

## Franklin Church Membership Swelling

Membership in the Franklin Community church will grow from 395 at this time last year to some 520 before the close of the fiscal year May 31, reports given at the recent annual meeting indicated.

The church's building committee reported that steps are being taken to provide a new parsonage in the fiscal year 1958-59 and plans are being made to start an additional educational wing for the church in 1959.

Reports from the church school showed membership nearly quadrupled in the 1½ years the congregation has occupied its new building on Normandy drive.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS,** the board of trustees was authorized to sell the old church on German Mill road to the Franklin Community association.

Elected as new members of the board of trustees were W. Calvin Patterson, Robert J. Swift and D. James Crawford. Now stewards-elect were Paul Bergeron, Mrs. M. J. Cey, Mrs. Robert J. Harrison, Wendell Lloyd and Mrs. Jack Skeels.

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### Learning the Ropes

From his well-known father, the Rev. Dr. Emil Kuntz, pastor of First Baptist church, Richard E. Kuntz already has learned much of what his life as a preacher will be. Here he looks over his dad's shoulder at his desk in the church study.

### A 'P. K.' Discusses Life and Religion

By JULIE Candler  
Church Editor

Being a P.K. makes life interesting. Or at least it makes Richard E. Kuntz interesting.

Rick belongs to the P.K. group at the Baptist Kalamazoo college because he's a "preacher's kid." Rick, 21, is the son of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Emil Kuntz, of First Baptist church, and this dark-eyed P.K. wants to become a preacher himself.

When he talks about his father, mother and Rick, the story goes on.

**IN HIS FATHER'S** cozy study at the church, Rick talked to Julie Candler about becoming a minister. He could become a pastor for the P.K. in Times Square from his father's study.



The real reason why we wrote about Rick Kuntz this week (see story elsewhere on this page), is because he's going to be singing at two Birmingham area churches next week.

Rick sings with the Kalamazoo college singers, who will sing Sunday morning at 10 a.m. at Northwestern Baptist church on W. 10 Mile road. Sunday at 7 p.m. the choir of 42 men and women will sing at First Baptist church, Birmingham.

The choir, led by Professor Henry Overley, head of the school's music department, specializes in both sacred and secular choral works and novelties.

We had an interesting talk with the Rev. John Wigle, of Episcopal Church of the Advent, last week as he was leaving a meeting of the board of the Oakland county chapter of the Michigan society for mental health.

The subject of mental health is a major concern of the churches, he was saying.

"The church has always been considered a redemptive community, where people were accepted not because of what they had or were, but because they were children of God," said Mr. Wigle.

"This is the kind of acceptance people need for mental health," he said. "This kind of community provides the substance of life."

Like all the former students of the Rev. Reginald Howe at Virginia theological seminary, Mr. Wigle says he spent part of his time at the seminary working with patients in a mental hospital.

"It was an invaluable experience," he said.

### 18 Poster Makers Awarded Prizes At St. James

Eighteen members of the church and 181 James High School students were awarded prizes last week for outstanding posters in a special contest in the church study.

The awards were made at Sunday morning services at St. James Episcopal church. Winners were: Roy Hill, Liz Moore, Kay Griffith, Karen M. Arden, Susan C. McGill, Kathy Spivey, Tom Kennedy and Carol Spivey.

Primary winner, Miss Jane May, of Mary Beth Mackelton, Betty Hinkle, Emily and Julie Starn, Chris Taylor, Lynn Carverton, Tommy J. Brown, Cynthia Macaroni and David Cameron.

Mr. Paul Schaefer was judge. The posters, based around the church school during Lent, urged youngsters to contribute through their little boxes to the support of Episcopal missionary work in Japan, Korea and a special church in Japan, Nippon, Nishikawa.

Mr. Schaefer said that he had 22 posters last summer, wants to see 20 more to get even with his ideal weight.

Rick gives two reasons for wanting to be a minister. First reason involves human insecurity in a troubled world.

"People are constantly searching for something," he said. "The only real faith is not in a faith in God, and I believe that through the ministry I can help people to attain the peace of mind that faith can give."

**PEOPLE ARE ALSO** his second reason for wanting to be a minister. "I like people," says Rick. "And I look forward to teaching and preaching and working with them." In that category, Rick talks about the marriage and other counseling he considers increasingly important in a minister's work.

