

At the CHURCH DOOR

After we looked at the damage wrought by intruders at First Baptist church last week, we drove over to St. James Episcopal church. It was the morning after three downtown churches were ransacked.

By JULIE CANDLER

At St. James church, looking at a shattered glass door panel stood the Rev. Dr. Robert Macoskey, First Baptist church's assistant pastor. It seemed like finding the sun in a midnight sky, and we must have looked jolted to see him there.

FOR DR. MACOSKEY turned to us and said, "Didn't you know I was an undercover agent?" (Actually, he had strolled over to see his church neighbor friends because he couldn't do any work in his own office—police wouldn't let him touch anything until fingerprinting was completed.)

After the remains of the burglars' pickle and milk feast were found in the St. James church kitchen, someone was heard to say, "I hope they got a stomach ache!"

WE KNOW SOMEONE else who ate at a Birmingham church last week. He brought back glowing reports of the wonderful cooks at First Methodist church.

Our informant was the speaker before the church's Key-stone club after a potluck supper last week. He let us know about it since he's sort of a cub reporter for The Birmingham Eccentric named George R. Averill (we're only kidding, boss!).

"Everything was so good, that I even had to have two pieces of cake," he said. Then he added, "The non-fattening kind, of course."

Now if you had eaten a chicken dinner at North Congregational church in 1910, it would have cost you fifty cents. That 50-cent repast was served at Woodward and Blaine avenue, Detroit, when the church was called North Woodward Congregational. An annual pre-Thanksgiving event, the big dinner later became a turkey dinner. Each hostess roasted a turkey in her own oven. Then the host carved the bird for the couple's party of friends or family.

This year the turkey dinner, now a "rich" tradition at the church, will be served Saturday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m. It's part of the Women's association's North Plaza Yule Fair, which begins at 10 a.m. that day.

P.S. In case we misled you—that 50-cent price tag, like the "Woodward" in the church's name, is no more.

THEY'LL BE COMING from miles around for that turkey, judging by the newly published directory we received last week from North Congregational church.

Along with the many Birmingham names and addresses, the interesting, 68-page directory shows the church's members come from Detroit, Highland Park, Livonia, Farmington, Dearborn, Grosse Pointe, Franklin—to name a few.

Mr. Thomas G. Long, present moderator of the church, told us one that when the Lodge expressway hooked up to North-western, as it now does, he could get to church in 20 minutes. That's from his home on Chicago boulevard to the church at Northwestern and 10 1/2 Mile road.

Since this column is titled "At the Church Door," what more appropriate item could we print than this next one? At the church door of Birmingham Congregational church one midnight last week stood the Rev. Robert D. Dewey in his pajamas, an overcoat worn over them.

Seems Birmingham police discovered a church group had neglected to lock up when they left earlier that night. Police roused Mr. Dewey from his slumbers at home, and out he went into the cruel, cruel world to lock up.

Teen Town' Formed At Holy Name

A new town is on the map in Birmingham, with the organization of "Teen Town" for Holy Name parish teenagers.

Last Sunday marked the first "Teen Town" gathering in the gymnasium at the Holy Name school, where young people enjoyed basketball, dancing to records, and other recreational activities from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Robin Baer is chairman of the committee preparing season tickets to "Teen Town," scheduled for every other Sunday evening thru the school year.

Ice skating and toboggan parties this winter are among the plans for special outings for the teen leaders.

Holiday for Things Is Yule Bazaar Set for Saturday

"Holiday for Things" the annual bazaar sponsored by the Altar society of Our Lady of Martyrs church, will be held in the social hall at the rear of the church Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Items of interest to everyone who has a Christmas shopping list will be sold from the various booths. Sandwiches and beverages will be available from the snack bar. Mrs. Willard White is bazaar chairman.

Notices of church group meetings and special services will be submitted in writing by 4 p.m. on Thursday before publication date.



Snowman Puzzles Skater

Looking over the moving snowman which is Mrs. Richard Cogger, is Mrs. Wayne Dickerson in her role as a skater in a "Winter Wonderland" scene from "The Happy Holidays." The variety show will be staged by the Women's association of Community Congregational church Thursday and Friday, Dec. 5 and 6.

Women Rehearse, Men Advise Them On Variety Show

They've substituted a variety show for a fair at Community Congregational church, Lathrup village, and members of the sponsoring Women's association are rehearsing songs, dances and skits to entertain their friends in the church. The churchwomen are getting some help on the event from local scriptwriters and headmen.

Slated for Thursday and Friday, Dec. 5 and 6 in the church social hall at 8:15 p.m., the "Happy Holidays" show features a couple in a cross-country trip.

