

Birthday Pennies Become Church Factor In Widening the Scope of Worthy Causes

By EMMA RIVERS MILNER

JOHNNY UNWRAPS his many birthday presents with eager fingers as young guests look on at the party in his home, but reverses his role at the church school celebration.

The scene is festive, too, and Johnny is again the center of attraction, but he becomes the giver rather than the receiver of gifts.

For all children, symbolized by Johnny, and adults, too, are invited to bring pennies, one for each year of their ages, to church school on the Sundays nearest their birthdays.

These pennies reach sizable sums, and are sent clear across the world to improve living conditions for children and older folks. Some are used right here for milk for undernourished public school children, or for other worthy causes.

In fact, the uses to which Indianapolis birthday pennies are put are only equalled in variety by the ways spent birthday are observed by all faiths.

A bank in the form of a miniature church, always exciting to the juvenile imagination, is held by the Rev. J. Willard Yoder, vicar, as he stands before the assembled school on Sunday mornings in ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Young and old are invited to drop in their pennies, which are used for missions. Afterward the congregation recites a poem prayer of good wishes.

Similar procedure is used in the LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER.



The Rev. J. Willard Yoder holds the church missionary bank for his son, J. Bill, and Nancy Berger . . . they drop in their birthday pennies, one for each year.

beginners' department of the BEVILLE AVENUE EVANGELICAL CHURCH SCHOOL. A small boy, self-conscious, but proud, sits beside her. They are the birthday children accorded seats of honor, while their anniversaries are recognized. Candles are lighted on a "permanent" (cardboard) cake; pennies dropped into a bank; the immortal classic, "Happy Birthday to You," is sung, and a prayer is offered by a teacher.

As candles in a many-branched candleabrum are lighted for each year, little children in their birthdays in the CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHOOL, the teacher talks about kindness, thoughtfulness, and other virtues that light the dark ways of life and tells an inspirational story about someone who has made the world better through his accumulated birthdays.

A JEWISH LAD becomes "Bar Mitzvah," or a son of judgment,

on his 13th birthday, assuming the full responsibilities of Judaism which he is now mature enough to understand. In both the BETH-EL ZEDECK TEMPLE and the INDIANAPOLIS HEBREW CONGREGATION he is asked to read a portion of the sacred Torah at a special service. On each month the rabbis in the Hebrew Congregation bestow blessings on children whose birthdays fall within the period, quoting the words of the high priest in the sixth chapter of Numbers.

As soon as it is convenient after her baby's day of birth, the Catholic mother may come to the church to receive the priest's blessing on herself and her new child. She kneels at the altar and holds a lighted candle to symbolize the mother's task to lead her child upon the path of righteousness. This ceremony is called the churchoing of women by the CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Rosebuds presented birthday

SIX CHILDREN can run faster and smile more because of the miles they drank every day last year. The milk was provided by birthday pennies sent to School 9 by ALL SOULS UNITARIAN CHURCH SCHOOL.

Gold, red, blue and green stars are pasted with ceremony on the birthday dates of the calendar in ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOL. The honored pupils are permitted to select songs to sing and are reminded that their birthday pennies will help reduce the church debt.

A small girl smooths her skirts and seats herself primly in a bright red chair occupying a conspicuous place in the front of the

Methodists Wait Rally

First of Series Scheduled At Heath Memorial.

The first of seven group rallies for the Indianapolis Methodist District will be held tomorrow evening in the Heath Memorial Methodist Church.

The rallies are among various events on the Methodist agenda for coming weeks.

Miss Betty Mock, District Employment League president, will address the youth meeting beginning at 6 o'clock and Dr. Guy O. Carpenter, district superintendent, the church service at 7:15 p. m. tomorrow evening. A rental by the East Park Church Orchestra will precede Dr. Carpenter's talk.

Co-operation in tomorrow's rallies is addition to the host are East Park, East Tenth Street, Roosevelt Temple and New Jersey Street Churches. Subsequent rallies featuring guest speakers following the same plan will be for South Side Churches, Feb. 2 at the Victory Memorial Church; for the East Side, Feb. 9 at the Brightwood Church; for the West Side, Feb. 23 at the Trinity Church; at Greenwood, March 2; at the Broad Ripple Church, March 9, and in Franklin March 16.

