

Youth Class Adopts Retarded Kids

Fifteen retarded youngsters who live in the Evangelical Home for Children and Aged in Detroit have some "adopted" brothers and sisters in Livonia.

The mid-hi class at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, taught by Charles Ruckhaberger, decided that these children, most of them quite recently residents of the Plymouth State Home and Training School, needed some contracts with other adolescents outside the evangelist home.

So they have planned and carried out several social events with the retarded children as their guests.

On the Saturday before Easter there was a party and egg hunt on the grounds at Pilgrim, located at 36075 Seven Mile, Livonia.

More recently, an end-of-school party included games and roasted wieners for the visitors.

Pilgrim's junior high class, taught by Mary Jo Smyth, joined the mid-hi group on that occasion.



FUN AND GAMES were a big part of the evening when the youth group from Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Livonia recently entertained a group of retarded children who live at the Evangelical Home in Detroit. (Observer photo by Harry Mauche)

Religion Update

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's

It has apparently been kept a well-guarded secret, but Christian Science, founded by the late faith healer, Mary Baker Eddy, may be rapidly disappearing.

The Sixth, an impressive building in the posh residential section of Pacific Heights, has had the first and last words carved on its Ionic portico covered up, leaving only "Church of Christ."

Across the Bay in Oakland, the Second, the Sixth and the Ninth Churches have similarly perished.

There have been no replacements in either city, so that during this brief time interval, nearly one-third of this denomination's total churches have been totally wiped out.

Science churches — especially now that church buildings are no longer regarded as one-purpose buildings, but are often converted into very valuable commercial buildings?

This inquiry was directed, in Boston, to Allison Phinney, during my visit to the denomination's new \$70 million national headquarters complex, next to the "Mother Church."

Phinney is the assistant manager of the denomination's powerful committee on publications — which controls the famed and often lauded Christian Science Monitor. This daily newspaper, Phinney remarked, lost \$5 million last year.

But as to what happens to the financial proceeds of the sale of defunct Christian Science church buildings, Phinney said that he did not know.

Yet in the committee on publications Northern California office, Catherine Chance said that she believed that all such proceeds revert to the Mother Church in Boston.

This is easy to believe, given the almost limitless power of the denomination's five-member board of directors — which is completely self-perpetuating.

Not only does this board deny rank and file members the right to vote for the directors of their denomination, but this board also controls from them and the public the total financial assets — and even the membership figures.

The board of directors even controls all Christian Science pulpits, by requiring that every one of the 3,200 local congregations read the same, generally syrupy, canned-in-Boston sermon which the Mother Church sends out weekly.

Even if the charismatic Mother Eddy were still alive, Harvard students have been arrested at her tomb seeking to locate an alleged direct telephone line from tomb to board of directors' office; this would be intolerable to the late 20th century young people.

In Malden, Mass., for example, on Sunday, June 3, at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, there were only three people who looked younger than 50 or 70: the virile and hirsute young soloist and two admiring young females.

The total attendance at this main Sunday morning service was 35 — in an attractive Gothic church founded by Mrs. Eddy herself and built to seat at least 100 times this number.

The head usher (there were, amazingly, four ushers for this corpora's guard) described this as "an average congregation."

Just across Boston's Mystic River in the new \$70 million building, Mr. Phinney announced that for the first time the board of directors had elected a foreign treasurer for the denomination, Marc E. Engeler.

Engeler is a Swiss banker.

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Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bible School 9:45 a.m.

First Baptist Church
45000 N. Territorial Rd.
9:40 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 6:30 Evening Service 7:30 Youth Service

GRAND RIVER BAPTIST
3550 Six Mile Livonia
10:00 a.m. Bible School
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

North Farmington Baptist Church
23500 W. Trueman-Mile Rd.
9:40 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 6:30 Evening Service 7:30 Youth Service

Community Baptist Church
28137 Garden City
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
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6:30 p.m. Evening Service

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10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

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28051 W. Chicago
Sun. School 9:45
Worship 11 a.m.
Service of Sharing 7 p.m.

