

Churches face the music: The organist crisis

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

Churches that take organists for granted may have to start playing a different tune.

"Will You Worship with Music in the Year 2000?" was the jarring theme of a recent American Guild of Organists meeting attended by representatives of 11 denominations and several church music organizations.

A report from the New York meeting cited an increasing number of vacant organ benches, plummeting enrollment in schools of sacred music, low pay and poor working conditions for church organists.

There are too few full-time jobs in big churches and too few organists willing to take poorly paid part-time jobs in small churches, said Larry Christensen, parish musician at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Des Moines and national president of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.

"Twenty years ago, many women majored in organ in college, married and then worked as a part-time or volunteer organist," he said. "Now they are getting MBA degrees and going into business."

Carl Staplin, head of Drake University's church music program, said there are three students majoring in church music at Drake. Twenty years ago, there would have been about 15.

Several thousand Iowa churches have organists. Staplin, a regional official of the organists' guild, said pay "covers the waterfront, with some paying an extremely inadequate \$5 or \$10 a week."

He said in a typical medium-sized church of about 500 members, an organist works a minimum of 10 hours a week and the pay ranges from \$30 to \$50. Pay may be higher in larger churches.

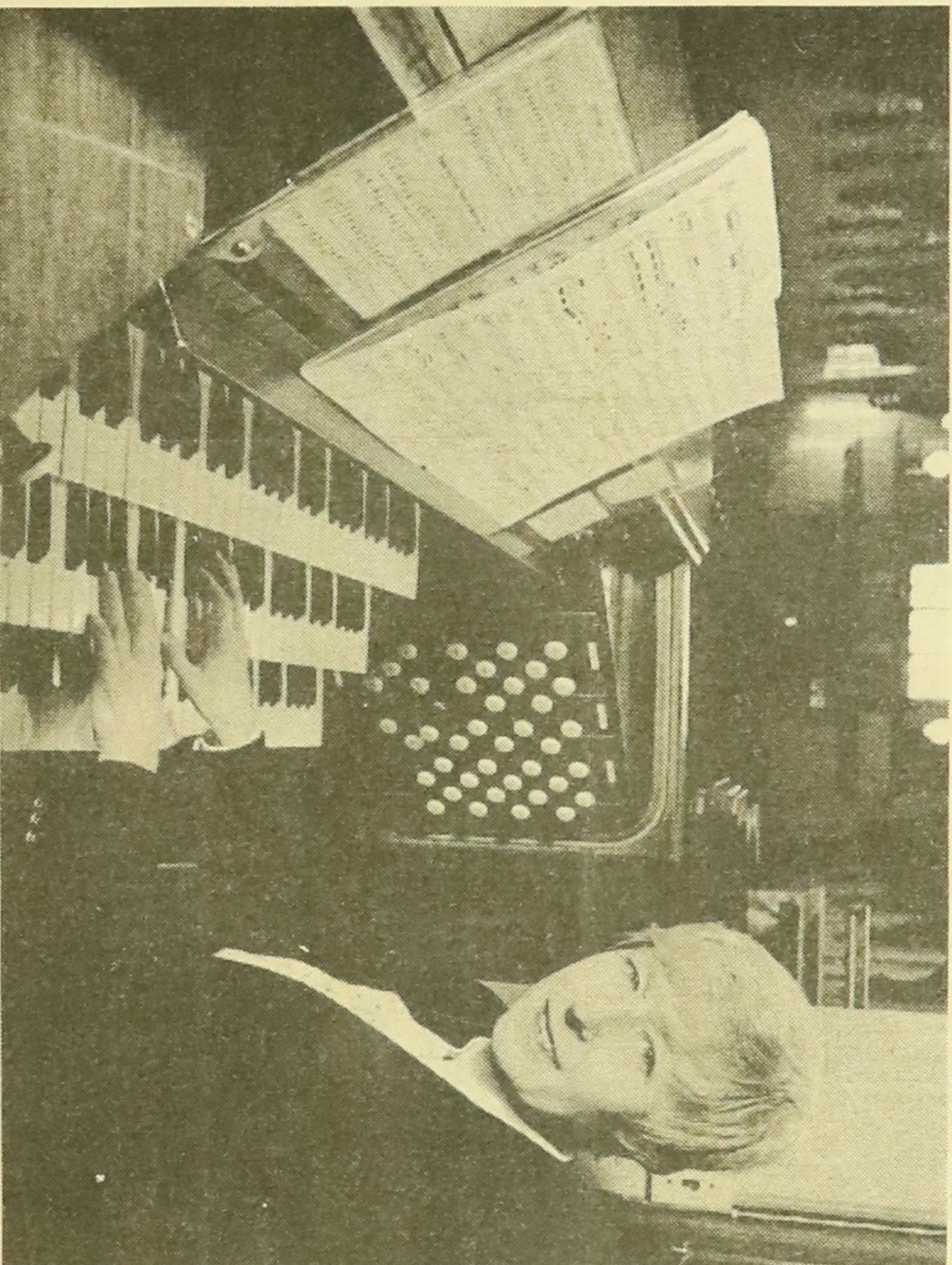
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Palmer Lowry of Des Moines, editor of a guild newsletter, said there are fewer than six full-time Iowa church organists and probably all of them double at another assignment, such as choral director, at annual salaries of about \$25,000.

John Lytle, a Drake journalism professor and organ "hobbyist," said the shortage keeps him busier as a \$25 to \$75 per week substitute organist than he could have dreamed of 10 years ago.

For centuries, majestic organ music has been a staple of worship in Roman Catholic and mainline Protestant churches. Lytle said recent issues of Ameri-



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can Organist magazine "have questioned which we are going to run out of first, mainline denominations or organists."

Often cited is a growing unwillingness of the young to accept the strict discipline and the long hours of practice in addition to the low pay.

Phyllis Mains, who has a master's degree in organ, is the organist at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and Tifereth Israel Synagogue. "My first church job was at the age of 14," said Mains. "I would practice two hours each morning before going to school. I have always practiced five or six hours a day. You spend that time alone. You give up social things."

Lytle said, "If you want to preserve the tradition of fine music, you need a Phyllis Mains and not a journalism teacher who doesn't have the training, ability or time to practice enough."

In some churches, the piano and recorded organ music have replaced the organ.

"We have a great heritage of organ and choral music to carry forward," said Staplin. "I can't imagine a time when we won't have church musicians. But trends tend to continue unless something happens to change them. Something has to happen."

Volunteer guardian for impaired, elderly 'wonderful,' 'helpful'

By ANNETTE VAN CLEAVE

Register Staff Writer

James Schlafer is described as "wonderful," "helpful" and "conscientious," but not by the people who benefit most from his volunteer work.

The people he helps most can't talk. They are mentally impaired or elderly people for whom Schlafer, of 1224 49th St., West Des Moines, serves as volunteer guardian and conservator. As their guardian, Schlafer makes decisions about how best to use their resources to get the best life possible. He also manages their financial affairs, balancing their checkbooks and making sure they get the income to which they are entitled.

Schlafer works with the Iowa Department of Human Services and the Polk County attorney's office under the supervision of district probate court.

Schlafer, 67, read about the volunteer position and signed up for it about two years ago.

"I was looking for something to partially justify my existence," Schlafer said.

Started in '85

He took his first volunteer guardian case in May 1985. Since then, Schlafer has become a guardian and conservator to seven others. In addition to overseeing his clients' personal and financial matters, he also fills out annual reports and financial statements on his wards for the Department of Human Services.

Schlafer gets high marks from Terri Dowie, a legal assistant with the county attorney's office who works closely with volunteers.

"He's wonderful and always available," said Dowie.

In situations where family members can't agree on how a person should be cared for, the court may appoint a guardian to be the decision-maker rather than the family.

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Schlafer said he hopes to keep up his volunteer work and other interests.

"God willing, I'll be doing all of these things as long as I can."

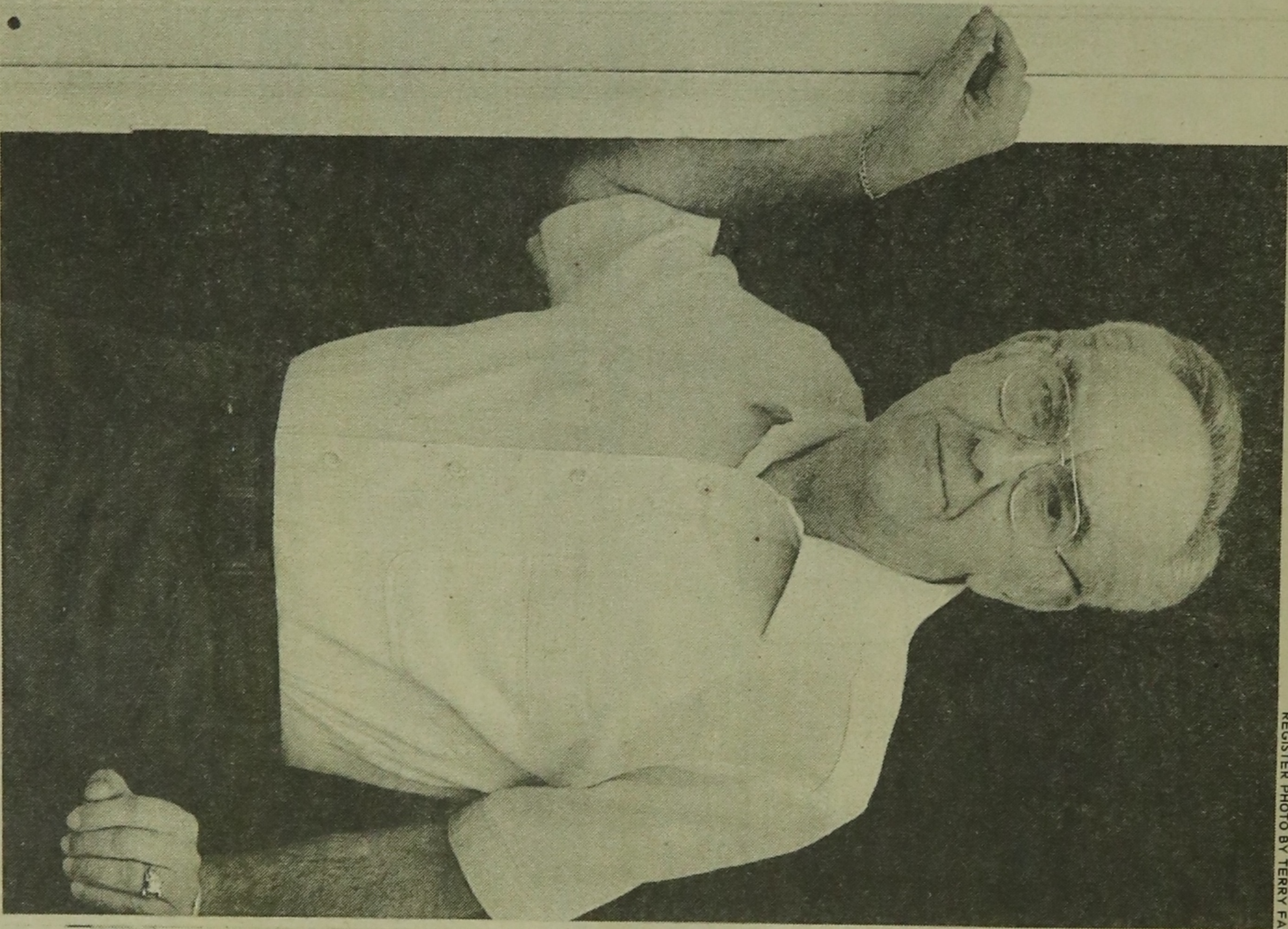
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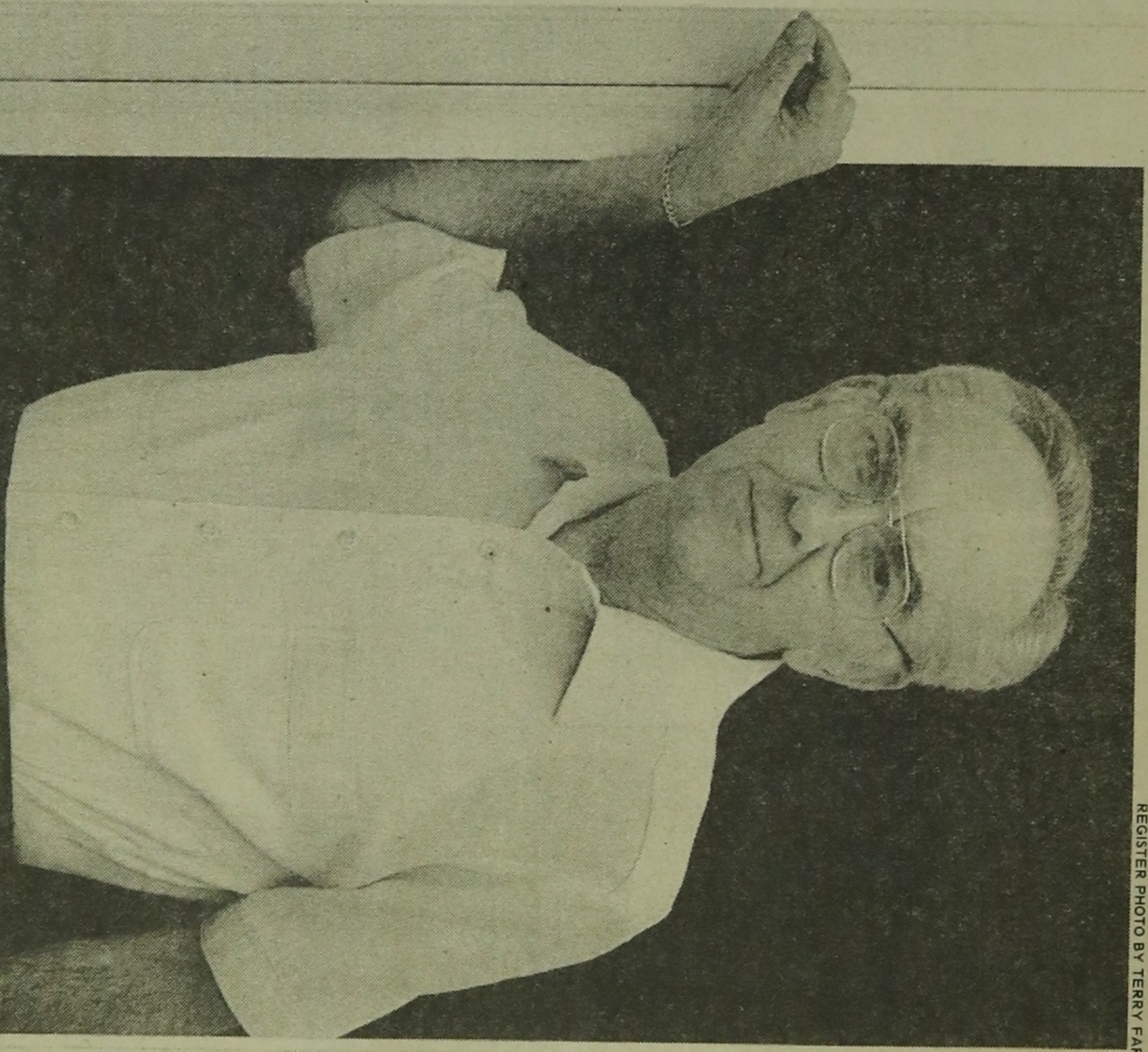
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Setting the tone for the spice trade

By STEPHANIE SHAW

Register Business Writer

Tone Brothers Inc. has found that variety is the life of spice.

In the last few years, the 113-year-old Des Moines spice firm has made changes in its packaging, processing, plant and products that company officials say have given sales a big boost.

"In the last five years, we've probably tripled in sales," says President F. Christopher Cruger.

For competitive reasons, the company won't say what those sales figures are, but Walter Henning, vice president of operations, says the plant is processing more than a quarter of a million pounds of spices a week.

"We are a major national force in the spice business," says Cruger.

Until the past year, grocery store sales of Tone's spices have been largely limited to Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota. But more recently, the company has started selling in Illinois, Florida, Alabama, Arizona and Washington, Cruger says.

Food Service Sales

However, the bulk of the company's sales come from the food service division that it started in 1977 and went national with about three years ago. The food service business includes spices sold in larger quantities to restaurants, hospitals, schools and other institutions.

The food service products are sold in 50 states and parts of Canada under 40 private labels, says Cruger, 51, who joined the company in 1982 and became president last year.

A third component of the spice industry is the industrial market, which includes the food companies that use spices in their manufacturing.

But Cruger says Tone's decided about a year and half ago to cut back on its industrial sales because it could not charge the prices it felt were necessary to preserve the quality of its products.

"The majority of our business is food service, but we see our real future growth in the grocery store sector," Cruger says. Overall, the company is expecting sales to grow by at least 20 percent this year, he adds.

Founded in 1873

Company officials say they think Tone's is the oldest spice company in the country. The company was started in 1873 by brothers Jehiel and I.E. Tone.

The Tone family held the company until it was sold to Mid-Continent Bottlers Inc. in 1968. In 1978, Universal Foods of Milwaukee bought it. The following year, John G. Graham, who is president of Graham Investment Co. — a Des Moines real estate company — and a handful of other local investors bought the company.

Tone's remains privately held. Graham, who is chairman of the board and the company's largest shareholder, says there are four major shareholders, while the balance of the stock is owned by some company employees.

Back in 1884, the company employed 11 people. Today, it employs about 160, Cruger says. Twenty salaried positions were cut in the last year. Cruger says the cuts do not reflect hard times, but were simply a way of streamlining the operation to be more efficient.

Competitive Business

The spice business is intensely competitive. There are about 100 spice manufacturing com-

1873

Tone Brothers spice and coffee business founded by Jehiel and I.E. Tone.

1884

Tone's has 11 employees, sells coffee and spices in bulk to grocers.

1888

Tone's overcomes grocer resistance, markets individual packages of pepper, cinnamon.

1894

Tone's packs ready-roasted but unground coffee; moves to 109-11 Court Ave.

1897

Jay Tone Sr. enters business; lemon, vanilla extracts added to line.

1932

Tone's expands to Kansas, Illinois, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Missouri.

1968

Company sold to Mid-Continent Bottlers Inc. of Des Moines.

1978

Mid-Continent Bottlers, along with Tone's, sold to Universal Foods of Milwaukee.

1979

John Graham and other local investors buy Tone Brothers from Universal Foods.



REGISTER PHOTO BY WARREN TAYLOR

Tone's President Christopher Cruger shows an array of company products.

1982

Tone's begins processing spices at sub-zero temperatures to preserve flavor.

1985

Company introduces small plastic packages of spices; begins move to new plant.

1986

Tone's completes move to new plant at 4141 McDonald Ave. in Des Moines.

panies in the United States, according to Tom Burns, executive vice president of the American Spice Trade Association in Englewood Cliffs, N.J.

At the top of the heap are the Big Three. Burns says McCormick's (which is sold as Schillings in some parts of the country) is the largest

spice company. It is followed by Durkee's and French's. (Last month, the company that owns Durkee's agreed to sell the business to the company that owns French's).

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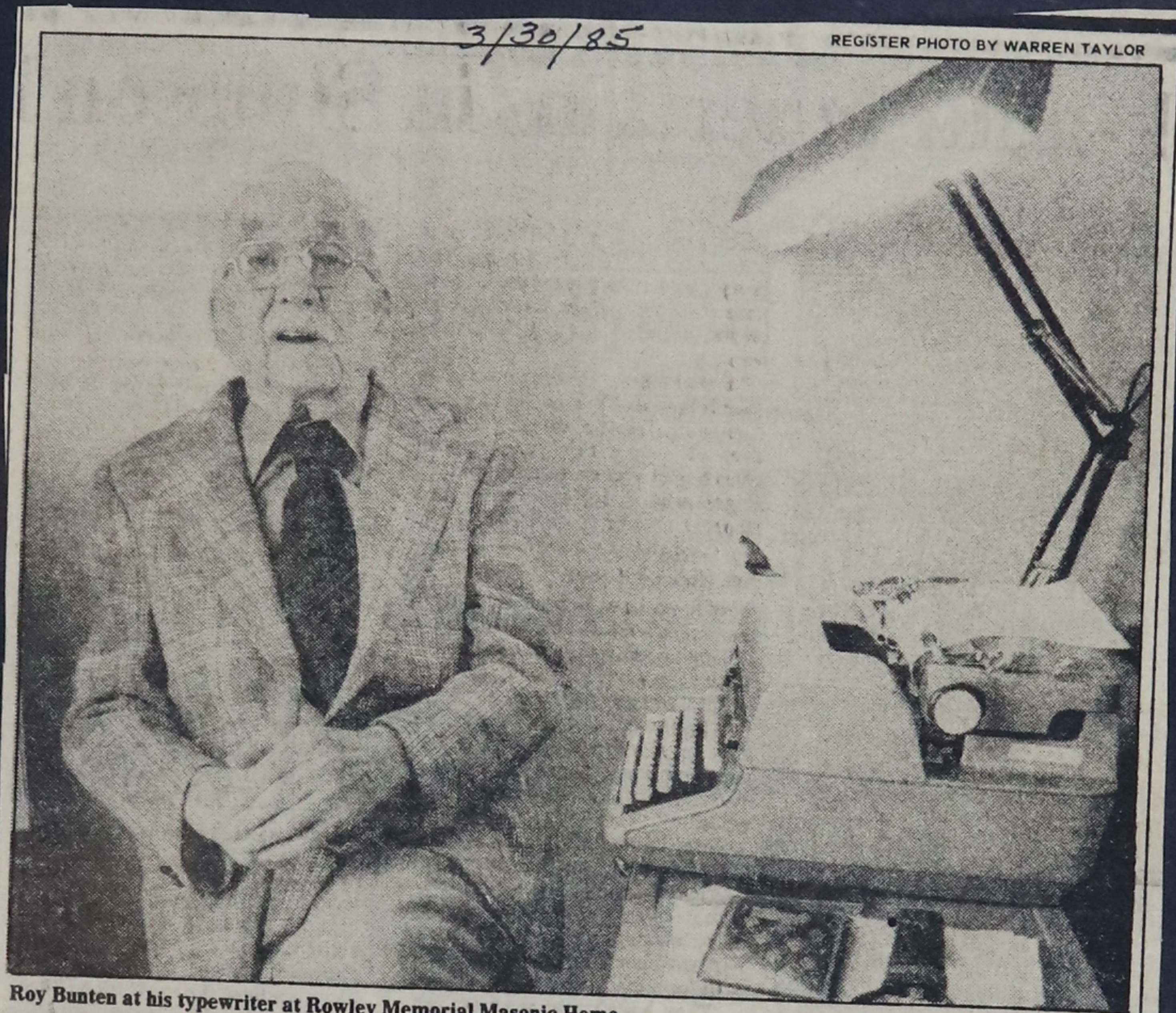
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Bunten, now legally blind and living at the Rowley Memorial Masonic Home in Perry, writes poetry. He recently shared his latest poem about his special Easter with his pastor at Plymouth, the Rev. James O. Gilliom.

Prick up your ears and listen, folks, to what I have to say.

*This verse is to remind you of a Very Special day.
My life through all these hundred years has not been very great.*

But my hundredth birthday is a day the world will celebrate.

Of course that's not because of me — though that would be swell;

It's just because my birthday will be Easter Day as well.

Sharing the poem with the congregation, Gilliom called Bunten "one of our most delightful members, whose bright spirit has brought joy and inspiration to many." Gilliom said as Bunten approaches his 100th birthday on Easter he

is "still indomitable. That's Easter faith."

Gilliom said Bunten, who is legally blind but can detect enough of an image that he can work at his typewriter, has sent Gilliom some verse on each of Bunten's birthdays since his 95th.

A year ago, he celebrated reaching age 99 by starting work on what he calls his "limerick translation of the Bible." Saying he hoped the pastor wouldn't consider his efforts "sacrilegious," Bunten shared these two limericks based on the creation account in Genesis:

*When Adam was made out of mud,
The Lord saw he looked such a dud.
Standing there all alone
He extracted a bone*

Which, presto, was Eve, flesh and blood.

*When Adam first saw Eve, he cried
Please, darling, stay here by my side.*

*You once were my rib
But I sure like your jib.*

I want only you for my bride.

"His mind is sharp and his sense of humor is wonderful," said Gilliom of his parishioner who will celebrate 100 years of life on Easter Sunday. Bunten's relatives will honor him with a 2 to 4 p.m. party at the church on that day.

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Special Dispatch to The Register

OMAHA, NEB. — Private services for Pearl C. Leander, 86, of Omaha and formerly of Des Moines, who died of a heart ailment Tuesday at the Florence Home here, will be at 9 a.m. Monday at John A. Gentleman West-side Chapel. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery here.

Mrs. Leander was born in Lisbon and had lived in Des Moines from the 1920s until 1968. She retired in 1966 after 45 years as a principal and teacher for the Des Moines Public Schools. She was a member of PEO, Drake University Alumni and Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include a son, Roger Kupka of Omaha; and three grandchildren.

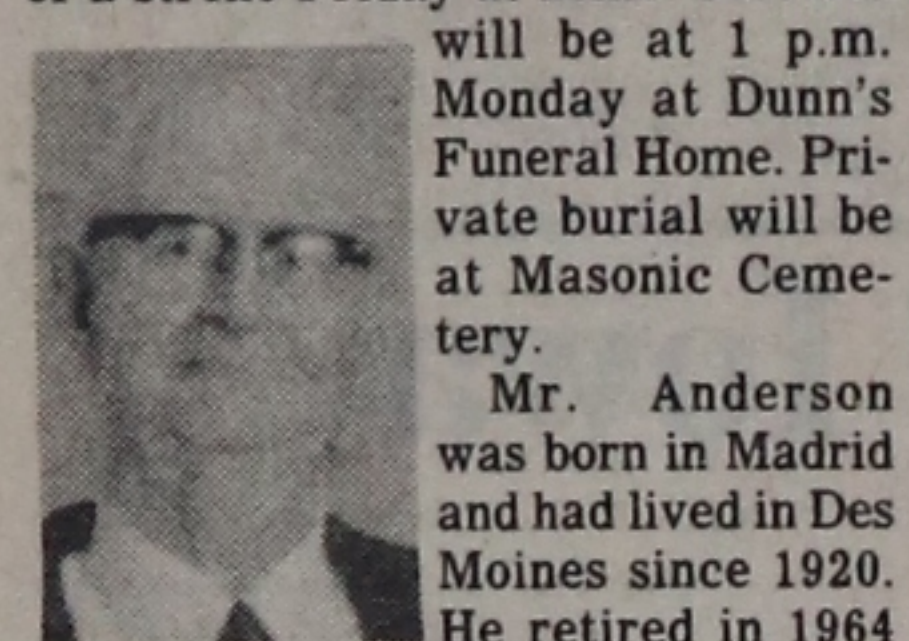
The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Children's Hospital Foundation in Omaha.

11/19/87

LLOYD E. ANDERSON

Lloyd E. Anderson, 88, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died of a stroke Friday at home. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Private burial will be at Masonic Cemetery.



LLOYD E. ANDERSON

Mr. Anderson was born in Madrid and had lived in Des Moines since 1920. He retired in 1964 as the director of research for Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co. and he had been a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Des Moines Club, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Jesters, Des Moines Consistory, Auburn Masonic Lodge 592 and Bohemian Club.

Survivors include a son, Lloyd E. Jr. of Pittsburgh, Pa.; a brother, Earl D. of Aurora, Colo.; a sister, Roberta Smith of Kenosha, Wis.; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Scottish Rite Park.

10/17/87

ELIZABETH H. GRAHAM

Elizabeth H. Graham, 80, of 2407 Woodland Ave., West Des Moines, died of cancer Tuesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at McLaren's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.



ELIZABETH H. GRAHAM

Mrs. Graham was born in Ottumwa and had lived in West Des Moines for the past 60 years. Prior to that she had lived in Des Moines. She retired after 17 years as the executive secretary for the Raymond Blank Hospital Guild and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include her husband, W. Walter; a daughter, Judith Graham of Seattle, Wash.; a son, Michael H. of Portland, Ore.; a brother, Richard C. Haw of Burbank, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

10/7/87

LILLITH A. WOODS

Lillith A. "Lois" Woods, 88, of Calvin Manor, 4210 Hickman Road, died of arteriosclerosis Saturday at home. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery. Mrs. Woods was born in Ohio. She was a retired secretary for the Podiatry Association and had been a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and Women's Circle of the church.



LILLITH A. WOODS

Survivors include two sons, Marion D. of Ventura, Calif., and Richard LeRoy of Richland, Wash.; and two daughters, Phyllis Miller and Mildred Crawford, both of Richland.

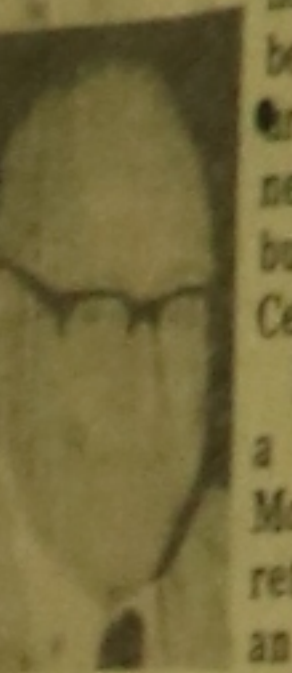
Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvin Manor.

11/12/87

ROLAND HARRISON

Roland "Tip" Harrison, 79, of 2909 Woodland Ave., died of a heart attack Thursday at home. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery.



ROLAND HARRISON

Mr. Harrison was a lifelong Des Moines resident and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Capital Masonic Lodge, 33rd Des Moines Rite Masons, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Wakonda Club, Des Moines Club and Sertoma Club.

Survivors include his wife, Cecelia, son, Robert of Philadelphia, Pa.; grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Scottish Rite Park.

9/12

ANGUS K. CAMPBELL

Special Dispatch to The Register

YUMA, ARIZ. — Angus Kephah Campbell, 81, of Yuma, formerly of Des Moines, died of a heart attack here Jan. 6. Memorial services and private burial have been held. The body was cremated.

Mr. Campbell was a lifelong Des Moines resident until moving to Yuma in 1969. He was the retired owner of Campbell Industries and had been a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Sertoma Club and Pioneer Club. He was a member, past secretary and past vice president of the board of Des Moines YMCA and a past president of Y's Men's Club.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; a son, Angus K. III of Dallas, Texas; three daughters, Bonnie Lewis of Salt Lake City, Utah, Mollie Hawkins of Dallas and Caroline Palmer of Yuma; two brothers, Bowen of Des Moines and Fletcher of Dover, Del.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Children's Village, 557 S. Third Ave., Yuma, Ariz.

1/14/88

ROLAND HARRISON

Roland "Tip" Harrison, 99, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died of a heart attack Thursday at home. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Dunn's Funeral Home, with burial in Masonic Cemetery.



ROLAND HARRISON

Mr. Harrison was a lifelong Des Moines resident. He retired in 1973 as an architect and partner in Wetherell and Harrison Architects, and he had been a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Capital Masonic Lodge, 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Masons, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Wakonda Club, Des Moines Club and Sertoma Club.

Survivors include his wife, Cecil; a son, Robert of Philadelphia, Pa.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Scottish Rite Park.

2/12/88

ANGUS K. CAMPBELL

Special Dispatch to The Register

YUMA, ARIZ. — Angus Kephart Campbell, 83, of Yuma, formerly of Des Moines, died of a heart attack here Jan. 6. Memorial services and a private burial have been held. The body was cremated.

Mr. Campbell was a lifelong Des Moines resident until moving to Yuma in 1969. He was the retired co-owner of Campbell Industries and had been a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Sertoma Club and Pioneer Club. He was a member, past secretary and past vice president of the board of the Des Moines YMCA and a past president of Y's Men's Club.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; a son, Angus K. III of Dallas, Texas; three daughters, Bonnie Lewis of Salt Lake City, Utah, Mollie Hawkins of Dallas and Caroline Palmer of Yuma; two brothers, Bowen of Des Moines and Fletcher of Dover, Del.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Children's Village, 257 S. Third Ave., Yuma, Ariz.

1/14/88

EDITH T. MITCHELL

Edith T. Mitchell, 93, of 1119 22nd St., West Des Moines, died of a respiratory ailment Friday at Valley View Village.



EDITH T. MITCHELL

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Mitchell was born in Lathrup, Mo., and had lived in Des Moines since 1952. She had been a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Lois Miller of West Des Moines; a sister, Amelia Hall of Kansas City, Kan.; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

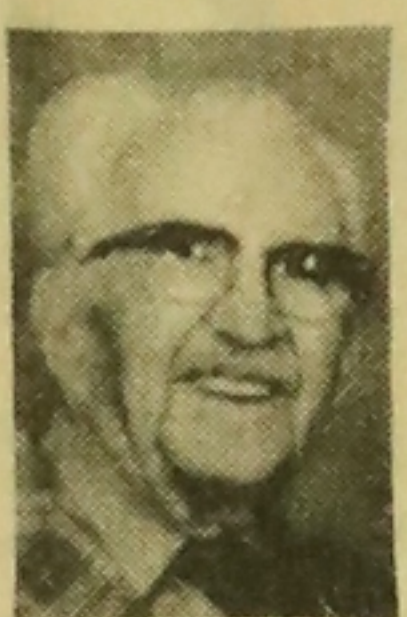
Memorial contributions may be made to Valley View Village or her church.

1/10/88

ROY BUNTON

The Register's Iowa News Service

PERRY, IA. — Roy Bunton, 102, of Perry died of a heart ailment Wednesday at Rowley Memorial Home.



ROY BUNTON

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Plymouth United Congregational Church of Christ in Des Moines. The body has been donated to the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences there.

Mr. Bunton was born in Brandon, Neb., and lived in Des Moines most of his life before moving to Perry three years ago. He retired from The Des Moines Register, where he had been a Linotype operator, and he was a member of the Church of Christ and Masonic Daylight Lodge No. 660. He served as the alumni historian for Drake University and at the time of his death he was the school's oldest alumnus.

Survivors include a son, Robert of Amarillo, Texas; two daughters, Margaret Robinson of Knoxville and Doris Campbell of Des Moines; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rowley Home or his church.

Fouch-Murdock Funeral Home in Perry is handling arrangements.

1/11/88

YOUR PAGE

91-year-old Todd injects his enthusiasm to Plymouth Church

By JULIE E. PENTZ

Register Staff Writer

You can tell him to act his age, take out his birth certificate and show him. Yes, Bill Todd is 91, but he doesn't look it and he simply refuses to play the part.



BILL
TODD

since 1927.

Every day Todd takes a short jaunt across the street from his home to the church where, in a variety of ways, he lends a helping hand. If something needs fixing, Todd's the man who can do it all... a real jack-of-all-trades.

"He can repair just about anything that needs to be done," said Wayne Shoemaker, minister of admissions at Plymouth Church.

Repairs are not the only things this nimble man gives to the church. Todd also creates cabinets and other wooden furnishings from a supply of oak that was salvaged from a home that once adjoined the church.

Todd has a special place in his heart for youngsters who attend Plymouth church, and shows it by helping them make wooden games and toys.

"I make the pieces for the toys, and during summer camp the kids put them together," Todd said. "They want to do everything themselves without any help and really, they do a pretty good job of it."

Todd recently completed a big project for the church, when he was asked to make Wally the Warthog for the fund-raiser, "One Great Hour of Sharing."

The African warthog, an animal noted for his crop destruction, requires a sturdy fencing to keep him from the farm land; so in an ecumeni-

NEIGHBOR OF THE WEEK

Bill Todd was nominated for this week's Neighbor of the Week by Anne Stuart, 21 Thirty-second Place.

cal effort, along with other churches, Plymouth church decided to contribute in a unique way.

"They came to me and said, 'We got to have a warthog, Bill,' so I said I'd see what I could do."

Constructed from wire and wood, Wally grew to be three feet long and two feet high. "Just about life size," Todd said.

The hog was mounted on a cart and wheeled through the church during services. As the hog made its way through the church, members placed donations inside Wally.

Anne Stuart, who nominated Todd for Neighbor of the Week, said, "It may sound silly, because I really don't know him that well, but I wanted to nominate Bill because of his unselfishness, his youthful spirit and contagious enthusiasm," she said. "He sets a good example for all."

Send a letter including the person's name, address and telephone number (including where he or she can be reached during the day) and tell us why he or she should be nominated.

Our address is P.O. Box 957, Des Moines, IA, 50304.

Des Moines real estate, 8/10/88 building leader Powell dies

By JENNIFER MORLAN

Register Staff Writer

O.G. "Bill" Powell, an early force in organizing Des Moines home builders and a prominent leader in the real estate industry, died Thursday of a heart ailment at Mercy Hospital Medical Center.



O.G. "BILL"
POWELL

Mr. Powell, 84, of 3000 Grand Ave., was considered in 1952 to head the housing and home financing agency under the Eisenhower administration and was named president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards in 1961. He also served as president of Home Builders Inc., the Des Moines Realty Board, the Home Builders Association of Greater Des Moines and the Iowa Real Estate Association.

Mr. Powell was born in Lorimor and had lived in Des Moines since 1921.

Sherry McGough, author of "The History of the Home Builders Association of Greater Des Moines," said Mr. Powell met with representatives of the National Home Builders on Sept. 22, 1944, to receive the chapter's charter.

He served as the Des Moines chapter's second president and took it up-

on himself to recruit the first 30 members, McGough said.

"He made the rounds of mills and lumber yards, compiling a list of contractors who purchased building supplies. He then hosted an organizational meeting at his home early in 1946 where at least 30 builders attended and joined that evening," McGough said.

The Des Moines organization now has more than 500 members, said member Don Marean.

McGough said Mr. Powell, active in the real estate business during World War II, had the foresight to see the coming of the end of the war and stockpiled supplies and materials and purchased land for development.

In 1947 he was appointed the Midwest representative of the Washington, D.C., committee of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

He is survived by eight grandchildren. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.

Friends may call at Dunn's Funeral Home from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Congregational Church or the O.G. Powell scholarship fund through the Greater Des Moines Real Estate Board trust.

JAMES D. FRANTZ

James Donald Frantz, 75, of 2905 Gilmore Ave. died of a heart ailment Sunday at home. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m.



JAMES D.
FRANTZ

Wednesday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will precede services at 1:15 p.m. in Glendale Cemetery.

Mr. Frantz was born in Oshkosh, Wis., and lived in the Des Moines area for 40 years.

He retired in 1980 as vice president of Valley National Bank and formerly was with Agricultural Associated Industries. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and Delta Tau Delta and was a past president of the YMCA Boys Home in Johnston, a past board member of Orchard Place and a regional vice president of the American Daffodil Association. He also was the founder of the Orchard Place Foundation and was a lieutenant in the Navy, having served in World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; a son, Randy of Des Moines; a sister, Jane Mortson of Denver, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. today at the funeral home, where the family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Orchard Place Foundation, Hospice of Central Iowa or the Don Frantz Scholarship Fund at Simpson College in Indianola. 7/24/88

DOT M. CLARKE 8/11/88

Dot M. Clarke, 83, of 4111 Ingersoll Ave., died of a heart attack Friday at home. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial will be in Cedar Memorial Park in Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Clarke was born in La Crosse, Wis., and had lived in Cedar Rapids and Indianola before moving to Des Moines 15 years ago. She had been a housemother for Pi Beta Phi sorority at Simpson College, retiring in 1971. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Patti Fletcher of Des Moines; a sister, Katherine Anderson of Madison, Wis.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Place.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

'Time for reflection and finding peace'

RETIRE

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Success Profile, is what they call it.

Jensen believes there are parallels between age 17, a time when many start working full-time, and age 57, a time 40 years later when some quit working.

At both ages, says Jensen, a person faces the questions, "Who do I want to be?" and, "What do I want to do?"

