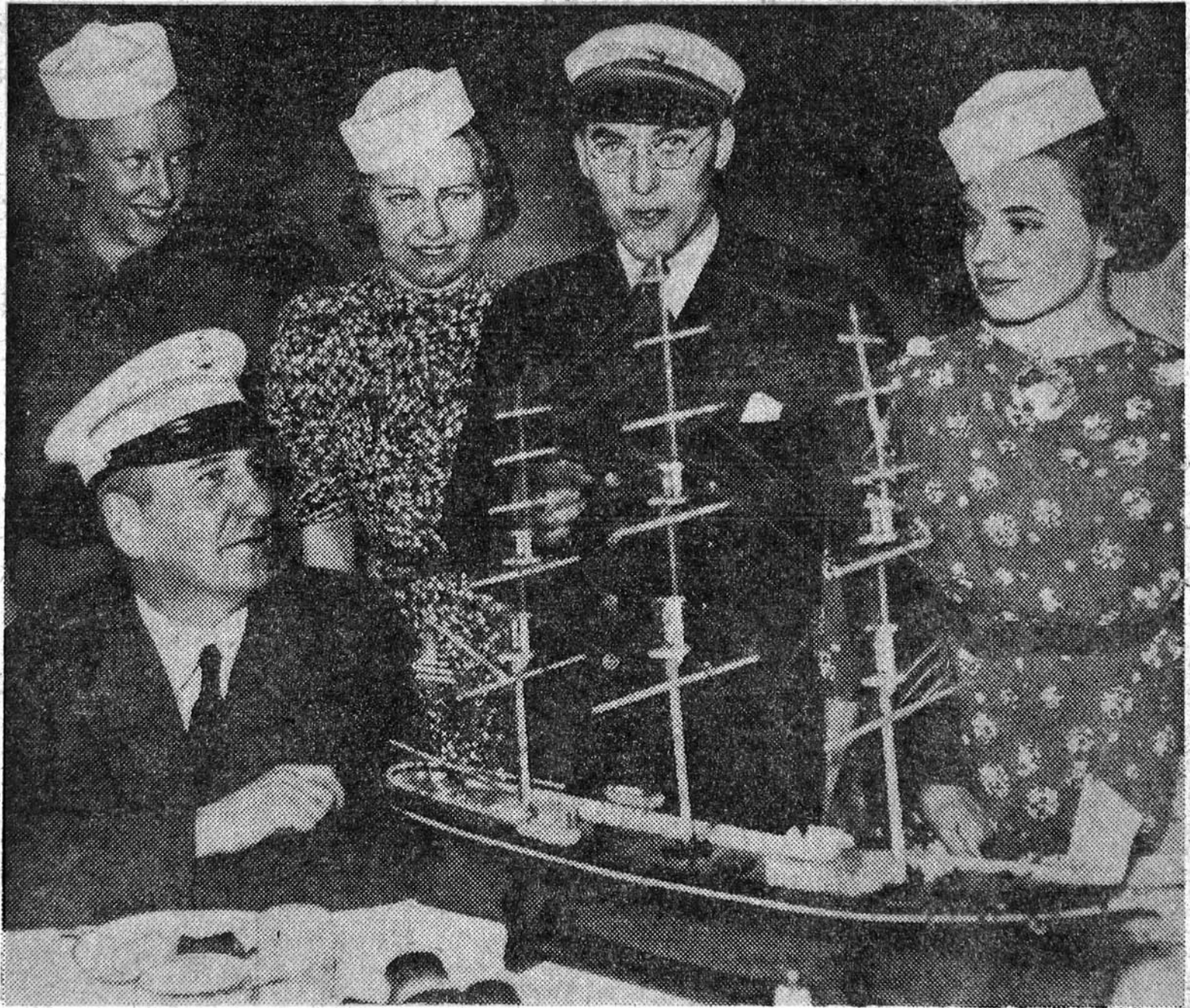


*Rev F Rochester, Churches, Pastor* **Times Union MAR 13 1937**  
**Program Carried Out on Good Ship Salem**



**Seated, the Rev. Raymon Kistler, D. D.; standing, left to right, Doris Schroeder, Lois Heininger, Elmer Neuschler, Harriet Eggiman.**

Salem youth served a nautical banquet Thursday night. A full rigged ship was manned by a corps of officers. The Rev. Raymon Kistler, D. D., pastor of Central Church, was admiral, Elmer Neuschler captain, and the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder chaplain. Greetings were extended by William H. Brown. Doctor Kistler was speaker. His topic was, "Jacob's Ladder." There were musical and other features.

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## Salem to Observe 64th Anniversary

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church tomorrow morning will observe the 64th anniversary of its dedication. Special service will include recognition of the founders of the church.

Twenty-five members will be received into the fellowship of the Salem Half-Century Club, comprised of members who have been for 50 or more years continuously members of the church. The pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, will preach on "Faith of Our Fathers." *RVF Churches, Prot. S.E.C.*

*RVF History - Churches*

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A group of 25 members will be received into the fellowship of the Salem Half Century Club which is composed of all members who have a record of 50 or more years of continuous membership. The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder will preach on "Faith of Our Fathers."

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*R.V.F. Church - Churches*  
**Founders' Day  
 Marks  
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 Anniversary**

Founder's Day will be observed at Salem Church tomorrow morning to commemorate the 64th anniversary of the founding of the church by Pastor Siebenfeiffer.

The names of the charter members will be read at this service and the formation of the Salem Half Century Club will be announced. This is an honorary association of all members who have been united with Salem Church 50 or more consecutive years.

A certificate of recognition will be presented by the Rev. P. M. Schroeder, assisted by Elders William H. Brown and Henry Albrecht, to 230 members who have attained the half-century mark in their membership records.

*R.V.F. Church - Churches*  
**Salem to Recognize  
 50-Year Members**

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church tomorrow will observe Founders' Day, commemorating the 65th anniversary of the founding of the church. At the service at 10:10 a. m., names of the charter members will be read, and formation of the Salem Half Century Club will be announced.

The club will be an honorary association of members who have been on the rolls of the church for 50 or more years consecutively. A certificate of recognition will be presented by the pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, assisted by Elders William H. Brown and Henry Albrecht, to the 230 members who already have attained the half-century record of membership in Salem. Additional names are to be added each year as members reach the 50th year.

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**Choir Gets  
New Robes** 1938  
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**A**PPEARING for the first time in their new robes, the junior choir of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will provide the musical features of the annual Children's Day service tomorrow at 10:10 a. m. at the church.

Fifty-six boys and girls will march into the church and sing under the direction of Miss Dorothy Drum.

The new robes were made of material furnished by the workers in the junior department of the Church School.

The choir also will assist other departments of the Church School in presentation of a pageant, "Children of the Bible," in which 60 persons will take part.

Another feature of the Children's Day service will be the baptism of 10 infants.

RVF. Farewell for Pastor  
Churches of Christ  
Scheduled by Church

German group of Salem Evangelical Reformed Church will give a farewell party tomorrow evening in honor of Prof. G. H. Dymmel, of the German Baptist Seminary, and Mrs. Dymmel.

Professor Dymmel recently accepted a pastorate in Southern California. Brief talks will be given by William H. Brown, president of the church; Henry Albrecht, arrangements chairman, and the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder. Musical numbers will be given by Prof. Gustave A. Lehman of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, and Herbert Zimmer, accompanied by Miss Ruth Andersen.

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# Mercersburg's Headmaster To Be Salem Guest Speaker

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**Dr. Boyd Edwards to  
 Give Baccalaureate  
 Address Tomorrow**

Guest preacher tomorrow morning at the annual baccalaureate service in Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will be Dr. Boyd Edwards, headmaster of Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pa. The service is in honor of 33 high school and college graduates of Salem Church.

Doctor Edwards, who is a lineal descendant of the famous Dr. Jonathan Edwards, one of the presidents of Princeton before the Revolutionary War, has been headmaster of Mercersburg Academy since 1931. Previously for six years he had been headmaster of Hill School. He is regarded as one of the outstanding leaders of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Alumni of Mercersburg in the Rochester area have been invited to attend the service.

President William H. Brown of Salem congregation will present the graduates.



**DR. BOYD EDWARDS**

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Salem Dedicates  
Dunkirk House S.E.R.C.  
Tomorrow  
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It is expected a large delegation of members of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will leave tomorrow for the Evangelical Conference Grounds on Lake Erie, near Dunkirk. They will attend the services dedicating the new cottage, recently erected as a gift of the organizations and members of Salem Church, in memory of a former pastor, the Rev. Frederick Frankenfeld, D. D.

Services of dedication will be led by the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor of Salem Church. William H. Brown, president of the congregation, will offer the dedicatory prayer. Julius J. Anderson, chairman of the committee in charge of erection of the new cottage, will preside.

Other participants in the ceremonies will be the Rev. H. E. Pheiffer of Sandusky, Ohio, chairman of the Dunkirk board of directors; the Rev. Theo Mayer of North Tonawanda, former director of Family Week program; the Rev. Oscar Nussmann, assistant pastor of Salem Church, and J. Harrison Herbst, song leader of Salem Bible Class.

Cost of the cottage is expected to be approximately \$1,800. It will be used for the faculty members at the summer conferences. Gift of the cottage to the Dunkirk grounds has been made by Salem Church in token of grateful recognition of the 24 years of Doctor Frankenfeld's ministry at Salem Church.

R.V.F. Churches - Prot.  
Area Conference  
To Bring Many  
Delegates

Evangelical and Reformed churches of the area between the Genesee Valley and Rome, extending as far south as Elmira, will be represented at the Rochester Regional Conference in St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church next Wednesday and Thursday.

Theme of the conference will be "The Christian's Responsibility." A series of three addresses will be given by the Rev. Fred H. Wilkins of Pittsburgh, formerly associate executive secretary of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Monroe County. First of the addresses, "The Christian's Responsibility Toward Himself," will be given Wednesday at 10:25 a. m., and the second, "The Christian's Responsibility Toward Society," at 1:45 p. m. Thursday at 9:30 a. m. he will speak on "The Christian's Responsibility Toward His Church."

"Christian Responsibility in a World of Confusion" will be the subject of a sermon by the Rev. Andrew Rauth of Dansville at a worship service open to the public Wednesday at 7:45. The Rev. Mr. Rauth, who was formerly pastor of Gates Presbyterian Church, was a delegate to the Presbyterian Church to the Conference on Life and Work recently at Oxford, England, and will base his sermon on the findings and discussions of that conference.

The Rev. Carl Haass of Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church is president of the Regional Conference and will preside at the business sessions. He is also president of the New York District of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and is scheduled to deliver and address Thursday at 1:45 p. m.

The Rev. Braynard E. Kurkowski of Dewey Avenue Evangelical and Reformed Church, is chairman of the conference committee, and is assisted by the Rev. Paul Schroeder of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Rev. Rudolf Locher of Hornell.

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# CLERICS HEAR OMINOUS NOTE AT PARLEY END

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## Churches' Alliance Elects Pastor Of Ontario

Burdened by the woes of brethren in the other half of the world, 200 delegates to the Western section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches yesterday concluded two-day sessions on a solemn note when the Rev. William Barclay, Hamilton, Ont., their new president, charged them to be prepared "for what we may face when we meet again."

The body chose as other officers: Vicepresident, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor of Salem Evangelical Church, the Rochester meeting place; secretary, the Rev. Thomas E. Pollock, Philadelphia, and treasurer, the Rev. Robert C. Liggett, Valley Forge, Pa. The new president is pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Canada at Hamilton.

The convention recommended that the executive committee consider invitations of Baltimore and Washington in designating a place for next year's meeting.

### Offer Moral Support

Encouragement and prayer for members of the Eastern section were forwarded in a resolution to be sent to General Secretary W. H. Hamilton, Edinburgh. Expression of "great loss and sorrow and deep appreciation of his sterling Christian character" was contained in a resolution adopted on the death of Lord Tweedsmuir, governor general of Canada, and introduced by the Rev. George H. Donald, Montreal, who participated in last rites for Lord Tweedsmuir.

Concern of the Alliance for conditions abroad was crystallized in the report of President George W. Richards of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in Lancaster, Pa., on the relief of churches in Europe.

"Your committee presents this report with heavy heart and a hesitant voice," said the theologian, who expressed the belief that "without exaggeration we can affirm that mankind is confronted with a crisis such as men have never faced since time began."

"This crisis extends to the ends of the earth," he added. "It is just possible that the fate of India, China, Japan and America may be decided on the borders of the Rhine. It is my firm conviction that the Cross will win over the sword but it may be a costly victory such as He had on the Cross."

### Doctrines Discussed

Major part of the conference was discussion on the doctrines of the Reformed churches as they relate to the present world conditions and with particular reference to the relationship between church and state.

Prof. H. Richard Niebuhr, Christian Ethics teacher in Yale Divinity School, described the Reformers' idea of a church in today's world as one which "proclaims the reason and morality of God and not the rational or irrational devices of men for securing pie in the sky or cake on earth."

"I don't see how we can perfect our gospels without reaching into conditions under which men live—the world situation and the economic order," declared the Rev. Frank H. Caldwell of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

# SALEM CHURCH OBSERVES 67TH ANNIVERSARY

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## 24 Welcomed into Honorary Group

Salem Church commemorated the 67th anniversary of its dedication yesterday by welcoming 24 into membership of its Half Century Club. Its Founders' Week program also was begun.

The club is an honorary association of all members who have completed 50 or more consecutive years of Christian service in this Evangelical and Reformed church in Franklin Street near St. Paul.

Rededication of the baptismal font and the unveiling of additional names on the perpetual membership tablet also was included in the service. The pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D., discussed "Looking Unto Jesus."

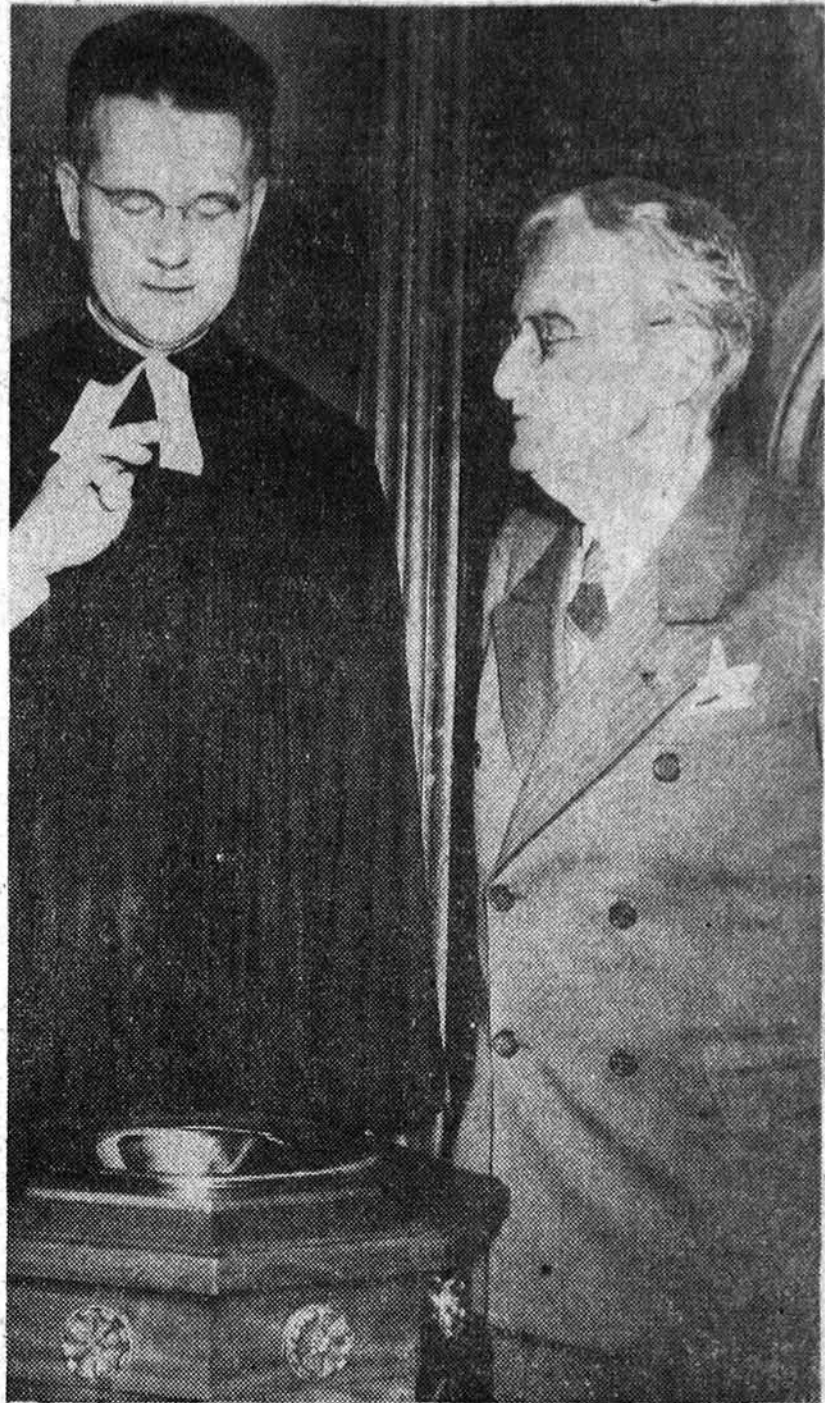
Picturing the church as "not merely an institution, but part of a great Christian movement," he counseled the congregation to look forward with Christ toward the building of a better world "in spite of present conditions."