Among the brightly costumed ensembles to be featured in dance routines is the trio of snowmen who will dance with three red and white-clothed "ice skaters."

MRS. BERNARD LESHLEY is general chairman of the event. Co-chairman is Mrs. George E. Devin. Mrs. C. E. Kaufman, Mrs. B. H. Holmes, Mrs. Claude Porter, Mrs. Verne Blake, and Mrs. John Williamson.

Advisers and scriptwriters include Mrs. Harry Baker, Mrs. Richard Cogger, George Brush, Wayne Dickerson, and H. C. Schneidewind.

George Brush is stage manager, and Bernard Lesley is musical director. Program chairman is Ben Mott.

Others working on the event include Mrs. George Russell, Mrs. W. A. Devin, Mrs. C. E. Kaufman, Mrs. B. H. Holmes, Mrs. Claude Porter, Mrs. Verne Blake, and Mrs. John Williamson.

70-Voice Choir To Sing 'Messiah'

The 70-voice chancel choir of First Presbyterian church will soon present their annual Christmas oratorio service with the singing of the Christmas portion of George Frederic Handel's "Messiah."

Russell Skitch, well known Detroit soloist, will sing the bass arias for the oratorio, to be presented Sunday, Dec. 8, at 8 p.m.

LeRobert Slosser, minister of music at the church will direct the work. Mildred G. Ritter, associate organist, and Kent McDonald, organist and choirmaster of St. James Episcopal church, will be accompanists.

Teen-Age Retreat Slated Next Week At Holy Name

Teen agers from eight parishes in the area will attend a retreat at Holy Name church next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:45.

Rev. Edward Scheuerman, week-end assistant pastor at Holy Name church and assistant principal of Sacred Heart seminary, will be the speaker at the evening meetings.

All Catholic high school students who are not attending Catholic high schools are expected to attend the retreat. Others are welcome.

Parishes participating in the retreat include Holy Name, St. Hugo of the Hills, Sacred Heart parishes in Auburn Heights, St. Columba's, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, St. Bede's, The Shrine of the Little Flower, and Guardian Angel parish in Clawson.

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Special Wreaths To Mark Advent Season's Arrival

With the first Sunday in Advent and the beginning of the new year of the Christian church on Sunday, members of Lutheran Church of the Ascension will observe Loyalty Sunday.

Members pledge their allegiance to Christ in sealed pledges of faithfulness and giving, to be dedicated at the altar.

Advent wreaths will be hung on the church with the reading of prophecies of Christ's coming. Advent wreaths will also be available for home and family worship. The church's youth club decorated and prepared the wreaths.



Dr. Macoskey To Be Speaker Thanksgiving Day

"ALL OF THESE preparations and customs are observed so that the Christmas celebration may reap a rich spiritual blessing to all who participate," said the Rev. Paul Shippert, pastor of the church.

Mr. Shippert will also install new acolytes, who have completed two months of training in the worship life and teachings of the church. They are Douglas Carr, Jim and Paul Kokones and Albert Smith. Older acolytes reinstated are Steve H. Hunt, George Kinna, Bob and Gary Simanek.

Prior to that time Dr. and Mrs. Macoskey spent two years studying at universities in Scotland and Germany. He preached in many British and German churches.

He recently headed the local drive for UNICEF sponsored by the Birmingham Council of Churches, which raised \$2182.70 for needy children around the world.

Revival Meetings At Grace Baptist Slated Next Week

December 2 through 8 are the days scheduled for the revival services at Grace Baptist church.

Dr. James Mercer of Minneapolis, Minn., will speak each evening at 7:30. Dr. Mercer is well known in this area for his revival work and radio ministry. He has conducted some of the largest evangelistic campaigns in the country.

With Dr. Tom Malone, of Pontiac, Dr. Mercer inaugurated the program, "Radio Revival," now in its 18th year.

Rev. V. T. Martin, missionary under the Evangelical Alliance Mission, will direct the local revival's program. Rev. Charles Whitfield, pastor of Grace Baptist church at Lincoln and Edgewood, extends an invitation to Birmingham and area residents to attend the services.

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19421 West Ten Mile (Near Evergreen)
 Sunday Worship Services 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday Church School 11:15 a.m.
 Youth Groups 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
 Rev. Hale Thornberry, Minister EL 6-1777

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.

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 Assistant to the Minister, Constance D. Koch

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 Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.
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11:00 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL (Nursery through Senior High)
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 7:30 p.m. PILGRIM FELLOWSHIPS (Junior and Senior High Young People)
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