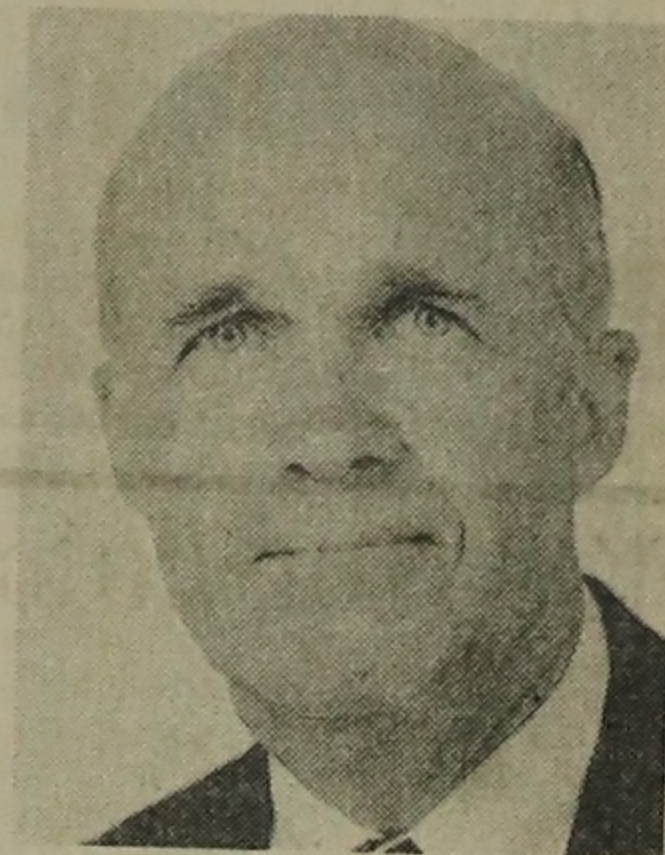
Says Jensen: "It is easier to retire [than be 17]. You have more skills, and you are more mature. You have more resources, and you have confidence. The questions are easier and less intense."

But some people fool themselves, he says.

"A person tells me that when he retires, the first thing he is going to do is read 40 books. Then I find out he doesn't have a library card, doesn't know where the library is, and has no means of getting to the library if he finds out where it is."

Jensen thinks an important ingredient to successful retirement is that the retiree reach that status by his own choice, not by being fired or laid off or put out on forced early retirement. That's why he advocates early planning — what he calls a tune-up.

For some people the urge to work is so important that after retiring from one career, they pursue another. Jensen says he has no argument with this. In fact, forcing such persons to retire



Warren E. Jensen
Retirement analyst

totally would be helping them commit suicide, he says.

But he does think that eventually every person needs to retire. Not to do so would mean missing an important stage of life, he says.

"You start out in life; you build a career; you raise a family; your wisdom and skill are much needed and appreciated. But retirement is a stage, too. You can reflect and make peace with yourself. It is a time to look back at your life and believe that you meant something. It is a time to say, 'I made sense of what I did and of what I am.'"

"If you skip that stage, you miss one of the important stages in your life."

'Big step; don't slip, counselors advise

By GENE RAFFENSPERGER

Register Staff Writer

8/23/87

Great moments in the life of Joe Average, Part I:

After 37 years in the working world, paying the mortgage and college bills, not to mention taking guff from a series of supervisors, Joe is going to punch out Friday. He's retiring. How lucky can he be? He and his wife both are in great health. The pension and some investments make it clear there will be no big financial problems.

So long, you clock-watchers, says Joe, we're off at dawn in Slowpoke, our motor home. Next stop is... well, wherever the road leads.

Not so great moments in the life of Joe Average, Part II:

Nine months have elapsed. Slowpoke is parked in the driveway. The dust of Arizona and the mud of Maine tell their own stories. The "Grandma on Board" sign in the back window hangs slightly askew.

Joe has cleaned the basement twice in the last month.

Slowly, Joe has come to grips with a chilling fact. I'm retired, and now it's just me and Mom and this house.

Warren E. Jensen paints this picture of what's happened to the Averages in retirement. There is no Average family, of course, but the sequence of events is not necessarily fictional. Jensen, of West Des Moines, co-owner of an enterprise called the "Center for Retirement Success," sees such cases.

The old jacket syndrome

Jensen is in the business of selling retirement and pre-retirement counseling to individuals and companies. He says retirement can and should be as challenging and exciting as your first job, but most people can't just slip into retirement as they would an old jacket.

In fact you'd be smart, he says, if you got into retirement as you would a tailor-made suit, and you'd be really smart, he adds, if you started getting fitted for that tailor-made outfit when you hit about age 50.

In popular literature, retirement is associated with fishing poles, golf clubs, motor homes and smiling grandchildren, but in fact, to some who approach it, retirement has a darker side.

"Retirement can be pictured as a negative experience," says Jensen. "You've lost your job, and you're not as physically strong as once you were." He adds that some are surprised and frightened, occasionally naive, as they face the prospect of figuring out what to do with the rest of their lives.

The bad old days

After all, he says, this type of decision is somewhat new. It has been only the last two or three generations who have been able to retire. Before that, you worked until you died. Now there is an awareness that people who retire may live 20 to 25 years without working, he says — or at least not working as they did the first 60 or so years.

Jensen is a minister. From 1969 to 1979 he was an associate pastor at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines. From 1979 to earlier this year he was a counselor for Meredith Corp.

He shares ownership of the retirement counseling enterprise with Richard P. Johnson, who is also director of behavioral sciences at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis.

The two believe that retirement readiness can be measured by a test devised by Johnson. It measures 15 factors considered important to happy retirement. Retirement

RETIRE

LEONA L. THOMAS

Leona L. Thomas, 78, of 3703 Wakonda Drive died of cancer Wednesday at home. Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Masonic Cemetery.



LEONA
THOMAS

Club.

Surviving is one sister, Aneita Combs of Des Moines.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Thomas was born in Des Moines and had been a secretary in the U.S. Attorney's office, retiring in 1968. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and the Des Moines

EMIL WEBBLES

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth Congregational Church for Emil "Griff" Webbles, 71, of 1046 45th St., who died of cancer Wednesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Private burial of the cremains will be in Masonic Cemetery.



EMIL
WEBBLES

Mr. Webbles was born in Muscatine and lived in Des Moines since 1935. He worked in advertising and sales with Hawkeye Security, retiring in 1980, and was a veteran of World War II and a member of the United Church of Christ, Masonic Lodge, York Rite Bodies, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine and High Twelve.

Surviving are his wife, Ethel; a sister, Laura Jane Fowlkes of San Antonio, Texas; and two brothers, Dean of Geneva, Ill., and John of San Antonio.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church, the Drake University Alumni Association or Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.

MARGERY E. HUDELSON

Margery E. Hudelson, 89, of Wesley Acres, 3520 Grand Ave., died of a heart attack Sunday at Iowa Lutheran Hospital. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Dunn's Funeral Home, and burial of the cremains will be in Masonic Cemetery.



MARGERY E.
HUDELSON

Mrs. Hudelson was born in Clarion. She had lived in Des Moines since 1934 and retired as a teacher with the Des Moines Public Schools. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Order of the Eastern Star and TTT.

Surviving are her husband, Harry; a son, James of West Des Moines; a daughter, Margery Darling of Los Gatos, Calif.; a brother, L.L. Sams of Napa, Calif.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or the Good Samaritan Fund at Wesley Acres.

MARIE S. DALBEY

Marie S. Dalbey, 82, of 434 Tona-wanda Drive died of a heart ailment Tuesday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Plymouth Congregation United Church of Christ. The cremains will be buried privately at Resthaven Cemetery.

A homemaker, Mrs. Dalbey was a lifelong Des Moines resident. She was a member of her church, PEO Chapter V, Drake Alumnae and the Junior League of Des Moines.

She is survived by her daughter, Alice Bernstein of Baltimore; her son, John Dalbey of Windsor Heights; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church, Mercy Hospital Medical Center or Home Health Care.

MARGARET M. LOCKRIDGE

Margaret Meredith Lockridge, 79, of Calvin Manor, 4210 Hickman Road, died of a heart ailment Monday at home. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Lane Chapel of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. The body has been donated to University Hospitals in Iowa City.



MARGARET M.
LOCKRIDGE

Mrs. Lockridge was born in Allerton and moved to Des Moines from Atlantic and Red Oak more than 50 years ago. She formerly was an English teacher in Red Oak and had been a member of the United Church of Christ and PEO.

A son, Richard of Minneapolis, and three grandchildren, survive.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvin Manor.

LOIS O. FUDGE

Lois O. Fudge, 80, of 3404 52nd St. died Wednesday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center, where she had undergone gall bladder surgery. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Merle Hay Funeral Home, and entombment will be in Merle Hay Mausoleum.



LOIS O.
FUDGE

Mrs. Fudge, a homemaker and member of Plymouth Congregational Church, was born in Searsboro and lived in Des Moines most of her life.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn; a son, William of West Des Moines; a brother, William Arthur of Searsboro; two sisters, Elizabeth Runner of Grinnell and Alberta Davis of Searsboro; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, and memorial contributions may be made to Valley High School for radio station KWDM.

CONCERT. The Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers of Los Angeles will give a concert at 8 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., as part of the church's Fine Arts Series. Tickets are \$8 and are available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday at the church or at Thackeray's Books Inc. in West Des Moines.

RELIGION

'God's Creator' helps church get things done

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

After talking to a few people at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, one soon learns why the sign on a workshop door there says: "Bill Todd, God's Creator."

When a church official recently called from New York to ask the Rev. James O. Gilliom, Plymouth's senior pastor, if he knew someone who could make a bright red country mailbox on a pedestal for use at the denomination's national convention in Ames this summer, Gilliom immediately responded, "I've got just the guy you need — Bill Todd."

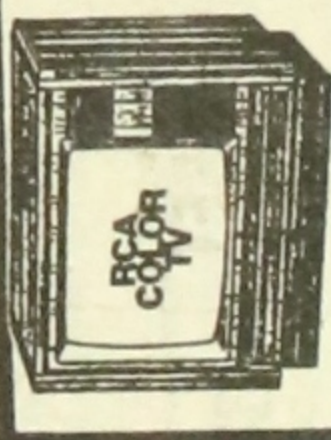
"He can design and make anything that needs to be made, and fix anything that needs to be fixed," Carol Stewart, director of music and fine arts at Plymouth, says of Todd.

"When you ask him to do something, you just take it for granted he will find a way to do it," adds Susan Asklof, director of child and youth education at the Des Moines church. "I sometimes ask myself what I would do without Bill Todd. I couldn't. To do all the crazy things I ask, well, I sometimes can't believe it."

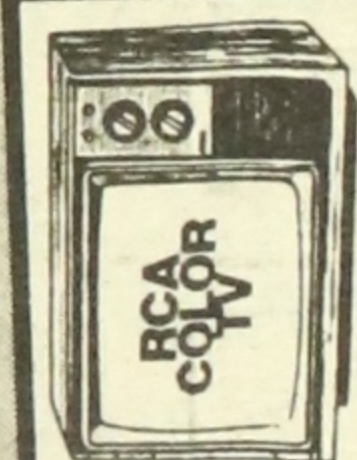
Todd has had some time to figure out how to do things creatively. He is 90 years old.

Across From Church

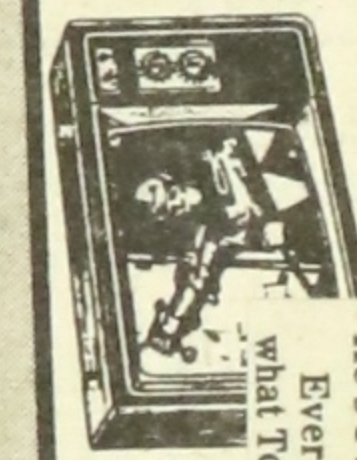
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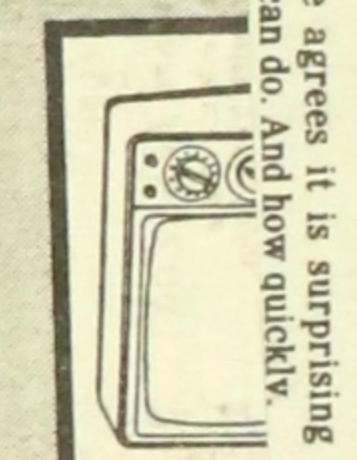
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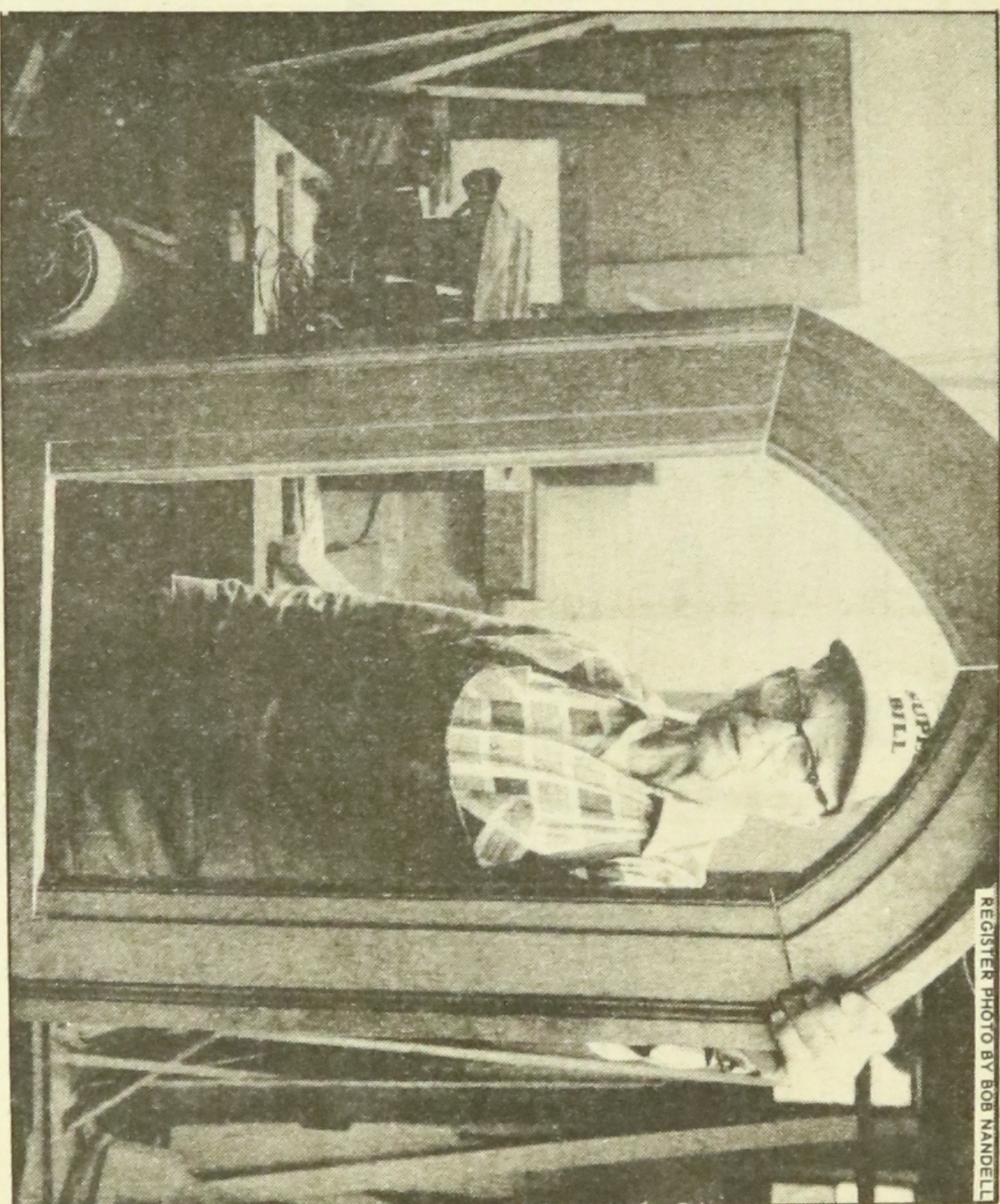
An unpaid staff member.

"Two or three times they have tried to give me a check, but I just give it back. The church needs the money more than I do."

When Gilliom came to Plymouth, he suggested it would be nice if the church had its own kneeler for weddings instead of borrowing one. He showed Todd a catalog with a picture of a kneeler costing \$700, and asked him if he could make one like it. Todd figured he could, and did.

He used some beautiful oak wood he had stripped and stashed away from the old Burling House, which was razed for a church addition.

Todd's greatest pride is a little sliding door in the balcony that covers the console for the church's sound system. He's proud because the sliding door, which preserves the integrity of the paneling along the wall, was designed



REGISTER PHOTO BY BOB NANDELL

Bill Todd in his cluttered workshop with an oak window frame that needs repair

For Stewart's music programs, Todd built music storage cabinets on Sunday, LTV

says Todd. "The kindergarten age ones; it is just surprising what they can do."

He's Fast

Everyone agrees it is surprising what Todd can do. And how quickly.

Now Uses a Cart

Though blessed with excellent health, Todd has a knee that bothers him a bit. So this spring for the first

Shop our newest Archer stores at 4521 Fleur (next to Target) in Des Moines and at 108 N. Center in Marshalltown! You'll find outstanding values in all departments!

MARY G. ROBINSON 10/18/88

Services for Mary Garton Robinson, 79, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., who died of a kidney ailment Monday at home, will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery.



MARY G.
ROBINSON

Mrs. Robinson, a lifelong Des Moines resident, was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ, Des Moines Club, Junior League of Des Moines, PEO and Comment Club. She was a past board member of Wilkie House, Orchard Place and Planned Parenthood.

Surviving are a daughter, Anne Bridges of Des Moines; a son, Tom of Denver; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Garton Elementary School.

WALLACE B. HAMPTON

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RELIGION

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"He can design and make anything that needs to be made, and fix anything that needs to be fixed," Carol Stewart, director of music and fine arts at Plymouth, says of Todd.

"When you ask him to do something, you just take it for granted he will find a way to do it," adds Susan Asklof, director of child and youth education at the Des Moines church. "I sometimes ask myself what I would do without Bill Todd. I couldn't. To do all the crazy things I ask, well, I sometimes can't believe it."

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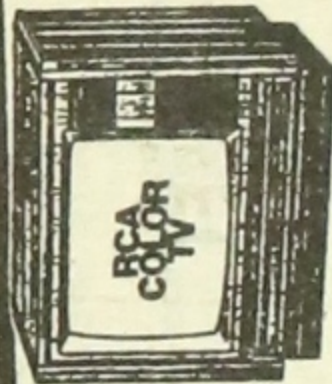
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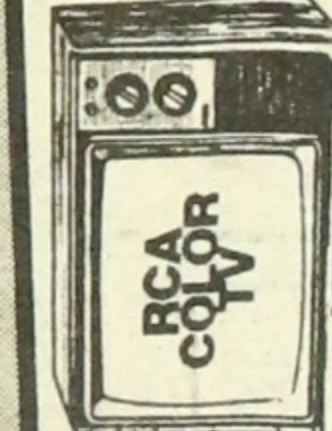
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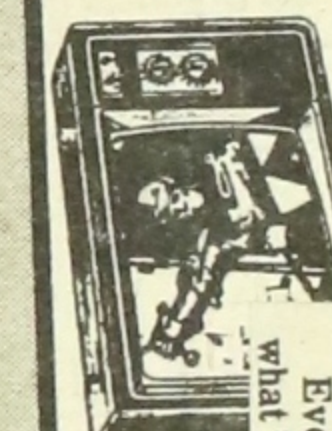
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All Volunteer

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"Two or three times they have tried to give me a check, but I just give it back. The church needs the money more than I do."

When Gilliom came to Plymouth, he suggested it would be nice if the church had its own kneeler for weddings instead of borrowing one. He showed Todd a catalog with a picture of a kneeler costing \$700, and asked him if he could make one like it. Todd figured he could, and did.

He used some beautiful oak wood he had stripped and stashed away from the old Burling House, which was razed for a church addition.

Todd's greatest pride is a little sliding door in the balcony that covers the console for the church's sound system. He's proud because the sliding door, which preserves the integrity of the paneling along the wall, was designed



REGISTER PHOTO BY BOB NANDELL

Bill Todd in his cluttered workshop with an oak window frame that needs repair

For Stewart's music programs, Todd built music storage cabinets on

says Todd. "The kindergarten age ones; it is just surprising what they can do."

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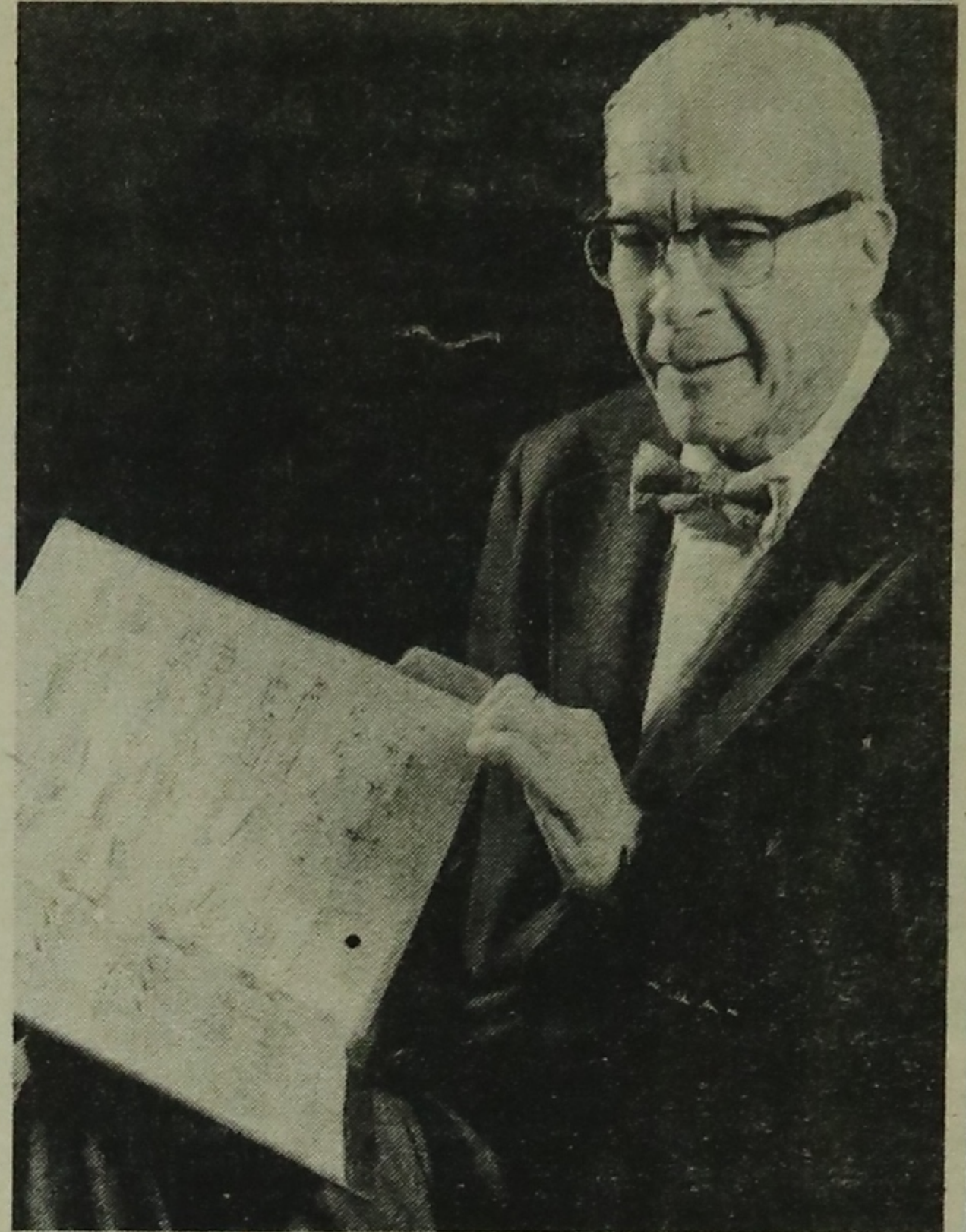
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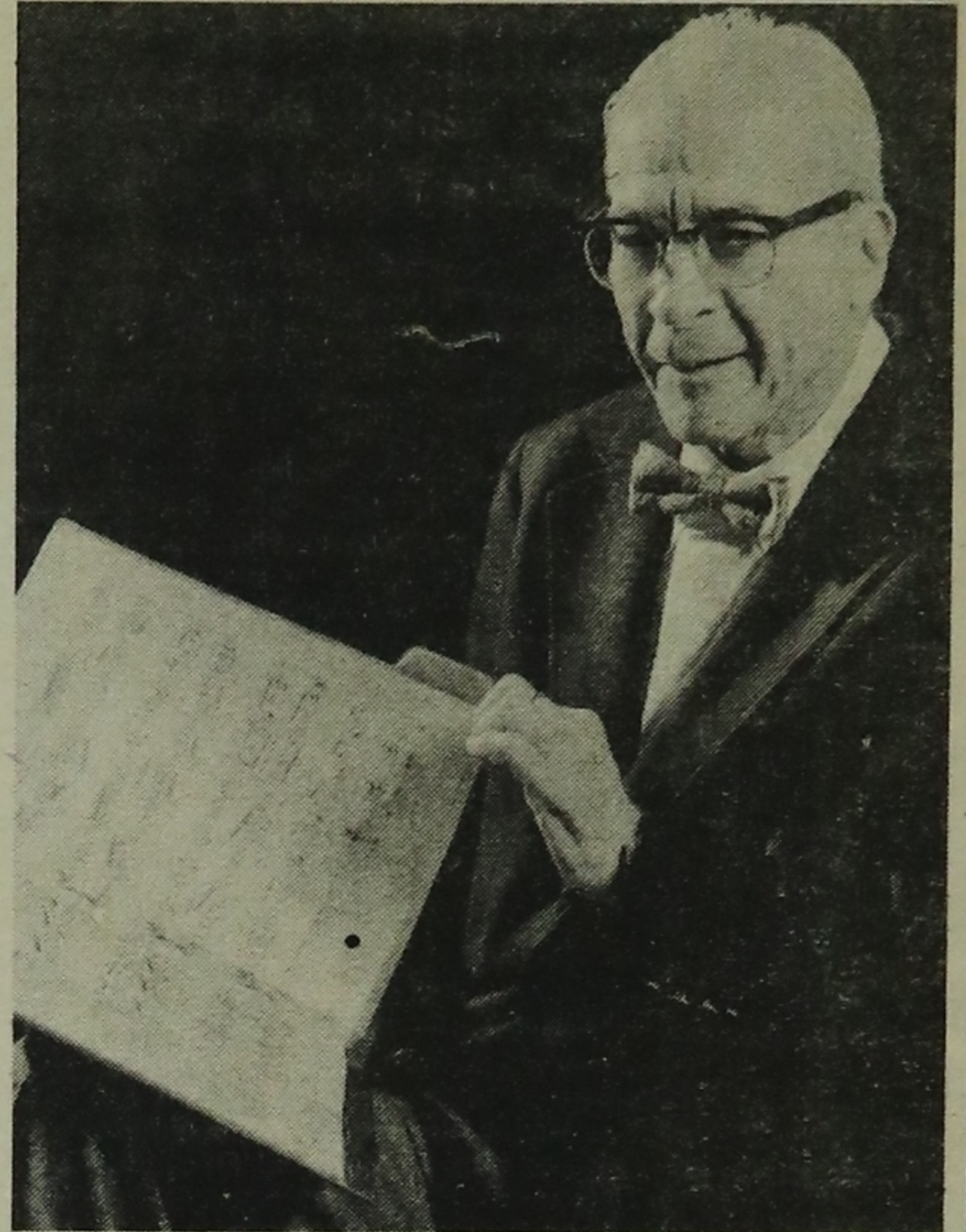
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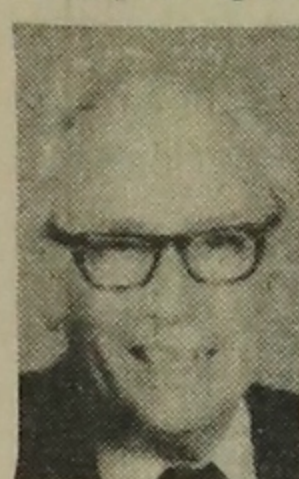
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Mr. Golden was a lifelong Des Moines resident. He retired in 1978 as the owner of Des Moines Marble and Mantel Co., and he was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Sigma Chi Fraternity, Executive Association of Des Moines, Des Moines Organ Club, Izaak Walton League, Westgate Masonic Lodge, Knights Templar, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Polk County Shrine Club, Des Moines Amateur Radio Association and SCORE. He was a retired commander in the U.S. Navy and a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; a son, John of Pittsford, N.Y.; a sister, Dorothy Beard of San Diego, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

ALICE F. DAVIS 3/15/88

Alice Fredrickson Davis, 69, of 505 Glenview Drive died of a heart attack Saturday at Fort Dodge Hospital.



ALICE F.
DAVIS

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Oak Hill Cemetery in New Hartford.

Mrs. Davis was born in New Hartford and lived in Des Moines since 1965, coming from Moline, Ill. She retired in 1983 after 13 years as a teacher at Valerius School in the Urbandale School System. She was a member of the Plymouth church, PEO and Delta Kappa Gamma honorary educational sorority. She was formerly married to Dwight M. Davis, former superintendent of the Des Moines Public Schools, who currently lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

She is survived by two sons, Trevor Dwight Davis-Hajek of Fort Dodge and Gilbert Kenneth of Herndon, Va.; a sister, LaVilla Whitcomb of Ocala, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arts and Memorial Committee at her church.

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NEIGHBORS, LISTS AND LETTERS

Life hasn't slowed down for Victor and Glennie Mastin

By SUE KHAN

Register Staff Writer

Life hasn't slowed down for Victor and Glennie Mastin of 4107 Forest Ave. even though the couple are in their 80s.

"Our volunteer work is of interest to us," says Glennie, 80. "We're selfish that way."

"I think so many retired people lose their interest," she says. "We don't have time to think about things being wrong with us."

"If you wake up and you don't have anything to do, you fall apart after a while," says Victor, 82.

Both are retired now. Glennie had been a teacher in the Des Moines schools, Victor was a principal. Working with young people keeps you young, says Glennie.

Glennie is on the executive board and head of the public relations committee of the Des Moines Women's Club and is a member of the Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and the IJ chapter of P.E.O., where she's on the courtesy committee.

The two belong to the Des Moines Area Retired Teachers Association and Plymouth Congregational Church, 42nd Street and Ingersoll Avenue.

Glennie, who is a commissioned lay person at Plymouth, frequently visits

NEIGHBOR OF THE WEEK

Glennie and Victor Mastin were nominated as Neighbor of the Week by Kenneth D. Nicholson of 1201 46th St.

several individuals introduced to her through a program called, The Caring Ministry. She says the program helps people who "just need attention."

Victor says that Glennie has been visiting people and taking them baked goods for years. "I don't know how she does it," he adds.

Glennie demonstrates her spirit of hospitality as a member of Plymouth's Memorial Coffee Committee, which provides refreshments after funerals, and as head of the hospitality committee of the Plymouth Women's Fellowship.

Victor says his major project is traveling, developing slide programs and showing them — free of charge — to people. "I have about 18,000 slides and 50 programs," Victor said.

He's made shows about every state in the union, and many countries, including Egypt, Morocco, Yucatan,



REGISTER PHOTO BY SUE KHAN

Victor and Glennie Mastin say volunteer work keeps them interested in life.

Peru and Guatemala.

"I try to keep my calendar open and if anyone wants a program on a certain date, I can go," he says. "I like for people to know I'm available."

Victor recently displayed photographs of American churches at Plymouth Congregational Church.

Besides their family, which includes a daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren, Victor says pictures are their first love.

Victor also occasionally drives a tractor at Living History Farms, bowls as a fill-in, and keeps a weekly card-game appointment. He volunteers his time every week to tutor a man from Laos. "I've been tutoring Southeast Asians for years. I used to

go to Tech and help with the young people. Some would come to the house," says Victor.

"We don't make any sacrifice to do these things," he adds. "Not a bit."

The Mastins are preparing a talk on "growing old gracefully," but haven't decided what to say. One thing, though, Victor is sure of. "It's very important to have things ahead of you — interesting things to look forward to. That's No. 1."

One of the regular features of Neighbors is the Neighbor of the Week, which is written by our staff writers, but at your bidding. If you know somebody you think should be a Neighbor of the Week, let us know.

Send a letter including the person's name, address and daytime telephone number, and tell us why he or she is being nominated.

Our address is The Des Moines Register/Neighbors, P.O. Box 957, Des Moines, IA, 50304.

MARY ELLEN HUNTER

Mary Ellen Hunter, 71, of 6012 Ronwood Drive died of cancer Tuesday at home. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Dunn's Funeral Home, and burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines.



MARY ELLEN
HUNTER

Mrs. Hunter, a lifelong Des Moines resident, was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Zeta Phi Eta, Junior League and the American Home Club.

She is survived by her husband, Gordon; a daughter, Anne Fuller of Pullman, Wash.; a son, Thomas of Simsbury, Conn.; two brothers, Thomas Thompson of Des Moines and William Thompson of Boise, Idaho; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Central Iowa. 6/4/88

RAY L. THOMPSON

Special Dispatch to The Register

OVERLAND PARK, KAN. — Ray L. Thompson, 80, of Overland Park, formerly of Des Moines, died of a heart ailment Monday at home. Private family services will be Friday at Dunn's Funeral Home and burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, both in Des Moines.



RAY L.
THOMPSON

Mr. Thompson was born in Des Moines, where he lived most of his life until 13 years ago. He retired in 1971 as vice president of Valley National Bank and Trust Co. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, the Des Moines Club, Des Moines Golf and Country Club, Capital Masonic Lodge 110 and the Izaak Walton League.

Surviving are his wife, Harriet; two sons, William of San Clemente, Calif., and Ray Jr. of Overland Park; a daughter, Suzy Blazer of Overland Park; two brothers, Thomas of Des Moines and William of Boise, Idaho; a sister, Mary Ellen Hunter of Des Moines; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Valley senior dies in crash

A Valley High School senior who would have graduated this month was killed in a traffic accident near Winterset late Friday.



KYLE DOUGLAS
WIESNER

Kyle Douglas Wiesner, 18, of 1904 75th St. was declared dead at the scene of the accident on U.S. Highway 169 three miles north of Winterset. Wiesner was a passenger in a car driven by Roger E. Bill of Clive. Bill was in fair condition late Sunday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.

A spokesman for the Iowa State Patrol said Bill apparently lost control of his car on a curve. Wiesner and Bill were thrown from the car when it rolled several times. The accident was still under investigation Sunday. No charges had been filed.

Bill was first taken to Madison County Hospital in Winterset and then transported by air ambulance to Iowa Methodist.

Wiesner's father, Douglas, is a vice president of the Principal Financial Group. His mother, Malinda, had been a regular free-lance fashion writer at The Des Moines Register for years.

Wiesner was a lifelong resident of Des Moines. He was active in sports at Valley and was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and an assistant Sunday School teacher there.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother, Bryan; his grandparents, Marvin and Helen Wiesner of Horseshoe Bend, Ark., and Lewis L. Hawkins of Ames; and his step-grandmother, Ethel Hawkins of Ames.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at Westover Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today. Memorial contributions may be made to Mid-America Youth Homes, Iowa Children and Family Services or his church. 5/16

SUSAN HELLMICH-PIERCE

Special Dispatch to The Register

KIRKWOOD, MO. — Memorial services for Susan Hellmich-Pierce, 50, of Kirkwood, formerly of Des Moines, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mittelberg-Gerber Funeral Home chapel in Webster Groves, Mo. The body has been cremated. She died of cancer Tuesday at St. Joseph's Hospital here.

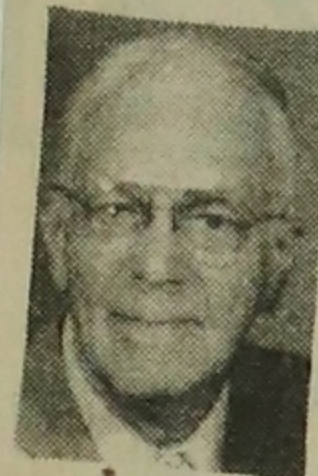
She was born in Webster Groves and lived in Des Moines until September, when she moved to Missouri. She formerly worked for Kirke-Van Orsdel Insurance in Des Moines and recently was with General American Insurance of St. Louis, Mo. She had been a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Pierce II of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Taylor James Pierce of Iowa City; two daughters, Kirsten Mittie Pierce of New York City and Nichole Hudson Pierce-Rhoads of Vancouver, Wash.; a brother, Hudson Hellmich of LaDue, Mo.; her mother, Mittie Storey of Oshkosh, Wis.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. 5/12/88

CLARENCE W. KAMMEIER

Services were held Saturday at Matthias Episcopal Church in Woodmoor, Colo., for Clarence W. Kammeier, 82, of 2701 Miller Ave., who died of pneumonia Wednesday in Colorado Springs, Colo. The body was cremated.



CLARENCE W.
KAMMEIER

Mr. Kammeier was born in Fort Wayne, Ind. He lived in Des Moines from 1934 to 1948, then moved to Milwaukee, Wis., and Colorado, returning to Des Moines recently. He retired 17 years ago as executive director of the American Lung Association of Wisconsin. While in Des Moines he was a member of the Des Moines Golf and Country Club, Plymouth Congregational Church and Ad Pros.

Surviving are a son, Frederick of Des Moines; a daughter, Susan Melendes of Woodmoor; a sister, Edna Wiebke of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of Iowa. 5/17/88

GRETTA L. WOLFE

Gretta L. Wolfe, 90, of 3520 Grand Ave., died of a heart attack Tuesday at Wesley Acres. She was a retired adviser for Roosevelt High School. Private graveside services were held. Burial was in Masonic Cemetery.

Miss Wolfe was born in Wyoming, Ill., and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She had been a teacher in the Des Moines School System. She was a member of state and national teachers associations, National Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, Chapter GH of PEO, and Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include a nephew, Dr. William R. Hornaday Jr. of Des Moines; and three nieces, Margaret H. Nutt and Barbara H. Graham, both of Des Moines, and Nancy H. Chambers of Los Angeles, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be made to Roosevelt High School Alumni Association. 1/23/86

LEONARD M. TORRENCE

Services for Leonard M. Torrence, 86, of 1405 S.W. Emma Ave., who died of a stroke Wednesday at his home,



LEONARD M.
TORRENCE

will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Torrence was born in Koszta and lived in Des Moines 48 years. A retired electrical engineer for Northwestern Bell Telephone Co., he was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Telephone Pioneers of America, De-Nova Chapter O.E.S. and the Des Moines Consistory. He was a Past Master of Moingona Masonic Lodge No. 633 and was an Army veteran of World War I.

Survivors include a daughter, Shirley MacRavey, and a son, Jared M., both of Des Moines; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after noon today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Congregational Church. 1/12/86

D.M. clergyman appointed to panel

The Rev. James O. Gilliom, senior pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, has been chosen as one of 10 UCC members on the 20-member Ecumenical Partnership Committee that will guide the relationship between the UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for the next six years.

Gilliom had served for five years on the national steering committee that studied possible future relationships and recommended the partnership concept rather than merger.

National meetings of both denominations earlier this year accepted the recommendation. 1/18/85

CLARE KIMM

Clare Kimm, 77, of 1818 Forty-third St., died of complications following abdominal surgery Sunday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.



CLARE
KIMM

She was a retired accountant for Penn Electric Co. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Westover Funeral Home. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.

Mrs. Kimm was born in Ridgeway, Mo., and lived in Des Moines since 1928. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, P.E.O. Chapter KO and Tri T's Chapter BS.

Survivors include her husband, Weston C.; a son, Richard N. of Des Moines; a daughter, Diane K. Mitchell of Buckingham; three brothers, Claude Stanley of St. Joseph, Mo., Clark Stanley of Carmen, Okla., and Francis Stanley of Des Moines; a sister, Grace Ausmus of Kansas City, Mo.; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at the funeral home, where the family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church. 1/14/86

FLORENCE A. DEUBEN

Florence A. Deuben, 91, of 4210 Hickman Road, a homemaker, died of a heart ailment Tuesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.



FLORENCE A.
DEUBEN

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Deuben was born in Pipestone, Minn., and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, former member of D.A.R. and D.A.C. and Red Cross Grey Ladies during World War II.

Survivors include two sons, Robert B. of Hastings, Minn., and Richard A. of West Des Moines; a daughter, Marilyn D. Harper of Marietta, Ga.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church. 1/30/86

Champion of special ed, Ruby Van Meter dies at 88

By MARK HORSTMAYER

Register Staff Writer

Ruby Farwell Van Meter, whose contributions to special education are marked by the Des Moines school for retarded children that bears her name, died of a heart ailment Thursday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. She was 88.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cumberland Greenwood Cemetery at Cumberland.

Mrs. Van Meter of Wesley Acres, 3520 Grand Ave., was director of special education for the Des Moines school district for 11 years, retiring in 1962.

Ruby Van Meter School, 710 Twenty-eighth St., was built in 1973 and provides transitional and senior high school programs for mentally handicapped youngsters through 21 years of age.

"First and foremost, she was a teacher and someone who loved children. She had a special love for kids who had problems," said Jerry Caster, principal of Van Meter and a close



Ruby Farwell Van Meter
Led development of programs

friend. "It means a real personal loss. She's one of the people that very clearly has a sense of history and what spe-

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cial education was in the very beginning."

