



ASSEMBLY JOB — David Harden puts together just a few of the more than 4,000 pieces that go into a harpsichord.

(Observer photo)

## Church To Get Hand-Built Harpsicord

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

The path from more than 4,000 individual pieces to a completed musical instrument is a long one, but that's the road currently being followed by a Livonia concertmaster. The concertmaster is Shirley Harden of the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church and the way is being aided by assistance from her husband, David. The Harmons (which means David) are building a harpsichord for use in the church.

PLANNED advantages to the church are three-fold according to Mrs. Harden. They are: For use in the chamber music series instituted this year by the congregation.

To help provide authentic sounds to music from the baroque period performed in the church.

To accompany the children's choir in the church.

"Children's voices are light," Mrs. Harden explained, "and I think that the light tones

of a harpsichord make this the perfect instrument to use for accompaniment."

Work on building the harpsichord began about three weeks ago, with the target date for completion Dec. 21 when the church choir and 40-piece orchestra will present a performance of "Messiah" in the church.

If you're interested in the music of a harpsichord, you can order an actual kit to make your own instrument.

THE KIT ordered by the church cost about \$100, while Mrs. Harden estimates that it would cost \$1,000 to purchase the instrument already constructed.

Harden said she thinks it will take about 100 hours of labor to build the instrument.

He explained that the kit is very similar to a flesh kit for instance of TVs with the difference that "you work with screws and glue instead of nuts and bolts."

This is Harden's first attempt at constructing a musical instrument, but he has made Heath Kite and built furniture.

There were from 4,000 to 5,000 individual pieces in the kit when it arrived from New York, according to Harden and the project is primarily one of assembling the components.

"ALL THE materials are of excellent quality," he said, "and many of the more difficult parts are pre-formed."

His wife is struck by the fact that original parts of the instrument are now made out of a new plastic synthetic material. Originally these parts were made from leather.

"The plastic is less susceptible to humidity than leather is actually better," she said, "but the total quality remains the same."

"I find it very interesting that a modern material can provide one of the old sounds in music."

It's true that the harpsichord enjoyed its heyday in popularity during the 16th and 17th centuries, but the instrument has been enjoying a revival during recent years.

How it adapts to the musical and cultural needs of the 20th century remains to be seen.

## The Chanukah Story

(With the approach of Chanukah, the Jewish Feast of Dedication, The Observer Newspapers asked Rabbi Martin Gordon of the Livonia Jewish Congregation to write an explanation of the holiday's history.)

Chanukah, the Feast of Dedication, is also known as the Feast of Lights. As every holiday, it was originated for historical, cultural, and religious reasons.

When Alexander the Great conquered the Middle East, he allowed the Jews political independence and spiritual autonomy, but when Antiochus Epiphanes came to power about 175 B.C. the pendulum swung violently the other way.

The aim of Antiochus—to disrupt an alien stubborn faith within his dominion—was helped by the dissensions which existed in Israel's ranks. There were some Jews who were blinded by the spurious after-glow of the former Greek culture, preferring to be known as Hellenist Jews. These Jews followed Greek fashions, adopted their language, changed their Hebrew names to Greek, and frequented Greek arenas and gymnasiums. The pursuit of Hellenism was so fervent that it started to infect even the office of religious leaders.

A small group formed, known as the Maccabees in order to fight this forced assimilation.

They did not fight for personal aggrandizement or the extension of Jewish borders, but for a religious ideal. Through great heroism and martyrdom they finally drove out the Syrian Greeks.

KING ANTIOCHUS had set up a

statue of Zeus in the Temple of Jerusalem, and destroyed every cruse of oil he could find that was to kindle the Eternal Lights. When the Maccabees entered the Temple they found enough oil for only one day. But, by a miracle, it burned for eight days enabling them to procure a fresh supply of levitic-pure oil.

The Jews proclaimed the day the Temple was rededicated as Chanukah, the Festival of Dedication. In remembrance of the miracle of light the holiday is celebrated for eight days. On the eve of the first day one candle is lit and one is added each night for the remainder of the holiday.

At this time of year when the days finally stopped getting shorter the Greeks had a holiday of sun-worship.

