



Little Miss Dress-Up

Deborah Sue Nitzke, 8, models the intriguing contents of a "Little Miss Dress-up" kit. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nitzke, 1550 Holland, she and other young misses—and their parents—will find many more items at the bazaar in the social hall of the Embury Methodist church, Birmingham. Scheduled for this afternoon and evening, from 1 to 8 p.m., it is sponsored by the church's woman's society of Christian service and will include an unusual array of gifts and holiday items as well as a snack bar.

First Methodist to Observe 139th Anniversary Sunday

The First Methodist church, Birmingham, will observe its 139th anniversary Sunday. Dr. James W. Wright of the First Methodist church, Grand Rapids, will be guest preacher at both the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services. Dr. Wright, the first associate minister at the Birmingham church, will speak on the theme, "Dimensions in Eternities." The public is invited to both anniversary services.

THE FIRST MEETING of the Birmingham Methodists was in 1821 when the congregation was served by an itinerant preacher and met in homes and barns. It has grown to a membership of 2,743 persons with a church school that instructs an estimated 800 youngsters each Sunday.

The parking at accommodates 225 cars; property valuations are approximately \$1,200,000.

DR. ARNOLD F. RUNKEL, president, became the minister in 1944. The first building fund drive was carried on that year and construction was started in 1951 with the first worship services held in the new church on Sept. 7, 1952.

Additional units were added in 1958 providing total facilities for the parish through a crib nursery through the youth program with a special choir room, two chapels and a sanctuary. There is also an accredited day nursery school.

FOUR MINISTERS serve the congregation. Dr. Runkel is assisted by Dr. Harry O. Martin and the Rev. William C. Lowrey. The Rev. Robert F. Falk is minister to youth.

Miss Virginia Seger is director of Christian education and Rodney M. Petersen is director of music. There are 11 lay persons on the staff.

The church has denominational and benevolent missionary programs in addition to supporting Dr. and Mrs. Robert White and their three children who are serving in the Belgian Congo.

Oratorio Inaugurates Christmas Season

As a musical overture to the Christmas season, the second program in the "Renaissance in Religious Music" series at Kirk in the Hills will be a performance of "The Messiah" by George F. Handel on Sunday at 4 p.m.

The chancel choir of 16 voices will be accompanied by a string ensemble and Edgar Billups, concert organist, Philip Steinhaus, organist-choirmaster, and the choir at the Kirk, will conduct the performance of Handel's work at the Bloomfield Hills church.

The Kirk choir's performance will be in the spirit of the original version and will include many alternate versions of the solos as prepared by the composer. The latter were only recently uncovered and made available.

MEMBERS of the choir to be heard in solo include Fred Bur-

Congregational Church Plans Busy Schedule

The Congregational church of Birmingham will hold its annual budget meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

The board of trustees will submit the proposed 1961 budget to the congregation for its approval.

THE WOMEN'S fellowship of the Congregational church of Birmingham will have its monthly luncheon meeting Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Circle three will prepare and serve the luncheon.

The program this month will include a Christmas reading by Dan O'Neil, a student at Wayne University, by Dyan Thomas. There will also be a musical presentation by members of the church choir under the direction of Mrs. W. F. Driver.

Another feature of the afternoon will be a display of holiday gift items which may be purchased following the luncheon.

THE SOCIAL ACTION committee of the Congregational church of Birmingham will sponsor a family pot-luck supper next Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church.

Paul S. D. Berg, chairman of "Operation - Crossroads Africa," and Dick Holmes, a senior at Michigan State university, will be the guest speakers for the evening, and will discuss their 10-week trip in Africa earlier this year.

The Morningside foundation of New York sponsored the trip to Africa. Nine students were selected from Michigan State university.

BERG, who is chairman of the Crossroads Africa group and coordinator of public appearances, was also a participant in this project. He will speak on the experiences of the group.

Holmes will speak from the point of view of youth.

THE SOCIAL action committee of the church sponsored several groups in Birmingham last February and March of Great Decisions - 1960—a discussion program of the foreign policy association—under the study of Africa. This group has been doing the past year.

