

Bishop Holt Opens Meeting Of Protestants

Local Groups Join
in Observance of
Reformation Day

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"We need a demonstration of Protestant strength once a year." With this declaration, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the St. Louis Methodist area opened a Reformation Day address for Indianapolis Protestants yesterday in the North Methodist Church. The meeting was one among 100 held in major cities across the United States.

Bishop Holt is the presiding episcopal head of his denomination, a one-time president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and a member of the central committee of the World Council of Churches.

He lectures, writes books and travels all over the globe in the interest of religion.

Builds Up Fellowship
The bishop explained that the annual Reformation Day services also build up fellowship among Protestants.

In his address, he described the strengths, the weaknesses and the pressing duties of the Protestant branch of Christianity as he views them.

Bishop Holt touched upon some points of cleavage between Protestants and Roman Catholics. But in every instance he spoke without rancor or harshness. Nor did he give the Protestant Reformation a "complete bill of health." He outlined "Perspective and Vision in Protestant History."

For example he said: "Calvin's control was far from democratic and Luther supported the nobles of Germany."

Cites Communist Peril

The speaker emphasized the way the Communists are asserting their strength in Europe and Asia. And he assured his audience that the church always will stand where the people enjoy privilege. But it is for the down-trodden masses that he expressed a grave concern.

"Communism promises the people a better way of life," was his comment. "Protestantism summons the world to nobler Christian living."

A lack of religious freedom prevails in certain South American countries and Protestantism very nearly has vanished in Spain, he said. This he followed with the remark: "The voice of the reformation calls for liberty of worship."

Meets Individual Needs

"In Scandinavia which is overwhelmingly Protestant, communism has no hold," he continued. "Social progress there is due to democratic leadership which has met the needs of individuals."

Looking backward, the bishop asserted that the purpose of the reformation "was not to divide the church but to preserve its integrity and to make a fight for unity."

His closing rallying call was: "Every Protestant communion has its own contribution to make to the spiritual life of the total church. A new reformation is the answer to communism."

Flowers Fill Church

The Reformation Day service opened in a flower adorned church. A long procession of Protestant ministers marched down the aisle and sat in a reserved section in the front of the church. Ministers in pulpit gowns were in the chancel and led the liturgical service.

Bishop Richard C. Raines of the Indiana Methodist Area introduced his colleague, Bishop Holt. Dr. R. H. Turley presided as the chairman of the Church Federation Ecumenicity and World Service Committee, meeting sponsors. Dr. Howard J. Baumgartel, federation executive secretary, made announcements and Dr. Dallas L. Browning was host pastor.

**Edward T. Elsey
Rites Wednesday**

Edward T. Elsey, an electrician for the National Starch Products Co., Inc., who died yesterday after three months' illness, will be buried in Forest Park following services at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday in the Conklin West Michigan Street Funeral Home.

Mr. Elsey, 130 Kochne St., was a native of Logoootee, but had lived in Indianapolis 20 years. He was 42.

Surviving are his wife, Grace, five sons, Leonard, Kenneth, George, Marvin and Wayne Elsey; three stepsons, James, Robert and William Daugherty; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Florence Ray and Miss Margaret Daugherty; two brothers, Flavian and Ray Elsey, all of Indianapolis, and his father, Isaac Elsey, Logoootee.

James Barnfield

James Henry Barnfield, native of Benton, Ill., died yesterday in General Hospital after an illness of four years. He was 33.

Mr. Barnfield, who had lived in Indianapolis four years, was a machinist at the Inslay Manufacturing Co. before his illness. His home was in 2723 Olney St.

Services and burial will be held Wednesday in Benton. Friends may call at the Moore & Kirk Northeast Chapel until 10 p. m. Tuesday.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnfield; five brothers, Virgil, Joe, Gene, Keith and Charles Barnfield, and a sister, Mrs. Mildred Loux, all of Indianapolis.

TRUMAN TALKS THURSDAY
WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (UPI)—President Truman will leave Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. (Indianapolis time) on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for St. Paul, Minn., where he will speak Thursday night at a Truman Day celebration. He will return to Washington after the speech, arriving here Friday.

Purdue Freshman Class Officers Meet



D. W. Allison Rites Tomorrow

War Veteran Dies in Brownsburg

Funeral services for Denzil W. Allison, Hoosier war veteran, will be held at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow in Harry W. Moore Peace Chapel.

A native of Ladoga, he served here 50 years and was a member of Christ Episcopal Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ralph F. Betz and Mrs.

Mrs. Lillian Benson Rites Wednesday

Services will be held for Mrs. Lillian Benson, 4604 Washington Blvd., at 10 a. m. Wednesday in Shirley Brothers Central Chapel.

Mrs. Benson died Saturday at her home. Burial will be in Washington Park Cemetery.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ralph F. Betz and Mrs.