The church must depend upon God for daily guidance, the pastor said, "for He is able to change the present chaos into an era of greater justice and brotherhood for all. He is the source of our ultimate happiness."

In reviewing Salem history, the Rev. Mr. Schroeder pointed out that this church's members have contributed more than \$500,000 to missionary work in its 67 years.

Second phase of Founders' Week will be a church dinner Thursday evening in honor of the Half Century Club's 300 members. The main address will be given by William McFarlane, newly-elected president of the Rochester Federation of Churches.

## *At Church Founders' Day Rite*



At Founders' Day services commemorating Salem Church's 67th anniversary, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, the pastor, is shown rededicating the baptismal font. At right, is one of the oldest members of the church, August G. Reinhardt.

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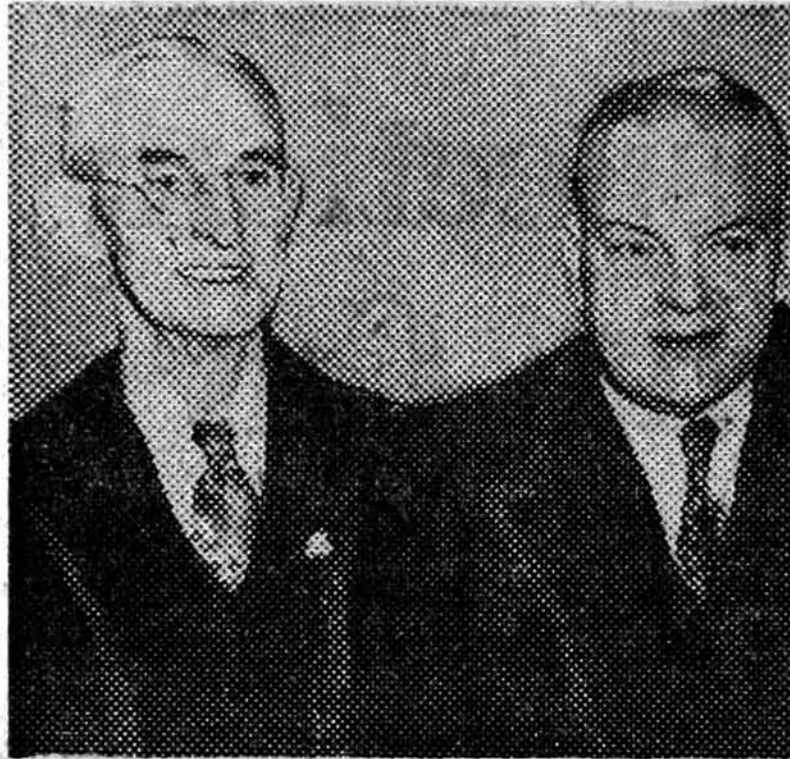
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## *Church Anniversary*



The congregation of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church last night observed its 70th anniversary with a dinner preceding the annual business meeting. For 61 years of the church's 70, John Lichtwort, 84, of 262 Avenue A (left) has been a regular attendant at services. He is shown with William H. Zimmer, congregational president. The minister is the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder.

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## New Church Mergers

Rochester churches of the Evangelical and Reformed denomination have sent a delegation to a meeting of the Western New York Synod in Buffalo.

Principal significance of the sessions is the probable approval of union with the Congregational and Christian denomination. Sentiment in churches of both denominations is said to favor the plan, which will require a few years of preparatory discussion and the drafting of a Basis of Union.

Congregational churches and Christian churches effected a union in 1931, and the Evangelical and Reformed denominations came together in organic union in 1937. The Congregational-Christian denomination has a membership of approximately 1,000,000, and the Evangelical and Reformed, 750,000. The proposed new united church therefore would number about 1,750,000 members.

Further church mergers are under discussion, some of them, such as the Protestant Episcopal and Presbyterian plan, being designed as a fraternal interchange between separate organizations. The Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational-Christian union may be of somewhat that character, instead of a complete merger, as in the united Methodist Church.

Under whatever plan the churches unite, the movement is progressive in spirit and is being evolved by the democratic process.

## Church Merger Studied

*Times Union MAY 25 1943*  
A proposal to merge the Evangelical and Reformed Church with the Congregational Christian Church was to be considered today by delegates to the West New York Synod.

Six Rochester Evangelical and Reformed churches, Christ, Dewey Avenue, Emanuel, St. Paul, Salem and Trinity, were slated to be represented at the meeting today in St. Peter's Evangelical and Re-

formed Church in Buffalo.

A joint committee will then consider the criticisms and suggestions offered by the Synod and issue a further draft of the proposed agreement, according to the announced plan. It is expected that the national bodies of the two churches will vote on the proposal in June, 1944. It has been suggested that the united church be called "United Church of America."

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## Evangelical Aide Expects Action In 4 Years

Merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church with the Congregational Christian Church will be consummated within the next four years.

This was predicted by the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder D.D., pastor of Salem Evangelical Church in speaking before the combined Bible classes of the church yesterday on "The Background of the Union." Dr. Schroeder based his forecast on the favorable response which members of both groups are making to the proposal in all sections of the country.

### 12 Churches Listed Here

The merger, if successful, would bring together in one organization about 9,000 congregations with a total membership of nearly 2,000,000, Dr. Schroeder pointed out. Under the plan, about 12 churches in the Rochester area with 8,000 members would be merged.

The proposed name for the merged church is "The United Church in America." It is thought that several smaller groups, notably the Moravian Brethren and the Evangelical Covenant Church, also will join the merger during the negotiations.

### Draft Plan of Union

"The plan of union is being drafted and will be submitted to each denomination for adoption by its national assembly and for approval by all synods and state associations," Dr. Schroeder said. "A nationwide educational campaign is being projected for the coming year to acquaint the membership with details of the proposal."

Dr. Schroeder stressed the significance of the negotiations as the expression of a general desire among the members of all Protestant churches to move in the direction of organic unity. The Salem Church pastor is a member of the joint committee of 15 directing the merger. Next Sunday Dr. Schroeder will continue his discussion with "The Plan of Union."

## Salem to Observe 70th Anniversary

Salem Church Schol today at 9:30 a. m. will conduct its 70th Anniversary Rally Day, with a united session of all 12 departments and adult classes.

"Then and Now," an anniversary feature, will be presented in costume. Jack Ernisse, George Herschell, Arlene Bruns, Mildred Tausch, Mrs. J. W. Stein, Mrs. J. Vogel, A. Graf and G. Strutz. One hundred forty will be given to graduates of the children's departments. Bibles will be presented to those promoted to the Junior Department, and 19 teachers who have served the Church School 25 years or more will receive special recognition.

In the worship and consecration service at 10:30, approximately 150 teachers and executive officers of Church School classes will be installed.

## Banquet to Mark Salem's Birthday

Seventieth anniversary of the congregation of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will be observed Monday evening at the church for the entire membership.

Following the dinner the annual business meeting will be conducted, with reports from 14 organizations and auxiliaries, in addition to that of the Church Council. Two elders, three trustees and seven deacons will be elected and a new constitution presented for adoption.

Those whose terms expire at the meeting are: Elders, Jacob J. Vogel and Walter W. Graeper; trustees, Fred Baetzel, Charles Spies and William Zimmer; deacons, Norman Ackroyd, William Cox, Oscar Meyer, John Amecke, Norman Selke and Roy Dement. William Zimmer is president of the congregation.

## Salem Observes 70th Anniversary

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will commemorate the 70th anniversary of its founding at communion rites tomorrow morning and at special services during the remaining Sundays of the month.

Special guest speakers during the anniversary month will be: Oct. 10th, Dr. John Peck, president of the West New York Synod; Oct. 17th, Anna Bechtold, Salem missionary in San Pedro, Honduras; Oct. 24th, Dr. Harold Nicely, president of the Federation of Churches; Oct. 31st, Dr. George W. Richards, vicepresident of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

## Salem Church School Marks 70th Year

Another anniversary was marked yesterday morning when the Salem Church School conducted its 70th Anniversary Rally Day.

The 12 departments and adult classes held a united session, which included awards and promotions. A play, "Then and Now," was given and 150 teachers and church school officers were installed.

# Churches Recall Long Years Of Service to Communities

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, which tomorrow marks the 70th anniversary of its founding, will have as anniversary speaker Dr. John M. Peck of Buffalo, president of the West New York Synod of the church.

One of the features of the service will be a gift to the endowment fund of the church by the Kaelber Class, in memory of departed members. President Benjamin Stallman of the church will receive the gift. The history of the congregation will be reviewed.

Webster Baptist Church tomorrow will hear the first of a series of sermons by the minister, the Rev. Bernard C. Schehl, in preparation for the celebration of the 113th anniversary of the church, Nov. 14.

East Henrietta Baptist Church, which this year observes the completion of 100 years of religious life in the community, is planning a special service for Oct. 17. The present church edifice replaces the structure erected in 1842 and burned down approximately 25 years later. The speaker will be the Rev. James D. Morrison of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. General chairman is Dr. Floyd S. Winslow.

Winton Congregational Church tomorrow will begin a celebration of its 15th anniversary with special music, reception of new members and an anniversary sermon by the minister, the Rev. E. Belden Hart, D. D., at 10:30 a. m. The 15th anniversary banquet will be served Tuesday night in the church dining hall. Two former

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ministers, the Rev. Roland M. Wendell now of Salamanca, and the Rev. Gerald E. Boyce, of Point Pleasant, will speak.

## Clerics Study Church Union

Ministers of Rochester churches of the Congregational Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed churches met this morning in Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church to discuss the union of the denominations. **Times Union DEC 4 1944**

A merger is being considered by the central conferences of both churches, which have asked local groups to discuss the principles of the proposed merger together. At today's meeting, the pastors discussed the fundamental questions on the subject of union which are being put into primer form to be distributed to laymen. Possible names for the new church were also discussed, with "United Church of Christ" receiving most support.

A guest was the Rev. James Moore, assistant secretary of the New York State Congregational Christian Church. The Rev. Elmer Hoefer is chairman of the Evangelical and Reformed group, and the Rev. Lloyd R. Stamp is president of the Ontarios, the Congregational Christian group.

## Tract of Land To Be Given

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Members of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will conduct the annual congregational meeting at the church Monday night. Outstanding feature is expected to be the presentation to the church of 10 acres of land on Scottsville Rd. by Mrs. Kate Martin of 292 Scio St., a member of the church. The gift is to be in memory of Mrs. Martin's parents.

President Benjamin Stallman of the congregation will accept the gift for the church. The land is expected to be developed for recreational purposes.

Two elders, three trustees and seven deacons are to be elected. A fellowship dinner will be served preceding the meeting. New members of 1944 and discharged service men and women of the church will be guests. The dinner will be served by Mrs. Otto Schlegel and members of the Salem Women's Guild.

## Salem Church Opens \$50,000 Campaign

**Times Union MAR 17 1945**  
Campaign to raise \$50,000 to wipe out the church debt and provide funds for postwar renovation of the church property will be opened at a special service at Salem Church tomorrow.

An organization of 200 workers will call on all members during the week who fail to bring the pledge to church tomorrow. A final report will be made to the congregation Sunday, Mar. 25.

Benjamin Stallman is chairman of the campaign assisted by Jacob Vogel, the president of the congregation. The 21 deacons of the church council have been enlisted as captains of the teams that will carry on the follow-up visitation. Dr. Schroeder will dedicate the pledges following a sermon on "Our Spiritual Mother."

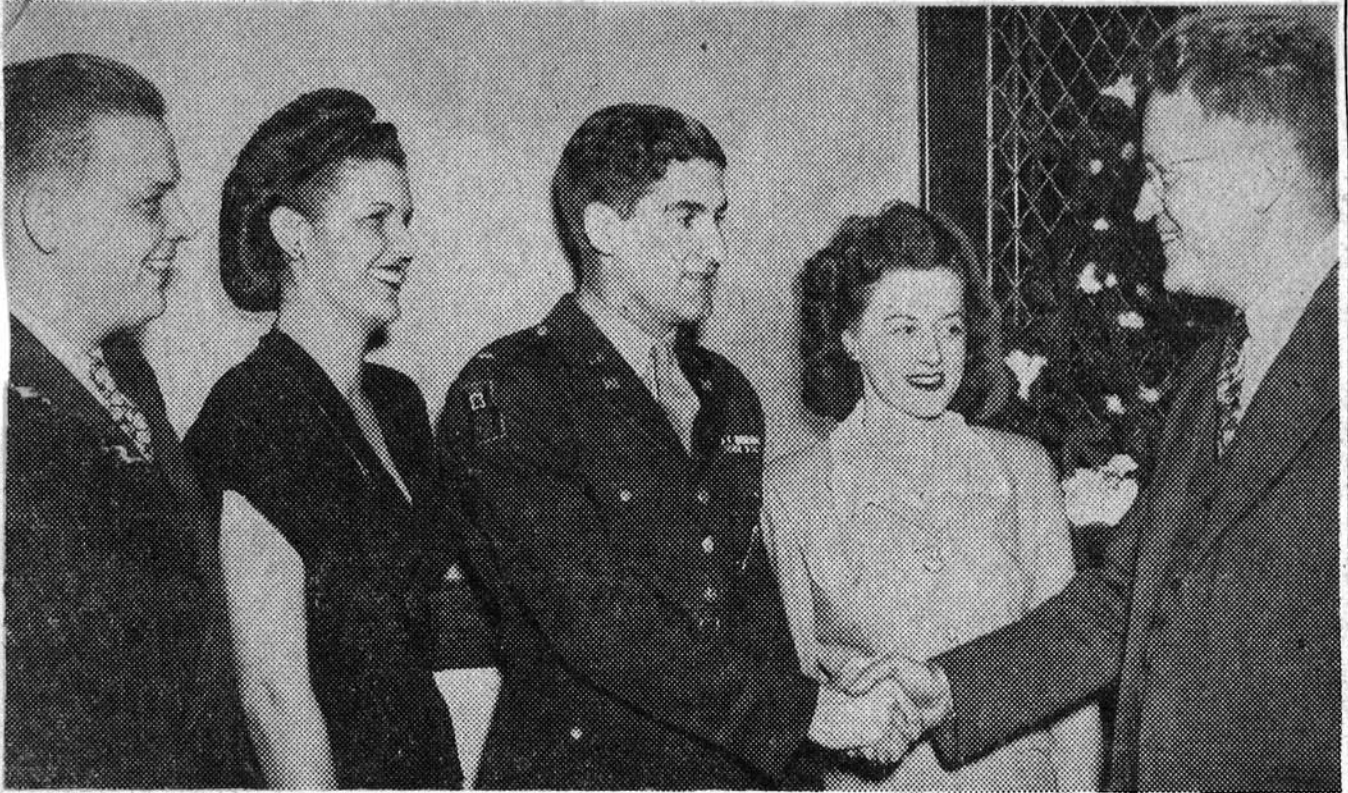
A class of 43 boys and girls will be presented to the Salem congregation in a special service of examination tomorrow evening in preparation for the act of confirmation on Palm Sunday.

## Salem to Observe 71st Anniversary

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Founders Day will be observed at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow in Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church in commemoration of the 71st anniversary of the dedication of the church.

Certificates of membership will be presented to 25 persons to be enrolled in the Salem Half Century Club, an honorary association of all Salem members who have completed 50 years or more as members of the church.

## Another 'Welcome Home' Line Forms



*The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder (right), pastor of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, greets two GIs and their wives at a welcome home party at the church last night. H. J. Miller (left) of*

*156 Dove St. is shown with Mrs. Miller, whom he met and married in Oklahoma City while serving in the Medical Corps. Lt. Carl Neuscheler, who served 23 months in Europe, is shown with Mrs. Neuscheler, formerly of Oriskany.*

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## Merger Plan Advances

Members of Congregational-Christian Churches and of the Evangelical and Reformed churches of this area will sit down together Thursday night at a dinner in United Congregational Church, Titus Avenue. The object of the dinner is fraternization, in preparation for the plan to merge the two denominations at scheduled meetings to take place next summer.

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Among the several plans for unification of church bodies discussed in recent years in America, that advocated by leaders of the Congregational-Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed denomination appears at present to be most promising. Each of the two denominations is the product of previous merger movements. The proposed new advance toward larger affiliation therefore does not meet with the opposition which might be expected from a movement totally new to the membership.

Leaders of the merger plan are men of ability and vision. The results of their years of preparatory activity are only now assuming the form of decisive action, so that not until this time have the possible benefits of their labors become apparent to the general public. If the proposed merger is approved by the separate church bodies in the summer, a new religious denomination of great strength will result.

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## 9 Churches Affected by Merger Plan

Nine Rochester churches and a number of others in this area would be affected by the proposed merger of Evangelical and Reformed churches with those of the Congregational Christian denomination, Dr. Paul M. Schroeder, minister of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, revealed today.

