

# Bishop Reed to Consecrate First Methodist Addition

On Sunday, Bishop Marshall R. Reed of the Detroit area will be guest preacher at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services at First Methodist church, and will conduct the consecration service for the recently completed east and west wing facilities of the church.

This marks the completion of the original building program started in 1951. The east wing includes a crib nursery, toddlers room and doubles the educational facilities of the church. The west wing contains a chapel which will seat 125 people, plus two large assembly rooms, one for adults on the first floor and one for intermediates on the second floor. Cost of the two wings totaled \$394,777.

The rites will also mark installation of four additional stained glass windows by the Willet stained glass company of Philadelphia, Pa.

Robert Chisius was the general contractor and James B. Morrison the architect.

Sharing in the service will be members of the building council, A. Frye Ayers, Chairman. The children's choirs augmented by the church's choirs will sing at both services.

## Olivet College Choir to Sing At North Church

The Olivet college choir will give a concert Sunday at 4 p.m. at North Congregational church, Northwest in the morning service at 11 a.m.

Many of the Olivet choir singers are students from Detroit and suburbs. They include Shirley Spence, 24365 10 1/2 Mile road, Birmingham, and Joyce Nielsen, 1058 Oakridge Road, a member of Birmingham Congregational church.

The public is invited to the program of sacred music.

## Our Lady Q of M To Be Scene Of Card Party

A card party to be held at the social hall of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church Tuesday, May 20, will benefit the Catholic central high school fund.

Sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella, Queen of Angels circle, the event begins at 8 p.m., and includes refreshments.

Tickets are available through Mrs. Marie Thomas, 17115 Kinross, or Mrs. Angie Greuz, 18810 Dunblaine, both of Birmingham.

## at the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

He didn't mince words, say members of Birmingham United Church Women who heard Rev. Dr. Robert M. Freese here Friday. The speaker is director of the Detroit Roundtable and the Michigan region of the Council of Christians and Jews.

"Outspoken" was the term one member of his large audience gave for the talk following the annual UCW May Fellowship breakfast at the Congregational church of Birmingham.

Like members of any organization, Dr. Freese said, Christians have responsibilities. People who profess to be Christians have the responsibility to respect the individual—regardless of his race, color or creed.

"You don't have to like him or her," he said.

He got a laugh when he remarked that probably many women in his audience had neighbors they didn't like.

BUT THE DAY will surely come for the suburbs and Birmingham, too, he said, when we will have negroes amongst us. The Christians are the only ones who will be responsible for the kind of community Birmingham would then be.

We can panic and put our homes up for sale. And accept the property depreciation such action would cause.

Or we can accept our Christian responsibility and respect them as individuals and neighbors. In cited cases of a few communities which have accepted them on this basis, and said property values had even gone up.

The day is coming, he said. Now is the time to prepare for it.

It was a long time ago that Rev. Dr. Robert A. Macoskey of First Baptist church decided to be a college professor. Story is he was bored and put to sleep by many instructors when he was in college. So he decided he would devote his life to trying to teach in a stimulating way.

Any college student who falls asleep during a Macoskey lecture should see a psychiatrist!

We were sorry to write last week's front page story about his leaving, along with two other sharp and wonderful young men—Rev. Robert H. Dewey and Rev. Carl Baird of the Congregational church of Birmingham.

Parent-teacher relationships will be hashed over in a discussion program Monday night at First Methodist church. The session will follow a youth-parent night scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## Kirk in the Hills Groups Slate Shuffling and Sale

The Shufflers club will dance and the women's group will sell rummage this week to highlight Kirk in the Hills church "extra-curricular" activities.

The Shufflers have planned their annual benefit square dancing party for Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. There'll be an orchestra and free refreshments at Bloomfield Hills high school (west Long Lake road, just west of Telegraph).

Tickets are available through Cecil Moore, 6500 Norham, Wing Lake, and J. T. Miller, 3455 Bloomcrest, Bloomfield township, or at the door.

THE RUMMAGE SALE will be held at Lake Shore house, 1340 W. Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills, next Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Working on sale arrangements are co-chairmen Mrs. William A. Brown, Mrs. Robert Crouch and Mrs. Robert Crouch. On their committee are Mrs. Ralph Tweedale, Mrs. John Kaye, Mrs. Harold DeWinds, and Mrs. Lytle Abel.

## St. James Choir To Sing 'Elijah' Sunday Morning

Sunday at the 11 a.m. service, the senior choir and soloists of St. James church, under the direction of Kent MacDonald, will present the great oratorio "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn. The service continues a long standing tradition at St. James church of semi-annually presenting a major choral work as a regular service of worship.

George Mullin, baritone soloist, will sing the title role of "Elijah". Other soloists will be Nioma Sherman, soprano; Natalie McKaig, soprano; Marie Wilson, contralto; and Neil Super, tenor.

