

Church Looked? Pastor Wonders

By W. W. EDGAR

"The church as we know it today is fighting a losing battle and is doomed." This statement, surprising as it is, was all the more so when it came from the lips of Dr. Henry J. Walch, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Plymouth, who has spent the greater part of four decades in the ministry of the gospel.

Seated in the study he will leave when he retires in October, Rev. Walch looked back over his career and, comparing it with today, could see little to brighten the future of the church.

"LOOK AT IT realistically," he stated. "In an ever increasing population explosion, the church today is suffering from dwindling

Holy Week Is Subject Of Drama

The play "No Name in the Street," by Edward Marce, will be presented in Trinity Church of the Brethren, W. Chicago and Inkster Road, Livonia. The play will be presented, March 28, at 9:45 a.m., during the church service.

The play, dealing with the events of Holy Week, is produced by the Chancel Players, a non-denominational drama group from Pontiac. The public is invited to attend.

Trinity Church will hold a "Love Feast" or Lord's supper, communion and feet-washing Thursday evening, April 1.

The three-part service is open to all Christians. Those interested in attending should contact the church for reservations and instructions.

The Church of the Brethren has conducted the rite of feet-washing since the start of the denomination in Germany in 1708. Feet-washing is a symbol of humble service to one's fellow men.

OR. HENRY WALCH membership. It is not only our own church here, but all churches, and all denominations.

"And with economic conditions as they are, all churches are having trouble collecting the pledges of their members."

"So, with a dwindling membership and unpaid pledges, there's nothing but trouble ahead. Don't forget these are voluntary pledges—they don't have to be paid."

As if contemplating the question, Rev. Walch, who has served the Plymouth Church for 28 years, attempted to provide the reasons for the plight of the churches.

"Over the years our dropping has changed," he explained. "We have become more liberal and what was considered sinful a generation or two ago, is accepted today. "And with this change in society has come another change."

HE EXPLAINED it by saying that the other side of the coin of love is not hate—but indifference.

"And it is this indifference, the lack of interest in the Bible story that the church must meet today. I'm glad, in a way, that I won't be around to help light the battle."

Dr. Walch, who has a warm feeling for the church with which, for it was in that edifice that he was accepted by



DR. HENRY WALCH

the Presbytery in 1943, recalled the days when the church was the gathering place in a community.

The young folks attended Sunday School, enjoyed all of our activities, picnics, socials and even had baseball teams. But these days seem to be gone. And each generation is more indifferent than the last."

POINTING OUT that while many of the churches are following their membership into the suburbs, in an attempt to survive, the indifference comes to light again when the crosses wears off.

"I am of the belief that the church should provide the path of green in the inner city, be it Plymouth or wherever. It is the one green patch needed in our concrete jungles to satisfy the religious wants of the residents."

But there, over churches locate they must fight a losing battle to Dr. Walch.

"It will become a matter of finance," he said. "When the economy declines and your members are caught in the slump, it becomes more and more difficult to collect the pledges."

"Take our own church where the budget is more than \$100,000. That's a lot of money to be run by a volunteer cooperative that fights the high cost of funerals, will hold its 10th annual meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, in North Congregational Church, 2625 Northwestern, Southfield.

The program will be a panel discussion titled "Death and the Rituals of Funerals—Four Viewpoints."

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BELL-RINGERS—This is part of the Madrigal Singers and Handbell Choir from Maranatha Baptist Bible College that will appear in the First Baptist Church of Farmington at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27. The choir, coming from Watertown, Wis., and directed by Mrs. Thelma Cedarholm, is well known for the numbers it performs with 37 cast bronze bells. Its membership includes five young people from First Baptist of Farmington, located at Shiawassee and Farmington Road.

AN ASSISTANT to Msgr. Markey at St. Vincent parish and later at Visitation, he engaged in a multitude of CYO activities from his ordination in 1937 until he was assigned to establish St. John Bosco parish in 1966.

He was director of the CYO Community Center from 1943 to 1951 and archdiocesan chaplain for all Scouting from 1938 to 1953.

McGough will receive the Joe Glaser award, given to a CYO board member for outstanding achievements. He

Memorial Society Marks 10th Year

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Missionary To Speak

The Rev. Vernon Pettenger, an Assemblies of God missionary to South Africa, will be guest speaker at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, in the Trinity Assembly of God, 29200 Shiawassee, Farmington.

