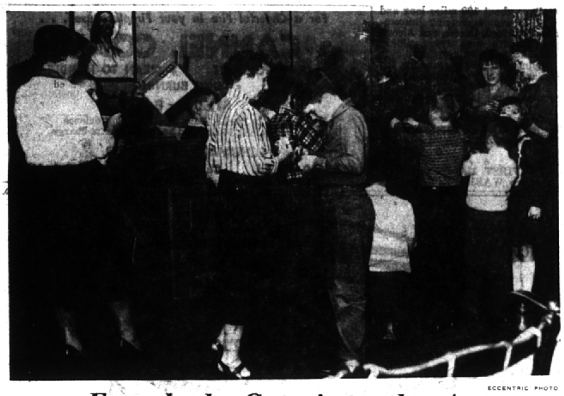

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Everybody Gets into the Act

Youths and adults alike of the First Baptist church of Birmingham pitched in on the Christmas decorating during the traditional "Hanging of the Greens" last week. Choral groups caroled during the evening's event. After the decorations were in place the congregation assembled to sing carols.

Bloomf'ld Baptists Plan Yule Program

Being a young congregation isn't going to prevent the Bloomfield Hills Baptist church from having a full Sunday school Christmas program. It will be presented Sunday evening at 6 o'clock in the Hickory Grove school where services have been held since the church's organization in April.

Under the leadership of Mrs. John Little and Mrs. Jack White, the program will be a dramatic-musical presentation of the Christmas story in contemporary appreciation.

The musical portion of the program will be presented by the youth choir, led by Jack White, and several solos and duets. The narration is by the pastor, the Rev. Wallace Arthur Alcorn.

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PRECEEDING the portrayal of Christ's birth will be a welcome by the nursery and primary children. They will also form a rhythum band organized by Mrs. Herbert Barsuhn.

At the morning worship service the same day, Pastor Alcorn will speak on "The Life Was the Light."

Our Shepherd Choir To Present Concert

The 40-voice choir of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, will present its annual "Carols by Candlelight" concert Wednesday evening, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is the third in a series of Advent services conducted by the congregation.

The choir is under the direction of Mr. E. O. Bredehoeft, organist and choirmaster at the church.

Included in the program of 14 Advent and Christmas selections are such festival favorites as: "Carol of the Bells"—Leontovich; "Silent Night" — Gruber; and "Beautiful Savior"—Christiansen.

The Women's Club of the church will be host to a coffee and cookies fellowship hour after the concert. The public is invited.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of CATHERINE L. WHITNEY, Mentally Incompetent.

At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 28th day of November A. D. 1960.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Muriel B. Glassford, guardian of said estate having filed in said Court her Final Account and petition praying for the examination and allowance thereof, allowance of fees, and the discharge of said guardian;

It is Ordered, that the 6th day of February A. D. 1961 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Court in the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition;

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

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Clarence W. Blesman, Atty., Wabeek Bldg., Birmingham

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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 30th day of November A. D. 1960.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES H. WALTON, Deceased.

Lois E. Middlebrooks having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner, he executrix named in said Will, or to some other suitable person and for determination of the legal heirs of said deceased;

It is Ordered, That the 14th day of February A. D. 1961, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that proponent cause a copy of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate

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Christ Church Prepares Festival of Gifts Pageant

The Festival of Gifts Pageant at Christ Church Cranbrook celebrated at both the 9:30 and 11:15 services Sunday, will benefit 17 social work agencies in Oakland County this Christmas season.

Now in its 30th year, the festival is a two-part ceremony marking Christmas for the parish and for the entire county.

The part of the Festival of gifts for the parish is a pageant—a moving re-enactment of the Christmas story. The acolytes of St. Andrew's Guild will provide the cast, under the direction of John Saunders whose professional stage touch creates a scene so natural that it seems real.

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THE THREE KINGS and their gift bearing slaves will follow the shepherds down the center aisle to a side altar which is transformed into the stable with Mary, Joseph and The Babe. The congregation also bearing gifts, will follow in the footsteps of the wise men.

The gifts of the congregation all unwrapped—toys, games, articles of clothing or money—will be placed in big bins or the offertory plate near the live stable tableau. The second part of the festival, the part for those outside the parish will be the distribution of these gifts.

The past few years Mrs. Max Fruhanf has been in charge of the distribution of gifts. She begins the first of December each year to contact social work agencies in Oakland County who provide Christmas gifts to needy children.