Added Thomas Jeschke, director of special education: "She made some very significant contributions in her time to special education. We feel a significant loss. We're proud to have a building named after her."

Merle Wilson, who was director of pupil services while Mrs. Van Meter was with the Des Moines district, said she was an "excellent administrator. She was a person who cared for people very deeply, especially handicapped people."

She "was terribly humble about having a school named for her," said Caster, "and would kind of avoid any conversation of it being her school. . . . She would say, 'They were kind to name a school after me but it's really for the children.'"

She also helped start a program for exceptionally talented students in the Des Moines district in 1959. Also that year, she started a program for visually impaired youngsters so they would not have to leave Des Moines to attend the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton.

"She was concerned for all types of

children and what would be the best education for them," Caster said.

Born in Cumberland, she moved to Des Moines in 1936 to teach retarded children at the old Crocker School.

Mrs. Van Meter regularly visited the school that bears her name. She attended all special events and "took great delight with the abilities of students and opportunity to be around handicapped kids again," Caster said. She last visited the school Dec. 18 for a musical production.

She directed a pilot class for retarded children started by the Polk County Association for Retarded Children in 1959 after the district had assumed responsibility for educating moderately retarded children ages 7 to 14.

She received many awards including one from the Easter Seal Society and the Winterstein Memorial Award, the highest award given by the Iowa Council for Exceptional Children.

She was past president of the Des Moines Altrusa Club, a member of PEO and of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Henry of Sacramento, Calif.; a sister, Lillian Stahl of Des Moines; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. today

MAGDA F. KIRK

Magda F. Kirk, 78, of 5231 Woodland Ave., a homemaker, died of pneumonia Thursday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.



MAGDA F.
KIRK

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines.

Mrs. Kirk was born in Hatton, N.D., and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a mem-

ber of Plymouth Congregational Church and was active in women's golf at Wakonda Club.

Survivors include her husband, J. Stuart; a son, John S. of West Des Moines; two sisters, Nora Gronhoug and Hilda Bjorke, both of Hatton, N.D.; two brothers, William Meldahl of Marshalltown and Clem Meldahl of Largo, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church foundation or the Greater Des Moines YWCA Endowment Fund.

L. ANGELINE SCHELL

Special Dispatch to The Register

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. — Services for L. Angeline Schell, 79, of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Des Moines, who died of injuries suffered in an auto accident Sunday in Arizona, will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines. Burial will be in Violet Hill Cemetery in Perry.

Mrs. Schell was born in Blakesburg and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She moved to Arizona 15 years ago. A homemaker, she was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Blank Hospital Guild and PEO.

Survivors include a son, Jim of Edina, Minn.; a daughter, Christine Carman of Littleton, Colo.; a brother, Carl Schoech of Wichita, Kan.; two sisters, Clara Rose of Ottumwa and Beulah Jacobsen of Buffalo, N.Y.; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or Scottsdale Congregational Church.

Services set for start of Lenten season

Many churches next week will have traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake meals and special Ash Wednesday services as the season of Lent begins. The season will end with the celebration of Easter on March 30.

The word "shrove" is derived from "shrive" and refers to the confession of sins that was common in the Middle Ages as a preparation for Lent. In many places, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday has come to be a day of celebration before the start of the penitential season. "Pancake day" recalls the one-time practice of making cakes to use up all the eggs and fats that were forbidden during Lent.

Some of the Tuesday meals:

- Sausage, pancakes and grapefruit will be served at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1020 High St., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$2.

- Serving at Capitol Hill Christian Church, 3322 E. Twenty-fifth St., will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children age 12 and under.

- The pancake and sausage dinner will be served at Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1020 Twenty-fourth St. in West Des Moines, will be 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 per person or \$5 a family.

- Pancakes and sausage will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church of Christ. Cost is \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children, or \$8 maximum for families.

- The annual Fastnacht celebration will be at Johns Lutheran Church, Sixth Avenue and Sauqua Way, will start with the serving of a bratwurst and pancake meal from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by entertainment and dancing with jazz and Dixieland bands and films for children. An offering will be received. The celebration will be preceded by the rite of shrovetide series of 10-minute services for small groups in the chapel from 4:45 to 6 p.m.

ANNE HOOPES

Services for Anne Hoopes, Commonwealth Care Center, S.W. Ninth St., who died of a heart ailment Tuesday



ANNE
HOOPES

center, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Southtown Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Meadows Gardens cemetery.

Mrs. Hoopes was born in Illinois and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She had been a homemaker and was a member of South Congregational Church.

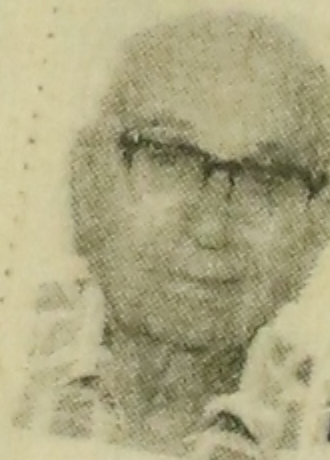
Survivors include a grandson, a son, a daughter, a grandnephew of Des Moines; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

91-year-old Todd^{2/19/86} injects his enthusiasm to Plymouth Church

By JULIE E. PENTZ
Register Staff Writer

You can tell him to act his age, take out his birth certificate and show him. Yes, Bill Todd is 91, but he doesn't look it and he simply refuses to play the part.



BILL TODD

With a unique zest for life, Todd, of Plymouth Place, 4111 Ingersoll Ave., and his wife of 70 years, Fern, have been giving Plymouth Congregational Church a young feeling and bright look since 1927.

Every day Todd takes a short jaunt across the street from his home to the church where, in a variety of ways, he lends a helping hand. If something needs fixing, Todd's the man who can do it all... a real jack-of-all-trades.

"He can repair just about anything that needs to be done," said Wayne Shoemaker, minister of admissions at Plymouth Church.

Repairs are not the only things this nimble man gives to the church. Todd also creates cabinets and other wooden furnishings from a supply of oak that was salvaged from a home that once adjoined the church.

Todd has a special place in his heart for youngsters who attend Plymouth church, and shows it by helping them make wooden games and toys.

"I make the pieces for the toys, and during summer camp the kids put them together," Todd said. "They want to do everything themselves without any help and really, they do a pretty good job of it."

Todd recently completed a big project for the church, when he was asked to make Wally the Warthog for the fund-raiser, "One Great Hour of Sharing."

The African warthog, an animal noted for his crop destruction, requires a sturdy fencing to keep him from the farm land; so in an ecumeni-

NEIGHBOR OF THE WEEK

Bill Todd was nominated for this week's Neighbor of the Week by Anne Stuart, 21 Thirty-second Place.

cal effort, along with other churches, Plymouth church decided to contribute in a unique way.

"They came to me and said, 'We got to have a warthog. Bill,' so I said I'd see what I could do."

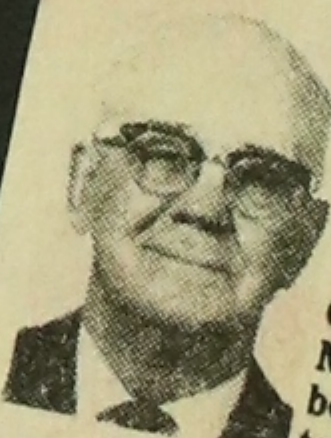
Constructed from wire and wood, Wally grew to be three feet long and two feet high. "Just about life size," Todd said.

The hog was mounted on a cart and wheeled through the church during services. As the hog made its way through the church, members placed donations inside Wally.

Anne Stuart, who nominated Todd for Neighbor of the Week, said, "It may sound silly, because I really don't know him that well, but I wanted to nominate Bill because of his unselfishness, his youthful spirit and contagious enthusiasm," she said. "He sets a good example for all."

JOHN ABILD

John Abild, 94, of 5000 S.W. Sixty-third St. died of a heart attack Tuesday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center. He was retired from farming and real estate development. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at McLaren's Resthaven Funeral Chapel in West Des Moines. Burial will be in Orilla Cemetery in Orilla.



JOHN ABILD

Mr. Abild was born in Cumming and lived in Des Moines most of his life. He was a member of Norwalk Masonic Lodge, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Plymouth Congregational Church, Kiwanis and Bloomfield Township Fire Department. Survivors include his wife, Faye; a brother, Russel of Des Moines; and a sister, Bernice Pond of Winterset. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to his church.

2/27/86

MARGARET JEAN FISHER

Margaret Jean Fisher, 79, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died of a heart ailment Friday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center. Services will be private, and the body will be cremated, with burial in the Masonic Cemetery.



MARGARET JEAN FISHER

Mrs. Fisher, a lifelong Des Moines resident, was a member of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Junior League, Pi Beta Phi sorority, Tiffany Chapter of Quilters, the Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants, Colonial Dames of America and Des Moines Women's Club. A homemaker, she was past co-chairman of the women's division of the United Way campaign. Survivors include her husband, Sherry R.; and a son, Robert V. of Des Moines.

Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home.

3/2/86

William named co-chairman of partnership committee

At the recent first meeting of the national Ecumenical Partnership Committee for the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Rev. James Giliom, senior pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines, was elected co-chairman. The Rev. John Bean, senior pastor of North Christian Church in Columbus, Ind., was elected the other co-chairman. The 20-member committee — 10 from each denomination — will chart for the next six years the proposed path of the "ecumenical partnership" approved at the 1985 national conventions of the two denominations.

2/8/86

HELYNE M. CHAMBERS

Helyne M. Chambers, 64, of 1120 42nd St., West Des Moines, and also of Naples, Fla., died of cancer Monday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.



HELYNE M.
CHAMBERS

Mrs. Chambers was born in Des Moines. She lived in Des Moines and West Des Moines all her life until 1981, when she also began residing in Naples. She was a homemaker and had been a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and Naples United Church of Christ. She was active in the Ladies Golf Association.

Surviving are her husband, C. Mac; a daughter, Danise Nelson, and a sister, Coreta Meredith, both of Des Moines; a stepdaughter, Kristi Smith of Charlotte, N.C.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

7/18/88

ROSEMARY STOUFFER

Rosemary Stouffer, 53, of 4069 Kingman Blvd. died of cancer Monday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational Church, with burial in Resthaven Cemetery.



ROSEMARY
STOUFFER

Mrs. Stouffer was born in Prairie City and lived in Des Moines for 26 years. She was a homemaker, an active volunteer with the Festival of Trees for Raymond Blank Memorial Hospital for Children and a member of the Congregational church, PEO chapter IE, Questers and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Her survivors, all of Des Moines, include her husband, Scott; a daughter, Kimberly Ann Stouffer; a son, Matthew; and a brother, Larry Hanel.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are being handled by Dunn's Funeral Home.

8/31/88

MAYDELLE S. JOOS

Maydelle Sue Joos, 53, of 13615 N.W. 23rd Ave., West Des Moines, died of a heart ailment Tuesday in Peoria, Ill. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational Church, where she was a member. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.

Mrs. Joos was born in Hammond, Ind., and lived in Peoria before moving to Des Moines 30 years ago. She had been a speech therapist and was a member of Quester Club and Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are her husband, Duane; two sons, Nicky of Lincoln, Neb., and Mark of West Des Moines; and her mother, Mabel Grossaint, and two sisters, Karen Smith and Mary Hogan, all of Dunlap, Ill.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Westover Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Scleroderma Fund.

1/2/89

RUTH PAULINE ORCUTT

Ruth Pauline Orcutt, 82, of 1373 72nd St., Windsor Heights, died Friday at a Mason City hospital, where she had undergone surgery for a brain tumor. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational Church, and burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.



RUTH P.
ORCUTT

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Surviving are a daughter, Sharon Marie Boone of Daly City, Calif.; a son, William of Clear Lake; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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2/24/89

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Virginia C. James, 78, of 3420 St. Johns Road died of Parkinson's disease Tuesday at home. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Dunn's Funeral Home. The body has been cremated.

Mrs. James, a homemaker, was born in David City, Neb., and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and the boards of Orchard Place and the Public Health Nurses Association. She was a volunteer at Raymond Blank Children's Hospital.

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3/6/89

JOHN ABILD

John Abild, 94, of 5000 S.W. Sixty-third St. died of a heart attack Tuesday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center. He was retired from farming and real estate development. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at McLaren's Chapel in West Des Moines. Burial will be in Orilla Cemetery in Orilla.



JOHN ABILD

Mr. Abild was born in Cumming and lived in Des Moines most of his life. He was a member of Norwalk Masonic Lodge, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Plymouth Congregational Church, Kiwanis and Bloomfield Township Fire Department. Survivors include his wife, Faye; a brother, Russel of Des Moines; and a sister, Bernice Pond of Winterset. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to his church.

2/27/86

MARGARET JEAN FISHER

Margaret Jean Fisher, 79, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died of a heart ailment Friday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center. Services will be private, and the body will be cremated, with burial in the Masonic Cemetery.



MARGARET JEAN FISHER

Mrs. Fisher, a lifelong Des Moines resident, was a member of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Junior League, Pi Beta Phi sorority, Tiffany Chapter of Questers, the Iowa Society of Mayflower Descendants, Colonial Dames of America and Des Moines Women's Club. A homemaker, she was past co-chairman of the women's division of the United Way campaign.

Survivors include her husband, Sherry R.; and a son, Robert V. of Des Moines.

Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home.

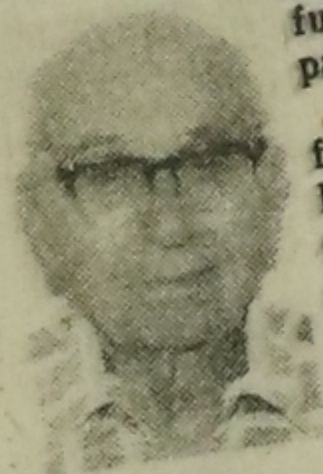
3/2/86

91-year-old Todd injects his enthusiasm to Plymouth Church

2/19/86

By JULIE E. PENTZ
Register Staff Writer

You can tell him to act his age, take out his birth certificate and show him. Yes, Bill Todd is 91, but he doesn't look it and he simply refuses to play the part.



BILL TODD

since 1927.

Every day Todd takes a short jaunt across the street from his home to the church where, in a variety of ways, he lends a helping hand. If something needs fixing, Todd's the man who can do it all... a real jack-of-all-trades. "He can repair just about anything that needs to be done," said Wayne Shoemaker, minister of admissions at Plymouth Church.

Repairs are not the only things this nimble man gives to the church. Todd also creates cabinets and other wooden furnishings from a supply of oak that was salvaged from a home that once adjoined the church.

Todd has a special place in his heart for youngsters who attend Plymouth church, and shows it by helping them make wooden games and toys.

"I make the pieces for the toys, and during summer camp the kids put them together," Todd said. "They want to do everything themselves without any help and really, they do a pretty good job of it."

Todd recently completed a big project for the church, when he was asked to make Wally the Warthog for the fund-raiser, "One Great Hour of Sharing."

The African warthog, an animal noted for his crop destruction, requires a sturdy fencing to keep him from the farm land; so in an ecumeni-

NEIGHBOR OF THE WEEK

Bill Todd was nominated for this week's Neighbor of the Week by Anne Stuart, 21 Thirty-second Place.

cal effort, along with other churches, Plymouth church decided to contribute in a unique way.

"They came to me and said, 'We got to have a warthog, Bill,' so I said I'd see what I could do."

Constructed from wire and wood, Wally grew to be three feet long and two feet high. "Just about life size," Todd said.

The hog was mounted on a cart and wheeled through the church during services. As the hog made its way through the church, members placed donations inside Wally.

Anne Stuart, who nominated Todd for Neighbor of the Week, said, "It may sound silly, because I really don't know him that well, but I wanted to nominate Bill because of his unselfishness, his youthful spirit and contagious enthusiasm," she said. "He sets a good example for all."

Gilliom named co-chairman of partnership committee

2/8/86

At the recent first meeting of the national Ecumenical Partnership Committee for the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Rev. James Gilliom, senior pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines, was elected co-chairman. The Rev. John Bean, senior pastor of North Christian Church in Columbus, Ind., was elected the other co-chairman. The 20-member committee — 10 from each denomination — will chart for the next six years the proposed path of the "ecumenical partnership" approved at the 1985 national conventions of the two denominations.

HELYNE M. CHAMBERS

Helyne M. Chambers, 64, of 1120 42nd St., West Des Moines, and also of Naples, Fla., died of cancer Monday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.



HELYNE M.
CHAMBERS

Mrs. Chambers was born in Des Moines. She lived in Des Moines and West Des Moines all her life until 1981, when she also began residing in Naples. She was a homemaker and had been a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and Naples United Church of Christ. She was active in the Ladies Golf Association.

Surviving are her husband, C. Mac; a daughter, Danise Nelson, and a sister, Coreta Meredith, both of Des Moines; a stepdaughter, Kristi Smith of Charlotte, N.C.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

7/18/88

ROSEMARY STOUFFER

Rosemary Stouffer, 53, of 4069 Kingman Blvd. died of cancer Monday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational Church, with burial in Resthaven Cemetery.



ROSEMARY
STOUFFER

Mrs. Stouffer was born in Prairie City and lived in Des Moines for 26 years. She was a homemaker, an active volunteer with the Festival of Trees for Raymond Blank Memorial Hospital for Children and a member of the Congregational church, PEO chapter IE, Questers and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Her survivors, all of Des Moines, include her husband, Scott; a daughter, Kimberly Ann Stouffer; a son, Matthew; and a brother, Larry Hanel.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are being handled by Dunn's Funeral Home.

8/31/88

MAYDELLE S. JOOS

Maydelle Sue Joos, 53, of 13615 N.W. 23rd Ave., West Des Moines, died of a heart ailment Tuesday in Peoria, Ill. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational Church, where she was a member. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.

Mrs. Joos was born in Hammond, Ind., and lived in Peoria before moving to Des Moines 30 years ago. She had been a speech therapist and was a member of Quester Club and Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are her husband, Duane; two sons, Nicky of Lincoln, Neb., and Mark of West Des Moines; and her mother, Mabel Grossaint, and two sisters, Karen Smith and Mary Hogan, all of Dunlap, Ill.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Westover Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Scleroderma Fund.

1/2/89

RUTH PAULINE ORCUTT

Ruth Pauline Orcutt, 82, of 1373 72nd St., Windsor Heights, died Friday at a Mason City hospital, where she had undergone surgery for a brain tumor. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational Church, and burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.



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3/6/89

Webber featured in Plymouth series

The Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., will launch its second annual major arts series in November with a program of music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, whose works include such hits as "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Evita" and "Cats."

A full orchestra, the church's chancel choir, guest soloists, children and organist will present "Requiem," Webber's latest work, which some critics have called the most significant religious piece of the decade.

The Martins Choir will close out the evening with highlights from Webber's Broadway shows. The program will be the first major arts performance in the congregation's new sanctuary.

In late January, the church will present the Jubilee Singers, a professional black choir from Los Angeles that is conducting workshops across the state.

5/28/88

M. B. CORNELISON

M. B. "Mike" Cornelison, 72, of 4120 Woodland Plaza, West Des Moines, died of a heart ailment Friday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Private burial of the remains will be in Resthaven Cemetery and a memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.



M.B.

CORNELISON

Mr. Cornelison was born in Benton and lived in Des Moines most of his life, coming from Atlantic. He was the semi-retired executive vice president of R.G. Dickinson and Co., was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and had been a member of the Church of Christ and Des Moines Golf and Country Club.

Surviving are his wife, Printha; two daughters, Lynn Simpson and Lee Gustafson, a son, Michael, and a sister, Velma Walker, all of West Des Moines; a brother, Don of Atlantic; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church or the American Heart Association. Dunn's Funeral Home handled arrangements. 2/17/89

Former D.M. mayor 2/9/89 Denny dies in Minnesota

By BRUCE JAPSEN

Register Staff Writer

A former Des Moines mayor who was instrumental in the adoption of the city's manager form of government died Thursday of a heart ailment.

Allan W. Denny, 74, of 3809 Muskogee Ave., who died Thursday in Rochester, Minn., "was a man of very high integrity, and it showed in his convictions and dedication to his family and the city of Des Moines," said longtime friend Robert H. Harter. "His convictions were uncompromising. He was truly a hell of a guy."



ALLAN W.
DENNY

Mr. Denny was a member of the City Council from 1950 to 1958 and was the city's mayor from 1953 to 1954. He was active in the campaign that led to Des Moines' adoption of the city manager plan.

"He was fiercely loyal to his family and a fine friend," said Harter, a former president and chief executive officer of Palmer Communications Inc., which owns WHO television and radio in Des Moines. "He was a straight arrow and certainly no showboat."

Mr. Denny, a retired lawyer and building owner and manager, also had headed the fund drive to build the present YMCA in Des Moines.

He was a lifelong resident of Des Moines and past president and director of the Better Business Bureau. He also was a member of Moingona Masonic Lodge, Des Moines Consistory, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Des Moines Club, Royal Order of Jesters, Des Moines Pioneer Club and the Building Owners and Managers Association. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational Church, of which he was a member. There will be a private family internment at Glendale Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Vivian; two daughters, Nancy Carlson of San Francisco and Kathryn Thorpe of Waterloo; a son, Major Thomas of Ames; two brothers, David of Sherman Oaks, Calif., and Ralph of Des Moines; a sister, Alice Meffert of Dallas, Texas; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home, where the family will meet with friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to his church or the Iowa Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

HAROLD C. WINDER

Harold C. Winder, 85, of 7115 Reite Ave., Windsor Heights, died of a respiratory ailment Wednesday at Iowa Lutheran Hospital.



HAROLD C.
WINDER

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Private burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.

Mr. Winder was born in Anita and lived in Des Moines for 60 years. He retired as vice president of Central National Bank, now First Interstate, and was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Bodies, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine and American Legion. He was also a former treasurer for the Des Moines Independent Community School District.

His wife, Greta, survives.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. today at the funeral home, and memorial contributions may be made to Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children.

2/15/89

Asian violinist's gift of love to D.M. friend to aid Iowans

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

A gift of love by a Japanese artist to his friend in Des Moines will aid the efforts of several Iowa groups — especially those serving peace causes, the blind and the arts.

"I can't believe it. It is beyond my wildest dreams that this should work out," said Jean Basinger, a Des Moines nurse, social activist and former Presbyterian missionary, as she pondered events that will start unfolding Sunday.

The highlight will be a concert May 9 at 8 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., by internationally known Japanese violinist Takayoshi Wanami and his wife, pianist Mineko Tsuchiya.

Lived in Tokyo

Basinger and her husband, William, lived in Tokyo from 1968 to 1973 as Presbyterian missionaries. William Basinger helped the government set up programs for the mentally and physically handicapped, and Jean Basinger taught English and medical terminology in a national school for the blind.

It was there that Jean Basinger met Wanami, then in his early 20s, who was born blind. She tutored him in English for the six years the Basin-

gers lived in Japan. She recalls Wanami's frequent visits to their home, especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and his joy in entertaining their guests by playing the violin and piano. He visited the Basingers during their subsequent six-year missionary stint in South Korea before they moved to Des Moines.

In the intervening years, Wanami, 44, established an international reputation as a violinist, with frequent concert tours throughout Asia and Europe. He has played with many of the world's best-known orchestras and has received several prestigious awards. He and his wife live half the year in London and half in their native Japan.

Promised to Return

Wanami visited the Basingers for a week in their Des Moines home last year. During that visit, he told Jean Basinger he would return to Des Moines this year to give a benefit concert in honor of their friendship and the help she gave to him years ago. That promise is now being fulfilled, with the 11-day visit to Iowa being the sole purpose of the trip to the United States.

Besides the May 9 benefit concert, Wanami will give performances in



Takayoshi Wanami and Mineko Tsuchiya

three Des Moines schools, Iowa Methodist Medical Center, the Iowa Braille and Sight-Saving School in Vinton, and Cedar Rapids schools, said Jean Basinger.

She said organizations to benefit from the concert at Plymouth Con-

gregational were chosen carefully to include causes she is involved in those close to Wanami and commitments they share.

Proceeds will go to Iowa Inter-Church Agency for Peace and Justice; Iowa Peace Network; Iowa Composers' Forum; Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament; Artists for Peace, Food and Justice; Criminal Justice Ministries; West Des Moines Interfaith Committee for Peace and Justice; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; and Very Special Arts Iowa.

Tickets at \$10 may be purchased at Iowa Inter-Church Agency for Peace and Justice, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Iowa Commission for the Blind and The Book Store in Locust Mall.

Reception on Friday

Wanami and Tsuchiya will be honored in a reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Iowa Commission for the Blind and one at the church after their May 9 concert.

Jean Basinger said that during their years in the Orient, "hearing him play was one of the things I really wanted to share with people in Iowa. This really is a dream come true."

4/29/89

JAMES GILLIOM

An appeal for reason and tolerance

DURING THE recent debates as to whether the civil rights of homosexual persons should be protected by Iowa law, the clinching negative argument of some legislators, supported by some clergy, has been that a person is homosexual "by choice."

How can they be so sure? Neither medical nor behavioral scientists are. Some hold that heterosexuals and homosexuals may be hormonally, genetically and biologically programmed from birth. Others argue that early emotional relationships determine adult affectional feelings.

It is only generally agreed in the scientific community that, whatever the cause, sexual orientation is set by about age 5, and is rarely reversed, though frequently suppressed by homosexuals because of social fear. In 1973, the American Psychiatric Association voted:

"Whereas homosexuality per se implies no impairment in judgment, stability, reliability or general social or vocational capabilities, therefore, be it resolved that the American Psychiatric Association deplores all public and private discrimination against homosexuals . . ."

In 1975, the American Psychological Association adopted a similar resolution, adding:

"The American Psychological Association urges all mental-health professionals to take the lead in removing the stigma of mental illness that has long been associated with homosexual orientation."

My second question is: Whatever happened to the basic American fair-play doctrine that a person is innocent until proven guilty?

Since writing to all the Iowa legislators stating my support for the anti-discrimination measures

for homosexuals, I have also received responses accusing me of being unchristian and violating the Bible. I have little expectation that adults thoroughly committed to biblical fundamentalism, whatever the cause, will change, or that they will be open to considering the full scope of modern biblical research.

I do challenge them to be consistent and try to enforce other biblical mandates, such as: "Slaves, be obedient to those who are your earthly masters, with fear and trembling . . ." (Ephesians 6:5.) And: "Women should keep silence in the churches. They are not permitted to speak, but should be subordinate." (1 Corinthians 14:34.)

Other arguments have been used against the recognition of homosexual rights. One is that the implied acceptance of the reality of homosexuality will increase the incidents of child molestation and reduce society's revulsion to it. The evidence belies the prejudice. Homosexuals are no more likely to molest children than are heterosexuals. It does and will happen in the cases of sick personalities, whatever their affectional orientation, but all the laws against sexual abuse remain on the books.

Related to all of this is even the argument that a church that openly accepts homosexuals should not be recognized as valid.

The Metropolitan Community Church, formed in 1974 to provide a denomination where homosexual persons could more comfortably practice the Christian teachings of human respect, faithful commitments, service to others, and worship of God, is judged by some to be unfit for recognition in the religious community because of its particular orientation to one minority. It seems to me that

reasoning would include many other churches of minorities that have also been gathered because societal prejudices and the need for communities of persons who truly understand the burdens of being, in the rest of life, always a minority.

Among these are all the excellent predominantly black churches, burgeoning Asian and Spanish-speaking churches, and even churches for the deaf.

No, the issue is not the danger of homosexuals to churches or society, which is no greater than that of heterosexuals who are abusive, manipulative, profligate or mentally ill.

The issue is the fear of homosexuality that has been so ingrained in our society that reason and compassion are withheld.

One of the shocking revelations of church history is how church teachings contributed to the holocaust of Jews and homosexuals in Germany during Adolf Hitler's era. Centuries of traditional teachings about Jews as Christ-killers created the public climate in which derogatory stereotypes and hateful epithets were acceptable. Homosexuals were also considered, with religious acquiescence, to be subhuman. And to the eternal shame of the German people, the vast majority either participated in the atrocities or looked the other way.

Attitudes toward Jews have improved remarkably, partly because of the realization of injustices perpetrated by prejudices and superstitions. Attitudes toward homosexuals have a long way to go.

James Gilliom is senior minister at Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Des Moines.

4/24/89

Award for church's aid to handicapped ^{7/9/99}

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., is to receive an award this summer for its efforts in helping people with physical disabilities.

Susan Dunker, a delegate to the denomination's general synod, is to accept the award at a recognition dinner July 2 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Recent improvements at Plymouth Congregational were recognized in response to a national survey asking

what each church had done to aid those with physical disabilities. Plymouth has made the entire church accessible to the handicapped and has purchased a 20-passenger bus equipped with a wheelchair lift.

Also, in recent years the church has installed an elevator to four floors, designed worship bulletins that are printed in large type, replaced carpet to allow for easier wheelchair travel and installed accessible toilets on each floor.

ANEITA F. COMBS

Aneita F. Combs, 81, of 2406 Raymond Drive died of cancer Wednesday at home. Services will be at

1 p.m. Saturday at Dunn's Funeral Home, with burial in Glendale Cemetery.



ANEITA F.
COMBS

Mrs. Combs was born in Sibley and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She had been a member of Order of the Eastern Star, Questers and Plymouth Congregational Church.

Surviving are a son, Willard of Denver, Colo.; two daughters, Nancy Sayers of Bellville, Ill., and Elyce Walthall of Dallas, Texas; and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, and memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. ^{11/12/99}



CHARLES SCHLOSSER/The Register

When autumn leaves start to fall...

With wintry looking trees as a backdrop, Joe Harris, 17, drags a tarp laden with leaves Saturday while others rake in the background. The volunteers raked to

raise money for Matins Choir, which is associated with Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines. The lawn is on Waterbury Road. ^{11/6/99}

Dedication at Plymouth church ^{10/10/88}

The renovated building and grounds of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., will be dedicated during the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services Sunday. Tours of renovated areas will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The dedication culminates a \$1.3 million project to improve the facilities for worship, education, community service and accessibility for the physically handicapped.

Besides improved visibility, flexibility and acoustics in the sanctuary, a wheelchair lift has been installed

for access to the chancel and choir. The church has also purchased a 21-passenger bus with a wheelchair lift.

Education facilities were modernized. Community service areas have new accesses, kitchen and toilet facilities. Wiring and heating have been upgraded, and a fire alarm and other safety provisions installed.

Architects for the renovations were Woodburn and O'Neil for sanctuary work and Stouffer and Smith for education and general work. General contractors were King-Bole Inc. and Ringland-Johnson-Crowley Co.

Organists guild seminar for clergy, musicians set

A Musician/Clergy Seminar sponsored by the Central Iowa American Guild of Organists will be held at 7:15 p.m. Monday in the sanctuary of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. Speakers include the Rev. Jerry Ash-eim, minister of music at Perry United Methodist Church; the Rev. Patricia de Young of the Urbandale United Church of Christ; and the Rev. James O. Gilliom, senior minister at Plymouth Church.

10/10/88

Church to host forums on AIDS ^{5/24/88}

The first of five weekly forums titled "Compassion: A Response to AIDS" begins Sunday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 42nd Street and Ingersoll Avenue.

The programs, cosponsored by several religious, community, and medical-related organizations, are designed for clergy and lay leadership but are open to the public.

The first forum will feature a physician discussing medical facts, a hospital spokeswoman explaining its support group, a person with AIDS tell-

ing of his experiences, and an American Red Cross worker speaking about its Buddy Group.

Other forum topics and dates are: "Homophobia: A Social Disease," Oct. 2; "Legal Rights and Discrimination," Oct. 9; "Ethical Issues," Oct. 16; and "Religious Implications," Oct. 23.

In addition to the forums there will be a workshop, "Care-giving and Pastoral Care," from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 29.

For more information call Faith Ferre at Plymouth Congregational Church.

Church program on family problems ^{2/10/89}

"The Church's Ministry to Families in the 1990s" will be the theme of an 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. program on Feb. 27 at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., sponsored by the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center.

Stephen A. Jones, director of the marriage and family therapy training program at the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kan., will conduct the program. Two-parent, dual-career, single-parent, multi-generational and step families will be explored. Issues discussed will include abuse, incest, divorce, affairs, extended adolescence and economic stress.

Registration for the program and lunch is \$30 and reservations may be made by calling the sponsoring center at 274-4006 through Feb. 22.

Stations of the Cross to be portrayed Sunday

A drama presentation featuring organist Phyllis Mains and 14 actors portraying the Stations of the Cross will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

3/12/89

Easter services ^{3/25/89}

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.: Sunrise service, 6:30 a.m. in the rotunda of the Kaleidoscope at the Hub. Led by Plymouth youth, including music by the Matins Choir and meditation by the Rev. Kim Fields, Drake University campus minister; breakfast at the church, 7:15 a.m.; services, 9:15 and 11 a.m.

D.M. church names new minister of education

The Rev. Janice L. Davis, minister of Christian education and parish life at Union Congregational United Church of Christ in Green Bay, Wis., has been named minister of education at the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. Davis, who is to be ordained in September, is to assume her new duties Oct. 16.

8/5/89

NORMA M. MITCHELL

Norma M. Mitchell, 71, of 4811 Lakeview Drive died of cancer Tuesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, of which she was a member. Burial will be in Oakdale Cemetery at Adel.



NORMA M. MITCHELL

Mrs. Mitchell, a real estate agent and antique dealer, was born in Des Moines and lived in Adel and Des Moines all her life. She was a member of Questers, Delta Gamma sorority and the Friendship Force.

Surviving are two sons, Douglas of Newport, R.I., and Dan of Adel; two daughters, Lynn Mitchell of Des Moines and Kris Davidson of Orange City; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at McLaren's Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to her church's refugee assistance committee.

8/29/89

Here and there in Iowa, signs of hope for mainline churches appear.

Gall, with the United Church of Christ, calls the steady growth of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines "one of the great success stories in the denomination."

Plymouth has grown from 2,350 members 10 years ago to more than 3,000. Average attendance has risen from 525 to 800. Its budget has doubled; there are eight choirs with more than 400 members, and two capital funds building drives netted \$2.3 million.

Gall said the success stems from "authentic, high-grade preaching [by the Rev. James Gillion] and relevant programming. People come because the church meets their needs."

First United Methodist Church in Ankeny

8/13/89

NORMA D. CASS

Norma D. Cass, 90, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died of a heart ailment Tuesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. A private family entombment service will be today at Resthaven Mausoleum.

Mrs. Cass was born in Strawberry Point and lived in the Des Moines area most of her life, retiring after 40 years with The Des Moines Register. She was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution, Des Moines Women's Club, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and The Des Moines Register Retirees Club.

Three nieces survive.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church. McLaren's Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

8/29/89

ELIZABETH S. STRAIGHT

Elizabeth S. Straight, 81, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died of cancer Wednesday at her home. Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Interment will be in Glendale Mausoleum.

Mrs. Straight was born in Grimes and had lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a retired secretary for Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Co. and was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

She is survived by nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. today. Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

8/9/89

GLEN W. COOPER

Glen W. Cooper, 83, of Fountain West Care Center, 1501 Office Park Road, West Des Moines, died of pneumonia Saturday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home, and cremation and burial of the cremains will follow in Masonic Cemetery.

He was born in North Dakota and moved to Des Moines 20 years ago from Minneapolis. He was a retired sales manager for Texaco, a Navy veteran and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Masonic Lodge, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Des Moines Consistory and the Des Moines Oil Club.

Surviving are a son, James of San Diego; a daughter, Constance Hagen of Minneapolis; a sister, Kathleen Lane of Los Angeles; a brother, Robert J. of Corona Del Mar, Calif.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church.

8/12/89

FAYE L. ROMANO

Faye L. Romano, 82, of 4106 Sheridan Ave., died of a stroke Monday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.



FAYE L. ROMANO

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational Church, with burial in Resthaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Romano, a lifelong Des Moines resident, was a salesclerk at Younkers. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, the TTT and the Des Moines Pioneer Club.

She is survived by her husband, Egidio N. "Gete" Romano of Des Moines; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

8/21/89

A. IRWIN HOSFELT

A. Irwin Hosfelt, 80, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died of a kidney ailment Wednesday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Overton's Funeral Home in Indianola, and burial will be in Indianola IOOF Cemetery.

Mr. Hosfelt was born in Massena. Before moving to Des Moines, where he was a teacher and administrator in Des Moines Public Schools, he had been superintendent of schools at Lynnville, Granger and Fonda. He was a member of Moingona Lodge at Altoona, Scottish Rite Bodies, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine and Order of the Eastern Star.

His wife, Frances, survives.

Friends may call after 9 a.m. today at the funeral home, where the family will greet friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children, Plymouth Congregational Church or Christ Community Church of Nisswa, Minn.

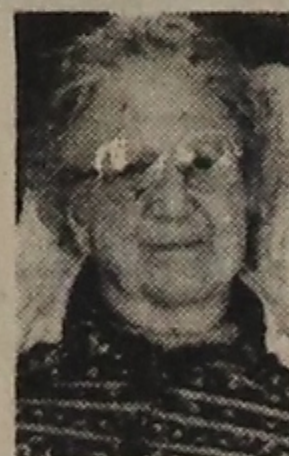


A. IRWIN
HOSFELT

9/4/89

FAYE RHODES ABILD

Faye Rhodes Abild, 97, of 5000 S.W. 63rd St. died of a heart ailment Sunday at home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at McLaren's Funeral Chapel in West Des Moines. Burial will be in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Orilla.



FAYE RHODES
ABILD

Mrs. Abild was born in Tuskeego and had lived in Lamoni. She was on the teaching staff of Graceland College in Lamoni and was a music supervisor in Centerville, Keokuk and Des Moines schools. She had a music studio, taught piano and voice in Des Moines, and directed several church choirs.

Her name appears in the International Who's Who and Who's Who of American Women. She was president of the Iowa Federation of Music for six years, was a member of Music and Drama Club, Junior Counselors, Daughters of the Nile, White Shrine, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and was a 50-year member of Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

9/3/89

FLORENCE R. WILLIAMS

Florence R. Williams, 69, of 7608 Horton Ave., Urbandale, died of pulmonary ailment Sunday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Callahan Funeral Home in Iowa City. Burial will be in Memory Gardens cemetery there.



FLORENCE R.
WILLIAMS

Mrs. Williams was born in Iowa City. She lived in Chicago, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Cherokee and Omaha, and moved to Des Moines in 1975. She managed gift and card shops in Cherokee and Omaha. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Antique Club, Book Club and Compass Club and P.E.O.

Surviving are her husband, R. Alan; three sons, Alan Jr. of Carmel, Calif., Robert and Dr. Steven, both of Omaha; a daughter, Barbara Tarpley of Kalamazoo, Mich.; three sisters, Helen Odom of La Mesa, Calif., Charlotte Strohbeen of Key West, Fla., and Betty Sweeney of Salinas, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. Wednesday at Westover Funeral Home in Des Moines, where the family will meet with friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

10/19/89

VEDA I. PEARLMAN

Veda I. Pearlman, 83, of 2716 62nd St. died of cancer Wednesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Private services will be held Saturday. Burial will be at Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines.

Mrs. Pearlman was born in Durham and lived in Des Moines for 60 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are her husband, Ivan; four daughters, Roberta Larew and Karene Pearlman, both of Des Moines, Loretta Way of Cedar Rapids and Sandra Novotny of Frisco, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. today at Westover Funeral Home, where the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

9/6/89

WILLIAM K. HANKINSON

William K. Hankinson, 90, of Crestview Acres, 916 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines, died of a respiratory ailment Monday at the veterans hospital in Knoxville. Private memorial services will be Friday, and burial of the cremains will be in Resthaven Cemetery.

Mr. Hankinson was born in Indiana and lived in the Des Moines area for 58 years. He retired as a state agent for National Fire Insurance Co., was a veteran of the Navy and had been a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Surviving are two sons, Richard of Des Moines and David of Richardson, Texas; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the veterans hospital in Knoxville. Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

10/1/89

GRACE STILES

Grace Stiles of 904 41st St. died of cancer Sunday at home. She was 92. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Dunn's Funeral Home, and burial will be in Masonic Cemetery.



GRACE
STILES

Mrs. Stiles was born in Nebraska and lived in Des Moines for 63 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are two daughters, Jeanne Frank of Des Moines and Marylyn Lee of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Dorothy Heinisch of Omaha; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. today at the funeral home.

11/5/89

D.M. teacher, author Bohlman dies in Arizona

By MELANIE LEWIS

Register Staff Writer

Edna McCaull Bohlman, 92, a longtime Des Moines-area teacher and author, died of a heart ailment Saturday at a hospital in Tempe, Ariz., where she had been living with her son.



