

## Church News—

**Laymen, Too, Can Preach**

Methodist Players Give Eloquent Sermon on Stage

By EMMA RIVERS MILNER, Times Church Editor  
ORDAINED ministers hold no monopoly on sermons which warm the heart and lift the mind.

I have known a group of men and women who never will mount a pulpit to preach but who could offer ministers very lively competition.

The Methodist Players of whom I speak wouldn't think of pitting themselves against their pastor. But they do say they try to preach sermons with their religious dramas.

Tomorrow at 7:45 p. m. they will give a Lenten production and you will be able to see for yourself how well they succeed in their ambition. Then, the Methodist Players will present "The Cloth of Sodomy" by Elizabeth Emerson in the Irvington Methodist Church. The players belong to that church.

**Catholics to Give To Bishops' Fund**

## Collection to Aid Victims of War

Indianapolis Catholics with those of their faith across the United States tomorrow will make gifts of money to the annual collection of the Bishops' Fund for Victims of War.

The appeal is made each year at all Masses on Laetare Sunday, which falls in mid-Lent. This year again seeks a total of \$5 million.

The fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, offers a break in the austere atmosphere of the season preceding Easter. The Mass, tomorrow, as always on Laetare Sunday, will be full of joy and comfort to cheer the faithful before the rigors of the final days of Lent.

## Matter of Concern

The sad state of many thousand people who are still homeless and suffering in eastern Europe, and in the Near East and Far East, is a matter of great concern to all freedom-loving men and women," said the Rev. Fr. Victor L. Goossens. Father Goossens is executive director of the campaign for the archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Funds gathered by this appeal will continue to be used for the shipment of food, clothing and medical supplies to the countries.

The play will be enacted in the main auditorium of the church within the communion railings. No rise and fall of a curtain, no shifting of scenery will mar the reverent setting. Greenery will be placed to resemble a garden. The east will wear the same Palestinian costumes throughout.

MARY ELIZABETH HITE will play parts of Handel's "The Messiah" before and after the play. No offering will be taken, no tickets given out. The players will act out their message for any persons in the city who wish to come.

Work, thought and time are going into preparations. Rehearsals are called regularly. Members are cutting patterns, sewing and adjusting costumes. Mrs. Richard Druart, the costume "dresses" the casts for the church plays as her only hobby. She buys materials at bargain sales, visits the library and does the necessary research to plan authentic designs.

MRS. DRUART has discovered that a lively character becomes more lively in the impression he gives when wearing brilliant colors. In the same manner, dark colors make a solemn one more solemn. Also distance aids in the creation of an illusion. A design crudely sketched in wax crayon as a border on a robe becomes a lovely thing viewed by the audience, she said.

Mrs. Wilson Patterson who has sung in the Irvington Church Choir for 12 years will direct the play. Mrs. Patterson is so interested in church dramatics that she attended a workshop dealing with the subject last summer at Green Lake, Wis.

THE CAST she is training for tomorrow's performance includes: Ivan Bedell who will take the stellar role as Joseph of Arimathea.

**First United Lutheran Church**701 N. Pennsylvania St.  
PAUL E. HUFFMAN, Pastor  
10:30 A. M.—MORNING WORSHIP  
"THE TWO COVENANTS"  
LENTEN SERVICE THURSDAY, 7:45 P. M.  
9:15 A. M. Church School  
Church Office, LI-9502  
Pastor's Home, HI-3925**CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE**  
28th & Sherman Dr., L. O. Spillman, Pastor

7:45 P. M. NIGHTLY (except Monday).

Pearl Champion, Evangelist

REVIVAL CONTINUES

**CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE**

10th and Park Ave.

March 4 through 11th,

7:45 P. M.

Sunday, 10:45—3:00—7:45

ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION

OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS

Dr. Charles Culver, Oriental Missionary Society  
Rev. Charles Anderson, Independent Baptist Preacher, New Jersey  
Rev. Ellsworth Culver, Missionary to Island of Formosa  
Rev. Charles Thornton, Indiana — Japan — St. Louis  
Slides — Movies — Curios — Costumes

GREATEST DRAMA EVER PLAYED—Miss Joan Richey of the Methodist Players reverently holds the cloth representing the shroud of the crucified Christ.

**Dr. Clive McGuire To Be Speaker**

The Indianapolis Ministerial Association will present Dr. Clive McGuire, executive secretary of the Indianapolis Baptist Association, in an address on "The City Church and Its Work" Monday at

10:30 a. m. in the Roberts Park Methodist Church.

Dr. McGuire recently returned from Buffalo, N. Y., where he talked to the city's ministers on the same subject. Discussion will follow his address Monday.

Richard Whittington, director of the chorale, of choral activities at Butler University, the Jordan College of Music and the Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church, will conduct the concert.

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