Both Chanukah and later Christmas transformed this holiday of worshiping a god of light to a worshiping of God above light. This was the Maccabean denial of a natural god which is still one of the gravest dangers of religion today.

In celebrating this holiday purely in a commercial and secular manner, one is lending support to the very danger this holiday was fostered to oppose.

In many conservative synagogues, on the holiday of Chanukah, there is a ceremony of the first graders of Hebrew of Sunday School called Dedication to Learning. This ceremony will take place at the Livonia Jewish Congregation, Dec. 12, 1969, at 8 p.m., under the direction of Mrs. Florence Zacks.

## Rev. Jahr Marks 30th Anniversary Of Ordination



RICHARD O. PELHAM

Ascension Lutheran Church, 35301 Five Mile Road, Livonia, marked the 30th anniversary of the ordination of its pastor, the Rev. Arnold M. Jahr, with special ceremonies Sunday, Nov. 30.

Delivering the sermon for the occasion was the Rev. E.H. Schalkhauser, assistant director of evangelism for the American Lutheran Church, who lives at 14246 Arcola, Livonia.

Rev. Schalkhauser was a college and seminary classmate of Pastor Jahr.

At a reception in the church's social room at noon, John Wilson, president of Ascension Lutheran Church presented to Pastor Jahr a gift on behalf of the congregation. The American Lutheran Church Women were in charge of the reception.

Pastor Jahr, a graduate of Wartburg College, Waverly, Io-

wa, in 1936, and of Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, in 1939 was ordained on Nov. 25, 1939 by his father, the late Rev. M.O. Jahr.

He has served pastorates in Nashua, Iowa (1939-1945); in Bettendorf, Iowa (1945-1957); in Sheldon, Iowa (1957-1963) and is the first Pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church, coming here in the summer of 1963 to organize this congregation of the American Lutheran Church.

Pastor Jahr has also served as a "visiting lecturer" at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque (1948-1957), secretary - treasurer of the Inter-synodical Committee on Visiting Lutheran's Catechism (1945-1953), and president of The Wartburg Film Service, Inc. (1949-1953).

## Theological Schools Name OL Educator

The Rev. Anthony R. Kosnik, director of the center for pastoral studies and the permanent diocesan program at the Orchard Lake Schools, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Midwest Association of Theological Schools.

The Association's recent convocation in Chicago enrolled representatives of the 25 member institutions from 19 midwestern states.

The Midwest Association of Theological Schools was established in 1965 to assist the member theological schools, to help them maintain a high degree of academic excellence, promote communications among and between them regarding educational problems of common interest and to jointly recommend standards of theological education. Rev. Kosnik also was named to the executive committee, composed of six members, elected by the membership at the annual meeting for a term of three years.

Rev. Kosnik, in addition to his duties as director of the Center for Pastoral Studies and the Pastoral Theology Program at Orchard Lake, is dean of theology at St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary and professor of moral theology at the Orchard Lake Seminary.

He graduated from Saint Mary's College, Orchard Lake with the A.B. degree and attended St. John's Provincial Seminary, St. Ignace, Mich.

God As Cause And Creator

"God is the Only Cause and Creator" will be the subject of the "Ladder-Sermon" read this Sunday in all Christian Science churches. The public is welcome.

## Magician To Perform

Danny Flagman, a magician for 11 of his 19 years, will perform at the Dec. 7 Hanukkah Happening of Temple Beth Am of Livonia.

The happening, which will include a luncheon and the magic show, will be held in the Grandview Elementary School. In 1967, Flagman spent several months in planning to duplicate the famed Houdini escape. However, he met with opposition from the police department and had to perform the escape from the straight jacket and trunk, within a limited time period, without the cover of water.