Dr. Schroeder is a member of a commission representing the Evangelical and Reformed Church which met last week in Columbus, Ohio, with a commission representing the Congregational Christian churches to discuss merger problems.

### Action Next Month

A final draft of plans will be adopted by the two commissions at a meeting in Columbus next month. It will then be sent to churches of both denominations for approval during the next year.

Dr. Schroeder said he expected the merger to be consummated in 1948. A name for the combined church has not yet been agreed upon, he said.

Merging of the two denominations will probably lead to union of many small churches, forming larger ones, he declared. The combined national membership will be about two million, which will be exceeded by only three or four other Protestant denominations, Dr. Schroeder pointed out.

### Optimistic Over Merger

He said he was "extremely optimistic" over the progress of the proposed merger, and added that he considered it an indication of a welcome trend in the Protestant church.

The Rochester churches which will be affected are Christ, Dewey Avenue, Emanuel, St. Paul, Salem and Trinity, Evangelical and Reformed churches, and South, United and Winton Congregational churches.

### Congregationalists Meet

The 55th annual meeting of the Western New York Association of Congregational Christian Women will be held tomorrow and Friday at First Congregational Church in Fairport.

## 18 Join Church's Fifty Year Club

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, at its 10:30 a. m. service tomorrow, will have a special program of worship in honor of its founders. At that time, 18 new members, 14 women and four men, will be taken into the half century club, all of them having been communicants of the church for fifty years. Five names will be added to the perpetual membership roll and plaque, Louisa Antes, Orlo J. Weeks, Caroline S. Brodbeck, Carrie Burbott Goodwin, and Herman Arnold.

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D., will preach, and the choir will sing special music.

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## Salem Society Arranges World Friendship Party

First World Friendship party sponsored by the Salem Missionary Society, will be held Thursday in the large auditorium of the parish house.

Flags and pictures of various nations will be used to decorate the room and a program featuring national and racial groups has been arranged by the arrangements committee, head by Mrs. Paul M. Schroeder.

Included will be vocal selections by Mrs. Raymond Kall, Miss Marguerite Wedow, Samuel Maggio, and the Kaelber Class Quartet. Instrumental numbers will be offered by Mark Fax, Marshall Seeman, M. A. Vastola.

Marco Kavlin, a native of Bolivia, will give an illustrated talk on "Our Latin American Neighbors."

Twenty women in costumes representing various nations will serve as waitresses during the social hour.

Assisting Mrs. Schroeder will be these committees: Home cooked food, Mrs. Frank Dannenberg, Mrs. Freckleton, Mrs. J. C. Dean, Mrs. Frank Gabbey, Mrs. August Tschiderer, Mrs. August Dietzau, Mrs. Carrie Lutt; miscellaneous booth, Mrs. C. W. Puckridge, Mrs. Carl Fuerst, Mrs. Herman Stoick; decorations, Mrs. John Frank, Mrs. William Schaefer, Mrs. Arthur Schroeder, Miss Louise Zabel, Mrs. A. L. Opperman, Mrs. C. W. Brown, Mrs. J. H. Auer, Mrs. Frank Welker, Mrs. Arthur Ross; refreshments and waitress committee, Mrs. Herman Orselet, Mrs. Julia Gagnier, Mrs. Libby Greeley and Mrs. John Badum and Mrs. William Stell; hostesses and table committee, Mrs. Charles Heberle, Mrs. F. B. Wren and Mrs. Charles Van Norman; tickets, Mrs. Louis Schaap and Miss Elizabeth Fogel; and program chairman, Mrs. J. W. Stein.

### Brighton Dinner

The annual mother and daughters dinner of Brighton Presbyterian Church will be held Friday at 6:15 p. m. in the church parish house.

Speaker will be Miss Catherine Faber. General chairman is Mrs. E. Wainwright Johnston. Toastmistress will be Mrs. Charles Moseley. The invocation will be given by Mrs. William Wallace. Speaking for the Mothers will be Mrs. Fred Busch, and the response from the daughters will be made by Miss Ann Bardwell.

The following chapters will take part: Dinner, Unity Chapter, Mrs. Irving Briggs, president; program, Blossom Chapter, Mrs. L. Hagberg, president; decorations, Brighton Chapter, Mrs. Kenneth Harber;



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MRS. PAUL M. SCHROEDER

tables, Anniversary Chapter, Mrs. John Shriver.

Members of the Men's Club will act as waiters.

## Salem Honors UNION NOV 8 1947 Comm. Seitz

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will pay tribute at special rites tomorrow at 10:10 a. m. to the memory of Commodore George A. Seitz, military governor of the Marshall Islands, who died recently in the Naval Hospital at Honolulu, Hawaii.

Officiating will be the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D., pastor of Salem Church. His subject: "Our Debt to Almighty God."

Comm. Seitz received the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct" while serving as commander of a fleet air wing and aviation base at Port Lyautey, French Morocco, after it had been occupied by American forces.

## Salem to Honor Commodore

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Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will conduct a memorial service at 10:10 a. m. tomorrow in honor of one of her famous sons, Commodore George A. Seitz, military governor of the Marshall Islands, who died Oct. 24 in the Naval Hospital at Honolulu, after a brief illness. He will be buried in Arlington Cemetery, opposite Washington, D. C., this month.

Commodore Seitz was awarded the Legion of Merit award for service as commander of a fleet air wing and as officer in charge of the aviation base at Port Lyautey, French Morocco, when it had been occupied by the Americans. He also won the bronze medal for meritorious achievement as chief of staff and aide to the commander of the Air Force, Atlantic Fleet, from July, 1943, to December, 1944. In lieu of a second Legion of Merit award, a gold star was conferred on him in recognition of the exploits of the Bunker Hill against the Japanese. The carrier had been in every major carrier campaign and had supported every major landing in the Pacific area.

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## Salem Church Women Plan Bazaar

THE women of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, determined to raise funds for a suitable gift to their church when it observes its 75th anniversary next year, are uniting their resources in one grand effort in this year's Christmas sale and supper, to be held Thursday in the church school auditorium in Franklin Street.

Booths and tables will hold a varied assortment of articles suitable for Christmas gifts, as well as useful articles for the home, handwork, plants and flowers, baby wear, Christmas novelties, aprons, baked and cooked foods, candy, a country store, and of course, a fish pond and White Elephant table, without which no bazaar would be complete.

Mrs. Jacob Vogel is general chairman and is being assisted by a large committee.

In charge of the dinner is Mrs. Albert Flemming, ticket chairman is Miss F. Louise Amish, dining room hostesses are Mrs. John Ameele and Miss June Baetzel, and all the church women are working together for the success of the project. The sale will open at 4:30 p. m. and supper will be served from 5 to 7 p. m.

## Salem Dedicates Memorial Plaque

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church at 10:10 a. m. tomorrow will dedicate a bronze plaque bearing the names of seven members who gave their lives in World War II. They are Charles E. Alter Jr., Jack F. Hellenschmidt, Franklin Hermann, Arthur Loeser, Norman Suhr, Norman G. Wood and Charles W. Zimmerman. Relatives of the seven men and veterans of World War II will be

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## **Salem to Resume Use of Sanctuary**

Sanctuary of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, closed since July 1 for renovation, will be reopened tomorrow morning. The pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., will speak on "A Modern Miracle." The choir, directed by Lawrence Parker, will lead the procession into the church and will be followed by the Church Council, who will assist the pastor in the Communion service.

Under the leadership of Henry Sheve, the congregation will inaugurate a church loyalty crusade.

## **Salem Church To Rededicate Its Sanctuary**

Sanctuary of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, recently renovated and redecored, will be rededicated at the service tomorrow morning. The pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., will officiate and will speak on "Our Spiritual Home." Lawrence Parker will direct the music, and Miss Wilma Jean Hoyle will be guest organist.

Under the direction of Benjamin Stallman, president of the congregation, the \$30,000 program of improvements was completed in preparation for the observance of the 75th anniversary of the church, Oct. 31. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Louis W. Goebel of Chicago, president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

# Salem Observes 75 Years of Service

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church tomorrow will observe its 75th anniversary with special services morning and evening.



**DR. PAUL M. SCHROEDER**

Guest speaker will be Dr. Louis W. Goebel of Chicago, president of the Evangelical and Reformed denomination.

In the morning he will speak on "Laborers Together with God" and at the community service

in the evening, on "The Quest for Truth."

Salem Church, of which the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., is pastor, was organized in 1873 as a branch of Trinity Evangelical Church. It had 79 charter members. In the past 75 years the church has had only four pastors, the Rev. Carl Siebenpfeiffer, 1874-1894; the Rev. S. Helmkamp, 1894-1910; the Rev. Frederick Frankenfild, 1910-1934, and the present pastor, 1934 until the present. The church now has the largest membership in the entire denomination, with 3,400 enrolled. It supports three missionaries in foreign fields and contributes more than \$15,000 annually for missions and benevolences.

Valuation of the church property at present is in excess of \$500,000.

At the evening worship tomorrow, members of the five other Evangelical and Reformed churches in Rochester will join with Salem, and the 28 Congregational churches of this area will be represented by large delegations. In addition to the Salem anniversary, the 431st anniversary of the Protestant Reformation also will be observed. A united chorus directed by Prof. Lawrence Parker will sing.

Greetings will be given to Salem Church by Mayor Samuel B. Dicker; by the Rev. Paul Frankenfild of Buffalo, for the West New York Synod; Dr. Hugh Chamberlain Burr, for the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Vicinity; the Rev. Alfred Schnacke, for the Evangelical and Reformed churches of Rochester, and the Rev. E. Merriman, for the Congregational churches.

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## TIMES UNION OCT 30 1948 Salem Notes

### 75th Year Of Service

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will celebrate its 75th year of service to the community at special rites tomorrow morning and evening.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Louis W. Goebel, Chicago, president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. He will address the congregation tomorrow morning on "Laborers Together with God."

Tomorrow at 8 p. m., members of all Reformed and Congregational churches of the city will unite for a union service at Salem, with Dr. Goebel speaking on "The Quest for Truth."

Salem Church was organized in 1873 as a branch of the Trinity Evangelical Church, Allen St. During the years, the congregation has had only four pastors: The Rev. Carl Siebenpfeiffer, 1874 to 1894; the Rev. S. Helmkamp, 1894 to 1910; the Rev. Frederick Frankenfild, 1910 to 1934; and the present pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D., from 1934 to the present.

During the years, 8,812 persons were baptized, 4,428 married and 6,419 given the last rites.

Salem is the largest of the Evangelical and Reformed denomination here with 3,400 enrolled. It supports three missionaries in foreign fields and contributes more than \$15,000 annually for mission work.

The sanctuary and parish house have been refurnished at a cost of \$30,000, under direction of Benjamin Stallman, president of the congregation.

### 'Singing Violin'



Rochester Youth for Christ rally tonight at 8 at Strong Auditorium, U. of R. Men's Campus, will feature Al Zahlout and his "singing violin." Zahlout, of Winona Lake, Ind., will be featured with the Claus Indian family, full-blooded Tuscarora-Mohawk Indians from the Six-Nation Reservation, Brantford, Ontario, Canada.

# SALEM CHURCH OBSERVES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church last night combined services commemorating its 70th anniversary and Protestant Reformation rites.

The community service, which brought together congregational members of the Evangelical Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Church in anticipation of their merger in 1949, followed a special morning service at the Franklin St. church.

During the morning services, the Rev. Louis W. Goebel, D. D., president of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Chicago, Ill., paid tribute to Salem Church's four pastors since 1873 and inspected a chalice which was donated to the Salem Church at the time of its inception. The church, then a branch of the Trinity Evangelical denomination, was at that time located on Allen St.

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D., pastor of the Salem church since 1934, welcomed Dr. Goebel and received 21 new members into the church fellowship during the special service.

Councilman Norman A. Kreckman, representing Mayor Samuel B. Dicker and the City of Rochester, the Rev. Hugh Chamberlin Burr, general secretary of the Federation of Churches in Rochester, and the Rev. Paul Frankenfeld, of Buffalo, president of the Western New York State Synod, brought readings and greetings to last night's community service.

The Rev. Alfred Schnacke, pastor of St. Paul's Church of Rochester was the representative of the Evangelical Reformed Churches of Rochester and the Rev. Lloyd Stamp, of Irondequoit, represented the Congregational Christian Churches of the Rochester area at last night's service. Greetings were also brought by the Rev. Frederick Frankenfeld, D. D., former pastor of the Salem Church from 1911 to 1934, and present pastor of the Morningside Community Church of Los Angeles.

In connection with the commemoration of the church's three-quarter century anniversary in both services, Doctor Schroeder announced a new \$30,000 project in the church will combine the installation of a central heating system with a complete cleaning and rejuvenation of the church and parish house.

## Church Marks 75 Year Span

Seventy-five years of service to Christian Church in anticipation of their merger in 1949.

the community was marked last night by Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, which also celebrated Reformation Day, the birthday of the Protestant Church.

The community service was attended by congregational members of the Evangelical Reformed Church and the Congregational Church, who was principal speaker.



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**Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, right, and Rev. Louis W. Gobel, guest speaker, inspect the chalice that was used when Salem Church opened 75 years ago. Special services marked the anniversary.**

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## Salem Society 60 Years Old

THE Sister Society of Salem Evangelical Church will observe the 60th anniversary of the organization at a birthday luncheon at 12:30 p. m. Thursday at the church. Members of Salem Missionary Society and Kingdom Mission Circle will be guests.

The speaker, Mrs. Julius C. Hoffman, will tell of the founding and early days of the organization.

The newly-elected president, Mrs. Joseph Dean, will be in charge of a business meeting at 1:30 p. m. and the topic will be presented by Mrs. Herbert Zimmer.

Mrs. L. H. Ehrmann is luncheon chairman, with Mrs. J. H. Herbst as cochairman.

## Salem Church D. & C. MAY 1 1948 To Honor Its Founder

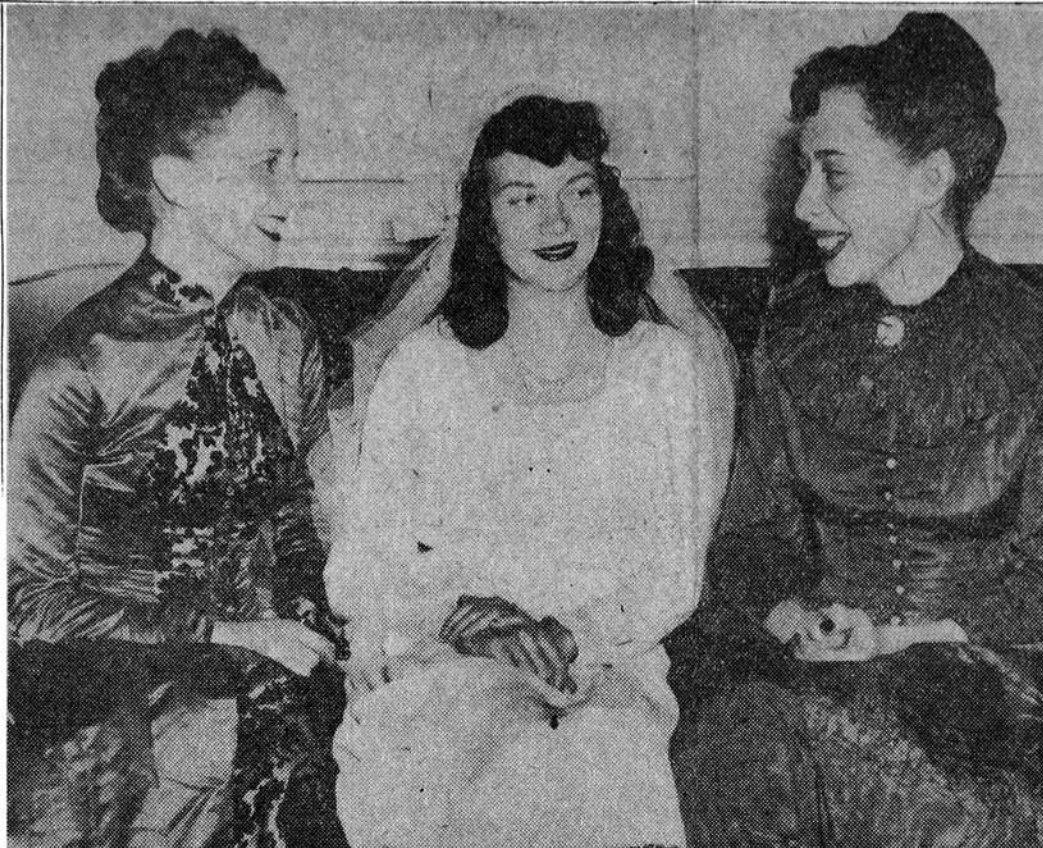
Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., pastor, tomorrow on the 75th anniversary of the laying of the corner stone, will pay tribute to the memory of the church founder and former pastor, the Rev. Carl Siebenpfeiffer.

