

'...Mr. Kennedy Proved The Potential Of Tolerance'

The message printed below was first delivered by the Rev. Glen W. Harris to his congregation at the First Presbyterian Church, 1609 W. Maple, Birmingham.

It was presented as part of memorial services to the late President John F. Kennedy on Monday night, Nov. 25. The next evening Rev. Harris delivered it to the Detroit Presbytery.

The Detroit Presbytery then sent the message on to the President's widow, Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, as an official action of the Presbytery.

REV. HARRIS was asked to again deliver it at the Monday noon luncheon meeting this week of the Birmingham Rotary Club. He preceded it with this quotation from the late President: "Let the word go forth

from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans—born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage—and unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which this nation has always been committed, today at home and around the world."

THE MEMORIAL message: "Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth."

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, will not we fear."

We have assembled to wor-

ship God to pay tribute to the memory of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and to dedicate ourselves anew to freedom, democracy, and human dignity.

Not one of us shall forget where we were at 12:31 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22, 1963. I sat in the living room of the family farm home, only a few miles from Elm and Houston streets in Dallas, Tex. I was wholly unprepared for the announcer on the television to say, "There has been an attempt on the life of the President, and it may be fatal."

At that moment the whole world came to unexpected attention, and earnestly prayed. A proud city and a great state were doing their best to pay honor to the President.

IT IS NOT EASY now to say that "all things work together

for good to them that love God." John Fitzgerald Kennedy lived out his 46 years with the conviction that God had a job for him to do. His life was spared earlier and he interpreted that experience as a challenge to carry out his God-given mission in the world.

He proceeded to his providential assignment, sensitive that, to be a friend of righteousness, one must expect the enmity of wickedness; that to befriend the truth, one stands to be blasphemed by those who profit by falsehood; and to be aggressive on behalf of human dignity places one in the line of fire of the unscrupulous.

IN HIS Inaugural Address the President said, "The torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans... born in this century." His youth brought

a new image to statesmanship. He faced issues, squarely, courageously, sincerely, confidently, aggressively; deeply sensitive of the moral obligation to do right, and to establish and maintain the dignity and honor of all men.

Mr. Kennedy's three years in the White House gave religious faith a new dimension in democracy. Most of us were concerned over the prospect of a Roman Catholic as President.

More than any man in history, Mr. Kennedy proved the potential of tolerance. He had the deep faith and simple courage to worship God according to the faith of his fathers, and to protect and safeguard the right of every other man to believe and worship God according to the same principle.

Religion in America faces a new phenomenon. There is a

new atmosphere. There is a fresh opportunity for Americans to serve God, and to make the hallmark of democracy more secure.

A NATION is bowed in grief. Our grief can become dangerous if we permit it to become morbid. The young statesman is dead, struck down by unbelievable cruelty. Our sympathy goes out to his family, and fellow workers, and especially to his wife and children, who gave the nation a convincing example of courage, character and faith.

We can verbalize, weep, and mourn; but we must go on. In the inscrutable providence of God, this tragedy has been allowed to happen.

The heart of a nation is troubled. That grief can be assuaged only by faith in a merciful providence. God sum-

mons His people to face that future with calmness, courage, conviction and charity. No man, or group of men, can control the ship of destiny. However, some parts of that destiny are subject to human direction.

MAY THIS humiliating sorrow humble us all and prompt us to give the finest that we have to the best that we know, with the sincere faith in God that, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (11 Chronicles 7:14).

This process must begin in every American heart, in every American home, and in every American church.

In death his work goes on. Believing the things that he believed, Mr. Kennedy would be willing for his death to be expected for the accomplishment of the things in which he believed.

IF WE WOULD honor his memory, let us be more fully dedicated to the good in which he believed; that the dignity and honor of all men may be respected and safeguarded, that the nations of all the earth may live in peace, and that "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

"Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them" (Joshua 1:6).

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This and That

by George R. Averill

Currently, there is much discussion in Washington that Congress, itself, should reveal the respective financial holdings of all its members, just as Congress requires many top cabinet officers to do. And why not? Already the Bobby Baker case "smells" enough to warrant more information on this subject. Sen. Dirksen, Republican from Illinois, opposes this idea. He holds that it "will bring the Senate into public disrespect." Bosh, bosh, Senator, are you fellows more harrowed, more sacrosanct, than a President's cabinet members? (Colateral to this subject, there now is much speculation as to how the late Tennessee Sen. Estes Kefauver, supposedly a man of very modest means, was able to leave an estate amounting to \$300,000.)

