion of the religious significance of the picture, "If Last Supper." The picture lecture was by Mrs. Victoria Johnson, of Detroit.

Church News Deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursdays.



RUMMAGE STARTS on its way to the first sale ever held by the Women's Alliance of Birmingham Unitarian church. Here loading items to be stored at a central point until sale time are (from left) Mrs. Newell McCuen, Mrs. Peter B. Loomis, sale chairman, and Mrs. Brooks Marshall, collection chairman. The sale is scheduled at Royal Oak's IOOF hall, near the farmers' market, at 433 E. 11 Mile, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Thursday.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES**  
First Church of Christ, Scientist  
191 N. Dexter Street — Birmingham, Michigan

Sunday Morning Services	9:45 and 11:30
Sunday School	9:45 and 11:30
Infants' Room (in Reading Room)	9:30 and 11:15
Wednesday Evening Meeting	8:15

READING ROOM, 329 East Maple Ave.  
Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Except Sundays and Holidays  
Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 Except Wednesdays and Saturdays

Here the Bible and all authorized Christian Science Literature may be read, borrowed or purchased.

**Franklin Community Church**  
On Franklin's Village Green  
1 block west of Franklin Rd.,  
at Wellington and Normandy.

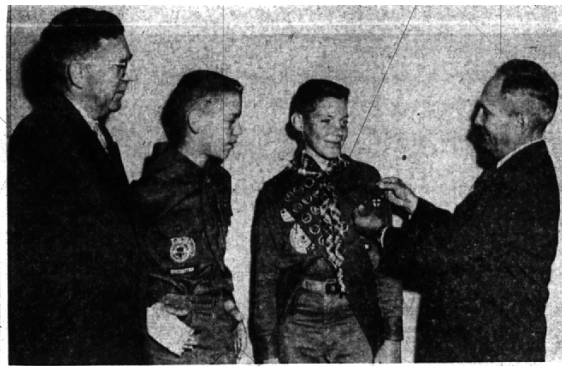
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES  
AND CHURCH SCHOOL**  
10 a.m.

Robert J. Searls, Minister

**Northminster Presbyterian Church**  
3633 W. Big Beaver Rd. (East of Adams)  
MACKAY TAYLOR — MINISTER

WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH SCHOOL

9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.  
Sermon Topic, Sunday, October 14th.  
"The Election: Christians or Politicians"



CHARLES LANE (second from left) and Michael Jon Emery will receive the Boy Scout God and Country award at a presentation in the Sunday school of First Church of Christ Scientist, Birmingham, tomorrow evening. Charles, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Lane, former Birmingham area resident, now son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jon Emery, 311 Southlawn, is the fifth to receive the award. Charles and Glenn Emery, his advisor (left) watch as Delbert F. Mosher, advisor, pins the award on Michael Jon. Saturday they will attend a dinner and vesper service at St. John's Christian Methodist Episcopal church, Detroit, for all scouts in the Detroit area. Council who have achieved the Protestant church God and Country award this past year.

## Religious 'Spectacular' Coming Up

An ambitious project has been undertaken by the Congregational church of Birmingham. On two successive nights, October 12 and 20, a religious "spectacular," "Measure of a Moment" will be presented by a cast of 40 people.

Stark realism, the use of lights, interlude of satire, and the story of human need will combine to tell the story of "the Christian revolution" fostered by the missionary movement, pitted now against a rival faith, world communism.

"Measure of a Moment" had its premiere in Omaha, Neb. in June, at the General Council of the Congregational Christian churches.

THE SPECTACULAR WAS narrated by Raymond Massey and executed by a cast of hundreds; dancers, actors, singers, some amateur, some professional. It was written by Helen Kromer, outstanding dramatist, known for her past work on "The Sign of the Cross" and "The World Council of Churches Festival of Faith in Soldier's Field in 1954.

"Measure" portrays the rising hopes of Asia, Africa and the Middle East as a result of the work of Christian missionaries. The picture, it goes on to picture the "revolution gone wrong," taken over by secular revolutions, the growth of tension and counter-revolution. It ends with a stirring challenge to American Christians: "If we cannot find ways to do more, we have done too much already."

THE LOCAL Congregational church, with a script revised to fit new circumstances, is presenting "Measure of a Moment" under the auspices of its committee on our Christian world mission, headed by F. Lawrence Westerdale.

The cast of 40 is being directed by Jack Kinoy, long active in The Players in Detroit. The choir, under A. Stanley Rosso, is preparing for its part in the drama, and Mrs. Eldred Scott, Mrs. James Moore, Mrs. Burton Lord, and Dr. Thurman Holloway, committee members, are hard at work to plan for costumes for 17 nations, make-up, lighting effects and props.

The production will be open to the general public, at no charge. But admission tickets will be required, and can be secured through a call to the church office. Curtain time is 8:20 p.m.

INCLUDED WITH the project but not part of the new structure is the remodeling of a large women's lounge. Imported Danish pieces replace the room's former furnishings.