The oratorio "Elijah" was composed in 1846, when it was first performed at the Birmingham, England music festival, with the composer conducting. The world-wide popularity of this oratorio has received its second only to that of the "Messiah" by Handel.

Members of the choir from Birmingham will be Nell Hertzberg, Elsie Moon, Anna Steinbauer, Jean Blauvelt, Mary Dolan, Ann Geiger, Elizabeth Graham, Leonice Kidd, Dorothy Young, Philip Kidd, Harold Walker, Greener, Olin Hertzberg, Robert Kent and Edmund Leavonson.

## Congregational Church Sets Sale

The Women's fellowship of the Congregational church of Birmingham will sponsor a spring rummage sale at the church 388 N. Woodward, in the lower level, Friday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. will open promptly at 7:45 a.m.

Circle #2, Mrs. Harrison Goodhue, chairman, is in charge of the sale.

## Kirk in the Hills

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 O'CLOCK  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS HIGH SCHOOL  
Dr. Harold C. DeWinds, Minister

# The Birmingham Eccentric CHURCH PAGE

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## Sands When There's Time

The busy Dr. Robert Bruce Pierce likes to spend his few free evenings refinishing furniture in his basement workshop. Latest project is sanding down the finish on an antique marble-top chest of drawers.

## Even Ministers Commute These Days

By JULIE CANDLER  
Church Editor

He drives over ten miles to get to the church he serves. But Rev. Dr. Robert Bruce Pierce says the average family in his congregation makes just as long a trip to church.

And he states some important reasons why he and his congregation travel so far to worship.

Actually, Dr. Pierce breezes down an expressway, making the trip from his Lathrup village home to Metropolitan Methodist church near the Fisher building in 20 minutes.

YOU MAY HAVE seen this noted minister on a weekly Saturday television program sponsored by the 4400-member Metropolitan church.

I saw him recently at the new ranch style home at 28561 El Dorado where he, his wife and four children make their home.

They came here late last summer from Indianapolis, where Dr. Pierce had been minister of another big city church, Broadway Methodist.

When I arrived, a polite young lady admitted me. She turned out to be Heather Kathleen Pierce, six years old.

HER FATHER came up the stairs from his basement workshop, appearing taller with each step, until he stood looking down at me, offering a huge hand in a friendly welcome. (There's a giant of a man behind that powerful voice you hear on television.)

Dr. Pierce's big study, I asked him about the role of the big metropolitan church in a changing city.

"We feel that every city needs a voice that is strong enough and has sufficient prestige to be heard," he said.

"And from what Dr. Pierce told me, Detroit metropolitan area people feel they need the big city church. They come to Metropolitan from a huge area, from Grosse Pointe to Pontiac to Dearborn."

Many come from Lathrup and the Birmingham area.

Some of them come from the neighborhood surrounding the church, one of apartments and rooming houses.

A few come from the colored neighborhood back of the church.

"We have negroes regularly worshipping," Dr. Pierce said, "but I suspect that complete success in a well-integrated program of negro and white is going to be delayed."

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### NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
Parsonage: 2247 W. Lincoln Ave. Phone: L-1419  
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### Northwestern Baptist Church

19121 West-Ten Mile (Near Evergreen)  
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Sunday Church School . . . 11:15 a.m.  
Youth Groups . . . 6:30 p.m.  
Rev. James MacArthur, Minister  
EL 4-1717

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Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
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Charles J. Whitfield, Pastor

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ELJin 6-5452  
Rev. Cyril J. Keating, Pastor  
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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.  
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6:00 P.M. Sunday Evening Service  
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### St. James Episcopal Church

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8:00 A.M. 9:15 A.M. 11:00 A.M.  
Church School and Nursery  
9:15 and 11:00  
Young Peoples Fellowship 5-7 P.M.  
Midweek—Holy Communion—Wednesday 11:00 A.M.  
Clergy—K. H. Gass—W. E. Snokell—T. G. Phillips  
Mus. Dir.—Kent McDonald

### Franklin Community Church

On Franklin's Village Green  
1 block west of Franklin Rd., at Wellington and Normandy.  
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AND CHURCH SCHOOL  
10 A.M.  
Robert J. Searis, Minister  
Assistant to the Minister, Constance D. Koch

### "CHURCH GOING FAMILIES ARE HAPPIER FAMILIES"

### Lutheran Church of the Ascension

(Missouri Synod)  
16935 W. 14 Mile Rd. at Pierce Ave. (1/2 mile West of Woodward)  
The Rev. Elbert W. Nuelken, Pastor  
Sunday Worship Hour—11:00 A.M.  
Family Worship and Sunday School—9:30 A.M.

### First Church of Christ, Scientist

Christian Science Services  
191 N. Chester — Birmingham, Michigan  
Sunday Morning Services . . . 9:45 and 11:30  
Sunday School . . . 9:45 and 11:30  
Infants' Room (in Reading Room) . . . 9:30 and 11:15  
Wednesday Evening Meeting . . . 8:15  
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