Members of the congregation will go to Mt. Hope Cemetery in the afternoon and at 3 p. m. a wreath will be laid on the grave of the church founder. The wreath will be presented by William Neuscheler, vicepresident of the congregation, to Mrs. Fred Dubelbeis, granddaughter of the Rev. Mr. Liebenpfeiffer, who will place it on the grave, on behalf of the congregation. Prayer will be offered by Doctor Schroeder.

At the same hour, a wreath will be placed on the grave of the second pastor of Salem Church, the Rev. J. F. William Helmkamp, who is buried in Los Angeles, by the Rev. Frederick Frankenfeld, former pastor of Salem Church and now pastor of Inglewood Evangelical and Reformed Church, California. Inglewood is adjacent to Los Angeles.

At the morning service the names of Charles Suss, former president of Salem congregation, and Commodore George A. Seitz of the United States Navy will be added to the bronze tablet bearing the perpetual membership roll of the church.

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### IT'S JUNE, AND THEY ARE BRIDES

The young women in the picture will portray the contrast between June brides of long ago and those of today when they model in the "Parade of Brides" tomorrow night at Salem Church. Shown in picture, from left to right, are: Miss Grace Nowack, who wears the dress worn by Mrs. C. F. Warrant when

she was a bride in 1885; Miss Jean Ann Schaeffer, who wears the 1918 style wedding attire of her mother, Mrs. William Schaeffer; third wedding dress was that of Mrs. Samuel M. Dubelbeiss, worn in 1882 and modeled by her granddaughter, Miss Jeanne R. Vogel. Gowns will be worn at strawberry social.

### Bridal Gowns To Be Shown At Church

WHEN the Kingdom Mission Circle of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church holds its annual Strawberry Social from 7 to 10 p. m. tomorrow in the church school auditorium, the feature of the evening will be the "Parade of Brides Through the Years."

Wedding gowns that have been worn by brides over a period beginning in the 1880's up to the gowns worn by young women who most recently pledged their vows in Salem Church, are to be shown.

Among the models will be Miss Jean R. Vogel, Miss Grace Nowack, Miss Jean Ann Schaeffer, Miss Leona Haas, Miss Helen Tschiderer, Miss Mary Lohler, Mrs. Walter Schauman, Mrs. Mabel Massman, Mrs. Joseph Strahmayer and Mrs. Elmer Neuschler.

Mrs. Jacob Vogel heads the committee on the bridal pageant and decorations are in charge of Mrs. Ray Heligman.

In connection with the festival, there will be a bazaar, with aprons in charge of Mrs. Albert Flemming; handwork, Mrs. Alice Haidt; candy, Mrs. Dan Youngs; cooked foods, Mrs. Mary Lietzau and Mrs. August Schiderer, and fish pond, Mrs. John Ameele and Miss Dorothy Vosseler.

Miss Shirley Mayor, soprano, will sing, with Miss Elizabeth Kitzing as accompanist.

Miss Marjorie Greenhagen will be in charge of the dining-room, and Miss F. Louise Amish of tickets. Miss Gertrude Kalmbach is publicity chairman.

Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the various projects sponsored by the Circle and the entertainment is open to the public.

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**Salem Church's Diamond Jubilee**

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church yesterday held its Diamond Jubilee Picnic at Ontario Beach Park. Congratulations received included messages from many former pastors, and church members who have entered the ministry. The present pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder

(second from left), is shown with (from left) Mrs. F. J. Dubelbeiss, 87-year-old parishioner who has been a member of the congregation for 66 years; Christian Baetzel, aged 85 and a member for 65 years, and George Wickham, picnic chairman.

**Diamond Jubilee Picnic for Salem**

Diamond Jubilee picnic of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will be conducted Wednesday, July 14, at Ontario Beach Park. Messages of felicitation are expected on the 75th anniversary of the congregation from former ministers and from former members who have entered the ministry.

Included in the program will be a children's parade, games and races and a vesper service conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D. A ball game between Salem and Emanuel teams will be a feature. Residents of St. John's Home will be guests. Members of the Ladies Bible Class will be hostesses for the complimentary supper. George Wickham is general chairman of the picnic.

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## Salem to Raise \$56,530 for Budget

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., pastor, will have its annual ingathering of pledges for the support of the 1949 budget at the 10:30 a. m. service tomorrow. It will be the Annual Kingdom Roll Call Service.

Recently approved by the congregation, the budget calls for a total of \$56,530, including approximately \$13,000 for missions and benevolences.

General chairman and cochairman are Henry Sheve and Jacob Vogel. A follow up organization of more than 100 workers is being formed to visit the homes of members in connection with the pledge campaign.

Topic of the sermon tomorrow will be "Dead or Alive."

Loyalty Attendance Campaign will be concluded Nov. 21.

# CHURCH ASKS VETS TO RITES THIS EVENING

Members of the American armed forces who participated in the occupation of Germany will be guests



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at 8 p. m. today at a congregational gathering in the parish hall of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church and will occupy seats on the platform. Speaker will be Henry Kehrer, official interpreter with the 36th American Division, instrumental in the capture of top Nazi leaders and now attached to the CID, charged with the responsibility of investigating crimes against the United States. He will speak on his experiences and give his impression of present conditions in Germany. A discussion period will follow. President Walter Graeper of the congregation will preside. The board of deaconesses will serve refreshments. An offering will be taken for European relief.

Four hundredth anniversary of the adoption of the Book of Common Prayer by the Church of England in the reign of Edward VI is being observed with a series of meetings at 8 p. m. this week in Christ Episcopal Church, under sponsorship of the Episcopal laymen of Monroe County. The speaker will be the Rt. Rev. Harold E. Sawyer, D. D., bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Erie, Pa. The meetings will continue through Friday night.

## Mission Head to Speak

Central Church midweek speaker at 7:45 p. m. today will be the Rev. Thomas B. Richards, superintendent of the People's Rescue Mission, who will discuss "The Underprivileged." Nancy Taylor Mason will sing a soprano solo. The service is sponsored by Central Missionary Guild.

Corn Hill Methodist Church will open its demonstration of sound films at 6:30 p. m. today with a tureen supper. At 7:30, sound films will be shown through the new system which the church intends to install for audiovisual education purposes. Walter Durbin, general superintendent of the Church School, is in charge of the project. The Rev. Leonard P. Ives is minister.

Prayer service and Bible study will be conducted at 7:45 p. m. today in the Church House of West Avenue Methodist Church by the minister, the Rev. George W. Cooke, D. D. He will discuss "The Great Teacher," as portrayed in the Fifth Chapter of St. John's Gospel. Youth Bible Class, the Ambassadors League, will meet at 7 p. m. tomorrow for Fireside Bible Study, conducted by Jack McInnes.

Services will be conducted at 7:30 p. m. today in the pews of Asbury-First Methodist Church by the minister, the Rev. Weldon F. Crossland, D. D., who will speak on "Not My Will But Thine Be Done."

Introduction to the Gospel of John will be studied at 8 p. m. today at Westminster Presbyterian Church, in preparation for the Lenten series of midweek studies of that Gospel.

## Bible Hour Series

Bible Hour will be conducted at 8 p. m. today in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, the Rev. Herbert E. Plehn, pastor. The topic will be "Heroes of the Faith," concluding study in the Epistle to the Hebrews, led by the pastor.

Testimony meetings will be conducted at 8 p. m. today in First, Second and Third Churches of Christ, Scientist, and at 8:15 in Fourth Church.

Under sponsorship of First Church of Christ, Scientist, a free lecture will be given in that church at 8:15 p. m. tomorrow by Ralph Castle, C. S., of San Francisco, a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston. His topic will be "Proving the Truth of Christian Science in Human Affairs."

At Plymouth Spiritualist Church, a message service will be conducted at 8 p. m. today by Jennie Langer and visitors. A Easter Club party will be conducted in the church at 8 p. m. Friday.

Open Door Spiritualist Church will sponsor a service at 8 p. m. tomorrow at 91 Bloss St., with lecture and greetings by the pastor, Estelia Case, assisted by visitors.

Spiritualist Church of Divine Love will have a meeting at 8 p. m. tomorrow at 35 Richmond St., with sermon by the pastor, the Rev. George P. Wood, and greetings by Mrs. Naden Wood.

Brotherhood of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer will have a supper meeting at 6:30 p. m. tomorrow in the Parish House. Dr. William Betz will speak on "Freedom and Law."

Buchinson Class of Calvary Baptist Church will have its annual banquet tomorrow night at the Normandie. Mrs. Delos Jackson, chairman, is assisted by Mrs. Merton Nye, Mrs. N. W. Happ, Mrs. C. Chapman, Mrs. J. Armstrong and Mrs. J. Gardner. Entertainment will be furnished by class members.

## Dedication Set

Salem Church will dedicate an honor roll containing the names of 125 members who have entered the armed forces, at special ceremonies tomorrow in conjunction with the New Year's Communion Service at 10:30 a. m.

The plaques will be presented by Frederick Raab in behalf of the Church Council and accepted by William H. Zimmer in behalf of the congregation. Names on the honor roll will be read by the Rev. Oscar C. Nussmann, assistant pastor, and the dedicatory prayer will be given by the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D. Families of servicemen will

## Salem to Dedicate Memorial Plaque

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will pay tribute to veterans who lost their lives in service, at special rites tomorrow morning.

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., pastor, will preach on "The Comforter."

A second perpetual membership plaque will be dedicated with new names added to the roll of "perpetual members."

In addition, Salem will honor founders of the church with the presentation of certificates of recognition to all members who have been added to the Half Century Club.

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## DEMOCRAT AND CHIEF

## Recreation Park To Be Dedicated By Salem Church

Members and friends of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D., pastor, at 3 p. m. tomorrow will dedicate a tract of 11 acres in Scottsville Rd., opposite the Airport, as a church and community youth recreational area.

Donor of the tract, Mrs. Kate Martin, 1262 South Ave., will be the guest of honor at the ceremonies. Greetings will be given by Vicemayor Frank Van Lare on behalf of the city, by the Rev. Frederick M. Winnie, president of the Federation of Churches, and by John Zonneville, representing the Salem Youth Activities Council. President Walter Graeper of Salem congregation will accept the keys to the park and lead a tour of inspection.

Dedicatory service will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Schroeder, assisted by the Rev. William Schmitt, the Rev. Oscar C. Nussmann and the Rev. George Roser. The Junior Choir will sing under the direction of Mrs. William P. Meehan, and the Salem Orchestra will play, directed by Arthur Blank.

Since acquisition of the park, improvements made by volunteer work of members include a cabin with a capacity of 300 persons, an outdoor oven, a baseball field and a fully equipped Boy Scout cabin. For several years the park has been a center for the Summer day camp program for children of the church and community, conducted by the church Board of Education under the direction of Mrs. Milton Kamb.

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### AT SALEM PARK DEDICATION

Shown at formal opening yesterday of Salem Church tract opposite airport on Scottsville Rd. are, left to right, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor; Edward Zuhlke, park committee assistant chairman; Walter Graeper, president of church, and Mrs. Kate Martin donor of 11-acre tract.

## Park Dedicated Alongside Airport

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., pastor of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, yesterday afternoon dedicated a tract of 11 acres opposite the airport on Scottsville Rd. as a church and community recreational center.

Mrs. Kate Martin of 1262 Park Ave., donor of the tract, was guest of honor at the ceremonies, and presented the keys for the park to Walter Graeper, president of the church.

Greetings to the estimated 300 members and friends of the church attending the presentation were given by Vicemayor Frank E. Van Lare on behalf of the city, the Rev. Frederick M. Winnie, president of the Rochester Federation of Churches, and John Zonneville, chairman of the park committee.

## Salem Church Dedicates Play Tract

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John Zonneville (second from left), in behalf of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church Youth Activities Council, presents key to Walter Graeper, president of the congregation, in ceremonies formally dedicating and opening the new

Scottsville Rd. recreational grounds. Others in photo (left to right) are Rev. Frederick Winnie, president, Federation of Churches; Mrs. Kate Martin, donor of the park; Rev. Paul Schroeder, pastor of Salem Church, and Vicemayor Frank E. Van Lare.

Eleven acres of land opposite the airport on Scottsville Rd. was dedicated as a center for a church and community recreation center yesterday by the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., pastor of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The donor of the tract, Mrs.

Kate Martin, 1262 Park Ave., was guest of honor at the ceremonies and presented the keys to the park to Walter Graeper, president of the church.

Vicemayor Frank E. VanLare presented greetings to the city to

the estimated 300 persons attending. Other short talks were made by the Rev. Frederick W. Winnie, president of the Rochester Federation of Churches, and John Zonneville, chairman of the park committee.

## Assistant Pastor At Salem Church To Take New Post

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Appointed to the post of director of Christian Education of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of New York, the Rev. J. Blaine Fister, assistant pastor of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, will preach his farewell sermon here at the 10:30 a. m. service tomorrow. His topic will be "When God Is with Us."



REV. J. B.  
FISTER

The Rev. Mr. Fister has been at Salem four years. He has been active in the work of the Federation of Churches, serving on the Youth Work, Children's Work and Leadership Education committees. At present, he is an adviser for the New State Christian Youth Council.

He will assume his duties in Brooklyn on Sept. 6. While in New York, he also will take graduate studies at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary.

## Church Rite Marks D. & C. SEP 26 1949. Home's 50th Year

*We thank Thee for a little lighthouse at journey's end.*

That was the central thought of the Rev. O. E. Krueger's prayer yesterday at the special service in Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church commemorating the 50th anniversary of St. John's Home for the Aged. And that thought, too, was the one most often stressed throughout the service.

Main speaker was the Rev. Frederick H. Diem, D.D., of Cleveland, who was president of St. John's Home from 1934 to 1944. He said the home serves those who have made their worldly accomplishments and have outlived their youth, but who have earned a comfortable place for their later years.

He paid tribute to those whose work and donations have made St. John's possible and reminded them that "You can lose all your savings, but not your contributions to institutions such as this. You may be building them for yourselves."

### Portrait Presented

Another highlight of the service was the presentation of a portrait of the first president of St. John's Home, the late Rev. J. F. W. Helmkamp, under whose leadership churches of five denominations laid the groundwork.

The picture, in a handsome gold frame, was given by the pioneer's six sons. One of the sons, Dr. Ralph W. Helmkamp, is a University of Rochester professor and is the only one still living here.

The picture will hang in St. John's Home, which was created in 1899 by Rochester's German-speaking church groups for the sick, aged and needy German Protestants of the city. The entire project was conceived by the Rev. Mr. Helmkamp, then pastor of Salem Church.

Greetings of the city and of the Council of Social Agencies were delivered by Mayor Samuel B. Dicker and Clarence M. Gifford.

Presiding at the ceremony was the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D., current president of the institution, who outlined progress made in the home's first 50 years.

### Superintendent Installed

"But we must look forward as well as backward on this anniversary," he said. He read letters of congratulations from two former superintendents, Sister Christine Schwartz and Miss Lillian Rothe, who were unable to come here for the ceremony.

The home's new superintendent, the Rev. William E. Schmitt, was installed at the service by the institution's vicepresident, the Rev. R. A. Wolf.

Special honors went to the Rev. Carl Betz, who has served the home continuously since its foundation, when he was a young pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church where he still serves. His achievements for the home were outlined by the Rev. J. A. W. Kirsch.



### A MONUMENT TO A LEADER

Admiring picture of first president of St. John's Home for Aged, the late Rev. J. F. W. Helmkamp, are, from left, Edward Arndt,

Miss Lina Kettwig, the Rev. William E. Schmitt, the Rev. Frederick H. Diehm. Portrait will hang in Home, 50 years old today.

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## Choir of 57 Listed At Salem Church

Junior Choir of 57 voices at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will present the operetta, "Let's Go Traveling," at 8:15 p. m. tomorrow in Salem Church.

Rehearsals have been conducted for nearly a year under direction of Mrs. William P. Meehan, assisted by Robert Bruce Kuchman, dance director, and Mrs. Edward Zuhlke, accompanist. Chairman is Ruth Asman. Entertainment features will be provided by Richard Gutzmer, Jack Petz, Richard Zuhlke and June Spalty, and by dance pupils. Special musical numbers will be Judith Ann Kohl, a Russian selection; Ronald Young, Irish; Joyce Poshva, Japanese; Gail Irish, Southern; Jerry Rhodes, Eskimo, and Diane Maggio, Italian.

## Salem to Revive Pews for Family

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., pastor, at the 10:30 a. m. service tomorrow will emphasize the family group by endeavoring to have all members of each family seated together in the pews.

Emphasis on family attendance is a part of the church loyalty crusade conducted each year by Salem Church in October. The pastor will speak on "Christ in the Home."

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# *Holiday Spirit Prevails*

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Junior-Hi boys and girls who attend Wednesday night meetings at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church yesterday presented toys, holiday gesture, to Rochester Health Bureau Pre-School Child Clinic. Dan Reiss of 37 Holmdel Pl. and Patricia Hodecker of 267 Albemarle St. are shown turning gifts over to Mrs. Kathryn Holyer, president of Rochester Health Bureau Nurses' Association.

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### Salem Evangelical And Reformed

Fifteen stained glass windows depicting the life of Christ from the Nativity to the Cross are the most striking features of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, at 230 Franklin St.