Miss Fehr to Speak

The Rev. Fr. Francis J. Flinner, superintendent of Cathedral High School, will address the first meeting of the newly reorganized Converts League Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the Catholic Community Center. The league will be sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America and a special committee of which Misses Elizabeth O'Hara and Loreta McMannamon are co-chairmen. Mrs. Larry Zapp, state publicity director for the Daughters, is in charge of announcements.

The purpose is to provide an opportunity for the exchange of ideas for Catholic social contacts for converts and others. Monthly meetings for both men and women will feature a talk by a priest or layman, followed by a question box conducted by a speaker and a social half hour.

Class to Meet In Ex-Coal Bin

THE COAL BIN at the Wallace Street Presbiterian Church is socially climbing — definitely — and you'll be doing it no favor to order any more coal for it, though it hasn't a lump to its name.

Reason: The Couples Class of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for 32 years, will carry the sealed copper box of mementoes in the procession at the cornerstone laying of Dr. G. I. Hoover of this city. He comes straight from the West Coast where he landed a few days ago.

The box, which will be placed inside the cornerstone for some future generation to see, contains the names of 1940-1941 church membership, and the building committee, silver coins, a Bible, hymnal, American flag and Luther's catechism.

Dr. William G. Sodt of Columbus, O., first vice president of the American Lutheran Church, will speak at 10:30 a. m. and at the 2:30 p. m. cornerstone laying and with other visiting clergymen will lead the procession.

The congregational history will be read by M. L. Stahl, charter member, long-time church school superintendent and church officer.

Moving pictures taken of the congregation during the past year will be shown at 3:30 p. m. in the Rev. F. J. Klosser of Zion, Heath will preach. The Rev. L. C. E. Fackler, pastor, will perform the laying of the cornerstone, using the liturgy of the cornerstone, using the liturgy of the church provided for such occasions.

Worshiping first in a hall in 1909, afterward in a small chapel and then in a sizable church the congregation has continued a steady growth.

In addition to Mr. Herther and Mr. and Mrs. Stahl, Mrs. O. J. Rawlinson is a charter member who still belongs to St. Matthew's.

CONVERT LEAGUE WILL HEAR PRIEST

The Rev. Fr. Francis J. Flinner, superintendent of Cathedral High School, will address the first meeting of the newly reorganized Converts League Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the Catholic Community Center.

The meeting is history making in that it will be the first held in the district since the unification of the Methodist Church. All girls over 12 years of age and young women are expected to attend.

MISS FEDERLE TO GIVE RECITAL

Miss Dora Federle will present an organ recital for the 4 o'clock vesper tomorrow in the Beville Avenue Evangelical Church.

"Londonderry Air," the English folk tune, and "Sibelius' 'Finlandia' are among the numbers to be played by Federle, who is presented by Miss Elsie MacGregor, organ instructor at Indiana Central College. The Rev. F. G. Keebler, host pastor, will give the invocation and Scripture reading.

SPENCER ON PROGRAM

President William Gair Spencer of Franklin College will speak and the Pentalphie Masonic Choir will sing at the third of 12 Indianapolis District Sunday evening services tomorrow at 7:45 p. m. in the Roberts Park Methodist Church.

SINGERS SCHEDULED

All Christian Science Churches will hold a mass meeting to promote Democracy Feb. 20 in the World War Memorial Building.

Simultaneously, 3,000,000 youth in 200 communities are expected to hold similar mass meetings. Co-operative groups in Indianapolis are Alpha Zadock Aelph, the Indianapolis Church Federation, the Catholic Daughters of America, Butler Newman Club, Boy Scouts, Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. Moses Levi is general chairman.

YOUNG PEOPLE PLAN DEMOCRACY RALLY

Young people of three faiths will hold a mass meeting to promote Democracy Feb. 20 in the World War Memorial Building.

Cornerstone To Be Laid

St. Matthew's Lutheran Rite Is Set Tomorrow.

Hoover Home

Lyman Hoover of Peiping, China, formerly of Indianapolis, will speak at the morning service tomorrow in the Third Christian Church.

