



RUTH MILLER

## Pioneer Women elect

Birmingham resident Ruth Miller has been installed president of Greater Detroit Council Pioneer Women. With sister chapters throughout the nation, the group funds child care centers for 20,000 children in Israel and supports child care legislation in 12 countries.

Her vice presidents will be Sylvia Isaacs, Elsie Harold, Margaret Huppert, Alice Ross, Blanche Tuchman, all of Southfield; Evelyn Noveck of Detroit; Mary Shuster of Oak Park and Adeline Salinger of Farmington Hills.

The installation took place in the Detroit Council's headquarters, Labor Zionist Building, 28555 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

## Moral perspectives

# Bill seen as beginnings of taxation

State Rep. Claude Trim's bill, recently introduced to the Michigan Legislature has evoked considerable controversy.

Designed by the Davisburg Democrat to permit local and state governments to measure the extent and value of tax-exempt property held by churches and other non-profit organizations, it is considered by some first step toward taxation of church property.

Others are like Rep. George Cushingberry Jr., D-Detroit, who has stated that churches own one-third of the property in Michigan — including country clubs, camps and big lapd hotels — and exemptions are mixed with write-offs.

Half-truths are far more difficult to counter and thus are more dangerous to public well-being. Churches do own camps and land with timber and I'm sure that the designation "country-club" could be ascribed to some church-owned property. But to claim that the churches own one-third of the land in Michigan is simply not true.

Exemption land includes all government-owned property, federal, state, county, and local, all parks, hospitals, educational institutions, streets and roads, all lands owned by non-profit institutions such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YM and YWCA and land owned and occupied by churches.

SEVERAL YEARS ago it was determined that church-owned land constituted less than .06 percent of all tax-exempt property in New York, and there is no reason to believe it would be different in Michigan.

When Rep. Trim raised the issue of tax-exemption for such groups as the Unification Church and the Hare Krishna and suggested abuse of tax-exemption rights by conventional churches, he cast words and ideas into the public mind that are deceptive and misleading.

Tax-exemption to religious organizations is provided by law. Violations of that law are not matters for the legislature of Michigan, but rather the courts of Michigan.

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And abuse of that tax-exemption status is likewise not a matter for the legislature. These are judicial concerns.

and if Rep. Trim knows of violations he should give them to the proper authorities.

HB 4177 GATHERS together issues that most people try to avoid at family gatherings and church picnics. Politics, taxes and religion are emotionally charged issues and thus require an uncommon amount of sensibility and wisdom in their resolution of differences.

To compound these highly charged issues of life with hidden agendas and half-truths is a breach in responsible leadership.

Neither the churches nor the state of Michigan should tolerate abuses of the constitution nor violations of the law. The integrity of life and our responsibility for justice speak clearly to that.

But equally clear is our common responsibility to remain vigilant and constant in our protection of those freedoms constituted by the state and granted to all.

## Church musicians can join workshop

Sessions on techniques for adult choirs, teenage music activities and children's music will be included in the summer workshop for church musicians conducted by the Detroit Bible College June 18 through 23 at 35700 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills.

Materials, literature, keyboard improvisation and arranging for choral and instrumental groups also will be part of the program. Qualified and experienced personnel will conduct the sessions.

For more information contact the college at 553-7200.

## Witnesses plan convention

About 25,000 persons are expected to attend the four-day convention of Jehovah's Witnesses to be held June 14-17 in the Pontiac Silverdome.

Representatives from 174 congregations from Saginaw and Bay City to Toledo will be on hand for the event.

Harry Fetzik, district overseer of Jehovah's Witnesses in the Detroit area, will present the

keynote speech, "Creation's Hope — Eagerly Awaiting its Realization."

## Class Reunions

### PONTIAC CENTRAL 1939

The Pontiac Central Class of 1939 will have its 40-year reunion Saturday, June 18, in the press lounge of the Pontiac Silverdome. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8 p.m.

For reservations call Georganna Donnelly, 673-2279.

### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1974

A five-year reunion for the John Glenn High School class of 1974 is planned Saturday, June 23, at the Hilton Inn close to Metro Airport. Tickets are \$15 per person for hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing.

ing to a live band. A cash bar is planned. Reservations should be made by June 15 by sending checks or money orders payable to Class of 1974 to Dawn (Williamson) Horn, 457 Forest, Westland, 48185.

### REDFORD THURSTON 1971

The class that graduated from Thurston High School, Redford Township, in 1971 will gather for a reunion Sunday, June 24, dawn to dusk at "the old spot" on the Hines Parkway east of Inkster. Those attending are asked to bring picnic food and sports equipment and no reservations are needed.

## NEED A DYNAMIC LEADER FOR YOUR CHURCH OR STUDY GROUP?

Truth Minister from Miami, Florida (A Dr. Norman Vincent Peale style speaker) Now seeking a Christian/Metaphysical Congregation in the Detroit area. "Thane Cornell," just recently seen on TV 2 & 7 news leading a "doctors" and wives' disco dance seminar at a Birmingham church, is an ordained minister and veteran major motion picture & nightclub performer, and now desires to affiliate with or establish a church or teaching center in this area. Rev. Cornell is available now for interviews regarding a pastorate or just a dynamic guest-speaking appearance at your church or club - Call 646-3979 or 646-7300 ext. 271 before noon. Rev. Cornell, a minister who will also appeal to the youth of your church - It's Hope For The Future!

