

CHURCH DEDICATION IS GREAT SUCCESS

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richly bless all who have so nobly helped.

Bishop's Fine Sermons

Bishop L. H. Seager won many hearts by his genial presence, his winning presentation of God's truths, and his manner of soliciting pledges for the building fund. Three great sermons lifted us all to a higher plane of thinking and we trust of living. It was a tender sight as he so graciously led us in the baptismal service, thus consecrating five children and dedicating the new baptismal font. The children were, Bobby and Jeane Vetter, Juel and Phyllis Stryker, and Daniel A. Vetter.

Rev. A. J. Byas very acceptably assisted in various ways in the services and presiding over the afternoon service. He has been a most patient and helpful advisor to the pastor during the past two years.

Other Evangelical pastors who were with us during the afternoon or the evening services were, Rev. Mr. Render and Rev. M. G. Geil both of whom were former pastors of the Ebenezer church. Rev. A. P. Johnson, Rev. J. W. Davis, Rev. D. N. Ester, Dr. H. H. Thoren and Rev. G. C. Gasser. We were glad also to have with us some of the local pastors. Our good folk from Deerfield and Northfield churches gave up their services so they could be with us for the evening.

Other Features

Another fine feature of the day was the dinner served in the social rooms of the church by the ladies of the church and friends. This was well done and gave splendid opportunity for fellowship.

A word of commendation is also due the orchestra which provided splendid music during the early part of the dinner hour. The pastor appreciates the thoughtfulness of those who planned and carried through this part of the days program.

Many other things might be mentioned but time forbids. A great day is past, great inspiration was given, and now a great pull in the general work of the church in line with the inspiring messages will result in great progress in the Kingdoms work. Co-operation will be our motto as we go on in this great work.

Highland Park Methodist Church
North Avenue at Lauretta Place
F. D. Hopkins, Minister

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid will be held this Friday afternoon at the Parsonage, Mrs. E. S. Jefferson, hostess. It is hoped there may be a large attendance and all the women of the church and congregation are cordially invited to be present.

In last week's items it was stated that the "Onward" class would hold its monthly social and business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holgate; the gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Bennett, on N. St. John's avenue and a most enjoyable evening was had by the good number present.

The girls of the Alethea class are preparing for a play to be given soon by them, spurred on perhaps by the

dinner given recently by the boys of the Tri-Mu club class. They will have full announcement to be given out soon.

If there has been any lack of social life in the church it has certainly not been among the younger class, and this week Wednesday, the Tri-Mu's gave a little social time to the girls' club class in the social room of the church which proved quite entertaining, the boys putting on a little stunt farce which proved very amusing. They also provided some lively games and had some good "eats" of course.

The Sunday school keeps up a splendid attendance with good interest in all departments. Arrangements are being made to install some curtain partitions in the large basement room so as to better adapt it to the use of various classes. We would like to see all our parents co-operating with teachers in having all our children at Sunday school every Sunday morning,—and the parents themselves also. Far better say "Come, let us all go to Sunday school and church," than to say "Go on to Sunday school" to the children while father and mother stay home. Your action, parents, gives them the impression that religion counts for but little in your estimation. We have two adult classes for parents.

Next-Sunday will be "Thank Offering Sunday" on behalf of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society. There will be some special music and the sermon will treat of the great mission work of the church,—the greatest enterprise in the world. Rev. Dr. C. F. Braben of Northwestern university will be the speaker. Come expecting an unusually interesting service.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON BY REV. C. F. Schriver

By their fruits ye shall know them. So spake the greatest teacher this world ever knew. As he walked the shores of Galilee, or traveled the roads of his native land, he was speaking words simple but wonderfully effective. As we in these days of spring begin to make our gardens it behooves us to think anew upon these words of Jesus the son of man. By their fruits ye shall know them. And as we go about that greater task of making a life or of seeking to guide those of our children in our own homes, or of those whom the school board have put into our care, the same serious word ought often to ring through our minds. By their fruits ye shall know them.