There are seven windows on each side of the sanctuary and a single window of "the Good Shepherd" at the rear of the balcony, facing the altar. Each is dedicated to a deceased member of the congregation.

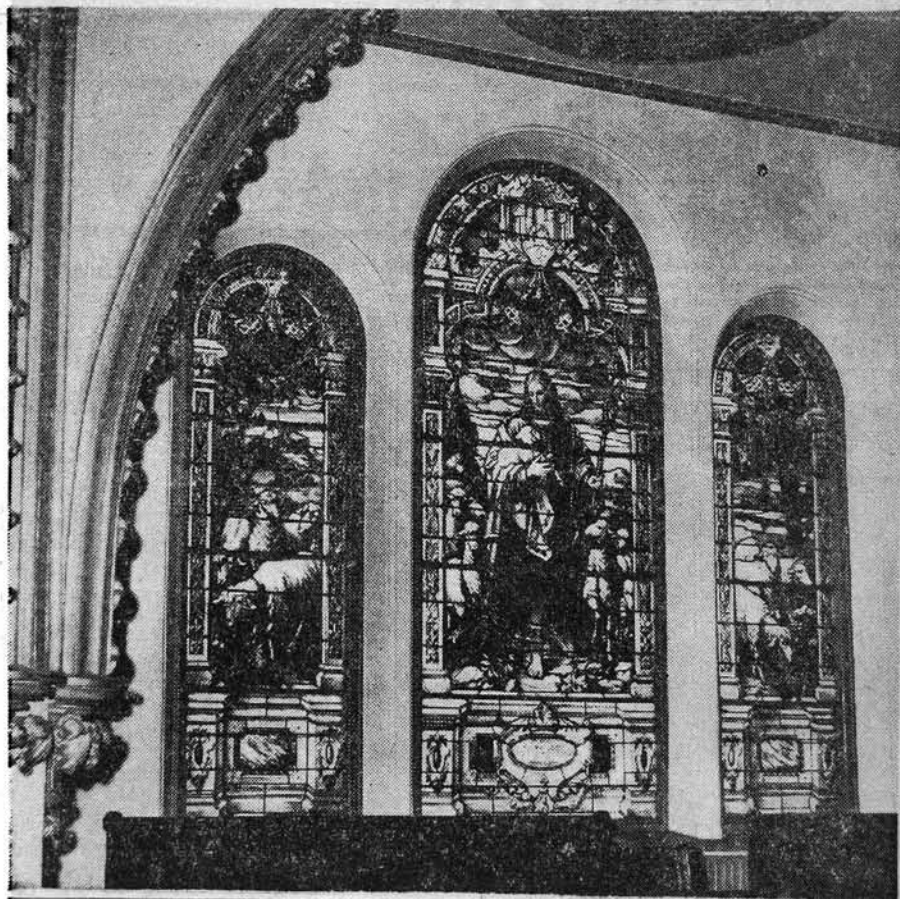
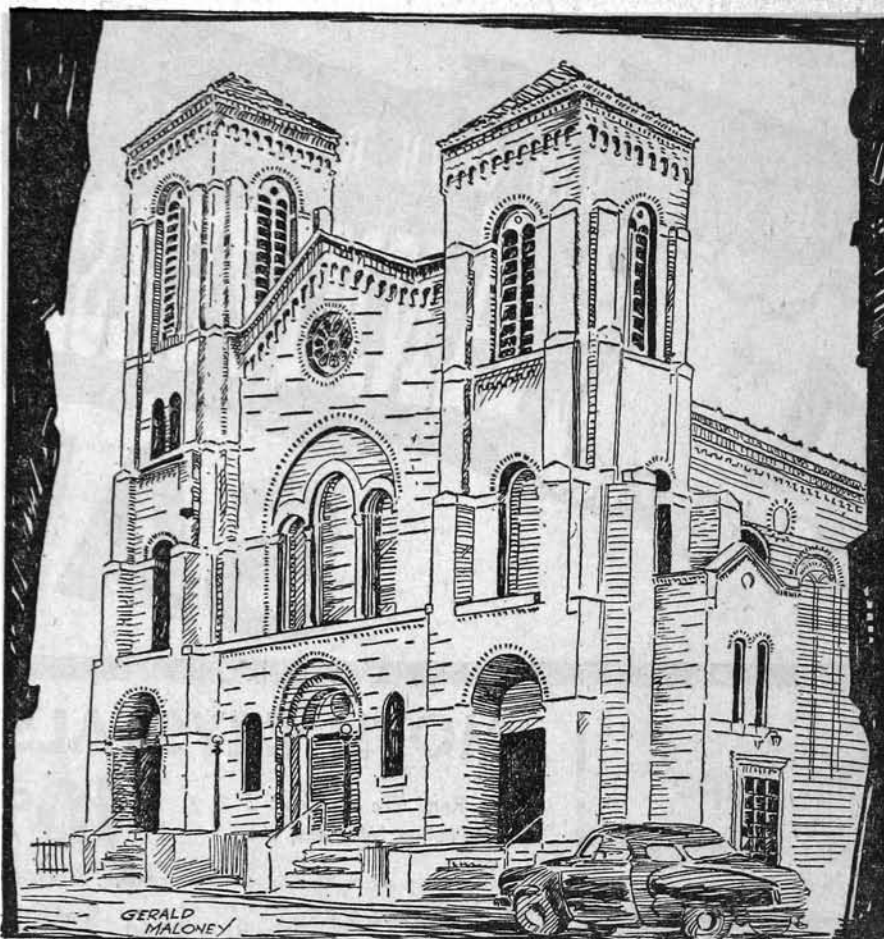
The first service for German families of the city was held in 1832 at Brick Presbyterian Church. In 1847, the congregation erected a building in Allen St. near N. Fitzhugh St., and called it Trinity Evangelical Church. It was a brick structure, 40x70 feet, and served the congregation for 58 years.

A move to relocate in Franklin St. was made by those members who lived on the east side of the Genesee River. They left the Allen St. church and dedicated the present church building May 3, 1874. The total cost of construction was \$65,000. Charles Coats was the architect. Seventy-nine names were on the first charter. First pastor of the church was the Rev. Carl Siebenpfeiffer, in whose memory the "Good Shepherd" window was later given by his sons. The church holds 1,100 people.

In 1875 the church became a member of the Evangelical Synod. The first service in the English language was held at the church Easter Sunday, 1908, and regular morning services in English were begun Apr. 19 of that year. The German Home for the Aged, now known as St. John's Home, was constructed in 1900 at South Ave. and Highland Ave.

The fourth, and present, pastor of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church is the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder. He came to Rochester Sept. 4, 1934, from Evansville, Ind.

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## Salem Church Lists Organ Recital

WILMA JEAN HOYLE, organist of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church and student at the Eastman School, will present a recital at 5 p. m. today in the church, playing works by DuMAGE, Bach, Buxtehude, Franck, Bingham, Widor, Alain and Simonds. The public is invited.

Adult choir directed by Lawrence Parker, with Miss Jeanne Moore at the organ, will assist, as well as a quartet comprising Miss Shirley Mayer, Mrs. Ralph Schuman, C. Samuel Maggio and William Schneider.

Miss Hoyle has been chosen to appear later in a recital before the Springfield, Ohio, chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

## Salem Pastor To Take Pulpit

Following a six weeks vacation in South America, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D., pastor of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, will return to his pulpit at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow. During his absence from Rochester he served as ship chaplain on the SS Uruguay.

His topic tomorrow morning will be "The Southern Cross." He will discuss the results of his observation of social and religious conditions in South America.

Church School will meet at 9:30 a. m. for all departments.

## Jewish Congress To Honor Pastor

ROCHESTER Chapter of the American Jewish Congress will award a plaque to the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor of Salem Evangelical Church, at a reception to be held at 8 p. m. next Sunday in the JYM-WA.

Harry Finegold is chairman of arrangements for the reception, which will honor the minister for his work to better Jewish-Christian relations, and he will be assisted by Mrs. David Boehm, Mrs. Hyman Gould, Mrs. Herman Segelin, Sam Solkoff, Mrs. Aaron Solomon and Miss Anna Wolf.

The guest speaker will be Isaac Tobin, assistant national director of the American Jewish Congress, of which Mr. Boehm is president.

Three women's groups of B'nai Israel Synagogue will hold meetings tomorrow. Dvora Chapter of Mizrahi will meet tomorrow evening at the home of the leader, Mrs. Max Goldberg, in Carthage Dr. and will plan the organization's Summer activities.

At 7:30 p. m. tomorrow, Rebecca Chapter of Mizrahi will meet at the home of the leader, Mrs. Eugene Schwartz, in Conkey Ave., and also will plan for activities this Summer, while at 8:30 p. m. B'nai Israel Sisterhood board members will meet with Mrs. Louis Frey, the president, at her home in Longacre Rd.

Senior Ladies Mizrahi is completing plans for its annual donor dinner, which will be held at 6 p. m. Tuesday, May 16, at 144 Baden St.

Mrs. A. J. Altman is chairman and Mrs. Benjamin Lichter cochairman.

The speaker will be Mrs. Aaron Burack of the National Board of Mizrahi, who has just returned from a visit to Israel.

Mrs. Lichter and Mrs. Isaac Weltzer are taking reservations for the dinner.

## Jews to Honor Pastor Schroeder At Meet Today

### Salem Minister Was First Christian Cleric to Visit Free Israel

The annual meeting of the Rochester Chapter, American Jewish Congress, at 8 p. m. today in the JYM&WA will be featured by presentation of a plaque to the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The award, which will be presented by David O. Boehm, president of the local chapter of the Congress, will be in recognition of the Rev. Mr. Schroeder's exemplification of democratic principles. The clergyman is president of the Rochester Christian Palestine Committee, and was the first Christian minister to visit Israel after it proclaimed its independence.

Principal address will be given by Isaac Tubin, assistant national director of the American Jewish Congress.

Harry Finegold has charge of arrangements for the meeting and reception, assisted by Samuel Solkoff, Mrs. Hyman Gould, Mrs. Herman Segelin, Mrs. Aaron Solomon, Mrs. Boehm, Miss Shirley Gray, Harold Goldstein, Max Stern, Myron Krovetz, Miss Anna Wolfe, Herman Segelin, Rabbi Aaron Solomon, Jacob Hollander and Rabbi Leon Stitskin.

## Minister to Head Education Staff At Salem Church

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REV. K. E.  
BISHOP

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## 'Son' to Preach In Salem Church

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The Rev. Braynard E. Kurkowski of Scranton, Pa., will come back to speak at the church of his boyhood tomorrow. He will be the preacher at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, 230 Franklin St., at the 10:30 a. m. service. His topic will be "On Getting the Most out of Life." He is the "son" of Salem and before going to his Scranton church was pastor of Dewey Avenue Evangelical and Reformed Church.

William Schneider will sing "By the Waters of Babylon," by Howell, and "My Prayer," by Humphreys.

## Dr. Schroeder Sails For South America

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., pastor of Salem Church, sailed last Thursday from New York on the SS Uruguay for a vacation trip to South America. He has been invited by the ship's owners to serve as chaplain on the trip.

He expects to visit Trinidad, Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Montevideo and Buenos Aires. He will seek, during the trip, to gather firsthand information regarding religious conditions and inter-faith relationship in those countries. He expects to return to Rochester late in August.

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The Rev. Mr. Kurkowski is a son of Salem Church and was pastor of the Dewey Avenue Evangelical and Reformed Church before going to Scranton.

## Installation Due At Salem Church Of Education Aide

Installation of the Rev. Kenneth E. Bishop as minister of education at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will be conducted at the 10:30 a. m. service tomorrow in that church by the pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D.

Native of York, Pa., the Rev. Mr. Bishop is a graduate of Ursinus College, Lancaster Seminary and Union Theological Seminary. Mrs. Bishop, who majored in religious education, was before her marriage secretary of the Girls Guild Department of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Promotion service for the Church School from the nursery to the junior high department will precede the installation service. Certificates and Bibles will be presented by Superintendent Fred Dubelbeiss and by the pastor.

## Installation Planned At Salem Church

Presentation to the congregation and installation of the entire Church School staff of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will be conducted at 10:30 a. m. today by the pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D. The installation service will be preceded by a Rally Day program.

General Superintendent Fred Dubelbeiss has been reappointed and will be assisted by Oscar Zabel as superintendent of administration; Mrs. Joseph Strohmayr, children's division; Miss Hilda Tanck, young people's division, and Arthur Graf, adult division.

# Fire in Sunday School D. & C. OCT 9 1950 Curtails Church Service

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church had the shortest Sunday morning service in its 70-year-old history yesterday.

Fire broke out 15 minutes after the congregation had assembled, but the blaze was controled in time to allow the pastor to proceed with a scheduled baptism an hour later.

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., was just about to install Jack J.



**REV. PAUL  
M. SCHROEDER**

Schwartz as a church deacon when a message was handed to him, informing him that flames were streaking through a Sunday school room on the second floor.

Calmly, he announced:

"I have just been informed there is a small fire in a Sunday school room at the far end of the church. The congregation is requested to leave the sanctuary as quickly and quietly as possible."

Dr. Schroeder remained in his place at the altar until the last parishioner had calmly filed out. Fire engines arrived while the church members were standing in the street.

The blaze did \$2,000 damage to the Sunday school room but was prevented from spreading by the quick action of Elmer Breehl of Gates, church janitor, and Edward Zuhlke of 174 Gardiner Ave., a church member, who discovered the fire.

They sprayed the contents of three fire extinguishers on the flames which had enveloped a cabinet and blistered the ceiling and a door.

Battalion Chief Michael O'Beirne said the fire was started by a cigaret left burning on the cabinet in the school room.

Before the firemen had left the

premises, a baptismal party appeared for a scheduled christening, usually conducted following morning service. Dr. Schroeder conducted the rites as planned.



**INGENUITY PAYS OFF**—Children of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church delight in Wednesday night handicraft work, games, recreation and fellowship. Shown inspecting their various projects is the Rev. Kenneth E.

Bishop (left), new minister of education. Left to right, the others are: Carol Kalmn, 69 Manchester St.; Henry Borchers, 409 Avenue D; Doris Van Buren, 6 Burbank St.; Mrs. Milton H. Kamb, volunteer director of craft program.

### **Yuletide Preparations**

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## **Salem Emphasizes Hobby Pursuit At Weekly Handicraft Programs**

**By DON YERGER**

*Times-Union Church Editor*

*Day is done,  
Gone the sun,  
From the lakes,  
From the hills,  
From the sky.  
All is well,  
Safely rest,  
God is nigh,*

With these words, sung to "Taps," children of the Wednesday night handicraft group of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, Franklin St., bring their weekly two-hour program of hobby pursuit, games, recreation and fellowship to a close.

Each Wednesday from 7 to 9:15 p. m. finds 35 children of the Junior High Department of the Church School busily engaged in painting glassware, making plastic flowers, plaster figurines, book ends, lapel pins, wood carvings, textile paintings, calendar pads and the like.

The children, ranging in ages from 11 to 14, pay for part of the material they use while the remainder is paid by the Youth Activities' Council which sponsors the project.

All the handicraft work is under direction of Mrs. Milton H. Kamb, volunteer worker, who says she is just "one step ahead of the children" in teaching them.

Having had no special craft training, she has gained her "know-how" knowledge from reading books and magazines on the subject, and in tips from those who make handicraft their profession.

**ALREADY THE CHILDREN** are making gifts for Christmas. Each Yule season the children hold a special Christmas party, Mrs. Kamb said.

Last year they made stuffed animals which they gave to pre-school clinic children at the Health Bureau. They also donated other stuffed figures to children of Salem nursery

school.

The handicraft project develops definite hobbies for many of the children which carry over through their adult life, Mrs. Kamb stated.

During the Summer, Mrs. Kamb directs a two-weeks' June day camp for children of the Church School at Salem Park, located opposite municipal airport. Approximately 60 children participated in the day program this Summer.

The 11-acre park, donated by Mrs. Kate Martin, now a resident of St. John's Home for the Aged, is six years old. Two army barracks have been converted into recreational halls and the property is used for recreational purposes and as a youth center for church and community groups.

The Rev. Kenneth E. Bishop, new minister of Christian education at Salem, has great plans for the Church School and future youth work.

Already he has met with parents of children of the Church School and is emphasizing the role of the family in worship. He is impressing upon parents the importance of the family in Christian education.

Copies of the History of the Christian Church, which is being taught this quarter in the Church School, are sent to each family and parents are asked to use the text as the center of family worship.

Parents have been asked to set up family altars, conduct devotional services in the home, help their children make religious scrap books, and encourage them to take an active part in the Church School program and Junior Choir work.

**REGARDING** his future plans, the Rev. Mr. Bishop said:

"It is my hope that the program of Christian education at Salem Church can be expanded beyond what is traditionally believed to be the work of the Church School.

"Our new denominational curriculum attempts to unify the entire Church School and Church in units of study and activity. Also it plans to aid the family in guiding the religious growth of children and youth.

"Therefore we look forward to a new emphasis upon the use of creative activities through religious drama, crafts, and other areas of group and personal expression.