EDNA BOHLMAN

Mrs. Bohlman spent 64 of her 92 years in Des Moines as a teacher in the Des Moines School District and as an instructor at Des Moines Area Community College and Grand View College.

But her claim to fame were the half-dozen or more books she wrote alone or with her husband, Herbert Bohlman, who was dean emeritus of Drake's College of Business Administration.

Most of the books were written for consumers. "Knowing How to Budget and Buy," "Understanding Consumer Credit," "Investing Savings and Insuring Life" and "Income and Property," were a series of guides to help high-school dropouts.

Along with books on economics, Mrs. Bohlman also wrote booklets and articles on democracy and the United States government.

She and her son, H. Mac Bohlman, a lawyer and professor of business at Arizona State University in Tempe, jointly wrote a book on insurance. The two also worked to get Herbert Bohlman's research on Iowa banking in the 1920s published after his death in 1971.

Mrs. Bohlman was considered unorthodox at a time when women ended their careers when they got married. She and Herbert met while they were graduate students at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where she was getting a master's degree in sociology and economics. After their marriage, she took only a few years off with her son.

Through the years, she taught in various places around the Midwest, including Madison, Kansas City, Mo., and Paris, Ill.

She began her career in Des Moines, teaching at Lincoln High School, and at one time was chairwoman of the social studies department at the former Des Moines Technical High School.

For the past 20 years, Mrs. Bohlman had spent summers in Iowa and winters in Tempe. But she moved there permanently four months ago.

Survivors include her son, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines, where she was a longtime member. Friends may call one hour before the service.

Burial will be at Resthaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bohlman Scholarship Fund at Drake University.

10/28/89

Christmas program set for Nov. 26-27

"Welcome Christmas" is the theme of Nov. 26 and 27 performances at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., to usher in the holiday season.

The production, part of the church's Fine Arts Series, will be in three parts. The Christmas section of Handel's "The Messiah" will feature a 50-voice choir, strings and four guest soloists. "Ringeltanze," by Libby Larsen, is a set of six carols, performed with strings, handbells, choir and dancers. The program will conclude with Robert Shaw's "The Many Moods of Christmas," consisting of familiar holiday carols. Some 400 people are involved in the production.

Performances will be Nov. 26 at 4 and 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and are available at the church office, The Book Store in Locust Mall and Border's Book Shop in the Crossroads Mall.

10/18/89

Register Staff Writer

A traditional Pilgrim service, musical programs and ecumenical services are among special Thanksgiving events scheduled at Des Moines area churches next week.

Those services include:

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

— Traditional Pilgrim service, 10 a.m. Thursday. Gov. Terry Branstad will be introduced by a town crier and deliver his Thanksgiving proclamation. Many members will be dressed in Pilgrim garb. A drummer outside the church will welcome worshipers. Native Americans will be represented by the Boy Scout Mitigwa Dancers. An offering will be received for the Des Moines Area Religious Council's Emergency Food Pantry and the Plymouth Homeless Assistance Ministries.

10/18/89

Church begins another 'miracle' on 12th Street

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

Another miracle is taking place on 12th Street.

Eighty members of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ spent Oct. 14 ripping out lath, plaster and walls from an old brick four-plex at 1348 12th St. to make way for renovation that will provide low-rent housing for four families. Another Plymouth crew will finish the preparation work today.

In Oct. 15 worship services, Plymouth members had the chance to put their money where the crew of workers had put their muscles and sweat. The goal was \$80,000 in cash and pledges to pay for plumbing, electrical wiring, heating, insulation and plasterboard work.

After the second worship service, the total was within \$700 of the goal. Money and pledges since have put the total at \$96,000 and the hope now is to top \$100,000, said the Rev. Wayne Shoemaker, business administrator at the church. He said \$35,000 cash is on hand, along with 15-month pledges.

Plymouth becomes the second large Protestant church to join hands with the non-profit Anawim Housing, run by a Catholic nun, Sister Stella Neill, to renovate housing in the neighborhood and to make it available to low-income families.

Westminster Presbyterian Church did similar work at a nearby building last spring, calling it "Miracle on 12th Street." It produced more than

\$69,000 in cash and pledges.

When Plymouth members decided to do something as a congregation to make a dent in the Des Moines housing problem, they decided to call their project "Another Miracle on 12th Street."

Shoemaker said raising \$80,000 would have likely covered the basic renovation, but the added money will make it possible to do some extra things.

"This is one of those good experiences where people share in doing something that is totally for someone else," said Shoemaker about the response in both work and money.

"There is no attempt to suggest this is the total answer to the housing problem," he said. "It isn't everything, but it is something. It is like lighting a candle in the dark."

He said the project has sparked enthusiasm throughout the congregation.

"Everyone was flabbergasted at the amount of work that was done Oct. 14," said Shoemaker.

The church newsletter put it this way: "What has a smiling face, a warm feeling inside, an aching back and sore muscles? Probably one — or dozens — of the persons who worked on 'Demolition Day' ..."

"Their accomplishment surpassed the highest expectations of the Housing Task Force, leaving the next work day a cinch to get all the preliminary work completed on schedule.

"They worked hard, developed warm friendships and ate a pile of food while filling four huge dumpsters with demolition debris."

Plans call for contracts to be let in February and the contracted work to be completed in April or May. Plymouth members then will go back to work to finish painting, interior decorating and landscaping.

The average stay for tenants is expected to be two years, meaning that over the next 10 years the church would help provide a home for 20 families.

DONALD LESLIE BOSTWICK 10/9/89

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ for Donald Leslie Bostwick of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave. Burial of the cremains will be in Resthaven Cemetery. Mr. Bostwick, 88, died Monday at home of complications following a stroke.

Born in Minneapolis, he moved to Des Moines in 1927 and retired as commercial supervisor of Northwestern Bell. He was a member of the Church of Christ and Theta Delta Chi and had been a volunteer worker for the Iowa Commission for the Blind.

Surviving are his wife, Lucile; two sons, Donald of Fairfax, Va., and Robert of Vermilion, Ohio; a brother, Robert of Irvine, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Foundation at his church. Arrangements are being handled by McLaren's Funeral Chapel.

GENEVIEVE M. DUTT

Genevieve Morgan Dutt, 91, of Heather Manor, 600 E. Fifth St., died of a heart ailment Saturday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. A memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, of which she was a member. A private burial will precede the memorial service.

Mrs. Dutt was born in Washington, Ia., and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She retired as a social worker for the Polk County Welfare Association in 1961. She was an honorary life member of American Association of University Women and Senior Singers.

Surviving are a son, Dale of Indianola; a grandchild; and a great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church. 10/14/89

10/28/89

Denver captures true Christmas spirit

By RUSSELL KARNS

Register Staff Writer

Christmas is a time of faith. John Denver is a man of faith. John Denver at Christmastime creates an uplifting feeling of spiritual power.

Denver, singing his own songs along with Christmas songs Thursday

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night at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, came up with a holiday show that captured the true meaning of Christmas.

There was no hint of the crass commercialism that runs rampant this time of year. Instead, Denver spread the warm feelings of peace on Earth and good will toward others.

Denver uses his immense popularity as an entertainer, along with words and music, to get things done. He used this concert to bring in donations of food and toys for the needy.

Many of the 5,732 who attended the show dropped off toys and canned food as they entered the auditorium. It was a heart-warming sight on a bone-chilling night.

Denver also used the show to speak up for the environment, one of his favorite causes.

Denver is an eternal optimist, believing that if we all join together we can make the world a cleaner, better place. It is with his music, though, where Denver's great faith makes us realize that he stands by what he believes.

In "Rocky Mountain High," Denver sings of a man tired of the city who turns to nature for peace and harmony. That man is Denver, at peace with himself, even if he doesn't understand

why others would "tear a mountain down."

"Take Me Home, Country Roads" is a piercing song that makes you long for home. It became all the more poignant during this season, when we all long to be home for the holidays. Denver's voice carried all the feelings of a man alone on the road, wishing just to go home again.

Even though he sang some newer songs, it was his older numbers that tugged at the heartstrings. Denver put his soul into "Poems, Prayers and Promises" and "Calypso," making them special works that inspired the crowd to a standing ovation at the end of the night.

The second half of Denver's concert also featured songs of the season. There were spiritual songs, such as "Silent Night," and simple, fun songs for the children in the audience, such as "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

They were all the more fun because they featured the singing of a local children's choir from the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

At times the show got a little syrupy and hokey, but it still left you with a warm feeling, especially for the children.

Denver hasn't forgotten that children are the future, and he makes sure the rest of us don't forget, either.

JOHN R. BUCKLEY JR. 12/11/89
John R. Buckley Jr. of 4308 Woodland Ave. died of a liver ailment Monday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. He was 74.



JOHN R. BUCKLEY JR.

The body has been cremated and a memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Dunn's Funeral Home.

Mr. Buckley was born in Prairie City. He lived in Des Moines most of his life, retiring as senior vice president of American Federal Savings and Loan, for which he also served on the board of directors. He had been a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and a board member of Grand View College and was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia; a son, John R. "Bob" III of Des Moines; two daughters, Barbara Buckley of Montrose, Colo., and Beverly Buckley of Winter Park, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association.



TERRY FARRIS/The Register

Kate Janssen, 13, and Brandon Jones, 12, of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines practice with singer John Denver during

rehearsal for a Thursday night performance at Veterans Memorial Auditorium. The two sang alone with Denver in the "Jingle Bells" number.

Cool John Denver warms choir at concert

By GENE RAFFENSPERGER

Register Staff Writer

It was Thursday afternoon at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, and there was singer John Denver, casual and cool in his blue jeans, cowboy boots and a white sweat shirt.

He was working onstage with the 40-voice choir that would accompany him during part of his Christmas program later that evening.

The choir members were dressed casually, too, but they weren't quite as cool. In fact, just minutes earlier one girl was unable to contain her enthusiasm. "Can I shake your hand?" she blurted as the choir filed onstage and took their places behind Denver and the band. "Sure," Denver said.

He asked who among the singers knew the words to the second chorus of "Jingle Bells." Brandon Jones, 12, held up his hand. "Good, I need two volunteers and you're one of them," Denver said. The other one turned out to be Kate Janssen, 13.

And that's how those two became soloists with Denver in the "Jingle Bells" number during the concert.

Review of John Denver's show: 4T

The choir members, boys and girls in grades sixth through ninth, were chosen from among several youth singing groups at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ at 42nd Street and Ingersoll Avenue. The church has seven separate youth choirs.

Anita Micich, director of youth music and fellowship at the church, said the young people normally rehearse about an hour a week. Work on the Denver concert put them through an additional eight hours of practice in the weeks before their Thursday appearance, Micich said.

Denver said he wanted the choir to back him on six Christmas songs. Five were very traditional — "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Jingle Bells," "What Child Is This?" "Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night."

The other, "Please, Daddy," was different, but with the blending voices of the children and Denver it came off well.

The first line goes, "Please Daddy, don't get drunk this Christmas. I don't want to see my Mommy cry."

Denver asked the choir to report to the auditorium three hours before the concert Thursday so he could spend about an hour rehearsing with them. "I don't think they'll be nervous," Denver explained as he waited for the youngsters to come onstage. "I do it because I want them to get used to the room and the band and me."

The children's "pay" for a night of singing with Denver was one free ticket to the concert for each singer's family, plus a pizza dinner for the choir prior to the concert, Micich said.

"This was a great opportunity for these kids to sing with a star," Micich said. "I think they really enjoyed it. It was something they had to do without my direction and I think they showed great stage presence and they sold the music."

And the youngsters: "They were excited," Micich said. "Some of them are at that age when they don't want to show it because it's not cool. But they were excited."

12/14/89

CORA WENDT SCHEIBE

Cora Wendt Scheibe, 85, of Calvin Manor, 4210 Hickman Road, died of a heart attack Saturday at home. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Lane Chapel in Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial of the cremains will be Friday in the Tonica, Ill., Cemetery.



CORA W.
SCHEIBE

Mrs. Scheibe was born in Putnam County, Ill., and lived in Des Moines 10 years, coming from Bedford Park, Ill. She retired after 27 years as a public school teacher.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Brown of Des Moines; a son, Durbin Jr. of Willow Springs, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association. Westover Funeral Home is handling arrangements. 1/13/90

MARIE L. KEMERY

Marie LeQuesny Kemery, 84, of 4111 Ingersoll Ave. died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound Thursday at home. No services have been planned. The body was donated to the medical school at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

Her death was ruled a suicide by Dr. R.C. Wooters, Polk County medical examiner.

Mrs. Kemery was born in Brookville, Ill. She retired as a salesperson and clothes buyer for a department store after more than 30 years. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

There are no immediate survivors. Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements. 1/11/90

• An Ash Wednesday benefit concert by the Matins Choir will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. Included will be Lenten selections and the "Gospel Mass," composed by Robert Ray of St. Louis, Mo. Ray will play the piano. His wife, Sylvia Ray, will be guest soloist. Proceeds from an offering will go to the Homes of Oakridge Scholarship Fund. 2/24/90

THOMAS NELSON WOHLRABE

Thomas Nelson Wohlrabe, 70, of 1172 20th St., West Des Moines, died of cancer Sunday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational Church, and burial of the cremains will be in Swiss Church Cemetery in New Glarus, Wis.



THOMAS N.
WOHLRABE

Mr. Wohlrabe was born in Wisconsin and moved to West Des Moines in 1968 from Wisconsin. He retired after 38 years with Ernst & Young, was an Army veteran of the Korean War and had been a member of the Congregational Church.

Survivors include his wife, Charline; two daughters, Sarah Wohlrabe of Washington, D.C., and Sue Burke of Ames; a son, John of Des Moines; a brother, James of Milwaukee; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at McLaren's Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to his church or the Iowa Association of Children with Learning Disabilities. 1/7/90

FLORENCE IRENE YAHNKE

Florence Irene Yahnke of Plymouth Place, 4111 Ingersoll Ave., died of a heart ailment Saturday at Mercy Laurel Center. She was 90. The body has been cremated and a memorial service will be at a later date, with burial of the cremains in the Ledyard Cemetery.

Mrs. Yahnke, who retired from nursing in New York City, was born in Emmetsburg and moved to Des Moines seven years ago after living in Clarion and New York. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and the Clarion Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Frances Russell of Chappaqua, N.Y., and Margaret Kopps of Clarion; a sister, Pearl Winkleman, and a brother, Herbert Jensen, both of Buffalo Center; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements are being handled by Caldwell-Brien-Robbins Funeral Home. 2/3/90

A. DALE ERICKSON

A. Dale Erickson, 72, of 4601 Pleasant St. died of a heart ailment Wednesday in Santa Clara, Calif. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Westover Funeral Home. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.



A. DALE
ERICKSON

Mr. Erickson was born in Des Moines, where he lived most of his life. He retired as vice president of C.E. Erickson Company and had worked for Mona's Apparel for Big and Tall Men for more than 10 years. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Masonic Lodge, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Scottish Rite and was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Loretta; a daughter, Catherine Erickson of Sunnyvale, Calif.; a brother, Robert of Des Moines; and a sister, Madeline Erickson of Crosslake, Minn.

Friends may call after noon today at the funeral home, where the family will meet with friends from 2 to 4 p.m. 1/10/90

MARY HELEN JARNAGIN

Special Dispatch to The Register

WORTHINGTON, OHIO — Services for Mary Helen Jarnagin, 59, of Worthington, who died at home Wednesday, will be at 1 p.m. Monday at McLaren's Funeral Chapel in West Des Moines. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery there. The cause of death is unknown, pending results of an autopsy.

Born in Newton, Ia., Mrs. Jarnagin lived in Des Moines most of her life until moving to Ohio in 1984. She had been a homemaker and was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines.

Surviving are her husband, Chuck; a daughter, Amy Jarnagin of Chicago; two sons, Brad of Chicago and Greg of Des Moines; and a sister, Barbara Hays of Des Moines.

Friends may call one hour prior to services at the funeral chapel. 2/14/90

Harms takes charge, looks ahead to future of area religious council

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

The Des Moines Area Religious Council is "vibrant and alive," said the Rev. Forrest Harms, its new executive director, but it could expand its programs.

Harms, 47, an Iowa native and a Reformed Church in America minister, took the helm of the interfaith council Jan. 2, and was formally installed last week at the annual business assembly. He succeeds the Rev. Harold Varce, 65, who retired Dec. 31 after 17 years in the post.

The site and agenda of the meeting reflect the sweeping changes in the council since the early 1970s when it was a struggling, all-Protestant organization.

The meeting site was Tifereth Israel Synagogue, which in 1979 became the first non-Christian congregation to join the council. All three Des Moines synagogues now belong.

One of the business items was a vote approving the application of St. Joseph's Catholic Church to become the 138th member-congregation. St. Joseph's became the seventh Catholic parish to join since Holy Trinity Catholic Church ended the all-Protestant makeup in 1975.

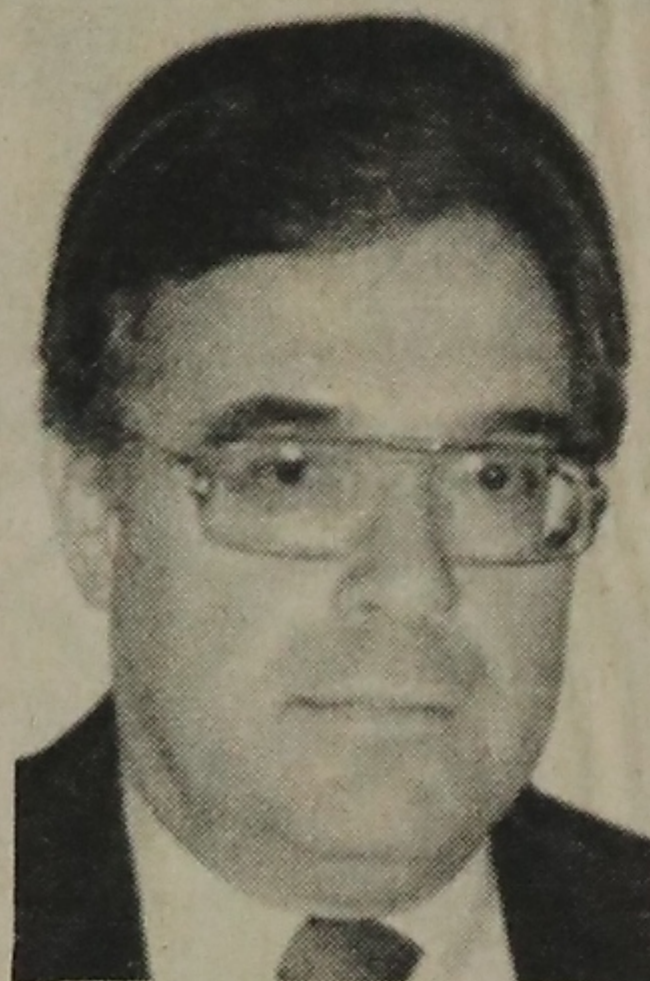
Interfaith Nature

Leadership reflects the interfaith nature of the council. Lawrence Myers, a Tifereth Israel member and the council's first Jewish president, completed his one-year term at the meeting. And David Bear, another Tifereth Israel member, was installed as vice president, meaning he will become president in 1992.

Frances Bates, a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, was installed as 1990 president. The Rev. James O. Gilliom, senior pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, was installed as president-elect and will be president in 1991.

The broad interfaith makeup is "the only way an agency like the Des Moines Area Religious Council can address the needs of the community," Harms said. "It needs as broad a base of support as possible philosophically, financially and in the personal dimension of working together. It is the only way to go."

He attributed successes to the ability of congregations to recognize that



Forrest Harms
It's "vibrant and alive"

they can cherish their own traditions and beliefs but still work with other religious groups to meet human and community needs.

Strong History

Harms said the cooperative agency has a strong history.

"It is exciting to get plugged in to something so vibrant and alive," he said. "I see the great need for this kind of agency and even possibilities of expansion."

Many of the council's 27 cooperative programs involve little cost. Harms said he hopes for expansion in "the three dollar-intensive programs."

Those include the council's best-known program, the Emergency Food Pantry, as well as Compassion in Action and the Child Care Assistance program.

By far the biggest program, with more than \$500,000 in emergency food distributed last year, is the food pantry. But giving is cyclical and the cupboard is sometimes nearly bare, Harms said. The other two programs have never gained major financial support.

United Effort

Compassion in Action is a united effort by the religious community to

meet emergency needs ranging from a stranded traveler needing a tank of gas or a meal to helping with rent payments. Requests to churches for aid are referred to the United Way's First Call for Help as a central clearinghouse.

"We have to tell First Call that \$1,500 a month is all that can be counted on," Harms said.

Harms is especially intrigued by the Child Care Assistance program, which is aimed at making it possible for single working mothers to stay on the job and off welfare by helping to pay for child-care expenses.

"I really like that program," Harms said. "That is the way to go, to be able to tell people that if they will earn what they can we will help them to continue working."

Efficient, Effective

In his installation speech, Harms illustrated the council's work by referring to the television commercial that said you can avoid a costly overhaul of your car's engine later by installing an oil filter now.

"The Des Moines Area Religious Council is like one of those filters — an efficient, effective and necessary way to maintain a good and caring society," Harms said. "Certainly it costs to carry out this ministry but not nearly so much as it will cost if this ministry, and others like it, is not carried out."

"Ignoring the needs of people around us won't make these needs go away. Addressing these needs today may well keep us from paying the price being paid in Latin America — and elsewhere — tomorrow."

A native of Buffalo Center, Harms graduated from Northwestern College in Orange City and Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich. He was pastor of First Reformed Church in Alexander, Ia., from 1968 to 1975. He had been pastor of Our Savior's Reformed Church in Brooklyn Park, Minn., since 1975, and also held a part-time state administrative post in his denomination.

His wife, Mary, a nurse, works at Fountain West Health Center in West Des Moines. Their three adult children live in the Twin Cities area.

5/24/90

Iowa banker,^{3/17/90} state lawmaker Milligan dies

By VICTORIA BENNING

Register Staff Writer

George F. Milligan "disproved the adage that nice guys finish last — he was outstanding in everything," a friend said Monday.



GEORGE F.
MILLIGAN

Milligan, an Iowa legislator and banker who made a bid for the U.S. Senate in 1974, died of a heart ailment Saturday in Naples, Fla. He was 56.

Des Moines lawyer Stephen Roberts said Milligan "was a close to perfection as you can get." Roberts, a childhood friend who served as Milligan's campaign manager during his

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run for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate, said: "Even as a kid you could tell George was going to go somewhere, that he was going to be a success. I idolized him."

Milligan, who retired last year as chairman and chief executive officer of Norwest Bank of Des Moines, "was the kind of decent, thoughtful person that you'd like to have for a friend or neighbor," Gov. Terry Branstad said.

Milligan was born in Des Moines and graduated from Roosevelt High School, Washington and Lee University and Drake University Law School.

Milligan entered the banking business and went to work for Norwest in 1961 after graduating from law school. He embarked on a political career with his election to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1966. He served two terms in the House, then served in the Iowa Senate from 1970 to 1974.

Milligan was known at the Statehouse as a man who championed the causes of women, minorities and children.

"I could always count on George to care about people," said former Gov. Robert Ray. "George was just an enlightened soul. He was ahead of his time. He had a lot of courage. He took a position for what he believed in and fought for it."

Former Lt. Gov. Arthur Neu, now practicing law in Carroll, said Milligan was "a guy you couldn't help but like. ... He was very bright and conscientious — and he was very effective."

In 1974, Milligan sought the U.S. Senate seat that was being vacated by Harold Hughes. Milligan was defeated in the primary.

Milligan rose to chairman and chief executive officer of Norwest Bank of Des Moines and regional president of Norwest Corp.'s Iowa banking group. Health concerns forced him to take an early retirement in February 1989.

Norwest officials credited Milligan's leadership with the company's strong earnings of the last few years.

Milligan was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, the Iowa and American Bar Associations, the Iowa and American Bankers Associations, Rotary Club, Army Reserve and the Civil War Club.

He was a past president of the Des Moines Community Playhouse and Des Moines Health Center Board. He also served on the boards of the Des Moines Symphony, Simpson College, Planned Parenthood and Homesteaders Life Insurance Company.

Milligan is survived by his wife, Judy; a daughter, Lisa Maser of Le Mars; a son, George D. Milligan of West Des Moines; his father, David O. Milligan of Des Moines; a brother, Jim Milligan of Washington, D.C.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. today at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines. The body was cremated. Memorial contributions may be made to the church, the Des Moines Art Center or the Animal Rescue League.

RUTH ROGERS LYNCH 2/11/90

Private graveside services for Ruth Rogers Lynch, 91, will be today at Resthaven Cemetery. Mrs. Lynch died of a heart ailment Sunday at Heather Manor, 600 E. 5th St., where she was a resident.

A homemaker, Mrs. Lynch was born in Union and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church and P.E.O.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Kay Davis of Anaheim, Calif.; a son, Dr. Richard Lynch of Des Moines; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church. Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Surviving are a daughter, Charmion Deaton of Des Moines; two sons, Gordon of Topeka, Kan., and Rex of Sun City West, Ariz.; a grandchild, and two great-grandchildren. Friends may call Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.



F. PERLE WIEGAND 4/9/90
F. Perle Snyder Wiegand, 105, of 1329 Cummins Parkway died of a heart ailment Friday at home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Westover Funeral Home. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the Fontanelle Cemetery.

Mrs. Wiegand was born in Fontanelle and lived in Des Moines 48 years, coming from Osceola and Perry. She owned a millinery shop in Fontanelle until 1917 and was a member of Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and its auxiliary.



Cambridge Singers will present a concert Wednesday evening at Plymouth Congregational in Des Moines.

Cambridge Singers — British group presents royal anthems, English church music, British folk songs and other diverse works at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational Church, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. Tickets are \$10. Available at the church office. Call 255-3149.

3/15/90

CAMBRIDGE SINGERS. England's Cambridge Singers and director John Rutter will visit Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., for an 8 p.m. concert March 21. This is the group's first U.S. tour and includes stops in seven cities, including New York City, where they will perform at Carnegie Hall. Tickets are \$10. 3/3

performances at 7 p.m. today and 6 p.m. Sunday.

The message of the movement from Good Friday to Easter, from death to life, from defeat to victory, will highlight a variety of Easter celebrations. There will be sunrise services at churches, in fields, on lakefronts and — appropriately, since that's where it all started — in cemeteries. Two Des Moines churches, Westminster Presbyterian and Plymouth Congregational, will join in a sunrise service at a housing project

for the poor that the churches have supported with money and sweat.

Churches large and small will go all out for their best musical efforts, with choirs, brass, organs and bells. There will be plays, cantatas and concerts.

Pastors will try to produce that one sermon they would want people to hear who may not be in church until another Easter.

And the abiding theme — regardless of church fusses or personal tragedies — will be hope for new life.

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Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. — Sunrise service "Miracle on 12th Street" (the housing project supported by Plymouth Congregational, Westminster Presbyterian and other congregations) with Plymouth youth and Matins choirs, and meditation by the Rev. William Durk Parker of Westminster, 6:30 a.m.; breakfast in Plymouth's Waveland Hall, 7:15 a.m.; "How Easter Was Almost Missed" services with Matins and chancel choirs, organ, strings and brass, 9:15 and 11 a.m. 4/14/90

LYDER C. ESTHUS

Lyder C. "Lee" Esthus, 91, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died of a respiratory ailment Saturday at home. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery.



LYDER C. ESTHUS

Mr. Esthus was born in Chicago and lived in Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan before moving to Des Moines 45 years ago. He retired as branch manager of Graybar Electric Co., where he had worked 42 years, and he was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Des Moines Consistory and the Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are a son, Donald of West Hartford, Conn.; two daughters, Janet Speicher of Waukee and Barbara Esthus of Ridgewood, N.J.; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to his church or Youth Homes of Mid-America in Johnston.

5/12/90

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. — All-church dinner, 6 p.m.; Tenebrae service and Communion, 7:45 p.m. 4/17/90

Plymouth Brass Consort to perform at Colby Park

WINDSOR HEIGHTS — The Plymouth Brass Consort of Plymouth Congregational Church will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday at Colby Park, 69th Street and University Avenue, Windsor Heights. 5/16/90

Plymouth announces fine arts series

Spurred by the success of past programs in its Fine Arts Series, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ has announced plans for its fall 1990 and spring 1991 programs.

The fourth season opens with two performances of "From the Heart of America," a program showcasing the church's pilgrim spirit. Scheduled for the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the program also will feature works of Aaron Copland, in honor of his 90th birthday, and of Leonard Bernstein and Ron Nelson; and it will end with a 100-voice men's chorus singing American folk songs and spirituals.

In the spring, "Gates of Justice" will be performed at the Des Moines Civic Center by its writer, pianist-composer Dave Brubeck. Joining him will be a quartet, choir, soloists and instrumentalists.

5/24/90

Plymouth spring concert features brass

The annual spring concert of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., will be at 3 p.m. Sunday and will feature the Plymouth Brass Consort. Members of the group are Garen Milton, French horn; David Williams and Vic Anderson, trumpet; Steve Rottler, trombone; Richard Strang, baritone horn; James Evans, tuba; and Phylis Mains, organist.

MARGARET YANASAK

Memorial services for Margaret Yanasak, 83, of 3421 S.W. 14th St., who died of a respiratory ailment Dec. 13, will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Lane Chapel of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. The body was donated to the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences. Tonini's Funeral Home is handling arrangements. 5/5/90

CARL G. GOLDSBERRY

Carl G. Goldsberry, 52, of 601 S.W. 42nd St. died of a heart attack Tuesday at home. Memorial services will



CARL G.
GOLDSBERRY

be at 2 p.m. Friday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, with entombment of the cremains in Masonic Mausoleum.

Mr. Goldsberry was born in Enid, Okla., and lived in Des Moines for 30 years. He had been co-owner and co-founder of Des Moines-based independent television station KCBR, now KDSM, channel 17. For 24 years he was a directory advertising representative for Northwestern Bell Telephone and was most recently involved in real estate investing. A Navy veteran, he was a member of the Church of Christ, Kiwanis International, Masonic Lodge, Des Moines Consistory and Za-Ga-Zig Shrine.

Surviving are his wife, Linda; three daughters, Courtney Bowers of Phoenix, Ariz., and Kimberly Goldsberry and Gretchen Goldsberry, both of Des Moines; a son, Carl G. III of Des Moines; a sister, N. Kay Harmon of Phoenix; a brother, Jay of Baltimore; and a grandchild.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

4/10/90

M. JOY EASTMAN

M. Joy Eastman, 92, of Plymouth Place, 4111 Ingersoll Ave., died Saturday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center of a heart ailment. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Plymouth Congregational Church, of which she was a member. The body has been cremated and the cremains will be buried in Newton Union Cemetery.

Born in Newton, Miss Eastman had lived in Des Moines for 58 years. She retired after 25 years as a legal secretary at Brody, Parker and Roberts law firm. She was a member of P.E.O., and had worked in the P.E.O. offices for several years.

She is survived by a brother, Harry Eastman of Charles City.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church. Arrangements are being handled by Westover Funeral Home.

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THELMA IRENE KINGERY

Services for Thelma Irene Kingery, 84, of 3520 Grand Ave. will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational Church, of



THELMA IRENE
KINGERY

which she was a member. Entombment will be in Reshaven Mausoleum. Mrs. Kingery died at home Friday of a heart ailment.

Born in Cainsville, Mo., Mrs. Kingery lived in Des Moines since 1923, where she worked for Meredith Publishing Co. She was a member of Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband, Edwin; two sons, Jack of Littleton, Colo., and William of Des Moines; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. today at Merle Hay Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Congregational Church Foundation.

4/20/90

THOMAS GREEN

Thomas Green, 95, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died Saturday of cancer at home. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Westover Funeral Home. Burial will be at Masonic Cemetery.



THOMAS
GREEN

A native of Cairo, Mr. Green had lived in Des Moines since 1948. He had been a high school principal, coach and superintendent, and retired in 1965 after 17 years as a consultant for the Iowa Department of Public Instruction. He was a member of Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Masonic Lodge, and Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas of Boston and James of New York; a daughter, Gretchen Bridgman of Wichita Falls, Texas; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Scottish Rite Park.

8/25/90

RUTH E. NEEDHAM

Ruth E. Needham, 80, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died of cancer Wednesday at home. A memorial service will



RUTH E.
NEEDHAM

be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Plymouth Congregational Church, of which she was a member. Scattering of the cremains will be at a later date.

Mrs. Needham was born in Des Moines and formerly lived in Illinois and California. She was a homemaker, a member of PEO and past president of the Blank Hospital Guild.

Surviving are a son, David of Chadds Ford, Pa.; two daughters, Sally Abbas of Des Moines and Nancy Enmark of Barrington, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or PEO.

3/21/90

LAEL MOON

Lael Moon of 5623 Waterbury Road died of cancer Monday at home. He was 76. Services will be at 2:30 p.m.



LAEL
MOON

Thursday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Oakland Cemetery in Janesville.

Mr. Moon was born in Cedar Falls and had lived in Des Moines and Ankeny since 1948. He was involved with artificial breeding of

dairy cattle in the late 1940s and retired as sire proving program manager for 21st Century Genetics of Shawano, Wis. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and the Polk County Historical Society and was past president of the Ankeny school board and the Iowa Society for the Preservation of Historical Landmarks.

Survivors include his wife, Caroline; a son, James of Marietta, Ohio; a stepson, Timothy Carlson of Des Moines; a stepdaughter, Suzanne Trampel of Story City; a sister, LaVeta Weselmann of Calmar; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to his church or the American Cancer Society.

4/14/90

Willits found life through facing death

By ALLISON HALL

Register Staff Writer

Earl Willits, a respected public servant who died last week of AIDS, was remembered at his memorial service Saturday as a brave man who found peace after triumphing over spiritual and physical demons.

Willits, who planned the service held Saturday at the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines, had requested that his eulogy not disguise his homosexuality or the cause of his death.

Willits, an assistant attorney general who died at 43, had come to terms with himself and wanted his loved ones to do so as well.

"I think family and friends will come to grips with this much better if it is addressed directly," Willits was quoted as saying in a eulogy written by the Rev. James Gilliom, his spiritual adviser and the church's pastor.

More than 500 of Willits' family members and friends, including Attorney General Tom Miller and Willits' ex-wife, Martha Willits, a member of the Polk County Board of Supervisors, filled every pew at the church at 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

In the eulogy, Willits was quoted as saying he had found life in facing death.

"Life is so rich, and each day really is precious. And it has a depth and meaning that had previously escaped me," the Rev. Alden Hebard quoted Willits as saying. Hebard read the eulogy for Gilliom, who is on sabbatical. "Big problems really can be big gifts."

The eulogy outlined Willits' personal and political accomplishments. In 1982, after serving in the Iowa Legislature, Willits was appointed Miller's top assistant, and he later became deputy attorney general for administration under Miller.

He was remembered as a cerebral and courageous advocate for social

justice, particularly for Iowa farmers, throughout his tenure in the Legislature and the attorney general's office.

Willits also was remembered as a devoted, attentive father to his teen-age daughters, Emily and Anne — a duty that included serving as "official photographer for the Roosevelt High School junior varsity swim team," read Hebard, causing audience members to chuckle.

The balance of the eulogy was devoted to Willits' struggle to reconcile his spiritual and moral convictions with his homosexuality — and how that struggle ultimately made him a stronger person.

"Unless you are gay or lesbian, it is difficult to understand the anguish involved in coming to grips with this immutable fact about yourself. I spent years in a private hell before finally accepting the reality of my gayness," Willits had written in a letter to the church's board of trustees that was read during the service. "I have finally achieved a sense of inner peace and resolution."

AIDS, a fluid-borne disease that can be contracted through sexual contact, forced Willits to speak openly about a reality he had hidden since childhood. "It could be said that it was the one area of his good life in which, for most years, Earl had lived a lie," wrote Gilliom.

But by the end of his life, Willits had found grace in the truth, Gilliom wrote.

"One day, when it appeared the end was not far and we talked of final things, I added how much I admired him for all he had accomplished in his 44 years," Gilliom wrote. "He responded with appreciation, but then added: 'What I know now is that, in the end, all that really matters is loving and being loved.'"

7/15/90

Willits' will to finance homosexuality seminars

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

Earl Willits, a former state official who died last week of AIDS, named his church as beneficiary of a \$10,000 life insurance policy to finance annual conferences on homosexuality and Christian spirituality.

"His concern was the need for the Christian community to face head-on homosexuality and its connection with spirituality..." said the Rev. James O. Gilliom, senior pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines. Gilliom, who was spiritual adviser to Willits through his illness and preparation for death, said Willits wanted to make it difficult for the church to avoid the issue.

"One of his concerns was to find a way to affirm that one could be both Christian and gay. This was his idea of how to continue that after he was gone," Gilliom said in a telephone interview from New Era, Mich., where he is on sabbatical. "This was a deeply religious commitment for Earl. It was an act of Christian stewardship."

Willits, 43, a former Iowa legislator and assistant Iowa attorney general, died July 11.

tutions like Plymouth will help youth and others come to grips with this more easily, lovingly, and at less pain for others. I have finally achieved a sense of inner peace and resolution, thanks in part to Plymouth's ministry, and want to assist others to reach that place more easily."

Gilliom said no plans for the conference have been made. He said he took the letter with him when he left for his sabbatical and will present it to the trustees when he returns in

Gilliom said that in January 1988 Willits gave him a letter for church trustees, explaining the gift and outlining ideas for the conferences. Willits instructed Gilliom to give the letter to the trustees after his death. More recently, he requested that Gilliom announce the conference endowment and read parts of the letter in the memorial service.

"I realize that sponsorship of these conferences will involve some controversy for Plymouth, both in the community and within the church," Willits wrote in a section read at the service. "Plymouth has not shied from such controversy in the past, but, rather, has thrived on it by taking strong stands on important issues."

The letter concluded: "Unless you are gay or lesbian, it is difficult to understand the anguish involved in coming to grips with this immutable fact about yourself. I spent years in a private hell before finally accepting the reality of my gayness."

"Assistance and support from institution."

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"I am committed to maintain his intention because I agree with him," Gilliom said.

In his eulogy, Gilliom discussed aspects of Willits' "private hell" that he hoped to help ease for others.

"Earl described his awareness of how his affectional orientation from early childhood was homosexual. But, because all of society around him seemed to say that to be homosexual was to be morally evil and religiously sinful, its reality in him was denied. It could be said that it was the one area of his good life in which, for most of his years, Earl lived a lie," Gilliom said.

"I witnessed Earl teaching this church and other ministers, freeing me to tell his story, speaking himself to individuals and groups in order that the homophobia of our society might be diminished," Gilliom said.

8/20/90

4-year AIDS battle conquers lawyer Willits

By CYNTHIA HUBERT

Register Staff Writer

Earl Willits, a Des Moines lawyer and former state legislator, died Wednesday night of AIDS.

Willits, who served more recently as an assistant attorney general, spent the past few months preparing for death, coming to terms with it, telling his loved ones goodbye.

"He tried to be very forthright," said the Rev. James Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines.

"He let everyone know he had fought the fight, and the fight was over," said Gilliom, a friend and spiritual adviser to Willits.

Willits, father of two teen-age girls, was 43 years old when he died at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.

Although AIDS ravaged his body, leaving him

frail, weak and partially blind in his final weeks, his mind remained sharp, friends said. He planned his own funeral and memorial service, right down to the hymns to be played.

At the service, scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday at Plymouth Congregational, Gilliom will talk about homosexuality, AIDS and how Willits struggled physically and emotionally as a public figure fighting a disease with a terrible stigma.

"Earl faced a difficult situation with courage and sensitivity as all of us who knew him would have anticipated and greatly appreciate," his former wife, Martha Willits, a member of the Polk County Board of Supervisors, said Wednesday evening.

The Willitses were divorced in 1987. A year earlier, a blood test showed that Earl Willits had been exposed to the virus that causes AIDS. It was then that he confided with friends and family members about his homosexuality.



EARL WILLITS
(1978 Photo)

Although he knew AIDS would eventually take his life, Willits refused to bow to it, friends said. He traveled across the country to participate in research on various experimental drugs, attempting to boost his immune system and battle the illnesses that bombarded his body.

"At times, he did not know whether he was getting a real drug or a placebo," said Gilliom. "But even if his own life was not to be prolonged, he wanted to do what he could to help others in the future."

Willits resolved to live his final years to the fullest. He climbed mountains, spent as much time as he could with friends and took a vacation cruise to the Caribbean with his daughters.