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SOME OF THE THINGS badly needed at the institutions are: Dominoes, cribbage, playing cards, checkers, paper-back mystery stories, zippered cosmetic cases, beauty aids, soap, bath powder, costume jewelry, sweaters (boys and girls —all sizes), slips, men's and boy's stretch socks, bobby socks, nylon hose, gloves and mittens, ties, all kinds of toys - especially cuddly toys, used sports equipment (baseballs, baseball gloves, skates, etc.), small sewing kits and any good used teen-age clothing.

Mrs. Fruhauf's aim, assisted by Mrs. Hugh Ralston, is to provide each child whose name is sent them with the gift the child has requested. They purchase requested articles of clothing to assure right size and color with money collected at the previous year's festival.

The day following the festival pageant Mrs. Fruhauf and her committee will sort and distribute the nearly one thousand gifts expected to be collected at the two services.

Christ Church Plans Open House for Kids

Christmas Eve at Christ Church Cranbrook will begin with an open house for children from 4 to 5 p.m. During the informal hour, children may see the live Nativity tableau in St. Paul's Chapel; listen to Christmas songs played on the organ, and explore the chancel.

A Holy Baptism service will follow at 5 p.m.

The Family Carol Service at 7 p.m. will include music by the Red and Blue Choirs, familiar Christmas carols and selected readings from scripture.

Identical Festal Holy Communion services will be given at 9 and 11:30 p.m. The Sunday service on Christmas Day will be given at 10 a.m. There will be no church school classes.

Congregationalists Prepare for Yule

Pine Hill Congregational Church will hold worship services and church school on Sunday at 11 a.m., in the Pine Lake Elementary School. The Rev. Alfred D. Grey's sermon will be "Following The Star".

In the afternoon at 5 p.m. there will be a special service for the children and a Christmas program will be given by the children in the Sunday School classes.

On New Year's Day, the congregation of the newly formed Pine Hill church will celebrate its second Holy Communion service followed by a reception for new members and the founding members.

Lutheran Christmas Services Begin Soon

Our Shepherd Lutheran church's Christmas services will begin Sunday with two Sunday School services at 4 and 7 p.m. Other services include a day school children's service on Monday at 7:30 p.m.; "Carols by Candlelight" on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.; and a Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m.

Since Christmas and New Years Day fall on Sundays this year, two services will be held at 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. A New Year's Eve service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

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Holy Name Choir Performs

The Holy Name Boys Choir, under the direction of Choirmaster John F. Callaghan, sings out in presenting the musical portion of the annual Christmas program for the Holy Name Altar Society after the society's monthly meeting Monday.

Community Church Choirs to Sing On Advent Sundays

During the Sundays of Advent the Junior Choir of the Franklin Community Church will sing antiphonally with the Chancel Choir at the morning services. The choir is under the leadership of Mrs. Gerald Wright and Mrs. Alan Killeen.

On Sunday, at 5:00 p.m., in the sanctuary of the church the children of the church will present a play called "The Seventh Christmas." This will be a pantomime depicting Christ's seventh birthday celebration.

The music will be presented by the Junior Choir. Following the play the commission on Christian social concerns will sponsor and present a church Christmas open house, consisting of a potluck light sandwich buffet. A nursery will be provided for the 5:00 p.m. service.

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ON CHRISTMAS Eve, beginning at 11:00 p.m. the Chancel Choir will present the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Altar candles will be distributed to members of the congregation to use in their homes until Twelfth Night.

On Christmas Day, the entire congregation will gather at 10 a.m. for a family Christmas worship service. The regular church school classes will not meet. A nursery will be provided and the theme will be "If Jesus Came to My House."

The general topic for the advent and Christmas sermon series will be "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord". The topic on Sunday, Dec. 18, will be "Go and Search Diligently."

REV. L. JOHNSON

Minister Joins Institute Staff

The addition of the Rev. Lewis Johnson to the staff of the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies, Cranbrook Center, Bloomfield Hills, marks another step forward for this interdenominational venture.

Rev. Johnson joined the Institute this fall after serving five years as director of Christian Education for the Chicago Baptist Association. Before that he held a similar position for six years with the New York State Baptist Convention.

Graduating from the University of Missouri in 1936 and possessor of a B.D. degree from the Colgate-Rochester Divinity school in 1939, he has been interested in the area of Christian education for his entire ministry. Rev. Johnson is married and the father of three girls.

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THE INSTITUTE plans on holding two sessions concurrently now, with Rev. Johnson directing one and the Rev. Paul Nicely, a Congregational minister who joined the staff in 1958, the other.