The social action committee hopes to stimulate organization of additional discussion groups to participate in the "Great Decisions - 1961" program next February and March. Further information is available to the study of Africa through the chairman of the committee or Mrs. William Heins.

The Junior High pilgrim fellowship of the Congregational church of Birmingham will have a skating party next Dec. 5, at 7 p.m., at Eton.

After the skating they will return to the church for refreshment. The Rev. and Mrs. John Greenhalgh will accompany the group for the evening.

A ROLLER SKATING can be made through the church.

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B'field Baptists Observe First Thanksgiving

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Christmas Concert

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Look at New Church

The Rev. and Mrs. Carl R. Sayers of Allen Park survey their new charge—St. Stephen's Episcopal church, now under construction at Adams and Westview roads. As assistant minister, Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Mr. Sayers will assume his duties as vicar of St. Stephen's on Jan. 1. He succeeds the Rev. Barton M. Lloyd, first vicar of the mission, who returned last month to the faculty of Virginia theological seminary.

Church Women To Elect Officers At Friday Meeting

The United church women will meet Friday at the First Methodist church to elect officers for the coming year.

"United Church Women—Who We Are and What We Do" New will be realized and played by Kent McDonald, organist at St. James Episcopal church, Birmingham.

Soloists will be Mary Jane Walker, soprano, of Birmingham; Fred Martin, tenor, of Detroit; and Nora Skitch, alto, and Russell Skitch, bass, both of Grove Pointe.

The performance will be under the direction of J. Bunker Clark, organist and choirmaster.

Parts of 'Messiah' To Be Presented By Christ Church

The Advent and Christmas portions of "The Messiah" by Handel will be performed by the choir of Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, at 4 p.m. December 11. A string ensemble from the University of Michigan will play the accompaniment, which has been edited to conform to Handel's original score. The organ continuo part will be realized and played by Kent McDonald, organist at St. James Episcopal church, Birmingham.

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First Methodist WSCS to Meet

The women's society of Christian service, First Methodist church, Birmingham, will meet at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. Luncheon will be served by Mrs. D. H. Lind is chairman.

Following luncheon a program of Christmas hymns and carols will be presented.

MRS. KENNETH BOND has planned the program including the church bell choir, Mrs. Maurice Felton playing the flute, Mrs. Gerald Hausse and Mrs. Bruce Van Duron vocal soloists, and Rodney M. Peterson organist.

Mrs. Charles Sneed is in charge of the worship setting and Mrs. F. E. Shaw will give the devotional.

Elects New Officers

New officers of the Divine Science ministry, 1128 West Maple, Birmingham, were recently elected. Thomas Clark is president; Robert J. Davis, president; George Paxton, assistant vice president; Margaret Caputi, corresponding secretary; Clara Ireland, recording secretary; Paul J. Perry, assistant treasurer.

Divine Science ministry is federated with the Divine Science church of College International, Denver, Colo.

Hanging of Greens

The First Baptist church of Birmingham will hold its annual hanging of the greens ceremony Dec. 7 following a dinner for the congregation.

The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the hanging of the greens ceremony at 8 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Barrett are chairman of the event.

Choral groups will carry during the ceremony. After the decorations are in place the congregation will assemble in the sanctuary to sing carols.

Birmingham Friends Meeting (Quakers)

Worship 10:30 A.M.
First Day School 10:30 A.M.
Birmingham Y.M.C.A.—East Lincoln

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Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church
Temporary meeting
Hickory Grove School
2500 Lahser Road
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
Prayer Meeting (Wed.) 7:00 P.M.
Pastor: The Rev. Wallace Arthur Alcorn PE 8-1992

Kirk in the Hills
Bloomfield Hills
Dr. Harold C. DeWitt, MINISTER
Sunday Services 9:30 and 11:30 A.M.
"The Messiah" Sunday, December 4th, 4 P.M.