## Attend Church This Sunday With Your Family At The Church Of Your Choice



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**University Hills Church**  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED  
Oakland Community College  
Building "C" adjacent to east parking lot  
Worship Services: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Nursery Available  
Rev. J. Harold Elmes, 474-8314  
Pastor, 474-8314  
Farmingington, Michigan

**REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
**CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR**  
Reformed Church in America  
38100 Five Mile Road  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Divine Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Study Groups 7 p.m.  
Nursery Care is Provided at All Morning Worship Services  
464-1062 Rev. Luther Rasmeyer, Pastor 427-0122

**BAPTIST**  
**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
43065 JOY ROAD  
(Two blocks east of South Main)  
Plymouth  
SUNDAY  
Bible School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Training Hour 11 a.m.  
Gospel Service 7 p.m.  
Family Night 7:15 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible Study 7:15 p.m.  
Stephen Howells  
Ministry of Education

**Main Street Baptist Church**  
Affiliated with Southern Baptist Convention  
9451 Main Street, Plymouth  
45-745  
Rev. Elvin Clark, Pastor 474-1079  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Baptist Training Union 5:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.  
Worship Service 7:30 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:30 p.m.  
"DEAF MINISTRY"

**Livonia Baptist Church**  
Affiliated with Southern Baptist Convention  
2100 East of Farmington Road  
45-745  
Rev. Elvin Clark, Pastor 474-1079  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Baptist Training Union 5:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.  
Worship Service 7:30 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:30 p.m.  
A Christ-Centered Pastor For You  
Dr. Bert C. Kallner, Pastor 451-0623

**Bethany Baptist Church of Livonia**  
34541 Five Mile Rd., W. Mile West of Farmington, Church  
45-745  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Baptist Training Union 5:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.  
Worship Service 7:30 p.m.  
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**JUDSON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
MEETING IN EAST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
25000 MIDDLEBEEK ROAD  
WORSHIP SERVICES 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
BIBLE SCHOOL 10:45 a.m. MIDWEEK 7 p.m.  
A CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. Fred G. Ferris, Pastor RE 50-184

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1637 Middlebelt at Rock Garden City, GA 2-6600  
Ministry: Robert E. Ashby  
Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Mid-Week & Wed. 7:30 p.m.

## Dialog Set By Temple

The final session in a series of discussions between youth and the "establishment" will be at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, following the regular worship service of The New Temple.

Wayne State University psychologist, Dr. Walter Ambinder, will analyze the previous discussion from a professional's point of view.

Participation by the congregation is encouraged.

The New Temple meets in the Birmingham Unitarian Church, Lone Pine and Woodward.

**NASA Film: APOLLO "8"**  
and Moody Science Film: HIDDEN TREASURE  
NEWBURG BAPTIST CHURCH  
37055 JOY ROAD  
Near Newburg Road  
Saturday, DECEMBER 6, 1969  
1:30 p.m. Children  
7:30 p.m. Adults and Teens

**SEE THE SPACE AGE FILM HIDDEN TREASURES**  
Natural Color Sound Film showing Marvels of the Microscopic World  
— And of the God as Creator and Provider  
7 p.m. Sunday, December 7 7 p.m.  
EAST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
25000 Middlebelt Road  
Sponsored by  
JUDSON BAPTIST CHURCH  
NO ADMISSION CHARGE NURSERY PROVIDED

## Missionary To Talk In Plymouth

Dr. Richard O. Pelham, American Baptist missionary to the Congo will speak at the 11 a.m. service Sunday, Dec. 14, in the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial Road.

The missionary is on furlough from his duties as chief of surgery and hospital director at Institut Medical Evangelique in Kinshasa.

Pelham arrived in the Congo in September 1965 following a year's study in Belgium. He served as general physician for the 100-bed mission hospital at Soma Rata. In July 1967, Pelham assumed the surgical and administrative responsibilities at the hospital in Kinshasa.

In 1936, the doctor was certified by the American Board of Surgery. He was ordained to the ministry in 1954 after completion of work taken at Hyack Missionary College.

**Baptist Women Plan Yule Tea**  
Mrs. Herman Deig will speak on "Madonnas of the World" at the Christmas Tea of the Redford Baptist Church Women's Fellowship at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17.

Mrs. George McKee will be hostess and Mrs. Robert Baumgartner will lead devotions.

