

Eva Driscoll Recognized⁷ For Church Contributions

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Eva Driscoll of Decatur will be honored in Ft. Worth, Texas, July 2 for "service and leadership" in the United Church of Christ at a ceremony during the 1.7 million member denomination's 17th General Synod.

The recognition for "ministry that inspires and challenges others" will come during a celebration of the gifts of the church's laywomen, organized by the denomination's Coordinating Center for Women in Church and Society.

Ms. Driscoll, a member for more than 40 years and a life deacon of Central Congregational Church in Atlanta, was selected by the denomination's Southeast Conference for her many years of service to the church and community. She is well-known in the Atlanta area for her "pioneering work for women's rights and in early childhood education."

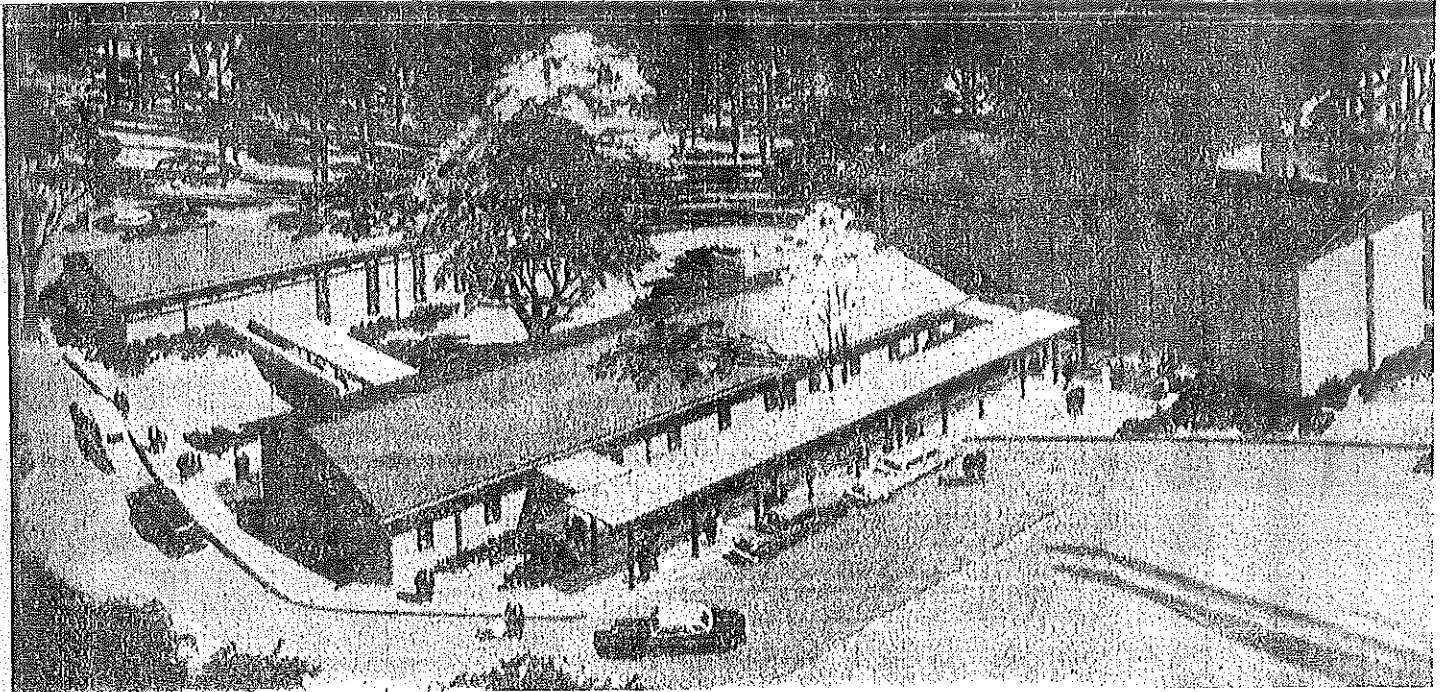
Ms. Driscoll has been active in the women's fellowship in her church and in the women's commission of the Southeast Conference. She also has led many workshops in Christian education for the conference. Ms. Driscoll organized the Head Start program in Decatur and organized and taught in the first nursery school and kindergarten in Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church. She

served in a variety of positions with the YWCA of Atlanta—working with the girl reserves, directing the membership and leadership division, and acting as interim executive director. Ms. Driscoll also has been active in Church Women United.