The entire operation will be under the supervision of the Rev. Reuel Howe, founder of the institute and formerly professor at the Virginia Theological Seminary of the Episcopal church.

In its three year life span the institute has drawn 470 ministers, representing 21 different denominations, from 40 states and six foreign countries.

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GROUPS OF 12 men gather for ten day sessions in which they examine their problems and work to make their ministry more effective.

Christ Church Plans College Breakfast

Christ Church Cranbrook's annual Christmas college breakfast will be held Dec. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon at the residence of Rev. Lester L. Dobyns. The occasion gives college students a chance to renew their acquaintanceships.

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Chatting Over Coffee

The Rev. William S. Carmichael, missionary to Africa, and his sister, Mrs. Wallace A. Alcorn of Bloomfield Hills, discuss phases of his work in distant lands during a coffee break after his talk to members of the Bloomfield Hills Baptist church last week. Rev. Carmichael is holding a model of a native dug-out boat, one of the main means of transportation in Africa.

Africa Missionary Visits Bl'mfield Hills Baptists

The Rev. William S. Carmichael, a missionary to Africa, spoke at the Bloomfield Hills Baptist church recently and visited with his sister, Mrs. Wallace Arthur Alcorn, wife of the Baptist Church pastor, the Rev. Wallace H. Alcorn.

Rev. Carmichael is in this country on furlough after a year of language study in France and his first three-year term in Africa as a missionary with the Evangelical Baptist Missions.

When Americans ask this missionary in which country he works, he usually wonders how closely they have been paying attention to the fast moving political developments in Africa which is adding new republics faster than map makers can keep up with them.

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EIGHTEEN AREAS have gained freedom and formed republics in 1960 alone, the latest being Mauritania. When he went to the sudan country south of the Sahara desert in 1957, the area was in French West Africa.

However, early this year much of French West Africa gained its independence from France. The city of Niamey where Carmichael first worked is now in the Niger Republic. His permanent station is the city of Niafounke which is in the area that became the Sudanese Republic at the same time.

This republic formed the Federation du Mali along with the Republic of Senegal shortly after this. Early this fall, however, the republics of the Sudan and Senegal divided again and the former changed its name to the Mali Republic.

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THE ANSWER TO the frequently asked question about Rev. Carmichael's location, then, is that his missionary work is centered in the city of Niafounke in the Mali Republic of West Africa.

Niafounke is about one hundred miles from Timbuktu—which actually exists in spite of a frequent assumption that it is a mythical name for an impossibly remote spot. This assumption arose, the missionary remarked with tongue in cheek, "not entirely without reason." It has importance to him as the center of his mission's work in that part of Africa.

Carmichael went to France with his wife, who is originally from Fremont, Mich., and a son, David, who is now six. Three year old Philip was born in France and Monique Anne was born in Africa about a year ago.

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AFRICA WASN'T a new part of the world to him when he went there four years ago. Some years earlier he and his Bloomfield Hills sister left Newaygo, Mich., where their father was pastor of the First Baptist church, to accompany their parents to the Gold Coast of West Africa where they took up missionary work.

Since then, this country has also gained its independence and is now the Republic of Ghana. The senior Carmichaels have just returned to Ghana for their fourth term with Baptist Mid-Missions. They, along with another son Paul, visited the Alcorns of Bloomfield Hills in August.

The area in Mali where William Carmichael is engaged in the teaching of Christianity is largely barren desert and travel is by camel or jeep truck. Many of the villages are situated on small islands in the muddy Niger river and must be visited by boat. Most of the time it was necessary for Carmichael to use a native dug-out boat which was always in danger of capsizing.

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MORE RECENTLY, however, Baptist churches in this country have provided a houseboat which is used by four mission stations to visit villages within their areas in order to give medical aid. Carmichael is hoping to take a boat and outboard motor back with him to make short trips away from the houseboat or to return to a larger city for supplies.

Missionary Carmichael feels that Christian missions have always played a vital role in the spiritual and intellectual development of the African peoples. Missionaries are happy for the privilege of being allowed by the new nations to continue this ministry and share in their development, he said.

Presbyterians Plan Student Communion

A Student Communion service will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian church of Birmingham for youth, senior high school and college students and their parents.

Members of the Youth Communicant class will unite with the church at this time. A reception will follow the communion service.