In recent months, AIDS sapped his strength and left him bedridden. When it became clear that

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death was imminent, he stopped treatment and took only pain medication to keep him comfortable.

"He had arrived at his peace," Gilliom said. "He called in family and friends and explained everything."

Willits was an active member of the Plymouth congregation and had served on its board of trustees and board of music and fine arts. He had a deep appreciation for music and played the piano, organ and harpsichord. He loved photography, jogging and sailing.

"He was a very solid, spiritual person — not in a melodramatic or flashy way, but he had a very deep spirituality," Gilliom said. "He had a very strong sense of justice and an especially sensitive awareness of the rights of the powerless."

Although many knew about his gay lifestyle and his illness, Willits declined to be interviewed about his struggle with AIDS. He said he feared that public disclosure would harm his daughters.

"Earl really went many extra miles to live up to society's expectations of him," said former Polk Coun-

walked in," said Joseph C. Johnston, an Iowa City lawyer who served with Willits in the House.

Michael Kennedy, a lawyer from New Hampton, also worked with Willits as a young lawmaker.

"It was my view he was a man of considerable promise, and I think that promise was fulfilled in terms of his legislative experience," said Kennedy. "He became a real force."

Willits was known as a tenacious lawmaker who never was afraid to confront controversial issues.

"He was very bright, articulate and energetic," said Joseph Johnston. "He was one of those rare legislators who really thought issues through. He was not flamboyant; he didn't try to make a name for himself. He was just quietly competent."

During his time in the Legislature, Willits raised concerns about the Iowa Commission for the Blind, resulting in the resignation of the director and sparking state and federal investigations. He led an unsuccessful campaign for school reorganization, criticized the cost of restoring Terrace Hill, helped force the mansion open to the public and criticized schools that hire teachers based on coaching ability.

In 1979, Willits resigned from the Senate to work for Miller.

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His first appointment was to the office's farm division, which Miller cre-

Trial of Waterloo man moved to Scott County

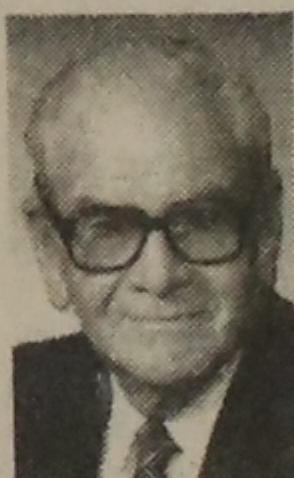
WATERLOO, IA. (AP) — The trial of Kenneth Hardy of Waterloo, accused of killing a Charles City woman has been moved from Black Hawk to Scott County because a court ruled that pretrial publicity could prejudice a local jury. Hardy, 26, is to stand trial July 31 on a charge of first-degree murder in the death of Rochelle Barry, 23, of Charles City.

"Ten dollars is a prize worth collecting, so people either don't know they have won or they don't know how much they've won," said Voorhees.

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THOMAS F. DUSENBERY

Thomas F. Dusenbery, 76, of 1510 47th St. died of a heart attack Friday in Spirit Lake. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, of which he was a member. Burial will be at Masonic Cemetery.



THOMAS F.
DUSENBERY

Mr. Dusenbery was a lifelong resident of Des Moines and was the former owner of Earl Dusenbery Co. He was a member of the Order of De Molay, the Masonic Lodge and Des Moines Consistory, and was past president of the National Flour Distributors.

Survivors include his wife, Muriel; a son, Earl James of Des Moines; a daughter, Nancy Muehe of Olathe, Kan.; his mother, Anna Dusenbery, and a sister, Dorothy Tompkins, both of Des Moines; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to his church.

7/13/90

LOUISE E. LOTTE

Louise E. Lotte of 4100 Kingman Blvd. died of a heart ailment Saturday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. She was 76. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hamilton's Funeral Home, and burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.



LOUISE E.
LOTTE

Mrs. Lotte, a sales representative for Avon, was born in Chicago and lived in Des Moines 23 years. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and Avon Presidents Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Helscher of Des Moines; and a grandchild.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at the funeral home.

7/14/90

ALMANAC**OBITUARIES****EDNA B. TRICKEY**

Edna B. Trickey, 84, of 712 41st St. died of cancer Wednesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Burial at 1 p.m. today at Union Cemetery in Iowa Falls will precede a 10 a.m. memorial service Saturday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.



EDNA B.
TRICKEY

Mrs. Trickey was born in Hardin County and had lived in Des Moines since 1941. She was an elementary school teacher in Johnston for 21 years and previously taught in Conrad, Union and Des Moines. She was a member of the Congregational Church, author of various church curriculum materials and a contributing writer to religious education magazines.

Surviving are her husband, Merle; two daughters, Elin Cotts of New York and Margaret Browman of Des Moines; a brother, Milo Butler of Iowa Falls; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Edna Trickey Memorial Fund at her church. Merle Hay Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

LEONARD G. BEAMAN

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VERA LEONE LITTLE

Special Dispatch to The Register

REDWOOD CITY, CALIF. — Vera Leone Little, 93, of Redwood City, formerly of Des Moines, died of a heart ailment Jan. 24 in California. Services were held Aug. 16 in California.

Mrs. Little, a homemaker, was one of the founding members of the Des Moines Golf and Country Club and was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church and the Women's Club of Des Moines. She lived in Des Moines until 1973.

Surviving are a son, Jack Little of Redwood City; a grandson; and a great-grandson.

8/23/90

EARL F. GRUBER

Earl F. Gruber, 51, of 4100 E. 23rd St. died of a heart attack Wednesday at Seven Flags Fitness and Racquet Club. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, with burial in Glendale Cemetery.



EARL F.
GRUBER

Mr. Gruber was born in Lansing and had lived in Des Moines since 1966. He was a senior analyst at Financial Information Trust, an Army veteran and a member of the Congregational Church, Toastmasters, Iowa State University Alumni Association and Association Systems Management.

Surviving are his wife, Dana; three daughters, Leigh Anne Anderegg of Urbandale, Laura Crist of West Des Moines and Susie Gruber of Des Moines; two stepdaughters, Kari Wallace and Bobbi Wallace, and a stepson, Marc Wallace, all of Des Moines; his mother, Doris Gruber of West Des Moines; a brother, Neal of Huntington Beach, Calif.; a sister, Marilyn Lancaster of Ripley, Miss.; and a grandchild.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at Grandview Funeral Home, where the family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Iowa State University or the American Heart Association.

6/13/90

Rosemond brings parenting pointers to Des Moines

John Rosemond, who writes a syndicated column published in the Lifestyle section of The Sunday Register and is the author of several big-selling books on parenting, will be in Des Moines for presentations on Sept. 6-7.

"Affirmative Parenting" is the topic of a lecture from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 6, at Plymouth Congregational Church.

Religious council elects Gilliom

The Rev. James O. Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, was elected 1991 president of the Des Moines Area Religious Council at its recent fall delegate assembly held at First Baptist Church.

Other officers elected include David Bear, a member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue, first vice president;



JAMES GILLIOM

Michell Parker, a member of St. Ambrose Cathedral, vice president; Jeanne Painter, a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, recording secretary; and the Rev. William Hines, pastor of Unity Church of Des Moines, treasurer.

Christ the King Catholic Church and Walnut Hills United Methodist Church in West Des Moines were received into the council.

That brings council membership to 139 Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish and Greek Orthodox congregations.

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14/3/90
Just a word of great appreciation for the series of articles on homosexuality ... Its thorough research and personal sensitivity moved many readers, I'm sure, to revisit their prejudices in a more enlightened and kindly light.
— James O. Gilliom, senior minister, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines.

CAMILLA T. MITCHELL

10/24/90

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in Lane Chapel of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ for Camilla T. Mitchell of Fountain West Health Center, 1501 Office Park Road, West Des Moines. Burial of the cremains will be at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Virginia, Ill. Mrs. Mitchell, 102, died of a heart ailment Wednesday at home.



CAMILLA T. MITCHELL

Born in Virginia, Ill., she lived in the Des Moines area most of her life and was a homemaker.

A niece, LilaJane Frascarelli of Troy, N.Y., survives.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church. Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

ROY ADDINGTON JR.

Roy Addington Jr., 71, of 4940 Cedar Drive, West Des Moines, died of cancer Saturday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational Church. There will be a private entombment Tuesday before the service.



ROY

ADDINGTON JR. Addington Poultry Co. until 1977, when he became a commercial real estate broker for Iowa Realty Co., retiring in 1985. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, the Masons, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine and the National Poultry and Food Distributors Association.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; two sons, Scott of Minneapolis and Steve of West Des Moines; a daughter, Jane Lane of West Des Moines; a sister, Betty Fuller of Des Moines; and a grandchild.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

10/13/90

The Rev. Richard Trost, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Clive, said the New Revised Standard Version will become the official Bible for public worship reading there Dec. 1.

"I'm impressed," said Trost, who has disciplined himself to do his serious Bible study in the original Greek and Hebrew languages. "They haven't overdone the sexist thing. People deserve the original text to begin with. Nothing is perfect, but they have done a better than average job."

"I use it for study and I think it is excellent," said the Rev. James O. Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines. "I trust the scholarship. In some cases it is clearer than earlier translations as to what the original meaning was."

Six major Bible publishers were licensed by the National Council of Churches to publish the new version. Early sales in central Iowa book stores were described as moderate to very brisk.

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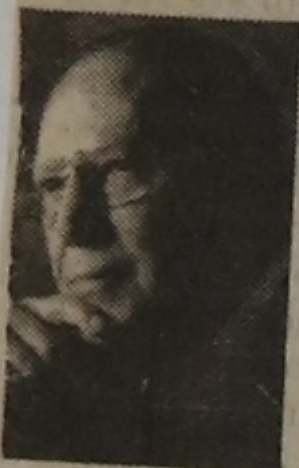
Retired Bankers Trust chairman Sterling dies

By JEFFREY BRUNER

Register Staff Writer

Robert J. Sterling, retired chairman and president of Bankers Trust Co. in Des Moines, died of heart failure Sunday. He was 80.

"He helped build the bank to the position that it obtained in the state," said current Bankers Trust Chairman John Ruan. "Bob Sterling was a very able man."



ROBERT J.
STERLING

A native of Swansea, Ill., Mr. Sterling spent most of his life in Belleville, Ill., before coming to Des Moines in 1962, when he joined Bankers Trust as executive vice president. He became president and chief executive officer three months later and was named chairman of the board in June 1973.

"Before Bob retired, he was very instrumental in helping our whole group with the building of the Ruan Center and the Marriott Hotel. Those are things that will be around a long time," Ruan said.

Mr. Sterling retired as CEO of Bankers Trust in 1976. He continued to work with Ruan, helping develop the Marriott Hotel and 36-story Ruan Center.

Mr. Sterling also was a man who went out of his way to help others, said his wife, Helen. "There are a lot of things about him that people didn't know. He helped a lot of people. He was always in good humor and had a smile for people," she said. Mr. Sterling tried to help those who were down on their luck, doing such things as helping them find a job or treatment for alcoholism, she said.

Ruan agreed. "At the bank, he was all business, and outside of the bank he was a pretty great guy. He had a different character outside of the bank," he said.

While living in Belleville, a St. Louis suburb, Mr. Sterling was director and treasurer of the East St. Louis Salvation Army and the St. Clair Country Club. He also was a director of the local American Cancer Society chapter.

"Bob was not the most garrulous fellow, but whenever he voiced an opinion, it was a good one," said James Hubbell Jr. "Bob was a very good man to have on your side because he had a good grasp of the situation and he knew the bases that had to be covered."

Hubbell said that Mr. Sterling also liked to relax, playing cards over at the Des Moines Club.

Mr. Sterling was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Iowa Methodist Hospital Board, Rotary Club, Jesters, Masonic Lodge and Des Moines Consistory. He was past president and honorary life member of the Greater Des Moines Committee.

Besides his wife, survivors include a son, Roger of Chicago; a daughter, Roberta of St. Louis; a brother, Richard of Belleville; four sisters, Ruth Sterling, Mary Groom, Edith Sterling and Virginia Sterling, all of Belleville; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home. There will be a private burial at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Iowa Methodist Medical Center or Plymouth Congregational Church.

10/28/90

'America' show kicks off Plymouth series ^{11/10/90}

"From the Heart of America," featuring compositions of Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland and Ron Nelson, will kick off Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ's annual Fine Arts Series Nov. 25.

There will be performances at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the church, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

"It's going to be an event suitable for Thanksgiving," said Carol Stewart, Plymouth's music director. "A lasting theme for this program will be the music which springs from the soil and the pioneer spirit."

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at Borders Book Shop in West Des Moines, The Book Store in Locust Mall and at the church office.

'Heart of America' concert Sunday at Plymouth Church ^{11/21/90}

WEST SIDE — A concert, "From the Heart of America," featuring compositions of Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland and Ron Nelson, will be performed at 4 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. Cost is \$8. Call 255-3149.

Service depicts spirit of first Thanksgiving

In the spirit of the first Thanksgiving, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines, has a service at 10 a.m. Thursday complete with costumed pilgrims and American Indians.

Gov. Terry Branstad will deliver the state proclamation of Thanksgiving. Iowa proclamations from years gone by will be on display in the church gallery.



Polly Flug

About 120 Plymouth members dressed as Pilgrims will provide choral music and greet guests. The Mitigwa Dancers, a Boy Scout unit specializing in American Indian lore, will represent Native Americans.

The offering goes to the Des Moines Area Religious Council's food

pantry and to the Plymouth homeless assistance ministries.

The sermon will be timed with an hour glass, and you can expect to see a deacon walking up and down the aisles carrying a rod with feathers on one end and a knob on the other — to awaken sleepers. Feathers for the women, a swift rap with the knob for the men. ^{11/21/90}

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STATE THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION Governor Terry Branstad

SERMON: "The Pilgrim Spirit" James O. Gilliom, Senior Minister



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Concert features U.S. composers, local musicians,

Music that springs from the American pioneer spirit will be presented in a concert at 4 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday in Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

Part of the Plymouth Fine Arts Series, the concert, "From the Heart of America," fea-

tures works by American composers presented by Plymouth choirs, selected singers from area high schools and a men's chorus. Brass and percussion players, members of the Des Moines Symphony, and organist Phyllis Mains also play.



Polly Flug

Tickets costing \$8 are available at Borders Book Shop, 1821 22nd St., West Des Moines;

the Book Store in Locust Mall; and the church office. Call (515) 255-3149. ^{11/23/90}



Cora Perkins
Salvation Army volunteer

Salvation Army volunteer wins ringing praise

By ED KINTZER
Register Correspondent

Cora G. Perkins, 75, of 102 S.W. 51st St. read in her church newsletter that the Salvation Army needed volunteer workers for its breakfast program for the needy.

She applied, and one thing led to another.

While assisting at her first breakfast, she learned the group also needed bell ringers at its red-kettle donation sites during the Christmas season.

She volunteered, and found herself ringing bells at Merle Hay Mall, where she is doing the same this year.

"She certainly gave many hundreds of hours in 1989, ringing bells for many, many days all Christmas season," said Salvation Army Maj. Cai Rubin. "And she has been faithful every Tuesday for many months in assisting the mobile unit, serving breakfasts in the early hours with the familiar smile of love and friendliness."

For her devotion, Perkins was named Salvation Army Volunteer of the Year for 1989 at an Oct. 15 luncheon. But she doesn't consider it a big deal.

"I am not that important. I have not done that much," she said. "I got back more than I gave."

Perkins describes the Salvation Army's breakfast run.

"We get up early to meet at 5:25 a.m. and go in a van to give breakfasts at the YMCA and to school children, and we look for people under bridges and in abandoned houses," she said. "I am amazed at the number of adults who admitted wandering the streets all night."

The eggs and ham are donated by churches and the rolls by stores, she says.

Sad Eyes

Perkins said she most remembers "the sadness in the eyes of the children." She especially remembers one little boy saying "he hated going to school because the kids made fun of his clothes," she said. "There is a big need for good clothing."

The Salvation Army has many drop-off locations for clothing donations throughout the Des Moines area. In the city, clothes may be left at the Men's Social Service Center at 133 E. Second St., the Red Shield stores at 211 E. Court Ave. and 5900 S.E. 14th St. or the Thrift Store at 4807 S.W. Ninth St.

Perkins also is active in the Energy and Self-Reliance Center in the Thoreau Center at 3500 Kingman Blvd., where a fund-raising dinner is held at 6 p.m. the second Friday of every month. She helps set up tables for the dinner, which pays the center's rent to the Thoreau Center, she says.

She also helps with mailings and meetings of Beyond War, a group stressing peace through education, and Bread for the World, which fights world hunger through legislation.

"The peace movement will not work until the hunger problem worldwide is solved," she said. "You cannot beat a place to sleep and three square meals a day."

Eldora Graduate

Perkins, a 1934 graduate of Eldora High School, attended the PEO sisterhood's Cottey College in Nevada, Mo. She came to Des Moines in 1937 when her father moved the family-owned Garner Publishing Co. here from Eldora and What Cheer.

She and her husband, Gerald, have been married 51 years and have been members of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ for 40 years.

They have four children — John of 5905 Waterbury Circle, Jerry of 504 56th St., Sara Fletcher of 749 46th St., West Des Moines, and Vera of Phoenix — and five grandchildren.

HELEN L. RIGGS

Helen L. Riggs, 83, of McAuley Terrace, 5921 Winwood Drive, Johnston, died of a lung ailment Sunday at



HELEN L.
RIGGS

Bishop Drumm Care Center. The body was donated to the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Mrs. Riggs was born in Emmett, Kan., and moved to Des Moines in 1947. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ and its women's fellowship, Drake University faculty Dames and the Drake Neighborhood Association.

Surviving are her husband, Philip; two sons, Norman of Des Moines and Arthur of Berkeley, Calif.; a brother, Walter Johnson of Emmett; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or the Drake University scholarship fund.

Westover Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. 3/17/91

LENORE ALLEN HANDFORD

Lenore Allen Handford, 86, of Heather Manor, 600 E. Fifth St., died of a muscular disorder Sunday at



LENORE ALLEN
HANDFORD

home. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational Church, of which she was a member. Burial will be private.

Mrs. Handford was born in Hampton and lived in Cherokee and Sabetha, Kan., before moving to Des Moines in 1923. She was a homemaker and a member of the Adeline Club, the League of Women Voters and PEO.

Survivors include a son, H. Allen of Hershey, Pa.; two daughters, Eleanor Berney of Dover, N.H., and Kay Hanna of Creston; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church. Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Religions share prayer for peace

By WILLIAM SIMBRO
Register Religion Writer

Religious animosities were laid aside Sunday as some 500 Catholics, Protestants, Jews and Moslems gathered in Des Moines to pray that the portion of the world that gave birth to their religions will not be plunged into war.

"We have come with one purpose," said the Rev. James Gilliom, senior pastor at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines, where the prayer service was held. "With the world possibly on the brink of war we come to pray. We come to pray for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the Persian Gulf."

Fall Harvest

With the church's altar bedecked with symbols of the fall harvest, the setting was that of the traditional American Thanksgiving. But the mood was a common reliance on a God of peace in a time when the clouds of war seem to be gathering.

Gilliom led a prayer for peace written by a Christian. A Jewish prayer for peace was led by Rabbi Steven Fink of Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Mohamad Khan, imam of the Islamic Center of Des Moines, led the reading of a Moslem prayer for peace.

Monsignor Frank Bognanno, pastor of St. Augustin's Catholic Church, said prayer for peace leads to becoming an instrument of peace. "Hindus say when you begin to pray, your feet begin to move," said Bognanno in a brief meditation. "Winning a peace requires as much commitment as winning a war."

"Great Peacemakers"

He said, "Great peacemakers have always been women and men of prayer, no matter what religion they were. They saw peace as the gift of God, and first of all they begged God for peace within themselves."

"The arm of God can reach from here to the hearts and minds of those in decision-making positions about the Persian Gulf. There is but one God. We are all simply God's children. The power of common prayer can change the world. But let it first change me. Let it first make me an instrument of God's peace."

A portion of the Moslem prayer led by Khan said: "God, Lord of all dominion, in whose hand is all good, teach our leaders humility, wisdom and good judgment. Help us all to defuse this crisis peacefully before it plunges us into a whirlpool of senseless suffering, bloodshed and war. Save us, our compassionate Lord, from our folly by your wisdom, from our arrogance by your forgiving love, from our greed by your infinite bounty and from our insecurity by your healing power."

Jewish Prayer

The Jewish prayer led by Fink said, in part: "How long . . . God, will we continue to kill in your name? How long will we refuse to register the unalterable face that all human creatures on this earth are brothers and sisters? Grant us the ability to find joy and strength, not in the strident call to arms, but in stretching out our arms to grasp our fellow creatures in the striving for justice and truth."

The Christian prayer led by Gilliom included this portion: "Help us to love our enemies, not by countenancing their sins, but by remembering our own. And may we never for a moment forget that they are fed by the same food, hurt by the same weapons, (and) have children for whom they have the same high hopes as do we."

Prayer service set 3/2/91 at Islamic Center in D.M.

The Christian, Jewish and Muslim congregations that have held a series of prayer services for peace in the Middle East will hold the next service at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Islamic Center of Des Moines, 6201 Franklin Ave. Clergy from the Islamic Center, Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and St. Augustin's Catholic Church will participate.

Participants will observe the Muslim customs of removing their shoes before entering the room and sitting on the floor. The interfaith service will follow the daily Muslim sunset prayers at 6:15 p.m., which non-Muslims are invited to observe.

Imam Mohamad Khan said the services have "opened the door for a very good relationship" among Christians, Jews and Muslims. Khan said the service will be held regardless of the status of the war.

IOWA BOY

Steamroller and Plymouth church — what a day of music



What a grand day of music Sunday was for me here in Des Moines — Mannheim Steamroller in the afternoon at the Civic Center then a fantastic show "From the Heart of America" in the evening at Plymouth Congregational Church.

Chuck

Offenburger

Steamroller sold out five performances over the weekend. If you're unaware of them — and I can hardly believe anybody is at this point — they're the Omaha-based group that has virtually taken over Christmas music. Their "Silent Night" is surely one of the most beautiful pieces of music ever performed. I defy anybody to go into a darkened room or church, put on their tape of that song and not feel it in your soul.

Christmas music is only half their show. Before intermission, they did a range of what's best described as mood music, or maybe new mood music. Or maybe it's Muzak that matters. It's almost all instrumental, with wonder-

ful synthesizer work.

Chip Davis, the Steamroller founder and drummer, is a genius at mixing music, video and recording technology. Maybe he's too good. The show is so perfect I found myself wondering, is this stuff really live, or am I somehow being Milli Vanilli-ed?

"No, it's all live, except for the video you watch on the screens," said Sharon Sit of American Gramophone, which is Davis' record company in Omaha. "That's why they work with a live orchestra."

Do I sound like I'm complaining? Not really. I was seeing Mannheim Steamroller for at least the third time, and I'll go again.

Steamroller's legion of loyal fans will probably want to lynch me for saying their show was only second-best in town Sunday, but it's true. The many who know and support the music program at Plymouth Congregational Church here won't doubt me.

Plymouth is a 3,100-member church founded here in 1857. It's one of the few mainline denominational churches that has a music program that's as good or better than the big new fundamentalist churches. It has a music staff of three full-timers and 10 part-timers directing and supporting nine choirs — yes, nine choirs.

Singers range from kindergarten to 80-ish. The Rev. Jim Gilliom, senior pastor, couldn't put a quick figure on the music budget for me Monday morning, but odds are Plymouth spends more cleaning robes than a lot of ministers in Iowa get paid.

Why such a musical commitment? "Music is one of the best forms of education," Gilliom said. "Teaching words and singing ideas together is one of the best ways to get through to more than the head, and there's the fellowship aspect. There are 400 people in that program."

It's all directed by Carol Stewart, about 45, a music graduate of Drake and SMU. She's been at Plymouth 16 years. "In musical understanding, direction and production, Carol is tops," said Gilliom. "I've been around a few maestros in my time, and let me just say she not only seems a terrific musician, I'm betting she could direct Desert Shield."

So on to Sunday's show. "From the Heart of America" played in the afternoon and again at night to crowds of more than 600 in the beautiful Plymouth sanctuary. The show was part of the continuing Plymouth Fine Arts Series, which uses the church's own musicians as well as some hired ones to give the community "excellence in the performing arts at a cost which

will be affordable to as many people as possible," as the program noted. It was an \$8 ticket probably worth \$25, as good as the show was.

The program was a mix of popular music from composers Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland and Ron Nelson, along with some great old American folk songs, performed by 302 singers, an organist, two pianists and a 14-piece brass and percussion ensemble pulled from the Des Moines Symphony.

It was all terrific, but I want especially to commend four soloists — Sharon Parker-Lenihan, Barbara Oliver-Hall, Eldon Cross and Mark Aljets. They could sing with anybody. And folks, this Aljets, a native of the Twin Lakes area and an ISU grad, has a tenor voice so good it seems a crime he has to practice law.

I came away from the show the same way Gilliom did, shaking his head in admiration and saying, "What talent!" To think there are amateurs — and most of the people performing Sunday night are amateurs — around here as good as this is just amazing.

Bravo, Plymouth! More!

(And to think I got ready for such a classical music day as Sunday by going bowling Saturday night in Cedar Rapids. Not your average music critic here.)

Three religions to pray together for peace in gulf

Christians, Jews and Moslems plan to pray together in Des Moines for a peaceful resolution to the Persian Gulf crisis.

The service will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 18 at St. Augustin's Catholic Church, 545 42nd St.

"It will be a service of prayer that there will not have to be a resort to bloodshed to bring about justice in this situation," Monsignor Frank Bognanno, pastor of St. Augustin's, said Thursday.

The service will include prayers by the Rev. James Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ; Rabbi Steven Fink of Temple B'nai Jeshurun; and Mohamad Khan, imam of the Islamic Center of Des Moines. Bognanno will lead meditation on the power of prayer. Plymouth, St. Augustin's and B'nai Jeshurun are neighboring congregations.

Bognanno said he received an enthusiastic response when he invited Gilliom, Fink and Khan to meet Thursday to discuss the idea of an interfaith prayer service. Judaism, Christianity and Islam — so often embroiled in conflicts with each other — were all born in the Middle East, where the threat of war has escalated since the Aug. 2 invasion and takeover of Kuwait by Iraq.

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Interfaith D.M. service to pray for peace in gulf

Prayers for a peaceful resolution of the Persian Gulf crisis will be offered by Christians, Jews and Moslems in an interfaith service at 6 p.m. Sunday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

It was announced earlier that the service would be at St. Augustin's Catholic Church, but the location was changed because of a scheduling conflict at St. Augustin's.

Leaders of the interfaith service will be the Rev. James Gilliom, senior pastor of Plymouth Congregational; Rabbi Steven Fink of Temple B'nai Jeshurun; Mohamad Khan, imam of the Islamic Center of Des Moines; and Monsignor Frank Bognanno, pastor of St. Augustin's.

Elsewhere:

11/17/90

3 faiths join in prayer for peace

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

As the countdown to possible war neared its deadline, Christians, Jews and Muslims packed a Des Moines church Sunday night to join hands and hearts in prayers for peace.

"We are here to ask God to help us in a time of great need," said Monsignor Frank Bognanno, pastor of St. Augustin's Catholic Church in Des Moines, which hosted the rare interfaith service. "We worship the same God. Our traditions are rooted in the Middle East. Only the hand of God can help us, and we need it perhaps more than ever before."

An overflow crowd stood along a wall and filled entrances in the church that seats 600. The mood was somber but hopeful as prayers and comments from clergy representing the three historic faiths spoke of one God whose will is peace and whose followers are called to seek peace.

Near the end of the service, members of the crowd spontaneously joined hands and swayed gently as they sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth." The four clergymen from the three faiths that have so much in common but have so often fought each other also joined hands as they looked out over the scene.

Leading the service were Bognanno; the Rev. James Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ; Rabbi Steven Fink of Temple B'nai Jeshurun; and Imam

Mohamad Khan of the Islamic Center of Des Moines.

"We are all the children of Abraham," Khan said. "As it draws very close to the deadline, war seems inevitable," he said, adding that he still had hope war would not break out in the Persian Gulf. "Peace cannot be achieved with rhetoric and arms buildup."

"Rational, reasonable, religious people can differ on strategy but not on the cause of peace," said Gilliom. He used several biblical metaphors in urging peace-seeking.

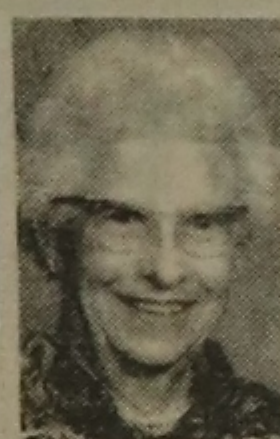
He recalled the parable of Jesus about the sower whose seeds died in poor soil but a few of which flourished in good soil. "As religious people, we have to see our prayers as seeds. Our job is to sow the seeds for peace and never give up," he said.

After the great flood, he said, Noah released a dove that soon returned, indicating there was no dry land and everything looked hopeless. He waited a week, released the dove again and it returned with a leaf from an olive tree — a symbol of hope. After another week, the dove was released and did not return because the flood was ending.

"There was life and hope," said Gilliom. "Pray for the seeds that we will never stop sowing. Pray for the patience of Noah and the dove."

MILDRED F. YOUNG

Mildred F. Young, 89, of the Urban-dale Care Center, 4614 N.W. 84th St., died of a heart ailment Saturday at



MILDRED F. YOUNG

Mercy Hospital Medical Center. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Dunn's Funeral Home, with burial at Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Young was born in Boone and had lived in Des Moines for most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Marilyn Hein of Windsor Heights and Marlys Potter of Nevada; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

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Community services of prayer for peace are planned in Des Moines and Pella as the countdown toward possible war in the Middle East continues. A "Community-Wide Prayer Service for World Peace" sponsored by the Pella Ministerial Association will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the Kuyper Gymnasium at Central College. The service has been planned by representatives from St. Mary's Catholic, Federated Fellowship, Peace Lutheran, Pella United Methodist and six Reformed churches. The association has designated Sunday as a Day of Prayer. A second Des Moines interfaith prayer service sponsored by Christian, Jewish and Muslim congregations will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 13 at St. Augustin's Catholic Church, 545 42nd St. The service will be two days before the Jan. 15 United Nations deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. The service will be led by Monsignor Frank Bognanno, pastor of St. Augustin's; the Rev. James O. Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ; Rabbi Steven Fink of Temple B'nai Jeshurun and Mohamad Khan, imam of the Islamic Center of Des Moines. The four clergymen from the three religions that all trace their roots back to God's covenant with Abraham also led a Nov. 18 service of prayer for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the Persian Gulf.

Prayers for peace slated in Pella, D.M.

Sermons on war and peace mark national day of prayer

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

Three banners hanging above the altar proclaimed in Hebrew, English and Arabic the hope and prayer of religious people — "Shalom," "Peace," "Salaam."

The banners formed a backdrop and theme for Sunday worshipers at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines on a day President Bush had called a national day of prayer.

In many churches, every Sunday since Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait — and especially since the Jan. 16 start of the war — has been a special day of prayer. The national day was observed Sunday in many ways.

"The long tentacles of war's tragedies will creep into this room 7,000 miles from the battlefield," said the Rev. James Gilliom in his sermon at Plymouth Congregational. "One's belief in the Christ can bring inner peace to a troubled soul."

Personal Prayer

Worshipers were reminded that Plymouth's chapel is open daily for personal prayer and meditation and that at 6 p.m. each Sunday an interfaith service of prayer and reflection for peace is held at the neighboring St. Augustin's Catholic Church, led by clergy from Plymouth, St. Augustin's, Temple B'nai Jeshurun and the Islamic Center of Des Moines.

They were asked to pray for the Plymouth members who are either in the Persian Gulf or preparing to ship out.

The Sunday bulletin urged "that you be aware of the discomfort of Arabs and Arab-Americans in this country and remember that they are not responsible for the actions of Saddam Hussein."

Not far away, at Cornerstone Community Church, the Rev. John Berglund gave a "prophecy" sermon on "Iraq, Babylon and the Beast of Baghdad."

He said Saddam was raised by a pro-Nazi uncle and rose to power as the "chief torturer of the Baath Par-

ty," Berglund said Saddam threw people into vats of acid and cut off the heads of enemies and sent the heads to the wives.

"Saddam Hussein needs to be stopped," he said.

Before the sermon, Berglund offered a prayer "for the safety of our men, for our generals and our president, that we will not have many civilian casualties ... (and) that you would stop Saddam Hussein."

Berglund said Iraq was thought to be the site of the Garden of Eden, the home of Abraham and the site of the Tower of Babel, where, he said, all false religion began. He said that according to biblical prophecies, the gulf war is not the Battle of Armageddon, "but it is a prefiguring of that battle."

"One Body"

The Rev. Catherine Luck, pastor of St. James United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids, said that four weeks ago the church began selecting a hymn each Sunday as its "prayer of peace." Sunday's hymn was "One Body, One Bread." Luck said it stresses "the unity of all the people in the world."

Each Sunday since the August invasion, during the "prayers of the people," members of the congregation have offered prayers for peace. On Sunday, she invited them to pray for the troops, those who would lose their lives, all those affected by the war and all world leaders who are making decisions involving the war.

At Trinity Lutheran Church in Dyersville, the Rev. Mark Morgenstern said he talked about the ways sin manifests itself in the world. War, he said, is one of the manifestations of sin.

In Dyersville, as in other cities and towns, the course of Middle East events have brought people of faith closer together. Members of Trinity Lutheran and the Roman Catholic Basilica of St. Francis Xavier get together for a monthly prayer service for peace.

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'Soul Care' program

A day-long seminar entitled "Soul Care for the '90s" will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. Herbert Anderson, professor of pastoral care at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, will conduct the program, which is sponsored by the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center. 2/2/91

• Carol Stewart, music director at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, will be honored at a Church Music Festival at 7 p.m. Sunday in Smith Chapel on the Simpson College campus in Indianola. The festival is sponsored by the Iowa Choral Directors Association's south central district and the Simpson College office of church relations. Drake Uni-

versity's James Cox will serve as guest director of the program, which includes a massed choir, keyboard artists from area colleges, a brass ensemble and the chancel hand-bell choir from First United Methodist Church in Indianola. 2/2/91

Other special music 1/26/91

• The Matins, choirs of junior and senior high school students from Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, will hold their annual spaghetti dinner and variety show

at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12, with a maximum \$15 per family. Tickets for the show only are \$1.50.

RAYMOND C. JOHNSON

Raymond C. Johnson, 95, of 3612 Rollins Ave. died Thursday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center, where he had undergone surgery for an ulcer. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery.



RAYMOND C.
JOHNSON

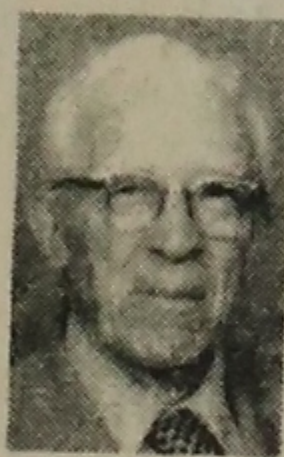
Mr. Johnson, a lifelong Des Moines resident, retired as chief of freight for the Rock Island Railroad, was a World War I veteran and had been a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Masonic Lodge, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Scottish Rite Temple and the World War I Veterans Association.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel; a stepson, Larry Woolis, and a stepdaughter, Alice Rutkowski, both of Des Moines; two step-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to his church, the Ronald McDonald House or the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children. 9/14/90

DURK D. OFFRINGA

Services will be at 10 a.m. today at Plymouth Congregational Church for Durk D. Offringa of Fountain West Health Center, 1501 Office Park Road, West Des Moines. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery at Camanche. Mr. Offringa, 98, died of a heart ailment Sunday at Veterans Medical Center.



DURK D.
OFFRINGA

Born in the Netherlands, he moved to Des Moines from Cedar Rapids 24 years ago. He retired as a county extension director for Bremer and Linn counties, was an Army veteran of World War I and had been a member of Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge, American Legion and the Congregational Church.

Among survivors are a daughter, Jeanne Keehn of Los Angeles; a son, Richard of Cedar Rapids; two brothers, Menne of Clinton and John of Tipton; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Westover Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. 10/9/90

BESS E. BALDRIDGE

Bess E. Baldrige, 101, of Fountain West Health Care Center, 1501 Office Park Road, West Des Moines, died of a heart attack Wednesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. The body was cremated and graveside memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Resthaven Cemetery.



BESS E.
BALDRIDGE

Mrs. Baldrige was born in Monmouth, Ill., and lived in West Des Moines most of her life. She was a homemaker and member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Order of the Eastern Star and PEO.

Survivors include a son, Bill of West Des Moines; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church. Arrangements are being handled by McLaren's Funeral Chapel. 4/3/91

JOAN GILTNER CANFIELD

Joan Giltner Canfield, 68, of 4815 Harwood Drive died of cancer Wednesday at Veterans Medical Center. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be at Masonic Cemetery.



JOAN G.
CANFIELD

Miss Canfield lived in Des Moines most of her life and was a Navy Wave during World War II. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Alpha Poetry Society and the National League of American Pen Women.

Surviving are two sisters, Jean Canfield of Des Moines and Marta Webster of Denver, Colo.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. 9/5/90

CAROLYN BROGAN GREEN

Carolyn Brogan Green, 85, of 6018 N. Waterbury Road died of a liver ailment Saturday in Baltimore. Services will be at 3 p.m.

Thursday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, of which she was a member. Private burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.



CAROLYN B.
GREEN

Mrs. Green was born in Newell and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a homemaker, a member of PEO and a volunteer for Iowa Methodist Medical Center, the Roadside Settlement House and the League of Women Voters.

Surviving are her husband, W. Ralph; two daughters, Julia Northrop of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Kathleen Schwarz of Baltimore; a stepdaughter, Ann Anderson of Des Moines; five grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Delta Gamma Foundation in Columbus, Ohio, for aid to the blind and sight conservation. 3/30/91

JEROME T. SOLEGLAD

Jerome T. Soleglad, 79, of 2901 37th St. died of a heart attack Tuesday at his home. The body has been cremated, and memorial services will be held in Madelia, Minn., at a later date.



JEROME T.
SOLEGLAD

Mr. Soleglad was born in Pierre, S.D., and had lived in Des Moines since 1954. He was a retired assistant commercial supervisor at Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and Telephone Pioneers of America.

Survivors include his wife, M. Helen of Portland, Ore.; two sons, Eric of Portland, and Ian of Oloha, Ore.; a daughter, Monica Droba of Herndon, Va.; a sister, Anna Marie Sandberg of Madelia; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Arrangements are being handled by Westover Funeral Home. 3/2/91



Eagle Scout James Power at the milk jug recycling drop-off site at Tait's Super Valu, 42nd Street and University Avenue. Drake University's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and area Boy Scouts collect jugs at the site.

Young recycler now collecting praise

By ED KINTZER

Register Correspondent

An endeavor that started as a Boy Scout project for James Power, 18, of 4244 Foster Drive has become a city-wide enterprise.

Power is widely praised as the creator of a program in Des Moines to recycle clear-plastic fruit juice and milk jugs around the city. He enlisted businesses and city government in the project, which now is winning awards.

Power won the 1990 Iowa Wildlife Federation Youth Conservation Award for his organization of and work on the project, said Des Moines City Councilman Jack Porter, scoutmaster of Power's Troop 50.

"It was not only his idea, but he strove to get it done with the city's cooperation — no easy task," Porter said.

Hornaday Award

The councilman added Power also could receive the Hornaday Award, the oldest conservation award given to youth in the United States. Sponsored by Du Pont, the award is named for Indiana native William Hornaday, an American naturalist and a leader in wildlife conservation who was educated at Iowa State College, later Iowa State University.

Robert Meddaugh, recycling coordinator with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Power's project adviser, said the award goes to only one or two people each year.

"Without Jim's efforts, we would not have the level of recycling of milk jugs in Des Moines, which has been

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accomplished without a lot of public relations," Meddaugh said.

"Week after week, a phenomenal amount of jugs is collected. He put in a lot of time and effort and put together a group of diverse adults that has benefited the city."

Power, the son of Edward and Camille Power, is a senior at Dowling High School. He became an Eagle Scout at age 16.

"I like to think I've got others started" recycling, he said. "It is nice to have people writing for advice. It has been a growing experience for me."

He started working on the project in July 1989. He laughs as he remembers the first day at the first drop-off barrel at the Hy-Vee store at 27th Street and Ingersoll Avenue, no longer a participant.

"The TV cameras were there, and we got four milk jugs," he said.