With her husband, the Rev. Edward A. Driscoll, she has worked for 17 years with the National Council of Churches. Mr. and Mrs. Driscoll also were actively involved in early civil rights efforts in Atlanta.

Each of the United Church's 39 conferences was asked to select one to three women from the region it covers to receive the honor, given through the Coordinating Center for Women and United Church of Christ Women in Mission, a national network of women in the church. In all, 86 women will be honored.

The United Church of Christ is a 1957 union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches. The Coordinating Center for Women in Church and Society is charged with monitoring the status of women in the denomination and developing policies and programs to address women's concerns and eliminate sexism inside and outside the church.



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF NEW CHURCH OF CHRIST WHEN IT'S COMPLETED

ON SCOTT BOULEVARD

Decatur Church of Christ Occupies New Building

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nounced later. The congregation anticipates a vigorous program.

At Christian Towers

4,000 YEARS IN KITCHEN CREDITED FOR GOOD FOOD

By DOROTHY NIX

It was an old-fashioned noon-day meal to be remembered in an era of light lunches and calorie-counting.

Those lucky enough to be invited to a luncheon meeting at Christian Towers, new high rise apartment for retirees on Church Street in Decatur, marveled at the abundance and variety of the food.

It was like Thanksgiving at Grandmother's house, dinner on the grounds at a church homecoming and Christmas

down on the farm, all rolled into one.

The cooks, busily sectioning apple pies and slicing country ham, modestly explained the excellence of the food in this way:

"We've got about 100 women the kitchen who have each been cooking at least 40 years and that adds up to about 4,000 years of experience."

Wearing fancy aprons over modish pants suits or best dresses, Towers residents busied about the facility's big

Community Room, passing out more hot rolls and bringing second helpings of coconut cake.

MANY OF the colorful congealed salads were in treasured old cut glass and china brought from former homes and these added attractiveness to the serving tables in a time noteworthy for its throw-away and disposable containers.

Shortly after the 216-apartment building opened, women of the Decatur Church of Christ, which sponsored the facility, brought covered dishes and entertained residents with a Christmas luncheon in early December.

Residents wanted to return the hospitality and decided to do it with a Valentine Day's luncheon.

Everyone at the Towers pitched in in some way, said

Ross Wilkman, administrator. A former military man, he said he was amazed at the number of volunteers.

"Forty people showed up and wanted to serve on committees," he said.

Dot Whidby and Allie Wilhoan were cochairwomen for the luncheon; Ethel Raymond, treasurer; Myrtie Owens, decorations; Ellie Rompfort, Belle Elliott and Anne Bird, table setting; Liz Whaley, Lois Carter and Gretha McDonald, food; Ophie Boss and Hilda Baugus, welcome and name tags; Sally Freeman and Emma Wilson, serving; and Cleo Morgan, favors.

Tip for Gardeners

Rotating vegetable crops is a good idea. Extension Service horticulturists offer these tips on how to do it: (1) Alternate shallow rooted crops with deep ones. (2) Follow crops that supply organic matter with crops that aid decomposition of organic matter. (3) Plan for growing soil improvement crops. (4) Try not to follow a grassy hay crop with small vegetable crops; weed problems are just too great.

Decatur Women Revive Oldtime Quilting Bee

By DOROTHY NIX

A group of Decatur church women has revived an old-fashioned household art to meet the needs of modern times.

Women of the Decatur Church of Christ, 1877 Scott Blvd., piece together scraps of bright cotton left over from sewing projects to make colorful patchwork quilts.

