

St. Stephen's Women Organize Under New Plan

St. Stephen's Episcopal church is one of the first churches in Michigan to organize its women members under the new plan recommended by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal church.

At their last regular monthly meeting, the women of the congregation adopted their first constitution and by-laws, naming the group the Women of St. Stephen's. Following suit will be the hundreds of women's auxiliaries across the nation who have been asked to change their names to conform to the recommendation.

THE NEW PLAN is an attempt to organize Episcopal churchwomen as a more unified group, thus enabling them to carry on more effectively the work of their church.

At the annual convention of the Diocese of Michigan held in Detroit last month, two women were elected to the executive council for the first time in the 126-year history of the diocese.

St. Stephen's, mission of Christ Church Cranbrook, holds Sunday services in Easter school in the N. Adams road area, with the Rev. Barton M. Lloyd as vicar.

The Women of St. Stephen's meet regularly the third Monday afternoon of each month in the homes of parishioners.

Minister to Speak

The Rev. Ralph H. Read, minister of North Congregational church, will be the speaker March 15 at the Noon Lenten service being held at Northland auditorium. The services begin at 12:30 and end at 1:30 p.m.

Notices of church group meetings and special services must be submitted in writing by 3 p.m. on Thursday before publication date.

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George W. Romney (right), 1830 E. Valley, Bloomfield Hills, president of the Detroit Stake, explains some of the features of the new Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cragin (left to right), Mrs. C. J. Theobald and Mrs. Romney.

Christ Church Men's Club Tours Mormon Church

The Men's club of Christ Church Cranbrook held a women's night March 9, and toured the new Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon), Woodward at Chesterfield.

George Romney, president of the Stake and American Motors, Bishop Ralph Johnson of the Pontiac Ward and Jonathan Snow, building chairman, conducted the tour and explained the church's history and its basic tenets.

Prior to the tour the three men were guests at a dinner given by the Men's club at Christ Church. Snow said that over 2,500 people toured the new \$700,000 building during the open house held from Feb. 22 through March 1.

The building, the first to be erected in Michigan for Stake activities of the church, will be used by the Pontiac Ward and periodically by 11 other ward congregations ranging from Toledo, Ohio to Sarina, Ontario.

The structure serves as both a religious, cultural and recreation center for the church.

THE FOLLOWING is a basic outline of Mormonism and the Mormon church as done by Snow.

"Mormons are taught that 'the glory of God is intelligence' and that 'man is saved no faster than he gains knowledge.' The important Mormons attach to gaining knowledge is expressed in the kind of services they hold."

"Members learn by doing and

the church provides this opportunity for all of its members. Lay members conduct all services.

"SERMONS are delivered by members as they are called upon by the authorities. Young people, even children, will frequently deliver scriptural talks before the general congregation."

"Not just the exceptional or experienced are called upon, but all the people and they learn as they participate. Administrative offices in the church are filled by members in all walks of life."

"The church is made up of wards (a unit similar to a parish) and stakes (similar to a diocese). There are no paid ministers or other authorities in any of these units."

"STAKE PRESIDENTS, Bishops, choir directors, organists and other officers are drawn from the ranks of members, and serve without pay."

"It requires 222 people to fill the offices in a ward. The Pontiac Ward, which makes regular use of the building, numbers 330. The Detroit Stake with a population of 3,616 requires 168 persons to complete its organization."

"A Mormon church building is first of all a place of worship. It is designed to help members develop their talents and to provide facilities for education, recreation and social and spiritual development."

"THE EDUCATIONAL process in the Mormon church begins with the Primary organization which gives children religious instruction from the time they are three until they are 11."

"After graduation from Primary the young people are drawn into the Mutual Improvement Association (M.I.A.). Latter Day Saints never outgrow this organization."

"The M.I.A. has a religious base and also offers a varied program that includes sports activities, drama, speech, dancing, scouting and special interests. Emphasis on this sphere of religion is evidenced by the full-size basketball court and theatre stage in the new building."

"THE OTHER large organization in the church is the women's Relief Society, which is essentially a relief organization, but also presents a regular program of activities designed to extend the knowledge of its members in literature, home economics and social service as well as religion."