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2122 West 14 Mile Road
(Half way bet. Cranbrook & Lahser)
8:00 A.M. Holy Communion
9:30 and 11:15 A.M. Morning Prayer
Nursery and Church School 9:30 and 11:15 A.M.
Ministry: Rev. Louis C. Gillette MA 6-6666 MI 6-7827

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH
MEETING AT: Birmingham Y.M.C.A.
400 E. Lincoln
School 8:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 9:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.
Midweek Prayer Meeting (various) 7:30 P.M.
Bible Study—8:00 P.M.
Gordon E. Donaldson Pastor

NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1980 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan
10:30 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
"GOD'S THREE REQUIREMENTS" Sunday, December 4th
Minister: The Rev. William H. Downey Elgin 7-2930

ST. PAUL METHODIST
165 E. Square Lake Rd. PE 8-2333-PE 8-3758
Morning Worship 10 A.M. and 11:15 A.M.
Church School 10 A.M.
Seniors and Intermediates, 5 to 8 P.M. Older Youth, 8:30 to 9:30 P.M.
REV. JAMES MCCLINTON, Minister
SUPERVISED NURSERY—ALL SERVICES—AMPLE PARKING

Beautiful Saviour Lutheran Church
North Adams Road at Whitmore
(1/2 Mile North of East Long Lake Road)
Sunday Worship Services 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Rev. Donald G. Zill, Pastor MI 8-6041 MI 8-9124

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Birmingham, Mich.
Bates and Wilhite Ministers: Dr. Homer J. Armstrong Rev. William W. Sutterlin
Church School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Dia - A - Devotion MA 6-4224
Sunday Broadcast WPON Pastors, 9:30-10:00 A.M.

St. James Episcopal Church
355 W. Maple - Birmingham, Mich.
Sunday Services
8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion
9:15 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon (H.C. 1st Sunday)
11:00 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon (H.C. 1st Sunday)
5:00 P.M.—Young People's Fellowship
Church School and Nursery—9:15 and 11:00
Midweek—Holy Communion—Wednesday 11:00 A.M.
Clergy—K. H. Gass—W. E. Shoxell—David B. Van Dusen—Min. Dr.—Kent McDonald

HIGHLAND PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
Southfield Branch
Meeting in Birney School
11 Mile at Evergreen
9:00 A.M. morning worship
9:30 A.M. children's church
10:15 A.M. bible school
5:45 P.M. young peoples
7:00 P.M. evening service
Thursday 7:45 P.M. Prayer and Bible Study
Dr. Lehman Strauss Pastor

Morning Worship SUNDAY 11 A.M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
WHEELER UTLEY, "Frothing New Testament Christianity" Pastor

CHURCH OF CHRIST "Frothing New Testament Christianity"
1122 BENVILLE AT WOODWARD
Sunday School for all ages - 10 A.M.
Bible Study Wednesday - 7:30 a.m.
Channel 9—Each Sunday 8:30 a.m.—"Herald of Truth"

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Northwestern Highway and Lahser Road
11:00 a.m. Morning Service of Worship
MINISTER: DR. RALPH H. READ
11:00 a.m. Church School (Toddlers through Senior High)
Nursery care provided
ALL ARE WELCOME

Franklin Community Church
On Franklin's Villages Green
1 block west of Franklin Rd., at Wellington and Normandy
MORNING WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.
Nursery through 3rd grade at 10:00 A.M.
4th Grade through Junior High School at 11:15 A.M.
Hugh Clifford White, Minister
John L. Carson, Director of Youth Activities

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
Christian Science Services
181 M. Chester - Birmingham, Ala.
Beginning Sept. 11th and during our remodeling
Sunday Service Community House, 380 Bates Street 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School Church, 391 N. Chastet 10:30 A.M.
Wednesday Evening Church, 391 N. Chastet 8:15 P.M.
Infants' Room (355 E. Maple) 10:00 A.M.
Reading Room, 355 E. Maple Street
Open 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Except Sundays and Holidays
Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 Except Wednesdays and Saturdays.