

at the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

The suspense is over, and all the people at the Congregational church of Birmingham can stop asking, "Has it been yet?"

It has been. It is a boy. He kept the Rev. and Mrs. Robert D. Dewey, and everybody in the congregation, waiting for over two weeks.

Only a few hours before we got the happy news, Mrs. Joseph Miller, a member of the church, told us, "We're hoping for a boy this time. We already have three girls."

That's the way they feel about Eleanor and Bob Dewey. The latest member of the Birmingham Congregational church is named Eric Steven Dewey; weight 6 pounds, 7 ounces. He arrived at 8 a.m. Friday, at St. Joseph's mercy hospital, Pontiac.

"He'll get a big welcome when he arrives home at 1200 Pierce. From his big sisters, 5, 4, and going on 3 years old. Says the church secretary, Gloria Shaffer, "I'm so glad it's over!"

Big day coming up for members of the Unitarian church of Birmingham. On Friday, March 28, Architect Minoru Yamasaki will present a model of their proposed church building. Occasion will be a congregational meeting and potluck dinner.

They're hoping to get started on construction this year at their Lone Pine-Woodward lot in Bloomfield Hills.

We were afraid this was going to happen. Delegates to a recent convention of church people heard the orator of "Hidden Persuaders," Vance Packard, talk about the relation of motivation and church fund raising. That's the book that discusses subliminal perception. There are those church members as could stand a little subliminal perception to motivate their assistance to church funds.

More baby news, Grace Baptist church's women gave a shower for the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Whitfield recently, and among the guests was little Susan Whitfield, age five.

When Mrs. Whitfield opened a gift of a complete lavette arranged to form a baby wrapped in a hugging little Susan hurried to her mother's side and remarked with excitement, "Is this it, mother?"

Set Workshop Saturday On Building Churches

A workshop Saturday will outline step-by-step procedures for church building committees.

The church building workshop will be held at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is sponsored by laymen of the Episcopal diocese of Michigan in cooperation with the diocesan department of missions and church extension.

The workshop is open to churches of all denominations.

Among the nationally known experts to participate in the practical discussions on church building will be Walter A. Taylor, director of education for the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, and a representative of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, D. C.

WILLIAM W. TAYLOR, chairman of the Episcopal Men of Michigan, said this workshop will attempt to outline a full step-by-step procedure as might be used effectively by any church building committee, regardless of the size of the parish or scope of its building program.

Taylor is connected with Robert Snyder associates, Birmingham architectural firm.

Six panel speakers will give building committees a more realistic approach to their problem of remodeling, remodeling or expanding.

In addition to Walter Taylor, who will outline the role of the architect, George Combs will clarify the functions of the building contractor.

COMBS is executive secretary of the Michigan chapter, Associated General Contractors, Lansing. Other panel speakers include Richard Thomas, head of the metal-draft department, Cranbrook Academy of Arts, who will speak on liturgical art; Robert Snyder, when he is general manager of the department of architecture, Cranbrook Academy of Art, will discuss integration of church building and community development.

An expert in the field of community surveys, Rev. Raleigh Sain, Judge to Discuss Trial of Christ

"The Trial of Christ," as a modern lawyer sees it, will be discussed by the Honorable Judge Frank A. Picard, who is the guest speaker next Tuesday at the special Lenten meeting of St. Columban Sodality.

The meeting will be held at Birmingham Community House at 8:30 p.m. All members of the parish are invited.

Rev. Dewey Wishes 5th Birthday Wishes

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are the reflections of the Rev. Robert D. Dewey, minister of the Longregional church of Birmingham, as the congregation celebrates its fifth birthday.

By REV. ROBERT D. DEWEY

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH!" "Now let's divide up the work, if everyone is willing. We'll need some to contact people who may be interested—some to begin thinking about financial needs, a possible building—some to start a Sunday School. It may take a lot of work from each one of us, but it will be worth every minute we give."

That's what it must have sounded like just five years ago at meetings of the general organization committee of the brand new Congregational church of Birmingham. The actual founding date was Mar. 1, 1953. There were 41 members. Soon there would be 63 more. By Jan. 1, 1954, it was 189. The attendance at church services often exceeded the membership in those days.

Adams school was the place of worship, the Sunday school, the place of meeting; homes were the rallying point; homes were the place of meeting through the weeks. You could tell where the Congregationalists were—just find a street jammed with cars and you know they were nearby.

WE MAY NOT be old enough yet to have a celebration, a party. Maybe that comes after ten years. But there was a party with appropriate gifts for those who gave so much of themselves to the founding of the church. Some of our early growth and progress: 500 people who helped together Sunday, March 29, 1953, in services; 400 children, young people and adults filled every area of the building for church school and discussion groups at the same time, while 75

TO 80 people devoted themselves to leadership roles in Christian Education; another 75 young people gathered for fellowship, worship, and study Sunday night. During the week women gathered to sew for Friendship Service, and again for a Founder's Day luncheon of the Women's Fellowship; 25 to 30 men gathered for a Lenten breakfast at 6:30 in the morning; and for worship together.

THE NEXT MORNING 30 teenage young people were at the founding of the church for an early morning worship service. A mid-week service of worship touched some more hearts, and three choirs rehearsed. Boy Scouts hollered on Monday; the "voice of prayer" was heard; and the church was up by over 80 voices—the light ones of 10 year olds, the medium ones of teenagers, and the more mature voices as well.

More importantly were many people who were offered and accepted on her birthday, many whose lives have been changed by her influence. March 29, 1953, a young man who moves in her life and work; people richer, fuller, and more free; and thanks be to God!