Are you, in your family, the recipient of those great and grand legacies and affections that are born of the presence of a dog in your home? What wonderful, lasting memories attend a family, from little tot to grandpa and grandma, when in its midst there arrives a little puppy! And it plays and it grows and it engages its way into the family's various lives! And it becomes a family protection, a dedicated, devoted friend!

If the United States of America before it acquired this name (then only 13 colonies) had operated it (See THIS AND THAT, 6-A)



CHARLES LEMKE

Lemke Takes Transportation Director Post

Charles Lemke, principal of Conant Elementary School, will become Bloomfield Hills School District's first transportation director, possibly at the beginning of the next school year.

The new position will be created because more administrative supervision is needed with the addition of a parking lot garage and more buses next year, according to Superintendent L. Johnson.



CHRISTINE



CATHERINE



CYNTHIA

Yes—There Are 3!

One little, two little, three little triplets—and little 3 pounds, 8 ounces each) they are born Nov. 27 to the Donald Thompson family of 616 Chapin, they have made Birmingham thrice as proud of its ever-growing "family."

Even in their A-B-C-marked incubators at Highland Park General Hospital, it was easy to tell they were sweet young ladies by a bit of pink-ribboned feminine glamour in their hair.

Mother Joan, 27, resting nicely at home, has changed the impersonal "Baby A" status to Christine, Baby B is now Catherine and Baby C, Cynthia.

Born two months prematurely,

the babies are reported in excellent condition. They experienced their first bottle feeding Tuesday and are expected to go home to brothers Richard, 8, and Jeffrey, 1½, in six to eight weeks.

THOMPSON, 34, a carpenter, said he was not surprised by the multiple birth since x-rays had predicted it.

"What I am surprised about is that they are all girls. I thought they'd be all boys, since boys run in the family," he said.

"But it'll be nice having girls around for a change."

Lions Give Leader Dog School \$1,500

The Birmingham Lions Club helped to celebrate Leader Dog Week by giving \$1,500 to the Leader Dog organization at a kick-off luncheon at the Whitaker Hotel in Detroit Wednesday.

This is an annual event usually held during Leader Dog Week, Dec. 1-7, to set up funds for the ensuing year.

The Birmingham Lions have held concerts during the past year, conducted a city-wide ice cream sale and distributed miniature white canes to raise funds for activities such as Leader Dogs for the Blind.

During Leader Dog Week attention is called to the rehabilitation program being conducted at the Rochester Leader Dog School.

THE NONPROFIT school was founded in 1939 by Lions of Michigan—and has since trained nearly 2,000 Leader Dog "teams" (Leader Dog and Blind person).

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School Children Plant Trees for John F. Kennedy

Fifty children in the sixth grade at Wing Lake School in the Bloomfield Hills School District and their teachers paid their respects to the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy Nov. 25 by planting a memorial forest in his honor.

Each child planted 10 pine seedlings in the Proud Lake State Recreation Area near Milford. A four-foot blue spruce tree was also planted near the Outdoor Education Center in memory of the President slain on Nov. 22.

A BRONZE plaque commemorating the event is being purchased by Wing Lake school children. It will be placed on a monumental marker at the Education Center.

The plantings were under the guidance of Michigan Department of Conservation park rangers stationed at Proud Lake.

Was This Wall Built of Brick?

By KAY SMITH

Special Writer

BEVERLY HILLS—When is a brick not a brick? The riddle came up at the regular meeting Monday it was raised and batted back and forth by a group of residents, by their own admission disillusioned, who would like a full report on what is a brick, starting with Webster's definition.

The discussion was built around the back wall of a service building being constructed in Acacia Park Cemetery, and the wall is built of—brick?

MEMBERS OF THE Beverly Arctesian Association, disillusioned Beverly Arctesian, turned out at the meeting to line up the residents' mental picture of what the 400-foot wall should be, according to agreements reached between the association and the cemetery's board of directors, and what it looks like now.

"It looks like a fortress," Mrs. William D. Fray, 3119 East Rutland, said.

"It looks like the Berlin Wall, with gun turrets in it," Allan O. Tisdale, 3105 West Rutland, said.