"It represents the church's first line of economic relief, known as the church Welfare Plan. The Relief Society has a large social room and adjoining work room in the building."

"The church's Sunday school is responsible for formal religious education for members from 4 to 84. Teachers are enlisted from the ranks of the members."

"ONE OF THE most significant and distinguishing concepts of the church is its priesthood. All worthy male members from 12 years of age may hold the priesthood and progressively officiate in the temporal and spiritual needs of the church."

"A Bishop and his counselors oversee the activities of the ward. He directs other priesthood bearers in various ordinances such as baptism and administering the sacrament."

"Because of its broad influence spiritually, physically and intellectually Mormonism is more than a religious philosophy. It is a way of life for its members."

Area Catholic Men Attend K of C Open House

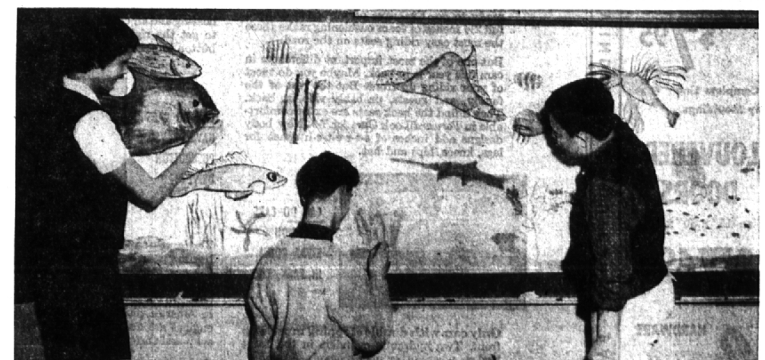
Many Catholic men in the area attended a special open house meeting Monday sponsored by the Birmingham Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The meeting was held in the Council's hall, 275 E. Frank, Birmingham.

Members of the Birmingham council were present to explain the aims and accomplishments of the organization. The program included a movie on Boyville, a home for boys sponsored and maintained by Michigan Knights.

Blood Bank

Holy Name church will sponsor a community-wide Red Cross blood bank, April 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the school gymnasium. Donors may contact Mrs. F. W. Kennell, 956 N. Cranbrook, Birmingham, or Mrs. James Murphy, 1319 D. Chester.



Open House Has Two-Fold Purpose

BEVERLY HILLS—These eighth grade students at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs school are working on one of 18 exhibits which will be on display in the school tonight for a PTA open house. Left to right are Jean Garret, Thomas Angell and Michael Colter. Mother Superior, Sister Mary Ellen, explained that the exhibits have a two-fold purpose. They interpret for the parents what Catholic education is

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Churches Set Palm Sunday Services

The Sanctuary choir of The Congregational Church of Birmingham will present the cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by Theodore Dubois, on Palm Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

Soloists will be Elizabeth Neef, soprano; George Thomas, tenor; Richard Webb, baritone; Mrs. Fred LaLaurie, alto; and at the organ and Mrs. Donald Harnsberger will be at the piano.

The cantata will be under the direction of Mr. Keith Dearborn.

SIXTY-FIVE Communicants will be received into membership of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer on Palm Sunday.

Forty-eight children have completed a two-year course of study, and will be confirmed at the 11 a.m. service. Seventeen adults will also join membership at the 9:30 service.

The Rev. Theodore Wurgazer will speak on the theme "Pure Religion and Unfaded."

AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN church the Celtic and Chancel choirs will participate in the 8:30, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. services.

The combined Celtic and Chancel choirs will sing "The Holy City" by Adam, and the Chancel choir will sing the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Each service will open with the traditional procession "Palm Branches" by Faure with chorists carrying palm branches. Dr. W. Glen Harris' sermon theme will be "The Crowd Appraises Jesus."

The Preparatory service for greeting new members, who will formally join the church at Communion services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, will be held at 8 p.m. Dr. Harris' sermon will be "The Night in Gethsemane."

Prior to the Preparatory service, a supper will be held at the first Tuesday of every month at the church. Their parents will accompany them.

"ENTHUSIASM in Religion" is the Palm Sunday sermon topic chosen by Dr. Albert H. Gage, interim pastor at the First Baptist church for the 11 a.m. Palm Sunday service.