**LUTHERAN**  
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Churches  
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN RADIO HOUR WAXS 99.5 FM  
In Livonia — St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church 13218 Farmington Rd. Pastor Wendell Kolben 422-8814  
Worship Services: 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

In Plymouth — St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Ch. 1342 Farmington Avenue Pastor Leonard Koecher 453-3373  
Worship Services: 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

In Redford Township — Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Ch. 14730 Killebrew Pastor Edward Zill 337-8555  
Worship Services: 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

In Westland — Our Saviour Ev. Lutheran Ch. Warren at Farmington Rd. Pastor Jack A. Dehaer 427-8119  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
(Missouri Synod)  
12 Mile at Farmington Rd. 474-0210  
Rev. Victor H. Meseriberg  
Worship Service 8 and 10:45 a.m. (Nursery Provided)  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**  
30000 Five Mile Road  
Pastor Roger H. Schiefer  
Worship: 8:15 and 11:15  
Sunday School: 9:45  
457-7269

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST**  
(Missouri Synod)  
44500 Ave. Arbor Road (M-14) City of Plymouth  
Rev. Kenneth E. Ziekle 453-5202  
Sunday School, Teen Age and Adult Bible Classes 9 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
(Missouri Synod)  
Middlebelt at 8 Mile Rd. 474-0675  
J. Walther, Principal  
W. R. Fendley, Pastor  
Services - 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Nursery Provided)  
Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
(Missouri Synod)  
5845 Vassar Road at Beechwood  
Pastor 427-0700, Parsonage 425-0206, Church 425-0206  
Rev. Paul Hagenson, Pastor  
Services 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
(Missouri Synod)  
39020 Five Mile Rd. between Newburgh and Haggerty Roads  
Office Phone 464-0211  
The Rev. Fred Balke, Pastor

**CONGREGATIONAL**  
**MT. HOPE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
39320 Schoolcraft Road 425-7380  
Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Worship and Church School  
Minister  
Rev. Richard Campbell  
Helen and Jack Trudgen  
Directors of Music

**UNITY OF WEST SUBURBIA**  
30024 Curtis Road 451-1740  
A MESSAGE FOR THINKING PEOPLE  
Dial-A-Prayer 261-2440 Sunday Service 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Youth Education 11 a.m.  
DISCOVER THE POWER WITHIN YOU

**LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
In Livonia — **CHRIST THE KING**  
9300 Farmington Road 421-0749  
The Rev. John A. Rose  
Worship Services: 8:15 and 11 a.m. Church School: 9:20 a.m.

In Plymouth — **HOLY CROSS**  
30650 West Six Mile 7-1414 GA 5-4835  
Worship: Church School and Nursery 9:30 and 11 a.m.

In Farmington — **ANTIOCH**  
13 Mile and Farmington Rds. Pastor Carl Kallender  
Worship Services: 8:15 and 11 a.m. MA 6-7905 MA 6-5560  
Worship School 9:30 a.m.

In Redford — **ST. JOHN'S**  
13542 Mercedes Pastor Carlo Kallender  
538-2640 531-4182  
Worship and Sunday School 8:15 and 11 a.m.

**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
24212 Six Mile Road  
Pastor Geoffrey E. Alberti  
537-3778 537-4272  
Worship Service 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

**THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCHES**  
**ASCENSION**  
33301 Five Mile Road, Livonia  
Pastor Arnold M. Jahr  
Worship 9 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Phone 425-4519 or 425-9081

**CHRIST LUTHERAN**  
44500 Ave. Arbor Road, Redford  
Pastor Donald H. Grandahl  
453-5202  
Sunday School, Teen Age and Adult Bible Classes 9 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)

**ST. JOHN'S**  
32255 Glen Road, Farmington  
Pastor George Rasmeyer  
Worship Services 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Phone 474-0384

**SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**  
34541 Five Mile Road, Livonia  
Pastor William D. Wolfe  
Worship 10 a.m. Study for All Ages 11:30  
Phone 478-0218 or 451-0555

**TIMOTHY**  
8250 Wayne Road, Livonia  
Pastor George Rasmeyer  
Worship Services 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Phone 427-2290 or 423-3194  
Nursery Provided

**FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL**  
Mrs. Joyce Kiel - 422-3175

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