# Your Invitation to Worship

For Church Directory Information Please Call Sheila 644-1100 Ext. 230

**NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
1125 W. 14 Mile Rd.  
Between Lander and Cranbrook  
SUNDAY WORSHIP  
8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.  
St. John and Church School  
at 10:30  
Rector John C. Freudenbergh

**St. John American Lutheran Church**  
23275 Gill Road Farmington Hills  
Charles Fox - Pastor  
8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship  
9:45 Sunday School  
Nursery at 11:00 Service  
474-5554

**First United Methodist Church**  
1589 West Maple at Pleasant  
Ministers: James W. Wright, G. Bryn Evans  
Thomas H. Beven Harold E. Weemhoff  
Church Services  
8:30, 10:00 a.m.  
Church School  
10:00 a.m.  
Nursery Care Provided  
Nursery School Monday through Friday  
9:00-11:30 a.m.

**FAITH COVENANT CHURCH**  
During Construction  
Meeting at North Farmington High School,  
13 Mile near Farmington Rd.  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA**  
Farmington Road & Six Mile Road  
Worship & Sunday School 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
"Father, 1979"  
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess  
7:00 p.m.  
"God's Opportunities Never Retire"  
Rev. L. David Davis  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - HOUR OF POWER  
Air Conditioned Sanctuary  
9:30 Sunday Service  
Broadcast over WUZZ-FM 103.5  
Nursery Provided at All Services

**Bloomfield Hills Christian Church**  
The Community House  
380 South State, Bloomfield Hills  
Sunday 10:10 A.M.  
Bible School  
11:00 A.M. Worship  
6:00 P.M. Prayer Service  
Wednesday 7:15 P.M.  
Bible Study  
645-1202

**CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST**  
20300 Middlebelt, Livonia 474-3444  
Pastor Gerald Fisher  
9 a.m. First Worship Service  
10:15 a.m. The Church School  
11:15 a.m. Second Service of Worship  
Nursery Provided at All Services

**Salem United Church of Christ**  
Outpost at Gd. River, Farmington  
10:15 AM. Worship Service  
Church Office 64-4880  
Catholic at Gd. River, Farmington  
Rev. James A. Reine Minister  
Pastorship phone 474-2944

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church**  
6255 Telegraph Rd.  
Birmingham & of Maple  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
Sunday Church School  
10:30 A.M.  
Thursday Church School  
9:00 P.M.  
Charles W. Kuntz, Pastor  
645-5207

**The Orchard United Methodist Church**  
30450 Farmington Road  
Between 12 and 14 Mile  
Money Worship  
9:30 am and 11:00 am  
Church School & Nursery  
9:30 am and 11:00 am  
Special Program for  
Exceptional Youth & Young Adults  
645-3520  
Ministers:  
Robert L. Brown  
James E. Thomas

**Pastor Michael A. Hallen**  
Office  
32910 W. 13 Mile Rd.  
626-7140

**The Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C.**  
Woodward at Cranbrook  
Bloomfield Hills  
MI 4-5111  
10:00 Service  
Ministers:  
Charles B. Erbman  
Earl R. Eckhart

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON**  
Richard Duncan Pastor - Phone 474-0350  
33400 SHAWNEE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
MORNING WORSHIP  
EVENING SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY  
9-9:45 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
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**NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
14 Mile and Lehigh Roads  
Worship at 10:00  
Pastors: R. E. Kent  
E. W. Smith  
Phone 642-0200

**ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
185 E. Secor Lake Road  
Bloomfield Hills  
12 Mile East of Woodward  
238-8223  
Minister: Dr. Roger Ingram  
Church School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor's Office  
10 A.M. Christian Book

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**COVENANT BAPTIST**  
"A Congregation Church with a Metropolitan Mission"  
Church Services: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.  
5600 W. Maple Rd.  
W. Bloomfield, MI 48303  
13 Mile W. of Orchard Lake Rd.  
855-9191  
Dr. William F. Knecher - Senior Pastor  
Rev. Edward A. Luby - Associate Pastor  
Rev. James A. Dwyer - Minister of Education  
Mike Dwyer - Director of Music  
Robert Delany - Organist

**Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church**  
25225 Middlebelt Rd. Farmington Hills 477-1677  
Rev. S. J. Anthony, Th.B., Priest  
10:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Divine Liturgy English Sermon  
"Visitors Always Welcome"

**FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
2801 Middlebelt Road, 1/2 Mile N. of 12 Mile  
A FULL-SERVICE CHURCH  
SUNDAY  
GRADED BIBLE SCHOOL 9:45 AM  
WORSHIP SERVICES 11 AM and 6 PM  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH 11 AM  
WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT  
Douglas B. Brown, Pastor 851-0010  
Nursery Provided at All Services  
CBA Affiliated No Steps  
Ample Parking

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
Missouri Synod  
12 Mile & Farmington Roads  
Behind Cranbrook  
The Rev. R.A. St. Pierre - Pastor  
Worship & Sunday School 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:15 A.M.  
Sunday School and Bible Class 9:00 A.M.  
Church Phone: 553-3380

**Christian Science Church**  
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST  
BIRMINGHAM  
191 Chestnut at Village  
SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM  
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:00 PM  
CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 AM - Wed. 7:45 PM  
READING ROOM • 355 East Maple • 644-7935  
Open Mon., Tues. 9:30-5:30 & 7-9  
Wed. & Sat. 9:30-5:30, Thurs. & Fri. 9:30-9:00  
except Sunday and holidays

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READING ROOM in Pine Lake Mall • 851-7740  
Orchard Lake Rd. at Lone Pine Rd.  
Open Mon., Tues., Wed., Sat. 10:00-5:30  
Thurs. & Fri. 10:00-9:00  
All are welcome at our Church Services and the Reading Rooms

**First Baptist Church**  
Bates and White, Birmingham, Mich.  
Robert G. Wadsworth, Minister  
David W. Smith  
Home & Armstrong Expressway  
Church School  
8:45 AM  
Worship Service  
11:00 AM