Their quilts have warmed the beds and hearts of elderly patients in nursing and convalescent homes, children in foster homes, and families whose household goods have been burned.

THE QUILTING project grew out of two concerns. The first was a wish to express love and self-involvement. The women feel that their handmade quilts do this better than a purchased, ready-made coverlet.

Second, the group prides themselves on wasting nothing. The bits and pieces of fabric used are left over from home sewing, their sewing of pajamas, robes and other clothing in the church workroom, or are donated by interested persons.

"If Christ could gather up the fragments of bread to feed the multitude, we can gather together these scraps and use them," Mrs. Elwood Whitacre says.

When the quilting sideline got under way about three

years ago, one of the women brought her set of quilting frames to the workshop and these were used until they gave out.

"We searched everywhere in town and couldn't buy a new set of frames," says Mrs. Porter McKay. "We finally found these we are now using in a mail-order catalog."

FEW OF the women have had much quilting experience but Mrs. Ned Sellers can remember hooks in the ceiling of her grandmother's house where quilting frames were hung.

Mrs. Coy A. Camp can remember attending one or two quilting parties in her youth in rural Georgia.

Mrs. Whitacre said when the churchwomen "put in" their first quilt they quilted the patchwork top, lining and interlining together with thousands of tiny stitches like those used at quilting bees of long ago.

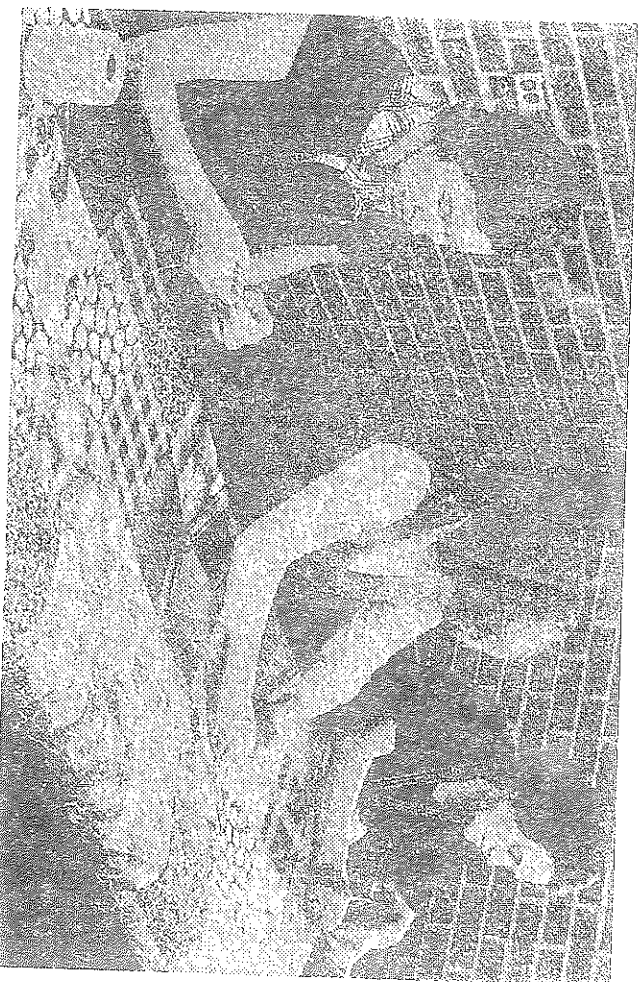
But they found this method took too long and they couldn't keep up with other sewing projects, although their workshop is open five days a week.

So now they "back" their quilts, sewing long stitches with heavy cotton thread that is clipped at intervals and tied, a method also used in busy frontier households. The simplest of patchwork patterns also is used to save time.

FOR LINING they use inexpensive unbleached muslin and for interlining they use clean worn blankets or old quilts which are no longer serviceable.