A service of dedication for babies and their parents will be held at this service.

The Sanctuary choir, under the direction of Mr. Charles Holtz will sing "My King Rede Us" by Talmadge C. Weaver. The procession hymn will be "All Glory, Laud and Honor." Outstanding is the baritone solo, "All in the April Evening" by J. Michael Diack, selected by Mr. James Wood. Presiding at the organ console will be the church organist, Mrs. Benjamin Storrs.

The church school superintendent, Charles Morse, and all department workers have been working to reach a goal of 400 in the church school on Palm Sunday.

A free "Pick-Up Service" has been offered to any family for which transportation each Sunday keeps them from attending. A call to the church office after 9:15 a.m. on Sunday will bring prompt action. A number of new members have been secured as a result. This service will be continued on Palm Sunday and thereafter as

the need arises.

The Senior Baptist Youth Fellowship will meet for supper at 6:15 p.m. followed by their meeting at 7 p.m. led by the Christian World Outreach committee, Miss Eric Cronin, chairman.

"Christ With Us" is the topic for the Junior High Youth Fellowship group meeting at 7 p.m. Charles Morse is leader and will be assisted by David Pomeroy and Jack Rutledge.

An 11 a.m. morning worship service will be held at North Congregational church. There will also be a 7:30 p.m. service of music. The combined North and Community Congregational choirs will sing "The Messiah."

The 120 members of the combined Boys and Girls choirs of St. James church will give their annual presentation of the Lenten cantata "Stabat Mater" by Pergolesi at 4 p.m. Sunday.

This cantata will be given during the service of Sung Choral Evensong, under the direction of Kent McDonald, organist and choirmaster.

The Pergolesi "Stabat Mater" is one of the early works of vocal music for treble voices. The work was completed March 11, 1736, just five days before the composer's death, and is considered to be his finest piece of musical expression.

This will be the fifth annual presentation of this work by the junior choirs of St. James church.

Woman's Auxiliary Names Officers

Mrs. Robert Miller, president of the Woman's auxiliary of the Episcopal Church of the Advent, recently announced the appointment of the following committee chairman:

Mrs. Clements White, worship; Mrs. Arthur Skelton, United Thank Offering; Mrs. Gilbert K. House, publicity; Mrs. Frederick Luffery, historian; Mrs. Roger I. Marquis, parliamentarian; Mr. J. Robert Kent, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Edward Hanz, hospitality and Mrs. C. Sanborn Hutchins, fall fair.

The Woman's auxiliary meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the church. The next meeting will be held April 7.



Presents Sermon

Dr. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated at the Noon Lenten services at Northland Shopping center Tuesday. The services began March 9 and will continue through March 27. Sponsored by the Detroit Council of Churches, the services are held from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m.

Dinner Speaker

Dr. Oliver J. Collins, minister of Trinity Methodist church, Highland Park, will be the Lenten dinner speaker at Embury Methodist church tonight at 6:30.

Minister to Show Slides of Church

Dr. Arnold F. Runkel, minister of First Methodist church, will show colored slides of events in the life of the church over the past 15 years at the last Thursday night Lenten family dinner to-night at 6:30 p.m.

Included in Dr. Runkel's slides will be pictures of meetings, laying of the new cornerstone and various choirs.

Christ Church Choir To Give Oratorio

CRANBROOK — "The Redeemer," an oratorio for Lent by Martin Shaw, will be given by the choir of Christ Church Sunday at the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. services.

The text and music of the oratorio are descriptive of Christ's passion and the events leading to it.



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Franklin Community Church

On Franklin's Village Green 1 block west of Franklin Rd., at Wellington and Normandy.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE—10:00 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL—2 Year Olds thru 3rd Grade 10 A.M. 4th Grade thru Junior High 11:15

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

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Northwestern Highway and Lahser Road PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 1959

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service and Church School Ministers: Rev. Ralph H. Read and Rev. John W. Meller 7:30 p.m. Evening Service of Music, "The Messiah" Choirs of North and Community Congregational Churches MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1959 8:00 p.m. Communion Service and Reception of New Members All are Welcome