Nearly a generation later the great missionary to the gentiles wrote to the Galatian churches, be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. These were not the words of a stripling, of a youth, unacquainted with life but of one who had had much experience in life. He had made some long journeys, He had dealt with men. Both those who had agreed with him and with those who had disbelieved. He had founded churches and made many converts to the faith of the gospel, and from a large and no doubt often disappointing experience he could bring forth this seemingly startling statement. But having no doubt heard these earlier words of Jesus he could

put the same truth in a slightly different dress and send it forth upon its mission.

And today we are again and again in need of this lesson. It is needed by all ages though not always acknowledged or accepted by all. Children need early to be taught this truth both by word and by example. It is well for the child if the parent will allow him to share in the garden plot, in the home life, in the music, in the other activities of the home. For those early lessons, though for a time they may seem wasted, never are and in due time will come back with added force and power. In some seemingly out of the way portion of the world, or in some lonely time in life, or in the hour of severe temptation, they will bolster a feeble will and give strength and meaning and even victory. Happy the parent who plants this truth deeply in the mind and heart and character of his or her child.

Youth today is in need of this wonderful truth. The trials and temptations of youth are multiplied in intensity today. With our rapid modes of travel, with our breaking moral standards, our unusual freedom, youth has its need of really sustaining foundations. This is one of life's foundation truths. By their fruits ye shall know them. What of this method of business procedure? What of this kind of social life? What of the standards of this group who are bidding for my company? What of the character of this young man or this young woman with whom I am keeping company, or of whose company I am desirous? What will be the results to me, to my home, to my good name, to my parents, if I should do this or these things? There is one answer, by their fruits ye shall know them? Can I play fast and loose and hope to keep all that is most desired and most highly valued? Is my so called friend a true friend or is he or she really my enemy? What of the fruit of their life?

What of these young folk whom the world in derision calls slow and perhaps derides because they have chosen to walk by the rule of the Galilean? Do they really have a good time in life? Are they happy because they seek to live simply and helpfully and chose their companionships from among those who profess to love the Lord Jesus Christ and who seek to live by his teachings? What does the world think of them? What of their fruit? By their fruit ye shall know them.

Adults likewise need this same guiding principle in their lives. Short cuts are ever suggested to us today. Even the master himself was offered a short cut when tempted in the wilderness, but he chose the way of self denial, the way of the fathers will, the way of the cross. What of the fruitage of your and of my life? By their fruits ye shall know them.

St. John's Evangelical Church
N. Green Bay road and Homewood
K. A. Roth, pastor

Regular services will be held on Sunday morning at St. John's with Sunday school beginning at 9:30 and Divine services of worship at 10:30. Sermon by the pastor. Special music by the Girls' choir and a solo by Mr. Nelson Myers of Sugar Grove, Ill. We extend a cordial welcome to all. Come and worship with us.

Highland Park Presbyterian Church

Laurel and Linden Avenues
Rev. Frank Fitt, Minister

Thursday: 7:45—The Drama Study group will meet in the home of Mrs. E. F. Pratt, 408 Oakwood avenue. Miss Marjorie Leaming will prepare two plays for reading. All those interested in drama study are cordially invited.

Sunday: 9:00—Girls' choir rehearsal in the church; 9:45 — Church school; 11:00—Morning worship; 7:30 — Young People's society meeting with a special service presented by the Leadership Training class and members of the church school.

Tuesday: 2:30—The Presbyterian guild will meet in the home of Mrs. H. M. Pier, 565 DeTamble avenue. This is the annual meeting. Mr. Gilbert T. Bremicker of Laird House will be the speaker. All members are urged to be present. Mrs. H. F. Rasmussen and Mrs. E. F. Pratt will assist the hostess.

Wednesday: 7:00—Girls' choir rehearsal in the church; 7:15 — Boy Scout meeting in the Junior room of the parish house.

Deerfield Presbyterian Church

March J. Andrews, Pastor

9:30—Church school.

10:45—Morning worship and sermon.

7:00—Tuxis meeting. Topic, "What should be my attitude toward other denominations?" Verda Varner, leader.

Wednesday 7:45 p. m.—Troop 52 Boy Scouts.

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