

Orchard Church Plans Yule Program

Members of the Orchard Methodist Church will hold a Christmas program for children Sunday, December 23, starting at 10 a.m. in the church. All are invited to attend.

To Hold Bake Sale

Members of the Farmington Methodist Church Chancel Choir will hold a bake sale at the Detroit Edison building on Grand River Avenue Saturday, December 15, starting at 9 a.m. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase a tile cabinet.

Closing Chapter

Baptist Church Closes One Era, Looks Forward to New Progress

At the annual meeting April 28, 1951, motion was carried that choir robes be purchased from the general fund of the church. September 23, 1943, began an investigation on the advisability of purchasing the brick house on the corner of Shiloh wassie and Farmington Road to be used as a parsonage.

During 1944 new lighting fixtures were installed in the church auditorium and floor finished in the Bible School. A beautiful bronze plaque, gift of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coder, was dedicated to our boys in the armed forces. Rev. Orville Hanz of River Rouge was the speaker at Evangelistic services held from November 23 to December 5. Present church membership is 315. Leo Debuson was killed in an auto accident July 7, 1948. During this year the Advisory Board recommended that Mrs. Donald Schareburg be accepted as our pianist and Choir Director.

In 1945 the Farmington Recreation Commission was organized, sponsored by the P.T.A. of the Farmington School and the churches. Our representative was Mrs. Orville Wherritt. The second quarterly business meeting was held October 31, 1945, in connection with a banquet in honor of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bates' 50th wedding anniversary. Business followed the affair terminating in a social. Ordination service was held at our church December 3, 1945, for Robert Greenman.

The first Sunday of June, 1946, the time of Sunday morning service was changed from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. It was during this year that Mrs. Paul Miller received official word that her husband had been killed in action. During 1946 the Pastor's salary was raised to \$3,000 per year. Under the sponsorship of the church a Boy Scout Troop held its first meeting October 29, 1945; charter being received in February of 1946. In 1946 an Intermediate Girl Scout Troop and a Brownie Troop were organized under the sponsorship of the church. A little later in the year another Brownie Troop was organized in the same way.

On March 30, 1947, a fee of \$10 was established for the use of the Social Hall for weddings, etc. During this year a Cub Pack, under the sponsorship of the church, was formed with Mr. Donald Bowman as Cubmaster. A very devout and active Christian, Brother E. P. Bates, life deacon, born May 20, 1896, left his earthly home for his heavenly mansion on July 18, 1947. The parsonage was decorated during this year. Mrs. E. P. (Corra) Bates, a faithful and devoted Christian, born November 11, 1863, departed from this earth November 9, 1947, for her heavenly home.

Rev. Wherritt from Aurora, Illinois, conducted the Crusade for Christ Through Evangelism from November 5 to 14, 1948. At an Advisory Board meeting December 6, it was recommended to the church that the Pastor's salary be raised to \$55 per week and that the church pay his telephone bill. Rev. Fred B. Fisher was allowed to accept an invitation as a Crusader at First Church in Leslie from February 2 to 10, 1949. At an Advisory Board meeting January 19, 1949, recommendation was made that Reverend Fisher be permitted to take on the additional work of

Baptist Church of Dearborn, Michigan, with Christmas music at their invitation.

\$4,000 was given by the church to Missionary projects during 1950—some of this money goes to Miss Rose Graziano in Alaska, Jennie Betty in India, George and Lucy Esh in California, Mrs. E. Sheldon Downs, stationed in Assam and the church partially supports Bob and Louis Greenman in San Pedro de Jujuy at \$1,000 per year and gifts.

This year the church has purchased an altar rail, 3 platform chairs, pupil, 6 deacon chairs, communion table and two flower stands (all in oak). Also 30 choir chairs, extra for the unit, stairway and hall, two typewriters, vacuum cleaner, bookcase and books to enlarge the library and drapery for the educational unit. We have taken in \$321 for a church bus, around \$300 for an organ and an extensive building program is being planned. Our men are now enlarging the parsonage to the extent of two bedrooms and bath on the second floor.

Another twenty-five years of church life has been unfolded, and so, we, too, the members of the First Baptist Church of Farmington, like the people down through our history, lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help, and will forget the things which are behind, and reach forward to the things which are before, pressing on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

LOCALS

Mrs. M. G. Brown and little daughter of Lexington, Kentucky, is visiting her parents, the Ralph Autens on Shilohwasse.

Mrs. Nelson Vanderburgh and Mrs. Hugh McIntyre were in Detroit Monday where they attended the Blue Star Mothers Rehabilitation fund board meeting in the Veterans' Memorial Building.

The Lawrence Harris family of Detroit were Sunday night supper guests of the Hugh McIntyres.

The Oscar Autens have moved into their new home on Greenland Road and announce the arrival of a son, Craig Edward, born November 27. He weighed seven pounds and two ounces. This is the first Auto grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten which makes little Craig very special.

Oh, yes, we did pick dandelions on the lawn here in Michigan December 1.

Mrs. Robert Meuther from St. Petersburg, Florida, was called home because of the serious illness of her father, Ralph Auten.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Sign of a Nice Guy
Got so around these parts that everywhere a hunter went this fall, he came up against signs saying "PRIVATE PROPERTY, NO HUNTING, KEEP OFF" — But not out at Happy Preston's place!
Happy's signs say "PRIVATE PROPERTY, GOOD HUNTING, BUT BE CAREFUL."
"Don't hunt myself," Happy says, "but there's plenty of game on my property. I tell the hunters where the best spots are—away from where I'm working and where my body also is hunting. It works out pretty well all-around."
From where I sit, Happy has once again shown why he gets along with everyone and why everyone respects him. Happy's likes and dislikes might not be the same as his neighbors', but that doesn't stop him from understanding. When it comes to opinions on hunting, fishing, politics, ways of farming, or whether your favorite beverage is beer or cider, try to be like Happy and the chances are you'll be really happy!
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Picture of a man making a smart decision
HERE is a man who's been doing a lot of thinking. Someday, he's told himself, I'm going to turn in my old car and get a new one. And he said, still talking to himself, when I do that I'm going to size up the field—give 'em all a real going over. You see him here at the wheel of a Buick. He hasn't bought it—yet. It's a demonstrator, and he's trying it out. But the more he tries it, the more he knows he's been wasting a lot of time. From the moment he looked inside, he said: Here's the room—and the comfort—and the style I've been looking for. Then he nudged its Fireball Engine into action. It's a high-compression valve-in-head, as you probably know. He eased out into traffic. Stopped and started for a couple of traffic lights, and said something to the effect that this Dynaflow Drive* is a honey. Why don't they all build 'em this way? He saw a bump ahead. Place where the pavement had been torn up. Other cars were braking down to a creep to cross it. He held back—rolled right across at regular speed with barely a bobble. It's hard to believe, he said, but what they say about Buick's ride is right. Ten minutes later he was out on an open stretch of road. Tried an experimental push on the gas treadle. Boy—what a take-off! You couldn't want more power than that. Ten minutes more—and he knew something else. You don't really steer a Buick. It just about steers itself. Stays right on the beam on the straightaway. Even strays itself out after a curve. To make a long story short—he's found out that nothing else he's tried out can hold a candle—not even a little Christmas candle—to this bonnie beauty. Back at the Buick showroom, he's going to get one more surprise. The price of a Buick is a lot less than he'd guessed it would be. Moral: Smart Buy's Buick—right now.
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