"It is hoped, too, that through discussion and planning we may achieve a unity of plan and purpose throughout our Church by working with groups of parents and teachers, children, young people, and adults."

**THE REV. MR. BISHOP**, a native of York, Pa., came to Rochester a little over a month ago after organizing and serving as pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Springfield, Pa.

He received his master's degree from Columbia and Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and a bachelor of divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary. His first job was serving as pastor of a church in Jefferson, Md. He also was pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Chicago, for several years. He lives with his wife and two-year-old son at 82 Avondale Rd.

**SALEM AIDS** in the support of three Evangelical and Reformed Church missionaries—Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Whitcomb, Tilda, India; and Anna Bechtold, San Pedro, Honduras, Central America.

The church also sends money, clothing and gifts to the Children Orphan's Home in the American Zone, Pfarrkirchen, Germany. Last year the congregation sent \$1,000 at Christmas time to aid the orphans. Three women's societies—the Kingdom Mission Circle, Salem Missionary Society and the Sister Society—are especially active in the mission field.

# Council Head Asks Protestants To Join in Prayers for Peace

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., president of the New York State Council of Churches, today called upon pastors and members of Protestant churches to join with fellow Christians in offering daily prayers for peace with justice and goodwill for people everywhere.

Dr. Schroeder, pastor of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, in a petition issued at the request of delegates to the recent meeting of the state council in Albany also asked the National Council of Churches for its support.



THE REV.  
DR. SCHROEDER

In his "call to prayer," Dr. Schroeder said: "We recognize the difficulty of fixing a time of day for all to join in prayer. None should be excluded because of this difficulty from participation in this experience of united supplication to the throne of grace."

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"WE THEREFORE deem it sufficient that each shall purpose in his heart to offer a special prayer for peace with justice and goodwill for all mankind each day at such a time as seems proper for him."

"Believing that the thoughts of God toward us are good and not evil, we plead for the prayers of our people that the Holy Spirit so fill the hearts of all men that they may turn from their evil ways and seek the more excellent way of Divine love, that God's will may be done in earth as it is in heaven."

"The New York State Council of Churches humbly and earnestly petitions the National Council also to call upon all Christian people throughout our land to join with us in daily

prayers of supplication and intercession at the throne of God 'Who maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth'."

## D. & C. NOV 18 1950 Budget of \$65,000 Goal for Canvass By Salem Church

With a budget of \$65,000 for 1951 to be met, Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, tomorrow afternoon will send out 350 visitors to call on the 1,600 families of the congregation for their subscriptions, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor, announced yesterday.

It is stated that the budget for next year is 15 per cent above previous figures and is the highest in the history of the church. Approximately \$15,000 of the total will be devoted to education and benevolences and to the support of three missionaries in foreign fields.

Commissioning of the workers will be conducted at the regular Sunday morning service by the pastor, whose sermon topic will be "Where Do We Stand?" Henry Sheve is chairman of the canvass, assisted by President Walter Graeper and Vice-president Emil Schauman. Preceding the visitation dinner will be served to the workers under the direction of Mrs. Julius Stein and Mrs. Frank Wanderwelden.

## Salem Shows Handicraft

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An exhibit of handicraft will be displayed in Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church lobby tomorrow morning.

Articles on exhibition were made by children who participated in Salem's annual Day Camp.

As a service project at the camp this year at Salem Park, Scottsville Rd., potted plants were sent to each of the residents of St. John's Home for the Aged. Other activities included the collection of recreation craft and school supplies for migrant workers, as well as money to help pay for maintaining workers among the migrants.

Annual picnic is slated Monday at Ontario Beach Park. A baby parade with prizes offered for the best costume and best float will highlight the program.

## Pastor to Deliver Farewell Sermon

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After serving as pastor of Emanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church, 257 Hamilton St., for six years, the

Rev. Oscar C. Nussmann will preach his farewell sermon there tomorrow morning. His topic will be "Maintaining the Spiritual Glow." The choir under direction of Albert Bowerman will present a program of special music.



REV. O. C.  
NUSSMANN

The Rev. Mr. Nussmann has accepted a call to Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church in St. Louis. He will take up his work there Aug. 1.

A farewell gathering, with program arranged by Gordon Hollis, is set for 3 p. m. tomorrow at the church to afford members and friends an informal opportunity to bid good-bye to the pastor and his family.

During his pastorate, Emanuel Church completely remodeled and renovated the sanctuary and sections of the church school in prospect of the 100th anniversary of the church in 1952.

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**CHRISTMAS SONGS** and carols are reviewed by these members of Kingdom Mission Circle and Salem Missionary Society of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church as a preamble to the annual Christmas musicale and tea sponsored by

the two groups Sunday afternoon. Mrs. William Schneider (from left) has the specific task of preparing the program for the affair and Mrs. Kenneth Bishop and Mrs. Raymond Schmidt will preside at the tea tables.

## Salem Church Groups Arrange Yule Musicale

In keeping with the religious significance of the season the program for the annual Yule musicale in Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church school auditorium Sunday from 3 to 5 p. m. will include carols as well as compositions by some of the world's greatest musicians.

Charged with selecting the beloved carols is Mrs. William Schneider, program chairman. This annual event is sponsored by the Kingdom Mission Circle and the Salem Missionary Society of the church.

The program will be presented by Miss Marie Murphy, soprano; Donald Deer, cellist; Miss Carolyn Jordan, reader; Mrs. Margaret Meyers, contralto; Kenneth Drake, pianist; Oscar MacCullough, baritone, and a quartet composed of Mrs. Lois Gilbert's students.

Presiding at the tea tables will be Mrs. Kenneth Bishop, Mrs. Raymond Schmidt, Mrs. Joseph Dean, Miss

Louise Zabel. Their aids will be Mesdames Raymond LaForce, Edward Pfrommer, Elmer Pfeiffer, Eugene Gagnier, Elmer Neuscheler, Lawrence Biehl and Rudolph Baschnagel.

Committees appointed by Mrs. Gertrude Ritter, president of the Kingdom Mission Circle, and Mrs. J. Wendell Fishbaugh, president of the Salem Missionary Society, include:

Program, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Walter Graeper, Mrs. Arthur Kohl,

Miss Gertrude Kalmbach; reception, Miss Ella Kassel, Mrs. Albert Fleming, Mrs. Charles Greeley, Mrs. Clarence Pfeifer; hostesses, Miss Flora Wolfsperger, Miss Louise Amish, Mrs. John Frank, Mrs. Edward Siebert; silver service, Mrs. Mary Huelsemann, Mrs. Arthur Schroeder; decorations, Miss Anna Hartman, Miss Grace Nowack, Mrs. Walter Schauman, Mrs. Walter Koloseike, and refreshments, Mrs. Charles Heberle and Mrs. Charles VanNorman.

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# Church, Economic Life Mass Meeting Set Tuesday at Salem E & R

Al Whitehouse, district director of the CIO Steel Workers' Union, of Cincinnati will speak at a mass meeting Tuesday at 8 p. m. at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, 230 Franklin St., under sponsorship of the Committee on Church Life of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Vicinity.

Ministers, laymen, professional men and women and all interested in the application of Christian ideals to social and economic problems, are invited, according to the Rev. Alfred B. Wangman, chairman of the Federation committee and minister of Bethany Presbyterian.



Whitehouse was an influential leader last year at the Detroit Conference on the Church and Economic Life. A member of the Church of Christ (Disciples), he is scheduled to preside at a Conference on Christian Vocation sponsored by the Department of the Church and Economic Life of the National Council of Churches in Buffalo next month.

John Cooper, president of CIO unions of Rochester, will preside Tuesday.

Dr. Justin Wroe Nixon of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School will introduce Whitehouse.

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**THE LOCAL COMMITTEE** on the Church and Economic Life is promoting the observance of Church and Economic Life, Jan. 20-27. Church and Economic Life Sunday will be observed in most Protestant churches on Sunday, Jan. 20.

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## Theodore Trost Jr. To Preach at Salem

Theodore Trost Jr., son of Rev. Theodore L. Trost, professor and librarian at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, will preach tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church. Topic of his sermon will be "The Third Man."

A member of Salem church, the younger Trost will enter Yale Divinity School this Fall to study for the ministry. He is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan College.

Oscar MacCullough will be guest soloist at both the 9:30 and 10:30 a. m. services. He will sing "The Voice in the Wilderness" by Scott and "They Shall Run and Not be Weary" by MacDermid.

The Rev. Kenneth E. Bishop, minister of Christian education, will preach at the 10:30 a. m. service.

## Salem Plans D. & C. MAY 31 1952 Renovations

At a recent meeting, the congregation of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church approved a renovation and improvement project estimated to involve an expenditure of \$45,000. The church basement is to be completely modernized to provide rest rooms, cloak room, bride's room, first aid room and renovated club rooms for the Boy Scouts of the church; also, new floor covering in the children's departments, painting and new equipment.

Electric service will be changed from direct to alternating current, and a new water heating system will be installed. It is hoped to have the project completed this Summer.

Cochairmen of the campaign to raise the necessary funds are Fred M. Dubelbeiss and Oscar Zabel. Scheduled for June 6-15, the campaign will be opened with a supper next Friday, June 6. The 21 deacons of the Church Council will serve as captains. Henry Sheve is president of the congregation and Charles Then, chairman of the building committee.

## Plaque to Honor D. & C. MAY 10 1952 Mother of Year

Presentation of an engraved plaque to the Mother of the Year of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will take place at the annual Mother's Day service in that church tomorrow morning.

Results of the poll taken among church members to select the Salem Mother of the Year will be announced by Henry Sheve, congregation president. At both morning services flowers will be presented to all mothers present by 30 young women.

Topic of the sermon at both services by the pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schrieder, D. D., will be "Our Spiritual Mother."

## Salem Church To Dedicate

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, which has been undergoing extensive reconditioning will be rededicated at a service at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow. The pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D. D., will officiate. His sermon topic will be "Renovation and Revival."

From 3 until 5 p. m. visitors and members will be welcomed at an open house program, with guided tour of the new facilities and refreshments.

Tomorrow's ceremonies mark the completion of a \$50,000 program of remodeling, reconditioning and renovation of the church edifice, with modernizing of more than twenty rooms and halls in the church and parish house. New facilities include a bride's room, music room and enlarged quarters for the Boy Scouts and additional rooms for adult classes.

Chairman of the church improvement committee is Charles Then, with Daniel Giroux as consultant designer.

## Pastor to Install Junior Deacons

Board of Junior Deacons of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, comprised of 24 young men under the leadership of Harold Lowes, adult counsellor, will be installed at the 10:30 a. m. service tomorrow by the pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D.

Members of the group are responsible for serving as ushers the first Sunday of every month and in special services. The pastor will speak on "The Reunion of the Church."

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**Church Basement Gets 'New Look'****Salem Reformed Plans Rededication Rites, 'Open House' to Mark End of \$50,000 Project**

By DON YERGER

Times-Union Church Editor

Celebrating completion of a \$50,000 renovation project of its basement and improvements to Church School department rooms, Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, Franklin St. at St. Paul, will have a rededication service tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. and "open house" from 3 to 5 p. m.

The interior of Salem Church has undergone its first major alteration since nearly 30 years ago when the present Church School building was added and the organ moved from the church balcony to the chancel.

The new modernized basement quarters will feature a large choir rehearsal room, a first-aid room, a bridal room where brides may "primp-up" before they go upstairs to "march down the aisle," and new rest rooms.

Most spacious of all the new rooms is the choir room which will be used as a repository for robes and quarters for a music library.

Dr. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor of the downtown church, will officiate at the rededication rites, speaking on "Renovation and Revival."

Tomorrow afternoon, members and friends will be taken on a tour of the building with volunteer guides pointing out the various features. Refreshments will be served under direction of Mrs. Julius Stein.

Charles Then, chairman of the Improvement Committee, is in charge of arrangements for the "open house" ceremony.

**BUSILY ENGAGED** in refurbishing their new quarters in the old boiler room are nearly 30 Boy Scouts who met previously in an improvised "Den" in the basement.

Offered the modern choir room for their headquarters, the Scouts declined because they wanted space "where they could hammer nails."

Even though it will remain "unfinished," the boiler room, made obsolete because of the installation of central gas heat two years ago, will be fitted up to serve the Scouts' purpose.

"The Scout quarters in the old basement were a veritable fire-trap," Dr. Schroeder said, "as there was only one exit."

Workmen had to excavate as much as eight inches of earth in some places to give enough height to the new rooms, it was disclosed.

The basement work has been under the constant supervision of Daniel Giroux, member of Salem Church.

Two additional stairways leading



**READY FOR 'OPEN HOUSE'**—Daniel Giroux (center), coordinator for Salem Evangelical and Reformed's \$50,000 renovation project is shown here in the new spacious choir room, as he turns over keys to basement

rooms to his pastor, Dr. Paul M. Schroeder. Looking on is Mrs. Joseph Strohmeyer, a member of the Board of Christian Education. Rededication and "open house" ceremonies are slated tomorrow.

up to the church, one on each side, now have eliminated all fire hazard.

In addition, as a part of the refurbishing project, the church has purchased the latest educational toys for children and new audio-visual aid equipment, including a recording machine to play religious records and hymns.

At a cost of \$5,000, the church's electrical current was changed from direct to alternating current. The change was necessary because all kitchen and audio-visual equipment requires DC. Gas heat was installed to provide constant hot water for use in the entire building.

**MANY CHURCH SCHOOL** classrooms on the first and second floors were renovated as a part of the project.

Rooms were painted, built-in cupboards and cabinets installed, modernistic lighting provided, and asphalt tile laid—to mention a few of the other improvements.

Five ladies of the church, representatives of various women's organizations, donated their services to make colorful drapes for children's classrooms.

The drapes depict elephants, giraffes, monkeys, lions and other members of the animal kingdom in various poses and antics.

The women workers included Mrs. Walter Gutzmer, Mrs. Fred Nowack, Mrs. Louis Ehrmann, Mrs. George Hafner and Mrs. Frank Wedow.

The nursery has been painted delicate shades of pink and green; yellow predominates the pre-nursery; the kindergarten is painted in blue; the primary features a yellow and green color scheme, while the junior department has been redecorated in green and white.

Approximately \$40,000 of the amount necessary for the work was made available by pledges and a reserve fund. The additional cost, it is hoped, will be raised within the next two years with special offerings, Dr. Schroeder said.

**FRED RAETZ**, a pioneer in Rochester Scouting, has been Scoutmaster of Troop 60 since its inception nearly 30 years ago. Previous to serving Salem he gained experience for two years with a Troop at Parsells Avenue Baptist Church. The Scout Troop, sponsored by

Salem Church, meets every Friday night at the church.

Recently, 12 of the older youths organized an "Explorers Post," although it is still considered a part of regular Troop 60.

The Scouts have made much of their own equipment which they will retain in their new location, Scoutmaster Raetz said.

The first-aid room will be complete with medicine chest, cots and a registered nurse on duty during church hours. Six registered nurses are members of Salem and take turns volunteering for duty.

Regarding the over-all renovation project, Dr. Schroeder said:

"I believe our improvements will mean an increased interest on the part of our children and youth in Salem's program of religious education."

"Our facilities now are equal to the best that is being offered in public and private schools. I believe, also, that our quarters will add much to the social and fellowship program of our congregation, providing facilities that have been needed for a long time past."

# Salem Church to Mark D. & C. DEC 5 1953 Founding 80 Years Ago

By W. DE WITT MANNING  
*Church Editor*

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, organized in 1873, tomorrow will observe the 80th anniversary of its founding. Special services will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D.

Recognition will be given to all members who have been enrolled more than 50 years in the church. The names of five departed members will be added to the Perpetual Membership Tablet, and representatives of the families of the departed members will assist in the dedicatory service.

Salem has had but four pastors in four score years, and two sons of the second pastor, the Rev. J. F. W. Helmcamp, will be guests of the congregation tomorrow. They are Albert Helmcamp, principal of Elmira Free Academy, and Prof. Ralph Helmcamp of the University of Rochester.

Organized 80 years ago as a branch of the former Allen Street Evangelical Church, Salem Church is rated as the largest congregation of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in America.

# D. & C. MAY 2 1953 Salem Honors Its Founders

Founders and pioneer members of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will be honored at special services at 9:30 and 10:30 a. m. tomorrow, the 79th anniversary of the laying of the church cornerstone.

Names of seven members will be added to the Perpetual Membership Tablet. Twenty members will be welcomed into the Salem Half Century Club, in recognition of 50 years of continuous membership. At each service the pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., will speak on "Christ — The Life."

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**HISTORY REFRESHER**—Members of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church review old records of the church in preparation for tomorrow's observance of its 80th anniversary. From left: Jacob Vogel, president of the congregation; Prof. Ralph W. Helmkamp, son of Salem's second pastor; Mrs. Lawrence E. Youtzy, daughter of the late Frank Dannenberg, whose name will be added to a perpetual membership tablet tomorrow; and the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., pastor.

## Salem Church to Mark 80th Year

Special recognition will be given 50-year members when Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church observes its 80th anniversary with special services tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.