"We've been tricked!" Earle E. Zetoulak, 16078 Elizabeth, president of the association, "We've

spent a lot of time at meetings, we've spent a lot of money on attorney's fees, we thought we made a lot of concessions, but came up with a workable agreement, and now we wind up with the same wall the Cemetery Association originally planned to put up anyway. It's a breach of good faith."

THE GROUP had attended many meetings with the Southfield Township Board, protesting the service building and the cinder block wall which runs behind many houses in the village.

Agreement was reached with regard to setback, and the cemetery association agreed to put up brick on the wall. They also agreed to break the wall with recessed dumb doors and windows which had not been done.

The residents pictured red clay brick, but the actual wall is cement block, and in the residents' opinion, it looks no different from the original cinder block.

While the village has no jurisdiction over the cemetery, since it is in Southfield Township, the village inspectors and a building department have been assigned by Southfield Township to oversee the building.

VILLAGE BUILDING Inspector Frank Van Fleten, who was pres-

ent, was instructed to look into the matter and to have a meeting with the building and zoning committee and the cemetery authorities on the subject.

Just prior to the discussion, the council had moved to instruct the village manager to inform the cemetery association that the action taken at the last meeting, Nov. 18, stood and that they must use the 13 Mile Road arm of the Evergreen Interceptor on a direct tap-in connection for sanitary sewers.

The cemetery association has twice requested that they be permitted to tap in at the West Rutland connection. The residents objected as the sewer is surcharged already, in their opinion.

COUNCILMAN Edward M. Shortleff suggested holding up the permission to tap in until agreement on the wall was reached, but no action was taken.

In other business, Bart Mangini and Paul Colombo, residents of the Lincolnshire Forest area, requested that elevations and on-street parking be looked into while new houses are being constructed in the subdivision.

A prepayment of \$550 was authorized for a readjustment charge to the Southeastern Oakland County Incinerator Authority. (See WALL, 7-A)

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Even While Building, Hospital Quiet Inside

By MARY BAHN

Staff Writer

Pang, pang, pang. Clatter, clatter. Pound, pang, pound, pound. These are the sounds that greet visitors and visitors to William Beaumont Hospital, well underway in its construction project. Most gaze upward to the skeleton structure that is being built high on top of the main building, where workers walk back and forth on scaffolds, performing their jobs.

Once inside the lobby, the noise is completely muffled by "hospital-type" sounds—people talking, phones ringing and a soft voice coming through the intercom, "Calling Dr. White."

From the fifth floor, however, a wide-screen view from windows frames construction workers stacking another five floors onto the first five, and the noise increases considerably.

But, according to James P. Fitzgerald, assistant director of the hospital, "There haven't been any complaints."

PATIENT MORRIS Kaylor of Detroit said, "I'm actually enjoying all of this activity. It's something to think about, talk about instead of the weather."

"I enjoy looking out there (pointing to the window) to see what the workers are doing," said Kaylor, laid up with a broken arm and injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Other patients, who are well on the road to recovery, agreed with Kaylor in that they hardly noticed the noise, except said one, "I think about it."

Mrs. John Kraynak of Royal Oak and Miss Carolyn Houke of Medi-

son Heights, roommates on the fifth floor, agreed that they "haven't been aware of anything going on except if we look out the window."

"The only place where I notice any noise is in the chapel, since it's usually so very peaceful and quiet there," said Mrs. Kravynak.

ASSISTANT Director Fitzgerald said that he has heard of no objections from patients and, instead, has heard reports of many cases of "sidewalk superintendents" developing on the fifth floor.

"There has been a minimum amount of noise made because the building is being constructed from the outside up, and the inside of the hospital has not been involved," he said.

"The construction character of the building, since it's fireproofed, helps muffle sounds, too," he said.

Fitzgerald also pointed out that since the building is completely air-conditioned, there was no need of opening windows during summer months to let in outside noise along with fresh air.

"Hospital activities have not been curtailed, either," said Fitzgerald. "If an interruption of any facility, such as water or lights, was anticipated by the contractor, approval had to be first granted by the administration."

ACCORDING TO Fitzgerald, construction is right on schedule.

"They are pouring the eighth floor slabs this week and by May of 1964 the hospital will hold 711 patients, compared to the 468 capacity we have now."

Construction, which began in July 7, includes a five-floor top layer over the now-existing five

(See HOSPITAL, 7-A)