

# Troy Pastor Triples News On Airwaves

Effective Sunday at 7:30 a.m. "Religious News Today" will triple its news coverage to 25 minutes, according to an announcement by Robert Baker, general manager of WXYZ Radio.

The weekly program highlights the top Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish news events, as reported by the Rev. Donald Pendell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Troy and chairman of the Radio-TV Planning Committee of the Detroit Council of Churches.

Besides local news gathered from the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Jewish Community Council and the Detroit Council of Churches, the program will also feature direct reports from different parts of the world through the newsroom

of the World Council of Churches in New York and the wire services of WXYZ.

A WEEKLY interview with a local church leader and a chat with Charlie Cutler, who directed "Hig and Sade," "The Right to Happiness," "The Road of Life," and "The Guiding Light" will round out the program.

Rev. Pendell hopes that the new format for his show will give listeners a complete background of up-to-the-minute religious news developments, whether listening at home on the clock-radio or driving to church.

He commented, "In this day of widening ecumenical interests and closer interdenominational relations, Christians are becoming increasingly more interested in not only their own denominational progress but also in news of all branches of the church around the world."

"Religious News Today" is sponsored by the Detroit Council of Churches and concludes by tying in with Charles Woods in the ABC newscast in New York.



THIS IS the house that is causing all the commotion these days. The Atlanta Society, newly-organized cultural organization, would like to lease it from the City of Birmingham if the City obtains it as part of the property for the new municipal parking lot. The 100-year-old house stands at 288 Townsend, at Bates.

## House

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"The use of a municipally acquired building to provide office space for community organizations could under certain circumstances be a public use permitting the exercise of the city power of condemnation," Beier said.

He stressed that he did not believe the City could acquire the land for a parking lot and then use it for another purpose.

"This would be a breach of municipal integrity," Beier said.

IN THE particular case of the Atlanta Society, Beier said more information would be needed before any action could be started by the City.

He noted in any condemnation proceeding the City "would have to establish the taking of the property as a necessity."

"If the taking of the property is for a public purpose you have the power," Beier told the commission.

When questioned on taking property for its historical value, Beier said:

"If you were taking property, let's say, which was the site on which Edison invented the electric light it would have greater value than merely an old homestead," Beier said.

SOMEONE AT the commission meeting commented that he was sure George Washington had never slept in the house or anywhere in the Birmingham area, for that matter.

"How about Chief Pontiac?" quipped Commissioner William E. Roberts.

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## Grand Trunk Seeks to End 2 Train Runs

A public hearing will be held Oct. 21 in Detroit on the request of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad to eliminate its early morning and late evening commuter run.

The railroad has asked the Michigan Public Service Commission for permission to end the run from Durand arriving in Detroit at 7:35 a.m. and also the run leaving Detroit at 11 p.m.

THESE TWO runs operate at an annual loss of approximately \$75,000, the limited patronage, officials of the Grand Trunk report.

Three commuter trains will continue to operate daily in each direction. The inbound trains arrive in Detroit at 8:05 a.m., 8:40 a.m. and 5:05 p.m. They leave Detroit at 1:15 p.m., 4:55 p.m. and 5:25 p.m.

per cent of its budget is used for local roads. The rest goes for maintenance and development of primary roads.

Case cited the condition of secondary roads in Bloomfield Township as an indication of the "inequity" of the proportion allotted for the primary roads over the secondary ones.

The supervisor likened county government to "a squeaky wheel that is not getting the grease."

COUNTY HOME rule, he insisted, would provide for "a more equitable form of government."

Today, he pointed out, Birmingham has four votes on the board of supervisors to Bloomfield Township's one—yet, Birmingham has from 1,000 to 1,500 less voters than the township.

Under county home rule, every municipality would have equitable representation, with less total cost to the taxpayers, he opined.

It would allow establishment of the county manager type of system, "with elected people directly at the head rather than appointed."

Under the present system, the board of supervisors both determines and implements policy, thus creating a type of "monopoly."

"We are not a small government anymore," Case said. A county budget of more than \$16 million had just been proposed, he explained.

"IF WE ARE to have county home rule, we should have a thorough understanding of what we are shooting for," he declared.