Several score of individuals who have belonged to the church for more than a half century will be singled out for recognition by younger members of the congregation. Names of five departed members will be added to the church's Perpetual Membership Tablet, with representatives of the families of these members assisting

the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder in the dedication ceremonies.

Organized as a branch of the Allen St. Evangelical Church in 1873, Salem Church has grown steadily until today it is rated as the largest congregation in the Evangelical and Reformed Church in America. During its 80 years, only four pastors have served the church.

Two sons of the second pastor of the church—the Rev. F. F. W. Helmkamp—will be special guests of the congregation at the anniversary rites. They are Albert Helmkamp, principal of Elmira Free Academy, and Prof. Ralph Helmkamp of the University of Rochester faculty.

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## ... .. Church Lowers Voting Age Of Members to 18

Voting age of members was lowered from 21 to 18 last night at the annual meeting of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed congregation.

Requiring a constitutional change, the lowered voting age first was proposed at last year's annual meeting. It was approved last night without a dissenting vote.

"We've anticipated President Eisenhower," said the pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D. More than 300 attended the meeting.

Elected as elders were Charles Bareis and Henry Sheve; trustees, J. Wendell Fishbaugh, Mrs. Lawrence Ritter and Earl Schauman; and deacons, Wilford Allen, Robert Bareis, Harold Beldue, Richard Eggert, Richard Kassel, Alan Murray and Chester Opperman.

Jorgen Thomsen was elected unanimously as an advisory member of the church council.

## Church School D. & C. FEB 6 1954 Head Named

New director of Christian education at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church is to be



Miss Elsie B. Stryker of Holland, Mich., who will succeed the Rev. Kenneth Bishop, now pastor of St. Paul's Church, Woodstock Va.

Miss Stryker will begin her new duties March 1 will be installed officially March 7.

In the meanwhile, Dr. Fred H. Willkens of Colgate Rochester Divinity School has served as temporary director of the religious education program. The church school, with an enrollment of 1,100 is one of the largest in the entire denomination. Fred Dubelbeiss has been general superintendent of the school for the past 25 years.

## Guild Presents D. & C. FEB 27 1954 800 Hymnals

Dedication of 800 new hymnals, presented by the Women's Guild, will take place tomorrow morning in Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, with the pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., officiating. It will be the first time in 40 years that hymnals have been introduced into the church for regular services. The hymnals will be used for the first time at the Ash Wednesday evening service.

Preceding the Ash Wednesday service a dinner will be served by the combined classes of the adult department. Seven mid-week Lenten services are to be conducted, the theme being "The Songs of the Cross," seven songs having been selected for the services.

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## Salem to Install New Director

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church tomorrow morning will install its new director of Christian Education, Miss Elsie B. Stryker. The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., pastor, will officiate.

Assisting in the service will be Fred Dubelbeiss, superintendent of the Church School, who will give the charge to the new director, and Dr. Fred H. Willkens,

who will give the charge to the congregation. Members of the church Board of Education, led by Mrs. Theodore Trost, will accompany Miss Stryker into the sanctuary. All departments of the Church School have been invited to attend.

Topic of the sermon to be delivered by Dr. Schroeder will be "Building Together."

Miss Stryker is a native of Middlebush, N.J., and a graduate of the New Jersey College for Women, the Biblical Seminary in New York and received her master of arts degree from New York University.

# Salem Church D & C. MAR 8 1954 To Install Aide

Miss Elsie B. Stryker will be installed tomorrow as director of Christian education at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor, will preside, assisted by Fred Dubelbeiss, superintendent of the church school, and Prof. Fred Willkens of Colgate



Miss Stryker ✓

Rochester Divinity School, who had served as temporary director.

Miss Stryker came here from Holland, Mich., where she directed Christian education at Hope Reformed Church.

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PASTOR PAUL M. SCHROEDER of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church inscribes certificates of membership in the church's Half Century Club for Mrs. George Frisch and Mrs. Charles Heberle.

## Half-Century Group Takes In 24

Twenty-four members of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will be welcomed into its Half Century Club at a Founder's Day observance at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow.

The 24 will join the 300-member group in a simple rite in which they will step forward to receive a welcome from the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor. All will be given certificates marking their membership.

The church also will celebrate the laying of the cornerstone of the church at Franklin and

Cumberland streets in 1874. The pastor will give a prayer of consecration and relate his sermon to the church's history and future. His topic is "The Past is Prologue."

Plates bearing the names of five members who died in the last year and left legacies to the church will be unveiled at a brief memorial rite. Those memorialized will be: Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schlegel, Mrs. John C. Nusbickel, Mrs. James Ackroyd and Miss Mathilda Hetzke.

## Memorials Honor D. & C. JUN 12 1954 Drowning Victim

Small gifts contributed by playmates, friends and neighbors of 7-year-old Robert Scott Schauman have been used to provide memorials which will be dedicated to his memory in Salem Evangelical Reformed Church.

Robert drowned in Irondequoit Creek this spring, at Ellison Park, at a time of high water. He was a pupil of Salem Church School. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schauman, reside at 124 Wyatt Dr.

Following a group of baptism of infants at the 10:30 a.m. service tomorrow the dedication of his name, added to the memorial roll of perpetual membership, will take place. An electrically cooled drinking fountain for little children and additional equipment for the Primary Department also will be dedicated at a later date, in memory of Robert Schauman.

Children of the church school will participate in a Children's Day program at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow. The theme will be "With Hearts Rejoicing."

The pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., will deliver a sermon at each service on "The Priesthood of Parenthood."



**OUTLINE PROGRAMS**—Taking part in meeting of West New York Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church are, from left: Rev. Henry I. Stahr, D.D., Boston, secretary of board of business man-

agement; Harry Baumler, Hamburg, chairman of church commission; Rev. Julius W. Kuck, Buffalo, synod president; Rev. Alfred G. Schanke, Salem Church pastor and vice president of the synod.

## Evangelical-Reformed Synod Meets Here

Christian education, Sunday school work, and church business management procedures were the principal topics of discussion yesterday at a meeting of the West New York Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

More than 250 delegates, representing 72 churches of the Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse areas, met in Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church for the annual session at which the pro-

gram for the church year is discussed. The policy-forming meeting of the synod is held in the spring.

Delegates at yesterday's sessions, it was explained by the Rev. Julius W. Kuck D.D., pastor of Bethlehem Church, Buffalo, and president of the synod, will report back to their churches.

Among national denominational leaders who spoke were the Rev. Henry I. Stahr, Boston, secretary of the denominational Board of Business Management; the Rev.

Dale H. Moore, president of Cedarcrest College in Allentown, Pa., and the Rev. Calvin H. Winger, Canton, Ohio, member of the denominational Commission of the Church and Ministry.

The West New York Synod, with a membership of 28,000 is one of the 34 synods of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the United States. The Rev. Alfred G. Schnake, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed Church of Rochester, is vice president of the synod.

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# Old Bibles To Feature Sunday Rite

An exhibit of old and unusual Bibles will highlight the observance of Universal Bible Sunday at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church tomorrow. Several other churches will have Bible observances.

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., pastor at Salem, will preach on "The Bible and Human Rights" at both the 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. In the evening, the Youth Fellowship will conduct a Bible quiz led by Marilyn LaBorie and Sandra Denny.

At Centenary Methodist Church, the Rev. Richard E. Grant will base his sermon on the Scriptures in speaking on "Liberating the Truth." The choir will sing Saint-Saens' "Glory Be to God," and Milton Williams will sing "Behold I Come" by Buxtehude and his cantata, "Rejoice, Beloved Christians."

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AT MONROE Avenue Methodist Church, the Rev. Glenn Ernest Bucher will speak on the significance of our spiritual heritage in the Bible in his sermon, "We Are Debtors." The story for the children will be on "The Book of Books."

Wesley Methodist Church will hear a talk on "The Uniqueness of the Bible" at both the 9 and 11 a.m. services. About 10 new members will be received into the church.

Spencer-Ripley Methodist Church will hold infant baptismal rites in connection with its Bible Sunday observance. The Rev. Lincoln G. Archer will speak on "Today's Good News." The senior choir will sing under the direction of Donald Hayden. Dr. J. Elmore Jones will be at the organ.

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**SERVICE BY YOUTH**—Among those who will take leading parts in the Youth Day service tomorrow morning at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church are, from left, Paul Pfrommer, to give Scripture selection; Judith Diehl, to assist in presenting a booklet, and Jonathan Trost, leader of the young people who will present the service.

# Salem Welcomes 32 Into Half Century Club

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Thirty-two members will be welcomed into the Half Century Club of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church at the 81st anniversary celebration of the laying of the church's cornerstone tomorrow.

Special observances will be held at both the 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. services in honor of the founders and pioneer members of the church.

The new members of the club include 28 of the confirmation class of 1905, which had 94 members. The other four are previous confirmands who had not yet received certificates of admission.

The group is the largest to be admitted to the club since 1942, when 36 members marked 50 years with the church.

The Rev. William Mensendiek of New York City will preach at both services tomorrow. Thirteen names will be added to the memorial plaque at the 10:30 a.m. service.

A special meeting of the congregation will be held immediately after the second worship service to consider the reports of the board of elders and the board of education in reference to summer services.

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## Salem Plans Awards for 4 Scouts

Four members of the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Boy Scout troops will receive the God and Country award at the 10:30 a.m. service tomorrow.

Frederic Wellington, Scout executive, will make the awards which are given for outstanding church work by Scouts. Receiving them will be: Arnold E. Taylor, 56 Mead St.; Roger E. Neuscheler, 63 Radcliffe St., both Troup 60; Bruce F. Koloseike, 112 Maplehurst Rd., Post 96; and Ronald Mertens, 57 Westfield St.

Assisting in the award presentation will be Scoutmasters Fred Raetz, Troop 60; Albert Emmons, Troop 51; Joseph W. Braun, Explorer Post, 96; Fred Dubelmeiss, superintendent of the church school, and the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor. A processional will precede the ceremony.

## Ordination Slated in Salem Church

Theodore L. Trost Jr., 91 Commonwealth Rd., will be ordained to the ministry at a service at 7:45 p.m. tomorrow in Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church.

His father, librarian at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, has been assigned by the West New York Synod of the E. & R. Church to serve as ordinator. The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor of Salem, and the Rev. George F. Roser Jr., pastor of Dewey Avenue Evangelical and Reformed Church, will assist.

The Rev. Browne Barr, professor of preaching and the parish ministry at Yale University Divinity School, will preach the ordination sermon. Members of the E. and R. ministerium of Rochester will take part in the laying on of hands.

Trost is a graduate of Brighton High School and Ohio Wesleyan University. He received his bachelor of divinity degree from Yale University Divinity School last Monday. With his wife, the former Betty Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barton Baker of Brookwood road, and their son, Theodore Trost III, he will sail for Scotland in September to continue his studies at New College, Edinburg University.



**THEODORE TROST JR.**

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## **Chancel Lectern To Be Dedicated**

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Churches at 9:30 a.m. today will dedicate a new lectern in the chancel, the gift of the Women's Guild, which will attend in a body and assist in the dedication. Mrs. Lawrence Ritter, former president of the Women's Guild, will make the presentation, and Henry Sheve, president of the Church Council, will accept the lectern on behalf of the congregation.

At both morning services, the pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., will speak on "So Little Time." The Rev. William

Mensendiek, the new associate pastor, will be welcomed at both services. Homecoming Day will be observed in all departments of the Church School.

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# Pastor of Largest Protestant Church Has Field for Chief Interest--People

By ROSE SOLD

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., as pastor of Rochester's largest Protestant church, has a broad field in which to pursue his deepest interest—people.

Salem Evangelical and Reformed congregation, which he heads, numbers 3,000 souls throughout the city and suburbs.

Though large and dispersed, there's a definite feeling of "family" within the congregation. The pastor describes this as a "basic loyalty to their church which often is built around their pastor not as an individual, but as a representative of the church."

A member of the congregation said, however, that the loyalty to the current pastor is purely because they "love him."

"Last year, when he celebrated his 20th anniversary with the church, they got together a purse as a token of their affection and esteem," she said. "In 1948, they paid his traveling expenses so he could attend the first assembly of

the Council of World Churches in Amsterdam, Holland."

THE REV. Mr. Schroeder acknowledges that the most richly rewarding part of his work is his personal contacts with his parishioners. He feels it is the prime duty and most satisfying role of the pastor to help others with their problems.

He says: "The church of the future will lay more and more stress upon personal guidance rather than eloquent preaching as a means of helping lead the Christian life."

He makes a practice of calling young people of his congregation, who are planning marriage, into his office for consultations. This, he says, is to acquaint them with the significance and problems of marriage and, also, to establish a relationship which he hopes will encourage them to come to him later when problems arise.

He thinks the minister is in a particularly good spot to help

people. Psychology and philosophy have limitations, he holds.

"It is not enough to know oneself," he says. "Often we need the sustaining power of faith and the assurance of religion to solve our problems."

PASTOR SCHROEDER characterizes himself as an "old-fashioned believer in the pastoral call" as a means of building a relationship between the pastor and the congregation.

"Often a person is reluctant to call on his minister for help. By visiting him in his home, you can often 'open the door' for him."

Because of the far-flung nature of his congregation, the Rev. Mr. Schroeder can't make all visitations in his parish. He shares the job with two assistants and has enlisted members of the boards of deacons and deaconesses for "follow up" calls to the sick and others who need help so "all may feel their church is truly interested in them."

His awareness of the need of

a person to have others interested in him may have developed from his own youth.

He says he is very grateful to his public school teachers, whom he characterized as "dedicated people," and especially to his old pastor whom he feels set him on his way to the ministry.

"My pastor used to call me into his orchard to help him pick apples. But on looking back, I know it was more to talk to me than to get my help," he recalls.

THE REV. Mr. Schroeder who, perhaps due to his teachers, liked school, skipped a year in high school and completed a four-year course at Elmhurst College, Chicago, in three.

He says the college was not accredited at the time. "It stressed languages, doctrine and the like." He feels he was fortunate, as far as his college work was concerned, in that his mother spoke German to her children.

"We had to study Greek and were compelled to translate from Greek into German and then into English rather than to translate directly into English. I had it a little easier than the fellows who didn't have a German background."

He trained further at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, and was the youngest man in his class when he was ordained to the ministry in 1912 at 21.

He continued his studies while holding pastorates. He did work in sociology at Tulane University, New Orleans, and completed studies for his A.B. degree at Evansville College, Evansville, Ind. he earned his master's degree in psychology in summer sessions at Indiana University.

HE AND HIS WIFE have a son and daughter, both married, and six grandchildren. The daughter lives in Philadelphia and the son, an aeronautical engineer, in Fort Worth, Tex.

He likes being pastor of a downtown church and doesn't share "the pessimism of a great many religious leaders who believe the downtown church is doomed to disappearance."

"The downtown church will always play a vital role in the community," he holds. "Because of its location and size, it can provide the facilities and equipment to attract people."

He considers the automobile a strong ally of the downtown church because "it makes it possible for families to come to church together."



DR. PAUL M. SCHROEDER, pastor of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, counsels one of his parishioners.

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## Associate Pastor to Be Honored

The Rev. C. William Mensendiek new associate pastor at the Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church, will be honored at an informal reception and "get-acquainted party" tomorrow evening at the church parlors after the mid-week Lenten service.

Receiving with the Rev. Mr. Mensendiek will be the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, pastor of the church, Mrs. Schroeder, and Mrs. Henry C. Sheve and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thorne. Arthur Blank's orchestra will

provide the musical program for the evening.

Presiding at the refreshments table will be Mrs. Leighton Young, president of the Women's Guild, Mrs. Allen Murray, Mrs. Earl Schauman and Mrs. Herman Stoick. Serving as assisting hostesses will be the wives of members of the Salem Church Council.

Mrs. Lawrence Ritter is chairman of arrangements for the reception and is being assisted by the Mesdames C. Samuel Maggio, Fred Nowak,

Raymond Schmidt, Herman Stoick and Charles Van Norman.

The guest of honor is the son of the Rev. Richard Mensendiek, pastor of St. John's Evangelical and Reform Church at Lorain, Ohio, and Mrs. Mensendiek.

## Salem Church to Observe D. & C. MAY 5 1956 83d Anniversary Tomorrow

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church tomorrow will observe the 83d anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of its edifice. Services will be conducted at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. in honor of the pioneers of the congregation.

At 10:30, 30 persons who have been members of the church for 50 years will be recognized, and the names of five departed members will be added to the Perpetual Membership Plaque in the narthex of the church. The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., will speak on "The Bride of Christ."

At 3 p.m. a special service will be conducted at Mt. Hope Cemetery where a wreath will be placed on the grave of the Rev. Carl Siebenpfeiffer, founder of Salem Church. Dr. Schroeder will offer the prayer of dedication.

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## Education Aide Will Be Installed

Installation of Miss Mary Germ as director of religious education at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church will take place tomorrow at the 10:30 a.m. service.



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Born in Altwaldorf, Austria, Miss Germ came to the United States as a child. She received her education in Philadelphia, worked at the Curtis Publishing Co. plant until 1954, and attended Temple University and the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church at Lancaster, Pa.