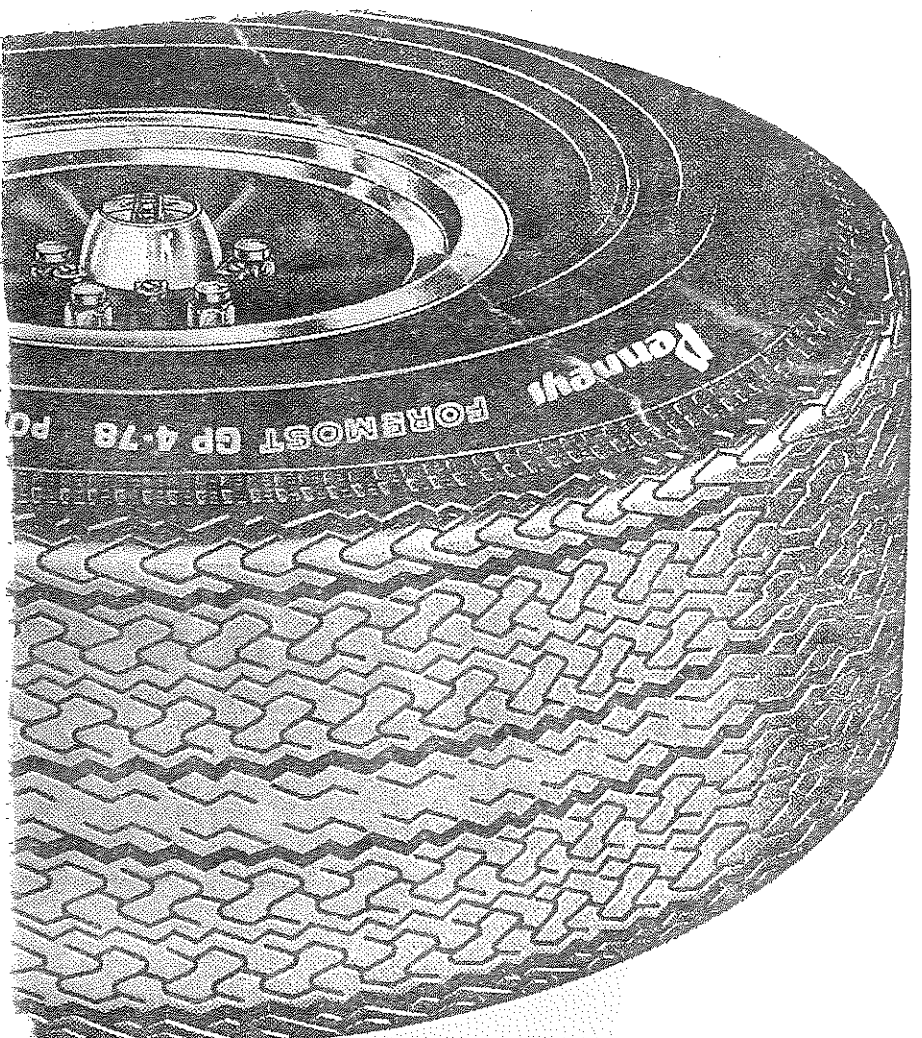
"We don't throw anything away," Mrs. Whitacre said.

In addition to supplying clothing and bedding, the church keeps a food pantry for emergency distribution to needy families. About 50 women in the church give at least one day a month to the workshop.



CHURCH WOMEN CLIP AND TIE THREAD, A METHOD USED BY PONTIAC WOMEN. Staff Photo—Billy Downs. Mrs. Porter McKay (left), Mrs. Elwood Whitacre (center) and Mrs. Coy Camp work at frames.