MAKING GOOD USE of the new addition at Community Congregational church are the new kindergarten and nursery rooms. Jeffrey Phelps (left) casts a critical eye on the work of three-year-old Brian Young, while Kathy Bristow, at right, sits with an audience. Mrs. Ralph Bettison is director of the nursery school in the new structure, being dedicated Sunday.

Hand-crafted ceramic accessories are used in the lounge, which combines the contemporary and traditional. New carpeting and repainted walls complete the transformation.

The 50' by 20' youth room was partially furnished by the church's Freemen Fellowship meeting. To whom it is dedicated. The young people raised \$600 for tables and chairs, and their new multi-purpose room, which is also equipped with stove, refrigerator, and sinks.

A weekday nursery now utilizes the Kindergarten and nursery rooms of the Sunday school, with an average of 22 pre-school children daily.

REV. JOHN D. ROSE, minister of the church, and Rev. Lorenza S. Todd, assistant minister, will also participate in the dedication services Sunday.

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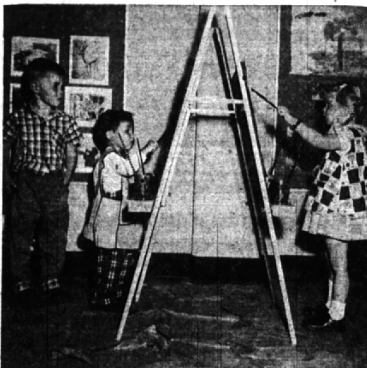
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**St. Hugo Guild Membership Tea**  
New women members of St. Hugo of the Hills church have been contacted and invited to the church Altar guild's annual membership tea Tuesday at 2 p.m.

Mrs. William Macke, of Hillcrest drive, Bloomfield Hills, will be hostess for the event, co-chaired by Mrs. T. F. MacManus, Jr. and Mrs. Harold Sandelson. On the committee are Mrs. John Ellwood, Mrs. John Mahony and Mrs. Charles Wagner. Past presidents of the guild will pour.

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**Church of Christ**  
1152 Bannockville Birmingham, Michigan U 2-0855

G. Wheeler Utley, Minister

10:00 A.M. Sunday Bible Class	
11:00 A.M. Sunday Worship	
6:00 P.M. Sunday Evening Service	
7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible Study	

"THE HERALD OF TRUTH"  
WXYZ—Each Sunday 1:00-1:30 P.M.

**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
21600 West 10 1/2 Mile Road

11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL  
Nursery through Senior Classes

Minister  
REVEREND RALPH H. READ  
ALL ARE WELCOME

**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.

## Sponsoring Dance Saturday Night

The Brooks Brothers will be on hand to provide the music when the Newman club, Holy Name parish teen-agers, hold a dance Saturday in the Holy Name school auditorium.

Both Catholic and Protestant ninth through twelfth grade teens are invited to the 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. event.

The dance will be a "dressed" affair, but not semiformal, according to publicity chairman Susie Grant.

Co-chairmen are Kim Dickinson and Pat Sullivan. Kathy Banford is handling decorations, Jos Daldea, refreshments, and Brenda Whiting, tickets.

Tickets will be available at the door.

**1st Presbyterian To View 'Under 4s' With Film, Panel**

The needs and nature of the nursery age child will be the subject Friday, October 19 from 8 to 10 p.m. at First Presbyterian church.

Under the joint sponsorship of the young adult club and the nursery department, the program is planned for parents and others concerned with the child under four.

A child development film, "The Terrible Twos and Trusting Threes," will be shown, followed by a panel and question session. The Rev. Robert W. Gibson will act as moderator for the panel made up of Dr. Charles Payton, pediatrician; Dr. James Benjamin, chief psychologist of the Children's Center of metropolitan Detroit; and Mrs. Margaret MacIn, director of Christian education at the church.

Refreshments will be served.

**Set Men's Retreat**  
The first day of Recollection for men, sponsored by the Third Order of St. Francis at Duna Scotts college, W. Nine Mile and Evergreen, begins Saturday at 2 p.m. Rev. Edgar Casey, OFM, will be moderator.

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Invites you to attend its services in their new location.  
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Joining with Protestant churches all over America, Birmingham Congregational church will observe Layman's Sunday this week in a 30-year-old tradition sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

Two laymen, past and present presidents of the Men's Fellowship, will speak at worship services, Edward Brehm at 11 a.m. and Tom Fairhurst at 9:30 a.m. Ted Sims and Doris Duane, members of the board of deacons, will assist.

**DOG LOVERS**  
Is Your Dog a Good Canine Citizen?  
Do Your Neighbors Love Your Dog as You Do?

... if not, enroll in one of these training classes and teach him to be a perfect gentleman. Southern Michigan's competent trainers will show you how to do it.

**Classes Open to Birmingham Residents**  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS—High School—Mondays (Andover & W. Long Lake Rds.)  
DEMONSTRATION—Oct. 8th.  
Do not bring your dogs to demonstration.

CLASSES BEGIN—Oct. 15th. 8 p.m.  
PONTIAC—Daniel Whitfield School—Thursdays  
BERKLEY—Oxford School—Mondays

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