

Local News

By MARIE LONG
GR 4-3114

Erwin and Norine Plettenberg of Phoenix, Ariz., were surprised by their 50th wedding anniversary on April 16. Senior citizens and veteran friends of the couple were invited to a reception by their son Frank who also lives in Phoenix. Son Robert from Santa Fe, N.M., also attended, and Miss Millicie Ziehl who lived with them here on Maple Street for 10 years flew out for the occasion and remained for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Osmus of Oakland Ave. arrived home on April 10 from a winter visit to Arizona. They stayed with their son Martin and his family in Phoenix and went over to Las Vegas to see another son, Don, his wife and their new baby Teri Michelle born on March 20.

They reported an exceptionally nice winter weather-wise and are looking forward to

spending future winters there. Mr. and Mrs. Don Campbell of Kankakee, Ontario spent the April 23 weekend with her mother, Mrs. Charles Sills of Grand River Ave. They celebrated Mrs. Sills' birthday with her.

L.M. McNatt of Liberty St. returned home last Wednesday after undergoing gall bladder surgery at A.C. Center Hospital in Detroit.

Mrs. Wilfred J. Morrisette of 7037 Loma Land Dr., Scottsdale, Ariz., sister of Herbert C. Long Sr. of Grand River Ave. is currently hospitalized in Arizona for surgery. Mrs. Morrisette is the former Iva Bridger. She is national past president of the Gold Star Mothers of Michigan and is well known among the Gold Star and Blue Star Mothers of the Farmington area.

Wood Creek Farms Village

ANNE M. PHILLIPS
MA. 6-3335

The next meeting of the Women's Association will be next Tuesday, May 2, at the home of Agnes Wright, 2846 Westbrook. A large attendance is expected for this meeting as a special guest will be with us. Mrs. Mary Allison, secretary of the board of trustees of the Farmington District Library, will give us information regarding the millage proposal which will be on the ballot May 22. Mrs. Allison will be glad to

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666 sq. yds. bituminous pavement
666 sq. yds. 2 1/2" slag base
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Approx. 75 trees to be removed

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Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, bank draft or surety bond in an amount not less than 5 per cent of the total bid as guarantee and security for the acceptance of the contract. Checks shall be made payable to Farmington Public School District.

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The Fundamentalist Today

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

The First Baptist Church of Farmington, which stands at the corner of Shawwassee and Farmington Road near old McGee Hill, is as modern as tomorrow with its air-conditioning allowing separate temperature control of any area.

But its date of establishment—Feb. 14, 1826—makes it the second oldest Baptist Church in Michigan. It pre-dates Michigan's statehood.

And its church members practice a faith that is more established than its local 141-year history. The faith is fundamentalist.

At least the faith of its pastor, Walter C. Ballagh, is as fundamental as bed-rock.

ASKED HOW HE reconciled the theory of evolution with his Biblical beliefs, the pastor was quick on the uptake.

He said, "I believe in the Biblical record of the creation of man. My position is that God created man out of the dust of the earth."

"Evolution is simply a theory, but sadly it has been declared a fact. There are so many reasons why this seems to be impossible to accept."

"There is the record of the word of God," he goes on. "And there is the failure of the evolutionists to come up with satisfactory proof of their position."

"I am not hard-headed about giving this theory some thought, but I reject it in my own position."

"I believe that a person who tries to arrange a source of humanity does so to try to relieve himself of responsibility to God."

THIS MAN OF FAITH is not a believer with formal theological training, but his knowledge of the Bible is a thorough product of long years of personal study.

Dorens of books on religion line his study walls, and his conversation is replete with scriptural reference.

His personal faith is so unshakable he feels it the duty of any believer to spread his beliefs to anyone with whom he comes in contact.

He puts it this way: "The responsibility of the Christian is to move out into the community with the message of the Gospel."