50,000 Pounds

Since then, Power said, his program has taken in 50,000 pounds of jugs — 450,000 jugs, "one for every person in central Iowa." City trucks pick up the barrels at the sites five days a week.

Power developed a pamphlet for the Natural Resources Department on how to put together a recycling program.

CC & C Recycling Inc. picks up the jugs and finds markets for the plastic,

said company President Mick Barry. "But Jim had to supervise the clean-up of the drop-off spots," he said. "Jim took a businesslike approach to make it a large success."

Proceeds from the project go to the Scout troops. The price per pound of the plastic jugs varies as the market fluctuates, but so far more than \$1,500 has been distributed, Power said.

Power said he owes thanks to the project's many volunteers and to Anderson-Erickson Dairy for providing and painting the drop-off barrels and buying newspaper advertisements promoting the project. Easters also paid for a full-page ad on the recycling efforts.

Power plans to attend a liberal arts college after he graduates from Dowling in May.

Drop-off sites

Here are the drop-off sites for the milk-jug recycling program started by Eagle Scout James Power:

- Tait's, 4100 University Ave., attended by Troop 50 and Drake University's Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

- Smitty's Super Valu, 1330 E. University Ave., policed by the fraternity.

- Easters Foods, 4415 Douglas Ave., policed by Boy Scout Troop 201.

Jugs should be rinsed clean, crushed and removed from paper and plastic bags.

To nominate a Neighbor of the Week, call the Neighbors editor, 284-8039.

OBITUARIES

RAYMOND F. DALBEY

Raymond F. Dalbey, 85, of 305 42nd St. died of a heart attack Tuesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. The body is being cremated and a memorial service will be at a later date, with burial of the cremains to follow in Resthaven Cemetery.



RAYMOND F. DALBEY

Mr. Dalbey was born in Tabor and had lived in Des Moines since 1939. He retired as owner of Dalbey Brothers Lumber Co. and was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Masonic Lodge, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Des Moines Consistory, Knights Templar, Scottish Rite Bodies, the Harvard Business School Alumni Association and the Lions, Kiwanis and Drake clubs.

Among survivors are his wife, Johanne; a daughter, Joan Eggers of Overland Park, Kan.; a son, Thomas Sr., and a brother, Robert, both of West Des Moines; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church. Dunn's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

NANCY C. BROWN

Special Dispatch to The Register

SUN CITY, ARIZ. — Nancy C. Brown, 83, of Sun City died of cancer Feb. 22 at Community Hospice in Peoria. The body was cremated and no services are planned.

Mrs. Brown, a homemaker, was born in Des Moines and lived there until moving to Arizona 18 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas; a daughter, Susan Triplett of Des Moines; a son, Todd of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a sister, Adrienne Johnson of Lake Mills, Ia.; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boswell Hospital or the Sunshine Service here. Menke Funeral Home handled arrangements.

DOROTHY J. McMURRAY

Dorothy J. McMurray, 83, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died of cancer Wednesday at home. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Dunn's Funeral Home, with burial of the cremains in Glendale Cemetery.

Mrs. McMurray was born in Welsh, La., and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She retired as principal of Don J. McMurray Co. in Kansas City, Mo., and Omaha, and was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Surviving are three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

Concerts and programs

• The central Iowa chapter of American Guild of Organists will hold a scholarship benefit recital at 3 p.m. Sunday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. Admission fees are \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens. Students get in free. John Rose, college organist at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., who has played in 40 states and nine countries, will perform. Student competition will be held all day today at First United Methodist Church, 10th and Pleasant streets, with winners advancing to regional and national competitions.

CURTIS LAMB

Curtis Lamb, 84, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died Wednesday at home of a respiratory ailment and complications of Lou Gehrig's disease. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, of which he was a member. Burial of the cremains will be in Riverside Cemetery at Anamosa.

Mr. Lamb was born in Anamosa and lived in Des Moines 60 years. Until 1988, he was an insurance salesman, working 50 years for Aetna and retiring from Massachusetts Mutual. He formerly owned and was editor and publisher of the insurance publication Leader's Magazine for 35 years. He also was founder and a board member of the Des Moines Metro Opera, a member of the board of trustees of Anatolia College and a former member of the Grinnell College Alumni Board of Directors.

Among survivors are his wife, Elizabeth; two daughters, Candace Warner of Geneva, Switzerland, and Deslonde Alexander of Des Moines; a son, Curtis Jr. of Newton Center, Mass.; a sister, Frances McElderry of Redlands, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Church Fine Arts Series, which he helped establish. Dunn's Funeral Home handled arrangements.

By MELISSA MYERS

Register Staff Writer

Special Thanksgiving services take place in many area churches this week, with some following the customs of traditional Pilgrim times and some congregations gathering for combined worship services.

Services at 10 a.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., will include the traditions of separate seating for men and women and members of the congregation dressing as Pilgrims. A special offering will be received for the Food Pantry of the Des Moines Area Religious Council.

Also at Plymouth, a drummer will be stationed outside the church to welcome worshipers, and a "town crier" will introduce Gov. Terry Branstad, who will deliver the 1990 State Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Swing band makes tape to aid housing agency

By MELESSIA McANINCH

Register Staff Writer

Drake University professor Robert Weast doesn't often blow his own horn — unless it's a trumpet and it's for a good cause.

Weast, a 61-year-old professor of music who lives at 5324 N.W. 78th Court, Johnston, recently recorded a cassette tape that is being sold to benefit Anawim Housing Inc., a non-profit agency that renovates properties as low-rent housing.

As of Dec. 20, the tape, "Robert Weast and His Swinging Big Band," had raised more than \$3,000 and was in its third issue.

The \$5 tape, which was produced with financial help from Reichardt's Clothing Store, Triad Productions recording services and the Val Air Ball-

PHOTO: Page One

room, was recorded by the 18-member Des Moines Big Band and two vocalists, Audrey Devine and Tina Haase. All volunteered their services.

Brisk Sales

Weast said he's pleased with the sales pace. Before Christmas, he said, people were buying them by the dozen as stocking stuffers.

Weast conceived the idea for a tape early in 1990 when the band, featuring trumpets, trombones, saxophones and rhythm, had been playing together for about a year. The group had given benefit concerts for Bishop Drumm Nursing Home and Hmong refugees.

A member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Weast went to his pastor, the Rev. Jim Lorenzo, to ask about a program that could use help. Lorenzo directed Weast to Sister Stella Neill of Anawim, founded in 1988 by college professors, church officials and lawyers.

Neill said Anawim evolved from a plan to open a shelter for the homeless, but members of the group decided that would be too temporary.

"People are in a shelter because they can't find affordable housing in the first place," she said. "We wanted to add to the affordable housing in Des Moines."

Des Moines has a 3 to 5 percent apartment vacancy rate, meaning 95 to 97 percent of the available apartments are rented at all times, she

said. That drives up rent prices.

"If you have less money, you can't touch an apartment," said Neill.

Anawim, which in Hebrew means "the poor and depressed people of God," houses 15 families in its 16 two- and three-bedroom units. Nine are permanent and six temporary residents.

Half Market Rate

The agency charges \$175 to \$200 per month for its two-bedroom apartments, about half the amount charged on the private market, Anawim leaders said. Welfare agencies pay the rent in an emergency.

Neill said participating churches donate or loan money to Anawim to renovate the apartments, and a bank has loaned Anawim money on a 14-unit complex that will open this month. It also is renovating two duplexes and four fourplexes in the 1300 block of 12th Street.

The agency has a budget of \$180,000 for 1991, financed with grants from all levels of government and many churches.

Labor is mostly volunteer, and members of area churches do much of the demolition and clean-up work, Neill said.

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and Westminster Presbyterian Church each renovated a fourplex.

Small Contribution

Weast said his tape was a small contribution. "You look at the magnitude of it, but all you can do is chip away," he said.

Jim Fox, the city of Des Moines' housing rehabilitation administrator, said the city "most definitely has a problem with providing housing" for lower-income people. Anawim has a waiting list of 12 families.

More than 1,200 people are on the Des Moines Public Housing Authority's waiting list for subsidized private housing, said housing authority official Jackie Lloyd. Some have been on the list for three years.

Weast's tape is available at Reichardt's, 847 42nd St.; Reiman Music Unlimited, 4420 N.E. Broadway Ave., and 8631 Douglas Ave., Urbandale; and Zander's restaurant, 2501 University Ave.

An Easter spectacle

DOUG WELLS/The Register



Easter sunrise services for the members of Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines took on a different look. Held in the rotunda of the Kaleidoscope at the Hub, the services, directed by the Rev. Janice Davis, came with the mall's latest promotion framing worshipers from above.

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A new 'goodwill team'

BOB MODERSON/The Register



At the St. Augustin's Catholic Church sanctuary in Des Moines are, from left, Mohamad Khan, imam of the Islamic Center; Monsignor Frank Bognanno, pastor at

St. Augustin's; the Rev. James Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ; and Rabbi Steven Fink of Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

In war's aftermath, three faiths renew mission of brotherhood

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

Today brings reminders of a basic religious belief that good things come out of bad situations.

As Christians are celebrating the Easter message that life wins over death, Jews are celebrating the Passover message that freedom wins over slavery. Muslims are midway through the holy month of Ramadan, a time to renew their submission to God regardless of how things look at the moment.

At the same time, through relations forged in the fires of the Persian Gulf War, all three faiths have come together in Iowa, writing a new chapter in the state's history of good interfaith relations — of good rising from adversity.

It began most clearly in the 1930s, when blossoms of religious tolerance and respect burst forth in the fetid atmosphere of anti-Catholic and anti-Jewish bigotry. As fascism spread in Europe and hate groups grew in this country, a "goodwill team" was formed in Des Moines in 1936.

Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders provided information, inspiration and humor to promote brotherhood and attack bigotry. They took their brotherhood crusade on the road, making more than 200 appearances in Iowa and neighboring states in a five-year period.

Today, as brighter interfaith relations have emerged from the darkness of war, another goodwill team has emerged.

At St. Augustin's Catholic Church in Des Moines two nights before the gulf war began Jan. 16, a Catholic priest, Protestant minister, Jewish rabbi and Muslim imam held hands, swayed gently and joined in singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Last fall, as war threatened, Monsignor Frank Bog-

Three faiths renew goal of brotherhood

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nanno, St. Augustin's pastor, thought there should be an interfaith prayer service for peace. He contacted the parish's two close neighbors — the Rev. James Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, and Rabbi Steven Fink of Temple B'nai Jeshurun. The three congregations had often worked together — in fact, famed predecessors of Gilliom and Fink had served on the goodwill team of the '30s.

Bognanno also contacted Mohamad Khan, the imam (spiritual leader) of the Islamic Center of Des Moines, recognizing the importance of Islam in Middle East affairs and the lack of contact among Muslims, Christians and Jews in Iowa.

Bognanno received an enthusiastic acceptance from Khan, and a Nov. 18 Catholic-Protestant-Jewish-Muslim prayer service for peace blazed a new religious trail for Des Moines.

A second service was held two days before the fighting started, and weekly services were held during the war. A service of thanksgiving when the fighting halted was held at the Islamic Center, providing many Jews and Christians their first glimpse of a Muslim house of worship.

Before the first service, as the four clergy gathered, Rabbi Fink and Imam Khan shook hands and acknowledged wistfully that they had never met. Much has changed since that night.

A Positive Thing

In his March newsletter, Fink told his temple congregation that his deepening relationship with Khan, Bognanno and Gilliom was "one of the few positive things that have

understand our Muslim brothers and sisters. It has sparked a real desire to understand this world religion that is growing fast in the United States."

Bognanno said contacts with Muslims have disclosed many areas of agreement and unity of which many Christians are unaware.

Khan, known to many for his weekly horticulture show on WHO radio, said becoming involved with other faiths has been a welcome change for Muslims.

"We had felt isolated," he said. "The greatest value is the growing understanding of many people about their misunderstanding of Islam. People wonder what goes on behind our doors. They ask if we are terrorists. They don't understand that some things that happen in the Middle East are not related to religion; that people have a different fight."

Khan said the interfaith service have "cleared barriers and brought many invitations to speak. We are getting to know each other and find that we have many things in common."

Public Appearances

Reminiscent of the goodwill team of years ago, Fink, Khan and Gilliom made appearances at East High School and at Central Campus in Des Moines. They said they were impressed by the intense curiosity of students about life and faith.

Gilliom, who is president of the Des Moines Area Religious Council, has arranged for Khan and a representative of Iowa's Sikhs to give presentations on attitudes toward religious minorities at the council's spring delegate assembly in May.

Bognanno, Gilliom, Fink and Khan are intrigued by the idea of being

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Muslims, Jews and Christians pray together

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

Muslim tradition and modern technology combined Sunday night as Christians, Jews and Muslims gave thanks for an end to fighting in the Persian Gulf War and prayed for a peaceful future.

The traditional: Some 70 men from the three religions removed their shoes before entering the prayer room of the Islamic Center of Des Moines where all who were physically able sat on the floor for the service.

The modern: The service was piped by closed-circuit television to two other rooms so some 90 Christian, Jewish and Muslim women could view it. Women do not ordinarily enter the center's prayer room.

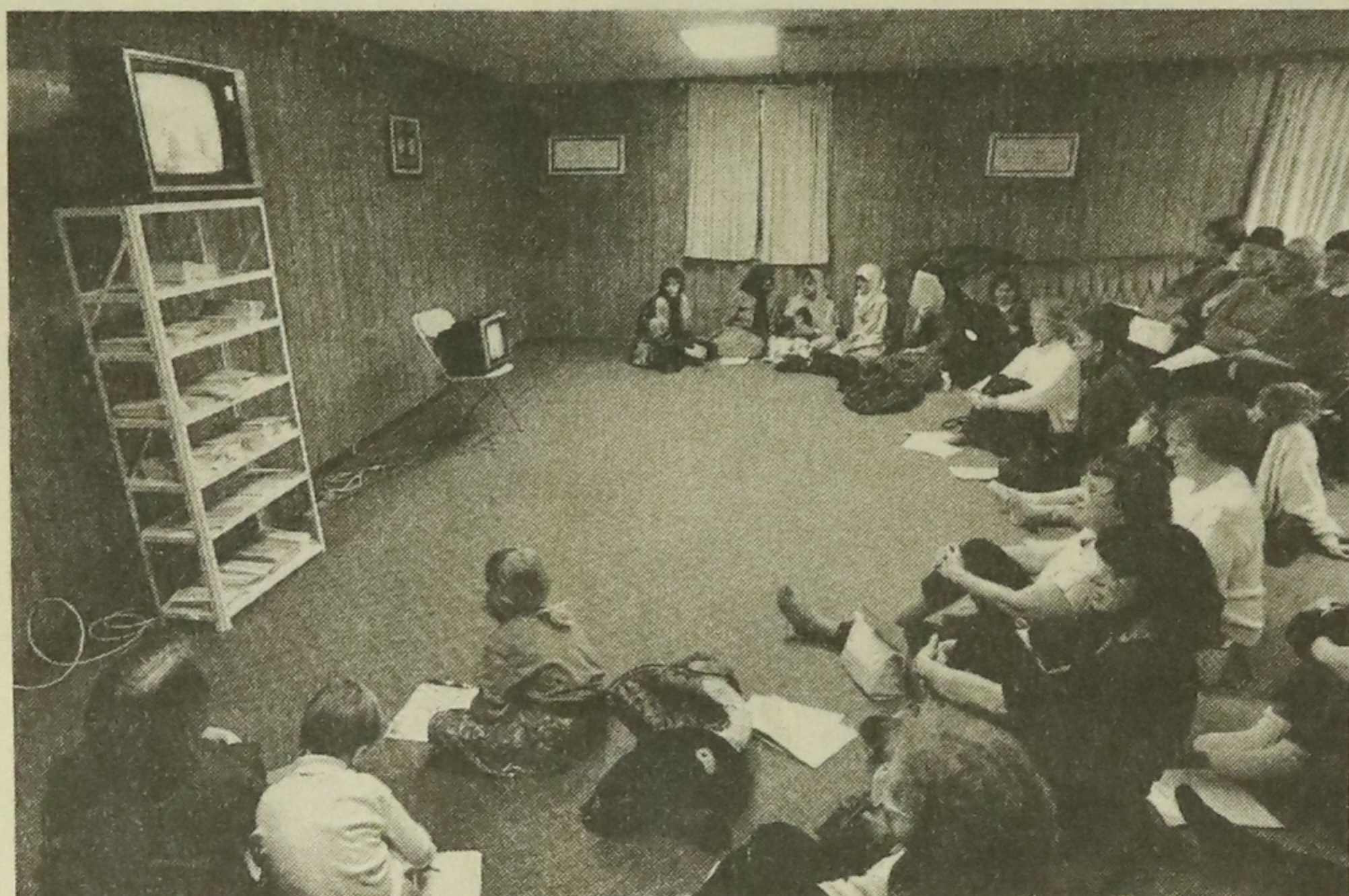
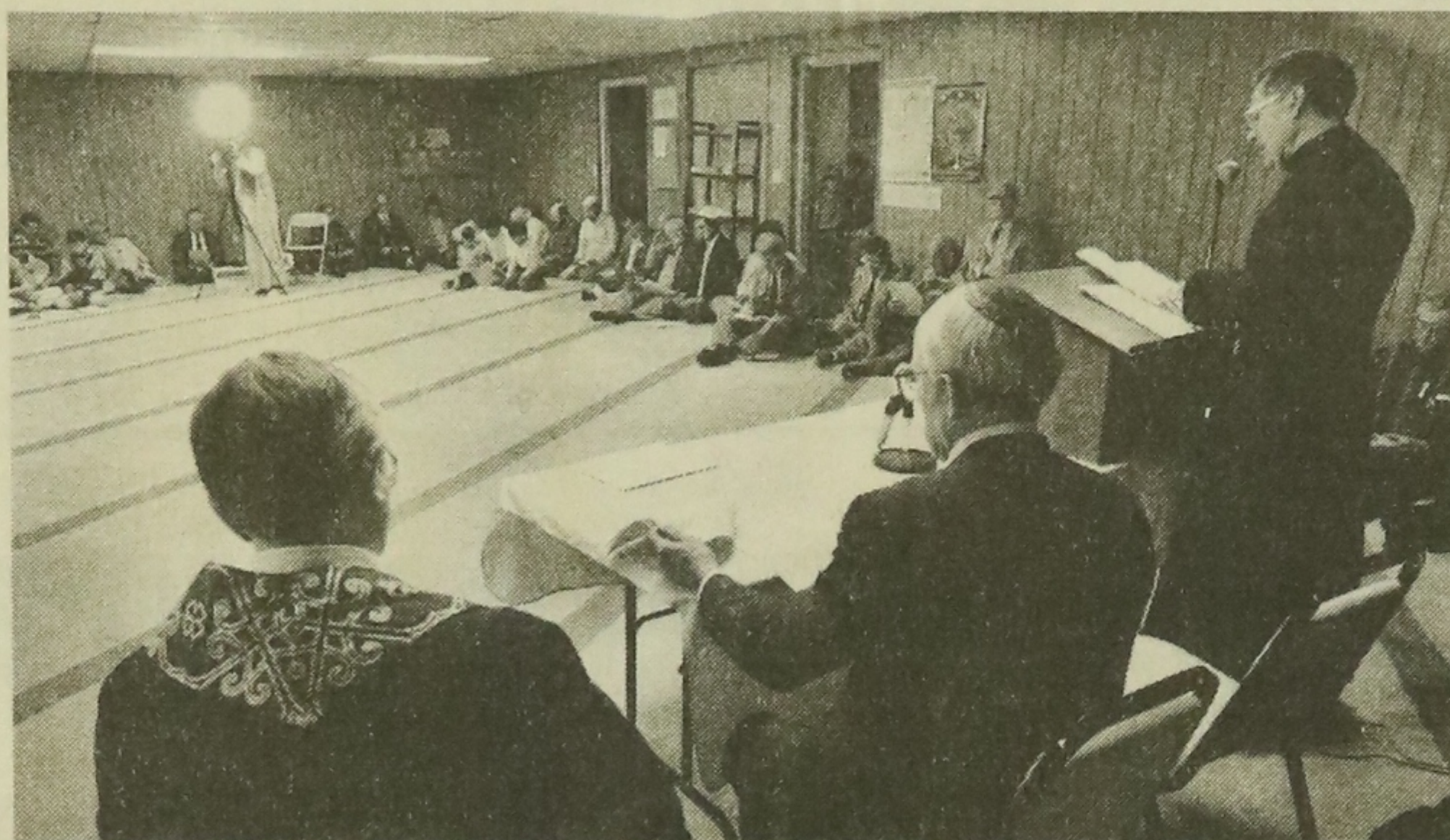
While the logistics seemed unusual to some, it was not a night to ponder separation by gender for worship. It was a night to marvel at a deepened interfaith relationship in Des Moines since the series of joint services started, and to pray that the end of war will be the start of a road toward lasting peace.

Clergy involved in the series indicated the interfaith services have started something new and important in the religious community that will continue after the war that launched them fades.

"We never had anything like this," said Imam Mohamad Khan, spiritual leader of the center. Khan said the services before and during the war "opened the doors for us so we can get to know each other."

"There have been tremendous misconceptions about Islam in the world. This gives us an opportunity to open our doors and reach out our hands," Khan said.

"We have established new and deep friendships," said the Rev. James Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. "My spirit has been enriched and nourished."



Monsignor Frank Bognanno, pastor of St. Augustin's Catholic Church in Des Moines, top, addresses an interfaith prayer service at the Islamic Center of Des

Moines. Women who attended the service, below, watched on closed-circuit television from another room. Women do not ordinarily enter the prayer room.

"We all come from the same parents," said Rabbi Marshall Berg of Beth El Jacob Synagogue.

Monsignor Frank Bognanno, pastor of St. Augustin's Catholic

Church, proposed the series of prayer services bringing members of the three religions together as war threatened last fall. In Sunday's service, he said both good and evil

can have a "ripple effect."

He said peace and understanding "can ripple out from the Islamic Center to touch the lives of everyone else in the world." 3/4/91

Light a candle, tie on a ribbon in MADD vigil

The Polk County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is sponsoring its seventh annual Candlelight Vigil at 7:30 tonight in Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

The vigil provides an opportunity for family, friends and the public to remember people killed or injured in alcohol-related crashes.

MADD urges all drivers to help bring new meaning to the expression "tie one on" by tying a red ribbon to the left door handles, outside rear view mirror or antenna of your car as a reminder and pledge not to drink and drive during the holidays and in the

New Year. For more information about MADD, call (515) 223-8144.



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EDNA M. LYMAN

Edna M. Lyman, 99, of Calvin Manor, 4210 Hickman Road, died of a heart ailment Tuesday at home. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Westover Funeral Home, and burial of the remains will be in Woodland Cemetery.



EDNA M. LYMAN

Mrs. Lyman was born in Grinnell and lived in Des Moines 75 years, retiring as a teacher for Des Moines public schools. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and the Retired Teachers Association.

Surviving are a son, William; three daughters, Ruth Van Dorn, Doris Cole and Rae Rehard, all of Des Moines; 23 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Polk County Association for Retarded People.

12/25/90

ELLSWORTH E. LORY

Ellsworth E. Lory, 90, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died of a heart ailment Friday at home. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, of which he was a member. Entombment of the remains will be at the Masonic Cemetery Mausoleum.

Mr. Lory was born in Jolley and had lived in Des Moines since 1929. He was a retired North High School teacher and was a member of the Moingona Lodge, the Scottish Rite Bodies and the Iowa State Educational Association.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Jean Lory of Santa Cruz, Calif., and Joan Mathews of Perry; a brother, Jay of Sun City, Ariz.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church. Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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• Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., will present "Three Wee Kings," a Christmas music fantasy with the Hallelujah and treble choirs, at 9:15 and 11 a.m. services Sunday.

RICHARD C. ADKINS

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12/27/90

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CAROLYN WALTERS

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Survivors include her husband, John "Jack" Walters; two sons, Steve of Marquette, Mich., and Andrew of Stanford, Calif.; a daughter, Amy Walters of Des Moines; and two sisters, Helen Kubiak of Lockport, N.Y., and Lois McCloy of South Wales, N.Y.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. Tuesday at McLaren's Funeral Home in West Des Moines. Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

12/23/90

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1/2/91

Swing band makes tape to aid housing agency

By MELESSIA McANINCH
Register Staff Writer

Drake University professor Robert Weast doesn't often blow his own horn — unless it's a trumpet and it's for a good cause.

Weast, a 61-year-old professor of music who lives at 5324 N.W. 78th Court, Johnston, recently recorded a cassette tape that is being sold to benefit Anawim Housing Inc., a non-profit agency that renovates properties as low-rent housing.

As of Dec. 20, the tape, "Robert Weast and His Swinging Big Band," had raised more than \$3,000 and was in its third issue.

The \$5 tape, which was produced with financial help from Reichardt's Clothing Store, Triad Productions recording services and the Val Air Ball-

PHOTO: Page One

room, was recorded by the 18-member Des Moines Big Band and two vocalists, Audrey Devine and Tina Haase. All volunteered their services.

Brisk Sales

Weast said he's pleased with the sales pace. Before Christmas, he said, people were buying them by the dozen as stocking stuffers.

Weast conceived the idea for a tape early in 1990 when the band, featuring trumpets, trombones, saxophones and rhythm, had been playing together for about a year. The group had given benefit concerts for Bishop Drumm Nursing Home and Hmong refugees.

A member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Weast went to his pastor, the Rev. Jim Lorenzo, to ask about a program that could use help. Lorenzo directed Weast to Sister Stella Neill of Anawim, founded in 1988 by college professors, church officials and lawyers.

Neill said Anawim evolved from a plan to open a shelter for the homeless, but members of the group decided that would be too temporary.

"People are in a shelter because they can't find affordable housing in the first place," she said. "We wanted to add to the affordable housing in Des Moines."

Des Moines has a 3 to 5 percent apartment vacancy rate, meaning 95 to 97 percent of the available apartments are rented at all times, she

said. That drives up rent prices.

"If you have less money, you can't touch an apartment," said Neill.

Anawim, which in Hebrew means "the poor and depressed people of God," houses 15 families in its 16 two- and three-bedroom units. Nine are permanent and six temporary residents.

Half Market Rate

The agency charges \$175 to \$200 per month for its two-bedroom apartments, about half the amount charged on the private market, Anawim leaders said. Welfare agencies pay the rent in an emergency.

Neill said participating churches donate or loan money to Anawim to renovate the apartments, and a bank has loaned Anawim money on a 14-unit complex that will open this month. It also is renovating two duplexes and four fourplexes in the 1300 block of 12th Street.

The agency has a budget of \$180,000 for 1991, financed with grants from all levels of government and many churches.

Labor is mostly volunteer, and members of area churches do much of the demolition and clean-up work, Neill said.

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and Westminster Presbyterian Church each renovated a fourplex.

Small Contribution

Weast said his tape was a small contribution. "You look at the magnitude of it, but all you can do is chip away," he said.

Jim Fox, the city of Des Moines' housing rehabilitation administrator, said the city "most definitely has a problem with providing housing" for lower-income people. Anawim has a waiting list of 12 families.

More than 1,200 people are on the Des Moines Public Housing Authority's waiting list for subsidized private housing, said housing authority official Jackie Lloyd. Some have been on the list for three years.

Weast's tape is available at Reichardt's, 847 42nd St.; Reiman Music Unlimited, 4420 N.E. Broadway Ave., and 8631 Douglas Ave., Urbandale; and Zander's restaurant, 2501 University Ave.

An Easter spectacle

DOUG WELLS/The Register

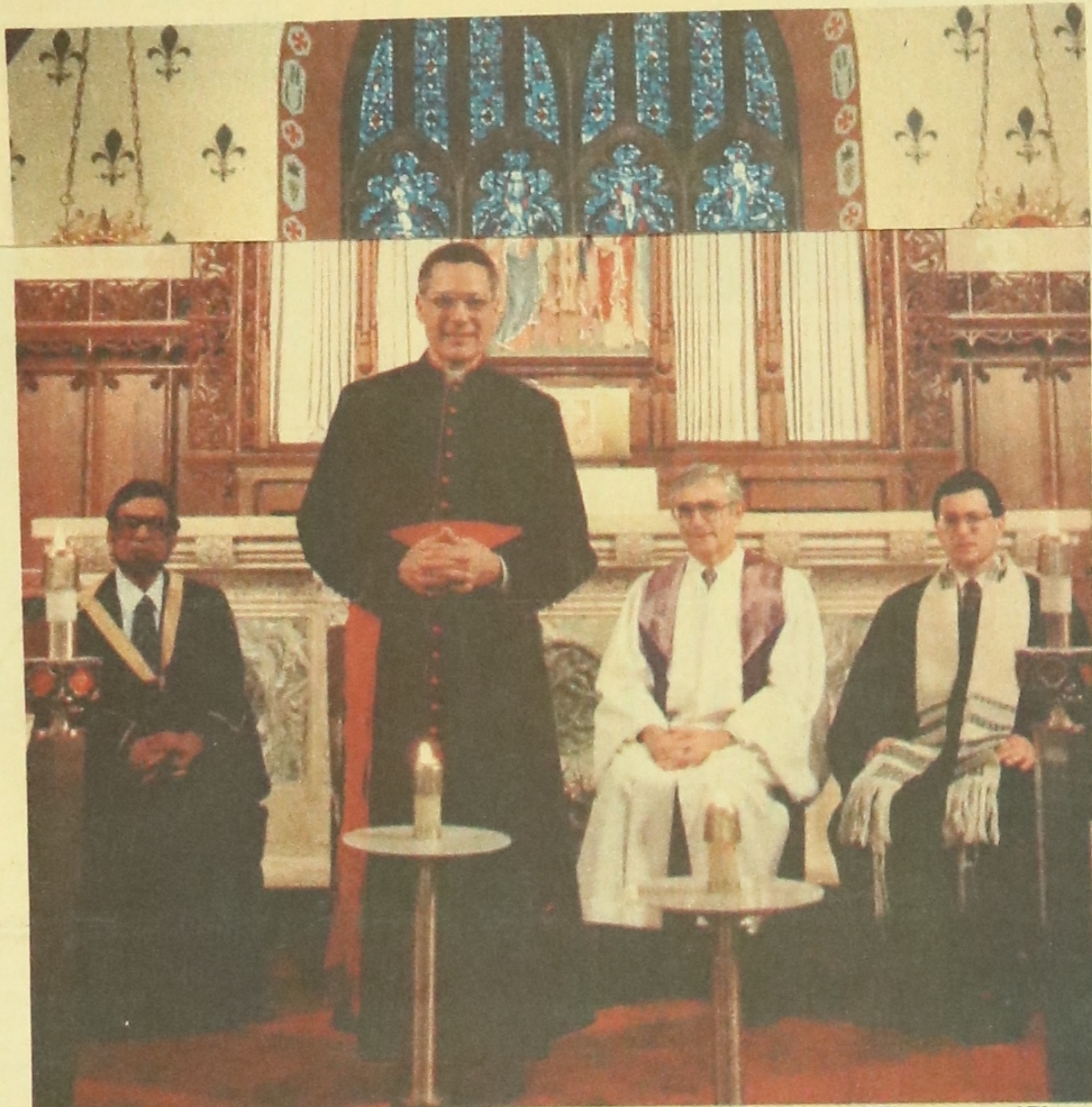


Easter sunrise services for the members of Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines took on a different look. Held in the rotunda of the Kaleidoscope at the Hub, the services, directed by the Rev. Janice Davis, came with the mall's latest promotion framing worshipers from above.

4/1/91

A new 'goodwill team'

BOB MODERSOHN/The Register



At the St. Augustin's Catholic Church sanctuary in Des Moines are, from left, Mohamad Khan, imam of the Islamic Center; Monsignor Frank Bognanno, pastor at

St. Augustin's; the Rev. James Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ; and Rabbi Steven Fink of Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

In war's aftermath, three faiths renew mission of brotherhood

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

Today brings reminders of a basic religious belief that good things come out of bad situations.

As Christians are celebrating the Easter message that life wins over death, Jews are celebrating the Passover message that freedom wins over slavery. Muslims are midway through the holy month of Ramadan, a time to renew their submission to God regardless of how things look at the moment.

At the same time, through relations forged in the fires of the Persian Gulf War, all three faiths have come together in Iowa, writing a new chapter in the state's history of good interfaith relations — of good rising from adversity.

It began most clearly in the 1930s, when blossoms of religious tolerance and respect burst forth in the fetid atmosphere of anti-Catholic and anti-Jewish bigotry. As fascism spread in Europe and hate groups grew in this country, a "goodwill team" was formed in Des Moines in 1936.

Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders provided information, inspiration and humor to promote brotherhood and attack bigotry. They took their brotherhood crusade on the road, making more than 200 appearances in Iowa and neighboring states in a five-year period.

Today, as brighter interfaith relations have emerged from the darkness of war, another goodwill team has emerged.

At St. Augustin's Catholic Church in Des Moines two nights before the gulf war began Jan. 16, a Catholic priest, Protestant minister, Jewish rabbi and Muslim imam held hands, swayed gently and joined in singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Last fall, as war threatened, Monsignor Frank Bog-

Three faiths renew goal of brotherhood

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nanno, St. Augustin's pastor, thought there should be an interfaith prayer service for peace. He contacted the parish's two close neighbors — the Rev. James Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, and Rabbi Steven Fink of Temple B'nai Jeshurun. The three congregations had often worked together — in fact, famed predecessors of Gilliom and Fink had served on the goodwill team of the '30s.

Bognanno also contacted Mohamad Khan, the imam (spiritual leader) of the Islamic Center of Des Moines, recognizing the importance of Islam in Middle East affairs and the lack of contact among Muslims, Christians and Jews in Iowa.

Bognanno received an enthusiastic acceptance from Khan, and a Nov. 18 Catholic-Protestant-Jewish-Muslim prayer service for peace blazed a new religious trail for Des Moines.

A second service was held two days before the fighting started, and weekly services were held during the war. A service of thanksgiving when the fighting halted was held at the Islamic Center, providing many Jews and Christians their first glimpse of a Muslim house of worship.

Before the first service, as the four clergy gathered, Rabbi Fink and Imam Khan shook hands and acknowledged wistfully that they had never met. Much has changed since that night.

A Positive Thing

In his March newsletter, Fink told his temple congregation that his deepening relationship with Khan, Bognanno and Gilliom was "one of the few positive things that have emerged from the war."

understand our Muslim brothers and sisters. It has sparked a real desire to understand this world religion that is growing fast in the United States."

Bognanno said contacts with the Muslims have disclosed many areas of agreement and unity of which most Christians are unaware.

Khan, known to many for his weekly horticulture show on WHO radio, said becoming involved with other faiths has been a welcome change for Muslims.

"We had felt isolated," he said. "The greatest value is the growing understanding of many people about their misunderstanding of Islam. People wonder what goes on behind our doors. They ask if we are terrorists. They don't understand that some things that happen in the Middle East are not related to religion; that people have a different fight."

Khan said the interfaith services have "cleared barriers and brought many invitations to speak. We are getting to know each other and find that we have many things in common."

Public Appearances

Reminiscent of the goodwill team of years ago, Fink, Khan and Gilliom made appearances at East High School and at Central Campus in Des Moines. They said they were impressed by the intense curiosity of students about life and faith.

Gilliom, who is president of the Des Moines Area Religious Council, has arranged for Khan and a representative of Iowa's Sikhs to give presentations on attitudes toward religious minorities at the council's spring delegate assembly in May.

Bognanno, Gilliom, Fink and Khan are intrigued by the idea of being

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Muslims, Jews and Christians pray together

CHARLES SCHLOSSER/The Register

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

Muslim tradition and modern technology combined Sunday night as Christians, Jews and Muslims gave thanks for an end to fighting in the Persian Gulf War and prayed for a peaceful future.

The traditional: Some 70 men from the three religions removed their shoes before entering the prayer room of the Islamic Center of Des Moines where all who were physically able sat on the floor for the service.

The modern: The service was piped by closed-circuit television to two other rooms so some 90 Christian, Jewish and Muslim women could view it. Women do not ordinarily enter the center's prayer room.

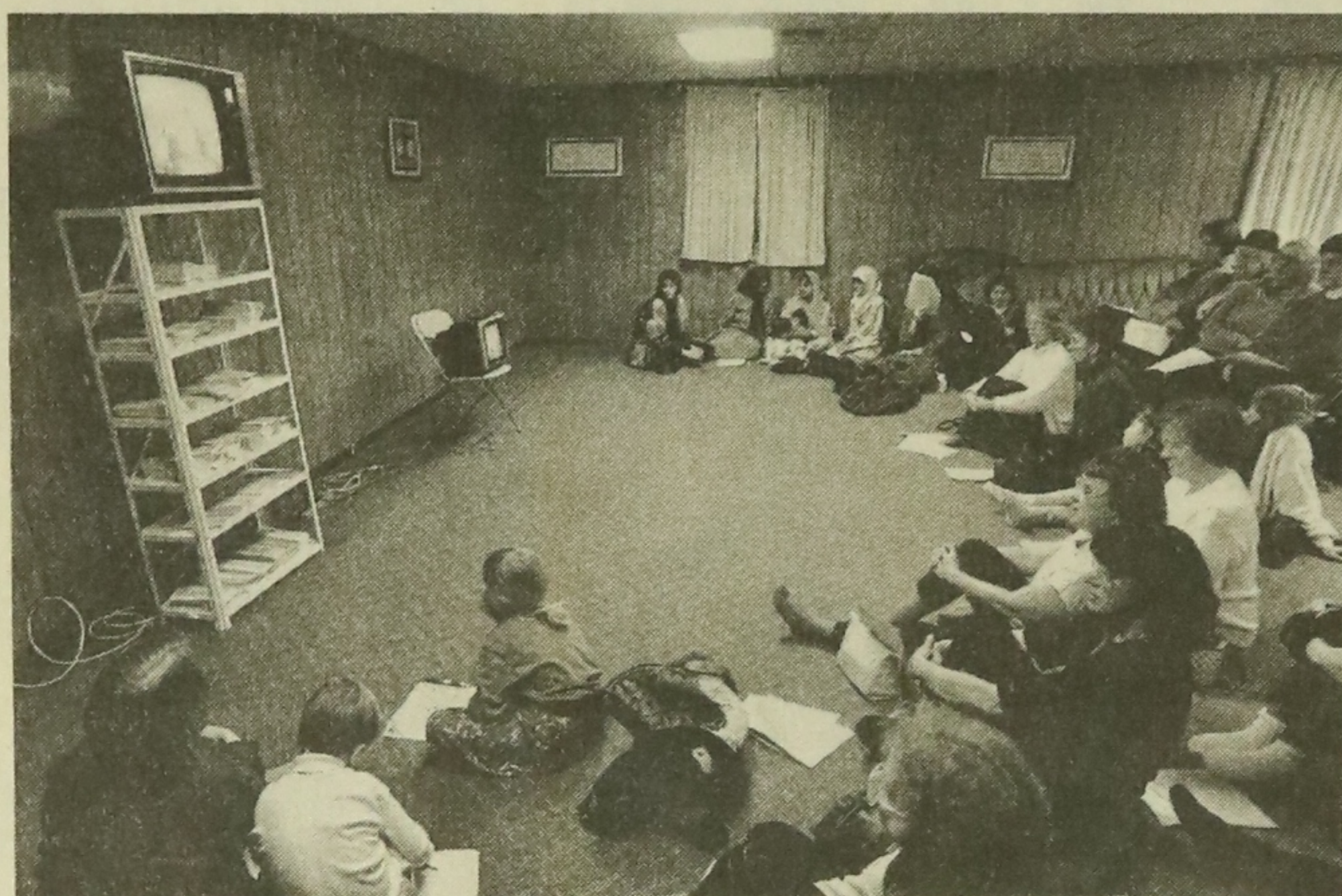
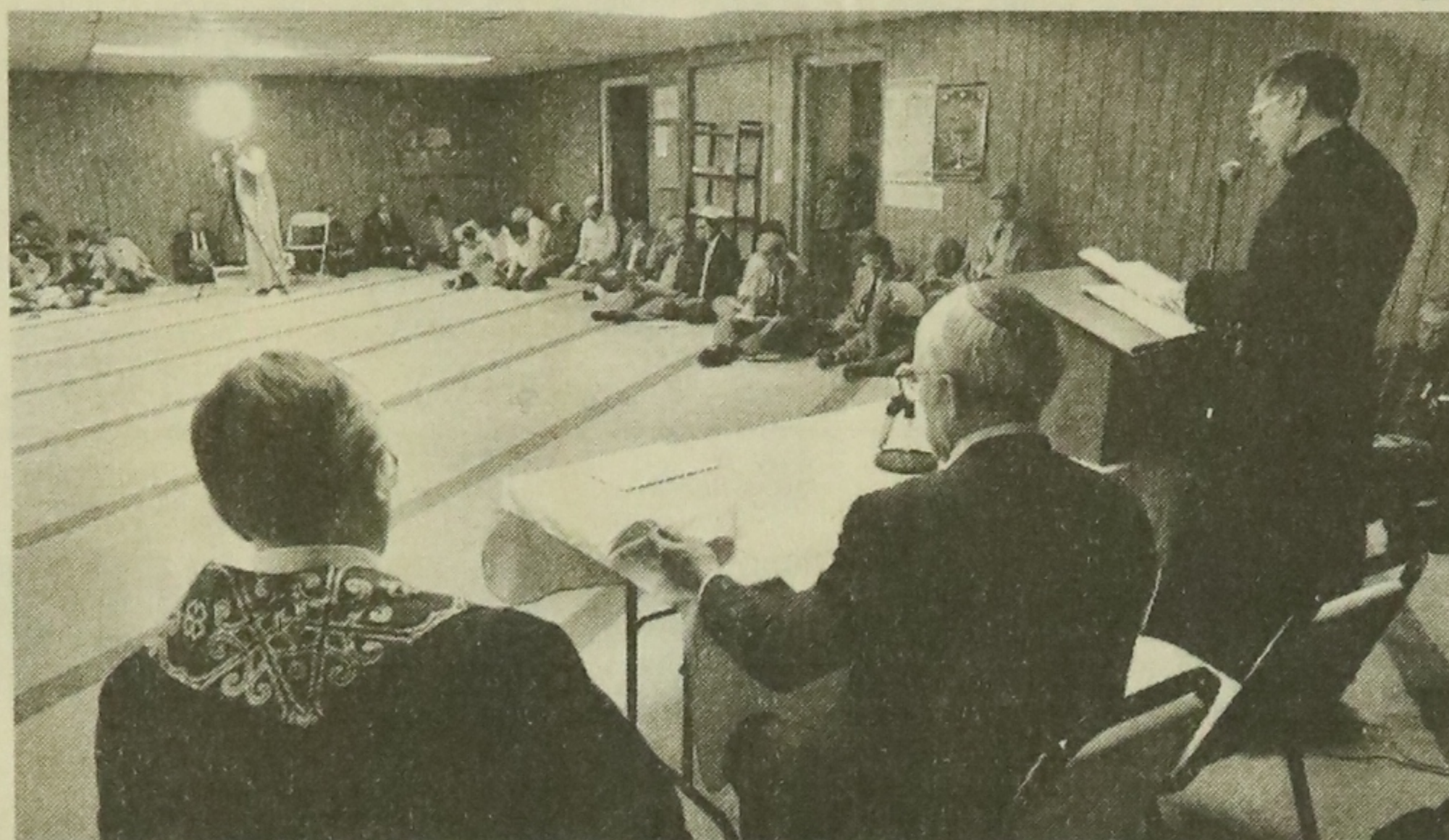
While the logistics seemed unusual to some, it was not a night to ponder separation by gender for worship. It was a night to marvel at a deepened interfaith relationship in Des Moines since the series of joint services started, and to pray that the end of war will be the start of a road toward lasting peace.