Installation will be conducted by the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., pastor, and the Rev. C. William Mensendiek, associate pastor. Miss Germ will speak on "The Church's Responsibility for Christian Education." A public reception in the Church School reception will follow.

## Church to Honor Retiring Sexton

Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church at 10:30 tomorrow morning will conduct a service of appreciation in honor of Leo Nowack, superintendent of building and sexton of the church, which he has served 32 years. He is retiring next Friday, Aug. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Nowack will be escorted into the sanctuary by Wallace Pritchard, associate chairman of ushers, and the entire Church Council will occupy a special section in honor of Mr. Nowack. Henry Sheve, president of the congregation, will express the gratitude of the church to Mr. and Mrs. Nowack, and Earl Schauman, chairman of the board of trustees, will present a gift on behalf of the congregation.

The pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, will deliver a sermon on "Life's Greatest Reward."



**CHEER TO SHUTINS**—Mrs. Leighton Young, retiring chairman of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church flower

committee, is congratulated by the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, left, the Rev. C. William Mensendiek. Mr. Young, at right,

#### A Reporter Goes to Church

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## Stability Marks Salem's Work

By PETER STUTZ

Stitching a few strands of innovation into a background of stability has produced a strong congregational fabric at Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church.

A well-ordered ritual characterized the morning services that several hundred persons attended in the church at 230 Franklin St. yesterday.

Following custom, the congregation read the prayer of confession and Apostle's Creed. Prayers offered by the Rev. C. William Mensendiek, assistant pastor, fitted the style of worship. The pastor, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., in a gentle, persuasive tone, preached on a New Testament incident relating to the approaching Lenten season.

Long pastorates have added to the stability of Salem Church. Dr. Schroeder, who came here in 1934 as the fourth pastor in the church's 84-year history, said: "This accounts for the tremendous loyalty of the members."

But in the realm of church government, Salem pioneered in 1954 by lowering the voting age of members from 21 to 18 years. "This is working well. They seem to vote as intelligently and with the same sense of responsibility as older members," Dr. Schroeder said. He said he doesn't know of any other congregations that have changed the voting age.

The 2,316 members make Salem Church one of the largest congregations in Monroe County. Its physical facilities are extensive. "We pride ourselves on a fine educational building and program," the pastor said.

Membership in a men's Bible class reached about 300 a few years ago but the combined men's and women's classes don't exceed that number today. Dr. Schroeder observed that adult Bible classes, once a major part of church life, have dwindled in numbers and influence.

Salem has regular services at 9:30 and 10:30, not only to accommodate the large congregation but to give parents a chance to attend church while children are at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. A Communion service is held at 8:30 a.m.

Loyalty of church members permeates the many activities. Fred Raetz has been scoutmaster of Salem's Boy Scout Troop 60 since it began in 1933. Dr. Schroeder calls him "a tower of strength . . . in guiding hundreds of boys."

Fred J. Dubelbeiss has been Sunday school superintendent 42 years. Daniel F. Giroux, a comparative newcomer to Salem Church, gave his architectural services for a renovation program a few years ago. He is congregation vice president.

"Grateful Appreciation" in yesterday's program was an expression of "grateful appreciation" to Mrs. Leighton Young, chairman of a flower committee several years. She and her husband, chairman of the board of elders, have taken thousands of bouquets from the altar to sick and shutins.

Perhaps more than most downtown churches, Salem is separated geographically from its members. "There probably aren't a dozen families living within walking distance of the church," the pastor estimates.

Because of the transportation problems that such distances create for members, Salem has curtailed some weekday programs and hasn't attempted to set up a Cub Scout Pack.

But a Salem Church day camp on an 11-acre site near the old Rochester airport entrance still "is going strong," the pastor said. Recreation, religious instruction and handicrafts comprise the summer day camp program. The Girl Scout Council and other agencies also use the site.

Dr. Schroeder's character and influence have extended into Rochester's life. He is a past president of the Federation of

Churches of Rochester and Vicinity and chairman here of the American Christian Palestine Committee. He is a past president of Rochester Chapter, the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, and of the board of managers of St. John's Home for the Aged.

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Immediate assistants to Dr. Schroeder are the Rev. Mr. Mensendiek, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary who has been at Salem about 18 months, and the Rev. William E. Schmitt, who teaches adult Bible classes and visits church members.

Miss Mary Germ directs religious education. Richard Lansing is organist and Erhard Mehne sexton. Congregation president is Richard Thorne. Dr. Leonard Treash, who conducts Rochester's Opera Under the Stars, is choir director.

Salem's stained glass windows are among the most beautiful in the city. Double rows of small windows extend along both sides. Three larger panels look down on the back of the congregation.

The Evangelical and Reformed Church is somewhat a synthesis of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches. Salem Church membership reflects the German origin of the denomination. A merger between the Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Churches is due to become effective this year.

Dr. Schroeder believes the Reformed, Presbyterian, Methodist and some other churches seem to be turning to more formal types of worship, thus becoming more like the Evangelical and Reformed.

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**PAUSE AND REFLECT** — Among members of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church who meet during Lent to count blessings, reassess lives, left, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kosbab, Mrs. Stanley VanDer Wall, Mrs. R. Virkus.

### Lent, a Time for Decision

## How Can I Reassess My Life?

Lent is the time for personal reassessment. This is the second of a series of Sunday articles on Lenten reflections in which *The Democrat and Chronicle* interviews persons of all ages. Today's article is a discussion by adults. Next week's will tell the reactions of teenagers.

INTO the busy lives of home makers and bread winners comes the humility and communion of the Lenten period.

It's a busy time for fathers and mothers, young married couples, men and women planning marriage. But it's a time when grocery bills, income tax, the week's pay envelope, shoes for the children and hopes for a new car or a home are still paramount.

It's time for decision, too—decision not alone about how much insurance to buy, but decisions on the question: "What must I do to make life happier for others, how can I reassess my own life?"

Adults are answering those questions in this Lenten period. They pause amid their busy lives to count their blessings, to give thanks a moment for what they have.

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**THERE'S PROOF** of that in the churches, especially in special services conducted by all Christian faiths.

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**PAUSE AND REFLECT —** Among members of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church who meet during Lent to count blessings, reassess lives, left, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kosbab, Mrs. Stanley VanDer Wall, Mrs. R. Virkus.

**Lent, a Time for Decision****How Can I Reassess My Life?**

*Lent is the time for personal reassessment. This is the second of a series of Sunday articles on Lenten reflections in which The Democrat and Chronicle interviews persons of all ages. Today's article is a discussion by adults. Next week's will tell the reactions of teen-agers.*

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It's a busy time for fathers and mothers, young married couples, men and women planning marriage. But it's a time when grocery bills, income tax, the week's pay envelope, shoes for the children and hopes for a new car or a home are still paramount.

It's time for decision, too—decision not alone about how much insurance to buy, but decisions on the question: "What must I do to make life happier for others, how can I reassess my own life?"

Adults are answering those questions in this Lenten period. They pause amid their busy lives to count their blessings, to give thanks a moment for what they have.

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# Salem's New Associate D. & C. AUG 13 1960 Will Preach Tomorrow

The new associate minister of Salem United Church of Christ, the Rev., Warren A. Breisch, will preach his first sermons tomorrow as he conducts the worship services at 8:15 and 9:45 a.m.

Before coming to Rochester, the Rev. Mr. Breisch served Evangelical and Reformed churches in Pennsylvania and Maryland and has been particularly active in directing church camps for young people. He has served as a member of the Synod Committees on Christian Education and Town and Country. At one time he was associate executive secretary of the Churchmen's Brotherhood.

The Rev. Mr. Breisch is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, where he was a letterman on the football and wrestling teams, and of



**Rev. WARREN A. BREISCH**

Lancaster Theological Seminary. He is living with his wife and two daughters at 2216 West Side Dr.

## Quaker Unit Secretary To Preach

Robert S. Vogel, a member of the American Friends



Service Committee staff in Pasadena, Calif., will speak at the 10:30 a.m. service tomorrow in Salem United Church of Christ. His topic, "Is Love Relevant?"

**Mr. Vogel** Vogel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Vogel and a former member of Salem congregation, has been on the American Friends' staff for 13 years, first as director of peace education and currently as associate finance secretary.

In the summer of 1958 he toured Quaker projects in India, Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand and East Pakistan and, in 1959, in Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia and Texas.

He studied at Oberlin College, the University of Chicago and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University.

## Mrs. Harper Sibley to Address Salem United Church Guild

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THE WOMEN'S GUILD of Salem United Church of Christ is extending an invitation to all interested persons, including men of the congregation, to hear Mrs. Harper Sibley, who will address the guild's spring meeting at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

A noted churchwoman, Mrs. Sibley is the former national president of United Church Women, and is recognized in many countries for her interest in Christian leadership.

A social hour with refreshments will follow the meeting. Vocal selections

will be performed by C. Samuel Maggio and David Martin. Refreshments will be served by a group headed by Mrs. Albert Flemming. Presiding at tea tables will be Mrs. Fred Nowak, Mrs. Charles Van Norman and Mrs. Raymond Schmidt.

Mrs. Maggio, guild president, is being assisted in heading the event by Mrs. William J. Schneider, devotions; Miss Lois Heininger, decorations, and Mrs. Van Norman, Mrs. George Baetzel, Mrs. Leighton Young, Mrs. Earl Schauman, Miss Hilda List and Mrs. John Baybutt, reception.



THREE GENERATIONS being greeted at the door of Salem United Church of Christ by the Rev. Warren A. Breisch are Mr. and Mrs. George R. Herschell, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Herschell III, the latter's children, George IV and Jimmie, and (at right) Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Atwood.

## FAITH MOVES THEIR LIVES

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# 3 Generations Pursue Religious Life at Salem

*This is one of a series of Lenten articles about Rochester families selected for outstanding services in their churches.*

By ROSE SOLD

Three generations of one family, including two sets of grandparents, center their religious life and some of their social life at Salem United Church of Christ (Evangelical & Reformed).

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Herschell, 18 Reed Pk., brought their only son, George R. Herschell III, up in the church. Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Atwood, 1294 Clinton Ave. N., did the same with their daughter, Nancy.

Nancy and George III met at the church, and in time were married. Now the couple, who live at 189 Colonial Rd., have enrolled their two youngsters, George IV, aged 5, and Jimmie, 2, in the church school.

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A SINGLE INTEREST that cements

the adult members of the family is Salem Park, the day camp area in Scottsville Road owned by the church.

The senior Mr. Herschell said all are members of the "park gang" which keeps the buildings in shape, mows the lawn, puts on dinners, keeps the place clean and performs other chores.

"We got started because of our children and it has strengthened family ties. Now we have renewed interest because of our grandchildren," says Mr. Herschell.

All three men are members of the Men's Benevolent Society. George III, a lithograph artist with a printing firm, was responsible for some of the larger planning and design of Salem Park buildings.

Mrs. Herschell Sr. is a former deaconess and her daughter-in-law is now serving as one.

## Dr. Schroeder To Leave Salem Church Sept. 1

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., will give up the pastorate of Salem United Church of Christ (Evangelical and Reformed) on Sept. 1, he told his parishioners from the pulpit yesterday.

Dr. Schroeder has served the church since September, 1934. In announcing his decision, he said he has "deeply enjoyed the opportunity God has given me to worship in your midst and . . . the loyal and unfailing support of the members of the congregation."

Dr. Schroeder who is 68, had first notified the congregation of his intention to resign nearly two years ago.

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**DR. SCHROEDER** is a director of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Vicinity which he also has served as president. He is chairman of the Rochester Friends of the World Council of Churches, a group of individuals seeking to promote the council in this area; chaplain of the Damascus Temple of the Shrine; president

of the board of managers of St. John's Home for the Aged; a member of the board of visitors (governing board) of the Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

He is chairman of the local branch of the American Christian Palestine Committee and a member of the board of directors of the New York State Council of Churches of which he is a past president. He has served his denomination as a member of the General Council from 1934 to 1946; was president of the South Indiana Synod from 1932 to 1934 and was a delegate to the National Council of Churches.

He also was a member of the Committee on Closer Relations with Other Churches which initiated the negotiations leading to the recent merger of the Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian churches into the United Church of Christ.

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**REV. PAUL M. SCHROEDER**

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Before coming to Rochester, Dr. Schroeder served churches in Cleveland, New Orleans and Evansville, Ind. He and Mrs. Schroeder expect to remain in Rochester. Their home is at 175 Highland Pkwy.

## Minister Shortage Discounted

Although there is a shortage of ministers in the country, the Rochester area is not feeling the "pinch," several informed sources said today.

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., pastor of Salem United Church of Christ, alluded to the shortage in his sermon yesterday. Dr. Schroeder, who announced he was resigning his pastorate on Sept. 1, said he is "appalled" at the dwindling number of students who are preparing to be pastors of Christian churches. He added: "There has been an apparent trend among Christian ministers to seek escape from pastoral care of a congregation by enlisting in some form of specialized service, such as teaching religion in a college or seminary, or doing administrative and promotional work for some board or agency of a church."

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**DR. MILTON C. FROYD**, director of research at Colgate Rochester Divinity School and a member of the executive committee of the Department

of Ministers of the National Council of Churches, admitted there is a shortage of ministers among major denominations. However, he declared, this is not due to a shortage of students enrolling in seminaries but to increasing demands for ministers.

He cited the growth in the numbers of churches since the war and the fact that the "more favorable economic situation" and a "growing interest in religion" has encouraged many small churches which before had not found it possible to seek full-time ministers.

Further, he said, larger and stronger churches which at one time got along with one or two ministers have increased their staffs to as many as five ministers.

He said student enrollments in seminaries have doubled since 1940. Colgate Rochester, he said, which has endeavored to keep its enrollment commensurate with its staff's ability to give adequate training, has added teachers and dormitory facilities in the last few years to meet a growing demand. He said that the school was built to accommodate 110 students and it now has an enrollment of nearly 140.

Dr. Froyd declared that the Rochester area, on the whole, is an area of "strong churches" which are able for the most part to offer sufficient inducement to obtain ministers. He empha-

sized that he was speaking of churches of the larger denominations, "the only ones I am familiar with."

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**THE REV. HAROLD L. CLARK**, associate executive secretary of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Vicinity, said the National Council of Churches recently reported about 2,000 churches in the United States are without ministers but added that "Rochester area pulpits are fairly well filled." He said the rural churches have the most difficult time in obtaining ministers.

The Rev. Hale Thornberry, executive secretary of the Baptist Union of Rochester and Monroe County, said the Rochester area is helped in obtaining ministerial service by the field work program of the Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Students at Colgate Rochester serve in area churches while attending the seminary under a "supervised program."

**25 Years' Service****Rev. Schroeder Resigns Pastorate;  
'Appalled' at Ministerial Shortage**

**SERVICE OVER**, the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder hangs up his robe after announcing his retirement.

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, D.D., yesterday read his resignation from the pulpit of the Salem United Church of Christ (Evangelical and Reformed), which he has served since September, 1934.

Dr. Schroeder, who notified the Andrews Street church of his intention to resign nearly two years ago, said he will retire effective Sept. 1.

"I have deeply enjoyed the opportunity God has given me to labor in your midst," he said. "I was privileged to give Salem the best years of my life, and I deeply appreciate the loyal and unfailing support of the members of our congregation during these 25 years."

In his sermon, the 68-year-old pastor warned that the number of candidates for the ministry is dwindling at an alarming rate.

**Pastor 'Appalled'**

He said he is "appalled" at the dwindling number of students who are preparing to be pastors of Christian churches.

Dr. Schroeder said, "Several theological schools with long histories and an impressive record of service have been forced to close. Others are consolidating in order to survive."

"Unless this trend can be reversed," he warned, "there is no hope for the future of the church."

Dr. Schroeder also criticized a drifting away from pastoral responsibilities among students.

"There has been an apparent trend among Christian ministers," he said, "to seek escape from the pastoral care of a congregation by enlisting in some form of specialized service, such as teaching religion in a college or seminary, or doing administrative and promotional work for some board or agency of a church."

"The reason is not far to seek. Such service has more glamour and more prestige than serving as a pastor of a congregation. Above all, the minister serving in some other vocation than that of 'shepherd of the flock' is far removed from the pettiness, the contrariness, the stubbornness that characterizes the behavior of some of the members of every congregation."

"One pastor has recently stated in my hearing," Dr. Schroeder continued, "that he is serving as a pastor at the present time because he can earn more money as a minister in a church than he can earn as an instructor in a college."

During his ministry at Salem Church its property was freed from debt for the first time in more than 30 years and the budget was increased from \$35,000 in 1935 to \$106,000 in 1958.

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# Pastor Paul

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Pastor Schroeder has lived up to his preference, having declined more glamorous opportunities in the field of religion in favor of being a good shepherd. His quiet courage in championing causes, not all of them popular, has stamped him as a foe of bigotry and injustice. He has been a forthright believer in the rights and destiny of the new Israel. His presence has been a familiar and inspiring one in interdenominational and interfaith efforts. Dr. Schroeder will relinquish his pastorate but we cannot envisage his retirement from his wide variety of community and religious interests. That would not be characteristic of the man!