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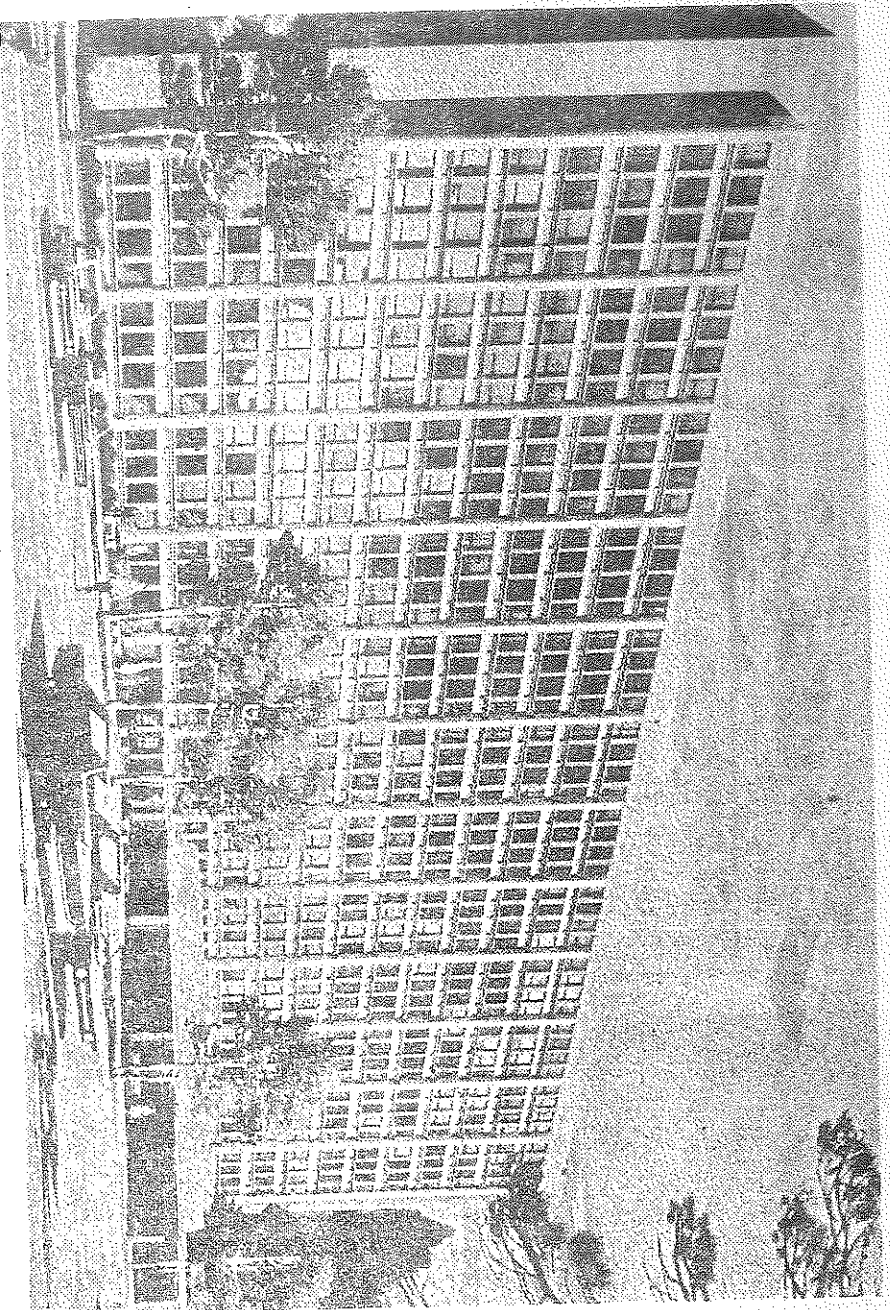
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ARCHITECT'S RENDERING OF \$3.8 MILLION CHRISTIAN TOWERS Groundbreaking Ceremonies to Be Held Sunday on Church Street

Groundbreaking Planned

By DOROTHY NIX

Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. for Christian Towers, a \$3.8 million apartment complex for senior citizens on Church Street adjacent to Suburban Plaza Shopping Center.

The 14-story, 214-unit building is a nonprofit facility for persons over 62 years of age. Seventy-nine efficiency units are expected to rent for about \$80 per month and one-bedroom units at \$104.

The Towers is being built and will be operated by the Decatur Church of Christ Senior Housing Inc., a corporation made up of members appointed by elders of the church.