During their past term of mission service, Rev. Pettenger and his wife, Martha, were active in evangelism and establishing churches. During 19 years of service to South Africa, the Pettengers have been instrumental in building 11 national churches and helping with the erection of African Bible College located in Rustenburg.

The speaker also has served in various capacities: principal of the Bible school, secretary-treasurer of the national church, and chairman of the South Africa Division.

Redford Pastor Receives Award

The Rev. Leo N. Sheltrau, pastor of St. John Bosco Catholic parish, Redford Township, and J. Frank McCough, a retired trucking company executive will receive awards from the Catholic Youth Organization at its third annual awards dinner, Sunday, March 28, at 5:30 p.m., at Mercy College, Detroit.

The Msgr. Markey award for a priest who has made a significant contribution to the work of the CYO will go to Father Sheltrau for two decades of service.

joined the board of directors when it was begun in 1939 and worked on it until 1964.

He was vice president of the board in 1941-44. He then served an unprecedented five terms as president, from 1945 through 1949. He was also the great mover behind the famed beef dinners which for 20 years raised money to meet the operating deficit of the old CYO Home for Homeless Boys.

THE ED CROWE award, for volunteers who have done excellent work for at least two years in parish CYO programs will be made to 92 men and women from 49 parishes.

Dr. Thomas McByran, a member of the CYO board, will be master of ceremonies and Judge John B. Kirwan of the Detroit Traffic Court will be the speaker.

Cardinal John Dearden, archbishop of Detroit, and Vaughn Adams, CYO board president, will present the awards.

The public is invited and tickets are now on sale at the CYO Office, 305 Michigan Ave., Detroit.

Demonstration Class Offered

A no-obligation "opportunity evening" is being sponsored by the Gabriel Richard Institute Tuesday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., in St. Maurice Catholic Church, 32765 Lyndon Ave., Livonia.

The evening will provide a demonstration of the institute's self-development course designed to unlock one's hidden potential. The course is given in nine-week sessions.

Church Hosts Bentley Choir

The Bentley High School Concert Choir will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, in Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30630 Six Mile, Livonia.

Area Deaths And Funerals

THOMAS LEE FORD—Services for Mr. Ford, 80, of 1227 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, were held in the Schroeder Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Rev. Henry J. Walch officiating. Mr. Ford died March 22 in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, and was buried in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mr. Ford was a Railway Express agent and retired to Plymouth 23 years ago. He was a member of Local Lodge 476 A. F. M.

Surviving are his wife, Frieda, two sons, Thomas Lee Ford Jr., of Sylvania, Ohio, and John Robert Ford, of Jackson, two daughters, Mrs. Robert Elmer Tenale, of Westland, and Mrs. Arnold (Sarah) Probst, of Ann Arbor, and Mrs. Annabel Clegg, of Mercer Island, Wash., and 11 grandchildren.

MRS. GENEVIEVE WHEELER—Services for Mrs. Wheeler, 68, of 9025 Farmington, Redford Township, were conducted in the Holy Well funeral home and in St. Henry's Baltimore Church with burial in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Herbert, four daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Mullin, Mrs. Catherine Baskin, Mrs. Blanche McCloy, and Mrs. Wheeler; four sons, Herbert, Stanley, John and Donald, one sister, Mrs. Louisa Sheppard, and 19 grandchildren.

GEORGE ROUTER—Services for Mr. Router, 80, of 12718 Beck Rd., Plymouth, were held March 19 in the Manly Bailey Funeral Home, Birmingham, with Rev. George W. Walker officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. He died March 18 in Beaumont Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Router was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Farmington and had been in Farmington for 25 years.

Survivors include, wife, Edna; three sons, Harold, William and George; one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Northville; two sisters, one brother, and three grandchildren.

ABE COLE, Funeral services for Mr. Cole, 80, of 25552 East Farmington, were held recently in Thayer Funeral Home in Farmington with burial in Accacia Park Cemetery. Officiating

WALTER H. WILKINS—Services for Mr. Wilkins, 54, of 11295 Dana in Livonia, were held in the Schroeder Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mr. Wilkins was a member of the Plymouth Church of Christ officiated and burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mr. Wilkins died March 22 in Wayne County General Hospital. He was an inspector for Ford Motor Co. and a longtime resident of the area.