Mrs. Esta Ross Rites Tomorrow

Cedarville Native Lived Here 43 Years

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 1:30 p. m. in Flatt & Buchanan mortuary for Mrs. Esta Ross, who died Saturday in her home, 3996 N. Capitol Ave. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Ross, 73, a native of Cedarville, O., was an Indianapolis resident 43 years. She was a member of the Capitol Ave. M. E. Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. A. F. Burris; a son, Ass. M. Ross, both of Indianapolis; and two brothers, Russel, Hinton, W. Va., and Robert, Indianapolis; and five sisters, Mrs. Mae Spenny and Mrs. Frances Tyler Indianapolis; Mrs. Iona Pyle Columbus, Ind.; Mrs. Elsie Dawson Pasadena, Cal. and Mrs. Martha Carwin, Altadena, Cal.

Mrs. Harriett French

Services for Mrs. Harriett Ann French, 6031 E. St. Joseph St., who died Saturday, will be at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow in Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel. Burial will be in Washington Park. She was 82.

A native of Shelby County, she was survived by a brother, Benjamin Winton, New Bethel; two step-sons, Harry and Rolla, and three step-daughters, Mrs. Fred Harper and Mrs. Buri Collyer, all of Indianapolis, and Mrs. George Wettrick, Portland, Ore.

Miss Johnetta Colquette

Funeral rites will be read for Miss Johnetta Colquette here at 1 p. m. Wednesday in Good Samaritan Baptist Church.

The 24-year-old native of Indianapolis died Saturday at her home, of her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. William Malone, 418 W. 14th St. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Cross died yesterday at her home. She was 80. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Emma H. Miller

Mrs. Emma H. Miller died yesterday in her home, 1109 N. West St.

Rites will be held in her son's funeral home, George M. Miller Mortuary, at 10 a. m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Green Wood Cemetery, Lexington. She was 73.

Mrs. Miller was born in Lexington, Ky., but lived here 41 years. She was a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church.

Besides her son, a brother, Arthur Sigman, Castleton, and three grandsons.

Mrs. Joseph Beechler

Services for Mrs. Minnie Beechler, who died Friday in her home, 75th St. and Hague Rd., were held yesterday in McCord Funeral Home, Oaklawn. Burial was in the JOOF cemetery there. She was 69.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph E. Beechler; two sons, Vernon and Joseph Beechler, both of Indianapolis; a brother, Arthur Sigman, Castleton, and three grandsons.

George W. Stone

George W. Stone, former trolley operator for the Indianapolis Railways, who died Saturday in his home, 237 N. Beville Ave., following a long illness, will be buried in Washington Park after services at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Dorsey Funeral Home.

Born in Marion, Ind., Mr. Stone had worked 18 years for the transit firm before his retirement. He was 54.

Surviving are his wife, Nelia; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stone, Marion; a son, Leslie Stone, Marion; a stepson, William Walker, Indianapolis; six brothers, Arthur Stone, Greensboro, N. C.; John Stone, Louisville; Orville Stone, Cotton Valley, La.; and Clarence Stone, Earl and LaVerne Stone, all of Marion, and four grandsons.

Charles Hodge

Requiem mass for Charles Hodge, owner of a grocery at 3124 E. 25th St., where he died Saturday, will be sung at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday in St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church after services at 9 a. m. in Moore & Kirk Northeast Chapel. Burial will be in Holy Cross. He was 48.

A resident of Indianapolis 14 years, he operated the market 14 years. He was a member of St. Francis Church and Moore Lodge.

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George Puff

Services for George Puff, 868 Virginia Ave., who died Saturday in a long illness, will be held at 10 a. m. tomorrow in the J. C. Wilson Chapel of the Chimes, 1234 Prospect St.

An antique dealer for the past seven years, Mr. Puff was born in Gas City in 1907. He had resided in Indianapolis since 1910, however, and was educated in city schools.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his father, William; a stepdaughter, Madonna Heartbarger of Alexandria; a brother, William Jr., and a sister, Mrs. Catherine Bennett, all of Indianapolis.

Oscar C. Pavey

Rites for Oscar C. Pavey, retired accountant, who died yesterday in his home in the 2700 block W. 60th St., will be held at 10 a. m. Wednesday in Flanner & Buchanan Mortuary.

He served with several Midwestern and Southern newspapers and was formerly in the advertising department of the New Orleans Times-Picayune before coming to Indianapolis.

Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mr. Pavey, who lived most of his life in Indianapolis, is survived by his wife, Edna C.; a son, Robert F. Pavey, Indianapolis; a daughter, Miss Louise Pavey, Martinsville, and two sisters, Miss Jessie M. and Mitti Ruth Bernice Pavey, all of Indianapolis.

Former Hoosier Newsman Dies

BOGALUSA, La., Oct. 31 (UPI)—Funeral services will be held here at 2 p. m. tomorrow for Clyde S. Moss, 68, publisher of the Bogalusa Enterprise, who died yesterday after a long illness.

Mr. Moss, whose son, Bill Moss, publishes the Bogalusa Bulletin, was a native of Bloomfield, Ind., and got his start on the Linton (Ind.) Daily Call.

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Blast Wrecks Building

MARCUS HOOK, Pa., Oct. 31 (UPI)—An explosion wrecked a one-story compressor house at the Sun Oil plant today, burning two workers slightly.

The explosion tore off the roof and blew out windows. There was no fire.

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