

At the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

Hope she'll forgive us for this. Even though it's too late to attract any playgoers to see First Methodist church's new Chancel Players, we're running this photograph of Mrs. Arnold F. Runkel. Sorry it got here too late to make an issue preceding the new group's recent first production.

The minister's wife posed for the picture to help the publicity committee, even though it meant being photographed in the funny hat she wore in the play. Here she is, cast as "the church gossip" in the one-act play, "Flattering Word."

Mrs. Runkel told publicity worker Mrs. Wayne Lundy at the time, "I've never had my picture in the paper, and wouldn't you know that when the first time came I'd have to look like this!"

We think she looks sunny and delightful, like she's really enjoying herself, feathers and all.



MRS. ARNOLD RUNKEL

After receiving the Subdicanate Friday at St. John's seminary in Plymouth, Michigan, Richard W. Kropf began packing for a three-month-vacation in Europe. He and two classmates embark from New York early in June, plan to see the continent by car.

Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kropf, of 666 Lakeview avenue, Birmingham. The Kropfs are members of Holy Name Parish.

At the completion of one more year at the seminary, Richard will be ordained to the priesthood.

YOU'D NEVER GUESS the identity of that guy playing the role of a delinquent's father on television last Friday

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Dr. John Phelps Is New Organist At First Baptist

Dr. John Randolph Phelps recently assumed his post at the organ console of First Baptist church. He takes the place of Mrs. Walter E. Turner, who relinquished her position after serving for nearly a decade.

The new church organist comes to his task with an excellent background of preparation and experience, according to James Wood, chairman of the music committee, who released the announcement.

He is teacher of instrumental music in the Detroit public schools. He is the composer of a published anthem, "May the Love of God Unite Us."



DR. JOHN PHELPS

IN HIS WORK at First Baptist church, Dr. Phelps will work with a growing volunteer group of singers called "The Sanctuary Chorus." He continues the study of composition with Wessell of Orchard Lake.

He is past president of the Michigan Composers' club, and chairman of American music on the state board of the Michigan Federation of Musical Clubs.

Dr. Phelps received his academic training at Teachers' college, Columbia university in New York city. He received his doctor of philosophy degree in his field at the Detroit Institute of Musical Art.

Art. He had private piano and organ study, and composition was pursued under Rubin Goldmark, Seth Bingham and Douglas Moore of New York. He continues the study of composition with Mark Wessell of Orchard Lake.

He is past president of the Michigan Composers' club, and chairman of American music on the state board of the Michigan Federation of Musical Clubs.

It's not his first TV appearance. Ryan informs us. Mr. Glabach once appeared on a Steve Allen show. Happened when Steve was emceeing a show which searched for song-writing talent.

Just for the fun of it, Mr. Glabach wrote a song, mailed it in. Professional talent played and sang it on the show, and Mr. Glabach was interviewed about his composition by "Stev-erino."

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Minister—Rev. Barton Lloyd

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8:00 — 9:30 — 11:00 — 12:15

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Temporary Building GREENFIELD AT 13 MILE ROAD
Permanent Location—13 Mile and Fairfax
Church School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Youth Meeting 6:15 P.M.
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21600 West 10 1/2 Mile Road
11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
Ministers: Reverend Ralph H. Reed
Reverend John W. Metler
11:00 a.m. Church School
Pilgrim Fellowship Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
Pilgrim Fellowship Meeting 7:30 p.m. (Junior and Senior High School People)
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First Methodist Educational Wing To Cost \$395,000

A \$392,132 building program was authorized at a special quarterly conference last week at First Methodist church, W. Maple and Pleasant.

Work has already begun, following groundbreaking ceremonies Sunday. Completion is expected in spring, 1958.

The expenditure authorized includes a building contract for \$344,132, plus \$51,000 for furnishings and contingencies.

The new structure will double the present space for church school classrooms, and will house a chapel seating 125 persons.

On its completion, a building program launched 13 years ago will be accomplished. Rev. Dr. Arnold F. Runkel has been master of the church during the entire period.

Funds for the new wing were raised in last fall's "Complete the building" campaign.



Prelude to Sweet Music

BEFORE THEY PRACTICE their sweet music, the boys' choir members at First Methodist church often are treated to sweets by head choir mother Mrs. Robert Thomas. Snapped by the Eccentric's photographer as they enjoy their cake are (from left) Robert Foskitt, Russell Foster, James Bouse, Douglas Shankweiler and Ray Johnson. Their group

started with 17 boys, now contains 32, and has a waiting list. Boys run and roughneck before settling down at weekly rehearsals held through the school year. But when they sing at 11 a.m. services about once a month, they are dignified and proud. "They understand what they are doing," says Rodney Petersen, minister of music.

Scientists Attend Annual Meeting Of Mother Church

A number of Christian Scientists from the area are attending the annual meeting of The Mother Church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, which begins today in Boston, Mass.

Named President of The Mother Church for the coming year was Miss Mabel Ellen Lucas of Brookline, Mass., a Christian Science practitioner active in the healing work of the denomination for over thirty years. She succeeds Clifford A. Woodard of Cambridge, Mass.

The need for individual spiritual growth was underscored by the incoming President who said that universal harmony depends upon the individual expression of spiritual love and selflessness which includes overcoming the "petty irritations and frustrations of daily living."

The retiring President, Mr. Woodard, pointed out the importance of working for world peace based not upon force but upon righteousness and justice. "Since Christian Scientists have received countless blessings through the power of prayer, we have a special responsibility to pray earnestly and persistently for the peace of the world," he declared.

Notices of church groups' meetings and special services must be submitted in writing by 3 p.m. on Thursday before publication date.

Children's Day Is Sunday

Sunday will be celebrated as children's day in many area churches.

AT PEACE AMERICAN Lutheran church on W. 13 Mile road, five children will be confirmed during the 10:45 worship service. The children are Joy Hibbs, Sharon Stull, Tim Toot, Darlene Robinson and Gail Atkin. They have been attending twice-weekly catechetical classes in preparation for taking their confirmation vows.

BIRMINGHAM CONGREGATIONAL church plans to mark the day with presentation of Bibles to lower Juniors, and presentation at both 9:30 and 11 a.m. services of Bibles, choral readings and songs by the church school classes.

There will be music by the youth choir and a special lower junior choir at 9:30 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN church will hold regular morning worship services in the social hall Sunday so that a special Children's day program for church school students and their parents can be held in the sanctuary.

attendance at the mass. It is expected that many shut-ins who have been unable to attend mass for years will be brought to the church.

Legion of Mary Sponsors Mass For Parish Sick

A special mass for the sick and infirm of Holy Name parish—including those who are not ambulatory—will be held at Holy Name church at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 15.

The sponsoring Legion of Mary, a spiritual group which works with the sick of the parish, will provide ambulance service for those who could not attend otherwise. A doctor and several nurses will be in attendance at the mass.

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Christian Science Society

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