He was the son of the Misses Louisa and the Polish Veteran's Assn.

MARY L. HEINTZ, Funeral services for Mrs. Heintz, 82, of 28450 Haggerty, Farmington Township, were held recently in St. Williams Church of Walled Lake with burial in Wicomico Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Thayer Funeral Home of Farmington.

Mrs. Heintz, who died March 18 after a long illness, was a lifetime resident of Farmington and a member of the Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Edward, two daughters, Mrs. Eleanor Self and Mrs. Josephine Self, six sons, Edward, Robert, Charles, James, Bernard and Lawrence; three sisters, Sister Mrs. Adelle Taylor, Mrs. Harry Burza and Mrs. 17 grandchildren.

MILLARD M. ROBERTS, Funeral services for Mr. Roberts, 68, of 29225 Westfield, Farmington Township, were held recently in the Presbyterian Church of Farmington with burial in Accacia Park Cemetery and arrangements made by Thayer Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mr. Roberts died March 18 of a heart attack while vacationing in Dundee, Fla., while a retired coal broker, member of Loyola Lodge #4448 A. O. U. M. W. and a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

Survivors include, wife, Edna; three sons, Harold, William and George; one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Northville; two sisters, one brother, and three grandchildren.

HAROLD W. COOPER, Services for Mr. Cooper, 53, of Plymouth, were held in the Accacia Park Cemetery, Farmington, March 18 in Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. Mr. Cooper was a plant position employee at Eastman Kodak and had lived in the Plymouth area since 1945. Burial was in Queen Shoals W. Va.

He is survived by his wife, Adeline, a brother, Charles, of Christiana, Mrs. Josephine Self, six sons, Edward, Robert, Charles, James, Bernard and Lawrence; three sisters, Sister Mrs. Adelle Taylor, Mrs. Harry Burza and Mrs. 17 grandchildren.

VITA BUCCINI—Funeral services for Mrs. Buccini, 85, of 171 E. Grandale, Farmington, were held recently in the McInnes-Dannoun Funeral Home in Highland Park with burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Buccini was survived by daughters, Mrs. Richard Ladd of Farmington, Mrs. George H. Ross of Farmington, Mrs. Thomas Tweedell of Warren and Mrs. John Mathews of Warren, sons, Nick of Royal Oak, Fred of Trenton, Ill., Donald of Detroit and Philip of Birmingham, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Every crippled child... every physically handicapped adult in your community may call on your Easter Seal Society for help.

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Choir Visits

The choral club from St. Paul Bible Church in Minneapolis will present a concert of inspirational music in the Northwest Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, 28115 Ten Mile, Farmington, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30.

Choir Visits

DAVID R. TORRELL—Funeral services for Mr. Torre, 70, of 18125 Haggerty Rd., Northville, were held in the Schroeder Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Rev. Kenneth E. Ziekle officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

ISABEL W. BARKER—Services for Mrs. Barker, 80, of 18125 Haggerty Rd., Northville, were held in the Schroeder Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Rev. Kenneth E. Ziekle officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

MISS Barker had lived in the Plymouth-Northville area since 1936. Formerly she was assistant to the vice president and general manager of the Detroit Tires & Rubber Co. from which she retired in 1952. She was a member of the Northville Episcopal Club and the Zion Club.

MISS Barker's only survivor is a sister, Mrs. Winifred Ed. of Plymouth.

EDITH L. KNAPP—Funeral services for Mrs. Knapp, 49, of 4218 Farmington, were held in the Holy Sepulchre cemetery, Farmington, with burial in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

MARGARET G. MITCHELL—Funeral services for Mrs. Mitchell, 59, of 32240 W. 17 Mile, Livonia, were held in the Healey-Surlock Funeral Home in Farmington with burial in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Edward Weston of Redford.

Mrs. Mitchell, who died March 18 in University Hospital in Ann Arbor after a long illness, had lived most of her life on 1312 Mile Rd. in Farmington Township and just recently moved to Orchard Lake. Survivors include husband, William, daughters, Mrs. Nancy Hayes and Evelyn, brother, William Westlake, and two grandchildren.

GEORGE M. SUGDEN, Services for Mr. Sugden, 61, of 10001 Arcola, Garden City, were held March 23, in the R.C. and G. R. Ford Funeral Home, Garden City. The Rev. Lon Stewart officiated. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

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