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Methodist Players Ready Show

The Chancel Players of First Methodist church, Birmingham, are ready to present a full season of dramatic productions. Two one-act plays are now in rehearsal for presentation during the Lenten season.

For the Lenten supper tonight at the church they will present "Barabbas" by Mattie B. Shannon, the story of what occurred in the home of the man the Jewish people freed when they chose to crucify Jesus of Nazareth.

Directed by Evelyn Sammons, the cast will include Mrs. Ted (Lobby) Mrs. George Mosher, Mrs. S. H. Stanton, Miss Gay Mattison, Chester Stokes, Morgan Barstow, and Chet Wells. Book holder is Miss Tanya Jee.

Bishop Ordains Rev. Campbell

A former Birmingham resident was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood Tuesday in services at St. Andrew's church, Gaylord, Mich.

The ordination of the Rev. Colin Campbell, Jr., was performed by the Rt. Rev. Archie Croxley, suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Michigan.

The Rev. A. Fletcher Plant, member of the clergy of St. James Episcopal church, Birmingham, presented Mr. Campbell for ordination. The ordination sermon was preached by a former rector of St. James church here, Canon Warner Forsythe.

MR. CAMPBELL is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Campbell of 655 Lakeview, Birmingham, who attended the ceremonies along with their son, John, at the University of Michigan.

Following the evening ceremony, a supper was served by the women of the Gaylord and Grayling Episcopal churches, both of which are served by Mr. Campbell.

The new priest was graduated last June from the Virginia theological seminary in Alexandria. He received his earlier degree from Washington and Lee university, Lexington, Va. He was a member of Birmingham high school's class of 1949.

1st Presbyterian Choirs to Present Story of 'Elijah'

The chancel choir of First Presbyterian church will present Mendelssohn's "Elijah" Sunday, March 23, at 8 p.m. at the church.

The story of the life of Elijah, the dramatic work was once presented in an operatic form. Soloists are Ruth Killen, soprano; Alice Ingram, contralto; L. Verne Scarborough, tenor; Russell Skitch, bass. Kent McDonald will appear as guest pianist, and Robert Sligo, the church's organist and choirmaster, will conduct.

Red Cross Rep To Show Slides

A Red Cross representative will show slides on cancer at the March meeting of the Altar society of Holy Name church.

The meeting is at 1 p.m. at St. Anne's hall. St. Rita's guild will host the meeting.



Off to Work

Off for another speaking engagement, Mr. Robert M. Boltwood leaves her home at Red Leaf Lane, Southfield township. She's ready to tell another church group about her "getting-acquainted" program.

Lathrup Woman Helps People Get Acquainted

By JULIE CANDLER
Church Editor

LATHRUP—Do it down to the bare essentials, and you might call Mrs. Robert M. Boltwood's job that of a member of those many of the details connected with arranging get-togethers. Such as tomorrow night, at Northwestern Baptist church, when 60 to 70 international students from Wayne state university will get acquainted with 30 couples from the church.

And in the Boltwood combination living-dining room, she, her husband, and three children entertain guests from all over the world "at least four times a month."

SHE WORKS FROM office headquarters at her home at 2843 Red Leaf Lane.

From there she goes out three or four times a week to tell church groups about the friendliness program. From her home she handles by phone many of the details connected with arranging get-togethers. Such as tomorrow night, at Northwestern Baptist church, when 60 to 70 international students from Wayne state university will get acquainted with 30 couples from the church.

ALL THESE ACTIVITIES are part of her job of coordinating inter-cultural, inter-racial and inter-religious activities of the 45 American Baptist churches.

Heading up such a program means living up to the responsibilities to be the "African families" of international students like the woman who heads American Baptist churches. She helps set up sister societies in which American Baptist churchwomen get together for programs with the women of these other cultures.

ON THE INTER-RACIAL side, Mrs. Boltwood works with Negro churches of the Wolverine Baptist association. She helps their people get acquainted with the international students.

She tells of a recent experience in which a group of international students expressed misgivings about the American Negro's treatment.

"I had told them that many Negroes live in very poor conditions," she said, "but that many also achieve a high standard of living."

To show them, she invited 18 students to an open house at the

comfortable Boston boulevard home of a Detroit Negro Baptist minister.

Also guests at the open house were a number of white Baptist ministers.

"THE INTERNATIONAL students saw that the ministers of the two races knew each other and worked together," Mrs. Boltwood said. "Some of the students were Moslems from the Middle East, and this was particularly interesting to them, for their countries have just been bombarded with propaganda which all proves Mrs. Boltwood's statement that, 'The only way you can understand people is to meet them. You just don't get it out of books.'"

Even the Boltwood children gain understanding and a liberal education from their international acquaintances who come often as guests to their home.

SANDRA, 13, Beverly, 11, and eight-year-old Chuck Boltwood see a picture or read about some far-off land and say something like, "Oh, that's the country Joe comes from."

With these children, and all her own household to do besides, Mrs. Boltwood seldom gets a chance to sit back and relax.

"You just keep going" is the way you handle it, she claims. "Just I couldn't do it without the support I get from my husband," she said.

"He helps me with my meetings and talking to our international guests and feels as I do about the project's importance," she said. "Just the other night at midnight he was driving one of our guests back to Wayne university, and he didn't mind a bit."

BOLTWOOD is a writer with Chrysler corporation, also teaches two writing courses at Wayne night school, and is a member of a Baptist college there.

Now they're helping other people get acquainted with the world they really should get to know each other, for the sake of better understanding in a troubled world.

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