

at the
CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

Imagine running into a dog sled at a church! That's what happened to this editor recently when we were taking a Christmas variety show picture at Community Congregational church in Lathrup.

It carried a sign reading, "Are you going to the dogs? Why not go in style? Floating ride, air cushion dog sled, imported from Siberia. Only \$10.95. Dogs extra!" This gem of a dog sled, said to have been produced by some Boy scout, was purchased by Carl Stapleton, a member of the church, at a sportsmen's rummage sale held there some time ago.

Rumor has it that Stapleton is using the sled for his outdoor Christmas decorations.

Christmas means giving as well as receiving for many Birmingham church youth groups. Like the senior high gang at First Baptist church, who have been preparing gifts and food to take to the Lakeview convalescent home in Pontiac Sunday. The youngsters will sing carols to the patients at the same time.

Nancy Heavenrich is chairman for the project, with the assistance of the group's adviser, Mrs. William J. Bock.

Among members of the group are Judy Ackery, Kan Aldus, Tam Bock, Bonnie Bramlett, Evie Crouch, Sonia Jane Frank, Bob Gertz, Mary Heavenrich, Ted Rondeau, Clark Hudson, Sally Ann Pope, Tom Reuter, Marvin Smith, Paul Turner, Ann Bardsley and Dave Blanchard.

The Pilgrim Fellowship from the Congregational church of Birmingham will also go caroling at 7 p.m. Sunday, visiting hospitals and rest homes, as well as individual homes where there are shut-ins or sick persons.

Christmastime means an anniversary for members of the Lutheran Church of the Shepherd-King, for their church was organized just a year ago Dec. 16, with 54 charter members.

They've nearly doubled their number already, and are commissioning an architect to prepare preliminary drawings for a church at the northwest corner of Middlebelt and Maple roads.

Meanwhile the Rev. A. Karl Boehmke, pastor of the mission parish of the Lutheran church, Missouri synod, conducts services at Eagle school each Sunday morning.

After you get through shopping, decorating, baking, and attending the Christmas program at each of your children's schools, at your club, at your children's Girl Scout, Boy Scout, Indian Guide and other group meetings, at your office, have a nice, merry, relaxed Christmas!

Ski Area Owner Turns Over Day To Unitarians

Unitarians hope profits will soar like the skiers on the towns when they hold a "ski day" Friday, Dec. 27, at the Mt. Holly ski area north of Pontiac on U. S. 10. The ski area's owner, Morton Graddis, a member of the Unitarian church of Birmingham, has offered to prepare preliminary drawings for a church at the opportunity of working with him for the day. He will give the

group one-half of the gross proceeds. Money will be applied to the church's building fund. The ski tow begins at 10 a.m. and continues through 4:30 p.m. It opens again at 6:30 p.m. through 11 p.m.

THE USUAL DAILY rates will prevail, and snow is guaranteed, thanks to Graddis' snow machines. Skis, boots, safety bindings and poles are rented for children and adults, and a restaurant at the area serves hot drinks and food. Further information can be obtained by phoning Cass Jarvis, of the church's league, at Bloomfield Hills, or Gene Hadjisky, 744 S. Bates, Birmingham.

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Churches to Celebrate With Special Services

To celebrate the true joy of Christmas, thousands of churchgoers will again hear the story of Jesus' birth, sing carols and offer their praise in special rites at Birmingham area churches.

Catholics will observe Christmas at Holy Name church with the regular schedule of Sunday masses next Wednesday. A solemn high mass will be said at 10 a.m., when music will be by a women's choir. Other masses are at 6:30, 7:30, 8:45, 11:30 and 12:45. Rev. Fr. R. Rev. Msgr. Eugene E. Padock will be the celebrant at a solemn high mass at midnight Christmas eve. The boys' and men's choir will sing under the direction of John P. Callaghan.

AT ST. BEDE'S church, 12 Mile road near Southfield, Christmas will be celebrated with a high mass beginning at midnight, to be sung by Rev. Cyril Keating. Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, sisters who teach in the parish's new school, will be present, as the Christmas mass will commemorate the opening of the new school and parking lot improvement. A junior choir under direction of Joseph Gamahe will sing. After midnight mass the masses will be the same as on Sundays.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL church has announced a change in the time of Christmas eve services. The first service at 7:30 p.m. is to be a choral eucharist for the entire family, at which the junior choir will sing. The second service will begin at 10:30 p.m. with a carol and organ prelude. The festive choral eucharist begins at 11 p.m. with the senior choir singing the Missa Marialis setting of the Holy Communion. Holy Communion service will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Christmas day.

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK will hold a traditional baptism service from 5 to 6:45 p.m. Christmas eve. At an open house

from 4 to 5 p.m., families are invited to view the nativity tableau in St. Paul's chapel and hear Christmas music played on the organ.

A Christmas eve carol service for families will be held from 7 to 7:45 p.m., and a parish festival holy communion and sermon will be held at 9 and 11:30 p.m., with the full choir at both services.

