

# BURN MORTGAGE THIS MORNING AT THOBURN CHURCH

A celebration today at Thoburn Methodist church, 1708 64th st., will combine observances of the 45th anniversary of the church, the 25th year of Dr. John H. De Lacy's pastorate, the 23th year of the auditorium dedication, and the burning of a \$20,000 mortgage.

L. G. Broebe, president of the board of trustees and member of the congregation for 35 years, will present the cancelled mortgage to H. M. Burnett, treasurer of the board and 40 year member, who will light the paper. The congregation will sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" while the mortgage burns. L. G. Groebe's talk on "A Look Backward," will be followed by Bishop J. Ralph Magee's sermon on victory.

## First Services in Store

Organized by the Rev. D. D. Vaughn in 1900, Thoburn Methodist church services first were held in a store at 6154 S. Ashland av. On Nov. 18th of that year trustees began erection of a church building on the corner of 64th and Paulina sts. The church was dedicated Feb. 24, 1901, by Bishop J. M. Thoburn, whose name the church bears.

During the first 10 years, eight pastors served the congregation. The building was destroyed by fire in 1908 and once again a store served temporarily as the house of worship.

In March, 1910, Dr. De Lacy was appointed. The cornerstone of the present building was laid the first day of 1911 and was dedicated in March by the Rev. H. V. Holt. The church was constructed to give it the largest seating capacity of any protestant church in the 63d st. and Ashland av. district. Membership at that time was 200. An auditorium was added to the building group in 1920.

## Hold Long Service Records

The following trustees have worked with Mr. De Lacy to free the property, valued at \$175,000, from debt: Louis G. Grobe, 10423 Claremont av., president for 25 years; Harold M. Burnett, 9623 Hoyne av., treasurer for 30 years, and George Volk, Frank Gronau, Clarence Zimmerman, Martin J. Kirk, Clarence Bergstrom, Arthur F. Miller, and David I. Swanson. Membership today numbers more than 2,600.

A banquet will be served by the

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## Betrothal Told



## HELEN SHEARER

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Shearer, 9845 Damen av., announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Ruth, to Lt. [J. G.] Morgan L. Fitch III, U. S. N. R., whose parents live at 9531 Longwood cr. Miss Shearer is a senior at Ohio Wesleyan university, Delaware, O. Lt. Fitch was graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology. He recently returned from duty in the Pacific. They plan to be married in June.

Woman's Society of Christian Service on Wednesday night under the direction of Mrs. Colin Houston, president. Pastors of other Methodist churches will be special guests. Dr. C. A. Bloomquist will speak.

## ENGLEWOOD Y. M. FUND WORKERS TO GIVE REPORTS

Workers in the drive to raise \$300,000 for the Englewood Y. M. C. A. building fund will make their final reports at a dinner in the Y Friday night. Raymond S. Blunt, 8340 Elizabeth st., is general chairman of the three divisions, Englewood, Auburn Park, and West Communities. Speakers will be Frank A. Hathaway, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Chicago, and Samuel L. Hypes, chairman of the world service committee and president of Wieboldt stores.

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