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Witness to Truth, Tells Rotarians

Holding that mankind's signal and ultimate destiny is "to bear witness to the Truth," Rev. Robert B. Pierce, pastor of the Detroit Metropolitan M. E. church, spoke here Monday noon to Birmingham Rotarians and Rotary Annex. It was the occasion of the Rotary club's 85th anniversary.

Rev. Pierce briefly traced mankind's long journey to find "truth," especially as it relates to natural physical and spiritual laws. "Only the truths that God, Jesus Christ, and the prophets have revealed, when applied to living, can liberate mankind from bondage to tyrannies that are spawned from ignorance," he declared.

'Clean for Mother'

"Have a clean car for mother on Mother's Day" is the theme of members of Westminster fellowship of First Presbyterian church, who are having a bake sale and car wash in the church parking lot from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

LEND AN EAR

'Great Sebastians' are Great Fun

The Birmingham Village players presented a pleasing and creditable performance Friday evening of the comedy, "The Great Sebastians" by Lindsay and Crouse. As directed by Madeleine Tiltotson and Betty Kegel, the production managed just the right balance between comedy and quasi-seriousness.

The performances of Harriet Fox and Bill Kegel, as the Great Sebastians, gave the play some high moments reminiscent of the novel of mutual comic projection displayed by the Lunts who played the parts on Broadway. The audience was completely charmed by the antics of Mrs. Fox for she made the essential nonsense of the pseudo-who-done-it believable and often touching.

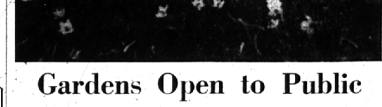
Perhaps adoption of characteristic stage diction might have lent a bit more tone to the Sebastians' otherwise effective performances.

GINNY SUMMER, as Manya, was suitably brisk and imperious as a member of the People's party committee. Walter Herdich as Josef was excellent in a part that afforded him a small opportunity to display a large talent. Russ Richardson as Sergeant Javoraky, though somewhat inaudible at times, wisely exaggerated the comic side of his portrayal. Dike Dweilley, as General Zandek was thoroughly commanding in voice and bearing, which gave the production a good deal of its vitality.

Gertrude Thomson, Dot Nielsen, Jean Martz, John Dundas, Bob Keller and Bill Candler were all skilful as an assembly of intimidated but undaunted political pawns.

Dick Martz, Art Haines, Mary Lou Penrose, Mack Parsons, Tom Watts and Dick Netze played smaller parts well.

The sets, designed by Dee Dweilley, were imaginatively conceived and the lighting and costumes were well done.



The Birmingham Village Players performing on stage.

Gardens Open to Public
The gardens and park of Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills have opened officially to spring and summer visitors. They will remain open through October every day from 2 to 5 p.m., except Mondays. Through May garden-goers will see a full acre of daffodils, formal tulip displays, flowering cherry trees, tree peonies, and a variety of wildflowers. The gardens area encompasses 40 acres of formal and casual plantings around Cranbrook House, home of the late George and Ellen Booth, founders of the six Cranbrook institutions. An admission fee of 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children, benefit the scholarship fund of Cranbrook Academy of Art.

City Says 'No Necessity' For Paving Taunton
Sympathetic to the feelings expressed by the citizens in the Taunton-Lincoln road area, Birmingham city commissioners Monday night moved to decline any necessity for the concrete paving of Taunton street. The commission referred the group to the Birmingham board of education for a possible compromise solution to the problem of the muddy parkway at Torry school.

Residents of the area half filled the commission room for the scheduled hearing on an assessment district. Its purpose was to defray cost of concrete pavement on Taunton from Lincoln to 50 feet south of Melton. The residents Monday had filed a petition with 47 signatures, seeking enlargement of the district and an alternate solution to improve ground conditions on the parkway.

They did not want the expense of sharing in concrete paving, residents said that night. Actually, they said, their earlier petitions to the commission asked the city to clear up the muddy pool in the parkway and the traffic hazard on Taunton where mothers pick up their children.