"So many people are opposed... because of rumors." One of these, he said, is that county home rule would deprive local communities of their local authority.

"This," he said, "is not the intent at all."

Another rumor is that all taxes would be collected and that all services would be provided at the county level.

"THIS IS NOT the intent circulated among the board of supervisors and other officials. It is not a matter of taking anything away from local government, but a streamlining of government, eliminating the overlapping."

For example, he pointed out, there are three engineering departments in the county now, all providing the same kind of service. These could be brought together, assuring more efficient service and requiring less tax dollars to operate.

IS IT TRUE, Case was asked in a question-and-answer period after his speech, that Oakland County is better off financially than other counties?

"By far better off. That's why we feel we can do a better job, by streamlining."

Could the supervisors accumulate funds and use them for building purposes without voter approval was another question.

"Yes," he said in the last 10 years, he relied, Oakland County voters turned down a courthouse. But one was built.

THE SUPERVISORS and the ways and means committee have been criticized ever since, he explained. "Perhaps I am one of the critics."

He credited the supervisors with "good management" in the affair, however.

"The statute is quite clear," Case said; "the county has no more right than the township to accumulate money for years and then use it for a specific purpose without going to the people."

In the township we cannot accumulate funds for a fire hall or a library or whatever without a vote of the people."

AT THE beginning of his talk, Case gave the 100 Rotarians some facts about the township. He reported how the population has increased from 1,771 in 1940 to 26,000 in 1963 and how the equalized valuation has jumped from \$30,572,395 in 1952 to \$149,543,317 in 1963.

Case was introduced by Rotarian George W. Arnold, 3897 S. Millerville, Birmingham.

## City Officials Deny Petition For Rezoning

A petition to rezone property at 711 W. Maple from single-family (R-1) to two-family (R-4) was denied by Birmingham city commissioners Monday night.

The rezoning commission overrode a planning board recommendation that the request be approved. The property involved is on the south side of Maple between Valley View Lane and Woodland Villa Court.

Three different groups of property owners in the area presented the commission with petitions opposing the rezoning. They all felt the two-family classification would damage the character and value of the neighborhood.

THE PETITIONER had sought the same change so he could develop the property with two-family luxury homes. He said he had no intention of downgrading the area and his homes would "blend in with the neighborhood."

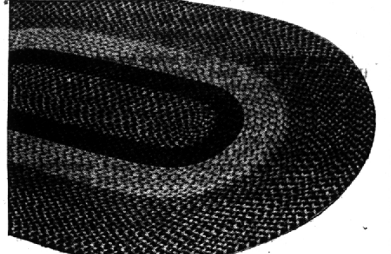
The plan board had felt the development of the property in an R-4 area would be almost impossible because of the shape of the land. The property, said however, developed with five single-family (R-3) or six single-family (R-3) lots, it was stated.

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## Bits of Birmingham

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For further registration information contact the Adult Education Department at The Community House.

## Disaster Class Offered by B'ham Civil Defense

Free classes in disaster preparedness for Birmingham area residents will begin next Wednesday at Pembroke School.

Sponsored by the Birmingham and Oakland County offices of civil defense in cooperation with the Birmingham Public Schools, the classes will begin with lessons in first aid and proceed into areas normally reserved for doctors and other medical personnel.

John P. Sackie, Birmingham administrative aide in charge of civil defense, said the topics to be covered will include radiation and fallout decontamination, psychological warfare and first aid and contagion or isolation techniques.

No pre-registration is necessary for the two-hour class that will begin at 8 p.m.

## New Pastor

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studies in 1957 and vice rector in 1960.

He was special lecturer from 1948 to 1959 at the University of Detroit in psychology and the philosophy of education. At present, he is lecturer in education and theology at Mercy Hospital.

MSGR. FOURNIER is vice president of the National Catholic Educational Association; chairman, Executive Board, Association of Catholic Colleges of Michigan; vice chairman, Michigan Commission on College Accreditation; college board examiner and chairman of the College Accreditation Visiting Committee.

He has lectured at the Philippine Occidental University in 1965 and at the Catholic University of America in 1960.

The new pastor was appointed by the Detroit diocese by Pope John XXIII on Aug. 11, 1962.

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