Mr. Hoover is staff representative of the Indianapolis Y. M. C. A. in Peiping, a Butler graduate and son of Dr. G. I. Hoover of this city. He comes straight from the West Coast where he landed a few days ago.

Seminar Friday

Dr. Leslie B. Moss of New York will conduct a seminar on "Foreign Relations" for church and civic leaders Friday at 3 p. m. in the Y. W. C. A.

Dr. Moss is executive director of foreign relief appeals for all churches with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Kershner to Speak

Dr. Bruce Kershner of the Butler College of Religion will deliver the address at the 2:30 p. m. homecoming in the West Morris Street Christian Church.

There is to be a worship service at 9 a. m. followed by a basket dinner at noon for all who have been members during the church's 51 years of existence.

Deaconess Here

Miss Vera Nicklas, Methodist deaconess, will address the Asbury Memorial Methodist Church tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. and Henry M. Dowling, the after-dinner meeting at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in the Central Avenue Methodist Church.

JOSE ITURBI

GUEST SOLOIST

EUGENE GOOSSENS

Conducting

Ford Sunday Evening Hour

The Program Follows:

Overture to "Fra Diavolo" Auber

Finale from Concerto in E Flat Mozart

Mr. Iturbi and Orchestra

Bohemian Festival from "Scenes Pittoresques" . . . Massenet

Bolero Moszkowski

Finale to Act I of "H. M. S. Pinafore" Sullivan

Chorus and Orchestra

(A) Serenade to the Doll DeBussy

(B) Valse Brillante in A Flat Chopin

Mr. Iturbi

Finale to the Symphony "From the New World" . . . Dvorak

Now the Day Is Over Barnby

Chorus, Audience and Orchestra

8:00 to 9:00 P. M.

Sunday, January 26

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FEAR FOR U. S. IF GERMANY WINS

71% of Voters Say Nation Would Be 'Affected'

By Victory.

By DR. GEORGE GALLUP
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PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 25.—Since last spring a growing number of Americans have come to believe a German victory in Europe would affect their own lives and fortunes directly or indirectly; that America's economic security no less than her military security might be at stake, according to a survey just completed.

Whereas only 47 per cent of those interviewed in a nation-wide survey last March thought that a German victory would affect them, 71 per cent now think they would be affected.

Less than half of 1 per cent indicated a belief they might be beneficially affected by the victory of Adolf Hitler's "New Order" in Europe.

Voters in successive surveys were asked: "Suppose the United States does not go into the war, and Germany defeats England—do you think you, personally, would be affected by this German victory?"

The trend since March is shown in the following figures:

	Af- fected	Net af- fected	Per cent Knew
March, 1940	47%	35%	18%
May (After Lowlands In- vasion)	64	24	12
June (After Defeat of French)	58	27	15
July	67	24	9
September	65	23	12
TODAY	71	21	8

At the present moment, the survey reveals, Americans are more concerned about the economic effects of a Hitler victory than even the military and ideological aspects.

Many of them believe that trade restrictions, loss of markets and a lowered standard of living would be the first effects here, followed by dangers of Axis military domination in this hemisphere as well as in Europe and Asia.

"We'd feel the effect of dictatorship in every way," some voters said. "Even if this country could escape dictatorship itself, we'd have to prepare for constant threat of war."

In general, those who feel they would be personally affected by a German victory abroad are the most anxious to aid Britain "even at the risk of getting into the war."

Nevertheless, almost a third of those who don't think they'd be personally affected by Nazi victory believe it is more important for the United States to aid England now, rather than concentrate entirely on "keeping out," additional analysis shows.

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MISS RAYMOND

Named RCA Product Manager—

M. J. (Mike) Yahr, formerly photo-

phone commercial engineer at the

Camden headquarters plans of the

RCA Manufacturing Co., Inc., has

been assigned to the newly created

position of photophone product

manager at the RCA plant here.

O. S. E. Unit to Hold Rite

Englewood Chapter 438, O. S. E., will hold

an affiliation service at the regular

meeting at 8 p. m. Monday in the

Englewood Masonic Temple, 2714 E

Washington St. Mrs. Margaret

Martin is worthy matron and Her-

man Corbin is worthy patron.