Clergy involved in the series indicated the interfaith services have started something new and important in the religious community that will continue after the war that launched them fades.

"We never had anything like this," said Imam Mohamad Khan, spiritual leader of the center. Khan said the services before and during the war "opened the doors for us so we can get to know each other."

"There have been tremendous misconceptions about Islam in the world. This gives us an opportunity to open our doors and reach out our hands," Khan said.

"We have established new and deep friendships," said the Rev. James Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. "My spirit has been enriched and nourished."



Monsignor Frank Bognanno, pastor of St. Augustin's Catholic Church in Des Moines, top, addresses an interfaith prayer service at the Islamic Center of Des

Moines. Women who attended the service, below, watched on closed-circuit television from another room. Women do not ordinarily enter the prayer room.

"We all come from the same parents," said Rabbi Marshall Berg of Beth El Jacob Synagogue.

Monsignor Frank Bognanno, pastor of St. Augustin's Catholic

Church, proposed the series of prayer services bringing members of the three religions together as war threatened last fall. In Sunday's service, he said both good and evil

can have a "ripple effect."

He said peace and understanding "can ripple out from the Islamic Center to touch the lives of everyone else in the world." 3/4/91

Light a candle, tie on a ribbon in MADD vigil

The Polk County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is sponsoring its seventh annual Candlelight Vigil at 7:30 tonight in Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

The vigil provides an opportunity for family, friends and the public to remember people killed or injured in alcohol-related crashes.

MADD urges all drivers to help bring new meaning to the expression "tie one on" by tying a red ribbon to the left door handles, outside rear view mirror or antenna of your car as a reminder and pledge not to drink and drive during the holidays and in the

New Year. For more information about MADD, call (515) 223-8144.



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12/10/90

ELLSWORTH E. LORY

Ellsworth E. Lory, 90, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died of a heart ailment Friday at home. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, of which he was a member. Entombment of the remains will be at the Masonic Cemetery Mausoleum.

Mr. Lory was born in Jolley and had lived in Des Moines since 1929. He was a retired North High School teacher and was a member of the Moingona Lodge, the Scottish Rite Bodies and the Iowa State Educational Association.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Jean Lory of Santa Cruz, Calif., and Joan Mathews of Perry; a brother, Jay of Sun City, Ariz.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church. Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

12/28/90

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Surviving are a daughter, Mary Schwartz of Des Moines; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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12/27/90

EDNA M. LYMAN

Edna M. Lyman, 99, of Calvin Manor, 4210 Hickman Road, died of a heart ailment Tuesday at home. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Westover Funeral Home, and burial of the remains will be in Woodland Cemetery.



EDNA M.
LYMAN

Mrs. Lyman was born in Grinnell and lived in Des Moines 75 years, retiring as a teacher for Des Moines public schools. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and the Retired Teachers Association.

Surviving are a son, William; three daughters, Ruth Van Dorn, Doris Cole and Rae Rehard, all of Des Moines; 23 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Polk County Association for Retarded People.

12/25/90

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3/6/91

HOWARD E. THOMPSON

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HOWARD E.
THOMPSON

pital — Medical Center. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Private burial of the cremains will be in Mitchellville Cemetery at a later date.

Mr. Thompson was born in Russell and also lived in Inwood, Mitchellville and for 21 years in Urbandale before moving to Des Moines in 1984. He was a retired principal and teacher at Urbandale Junior High and formerly was superintendent of Inwood and Mitchellville schools. He had been a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Among survivors are his wife, Vera; a son, John of Des Moines; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

1/9/91

HELEN L. RIGGS

Memorial services for Helen L. Riggs, 83, of McAuley Terrace, 5921 Winwood Drive, Johnston, who died of a lung ailment Sunday at Bishop Drumm Care Center, will be at 2 p.m. April 1 at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. The body was donated to the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences.

Mrs. Riggs was born in Emmett, Kan., and moved to Des Moines in 1947. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ and its women's fellowship, Drake University Faculty Dames and the Drake Neighborhood Association.

Surviving are her husband, Philip; two sons, Norman of Des Moines and Arthur of Berkeley, Calif.; a brother, Walter Johnson of Emmett; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or the Drake University scholarship fund.

Westover Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

3/19/91

Two sides to Brubeck: Jovial, serious

By JOHN KARRAS

Register Staff Writer

It was jazz pianist and composer Dave Brubeck in all his moods Wednesday night at the Des Moines Civic Center in a benefit concert that was part of Plymouth Congregational Church's fine arts series.

The first half had Brubeck (with Quartet) at his most jovial; the second,

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Dave Brubeck and his Quartet — —
Wednesday at the Des Moines Civic Center.

at his most serious in a performance of his cantata, "The Gates of Justice."

Brubeck opened the concert solo with a slow and funky introduction to "St. Louis Blues."

Then the rest of the group swung in, up tempo, and the evening was off to the races with clarinetist Bill Smith spinning his fanciful runs and weird intervals (he is a master of the weird interval), bassist Jack Six keeping time between imaginative solos and drummer Randy Jones making up counter rhythms as he went along.

The unlikely tune they played, as Brubeck admitted aloud, was a delightfully humorous reading of "Harvest Moon."

Smith then turned in a spectacular display of playing counterpoint against himself with the aid of electronics on "I Hear a Rhapsody." The group also played the title tune of its new album, "Once, When I Was Very Young," and closed out the set with a roaring rendition of "Blue Rondo a la Turk."

The stage filled up for "The Gates of Justice," with brass and percussion from the Des Moines community, the Plymouth Chancel Choir plus guest singers, the Brubeck Quartet and soloists Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi, tenor and cantor of Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago, and Kevin Deas, baritone. Russell Gloyd, who directs Brubeck's symphonic works, conducted.

The cantata, with several interludes for jazz improvisation, is a cry for peace and a protest against injustice and racism in all forms.

It is powerful and compelling, quoting the words of the late Martin Luther King Jr., and borrowing musical forms from Middle Eastern chant to rock 'n' roll. Fascinatingly, there is a lot of vocal counterpoint, with soloists and chorus singing different words against each other.

Plymouth should be proud. The 2,000 or so who attended certainly thought so.

4/18/91

Plymouth series presents Dave Brubeck concert

The Plymouth Fine Arts Series, sponsored by Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, will present "An Evening With Dave Brubeck" at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Civic Center.

The jazz legend and his quartet will present classic jazz in the first half of the concert. The second half will be a performance of Brubeck's "The Gates of Justice."

The oratorio will feature Dave Brubeck and his Quartet; baritone Kevin Deas, portraying Martin Luther King Jr.; Alberto Mizrahi, a concert tenor and a Chicago cantor; brass and percussion from the Des Moines Symphony; and singers from Plymouth Congregational and the community. Conductor Russell Gloyd of San Francisco will direct the performance.

"Dave Brubeck is not just another pretty face in the world of show biz," says Carol Stewart, director of music and fine arts at the church. "He is also a writer of sacred music so strong that he will shake our conscience with driving rhythms, melt our hearts with beautiful melodies and cause us through the power of art to reflect upon our culture."

Tickets are \$12.50 and \$9.50 and are available at the Civic Center and Ticket Master outlets.

The concert will benefit Children of War, dedicated to empowerment and leadership development of young people working for peace.

4/13/91

Annual Festival of Talents at First Christian Sunday

Television newscaster Kevin Cooney will be master of ceremonies

at the annual Festival of Talents, sponsored by the Des Moines Area Religious Council. This year's festival will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at First Christian Church, University Avenue at 25th Street. Entertainment includes a combined area hand-bell choir, the Plymouth Congregational Temple Choir, trumpeter Robert Weast, the Plymouth Brass Consort, a congregational sing-a-long and the Gospel Singers' Male Chorus from the Pella-Oskaloosa area. The chorus also will give concerts at 7 p.m. today at Bethany Reformed Church, 720 N.E. 52nd Ave., and at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at First Christian Church in Adel.

4/20/91

Johnson named

Paul D. Johnson has been named minister of administration at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., effective June 15. He will succeed the Rev. Wayne Shoemaker, who has held the post since 1982 and will retire May 31. Johnson has been associate minister of administration at First Christian Church since 1985, and is president of the Midlands chapter of the Association of Church Business Administrators. Earlier, Johnson was a public school teacher and administrator and was president of an advertising agency.

4/13/91

Thoma dies; a pioneer of Iowa's largest law firm

By ANNE CAROTHERS-KAY

Register Staff Writer

Harlan Thoma, 88, who helped create Iowa's largest law firm, died Monday in Des Moines of pneumonia.

His passing, said his colleagues, ends the link between the Davis, Hockenberg, Wine, Brown, Koehn and Shors firm and its predecessor law firm. Mr. Thoma, who presided over much of the growth of the Des Moines firm, was the last surviving member of the original firm.



HARLAN THOMA

"He was a bridge between the old and the new," said Donald Wine, a senior partner and author of a 1990 history of the Davis firm, which now has more than 60 lawyers.

But in the beginning, there were only five. In 1929, Brammer, Brody, Charlton & Parker included the four named partners and one associate — Harlan Thoma.

Mr. Thoma, who was 27 then, already had come a long way.

The son of a shopkeeper in Postville, Mr. Thoma worked in his father's general store and for the railroad. His father, William, wanted him to become a railroad engineer, but Mr. Thoma gave up that career to attend college and law school at the University of Iowa. According to his family, Mr. Thoma's father never forgave him for that decision.

Mr. Thoma eventually became a senior partner in the Brammer firm and in the mid-1960s, when his other partners died or retired, he carried the firm onto its new incarnation as the Thoma, Schoenthal, Davis, Hockenberg and Wine firm.

Mr. Thoma presided over the firm from 1966 to 1979, according to Wine's history. During that time, the firm grew from 20 lawyers to 42 lawyers, Wine said.

"I think Harlan brought a lot of stability to the firm," said Wine. "He was a quiet man, but trusted. ... He gave us an entry into both the business and legal fraternities."

During that period, Mr. Thoma, an avid golfer and past president of the Wakonda Club, instituted the Thoma Open. The event started as Mr. Thoma's treat for his two daughters, also golfers. But the event grew when he decided to open the day of golf and tennis, as well as dinner and entertainment at the club, to the lawyers in his firm and their families.

The firm still celebrates the Thoma Open, said Wine.

Mr. Thoma officially retired in 1979, but he kept going from his home at 3663 Grand Ave. to the office almost daily until the past two years, when his health deteriorated, said Wine.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational Church.

He is survived by his widow, Edna; two daughters, Joan Johnson of Oakland, Calif., and Vicki Green of Waverly, Ill.; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children or Alzheimer's Association.

5/6/91

Ministerial leaders

New officers will be installed at the 11:45 a.m. Tuesday meeting of the Greater Des Moines Area Ministerial Association at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. They are the Rev. Karen Bash, co-pastor of Altoona Christian Church, president; the Rev. William Hines, minister of Unity Church of Des Moines, vice president; and the Rev. Terry Slinde, associate pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church in West Des Moines, secretary-treasurer. Outgoing president is the Rev. Peter Pintus.

5/11/91

• The Plymouth Brass Consort with organist Phyllis Mains will present a concert for organ and brass at 3 p.m. Sunday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

5/18/91

MERREND A. KEYTE

Merrenda A. Keyte, 78, of 2608 Westover Blvd. died Saturday at Iowa Lutheran Hospital of complications



MERREND A. KEYTE

following heart surgery. Two services will be held. The first will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational Church of Christ, of which she was a member. The second will be at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday at the Sheldahl Norwegian Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Sheldahl Cemetery.

Mrs. Keyte was born in Sheldahl and lived in Des Moines since 1930. She was owner and teacher of Keyte's Art Studio for 30 years and also taught at the Cumming School of Art. She was a member of the Iowa Art Guild and president of Osmund and Anna Sheldahl Memorial Society.

She is survived by her husband, Benjamin; a son, Christopher of Sheldahl; two daughters, Barbara Chaney of Rockford, Ill., and Susan Shore of Eden Prairie, Minn.; six sisters, Margaret Adams of Madrid, Marian Currey of Huxley, Marcella Demgen of Willmar, Minn., Doris Huser of Ankeny, Dorothy Ihle of Mesa, Ariz., and Ardelle Gifford of Boulder, Colo.; a brother, William Sheldahl of Sheldahl; and eight grandchildren.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. Tuesday at Westover Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sheldahl Norwegian Lutheran Church Restoration Project.

5/18/91

FLORENCE A. FRYE

Florence A. Frye, 101, of 5417 Waterbury Road, died of a heart ailment Friday at home. Services will be at



FLORENCE A. FRYE

1 p.m. Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Her ashes will be buried in Resthaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Frye was born in Patterson and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a co-founder of Frye Manufacturing Co. and a member of Plymouth United Church of Christ.

Survivors include two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

5/10/91

Memorial service features speakers from varied faiths

Jewish, Catholic, Protestant and Islamic worshipers will gather for a special Memorial Day service at 6 p.m. Sunday at Temple B'nai Jeshurun, 5101 Grand Ave.

Memorial prayers and music will focus on the common hope for peace.

Participating clergy include Rabbi Steven Fink of Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Monsignor Frank Bognanno of St. Augustin's Catholic Church, the Rev. James Gilliom of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, and Imam Mohamad Khan of the Islamic Center of Des Moines.

5/25/91

Religious prejudice is spring assembly topic

The spring assembly of the Des Moines Area Religious Council will focus on dealing with religious prejudice. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

Mohamad Khan, a Muslim, and Dr. Kirpal Singh, a Sikh, will give brief overviews of their religions, tell of prejudices they have encountered and suggest ways to improve the climate for religious minorities.

Khan, an area Extension Service horticulturist since 1985, trains master gardeners in central Iowa and has a Saturday morning program on WHO Radio. Singh, a psychiatrist, has been a consultant at Broadlawns Medical Center and for the Mental Health Centers in Marshalltown and Tama since 1989.

5/11/91

ALICE B. LORENZ

Special Dispatch to The Register

CASHMERE, WASH. — Alice B. Lorenz, 85, of Cashmere, Wash., died of Alzheimer's disease Wednesday at home. Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Dunn's Funeral Home in Des Moines, with burial in Resthaven Cemetery there. The body has been cremated.

Mrs. Lorenz was born in Amboy, Minn., and lived in Des Moines until 1972, when she moved to Arizona and later to Cashmere. She was a seamstress and manager of the Bridal Shop in Des Moines and a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church.

She is survived by her son, Jerome of Burmingham, Mich.; a daughter, Mary Alice Collins of Leavenworth, Wash.; two brothers, Paul Breeding of West Des Moines and Alfred Breeding of Dubuque, Ia.; two sisters, Francine MacDonald of Omaha and Edna Mapes of Council Bluffs; and six grandchildren.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

5/22/91

DOROTHY M. TOMPKINS

Dorothy M. Tompkins, 75, of 1538 47th St. died of a heart ailment Friday at home. Services will be 1 p.m.

Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home, with burial in Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Tompkins lived all her life in Des Moines, where she was a teacher with the Des Moines public schools. She was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church, Des Moines Women's Club, Mu Phi Epsilon, Drake Alumni Association, Delta Gamma sorority and Des Moines Retired Teachers Association.

She is survived by her husband, Denzel; two sons, John of Des Moines and Robert of Stillwater, Minn.; her mother, Anna Dusenbery; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be after 3 p.m. today at the funeral home, where the family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

5/17/91

ROBERT S. DICKINSON

Robert Stephen Dickinson, 35, of 3509 Pommel Place, West Des Moines, died of lymphoma Sunday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational Church, with private entombment at the Resthaven Mausoleum.

Mr. Dickinson was born in Des Moines and also lived in Chicago and Tampa, Fla. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and was a property manager for Statesman Mortgage Co.

Survivors include his parents, Robert G. and Sally of West Des Moines; a grandmother, Ruby Pinkerton of Des Moines, and a sister, Debora Dickinson of West Des Moines.

Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Hospital Medical Center or Plymouth Church Foundation.

5/12/91

Johnson begins Plymouth duties

Paul D. Johnson begins his duties today as minister of administration at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

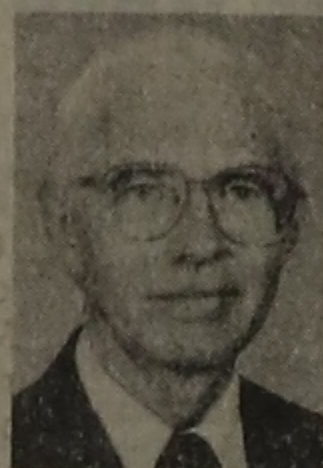
He succeeds the Rev. Wayne Shoemaker, who retired May 31 after nine years in the position. Shoemaker, who took early retirement from the United Methodist ministry, had been senior pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Des Moines before taking the administrative post at Plymouth.

Johnson had been associate minister of administration at First Christian Church since 1985. Earlier, he was president of an advertising agency and had been a teacher and program manager for Saydel Consolidated Schools. A Des Moines native, he is a graduate of Roosevelt High School, Coe College in Cedar Rapids, and has a master's degree from Drake University. He is president of the five-state Midlands chapter of the National Association of Church Business Administrators.

6/15/91



PAUL
JOHNSON



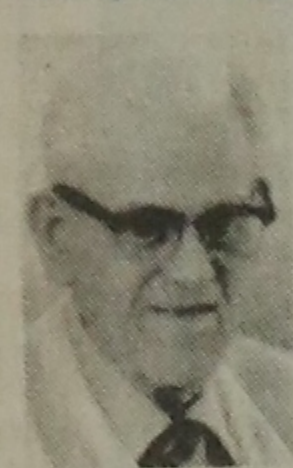
WAYNE
SHOEMAKER

• The Shchedryk Children's Choir from Kiev, Russia, will sing during 10 a.m. worship services Sunday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. The choir is in Des Moines to take part in the International Children's Choir Festival that concludes Sunday. Other countries represented in the festival are Finland, Canada and Puerto Rico.

7/6/91

HARRY E. HUDELSON 8/15/91

Harry E. Hudelson, 91, died of a heart ailment Wednesday at Wesley Acres, where he was a resident. Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home, with burial in Masonic Cemetery.



HARRY
HUDELSON

Mr. Hudelson was born in Olwein and had lived in Des Moines since 1934. He was a retired vice president of Mill Owners Mutual Insurance Co., and an Army veteran of World War I. He was a member of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Toastmasters International and Lions Club.

He is survived by a daughter, Margery Darling of Los Gatos, Calif.; a son, James of West Des Moines; two sisters, Grace Turk of Des Moines and Agnes Reese of Oskaloosa; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wesley Acres or his church.

CLARENCE A. McCLELLAN

Clarence A. "Mac" McClellan, 76, of 2205 Thornton Drive died of cancer Tuesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. The body will be cremated, and memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Plymouth Congregational Church, of which he was a member.



CLARENCE A.
McCLELLAN

Mr. McClellan was born in Michigan and lived in Des Moines for more than 40 years. He was a retired salesman for Champion International and also worked as a salesman for Chapco. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of Hyperion Field Club.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; two daughters, Kyle Burnis of Mesa, Ariz., and Mary Sparling of Des Moines; three sisters, Gertrude Purdue of Memphis, Tenn., Helen McClellan of Chicago and Grace Cooley of Springfield, Ill.; a brother, Louis of Racine, Wis.; and a grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Animal Rescue League or Hospice of Central Iowa. Arrangements are being handled by Dunn's Funeral Home. 9/3/91

**S&L chairman
Richard Bryan
dies of cancer** 8/29/91

By DALE KASLER

Register Business Writer

Richard Bryan, who helped build an Iowa savings-and-loan empire, died Wednesday.



RICHARD
BRYAN

Mr. Bryan, 66, was former chairman and president of Des Moines-based Midland Financial Savings & Loan (now Midland Savings Bank). Mr. Bryan, who lived at 3663 Grand Ave. in Des Moines, died of cancer at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.

A Carroll native, he was a paratrooper with the U.S. Army's 17th Airborne Division in Europe during World War II. He obtained an engineering degree from Iowa State College (now Iowa State University) in 1949, worked in the insurance business for a time and joined what was then Des Moines Savings & Loan Association in 1954.

He became president in 1967 and took the additional title of chairman in 1976. Des Moines Savings, which became Midland in 1980, became one of Iowa's leading home-mortgage lenders during his tenure. Its assets multiplied six- or seven-fold under his leadership, said former colleague Jeanne Partlow. He also helped pioneer branch offices for Iowa thrifts; Midland eventually would have offices as far away as Dyersville and Pocahontas. The thrift also had real estate and development subsidiaries.

Yet skyrocketing interest rates in the early 1980s hurt many thrifts, including Mr. Bryan's. Midland was stuck with millions of dollars worth of 9 percent fixed-rate home mortgages at a time when customers were demanding 15 percent or more on their deposits. Midland was paying out more than it was taking in.

"A lot of the things he had built ... he saw a lot of that erode in a few years," said Kent Klopfenstein, who succeeded Mr. Bryan as president in 1983. "I'm sure he felt sadness."

In 1988, Midland was merged into Central Life Assurance Co. of Des Moines. Midland was Iowa's third largest savings and loan, with assets of \$800 million, but needed a capital infusion from Central Life to stay in business, Klopfenstein said.

"It was the route that was necessary to survive," Klopfenstein said. "You saw the handwriting on the wall."

He said Mr. Bryan essentially retired in 1985 but kept the title of chairman until 1989, a year after the Central Life merger.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational Church, of which he was a member. Private burial will be at Resthaven Cemetery prior to services.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; a son, Jeff of Albuquerque, N.M.; two daughters, Sally Bryan of Eugene, Ore., and Susan Bryan Zukowski of Otis, Mass.; and a sister, Janet Shaw of Fresno, Calif.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Dunn's funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to his church or the Boy Scouts of America.

MARIAN L. BRANDENBURGER

Marian L. Brandenburg, 83, of 7117 Twana Drive, Urbandale, died of cancer Monday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center.



MARIAN L.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational Church, of which she was a member. The body will be cremated. Burial of the remains will be at a later date in Belleville, Ill.

Mrs. Brandenburg was born in Belleville, Ill., and had lived in Des Moines for 19 years. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Cedar Shrine.

Survivors include her husband, Maurice; and a son, Allen of Atlanta, Ga.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home, where the family will be present from 5 to 8 p.m. 8/19/91

• A Des Moines School Board candidates forum will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Greenwood Room of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. 8/24/91

A Soviet coup? Nyet! Carol Stewart makes the show go on

In July of 1990, Carol Stewart, who directs the very ambitious adult choirs at Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines, had 31 members of her Chancel Choir performing in an international choir festival on the island of Stord, off the west coast of Norway.

The Plymouth choir did just fine, but what stunned Stewart and the others in her group was a performance in that festival by the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Chorale, a government-supported choir from the country of Estonia, one of the Baltic nations in the Soviet Union.

"They are without question the best choir I've ever heard in all my life," said the 49-year-old Stewart, and that's saying a mouthful. "I decided I had to find some way to bring them to Des Moines."

She has now done just that. The Estonians will perform Saturday at 8 p.m. in the 850-seat sanctuary of Plymouth church here, with the backing of Plymouth's Fine Arts Series, a five-year-old program that has brought some of the most talented artists to Des Moines to perform at prices that audiences can afford.

The \$10 tickets for the Estonian choir's performance are available this week at Plymouth church, or at the door Saturday night. They will also perform Friday night at the Clapp Recital Hall at the University of Iowa in Iowa City and Sunday night at

IOWA BOY



Chuck

OFFENBURGER

another Plymouth Congregational Church, this one in Lincoln, Neb.

The real story here is the ordeal that Carol Stewart had to go through to get the Estonians booked. The woman always operates with the grit of an army general and the tenacity of a bulldog, and it took all she had to make this one happen.

Negotiations went on for more than a year, and in August and September when it came time for final agreements on the contracts and arrangements, Stewart found herself trying to communicate right through the full dizzying turmoil of the Soviet coup then the declarations of inde-

pendence by Estonia and the other Baltic nations.

"We went through a period when no phone calls were going in or out of Estonia; only two Fax machines were operating in that whole country," Stewart said. "The country was falling apart. Because of time differences, I was getting up at 2 a.m. to make phone calls. I've never been through anything so frustrating, so exasperating, so difficult and I hope ultimately so rewarding."

Stewart said the Plymouth Fine Arts Series is spending \$16,000 bringing in the 28-member Estonian choir and its support staff. What made it possible even at that price was that the choir had already booked seven concerts on the East Coast during October. She arranged the concerts in Iowa City and Lincoln to help defray expenses of the Midwestern swing.

Because of all the confusion resulting from the Soviet coup and Baltic independence, the tour was canceled once, re-booked then almost canceled again.

"There were a couple of times I was ready to throw in the towel," Stewart said. "We weren't sure it was going to happen right up till the day in late September I got a call from their business manager saying, 'We got the visas and are getting on our plane right now.'"

She enlisted the help of U.S. Senator Charles Grassley and friends with White House ties to get help with the visas.

Stewart said "a big part of why the Estonian choir is so good is the history, culture and condition of their country. The Soviet Union took over the Baltics in 1940 and suppressed every bit of individuality these people had.

"The only kind of spiritual expression allowed was singing. Over all these years, this choir has practiced six hours a day, six days a week. They obviously became very, very good. "They used their singing as a way of preserving their country's traditions. Singing kept their spirits and souls together through 50 years of repression. The singers and directors became great heroes."

The Estonian choir's performance Saturday night will feature "very serious, beautiful, Christian music in the first half — some Bach, some Mozart — and they'll do some Eastern European music that American audiences have had almost no experience with." The second half of their show will have them in native costumes doing some of their long-suppressed ballads and folk songs.

"Because of all they've been through, I think we'll see these people performing with a special joy," she said.

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OBITUARIES

■ **Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ**, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. — 10 a.m. Thursday. A special offering will be shared by the church Homeless Assistance Team and Forest Avenue Library at this annual service that features members dressed as pilgrims. Gov. Terry Branstad is to deliver his Thanksgiving Day Proclamation at the service.

John T. Dalbey Sr., 55, of 1257 70th St., Windsor Heights, died of cancer Sunday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center.



The body will be cremated and memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational Church, of which he was a member. Private burial of the cremains will be at Resthaven Cemetery.

Mr. Dalbey, a lifelong Des Moines area resident, was a retired senior fire claims specialist with Allied Insurance Group and had also worked for T.H. Dalbey Lumber. He was a member of the Isaak Walton League.

Survivors include his wife, Dolores; a daughter, Sara DeBrecht of Urbandale; a son, John Jr. of West Des Moines; and a sister, Alice Bernstein of Baltimore, Md.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church, the Mercy Hospital Foundation or the American Cancer Society. Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

ONA M. RIGGS

Ona Riggs, 93, of Fountain West Care Center, 1501 Office Park Road, West Des Moines, died of a heart ailment Tuesday at home. The body has been cremated, and private family graveside memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Riggs was born in Runnells and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and the Wakonda Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Stevenson of Des Moines and Megan Samartzis of Walnut Creek, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church. Arrangements are being handled by Dunn's Funeral Home.

9/24/91

JEANNE C. FOSTER

Jeanne C. Foster, 89, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died of a heart ailment Monday at home.



Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Dunn's Funeral Home, with burial at Resthaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Foster was born in France and had lived in Des Moines since 1938. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include two sons, Jacques of Des Moines and Robert of West Des Moines; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 5 to 7:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

9/2/91

• Three concerts have been announced for the fifth season of the Fine Arts Series at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. The Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers will make a return engagement Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. The Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Chorale will perform Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. Peter Schickele and Friend will present "Concert Cabaret" April 4. 4/91

• The musical "Magnificat" will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday by the Chancel choirs, organists and orchestra at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

Robert D. Larew, 72, of 5028 Lincoln Ave. died of heart and respiratory ailments Sunday at Veterans Medical Center.

Private graveside services will be Wednesday in Glendale Cemetery.

Mr. Larew was born in Harvey and lived in Des Moines since 1945. He retired

in 1986 after 20 years as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, was an Air Force veteran of World War II and had been a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Roberta; three sons, Robert of Davenport, Gary of Des Moines and Larry of Lafayette, Ind.; a daughter, Cheryl Stuart of Faribault, Minn.; a sister, Catheryn Klein of Rock Valley; and eight grandchildren.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at Westover Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

Anna May Wright, 84, of Polk City died of a stroke Monday at the Polk City Manor, where she was a resident. Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Plymouth United Church of Christ. The body has been donated to science.

Mrs. Wright was born in Earlham and lived in Winterset and Cedar Rapids before moving to Des Moines 20 years ago. She was a retired manager for Browz-A-Bit and had been a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the United Methodist Church.

Surviving is a daughter, Georgia Wright of West Des Moines.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Association and the church. Westover Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Velma D. Campbell, 85, of 3506 Crestmoor Place died of a kidney ailment Monday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center.



Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Westover Funeral Home. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Campbell, a homemaker, was born in

Blockton and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Daughters of the Nile and Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are a daughter, Sue Simon of Urbandale; a grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the hospital's dialysis unit or the Animal Rescue League of Iowa.

Helen Montgomery Sterling, 82, of 3524 Grand Ave. died of cancer Thursday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be Jan. 25 at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Belleville, Ill.



Mrs. Sterling was born in Indianapolis and had lived in Des Moines since 1962. She was a homemaker, a member of Iowa AP chapter TTT and Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and a past president of Des Moines Bankers Wives.

Surviving are a son, Roger of Chicago; a daughter, Roberta Sterling of St. Louis; a brother, James of Columbia, Mo.; a sister, Margaret Wayne of St. Charles, Mo.; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to her church or to the hospital.

Charles A. Gilderbloom, 83, of 5720 Kingman Ave. died of heart and respiratory ailments Friday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center.



Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, of which he was a member. Burial will be at Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Gilderbloom was born in Oskaloosa and had lived in Des Moines most of his life. He was retired as manager of the Younkers appliance department and was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine.

Several nieces and nephews survive.

Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to his church.

Louise A. Nefzger, 83, of Plymouth Place, 4111 Ingersoll Ave., died of a heart ailment Thursday at Luther Park Health Center. Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Westover Funeral Home, with burial at Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery.



Mrs. Nefzger was born in Marshall County and had lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and the Rose Lady Society.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Weber of Urbandale; a son, Ben of Rock Island, Ill.; a sister, Dorothy Weiss of Seattle; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home, where the family will be present from 4 to 6 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Place.

Community leader, Ex-D.M. hotel owner Edwin Hunter dies

By CHRIS ROMANS
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

Former Hotel Fort Des Moines owner and longtime Des Moines resident Edwin Rhodes Hunter died Sunday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. He was 66.

Mr. Hunter, a hotel owner and businessman, was born in Des Moines in 1925 and lived here until moving to Florida in 1987.



Hunter
World traveler

A World War II veteran, he received his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1951 before going into business with his father and brother.

Called an active, conscientious community leader by his friends and colleagues, Mr. Hunter was a member of the YMCA since his youth and frequented it almost daily.

Mr. Hunter was an avid player of squash and golf, said Daniel Hunter, one of Hunter's four sons, and rarely if ever did the family buy a Thanksgiving turkey when he was growing up — his father always won one in some competition or other.

Mr. Hunter was a world traveler whose trips with his wife, Carolyn Cook Hunter, had "an educational bent to them," said Firststar Bank Des Moines President Marvin Mazie.

Mazie, who served with Mr. Hunter as a board member for more than

20 years, said Mr. Hunter had a riotous sense of humor and was a "marvelous businessman."

"He always asked the right, penetrating questions," Mazie said. "Truly the cliché, 'They threw away the mold after they made him,' applies to Hunter."

Longtime family friend John Eddy said Mr. Hunter loved nature and was a conservationist "before it was a buzzword." Mr. Hunter and his wife owned seven acres of pristine Florida coastline that they protected from commercial development. The couple enjoyed planting and caring for trees in Iowa for many years, he said.

A man of great wit and honesty, Mr. Hunter had "the greatest sense of humor of anybody I've ever known," said 30-year business associate John Graham.

Mr. Hunter died of complications from an aortic aneurism Sunday. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, where he was a member. Private family burial will be at Glendale Cemetery.

In addition to his wife and son Daniel, Mr. Hunter is survived by three more sons, Peter and E. Jeffrey, both of Des Moines, and Edwin Jr. of Beijing, China; a brother, John of Des Moines; a sister, Margaret Ann O'Meara of Cedar Rapids; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nature Conservancy or the J.N. "Ding" Darling Foundation. Arrangements are being handled by Dunn's Funeral Home.

Exley I. Rounds, 88, of Sunny View Care Center, 410 N.W. Ash Drive, Ankeny, died of pneumonia there Monday. The body was cremated and a private graveside memorial service will be at Glendale Cemetery at a later date.

Miss Rounds worked in the mail department at Younkers department stores and was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. She lived in Des Moines all her life until moving to the care center nine years ago.

She is survived by a brother, John of Des Moines; and two sisters, Madeline Woods of Des Moines and Josephine Gorham of Maine.

Arrangements are being handled by Westover Funeral Home.

Maynard Meserve, 72, of 4610 Douglas Ave. died of a heart attack Friday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. The body was donated to University Hospitals in Iowa City and no services are planned.

Mr. Meserve was born in Lincolnville, Maine, and had lived in Des Moines since 1955. He retired as a pathologist in the Clinical Pathology Laboratory in Des Moines, was an Army and Navy veteran of World War II and had been a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Surviving are two daughters, Ann Riordan and Margaret McIntosh, both of Chicago; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation. Merle Hay Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Coreta Meredith, 85, of 3407 Grand Ave. died of leukemia Saturday at Iowa Methodist Medical



Center. Burial will be at Resthaven Cemetery before a memorial service, which will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational Church, of which she was a member.

Mrs. Meredith was born in Wayne County and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was retired from Banker's Trust in Windsor Heights, and was a member of the HY Chapter of P.E.O.

Surviving are two daughters, Cleo-jean Olson of Des Moines and Melanie Hauptert of Iowa City; a son, Richard Meredith of Des Moines; a brother, William Richardson of Des Moines; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home, where the family will be present from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the leukemia division of the American Cancer Society.

Tom Ramsey, 72, of 1053 Cummins Parkway died of a heart attack Thursday at his farm near Earlham. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational Church, of which he was a member. Private family burial will be at Masonic Cemetery prior to services.

Mr. Ramsey was born in Boone and lived in Des Moines most of his life. He was the founder and former president of Ramco Electric and an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie; two daughters, Ann Posey of Racine, Wis., and Carol Ramsey of Portland, Ore.; two brothers, Bob of Niles, Mich., and Dick of Mountain Home, Ark.; and four grandchildren.

There will be a reception at the church following the memorial service. Memorial contributions may be made to the church or The Nature Conservancy.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1992 5M

Mary Jane Barnes, 80, of 5117 Robertson Drive died of a heart ailment Monday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.



The body was cremated and a graveside memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Glendale Cemetery.

Miss Barnes was born in Des Moines and returned in 1952 after two years in Britt and Japan. She retired as a teacher at Hanawalt Elementary School and was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and the Des Moines Education Association.

Nieces and nephews survive.

Westover Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1992 7M

Mary Jane Barnes, 80, of 5117 Robertson Drive died of a heart ailment Monday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. The body was cremated and a graveside memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Sept. 26 in Glendale Cemetery.

Miss Barnes was born in Des Moines and returned in 1952 after living in Britt and Japan. She retired as a teacher at Hanawalt Elementary School and was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and the Des Moines Education Association.

Nieces and nephews survive.

Westover Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THE ARTS

MUSIC

McCartney's oratorio: 'Hope for the future'

By ROBERT HILBURN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

These are good times again professionally for Paul McCartney, who is calling from a Sussex, England, recording studio to talk about his "Liverpool Oratorio."

One reason for his good spirits is that McCartney, 50, is putting the final touches on an album to be released early next year.

It is the studio follow-up to 1989's "Flowers in the Dust," his most acclaimed work in a decade, and it comes after a triumphant world tour that demonstrated for a new generation of rock fans that McCartney — and not just the late John Lennon — was responsible for much of the Beatles' most stirring music.

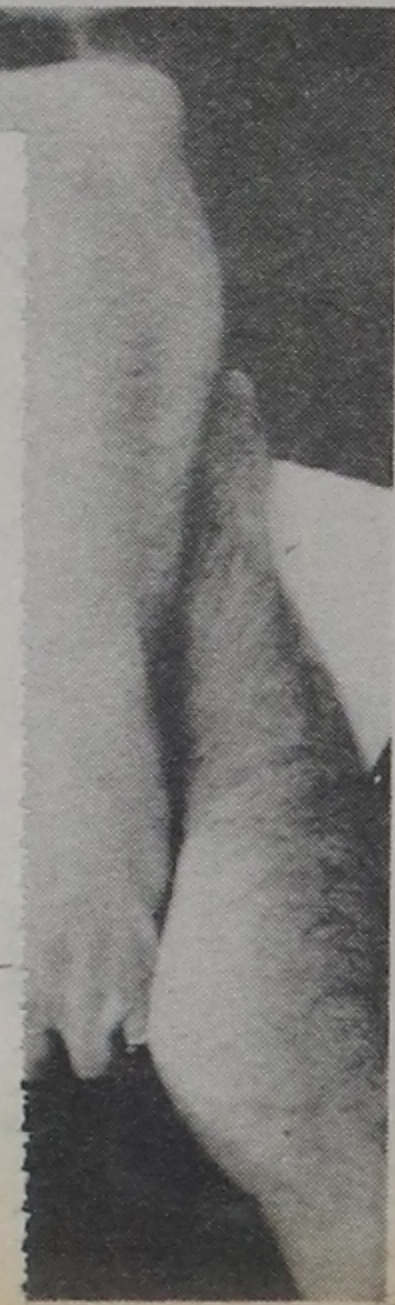
McCartney — who is married with four children — was so delighted by the last tour he plans to tour again in support of the new album.

