



Community Church on Village Green

Franklin Community Church opened the doors of its new church on the Village Green in June, 1956, and the first regular Sunday Service was held July 15, 1956. With a seating of 300 in the Nave and 30 in the Chancel, it tripled the capacity of the former building two blocks east on German Mill Road. The oldest continuous organization in Franklin Village and the first church of its denomination in Michigan, Franklin Community Church was originally organized as the Methodist Protestant Church in 1840 with eight charter members. The first church building was erected in 1863 at a cost of \$210. This aerial view is another in the series taken by pilot-photographer Sid Coale for The Eccentric.

Farm Bureau Endorses Proposed Constitution

The Michigan Farm Bureau, voice of more than 70,000 Michigan farm families, put its official endorsement on the proposed new constitution in a resolution adopted at its recent state convention. The farm group's convention action followed approval of the new constitution by a majority of county Farm Bureaus in the state at their local sessions.

The resolution favoring the new document reads, in part: "We believe the proposed new Michigan constitution which will be submitted to the voters for approval next April 1 is a definite improvement over our present document. It retains precious liberties. All of its provisions have been carefully reviewed and updated. The result is a much shorter, better worded, better arranged and more understandable constitution for Michigan."

"We believe the proposed new plan of legislative districting would stand the test of either State or Federal Supreme Court action, while at the same time it would give protection to rural areas."

"A NUMBER of safeguards and improvements were incorporated in the proposed document, such as: retention and strengthening of the 12 mill limitation on general property taxes; restricting the vote on millage increases for more than five years to property owners; and limitation of the rate of assessment and equalization of property for tax purposes to not to exceed 50 per cent of cash value (presently 100 per cent)."

"We approve the ending of the present system which permits 'packing' the state Supreme Court through appointments by the governor to fill vacancies."

"We look with favor upon the proposed enlarged State Board of Education and provision for a legislative auditor to provide fiscal information for the legislature. There are greatly improved provisions relative to budget preparation and consideration and for executive and legislative control over state spending."

"There is also a requirement for combining and reorganizing the present 126 state agencies into not to exceed 20 principal departments, each headed by a director or commission directly responsible to the governor. Existing earmarkings of sales tax revenues for schools and for local units of government, and of weight and gas tax revenue for highway construction and maintenance purposes have been retained."

"LOCAL GOVERNMENT has been maintained while at the same time new problems in this field have been recognized. Bureaucratic powers have been curbed and the people's voice in government has been preserved and strengthened."

"The new document contains the most comprehensive Bill of Rights of any constitution in our land. Civil Rights for all individuals and groups are spelled out and protected to an unprecedented degree. There is an equal protection clause implemented by the creation of a bipartisan Civil Rights Commission."

"These are only a few of the reasons why we believe the new constitution is excellent and worthy of the support of all Michigan voters. We believe that its adoption at the polls next April 1 will represent progress for Michigan."

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Derby Slates Tryouts for Variety Show

By KAREN PRITCHARD
Special Writer

A newly organized club at Derby is the political science club. It is co-sponsored by Mr. Rogowski and Mr. Cameron. The chairman is Jeff Hadden and the secretary is Larry Deck. They plan to discuss political systems and current political issues. Opinions will be offered and discussed.

On Jan. 11, one hundred and ninety-one eighth and ninth grade students will go to the Fisher Theater to see "Camelot." They are members of Miss Carter's, Mrs. Larson's, Mrs. Sanderson's, and Miss Kenneally's English classes. They will be attending a special student matinee. The results of SRA tests were recently sent home to parents of eighth graders. The parents should

feel free to make an appointment with the counselor, if they would like to discuss the results. Tryouts for the variety show will be held in the band room on Jan. 16 and 17. Acts can obtain applications from Mrs. Sanderson, who is in charge of the variety show. About six teachers will eliminate acts until there are between 12 and 15 left.

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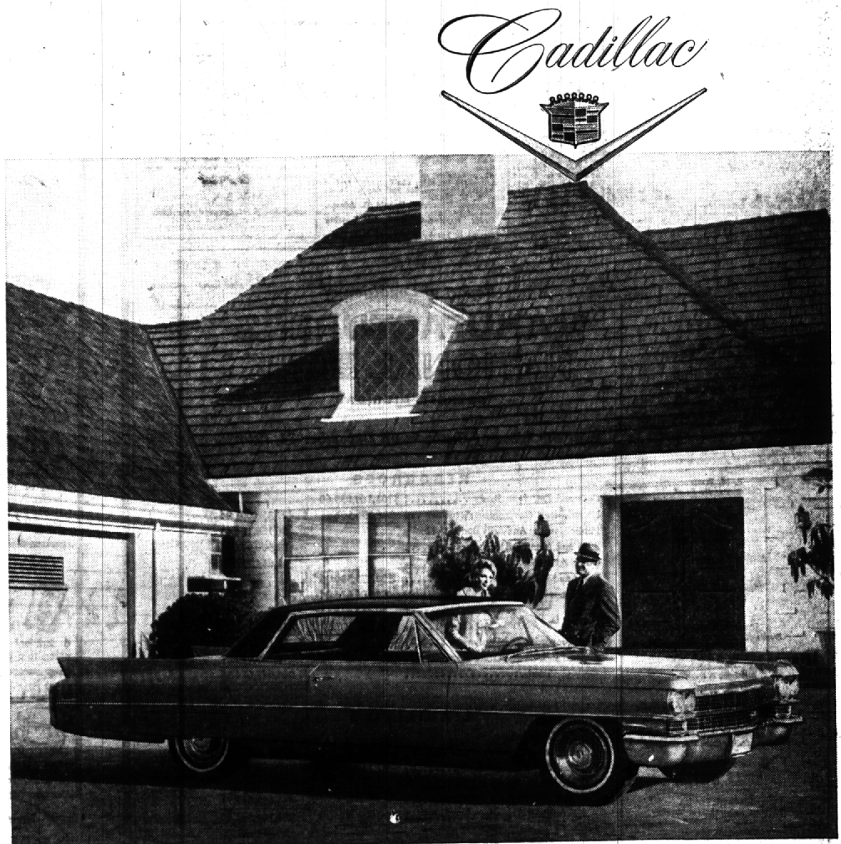
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