



Cross for New Church

All the king's horses and the Rev. Karl Boehmke had a rough time trying to erect this 1300 pound steel cross last week at the new Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King, now being constructed at Maple and Middlebelt. Workmen of the Beckner Construction Co., Bloomfield township, finished the task after several hours work. The new church, scheduled for completion by Easter of 1959, will house 300 worshippers. Mr. Boehmke is pastor of the congregation, which was organized in 1956 with 54 charter members. There are now 115 adult members plus 115 Sunday school children. The congregation has its temporary headquarters at the Eagle school, Farmington.



Annual Harvest Festival

Mrs. Charles J. Coe (left) of Cranbrook Village, and Mrs. Thomas Nickelson, 4314 W. Orchard Hill, Birmingham, are very busy these days. They are making dolls and Christmas decorations for the annual Harvest Festival to be held at the North Congregational church Nov. 15. Dolls, miniature Christmas trees, holiday cocktail napkins and other articles will be on sale at the fair, which is being sponsored by the Women's association of the church. The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and there will be a puppet show for children at 2:30 p.m.

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Congregation to Honor Dr. Kontz, Wife Sunday

Friends and church members will gather in the First Baptist church sanctuary Sunday to honor and pay tribute to one of the area's most devoted church men, Rev. Dr. Emil Kontz. Dr. Kontz will finish his work here Sunday, 11 years to the day from the date he came here to be pastor of the first Baptist church.

HE IS GOING to St. Albans, Vt., and will be pastor of the First Baptist church there. The church is one of the largest in that state with a congregation of 1,000.

Memories will not be the only thing that Dr. Kontz will leave in Birmingham. Several of his major achievements will still be evident. During his 11 years here the church has increased its membership by more than 100 per cent and Sunday attendance has risen more than 500 per cent.

In addition the church's indebtedness was paid off and its annual budget and mission budget were raised.

UNDER DR. KONTZ, the church acquired its parsonage and property west of the church, now used as a youth center, and plans are being made to construct an education center on the property.

He received his theological training at Crozer theological seminary, Chester, Pa.; the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Chicago divinity school. He was ordained in the 46-church Chicago Baptist association in 1934.

Dr. Kontz has done extensive work with adults and youth, and is a former president of the Birmingham Community council, a civic group of 45 community organizations.

HE WAS ALSO former president of the Birmingham Council of Churches, former president, Detroit Baptist Missionary society; former president, Detroit Baptist Pastors' union; former chairman of the youth division of the Detroit Council of Churches; a member of the national radio-television committee; a member of the Michigan Baptist State Convention's Christian social progress committee and a member of the executive committee.

500 Youths Thank B'ham Residents For Contributions

Five hundred young people from 11 local churches are grateful to the residents of the Birmingham area who contributed \$2,358.87 to UNICEF on Beggar's night, Oct. 30th.

"The Trick Is To Trust All The World's Children," said the young people and the gifts of many Birmingham residents made this possible.

Enough money was contributed to buy penicillin to treat 47,200 children suffering from Yaws. Or to look to it in another way, this sum would buy enough antibiotics to cure 7,080 children of the dread eye infection, Trachoma.

FROM A THIRD point of view, this would buy enough milk which if poured into glass jars and arranged in a straight line would cover 37 miles.

Statistics are meaningful but cold. They cannot describe the look on a young person's face as he says, "This was the best Beggar's Night of all—it was fun. It was helping others." Nor can they show what penicillin can do to the sore-covered body of a small child. The Birmingham Council of Churches and the young people who participated are grateful to Birmingham.

Medical Mirror

Note to readers: Thanks for all the nice letters. As many questions as possible will be answered in this column, but for obvious reasons replies must be brief.

Q. "Is it true that doctors are using cortisone to restore hair growth?"—C.H.K.
A. Yes. Reports have appeared in medical journals describing results obtained with cortisone in a special kind of hair loss. The condition treated is called alopecia areata, in which there is loss of hair in patches. The scalp and beard areas are most often involved. So far as is known, cortisone is of no value in treating the common type of male baldness.

Q. "Do girls learn to talk early or late?"
A. Yes, on the average. (Girls) 17 to 18 months. Boys: 19 to 20 months.

Q. "I would appreciate information on dropsy and a chronic cough due to bronchitis from a reader."
A. Dropsy means waterlogging of tissues or excessive collection of fluid in body tissues. It is not a disease but rather a condition that develops as a result of some disorder. Chronic cough is just as much in the same class. It's a symptom. A person with dropsy and a chronic cough should seek these warning signs and consult a physician.

Q. "Several years ago small spots appeared on my chest. I am now 18 and the spots are very large and quite noticeable. Can anything be done about it?"—Mrs. M.
A. "I have dark spots on my hands which look worse when I tan. Tanning also leaves spots on my face. Is there any remedy?"—Mrs. F.

A. Milky-white skin patches may appear anytime during adult life. The condition doctors call it "vitiligo" goes some to run an irregular course, spreading for awhile and sometimes clearing up a bit without treatment. Doctors have ways of treating vitiligo. One of the newest is through use of a chemical, taken by mouth, that helps darken the skin upon exposure to ultraviolet light. Consult your family doctor or a dermatologist (skin specialist). Dark skin blotches resembling large "freckles" tend to occur in later life. These skin changes are usually accepted as part of the aging process.

Answers do not necessarily reflect the opinion of all doctors. The diagnosis and treatment of disease is the function of the patient's personal physician. Questions directed to Dr. J. D. Ralston, Science Editor, P.O. Box 390, Medicine Square Station, N. Y. 10, N. Y., will be incorporated in this column when possible.



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planning the farewell consists of Mrs. Earl Bramblett, Mrs. L. W. Origer, Mrs. George Jackson, Mrs. Fraser Pomeroy, Mrs. George Wright and Louis Crooks.

Dr. Kontz will give a final message to his congregation at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday. His topic will be "Learned from Looking Back."

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