

at the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER



Something's missing from the church page this week, and it's really a shame. Missing is three-year-old Wendy Gibson, she of the big brown eyes and vivacious personality.

The daughter of the Rev. Robert W. Gibson, Jr. came to First Presbyterian church (where her dad is minister to youth) with her pretty mother last Wednesday. She held still while Mrs. Scott Purvis costumed her.

Idea was that Wendy would be photographed along with her brother in the picture of the Easter passion play at right. But Wendy took one look at the costumed Bruce Perry, who plays Jesus in the play, and withdrew.

"I don't like that beard," she said.

Terror of it made her big brown eyes even larger. Politely, but firmly, she bowed out. She was perfectly happy... as long as she didn't have to go near the man with the beard.

Since the adoption by a group of Birmingham area ministers of their statement on race, the Rev. Robert J. Searls has received "about a dozen" letters from people thanking and congratulating the ministers on their stand (he acted as spokesman for the group).

He received only one objection to the statement, via a phone call. The statement was the one signed by 13 area ministers Feb. 4 which states "... We are people who are genuinely indignant at the Southern repudiation of the Supreme Court ruling, yet who are anxious to keep our own schools as they are... We are people who honestly seek to be christian, yet who create barriers against the Samaritans of our day."

As we approach that awful hour, deadline, we learn that a group of churchmen, mostly laymen, have formed a churchmen's fellowship which meets for luncheon every other Friday at Birmingham Community House.

Dr. Robert Macoskey of First Baptist church and Rev. Kenneth Gass of St. James Episcopal church started it all. Next gathering is tomorrow at 12:15 p.m.

Rev. Robert DeWitt To Lead Devotions At Men's Breakfast

At the special devotional services for the Birmingham Congregational church Men's fellowship luncheon breakfast next Wednesday, the Rev. Robert L. DeWitt, rector of Christ Church Cranbrook, will preside.

In other news from the Congregational church, classes for prospective members are preparing to be received into the church at a special service on Maundy Thursday evening, April 5.

Also, Birmingham women from the church will join members of the Detroit Congregational Women's fellowship association in their annual Goodwill pantry shower at Goodwill Industries in Detroit next Wednesday.

A meeting at 10:30 a.m. will be followed by luncheon in the dining hall and a tour through the workshops.

United Brethren Group Elects 4

Re-elected last week for a fifth term, Mrs. Stanley Currie will be president of the Women's Missionary association of United Brethren church for the coming year.

Other officers elected at the session last week are Mrs. Patrick McCluskey, vice president; Mrs. William Phillipson, secretary; and Mrs. George Pidot, treasurer.

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Kirk in the Hills Group to Hear Edward S. Piggins

A series of three talks began this week at Christ Church Cranbrook on "Listen to the Word."

Dr. Thelma G. James of Wayne State university's English department is the speaker.

The church's man's auxiliary sponsors the talks, with the second scheduled for Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. and the third March 25 at 1:30 p.m.

"Our Youth" will be the topic of Detroit Police Commissioner Edward S. Piggins when he speaks to the women's association of the Kirk in the Hills at their monthly luncheon and meeting.

The event is scheduled for the church social hall at 12 p.m. Tuesday. Telephone reservations may be made through Mrs. Malcolm C. Sweeney, 2428 Pine lake road, Orchard Lake, or Mrs. Walter Brien, 4701 Hartwood, in Mayfair.

Commissioner Piggins maintains his own law firm, along with his duties as chief of police of the city of Detroit.

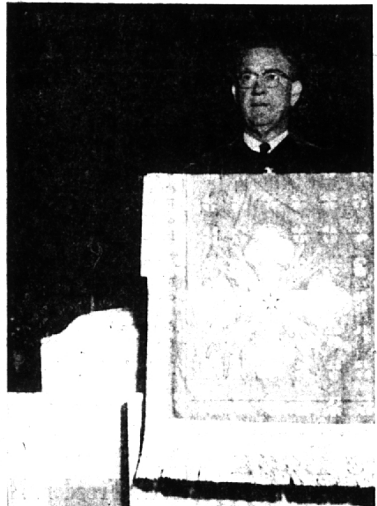
Volunteers of America, and several other Detroit civic organizations.

Dr. Frehe, Rabbi To Speak at Dinner

Speakers at North Congregational church's March church night dinner Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. will be Dr. Richard C. Herz, senior rabbi of Temple Beth El, Detroit, and Dr. Robert M. Frehe, executive director of the Detroit Round Table and former associate minister of the church.

Harold Lynn is director of waiters for the dinner, to be held in fellowship hall of the church, Northwestern and Lahser.

Home-keeping hearts are happiest.—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.



Right at Home

A sight viewed by thousands is that of the Rev. Dr. W. Glen Harris in the pulpit at First Presbyterian church. He estimates he has preached about 1200 sermons to the large congregation (now 3300 members) since he came to the local church 20 years ago this week.

20-Year Ministry Celebrated

By JULIE CANDLER
Church Editor

Figures can tell a story. As he celebrated his 20th anniversary as pastor of First Presbyterian church last week, Dr. W. Glen Harris tabulated some interesting statistics.

During the 20 years, he preached 1200 sermons, conducted 300 funerals, performed 125 weddings, and baptized 520 babies.

But that's only part of the story. The church roster listed 750 members then. Now it lists 3300. During the 20 years 4300 new members have been received, but deaths and transfers out of town reduced the present membership total.

