

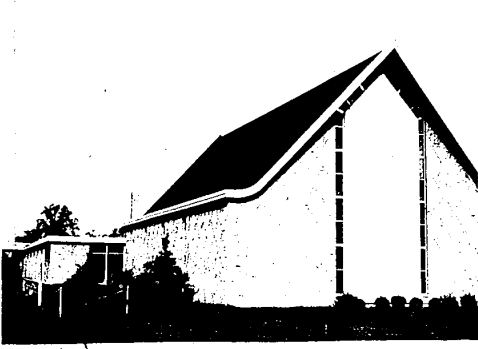
Dr. Blair Speaks At Ward

Mrs. Gary A. Smith of Plymouth attended the 1970 assembly of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild May 7 through 10 in Houston, Texas.

Rabbi Speaks About Justice

"From Gettysburg to Kent, The Sword Comes Into the World," will be Rabbi Ernst Conrad's sermon topic at Temple Kol Ami, Friday, May 22.

A discussion period will follow the sermon, which will stress that law and order cannot be enforced unless justice is being enforced, and that a system of communication must be established whereby groups who perceive themselves as victims of the system may fully participate in a democracy.



FREE AND CLEAR -- The Fourth Church of Christ Scientist, 24400 W. Seven Mile, Detroit, will be dedicated Sunday, May 24. The building was first occupied in 1964, but a church may be dedicated only when it is free from debt.

Students Stage Church Drama

A group from the senior high Pilgrim Fellowship of North Congregational Church, 28275 Northwestern, Southfield, will present a chancel drama, "The Walls," at the 11 a.m. service Sunday, May 24.

Based on an original script by the Rev. Richard F. Dunn, minister of religious education at North Church, the drama will be produced by Janet Sedholm and directed by Kenneth Shaw. It will take the place of the regular sermon.

ECCLESIASTICAL REFLECTIONS

"(Ecumenical Reflections)" is a column in which Observer clergymen and lay leaders are invited to present their ideas on church and religious topics of general interest.

By JOSEPH RADELET

The April issue of "Psychology Today" devotes several articles to the subject of religion in modern society. The articles reflect the sense of painful turmoil felt by many with regard to religion today.

Rodney Stark talks of "Sounds of Silence" and asks why clergymen do not speak up about these issues. Theologian Harry Cox gives his view on "Religion in the Age of Aquarius."

Question One: Religious man, do you practice what you preach? Do you practice the Sermon on the Mount?

seventy-eight per cent - never preached on the grape strike even though the strike was in their own state and people such as Robert Kennedy had endorsed the strike.

CLERGYMEN are also being questioned. Question Two: Clergyman, are you using the pulpit to preach the gospel which is a "two-edged sword?"

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HONOREE - Sister Mary Lucille McGee Middleton, R.S.M. who served as President of Mercy College for 15 years, will be honored at a testimonial banquet Sunday, May 24, U.S. Rep. Martha Griffiths, (D-Mich.) will serve as toastmistress for the banquet and Sen. Philip A. Hart (D-Mich.) and Melvin Rovitz, president of the Detroit City Council, will be among those bringing greetings to the educator.

Hartman New Head Of Missions

Rev. Marvin J. Hartman, of St. Joseph, Mich., has been named executive secretary-treasurer-elect of the national board of church extension and home missions of the Church of God to succeed Dr. W. F. Reed.

He comes to lead-offices in Anderson, Ind. in early fall to begin a transitional period that by next May 1 takes Dr. Reed full-time on new responsibilities as executive secretary-elect of the executive council, local arm of the church.

Since 1958, Rev. Hartman has been pastor of First Church of God in St. Joseph, Mo., where he has been pastor of the Michigan congregation in Detroit for the past 20 years. He will succeed Dr. Charles V. Weber on the latter's retirement July 1, 1971.

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Graham Film Set

"The Restless Ones," a motion picture produced by evangelist Billie Graham, will be shown at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 24, in Farmington East Junior High School, Middle Belt between 10 and 11 Mile.

The Judson Baptist Church will sponsor the showing. There will be no admission charge, and a nursery will be provided.

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Religion Update

Columbia, Md., a planned city of 150,000, presently under construction between Baltimore and Washington, includes planning for a large religious building using 13 leading religious denominations.

There have been other instances of interdenominational cooperation in new cities such as in 1944 in the atomic energy city of Richland, Wash.

A Funeral Practices Task Group was established by the Columbia Cooperative Ministry, which includes both Southern and American Baptist, Roman Catholic, three Lutheran-American, Missouri Synod and Lutheran Church of America, Society of Friends, Church of the Brethren, United Church of Christ, Episcopal, both Northern and Southern Disciples of Christ.

After a year-long study, the task group recommended incorporation of a non-profit interfaith foundation.

MAJOR PROPOSED functions of this foundation are: Establishment of a crematorium - as well as the encouragement of the churches and other religious groups to develop more clearly regarding the theological issues involving cremation and burial.

Signing of a contract with a mortician who is understanding of the approach of the Interfaith Foundation, who would agree to abide by the general policies set by the Corporation.

Emphasizing that remembering the whole life of a person is more helpful than looking at a dead body for two days... psychologists whom we have consulted tell us that a body is not that important in grief work.

One Columbia clergyman, Jim Hamblin, recalls one mortuary innovation: The displaying of an inclined open casket in a funeral home show window - allowing "Drive-in-viewing of the remains."

Clarification of embalming requirements in most cases embalming is not required by law and putting stress on the appropriateness of simple wooden caskets or memorial services with an absence of the body and no more than one or two floral arrangements.

Persons should not have thrust upon them the necessity of making economic decisions... there is also a socio-psychological cost factor as expensive funerals are often related to grief feelings.

THE FUNERAL Practices Task Group also emphasized that there is a need for pre-planning funerals, and that there is no theological barrier for pouring a lot of money into the ground or into flowers...

The task group also recognized that one of the reasons today for the high cost of funerals is the overhead morticians have - and they proposed a workshop be provided for mortician services in (Columbia's) medical facility - the cost of this room to be the responsibility of the interfaith foundation.

The task group also proposes a "memorial plaza" with a simple plaque which could designate the name of a person who had died in the community, as well as the use of a purple casket cover to "downplay the differences in social position" in expensive caskets.

AN EXTENSIVE study of clergy and morticians in the area disclosed further information: A majority of the Protestant clergy are opposed to the displaying of bodies; the high cost of funerals, services in funeral homes and the exclusivity of some morticians to try to give orders even regarding religious services.

While Catholic priests and rabbis generally prefer funerals with the body present, although rarely so Jews "view the remains" their influence with their congregations is generally greater than Protestant clergy - especially in this area, where Protestant clergy rarely instruct parishioners in this regard until a death has occurred.

One of the main reasons why cremation is not more widely accepted by church members is due to a misinterpretation of the doctrine of the resurrection of the body - not the ashes - despite St. Paul's assurance that this does not mean a fleshy body. (1 Corinthians 15:50)

AREA DEATHS AND FUNERALS LILLIAN A. WELSH Funeral services for Mrs. Lillian A. Welsh, 64, of Livonia, were held in the Henry... Services for Mrs. Lillian A. Welsh, 64, of Livonia, were held in the Henry...

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