THE TORRY principal, the parents said, refuses to permit parents to pick up children on the circular drive at the front of the school.

In response to the citizens' appeals, city engineers consulted with the school board about the muddy pools on their property. The schools indicated they would share in the costs only for permanent concrete pavement of the street. City Engineer Grover Serenbetz said he considered this the best solution to the problem, and that concrete in the long run would be cheaper than asphalt or oil matting the street.

"We may have to twist our engineer's arm a bit," said Mayor Pro Tem Harry Denyes, in recommending that the residents appeal to the school board for a compromise solution to the problem.

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THE MUSIC was provided by a group who, if not always together, made up for its lack in enthusiasm and pure robustness.

"The Great Sebastians" is a comic farce that can easily be made ridiculous by overplaying. It is a credit to the Village players that a mild, and therefore more effective, approach was collectively maintained by the group.

Random Notes About Town

MUSIC
The Malseyev Dance company with full symphony orchestra, direct from Moscow, May 12-14 at Masonic auditorium.

MOVIES
BIRMINGHAM: Run Silent, Run Deep with Clark Gable and Burt Lancaster. Also Man From God's Country with George Montgomery.

BLOOMFIELD: Witness for the Prosecution with Charles Laughton, Marlene Dietrich and Tyrone Power—Excellent.

Also Wild as the Wind with Anna Magnani and Anthony Quinn—good too. Starting Wednesday Paths of Glory with Kirk Douglas, Ralph Meeker and Adolph Menjou—excellent. Also Fort Dobbs with Clint Walker and Virginia Mayo.

FOREIGN FILMS
CLAWSON PLAYHOUSE: Until Wednesday, Jacque (Mr. Hulot) Tati in The Big Day and Fernalde in The Little World of Don Camille; also Saturday and Sunday A Night With Charlie Chaplin.

TELEVISION
PLAYHOUSE 90 has James Mason and Ann Todd in Not The Glory; Thursday, 9:30, channel 2.

SHOW OF THE MONTH has Richard Burton in Wuthering Heights, famous story by Charlotte Bronte; Friday, 9:30, channel 2.

WIDE WIDE WORLD—NBC's peipratic Dave Garraway dwells on the world of glamorous Manhattan; Sunday, 4 p.m., channel 4.

TWENTIETH CENTURY does final episode of Auto Biography, history of the automobile in United States, Sunday 9:30, channel 2.

THE STEVE ALLEN SHOW with Rory Calhoun, Lionel Hampton and Nora Saki; Sunday, 8 p.m., channel 4.

TWENTY-ONE with Jack Barry as emcee; Monday, 9 p.m., channel 4.

KRAFT TELEVISION THEATRE has Part I of All The King's Men adapted by Don Mankiewicz from novel by Robert Penn Warren; Wednesday, 9 p.m., channel 4.

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On Camp Committee

Community leaders throughout Oakland County have formed a committee to help raise the funds to send nearly 700 underprivileged children from the County to summer Camp Oakland, Manley Hall, of Birmingham, in the committee for less fortunate children.

Recreation Round Up

LOW-DOWN ON THE HOE-DOWN
Square dancing under the stars, to add to the celebration of Birmingham's first art festival, is slated for Saturday, May 17, at 8 p.m., at parking lot No. 1, Pierce and Merrill. Guest caller is Don Parry.

SENIOR MEN
Andrew TenEyck of Chesterfield road became a member of the Senior Men last week. Featured entertainment scheduled for tomorrow's meeting will be a showing of a film made by Jam Handy organization illustrating the cutting of a record by the Boston symphony orchestra.

Discussion group subject will be "Should President Eisenhower attend the contemplated Summit conference?"

Senior men will visit Cranbrook institute of science May 16, leaving the Community House by bus and arriving when the institute opens at 2 p.m.

CORRECTION

In A&P advertisement Sec. D page 7, price on Maine potatoes should be 65c for 10-lb. bag. Price on fresh corn should be 38c for 6 ears.

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