Of the original 550 members in 1928, Dr. Harris says 213 are still there.

MANY OF THE members were there to honor Dr. Harris last Thursday night at a dinner given by the church's officers.

There were no formal speeches, but an informal, pleasant gathering instead.

Guests listened with Dr. Harris while the Rev. Robert S. Graham played a tape recorded message he had secured from the minister's family in Texas.

Hundreds more of the church's members honored Dr. and Mrs. Harris Sunday at a reception at the church.

Earlier they had sent Dr. Harris an open letter, in which the congregation congratulated him.

AND THANKED him for his many services to them.

They had learned of his hopes for a trip to Scotland and England, where he has been invited to preach next summer, the letter continued. And, they told him, they would like to share in making it possible for Dr. and Mrs. Harris to make that trip.

And that's just what they're doing. Helping to make his trip possible as their 20th anniversary gift to him.

200 Teen Agers Meet At Northwest Emanuel Church

SOUTHFIELD — Approximately 200 teen-age delegates gathered at Northwest Emmanuel Lutheran church, Lahser road in Southfield township, last weekend. It was the annual conference of the Lake Erie Lathrup League, which met to exchange ideas and foster Christian fellowship in teen groups within the church.

Louis Eckstrom, of 2648 Dorchester, Birmingham, is secretary of Northwest church's Lathrup League.

Highlights of a conference were a business session, a banquet, hall competition, and a Saturday evening banquet.

WHEN HE PREACHED his first sermon 20 years ago at the church's former structure on Woodward avenue, Dr. Harris used what he terms one of his favorite texts. He preached from the same text again on his tenth anniversary, on the last Sunday in the church's former building, and again last Sunday on his 20th anniversary.

It was Romans 12:11—"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

Though he's modestly unaware of it, that text appropriately describes Dr. Harris' 20 years of distinguished service—to his congregation, to his denomination, and to the worldwide church organization.



'Joy of Easter' Portrayed

Little children flock around Jesus in a scene from the Easter passion play, "Joy of Easter", to be presented by junior high youth of First Presbyterian church. From left are Bruce Purvis, Bruce Berry, and Robbie Gibson (son of the church's minister to youth, Rev. Robert W. Gibson, Jr.). The play will be given Sunday at 5 p.m., and tickets are available at the church free of charge. Mrs. Scott Purvis, of 1447 Henrietta, Birmingham, wrote and is directing the play depicting Christ's last week on earth. It is the first to be presented as an educational project by the church's educational department. A cast of 39, along with the junior high choir directed by Phyllis Gardner, will participate.

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Cardinal to Dedicate New Lathrup Church

LATHRUP—Two important events in the history of the Church of St. Bede, its dedication and its first confirmation class, made news this week.

Dedication of the new church and its school will be solemnized next month by His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Mooney, the church's pastor has announced.

The Rev. Cyril J. Keating said the ceremonies would be held at 9 p.m. on April 24.

The new parish was established in June, 1954.

ITS FIRST confirmation class of 67 boys and girls was presented last Sunday at the church, W. 12 Mile road near Southfield.

The Most Reverend Henry E. Donnelly, D. D., auxiliary bishop of Detroit, administered the sacrament of confirmation.

Chaplains accompanying the bishop were Rev. Albert C. Allen and Rev. John Foley, pastor of St. Catherine's church, Detroit.

Rev. Arthur Reckinger of Dearborn and Rev. Robert Kuntich of St. Anthony's church, Detroit, acted as deacon and subdeacon at the benediction ceremonies.

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CONFIRMED WERE Barbara Barlow, Joyce Barlow, Ann Barrett, Barbara Barrett, Constance Bernick, Susan Breniser, Gaytha Bricker, Carol Bryson, Richard Civate, Evelyn Daily, Larry Dav-



Import, Lois Davenport, Donna Davenport, Elaine Donaldson, Sharon Duhon, Richard Dubuque, Thomas Dubuque, Beverly Dupas, Judy Dupas, Susan Dupas, Tommie Eakhout, Karen Ekstrom, Ellen Fak, Randolph Fak, Eugene Farkko, Linda Fiebig.

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Gary Ludwig, Susan Ludwig, Lawrence Marley, Michael Markey, Diane Martin, James McGuckin, Joan Melchior, Judith Minkow, Patricia Minkow, Richard Morris, Thomas Mueller, Maureen Murphy, Patrick Murphy.

Eugene Myatt, Theresa Peterson, Bruno Ragan, Rodney Ratzko, Joan Segerstrom, Robert Smith, Patricia Swiatok, Robert Swiatek, Sandra Thorpe, Kenneth Tompor and Robert Veno.



Volunteers Blessed

At solemn opening ceremonies last week, the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Eugene E. Paddock, pastor and dean of Holy Name church, bestowed the pastoral blessing on each volunteer worker on the Central high school campaign's general phase. Over 600 volunteer workers from St. Bede, St. Columban, Holy Name, St. Hugo of the Hills and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs attended the ceremonies at Holy Name church. They preceded the volunteers' visits to nearly 4,000 parishioners of the five parishes. As of Friday, the campaign to raise funds for building two Catholic high schools on Lahser road near 14 Mile had secured pledges totaling \$516,000. The boys' and girls' schools are expected to cost over \$1 million each.

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