The oratorio, commissioned three years ago by the Royal

ORATORIO

'Liverpool Oratorio' — 8 p.m. Saturday, Des Moines Civic Center. Tickets, \$12 and \$16.

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Paul McCartney says doing the Liverpool Oratoria was an "incredible luxury... the idea that people would just play and sing what I asked them to do."

MCCARTNEY

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Liverpool Philharmonic to celebrate its 150th anniversary, premiered to mixed reviews last year in the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, where McCartney once failed a choir audition.

It has since been performed in more than a dozen cities, including New York and Tokyo. It will be in Des Moines Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Civic Center.

McCartney wrote the oratorio with Carl Davis, associate conductor of the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Q: Why weren't you intimidated when approached by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic?

A: I don't know. The first time I even thought about that was about halfway through the writing. I was in a pub, just killing some time before going to see Carl, who lived around the corner. I was having a drink with this Irish actor and he said, "Boy, you must be intimidated by this." And I remember I thought, "No, not really."

To me, it was more a feeling of being afforded this incredible luxury... the idea that people would just play and sing what I asked them to. That was so inviting for me because normally I tend to play and sing what I write, so the idea of having a whole orchestra do it was like a gift

or something.

Q: How did you get involved with Carl Davis?

A: The orchestra (contacted me) through Carl. I didn't really know him, but I had seen a couple of things in newspapers that were quite complimentary.

I thought he would be good to work with because he was supposed to be the consummate writer-downer, and that's what I need more than anything, someone who can write music.

Q: The music is credited to you both. Was it 50-50?

A: No, it was more 70-30 really with me leading the dance. It started out when I was going to write it all, but it became more of a collaborative effort as we got rolling on it. We used to work in three-hour sessions.

It's funny because we mapped out chapters, and I remember Carl started a section titled "War" in a lyrical, sort of McCartney-ish way, and I'd go, "No, no, it has to be much harder. This is about a war."

Q: What about the text?

A: When it was time for a bit of words, I either had a couple of ideas ahead of time or I'd just ad-lib them with the idea that we'd go back and fix them.

I think one of the criticisms was that the words could have been slaved over a bit more, which is certainly true; but what I found in the end was that the piece was supposed to really be addressing Liverpool,

simple people, war, life, birth, death, children — all that sort of stuff.

I wanted to keep it all fairly common, so there isn't really anything too obscure in there or really that clever.

I was thinking of it as almost conversational, which I think is a bit of a new slant on oratorios, which can be big, pompous affairs.

Q: What do you see as the dominant message?

A: Hope, hope for the future, the same old thing about giving peace a chance.

It is nice when people look at the overall picture and will say, yes, John was great, but this other geezer is not so bad either.

— Paul McCartney

Q: How emotional was it for you to go back to Liverpool for the premiere?

A: I had memories of childhood, memories of failing the chorus audition. My dad had sent me to try to get a scholarship because free books came with it; but I didn't manage to do it, so it was kind a bit strange to see all these kids in the chorus the

night of the premiere because they had gotten the gig.

Q: Do you see yourself attempting more classical works?

A: Actually, I've found little things from the oratorio experience leaking onto the new album, just in tiny little ways, but I have just been doing a series of piano pieces with Carl. It is interesting to go from the grandeur of a full-blown classical thing to the idea of one little pianist sitting there.

Q: Do you think it helped you regain your place in the Beatles legacy? Do you think your contribution was under-appreciated for a while?

A: That's a touchy one. I understand what happened (in the '80s) because when someone like John dies, you can't help but lionize him. I missed him, too. But yes, it is nice when people look at the overall picture and will say, yes, John was great, but this other geezer is not so bad either.

The Des Moines performance of the "Liverpool Oratorio" is the opening event in the Plymouth Fine Arts Series for the Community. It will feature the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra, a 60-voice boys' chorus, an adult choir of 100 voices and four internationally renowned soloists.

Tickets are available at the Civic Center, Plymouth Congregational Church and all Ticketmaster outlets. Ticket prices are \$12 and \$16 with a group discount of \$1 per ticket for groups of 10 or more.

Oratorio addresses everyday life

MUSIC

Music/REVIEW

'Oratorio' hits all right notes

By PHYLLIS WOLFE
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

Paul McCartney's "Liverpool Oratorio" opened Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ's Fine Art Series Saturday evening at the Des Moines Civic Center.

Is it really an oratorio? That's something musicologists probably will argue over for quite some time. Is it a worthwhile evening of musical theater? No doubt about it. The nearly 2,000 people in attendance will attest to it.

Carol Stewart, Plymouth's director of music and fine arts and conductor for this performance, assembled some remarkable forces.

Tenor Thomas Poole sang the role of Shanty and showed considerable acting skills as well as impressive musicality. It's a long role and in War, the opening movement where the tessitura is exceptionally high, he seemed to be over-reaching just a little. But as the piece went on, his voice warmed to the task beautifully.

Soprano Susan Ishee put her extensive musical theater background to excellent use as she sang the part of Mary Dee. Her voice and stage presence were charming indeed.

Baritone Kevin Deas, who was heard here in Dave Brubeck's "Gates of Justice" last year, was a properly prim Headmaster and a suitably carousing Mr. Dingle in the drinking duet in the Work movement.

Michele Sorel sang the parts of Miss Inkley, the Chief Mourner and the Nurse. Her mezzo blended beautifully in the ensemble sections but sometimes her words were not quite clear.

The LaCrosse Boychoir and the Plymouth Boychoir combined their clear soprano voices for the evening. And Josh Potaracke came near to stealing the show with his short solos.

Members of the Des Moines Symphony who made up the orchestra seemed to enjoy playing this somewhat predictable music, and concertmaster Susan Dominguez and trumpeter Robert Weast certainly shone on their solos.

The Plymouth Chancel Choir had some shining moments, too. The final rousing full chorus of "God Is Good" rang with the richness of some of the more classical works.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1992

Music

■ **Paul McCartney's** Liverpool Oratorio will have its Iowa premiere at 8 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Des Moines Civic Center as the opening event of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ's Fine Arts Series. Billed as being for devotees of the Beatles, Wings and classical music; the production will feature the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra, a 60-voice boys' chorus, an adult choir of more than 100, and four soloists. Tickets are \$12 and \$16 and may be purchased at the church, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.; the Civic Center; or Ticketmaster outlets. Groups of 10 or more receive \$1 discount per ticket.

■ SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1993

THE DES MOINES REGISTER

BRIEFLY IN RELIGION

Death penalty is topic at Plymouth church

A forum on capital punishment is scheduled at 10 a.m. Sunday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. Speakers are the Rev. Dale Miller, religion professor at Drake University, and Paula Dierenfeld, author of Gov. Terry Branstad's proposal to reinstate the death penalty.

■ SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1993

THE DES MOINES REGISTER

BRIEFLY IN RELIGION

■ **The Chancel Choir** of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., accompanied by organ and chamber orchestra, will present "Faure Requiem" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Organist Carl Gravander** and the Plymouth Brass Consort will be in concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. The third of four concerts in this year's Plymouth Organ Series, the program features a variety of music from early antiphonal pieces to contemporary music.

THE DES MOINES REGISTER

■ SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1993

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Health-care reform** will be discussed from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday in Waveland Hall at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. Panelists from government, health care, insurance and community action will take part.

6M THE DES MOINES REGISTER ■ SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1993

BRIEFLY IN RELIGION

Ukraine children's choir to perform at Plymouth

The Shchedryk Children's Choir from Kiev, Ukraine, will be in concert at 8 p.m. Jan. 23 and 3 p.m. Feb. 7 at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

The 40-member choir, ages 8 to 16, won first prize in the Des Moines International Children's Choir Festival in July 1991.

Tickets are \$10.

4A THE DES MOINES REGISTER ■ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1992

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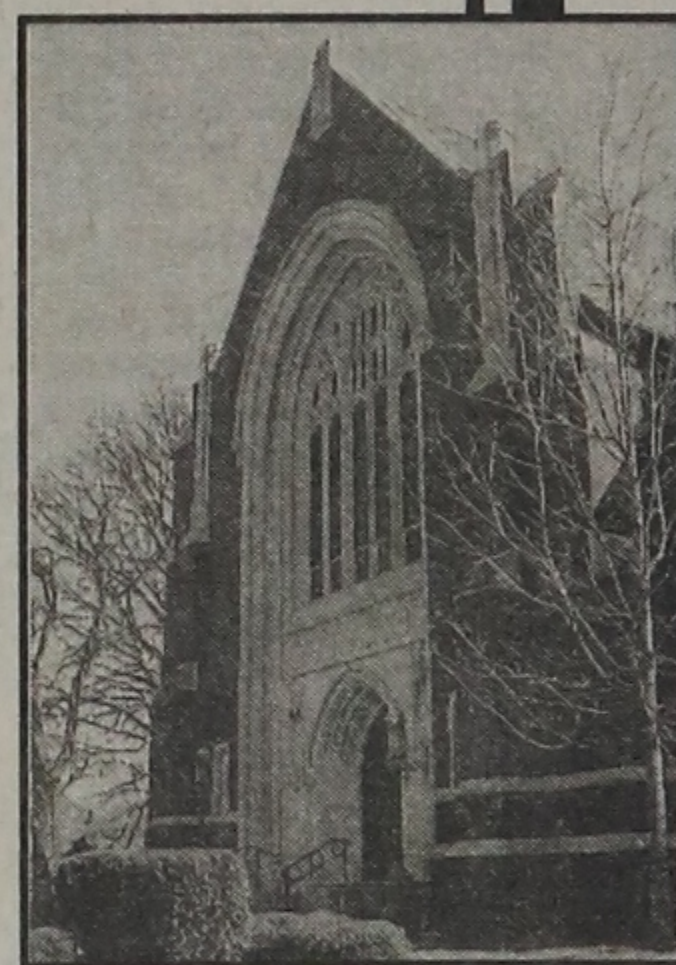
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THE DES MOINES REGISTER ■ FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1993 7M

Evelyn M. Satterlee, 79, of 3524 Grand Ave. died of a stroke Tuesday at Boswell Hospital in Sun City, Ariz.



Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Satterlee, a homemaker, was born in Elgin, Ill., and moved to Des Moines in 1935. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and TTT.

Surviving are her husband, Francis; two daughters, Marcia Kirmse of Tucson, Ariz., and Marilyn Jeffries of Des Moines; a brother, Edgar Jeffries of Fort Dodge; and five grandchildren.

The family will visit with friends from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to her church or Wesley Acres Health Care Center.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1993

THE DES MOINES REGISTER ■

Daniel B. Stevenson Jr., 78, of 3662 Ingersoll Ave. died Thursday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center of pneumonia and complications following a stroke.



Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, of which he was a member.

Private burial of the cremains will be in Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Stevenson was born in Lumberton, Miss., and lived in California before moving to Des Moines in 1950. He retired as a mechanical engineer with Stevenson & Schilling Mechanical Engineers, with which he was a partner. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of the Des Moines Club and several business-related organizations.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy; two sons, Daniel III of Des Moines and John of Minneapolis; a stepson, Richard Rabe Jr. of West Des Moines; two daughters, Megan Stevenson of Des Moines and Jayne Stevenson of Seattle; and a brother, Herman of Huntington Beach, Calif.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church. Dunn's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THE DES MOINES REGISTER ■ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1992 5M

Harold A. Bittle, 79, of Indianola died of a heart ailment Wednesday at home. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, of which he was a member. Private burial of the cremains will be in Masonic Cemetery.



Mr. Bittle was born in Des Moines and lived here until 1975. He moved to Indianola earlier in the year from Missouri. He was retired president and chief operating officer of Mastercraftsmen Jewelers and had been a member of Moingona Masonic Lodge, Des Moines Pioneer Club and Des Moines Consistory.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; two sons, Ed of Des Moines and John of Stanley, Kan.; a sister, Virginia Wyman of Littleton, Colo.; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund, the Village in Indianola or Plymouth Foundation of his church. Dunn's Funeral Home in Des Moines is in charge of arrangements.

THE DES MOINES REGISTER ■ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1992

Robert B. Currie, 67, of 1132 23rd St., West Des Moines, died of cancer Sunday at home. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.



Mr. Currie was born in Odebolt and lived in West Des Moines 25 years, retiring in 1989 from Elanco Products Co. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Among survivors are his wife, Elsie; two daughters, Karen Sassaman of Shoreview, Minn., and Jane Mylrea of Dubuque; two sons, James of Cleveland and Thomas of Cedar Rapids; his mother, Nellie Currie of Odebolt; a sister, Dorothy Griffin of Schaller; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at McLaren's Funeral Chapel, where the family will meet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Iowa.

Coreta Meredith, 85, of 3407 Grand Ave. died of leukemia Saturday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Burial will be at Resthaven Cemetery before a memorial service, which will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational Church, of which she was a member.



Mrs. Meredith was born in Wayne County and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was retired from Banker's Trust in Windsor Heights, and was a member of the HY Chapter of P.E.O.

Surviving are two daughters, Cleo-jean Olson of Des Moines and Melanie Hauptert of Iowa City; a son, Richard Meredith of Des Moines; a brother, William Richardson of Des Moines; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home, where the family will be present from 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the leukemia division of the American Cancer Society.

THE DES MOINES REGISTER

■ MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1992



In Kiev, their Ukrainian home city, the Shchedryk Children's Choir, which tours with more than 30

Shchedryk Ch sings 'love feast'

By PHYLLIS WOLFE
REGISTER STAFF WRITER

A dream that was nurtured on both sides of the Atlantic came true Jan. 23 when the Shchedryk Children's Choir of Kiev returned to Des Moines for a concert at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

An audience of 650 shared in the fruition of that dream as part of the Plymouth Fine Arts Series for the Community. The church is a primary sponsor of the

Much of the preparation for Friday's arrival of 33 Ukrainian children can be summed up in one word: bananas.

Families who played host to members of the Shchedryk Children's Choir from Kiev in 1991 remember. "We were amazed how many bananas they could put away," Bill Powers said. He and his wife, Linda, who put up three boys, started with a pound of bananas. They were gone in a day. They bought another pound. Gone in a day.

"So we thought maybe five pounds would last a day," Linda said. "Five pounds was gone in a day. We didn't know what they were doing with them."

Des Moines will be home base for the group's 17-concert, 35-day tour of the United States and Canada. The choir, which won

first prize in the Des Moines International Children's Choir Festival in 1991, will be part of a star-studded Toronto concert commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Kiwanis international music competition. It also will perform at the Nobel Peace Prize Symposium in Moorhead, Minn.

Sings Twice

The group will sing twice at Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines: at 8 p.m. tonight and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7.

The choir was created in 1971 by Irina Sablina, who still directs. Members range in age from 8 to 18, and the group's repertoire includes folk songs, popular music as well as pieces from the Renaissance, baroque, romantic and contemporary periods.

While on tour, the singers will stay with families. While in Des Moines, several singers will be reunited with host families. The group was here for a week in July 1991.

"Just by the end of that time, you felt so close to them," Nancy Wallace said. "Like I said, they're my girls. I feel like they're family."

Once again, Valya Chevchenko, now 18, and Nelly Tsurgurian, 16, will stay with Wallace.

This tour was purposely scheduled during the winter so the singers could have warm beds and good meals. Just after their last trip, the Soviet Union began to collapse and the choir's sponsorship dried up, said Carol Stewart, director of music and fine arts for Plymouth church.

Salaries in Ukraine have not kept up with skyrocketing inflation, and money is virtually worthless. Foods like coffee, tea and sugar, which need to be imported, generally are not available. Locally grown fruits, vegetables and fish are potentially dangerous because of the city's proximity to Chernobyl, a nuclear power plant that exploded in 1986.

Paid for by Churches

This trip is paid for by churches and arts organizations around the United States and Canada.

To prepare, host families around Des Moines cleaned house and filled their refrigerators as if they had children coming home from college.

Fred and Linda Dorr of Clive planned to have an Entenmann's cream cheese breakfast cake on hand for Natalia Pylypenko, a chaperon who stayed with them last time. "Every time she'd take a bite, she'd just roll her eyes and get this expression and she'd say, 'Beautiful,'" Linda said.

The Dorr's guests had other favorite foods. "Like bananas..." Linda said. "They went through them like crazy."

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— Nancy Wallace
Host to choir members

Veryl and Barb Kroon of Waukee requested Elena Lopato, 17, and Tsenia Ardeeva, 16, the girls who stayed with them in 1991. "It's like having two more daughters," Barb said. She was working the day they left, but the girls broke into tears and hugged her husband and son. "We knew it would be a good experience, but it was much more than we anticipated," she said.

Returning Guest

Leonid Skorohod, 14, is the only returning guest for Bill and Linda Powers of Des Moines. Three boys stayed with them last time. On their first night, she asked her own children to get out 10-speed bikes for the boys, assuming they could ride.

"Wrong," she said. "They got on these 10-speeds and they were careening around my back yard." Hand brakes were new to them, she said. "I put my kids on additional bikes and said, 'Follow them wherever they go.'"

Their last day in town was hot, so Barb Kroon packed snacks in a cooler and took her guests and her own children to a beach. When she distributed cans of Coke, the Ukrainian boys buried theirs in the sand to get warm. They weren't used to refrigeration.

Linda Powers wants to play host to the singers again and again. "I love these kids," she said.

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RELIGION

Two popular pastors are retiring

In an era when many churches are shrinking, theirs have grown

Both men have established reputations for theology that appeals to the head as well as the heart.

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

REGISTER RELIGION WRITER

Two historic Des Moines churches that have grown while most main-line Protestant churches have shrunk will soon be seeking replacements for retiring senior pastors.

The Rev. Carl Cooper, 57, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, 3829 Grand Ave., since 1982, recently announced plans for early retirement, effective May 23.

The Rev. James O. Gilliom, 64, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., since 1978, will retire in early 1994.

Established Reputations

Both men have established reputations for solid and thoughtful preaching, warm personalities, an approach to theology and worship that appeals to the head as well as the heart, strong social concerns and leadership in church growth that rivals the surge of conservative churches.

Both retirements involve some breaks with tradition, especially in timing. Traditionally, pastors give churches only two or three months notice before leaving. Then the process a church follows in naming a successor often takes a year or longer. First a "self-study" is made to determine the kind of pastor needed, then a search committee is chosen to mull through a long list of applicants.

Gilliom notified key church lead-



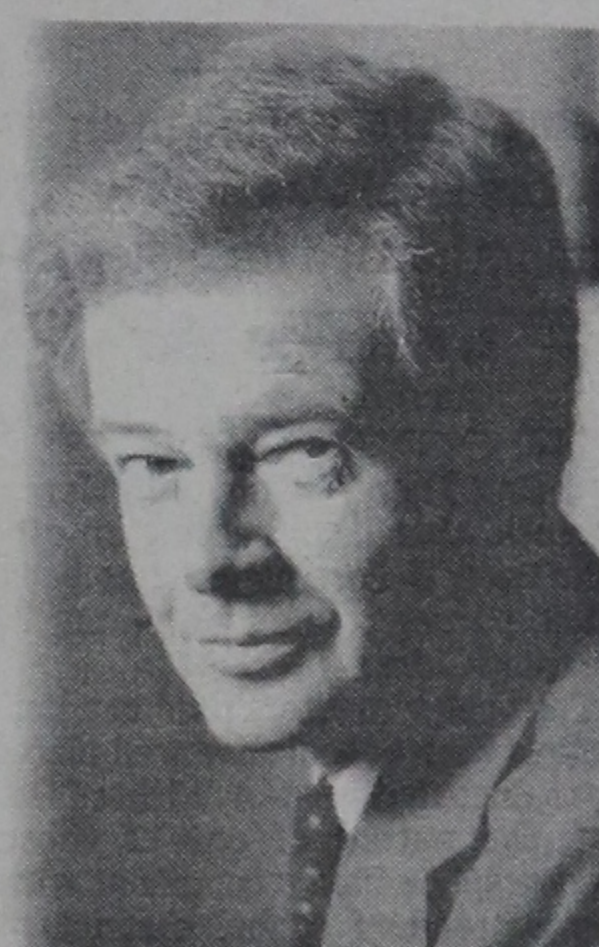
The Rev. James Gilliom
Plymouth Congregational

ers last May that he would retire between his 65th birthday (Jan. 2) and April, 1994. A professional consultant already is leading the church in its self-study, a search committee will be named this spring and Gilliom hopes his successor will come on board as Gilliom leaves.

"Lame Duck"

"I've been warned by denominational leaders that I am setting myself up to be a 'lame duck,'" Gilliom said. "I don't believe that at all. We are preparing for the future. We concluded that Plymouth has such momentum and such a full program that there was no reason to wait and have a gap. We wanted to keep the momentum going and not have a slump. The people feel very good about their church and want to make it even stronger and more effective."

He noted this transition procedure



The Rev. Carl Cooper
Central Presbyterian

would not work well where a pastor's departure is not amicable and an interim pastor is needed for a time of healing. He is sold on the idea that a church that is on the move does not have to go on hold between pastors.

High Gear

Cooper hopes Central Presbyterian will also stay in high gear. "It is my hope that the search for my successor will be well under way before my retirement begins and that my departure will not disrupt the regular flow of the life of the church," he said in a letter to the congregation. The Rev. Karen Chakoian, the associate pastor, has agreed to stay on at Central until at least Oct. 31 to aid in the transition.

Cooper told Central members his nearly 11 years there have been the happiest in his 33 years of ministry.

"There are simply some things I would like to do during the next few years, which will be easier without the constraints of a full-time job: travel, reading, writing and being more available to my children and grandchildren," he said in his letter.

Part-Time Church Work

Cooper said his health is good and he hopes after a year or so to get involved in part-time church work without the constraints and demands of a regular pastorate.

With 3,077 members, Plymouth is the largest United Church of Christ congregation in Iowa and the fourth-largest in the 1.5 million-member denomination. It has averaged a net gain of about 70 members per year for more than a decade. It has received 1,577 new members since 1980, compared with 304 in the years 1970 to 1979.

Membership at Central Presbyterian has grown from 650 to 850 in Cooper's years there.

The Presbyterian and United Church of Christ denominations both experienced drastic membership losses over those years.

Freedom of the Pulpit

Gilliom said "the freedom of the pulpit is one of the things I have appreciated most here. We have tried to apply the Gospel to local issues. We have had a strong emphasis on diversity and faith as a journey."

Both pastors ticked off lists of appreciations about their Des Moines parishes: Involvement in many social issues, tremendous growth in youth, education and music ministries.

Gilliom came to Des Moines from the 1,300-member Union Congregational Church in Upper Montclair, N.J., in 1978. Before that he was a pastor in the Seattle, Wash., suburb of Mercer Island; served as assistant conference minister of the Washington and Idaho Conference of the denomination; and was a pastor of churches in Seattle and in Millersburg, Ind.

Cooper came to the Des Moines congregation after 10 years as senior pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany, N.Y., and 10 years prior to that as pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, McLean, Va.



In Kiev, their Ukrainian home city, the Shchedryk Children's Choir, which tours with more than 30 young singers, poses in one of their country's spectacular baroque churches.

Shchedryk Children's Choir sings 'love feast' on tour

By PHYLLIS WOLFE
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◆ Concerts

Shchedryk Children's Choir of Kiev, to perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at James Madison Middle School in Burlington, and 3 p.m. next Sunday, Feb. 7, at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines.

Shchedryk 1993 North American tour, which was designed for this time of year to help the youngsters escape some of the rigors of the harsh Ukrainian winter and the crumbling economic conditions following the break-up of the Soviet Union.

Under the direction of Iryna Sablina, this group of professional-caliber performers, ages 8 to 18, won first prize at the International Children's Choir Festival, held here in the summer of 1991.

From the time the group of 31 girls and one boy (the second male singer in the entourage was too ill to perform that night) entered the hall in crisp red jackets with Puritan-style white collars and navy blue bows, it was clear that this was a love feast.

What sets this choir apart from others is the great depth of the singers' musicality and the group's unbelievably wide-ranging repertoire. In the two-hour presentation, they served up portions not only of classics by Handel and Haydn but also Russian, Ukrainian, Estonian and Georgian folk songs.

They opened with Henry Purcell's "Sound the Trumpet." The tone was so pure one could easily imagine that a brass ensemble was performing. And that was only the beginning of their vast array of musical offerings.

They gave selections from the J. S. Bach "Anna Magdalena's Notebook." The imagery here was of a superbly tuned organ with a sumptuous blend wafting on the air.

Actually, these youngsters were performing *a cappella*.

In two Haydn canons, their notes were so sustained that the sound was that of a string section. The sonic beauty was intensified by the fact that the only musical scores evident during the entire evening were on the piano. Director Sablina and her young virtuosos perform everything from memory.

A Real Vibrancy

After the intermission, the music lightened up a bit and the youngsters imbued it with a real vibrancy. They opened with the Ukrainian Christmas carol, "Shchedryk," as in their name. Audiences in this country recognize it by the lyrics, "Hark how the bells; sweet silver bells." This is the piece that displayed the choir's phenomenal range of dynamics and control when they were here previously.

They sang "My Mountains, the Carpathians," by contemporary Ukrainian composer V. Zubytsky. It featured echoey phrases and built up to what sounded like snatches of work songs before ending on a hum.

This was followed by a Bulgarian folk song called "Bagpipe Player," the last chord of which sounded the way that instrument does when all of the air is leaving it.

Speaking, Cackling, Singing

The interpreter-announcer introduced "Russian Fair," by V. Rubin, by describing joyful, noisy small-town events held in the marketplace. The young singers, their arms folded, started out speaking and cackling as an introduction for the lively tune; no one needed a translation.

They saluted their audience with *all four verses* of "America, the Beautiful," then closed the formal portion of the concert with M. Lysenko's "Prayer for the Ukraine."

Responding to some of the most spontaneous standing ovations this reviewer has seen, they generously gave four encores. While singing "Mame," they swayed as children do everywhere when singing lively show tunes. The send-off of the night was "Dry Bones," which included boogie from their pianist plus sound.

The choir's tour of the United States and Canada continues through Feb. 23 and will include a concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Burlington's James Madison Middle School and another performance at Plymouth, at 3 p.m. next Sunday, Feb. 7, for which tickets are \$10.

It's possible that those performances will have other selections from the group's vast repertoire.

Church has warm alliance with a famed children's choir

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OFFENBURGER

The love story between a big Des Moines church and a world-renowned yet impoverished children's choir from Ukraine in the old Soviet Union begins a new chapter next week. The Shchedryk Children's Choir, based in the city of Kiev, arrives next Thursday and begins a 35-day, 17-concert tour through Iowa, the Midwest and beyond. This is the same 40-voice choir that came here in the summer of 1991 for the Des Moines International Children's Choir Festival and won the grand prize.

"We found out what we had here was one of the premier musical organizations in the whole Soviet Union," said Carol Stewart, music and fine arts director at Plymouth Congregational Church, which provided host families for the singers. "They weren't widely recognized at that time outside the Soviet Union because for a long time they hadn't been allowed to get out. When they eventually were, they had almost no money to travel."

The choir was founded in 1971 by Irene Sablina, who continues as director. About 100 children, ranging in age from 8 to 16, are constantly in training for 40 slots in the traveling choir. They have a 150-song repertoire, from classical to pop to folk, by composers around the world.

The host families from Plymouth church were quickly taken by the kids' ob-

said, "Inflation is just crazy, and if you do have money, there's almost nothing in the stores to buy. I know from recent contact with the choir, some of these kids haven't had milk in three months."

Back in Des Moines, Stewart began calling friends who are music directors at other large churches and colleges, asking them to host concerts and pitch in financially on the choir's trip. "We've got our neck way out on this one," Stewart said.

Especially so here in Des Moines, where the choir is being sponsored by Plymouth church's Fine Arts Series. That is a 6-year-old program that subsidizes concerts by top musical groups at ticket prices well below the norm. The idea is to make the arts more accessible.

"We had the Liverpool Oratorio, a collection of Paul McCartney's music, at the Civic Center in November, and we fell way short of what we needed to bring in," Stewart said. "The Fine Arts Series is strapped right now, if not threatened."

The choir will do two shows at Plymouth church, the first next Saturday, Jan. 23, at 8 p.m., and the second on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 3 p.m. Each show will cost \$10. Tickets and information are available at the church's at (515) 255-3149. "Frankly, we need to fill all 800 seats in the sanctuary for both shows to cover our costs with the choir and get the Fine Arts Series back

on good footing," Stewart said.

The choir's other Iowa performance is set in Burlington on Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at James Madison Auditorium. Tickets are free for that show, due to a grant arranged by the Burlington Arts Series.

The children's choir will travel as far as Toronto, Canada, and Phoenix, Ariz., performing in huge churches, colleges and symphony halls, most of the dates arranged by Carol Stewart's well-placed friends in music. But undoubtedly one of the most fun and memorable concert stops will be Feb. 5-6 in Stewart's hometown of Fairfax, Mo., pop. 806.

"I was at home twice last summer, once when my dad had me talk to the Kiwanis Club and another time when the Rev. Bob Ewings asked me to preach at the Methodist Church," said Stewart. "I told them about the Shchedryk Children's Choir, and they pleaded with me to bring them to the Fairfax. The more I thought about it, the more I liked the idea of showing these kids life in an American small town."

The choir will be welcomed in Fairfax on Friday, Feb. 5, at a pep rally at the high school. That night, they'll attend the Fairfax-Skidmore basketball game. Saturday, at 10:30, they will perform in the school gym, and word Stewart has received is that "all of Atchison County is probably going to be there."

Mannheim touch in Plymouth concert

■ **Plymouth Matins Choir** — The Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ youth choir, comprised of youth in grades 8-12, present a Lenten benefit concert celebrating the "Circle of Life" with Jackson and Almada Berkeley as guest composers and conductors, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the church sanctuary, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. Jackson is a composer, pianist and recording artist, best known as featured keyboardist with Mannheim Steamroller. Almada is a lyric soprano, choral director and librettist who also performs with Mannheim Steamroller during holiday concerts. Free-will offering accepted. Call 255-3149.

■ **Hollywood on Ice** — Ice show presented at 5 p.m. today at the Metro Ice Sports Arena, 7201 Hickman Road, Urbandale, by the Des Moines Figure Skating Club and students in the Learn-to-Skate program. Sponsored by the USFSA. Admission: \$2; \$1 for students. Call 289-2694.

■ **"The Music Man"** — Touring production of the stage musical, presented by Musicals America at 7 tonight in Stephens Auditorium, Ames. Tickets: \$22, \$19, \$15; or \$11, \$9.50 and \$7.50 for students. Tickets available from the box office or Ticketmaster outlets, or charge by calling 243-1888 (233-1888 in Ames).

■ **Great American Soda Straw Chal-**

■ **"Jack and the Beanstalk"** — Musical retelling of the tall tale, adapted from the English fairy tale, is presented by Ingersoll Children's Theater, 3711 Ingersoll Ave., Saturdays through March 27. Doors open at 11 a.m. Tickets: \$7.95, includes kid's-style lunch. Call 274-4686 for reservations.

■ **Downtown YMCA programs** — Teen program for ages 13-18 is 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays and 7 p.m. to midnight Saturdays at the Riverfront YMCA of Greater Des Moines, 101 Locust St. Activities include dancing, basketball, swimming, weight-lifting, movies, computers and rec room games. One-way transportation provided to drop-off sites.

"Sunday Funday," for children in grades 1-6, 2-5 p.m. Sundays. Activities include basketball, swimming, movies, racquetball, wally ball and rec room games. Transportation provided. For more information on either event, call David Reasby at 288-0131, extension 236.

■ **"Cosi Fan Tutte"** — Mozart's romantic comedy is performed in English by Opera Iowa, the Des Moines Metro Opera's educational touring troupe, at 8 p.m. March 20 at the Des Moines Playhouse, 831 42nd St. Tickets: \$6. Call 277-6261.



Almada and Jackson Berkeley perform at Plymouth Congregational.

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Hazel I. Wilson, 94, of 2929 Beaver Ave. died of a heart ailment Wednesday at home. Services will be



at 11 a.m. Saturday at Westover Funeral Home. The body will be cremated following services, and burial of the remains will be at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery at a later

date.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Ottumwa and had lived in Marshalltown before moving to Des Moines in 1981. She was a partner in the Wheelock Wilson Nursery and had taught school in the Bloomfield area. She was a member of First Congregational Church in Marshalltown, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by four daughters, Dorothy Wilson of Des Moines, Carol Calabrese of Marshalltown, Mary Bess Fulster of Gladbrook and Audrey Erickson of Sun City Center, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Iowa or Plymouth Congregational Church.

Mary K. Chambers, 74, of 405 51st St. died of a heart attack Wednesday at home. The body will



be cremated and memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational Church, of which she was a member.

Mrs. Chambers was born in Wall Lake and had lived in Des Moines for 56 years. She retired in 1992 as vice president for the Graham Group.

Survivors include a daughter, Kristi Smith of Matthews, N.C.; a sister, Helen Way of Abilene, Texas; a half-brother, Joseph Mack of Wall Lake; and three grandchildren.

The family will greet friends from 4:30 to 6 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fine Arts Series of her church or the Des Moines Public Library.

Lorna Williams, lawyer and instructor, dies at 78

By MATT KELLEY

REGISTER STAFF WRITER

Lorna Williams, a trailblazing lawyer and a former Drake University law instructor, died of cancer Sunday at Iowa Lutheran Hospital. She was 78.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Dunn's Funeral Home, with burial at Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery.



Williams

"Bright, giving"

Mrs. Williams, of 529 46th St., graduated from Drake Law School in 1941 and returned there to teach during World War II, when other faculty members were serving in the armed forces.

From 1966 to 1979, she was a special assistant attorney for the state, and she was one of the first women in Iowa to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

David Walker, dean of the Drake Law School, called Mrs. Williams "a bright and giving person." He said that she was an excellent student at a time when female lawyers were a rarity and that her assistance during the war "was invaluable to the school. 'She came to the aid of the school at a very critical time in Drake's history,' he said.

Joseph A. Coppola, a student of Mrs. Williams', said she was as dedicated to her teaching as she was to her students. "She was always a very independent, hard working, driving, good attorney," Coppola said.

Mrs. Williams was a member of the American, Iowa and Polk County bar associations; the Drake Alumni Association; the Plymouth Congregational Church of Christ; the American Legion Auxiliary; and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, Carl; a son, Rod of Des Moines; two sisters, Mary Crow of West Des Moines and Bessie Bryan of St. Paul, Minn.; and three brothers, Robert Lawhead of San Jose, Calif., Wendell Lawhead of Waukegan, Ill., and Donald Lawhead of Mesa, Ariz.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Contributions may be made to Drake Law School or the Iowa Cancer Society.

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Loretta A. Erickson, 74, of Sunnyvale, Calif., died of a heart ailment there Friday. Services and entombment will be graveside at 1 p.m. Thursday at Resthaven Cemetery Mausoleum.

Mrs. Erickson lived in Des Moines all her life before moving to California in May. She was a retired administrative assistant with United Way and Iowa Lutheran Hospital and had been a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and PEO.

A daughter, Catherine Erickson of Sunnyvale, survives.

The family will visit with friends from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Westover Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Aris Project in Campbell, Calif.

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Thanksgiving services set in D.M. area

Several Des Moines-area congregations are offering special Thanksgiving worship services next week. Included are:

- The traditional Thanksgiving Day Pilgrim Service at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., will be at 10 a.m. Thursday.

A town crier will introduce Gov. Terry Branstad, who will deliver his Thanksgiving Proclamation. The service will include 120 Plymouth members dressed in Pilgrim garb, and Native Americans represented by the Boy Scouts Mitigwa Dancers. Other features will include a drummer welcoming worshipers, divided seating of men and women, and the timing of the sermon by an hour.

Partnership offers help to homeless

By WILLIAM SIMBRO
REGISTER RELIGION WRITER

The city of Des Moines and a coalition of churches have formed a partnership to finance a homeless shelter downtown at First Baptist Church through the winter months.

Councilman Jack Porter said Friday he has obtained a commitment from other council members to provide \$10,000 toward an estimated \$20,000 needed to staff the shelter through March. He urged private donations to cover the other \$10,000.

City Manager Cy Carney said a \$1,000 gift from Watson Powell Jr., chairman of the board of American Republic Insurance Co., and \$500 from the American Heart Association launched the private giving.

Since late September, First Baptist at 620 Eighth St. has provided a haven in a makeshift shelter when all the city's shelters are filled. In some cases, it is a last-chance haven for people other shelters won't take.

Victoria Van Weelden, director of the operation, said an average of 25 to 30 people, including men, women and children, have stayed at the shelter each night. There were 34

Churches celebrate Lent

Special Lenten activities continue in many churches as Christians prepare for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter.

Ankeny First United Methodist Church, 206 S.W. Walnut St. — Lenten enrichment event Sunday, with music at 7 p.m. and Lovett Weams Jr., president and professor at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo., speaking about "What Does a Leader Look Like and Do?" from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Capitol Hill Christian Church, 3322 E. 25th St. — "Portraits of Jesus in the Gospels" is the title of a Bible study at 6 p.m. each Sunday through Palm Sunday.

Collegiate Presbyterian Church, Ames — Mid-Week Organ Recitations will be each Wednesday during Lent at 12:10 p.m., with one-half hour of music. Lynn Zeighler, Iowa State University organist, is the next scheduled performer.

Palestine Lutheran Church, Highway 210 south of Huxley — "Faith in Daily Life" is the topic of a series of 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Lenten services. Lee Kline of WHO-AM radio will be the speaker Wednesday. Speakers the following weeks will be Gov. Terry Branstad; Jill Farmer, reporter for KCCI-TV; and Merle Boos, director of rural ministries for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Guest choirs are featured. Congregations of Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cambridge and Bethany Lutheran Church

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Iowa View/JAMES O. GILLIOM



What D.M. minister would tell Cal Thomas

I would warn

Thomas that he would be confronted by a God who tries to break more truth through ignorance and prejudice.

If columnist Cal Thomas inquired about joining a church of which I was minister, I would advise him that it would be an unhappy decision for him. For he would meet a different God. He would meet a God who has often been misunderstood and misrepresented because of biblical literalism.

Slavery was condoned and even blessed for years by Christians who quoted Ephesians 6:5, "Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling." Women were relegated to inferior positions with the justification of I Corinthians 14:34, "Women should be silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be subordinate."

I would remind Thomas of how so-called Christian teachings created the hatred of Jews that made possible the unspeakable evil of the Holocaust during the Hitler era. Centuries of traditional teachings about Jews as Christ-killers helped shape the public environment in which derogatory stereotypes and hateful epithets were acceptable. Jews were considered, with religious acquiescence in one of the

nominally most Christian nations of the world, to be subhuman. The majority of German people either participated in the demonic atrocities or looked the other way.

I would warn Thomas that he would be confronted by a God of continuing revelation, whose last word has not been spoken and who continually tries to break more truth through human ignorance and prejudice.

Pastor John Robinson said to the Pilgrims when they sailed for America seeking religious freedom in both personal beliefs and church dogma, "The Lord has more truth and light yet to break forth."

The great Protestant reformer Martin Luther, when charged with heresy, replied, "Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason (emphasis added) — I do not accept the authority of popes and councils."

American poet James Russell Lowell expressed the religious conviction of many Christians who came to be abolitionists prior to the Civil War:

New occasions teach new duties,

*Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward,
Who would keep abreast of truth.*

I would advise Thomas of my belief in a God who speaks through human intelligence and experience. It was 20 years ago that the American Psychiatric Association reversed its "intelligence" voting:

"Whereas homosexuality per se implies no impairment in judgment, stability, reliability or general social or vocational capabilities, therefore, be it resolved that the American Psychiatric Association deplores all public and private discrimination against homosexuals."

I would share with him my experience of knowing many homosexuals who have been exemplary Christians and church members, bearing quietly and unjustly the burden of erroneous stereotyping.

For instance, one is that the public acceptance of the reality of homosexuality will increase incidents of child molestation. The evidence belies the

prejudice. Homosexuals are no more likely to molest children than are heterosexuals. Would Thomas stereotype all heterosexuals because of the Tailhook scandal of the American Navy or the rapes by Serbian soldiers?

I would, if Thomas were still listening, list the hundreds of history's most creative artists who were known to be homosexual, and the even larger number known in our day of increasing openness who are in all sectors of our public life performing their duties as all others.

Thomas asked in his April 28 column, "After gay rights, what will be next?" I would answer that what will be next will simply be the experience of justice for another minority in our society that has been cruelly suppressed and discriminated against, particularly by some of those who wrongly claim all truth in the name of God.

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