



Next time we see the Rev. Kenneth H. Gass, we're going to shake his hand. Then we'll thank him for putting in writing an answer to the men who say, "See my wife, she's the church member in this family."

"A number of men take their religion in their wives' name," says Mr. Gass in the St. James Episcopal church bulletin.

"Some men even go so far as to let their children be the representatives," he continues. "Moreover, this same attitude is attended by an air of superiority and moral arrogance."

"IT IS A RARE occasion when a man will accept his wife's advice about driving a car, or playing golf, or fishing, or in his business. Indeed, such advice from the 'little woman' more than often brings a look of scorn and complete amazement that the woman of the house would have any sense whatever about such important matters."

"Yet in many instances, the so-called 'weaker sex' catch more fish, shoot better golf, have less accidents, and do give sound advice as to business."

"Whenever and however the Judgment Day takes place, it might prove very embarrassing if such men, when confronted by the Judge, should say, 'See my wife, she's the church member in this family.'"

End quote.

Mr. Gass—I always did say you were a smart man.

If you think the recent cold weather was hard to take, think how it would seem to a person just arriving here after several years in African jungle heat.

The drastic change in climate hit Miss Dorothy O'Neal, Methodist missionary nurse in the Belgian Congo, so severely that she actually became ill from it.

Miss O'Neal was in Birmingham as the guest of her good friend, Virginia Seger, director of Christian education at First Methodist church.

The missionary returned to the states to accompany a sick missionary, being brought back to New York. From there Miss O'Neal flew on to Birmingham for a few days at Miss Seger's home at 570 Aspen.

"I HAD HOPED that she would be able to visit the church with me and perhaps talk to some of the young people," Miss Seger said.

But the winter's severest cold made it impossible for her, and she spent most of her time here trying to recuperate from the shock of the cold.

In Africa, Miss O'Neal works with a leper colony, a children's orphanage, and a hospital. She expects to return to the States on furlough 18 months from now. That means she should be arriving here in late summer, so the cold weather will come upon her slowly.

Rev. Robert D. Dewey jokingly announced that this month's preaching engagement here by the Rev. Albert Cleage, Jr. would be his last. (Mr. Cleage, minister of Central church in Detroit, spoke at the Congregational church of Birmingham during brotherhood week.)

Anyway, said Mr. Dewey, it would be his last sermon here, because attendance figures always went up when Mr. Cleage was scheduled to speak.

The Negro minister led off his sermon here with a perfect illustration for his theme. He preached on the difficulties modern life throws in the way of being a true Christian.

BEFORE HE STARTED to Birmingham that morning, Mr. Cleage said, he went to his Detroit church to meet the choir members, who were to sing at the Birmingham church.

As they left the church in Detroit, a man came up to Mr. Cleage, asking for help in getting his stalled car started.

"I'd like to help you," Mr. Cleage was forced to tell the man, "but I've got to go out to Birmingham and preach a sermon on The Good Samaritan!"

Dr. Leader Heads Michigan Diocese Building Drive

Heading the drive for funds for new buildings in the Michigan Diocese of Michigan is Dr. Luther R. Leader, of 324 Cranbrook road, Bloomfield Hills.

Dr. Leader was named general chairman of the drive at the 125th annual convention of the diocese last week in Detroit.

Of the \$1,500,000 to be raised, one million dollars is for a Diocesan Cathedral Center in Detroit.

\$300,000 is for a church building

revolving fund, and \$200,000 for the housing of aged persons. Each parish and mission in the diocese will be asked to participate in the 17-week drive, by securing "fair share" pledges to be paid over a 20-month period.

Dr. Leader is a vestryman of Christ Church Cranbrook. A surgeon, he is also the official physician of the Detroit Tigers.

Dr. Leader is married and father of three children.

Fashion Show Today
St. Martha's guild of the St. James Episcopal church Women's auxiliary is sponsoring a fashion show and tea today at 1 p.m. at the Episcopal House. Members of the guild will model fashions by Davidson's.



Women Go to 'School'

Holding one of their newly inaugurated study meetings, women in the Lydia circle of the Peace American Lutheran church women's guild listen to a talk by Mrs. Paul Dipman (left), circle leader. Mrs. Dipman

leads the circle's monthly sessions for Bible and mission study. Two other circles from the church at 13 Mile and Pierce meet for study in members' homes. Mrs. Stanley Opalka was hostess to the above group.

Congregational Men Hold Lenten Breakfasts

Not only a special midweek service, but also special weekly breakfast and discussion groups make up the full observance of the Lenten season at the Congregational church of Birmingham.

Rev. Carl Baird conducts the midweek services at 8 p.m. each Thursday. Using the theme "They Met Jesus," the meditations deal with groups of people in the New Testament.

Desert and coffee at 7:15 p.m. precedes each service.

The Men's fellowship meets for Lenten breakfasts at 6:30 each Wednesday morning. Visiting speakers lead devotional services after the meal.

THE WOMEN'S fellowship holds morning discussion groups at 10 a.m. each Wednesday during Lent. Topic is "Prayer and Personal Religion."

A special series of five sermons during Lent by the Rev. Robert D. Dewey is planned to interpret the meaning of Christ for our lives.



They Brightened a Corner

A corner of Birmingham has been brightened in recent months, since the congregation of Grace Baptist church occupied this structure at Lincoln and Edgewood streets and began a series of exterior and interior improvements, including a brand new coat of white paint. Last week the church acquired a large new organ. The congregation, under the leadership of the Rev. Charles Whitfield, is currently raising funds to complete the recent purchase of the structure from the Church of the Nazarene. The Baptist group originally rented the structure.

