

Generation Gap Shows On Panel



FIRST SHOWFUL — Palm Sunday's snow couldn't delay the groundbreaking for the new building. Church members, including Middle St. Farmington, At Harrison, chairman of the church's executive committee, manned the spade, and a few of the 150 congregation members who attended are pictured here.

Two generations and four divisions of Christianity were across the conference table in Farmington Wednesday.

The topic was religious education, and the theme was "Building Bridges Toward Understanding."

The discussion indicated more bridges were needed between youth and elder than between Catholic, Armenian Orthodox, Christian Reformed and Methodist.

JOINING in the panel discussion in St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church were adults and youths from St. Clare, St. John Armenian, University Hills Christian Reformed and Nardin Park United Methodist Churches.

Blantly, several of the young people told the assembled adults—many of them teachers in the various churches religious training programs—that a major fault with such programs, lies with the instructors.

"Our parents and teachers were brought up in a different time in history," said David Burleson of St. John. "They lack experience in topics of today, such as drugs."

"How many of you teachers feel qualified to conduct, for example, a seminar on drugs?" Religion teachers in the group felt their place in such a spot would be to learn as much as possible and call in expert help when needed.

THE REVEREND Meredith Moshauer, associate pastor at Nardin Park United Methodist, had a question for the youths.

"How many of you would be willing to teach catechism when you are in college?" he asked. The panelists agreed they too felt unqualified.

The clergyman then asked: "Don't you think what you are complaining about can be remedied by willingness to take formal training for teaching religion?"

"Since the discussion was aimed at exploring ways in which the various churches try to educate their young people in their faith, each of the adult members began with a statement as to how his church was trying to accomplish this."

REV. MOSHAUER said he felt Protestantism and Methodism are "challenged in strange and totally untested ways in seeking to minister to young people."

"Our ministry must be with youth, as well as to youth and for youth. A doctrinal or authoritative was is not acceptable. The assumption must be made that the youth of today have gained from being involved in the educational program from early years in life."

"We are concerned that we make available the opportunity for a person to become a Christian and to mature as a Christian."

MRS. ALICE KOUZOUJIAN, representing St. John, traced the history of the Armenian Orthodox church in Europe and this country and especially that of her own congregation. She then said:

"Now the time has come to hand over the reins of our church to our children. We, the first generation born in America, have carried on traditions without question. Our children are not accepting these things they are to carry on. They are questioning them."

They are eager to make changes. This is not a new thing. History tells us that there have been many social upheavals but our foundation is still the same."

Mrs. Kouzoujian then described some changes now being instituted, such as making the Divine Liturgy available in English as well as Armenian.

SISTER ANAN, ELIZABETH, O.S.F., religious coordinator at St. Clare, said the Catholic Church since Vatican II is trying to make religious instructions as integrated as possible—not just glorified social studies classes but an honest attempt to see the Christian element already existing in the world and trying to bring it where it is not."

She added: "We are trying to hear the questions being asked so we aren't addressing ourselves to non-existing problems."

"Our task is to respond to people's needs as they perceived them. Jesus did this—satisfied material needs and then proclaimed the good news. Some of the answers we have been providing don't sound like good news to some young people in some instances it isn't good and often enough it isn't even news."

MRS. IRENE LARSON represented University Hills Church on the panel and James Hildebrand, a public school principal and a member of Nardin Park was moderator. Making introductions were the Rev. Joseph Dragowski, St. Clare pastor, and Eugene Grabbe, lay assistant.

Some of the comments from youthful panelists included: KIM UPHOFF, ST. CLARE, a student at Nardin High School—"I think there is a trend toward relevance at Nardin as there is in the whole church now."

JIM BARTLETT, ST. CLARE—"I think kids are dropping out of the religious classes because of the pressure of time—many have part-time jobs. Many think the teacher sticks too closely to the text when the kids would rather discuss their own problems."

DEBBIE ELLENS, UNIVERSITY HILLS—"I liked our confession and communion youth classes, but was afraid to come out and say so."

*KAREN LARSON, UNIVERSITY HILLS—"The class

usually sticks to the book, but will leave the text there is an urgent problem to discuss."

MELODY MERCER, NARDIN PARK—"Apathy is a problem and we must develop compassion for others. I like our Methodist Youth Fellowship meetings—we have treats and discussions and generally get everything ironed out."

JOHN KERASTAS, NARDIN PARK—"Youth classes need better teachers and texts that relate to what happened today. Some people seem to be afraid to teach teenagers."

CAROL ARAM, ST. JOHN, a church school student for 13 years—"I would criticize only the great emphasis placed on Armenian culture and customs. More effort should be made in applying religion to daily life."

DAVID BURLESON, ST. JOHN—"I think religion is missing the boat as far as young people go. I tried to write a term paper saying science is more relevant than religion. I couldn't prove it. I found out they each have a place."



REV. GWIN TURNER

Revivals Scheduled

The Rev. Gwin Turner will conduct revival services April 13 through 19 in the Forest Park Baptist Church, 27500 Shawnee at Inkster Road, Farmington.

The services begin at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Turner is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mar Vista in Los Angeles. He holds both a bachelor and master of arts degree in history from Mississippi College and a bachelor's degree from the Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary.

CYO Has Applications For Camps

Applications are now being accepted for the CYO summer camps on the shores of Lake Huron near Port Sanilac.

The CYO conducts two modern, well equipped camps—one for girls and the other for boys—in idyllic woodland settings. The girls camp is four miles north of Port Sanilac, and the boys camp is four miles south.

The complete cost for 13 days incamp, 20-mile round-trip transportation and camper accident insurance is \$15 per person. A \$30 deposit must accompany each application.

Eligible for the camps are youngsters from eight through 14 years of age. "The eight-year-olds must be nine by Dec. 31. Those who are at least 13 years of age and entering the ninth or 10th grade may enroll for the special pioneer units, which are set apart from the rest of the camp."

Applications—and further information—may be obtained from the CYO office, 308 Michigan Ave., Detroit, 48226-1963-7172.

Detroit Pastor's Wife To Speak In Plymouth

Mrs. Richard Jesse, Detroit pastor's wife, will speak on the role of the Christian woman in the 1960s at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, in the Lutheran Church of the River Christ, 3650 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Her talk will be titled "Eve, Woman No More."

The church's Ladies Guild, sponsors of the meeting, invite

all interested women in the community to attend.

Mrs. Jesse is married to the Rev. Richard Jesse, pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and mother of four children. She is vice president of the Greater Detroit English District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and active in the Riverside Project in Detroit.

A native of Edmonton, Alberta, she is the daughter of a missionary family.

Her mother was a doctor. Her missionary father later became a professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and wrote two books, "Dr. Bessie," a biography of his wife, and "The Flood."

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German Choir To Visit

The Westfälische Kantorei of Herford, Germany, will present a concert at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, in the Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church, 17500 James Couzens, Detroit. Tickets, priced at \$2, are available at Hudson's, Grinnell's and the church.

The choir, under the direction of Dr. Wilhelm Egan, has performed in most Asian and European countries as well as in the United States. The concert, featuring works by Bach, Stravinsky and others, is sponsored by the Detroit Lutheran Synods.

The annual card party of the St. Maurice Catholic parish of Livonia is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, in Roma Hall, Schoolcraft and Inkster. Tickets may be obtained from Charlotte Tryon (427-8334).

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