Troy Presbyterians To Greet Members

The First Presbyterian church of Troy will welcome new members at a special Communion service on Christmas Sunday morning. In preparation for the event, those who plan on uniting with the church will meet with the pastor Sunday, Dec. 18, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. for instruction on church membership.

On the same night the Session, governing body of the church, will examine and receive new members. Members of the confirmation class will also be received.

A reception in honor of the new members will be held in the social hall following the Session meeting. The ladies who were received in the October class will serve as hostesses. The new members will receive their membership certificates at the 11 o'clock service.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
Temporarily meeting in Hickory Grove School
Lahser Rd., south of Square Lake Rd.
10 A.M.—Sunday School
11 A.M.—Morning Worship
"The Life Was the Light"
6 P.M.—First Annual Sunday School
Christmas Program
Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.
Prayer and Bible Study; Youth Choir
The Rev. Wallace Arthur Alcorn, Pastor
FE 8-1992

NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
19080 W. Twelve Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan
10:30 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD"
Minister
The Rev. William H. Downey ELgin 7-2930

ST. PAUL METHODIST
165 E. Square Lake Rd. FE 8-3233—FE 2-2752
Morning Worship 10 A.M. and 11:15 A.M.
Church School 10 A.M.
Seniors and Intermediates, 6 to 8 P.M. Older Youth, 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.
REV. JAMES A. McCLUNG, Minister
SUPERVISED NURSERY—ALL SERVICES—AMPLE PARKING

Beautiful Saviour Lutheran Church
North Adams Road at Whitmore
(½ 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 6-5041 - MI 6-5124

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Bates and Willits Birmingham, Mich.
Ministers:
Dr. Homer J. Armstrong Rev. William W. Sutterlin
Church School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Dial - A - Devotion MI 4-5234
Sunday Broadcast WPON Pontiac, 9:30-10:00 A.M.

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Northwestern Highway at Lahser Road
CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP
11:00 a.m. Sermon: "The Lowly Crib"
MINISTER: DR. RALPH H. READ
11:00 a.m. Care for Infants thru Kindergarten only
No Church School
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
7:30 p.m. Young People participating
Christmas Music by Chancel and Junior Choirs
Child care provided

Franklin Community Church
On Franklin's Village 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. Carlson, Director of Youth Activities

HIGHLAND PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
Southfield Branch
Meeting in Birney School
11 Mile at Evergreen
9:00 A.M. morning worship
9:00 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

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. Snoxell—David B. Van Dusen
Mus. Dir.—Kent McDonald

PEACE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
17029 W. 13 Mile Road
Worship: 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. (Sun.)
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Christmas Worship:
Saturday, the 24th, 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, the 25th: 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Edward E. Brown,
Telephone: MI 6-4148

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH
651 Woodward at Lone Pine
Duplicate Service,
Church School, Nursery
9:30 and 11:15
CHURCH SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS SERVICES
at 9:30 and 11:15
Services are under the auspices of the Religious Education Department
LESTER MONDALE
Minister LI 8-7282

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21220 West 14 Mile Road
(Half way bet. Coolidge & 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.
Minister: Rev. Louis C. Gillette
MA 6-6666 MI 6-7627

Kirk in the Hills
BLOOMFIELD HILLS · PRESBYTERIAN
Dr. Harold C. DeWindt,
MINISTER
Sunday Services
9:30 and 11:30 A.M.

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
United Lutheran Church of America
6255 Telegraph, 1/10th of a Mile North of Maple
Church School 9:30 A.M
Worship Services
8:30 and 11:00
Parsonage: 180 Pleasant St.
Phone: MI 6-8119
Rev. John A. Root, Pastor
A National Lutheran Council Church

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MI 6-2566

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MEETING AT
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400 E. Lincoln
Sunday School .....8:30 A.M.
Morning Worship .....9:00 A.M.
Evening Worship .....7:00 P.M.
Midweek Prayer Meeting (Thurs.) ....7:30 P.M.
Bible Study—8:00 P.M.
Gordon E. Donaldson
Pastor

Morning Worship
SUNDAY 11 A.M.
Evening Worship
6.00 P.M.
WHEELER UTLEY, Preaching

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Sunday Service .....10:30 A.M.
Community House, 380 Bates Street
Sunday School .....10:30 A.M.
Church, 191 N. Chester
Wednesday Evening .....8:15 P.M.
Church, 191 N. Chester
Infants' Room (355 E. Maple) .....10:00 A.M.
Reading Room, 355 E. Maple Street
Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Except Sundays and Holidays
Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 Except Wednesdays and Saturdays.