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DEDICATION OF REFORMED CHURCH VERY IMPRESSIVE

Beautiful Services Mark Dedication Of New Edifice Here Sunday

THREE SERVICES HELD

Former Pastors Deliver Sermons; Services Continue This Week

With three beautiful and impressive services held yesterday, attended by large audiences, the Zion Reformed church building corner of Third and Jackson streets, was dedicated and opened for church service. Throughout the day hundreds of people visited the edifice and remarked about its beauty and many conveniences.

The pastor, Rev. R. R. Elliker, and the members of the congregation were justly proud of their new place of worship. At the noon hour and again in the evening, the ladies of the church served a delicious meal in the large dining room in the basement of the church. There were no charges made for the dinner, but a silver offering taken during the meal netted a sum for the ladies.

Dedication Services
The dedicatory services opened at 9:45 a. m. when brief services were held on the steps of the new building just before the key was inserted in the lock and the door opened. The morning service opened at 10 o'clock. Following the opening songs and invocation by the pastor, the dedicatory ceremony as provided by the Reformed church, was carried out in charge of the pastor, Rev. Elliker. This ceremony was very beautiful.

The first dedicatory sermon was delivered by the Rev. L. W. Stoltz, of Dayton, Ohio, who was pastor of the local congregation from 1915 to 1920. His sermon was very interesting and inspirational, dealing with the presence of God in the church and congregation. Rev. Stoltz stated that the presence of God caused inspiration, resulted in education and was a protection. "God must be present in the congregation if good is to be accomplished," he declared.

The second dedicatory sermon of the morning was delivered by the Rev. George Grether, of Verona, Wisconsin, who was pastor of the local church from 1901 to 1906. Rev. Grether spoke of the delight one takes in the new house of God and he dwelt on the temple of old and the delight which David had in the new house of the Lord. He took for his text, "Who Will This Day Consecrate Him?"

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MOTHER DIES IN MICHIGAN

Mrs. Samuel Amrine Received Word Of Death Of Mother, Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Samuel Amrine received a telegram Sunday from her sister, Mrs. Jesse Laugher, announcing the death of their mother, Mrs. A. J. Johnson, which occurred at Allegan, Michigan, Saturday night. Death was due to pneumonia.

Mrs. Johnson was a former Adams county resident, having spent much of her life in the vicinity of Decatur and Willshire, Ohio. She left here twelve years ago to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Laugher, in Allegan, Michigan. Mrs. Johnson is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Amrine and Mrs. Laugher, two sons, William Johnson of Marion, Indiana and Lewis Johnson, of Fort Wayne, twenty-six grand children and fifty-eight grandchildren. Two daughters preceded her in death. They were Mrs. David Meyers, of Allegan, Michigan and Mrs. Daniel Troutner, of Willshire, Ohio.

The telegram did not state the funeral arrangements.

Found Not Guilty Of Robbery At Bryant

A jury in the Jay circuit court at Portland Saturday afternoon returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of the state against Roy Hammitt, who was charged with burglary and grand larceny in connection with the robbery which occurred at the Fred Bastian store in Bryant early on the morning of December 26, 1923. The jury received the case at 11 a. m. Saturday and returned a verdict at 2:30 p. m. Donald Snyder was jointly indicted with Hammitt for the robbery.

D. C. H. S. WILL STAGE A PLAY

The Merchant Of Venice Up-to-date" To Be Given On April 29

"The Merchant of Venice Up-to-date" is the title of the rollicking five-act comedy to be given by the students of the Catholic High School April 29, 1924.

The play chosen is a clever parody on Shakespeare's time-honored drama of that name. The scene is laid in Decatur instead of in far-away Venice. The characters are local celebrities who have adopted the names of Shakespeare's heroes.

Antonio, instead of being a merchant is the captain of a football team. Bassanio is afflicted with sadness due to the fact that he despairs of winning Portia.

Presbyterian C. E. Has Postponed Play
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