"Whenever a Christian meets a member of the community, his responsibility is to communicate the message of God. I believe laymen are as responsible as a church pastor in the dissemination of the Gospel message."

"Christ must be vocal."

"About his choice of his life work, Mr. Ballagh says, 'There are many men who enter the ministry as a profession. Then there are those who are called.'

"I worked into the ministry somewhat unwittingly, but it was in my heart to serve God."

"Originally the pastorate never appealed to me. I had thought of becoming an evangelist or a missionary, but I became a full-fledged preacher."

AFTER HE was converted to the Baptist faith at the age of 14, Pastor Ballagh often joined gospel teams going out to various churches, where it became his job to deliver the sermon.

When the Baptist church in Clarkston was about to close its doors, he went there as a preacher to four people in 1928.

He ended up staying there 10 years, building a large forceful congregation.

His entire 30-year ministry has been spent in southeastern Oakland County close to his birthplace of Pontiac.

He spent five years serving a Northville church, 10 1/2 years in Lake Orion and five years in Farmington.

Because his faith is both simple and profound, much of it spills over into his casual conversation. The simplicity of his belief is based on the salvation offered by a belief in Christ.

HE BELIEVES this simplicity can be easily translated into the profundity of problems facing modern man.

"We seek to use various methods to solve these problems," he comments.

"We say educating man can solve problems of depravity. 'We say giving folks material advantages will make them be at peace, but rich men face the same spiritual need.

"We try to solve these problems by prayer, by psychiatry, but really the need is in the heart of man."

"That need is Christ. I am not the solution, nor is the local church."

"Christ is the answer. My responsibility is in presenting Christ to you."

He goes on, "If we cannot save ourselves by good works, as the Bible states, it is here where Christ saves through his sacrifice. 'He who knew no sin became sin for us,' the Bible says."

"In a sense this is a doctrine of substitution. Christ took his place upon the cross at Calvary and died the death we were to die."

"Christians must communicate this message of the Bible."

Nardin Scouts FAHC To Meet Good Neighbors At New Horizons

Sister Ignatius, head of the art department at Our Lady of Mercy High School, reported on a good-neighbor gesture offered by the Boy Scouts at Nardin Park Methodist Church.

The boys constructed 200 wooden easels to be used for displaying art at the OLM arts festival beginning May 14.

Leaders of the troop are Lynn Chalmers and George Fletcher.

Sister Ignatius also spoke of her gratitude to the four lumber companies which donated \$300 worth of lumber for the project.

Nelson Stover Salem Women Wins Fellowship Schedule Party

Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Stover of 32373 Nestlewood, received notice from the Chicago Theological Seminary that their son Nelson has been awarded the President's Prize Fellowship for continuation of his studies at the Seminary.

Nelson will graduate from Purdue University in June.

All women of the community are welcome to attend this party.

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CSC Honors MacKinnon

A Farmington man, Donald J. MacKinnon of 2566 Ridgewood Drive, last week was awarded a silver plaque at the annual meeting of the Catholic Social Services of Oakland County.

MacKinnon has served on the CSC board for seven years and has been both treasurer and president of the board. CSC provides family counseling, foster home care, adoption services and services to unwed parents.

Science Topic

The parable of the Prodigal Son will be the Responsive Reading in a Bible Lesson on "Everlasting Punishment," to be read in all Christian Science churches this Sunday.

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Nursery Provided Office - MA. 6-6820

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Parsonage GR. 4-2508
Office GR. 4-2523

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Parsonage GR. 6-4847 Church Office GR. 4-6800
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20290 Middlebelt Rd.
Livonia, Michigan
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10:15 a.m. Church School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
7:30 p.m. The Evening Service
Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service
ELSIE A. JOHNS, Minister GR. 4-3562 GR. 4-5962

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Church School - 11:00 A.M.
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Telephone 626-2400

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Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Youth Training Hr. 5:45 p.m.
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Church - GR. 4-6170

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Groups 5:45 p.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
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