Holy communion will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Christmas day. NORTHMINSTER Presbyterian church will substitute a Sunday evening service for a Christmas eve observance, holding Christmas services this Sunday at 8 p.m. There will be a public reception of new members, and a coffee afterward.

Church school children will bring gifts for Deeds Community house at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, when juniors will conduct a special Christmas service for them.

EMBRURY METHODIST church school will present three Christmas programs Sunday at 2:30, 4:30 and 7 p.m. The all-church program at 7 p.m. will be presented by fourth grade through senior youth. The junior choir will sing.

The church will hold candlelight Christmas eve services at 7 p.m. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN church will observe Christmas eve in a 10:45 p.m. service at which the Rev. Dr. W. Glen Harris' sermon will be "Let Christmas Capture You." A prelude of carols by the quartet and organ begins the service, and the chancel choir will sing.

Young members of the church will attend a youth communion service Sunday at 5 p.m., when the youth communion class will be formally received as church members. College students at home for vacation are especially invited to the service and reception following.

THE NEW 26-RANK three-manual pipe organ, with draw-knob console, is the gift of three families of the congregation.

Architect was Earl Confer; general contractor, the Pulle-Streng company; electrical work by Ballard electrical and McKee electrical company; mechanical trades by Birmingham heating and air conditioning company.

The Rev. Theo. Wuggaer has been pastor of the church for the past 27 years.

Church Addition to Be Dedicated Sunday

The new and enlarged Lutheran Church of the Redeemer will be dedicated Sunday in two morning services, at 9:30 and 11 a.m. at the church at 1800 W. Maple.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. R. C. Reine, executive secretary of the Central Illinois district of the Lutheran church-Missouri synod. This is the third building program the congregation has completed in 15 years. The church was dedicated in 1942; the youth building in 1952.

Seating capacity of the new church has been doubled, raising it to approximately 450. In addition, new office space has been provided for the secretary and assistant pastor; the basement of the youth building has been completed to provide seven additional classrooms; and the fellowship hall has been enlarged and completely modernized.

With work nearly completed, the new sanctuary and columns at the front of the church have been brought forward to increase seating capacity. Additional space has been added at rear of the

CONGREGATIONAL church of Birmingham begins its Christmas observance Sunday with special services at 9:30 and 11 a.m., and a Christmas open house prepared by the church school from 4 to 6 p.m.

Christmas Eve candlelight services begin at 9:30 p.m., when the choir will sing and the Christmas Gospel candle will be lighted.

FIRST BAPTIST church's Christmas eve candlelight rite will be a family service from 8 to 9 p.m., with lights, carols and scripture. "Good News of Great Joy," will be the Rev. Dr. Emil Kontz's sermon topic at identical services this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., when the sanctuary and youth choir will sing special music, with Martha Allen soloist.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN church will hold Christmas observance Sunday, with primary grades attending at 4 p.m., and grades three and up scheduled for 7 p.m.

Christmas eve will see two candlelight carol services, at 8 and 11 p.m. On Christmas day there will be one service, at 10 a.m.

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL church will hold Christmas services Sunday at 11 a.m., with special music and a sermon by the Rev. Ralph H. Read, "How Far to Bethlehem?"

At 4 p.m. vesper services, Sunday Albert Boltho will play Christmas organ music and chancel and junior choirs will participate.

At candlelight services Christmas eve at 7:30 p.m. the chancel choir will be assisted by the primary and senior choirs. Young people will be candle bearers.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN church plans a children's service Christmas eve at 7 p.m., and a later carol service at 11 p.m. Christmas eve communion, a choral service, begins at 11:30 p.m. Rev. Paul Shippert's sermon topic at Christmas day communion at 10 a.m. will be "God With Us."

UNITARIAN church of Birmingham will hold its Christmas observance Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the St. James Episcopal church, 2200 W. Webster in Royal Oak. It will be a family program-party at which church school youngsters will report by classes on their special Christmas projects of giving to the needy.

FIRST METHODIST church will hold a special Christmas Eve baptism of infants at 3 p.m. Sunday, and at 4 p.m. there will be a festival of Christmas music.

Communion services will be held Christmas eve at 8 p.m.



It's Christmastime

Hundreds of young carolers will sing with the joy of Christmas, along with their parents, as churches celebrate Jesus' birth next week. Pictured here are four young church singers at First Methodist church. From left, Margaret Amey and Katie Penniman, are six-year-old members of the primary girls' choir. Jim Samanen, 10, and Thomas Wilson, 11, belong to the boys' choir. All eight choirs of the church will sing at a Christmas festival of music Sunday at 4 p.m. at the church, under the direction of Rodney Petersen, assisted by Mona Spezzano. A rhythmic choir will interpret "O, Holy Night!" and "I Wonder As I Wander."

Bishop to Perform Confirmations Here

Confirmation services will be held at St. James Episcopal church and at Christ Church Cranbrook Sunday. The Rt. Rev. Richard S. Enrich, bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, will confirm a class to be presented at St. James church at 11 a.m.

Two "sections" of confirmation classes for adults will be presented for confirmation at Christ Church at 9:30 a.m.

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December 24, 1957
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