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To Honor Dr. Harris On 20th Year Here

To honor the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. Glen Harris as they mark the 20th anniversary of Dr. Harris's association with the church, the First Presbyterian congregation will hold a reception for the couple Sunday, March 9, from 3 to 6 p.m. Also planned is a dinner honoring Dr. Harris next Thursday at which the church's officers, past and present, will be hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wood are co-chairmen of the committee for the dinner and reception. Members of the committee are Ernest Senham, George Finch, Jennings Hamner, Mrs. E. W. Grabertson, and the Rev. Robert S. Graham.

Dr. Harris came to Birmingham in 1938 from West Trenton, N.J., where he had served two churches for ten years.

He began his ministry at 16, preaching to cowboys in the ranch country of his home state of Texas. At 18 he entered Trinity college in Peoria, later enrolled at Princeton theological seminary in New Jersey.

He studied for his master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania, while he was still pastor of the West Trenton church. In 1947 he received his master's degree, then launched into work on his doctorate.

With the help of some courses from the University of Michigan, he received his doctorate in June, 1941.

IN 1948 DR. HARRIS was selected as a delegate to the conference of the World Alliance of Churches holding the Presbyterian and Reformed systems, meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.

During the 20 year period of Dr. Harris's ministry, First Presbyterian church has grown to a membership of 3250 and a church school of 1800 children.

The building now in use on W. Maple road was also planned and completed during Dr. Harris's years here.

Lenten Series Is Study in Contrasts

The Rev. Edward E. Brown has titled his midweek series of Lenten discussions "A Study in Contrasts." They are held Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Peace American Lutheran church, 1702 W. 13 Mile road.

His topic for this week is "Confidence in Self or in God?" Other contrasts to be viewed are "Cowardice and Courage," "Cruelty and Forgiving Love," and "Indifference and Sacrifice."

Fashions in Troy

A fashion show will be presented by women of the Marian circle of Troy Methodist church next week at Johnson Niles school on Square Lake road. Mrs. Clyde Leach, of Auburn road, Troy, is chairman of the show, to be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, with J. C. Penney company providing the fashions.

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

21220 West 14 Mile Road (Half way between Cranbrook and Lahar)
Sunday Worship Service 11:15 A.M.
Minister—Rev. Lester Dobyns MI 4-5210

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 Group . . . 8:00 p.m.
Rev. James Macpherson, Minister EL 6-1717

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1128 West Maple, Birmingham
Sunday . . . 11:00 A.M.
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Women's Groups Slate Speakers For Meetings

The first week of the month which starts Monday means a number of women's organizations will be meeting at local churches.

A Birmingham resident will speak to members of North Congregational church's Women's association when they meet Tuesday.

Speaker is Dr. Esther E. Hubbard, who makes her headquarters with her mother at 862 W. Brown, Birmingham, while she is in the U.S. on a year's furlough. Dr. Hubbard, Congregational Christian missionary who teaches English and leads religious activities at a women's college in Japan, will discuss "Because Christ Came to Japan."

She will speak at the church, Northwestern at Lahar, at 1:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST church Women's Mission union meets next Thursday to hear the Rev. and Mrs. F. Lemay, guest speakers, discuss "Streams in the Desert."

Mrs. John Barrett is in charge of the program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. J. Fred Allen will give devotions, with special music by Mrs. Werner Schott, accompanied by Mrs. Stewart Smith.

A business meeting at 11:30 a.m. precedes the luncheon, to be served at 12:45 p.m. by Esther circle, whose chairman is Mrs. Charles Hester.

FIRST METHODIST church's Women's Society of Christian Service will enter the church hall Wednesday for luncheon at 12:45 p.m., to be followed by a talk, "The March of Mission Dollars," by Mrs. Alvin Oldiges, of Detroit Greenfield Methodist church.

Mrs. Oldiges is treasurer of the Detroit district of the Detroit Council of Christian Service.

Luncheon arrangements are being made by Mrs. Melbourn Apple and Mrs. Ralph Poskitt, and devotions will be by Mrs. Samuel Lang.

The executive board will meet at 9:45 a.m. in the chapel.

8 Presbyterian Choirs to Sing At Festival

Next Sunday afternoon at 5 the eight choirs of First Presbyterian church will enter the church in procession to present their third annual festival of choirs.

Gowned in multi-colored robes, 355 singers will participate with their own choirs. As a combined chorus, they will sing the anthem arrangement of "O God Our Help in Ages Past."

Choirs participating under the direction of Phyllis J. Gardner, youth choir director, are Carol, Crusader, Chapel and Cecilia girls' choirs. The high school choir and three adult choirs are directed by L. Robert Slusser, minister of music.

Mildred G. Ritter, associate organist, and Bruce R. Warnock, trumpeter, will play the prelude. Mrs. Warnock will assist on the final combined anthem by all choirs.

Dr. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the church, will make the presentation of awards to outstanding choristers. Elizabeth Clark, youth organist, a member of the high school choir, will play the "Toccata in G Major" by Debussy, as a postlude for the service.

Mr. Dewey to Speak On TV, at Albion

The Rev. Robert D. Dewey, minister of the Congregational church of Birmingham, has accepted a number of speaking engagements from the church.

March 19 and 20 he will be chapel speaker at Albion college. He has been asked by the Detroit Council of Churches to make two speaking appearances on the council and "Courage," "Cruelty and Forgiving Love," and "Indifference and Sacrifice."

Last Wednesday Mr. Dewey preached at Drayton avenue Presbyterian church.

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

Christian Science Society

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Holy Day of Obligation Masses
7:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 7:30 P.M.
Confessions—Saturday 3:30 P.M., 7:30 P.M.
Lenten Devotions Wednesday and Friday Evenings at 7:30 P.M.

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