

At the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

We got a hold of a 60-year history of Oakland county published in 1877, which describes the county's church buildings in '77 as "neat, tasty, and convenient."

It said the 1870 census revealed that 63 church edifices existed in the county. Total value of church property was \$249,100.

"The Episcopalians, it stated, were "not numerous in this part of the county."

"The Baptists get credit for the first church in the county, with an congregation begun in Pontiac in 1822.

What would you do if a tramp came to your door asking for food and money?

A newcomer to the Birmingham area offered some food for thought after she read in The Birmingham Eccentric about what happened when a tramp rang some local doorbells a few weeks ago.

Several of the solicited citizens called police. Let's face it, you or I might have done the same thing. Especially when the tramp's appearance was definitely not that of a "man of distinction."

AFTER ASSOCIATE JUDGE John C. Emery, Jr. gave the man a fine of \$25 or 30 days in jail for begging, he suspended the sentence on condition that the man leave the city. With 42 cents in his pocket, the man left. And, said Judge Emery later, the hobo was delighted to be able to get away without having to pay a fine or go to jail.

"And well he should have been. For a later check of the man's record of arrests showed 96 convictions since 1932. He had been fined or jailed for larceny, shoplifting, vagrancy, drunkenness, and on morals charges.

BUT THERE'S ANOTHER side to this story, says newspaper Mrs. Sidney T. Eder, of Bloomfield Hills. She hadn't, of course, seen the man's record.

"There are 14 Christian churches and almost 25,000 supposed Christians in Birmingham proper. . . Surely some convenient way could have been found to help this man . . ."

"That man needed a lot of help. But we think Mrs. Eder had something there.

In case you're wondering what happened to the bulletin board that once stood in front of First Baptist church, we have the facts from the Rev. Dr. Robert Macoskey, the church's associate minister.

"A young lady neglected to put on the brakes when she parked her car on Bates street near Willets," he said.

Dr. Macoskey happened to leave the Wabek drug store right behind the young motorist.

"At first she thought her car had been stolen," he said. "Then she looked across Willets and saw her car had coasted downhill and plunged head-on into the bulletin board on the church lawn."

"We're just going to sit around and let the kids entertain themselves," said the Rev. Robert D. Dewey before he left on two week's vacation last weekend.

The Deweys and their three young daughters are sharing a ten-room cottage in northern Michigan with the family of a college pal of Mr. Dewey's. The other couple has three children, just the ages of the Dewey pre-schoolers.

Mr. Dewey agrees that the adults will have company when



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Putting Ideas on Paper

Preparing a book of ideas and suggestions for Congregational youth groups in the state was the task of the group that met at the Birmingham Congregational church recently. (From left) David Sarles, president of the state Pilgrim Fellowship group, Ann Armour, of Grand Rapids, and Mike

Morden, of Birmingham, are members of the group's executive committee which compiled the book. The Rev. Albert B. Cleage, of Central Congregational church, Detroit, (above left), and the Rev. Robert D. Dewey guided the 12 young people in their work.

"How To" Book Readied Here for Youth Groups

By JULIE CANDLER

How to attract new members—how to dissolve cliques—how to plan interesting programs—answers to these and other church youth group problems were compiled at the Congregational church of Birmingham recently.

Twelve young people from all over the state met there to complete work on a book of ideas and suggestions. The enthusiastic, fun-loving teens broke into song during breaks in the serious work of going over the book's draft.

WHEN IT'S PRINTED, they will send the book to local Michigan Pilgrim Fellowship groups in Congregational churches.

Teen-age Congregationalists from all over the state had offered their ideas for the book at an early summer Pilgrim Haven conference. They also elected Mike Sommer, 1939 Cedar Hill drive, Birmingham, and Mike Morden, 757 Pleasant, to their executive committee.

It was that executive committee which met in Birmingham for a three-day session to finish the book begun at the conference.

They're calling it "In Daring Expectation", and it covers youth group activities in the three

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areas of faith, action and fellowship. In the realm of fellowship and how to improve it, the young people recommended ways to attract new members.

First of all, they said, plan interesting programs. Here are some of the program ideas:

BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS (where everyone throws in answers to a question in a limited amount of time).

Discussions, perhaps by a panel consisting of a parent, a teacher, and an authority on such questions as dating and going steady, alcoholism, smoking, prejudice.

Vary the programs, they suggest, with speakers, discussions, movies, panels, dramatic presentations. Have different leaders each week.

AS FOR CLIQUES, Sandy Winks of Grand Rapids told us, "You can't get rid of them entirely. You just have to use them."

But Sandy showed us some clique-breakers brought to light at the conference. They include:

Plan activities that make a group work together like Workdays for Christ, when each member works and gives his earnings to the church's mission program.

Use rotating committees. Put more concentrated effort on those not in cliques.

Use cliques to make a better Pilgrim Fellowship. Encourage them to feel a responsibility for the whole group.

IN THE REALM of action, the conference recommended that each young group hold two Workdays for Christ. The Workdays would help the state fellowships raise their pledged \$20,000 for Congregational missions in the next year.

The conference also passed a resolution commending Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King for his "heroic witness to the power of Christian love in the solution of the tensions that prevail in the South."

A second expression of gratitude and support was sent to the Kongsom community in Georgia, for its Christian example.

That was the essence of the many suggestions made in the book—Christian example.

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