EPISCOPAL
Saint Andrews, Livonia
16360 Hubbard Road
142-9145
Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

Holy Spirit, Westland
34845 Cowan Rd.
261-8480
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL
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Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m.

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Horseshoe Park
11717 Newburgh Road
424-0930
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Livonia Church of God
19827 Middlebelt Rd.
Sun. School 9:45
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.

WILLIAM E. GRABOWSKI - Services for
Mr. Grabowski, 57, of 2728 Warren Road, Canton Township, were held at the Garden City Church.

Survivors are his wife, Josephine, a daughter, Maureen; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mahoney; his brothers, Fred, Robert, Patrick, William and Dennis, and two sisters, Mrs. Rosemary Egan and Mrs. Margaret Dominick.

ISABELLA C. PATRISON - Services for Mrs. Paterson, 76, of 20500 Farmington Road, were held at the Holy Spirit Church officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery in St. Paul.

SARAH L. ROBERTS - Graveside services for Mrs. Roberts, 79, of 2728 Warren Road, were held at the Garden City Cemetery following visitation in Thayer Hall at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Walter B. Burtch of the First Baptist Church of Farmington officiated. Mrs. Roberts died June 24 after a four month illness. She was a native of West Virginia and had lived in Farmington 20 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church.



THE 4TH MARINE Aircraft Wing Drum and Bugle Corps from Glenview, Ill., will appear at a special patriotic service in Temple Baptist Church, 23800 W. Chicago, (one block east of Telegraph), at 7 p.m., Sunday, July 1. The corps is led by Gunnery Sgt. John J. Brosnahan, USMC.

Rosary High Hosts Lectures

Six notable theologians will speak at Rosary High School, 8551 Greenfield, Detroit, in a summer lecture series.

The lectures began at 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, and will continue each Wednesday for six weeks. The speakers are all professors on the staff of the New School of Religion, a graduate program of studies, conducted at St. Basil Center.

"We hope," said the Rev. Ed Breznan, director of the center, "to offer the clergy and laity of the Detroit area a continuing serious examination of religious questions in order to deepen our faith and understanding of the church in this time of rapid change."

Copenhavers Are Delegates To Convention

The Rev. and Mrs. William Copenhaver of Trinity Church of the Brethren, Rockford Township, will be among some 850 delegates to the 107th annual Church of the Brethren conference at Fresno, Calif., June 25 to July 1.

String Band In SA Concert

The Salvation Army Swedish Women's String Band from Crohn, Sweden, will present a concert at 3015 N. Main, Royal Oak, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 2.

Area Deaths

LILLY HADEAU - Services for Mrs. Hadeau, 74, of 2783 Greenfield, Farmington Township, were in the St. Paul Catholic Church. Officiating was the Rev. Charles Maloy. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Survivors are her husband, Joseph; sons, Joseph and David; daughters, Mrs. Fred Stanchus, Mrs. Viola Boudard, Mrs. Edna Wolter, and Mrs. Lilian Taylor; 19 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren.

JOHN C. MAHONEY - Services for Mr. Mahoney, 37, of 14428 Garden City, were held in Holy Sepulchre Catholic Church following visitation in Maans-Ferguson Funeral Home. The Rev. Fr. F. Wolter officiated. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mr. Mahoney died June 22. He was the Rev. James Stewart of Bethel Baptist Church. Burial was in Mt. Carmel Memorial Park, Livonia. He died June 22.

9 Attend Adventist Camp

Nine area youngsters are returning from a week at the opportunity camp sponsored annually by the Farmington and Livonia Seventh-day Adventist Churches.

They left June 24 with others from the Detroit area for a stay at Camp Au Sable, located near Grayling.

While at camp, they participated in horseback riding, swimming in the Au Sable River, water skiing, riding mini-bikes and a five-hour canoe trip.

Presbyterians Plan School

Rosedale Gardens United Presbyterian Church, Hubbard and W. Chicago, Livonia, will hold its vacation church school July 16-27.

All children between the ages of four and 12 are invited. Interested parents may call the church office.

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