He's majoring in sociology at Kalamazoo college, where he's now a junior. Because sociology and its related subjects help a minister prepare for the counseling he'll be needed for, he studies religion. Rick is doing a lot of thinking, too, about his religion. "At college," he said, "instructors keep telling us to question everything, to give it the scientific test."

His questioning attitude has led Rick to an even greater faith than he had before, he says. After look-

### Dr. Leonard Parr Of Ann Arbor Plans Two Sermons Here

Dr. Leonard A. Parr, pastor, emeritus of First Congregational church, Ann Arbor, will preach Sunday at both services of Community Congregational church, 14100 E. 10th, with the "How to Love Beyond Your Mother."

Dr. Parr, who has traveled extensively in Europe and preached in prominent English pulpits, recently completed a 21-year pastorate in the Ann Arbor church, whose pulpit was made famous by the ministry of Dr. Lloyd Douglas, author of "The Robe."

### Columnist to Speak At Supper Event

Richard Haines, well-known foreign affairs columnist for the Detroit News, will discuss foreign aid at 6:30 p.m. today at the Congregational Church of Birmingham.

Cartoons for the children will be shown during the supper, which will be delivered at a potluck supper sponsored by the church's social action committee.

ing at science, the wonders of the new age, and religion, Rick has no doubts. "I've seen the greater the universe, the greater your concept of God."

A Society of his college friends, Rick states, did the same questioning and came up with the belief that religion is childish.

**PEOPLE LIKE** that, Rick contends, have never gotten out of kindergarten as far as religion is concerned.

Others, Rick continues, "will beat it around and say, 'Where do we go from here?'"

They study the Bible and religion and come up with their faith strengthened, Rick explains.

That's why he believes a preacher or teacher also be a teacher. And a teacher who must also keep up with developments in a modern world.

**RICK PLANS** to go on with his study of religion, he hopes at Colgate-Rochester university in New York state. He also has some plans and dreams involving a certain Mary Louisa from Winnetka, Ill., who's a freshman at Kalamazoo.

Some day, he hopes, he'll settle down to raise some little P.K.s.

### Christian Science Society

Franklin, Michigan

26100 German Mill Road

SUNDAY—11 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—11 A.M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

TESTIMONY MEETING—8:15

READING ROOM

(In Church Edifice)

Thursday—1:3 P.M.

7:30-9:30 P.M.

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Church School and  
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10:00 A.M.  
Minister—Rev. Barton Lloyd

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Rev. John A. Root, Pastor  
A National Lutheran Community Church

**Northwestern Baptist Church**  
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 p.m.  
Rev. James H. Harrison, Minister  
EL 4-1717

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**UNITY SERVICES**  
Sunday . . . 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday School . . . 11:00 A.M.  
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1128 West Maple, Birmingham

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
Christian Science Services  
191 N. Chester — Birmingham, Michigan  
Sunday Morning Services . . . 9:15 and 11:30  
Sunday School . . . 9:15 and 11:30  
Infants' Room (in Reading Room) . . . 9:30 and 11:15  
Wednesday Evening Meeting . . . 8:15  
READING ROOM, 355 East Maple Ave.  
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Family Worship and Sunday School—9:30 A.M.

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12 Mile Road at Southfield Road  
ELgin 6-3452  
Rev. Cyril J. Keating, Pastor  
**SUNDAY MASSES**  
8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:15 P.M.  
Daily Mass—7:00 A.M.  
Holy Day of Obligation Masses  
7:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 7:30 P.M.  
Confessions—Saturdays 3:30 P.M., 7:30 P.M.

**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Northwestern Highway and Labor Road  
11:00 a.m. Morning Service of Worship  
Ministers: Rev. Ralph H. Reed, Rev. John W. Motter  
11:00 a.m. Church School  
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6:30 p.m. Junior and Senior High Bilingual Fellowships  
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Morning Worship . . . 11:00 A.M.  
Evening Worship . . . 7:00 P.M.  
Thurs. Bible Study . . . 7:30 P.M.  
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Charles J. Whitfield, Pastor

**Franklin Community Church**  
On Franklin's Village Green  
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at Wellington and Normandy  
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Minister

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Church School and Nursery  
9:15 and 11:00  
Young Peoples Fellowship 5-7 P.M.  
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