A spokesman for the church said only a few retirement facilities exist in the area and these have long waiting lists. Several are too expensive for most retirees, the spokesman said. The new complex will serve a real need, he added.

He said no founder's fees or service charges will be added to monthly rents which will include all utilities except tele-

phones. Each apartment will be air-conditioned, carpeted and fully kitchen-equipped.

AN EFFORT will be made to avoid an atmosphere of institutionalism or that of a medical facility, but the building will be designed with the needs and interests of those advanced in years.

Safety features will be included in a fire alarm and throughout the high rise building. There will be a "talk-back" call system in each apartment and automatic smoke detection.

Gardening spaces will be provided for residents but overall landscaping of grounds will be maintained by the management.

ARCHITE CRENshaw, minister of the church, said Christian Towers will be essentially for older persons who are able to care for themselves but wish the convenience of apartment living and the society of persons with similar interests.

He said other advantages would be available public

transportation to downtown areas of Decatur and Atlanta and the proximity of shopping, entertainment and churches nearby.

Members of the board of the senior housing corporation include Crenshaw, Leland H. Reeves, S. J. Westbrook, Joseph F. Glenn, Richard Craig, Glenn Embry, Bob Demoreaux, Alfred E. Bastin, Jr., Leon Smith, Richard S. Peleg and Thomas N. Lewis.

Project architects are Crenshaw and Smith of Nashville, Tenn.

Those wishing further information or residence application forms should contact the Decatur Church of Christ Senior Housing Inc., 1677 Scott Boulevard, Decatur 30033, telephone 633-9242.

6,400 in 4-H

Get School Aid

Since 4-H scholarships were first offered some 30 years ago, donors have provided 6,400 scholarships valued at more than \$2.8 million.

Decatur to Shift 2 Polling Sites

The new state law which requires cities in DeKalb County to use the county's vote registration list in municipal elections will be taken one step further by the city of Decatur for their Dec. 1 contest.

The city has discontinued voting at City Hall and at Clairmont Elementary School as has been the practice in the past and has added precincts at Glenwood School and St. Thomas More.

The reason for the change, according to City Clerk Robert Hudgins is use of the county voter list. Since the list will be used, county precincts will also need to be operated, therefore the city is discon-

tinuing two of its precincts and changing them to county ones.

Hudgins said voters will receive notification by mail of the precinct and location where they are to vote. He said the new list has some 8,300 voters listed in the city limits of Decatur as opposed to 4,600 on the city's list, but he is not certain all the names are legitimate.

The city clerk said the plans to challenge those who have moved from the city by sending a "do not forward" letter to all persons on the list notifying them of their polling place. Those that are returned will be stricken from the list.



DO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

The Hill and Valley Garden Club, in conjunction with the South DeKalb Mall Branch of Bailey, Banks and Biddle jewelry store, are combining their talents in a "Do Something Beautiful" display at the store on Nov. 4 and 5. One of the garden club members said both groups are in

improving environmental conditions of the area and it seemed a good time to pool concern and creative ability. Shown discussing plans for the displays are (L-R): Mrs. Lewis Gossette, president; Fred Goers, manager; Bailey, Banks and Biddle; and Mrs. Joseph Morgan, first vice president.

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**Sunday Class
Resumed for
Exceptional**

Decatur Church of Christ has resumed a Sunday morning class for exceptional children. A former class had been discontinued when the teacher moved out of town.

The new class, which is open to all children regardless of age, race or parental church affiliation, meets from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at 1677 Scott Boulevard.

John Corder, director of the program, said parents are welcome to attend services there or go on to other services of their choice. Children left in the class will be cared for until the parents return.

All children are welcome in the program, regardless of the degree of mental retardation and teachers trained in special education plus volunteers will provide a one-to-one ratio in the class. For those who cannot be taught, supervision will be provided so their parents can attend church services. No child will be turned away, Corder said.

Archie Crenshaw, minister of the church, said plans are under way to set aside one day a week at the church for day care for exceptional children so their mothers can have additional free time.

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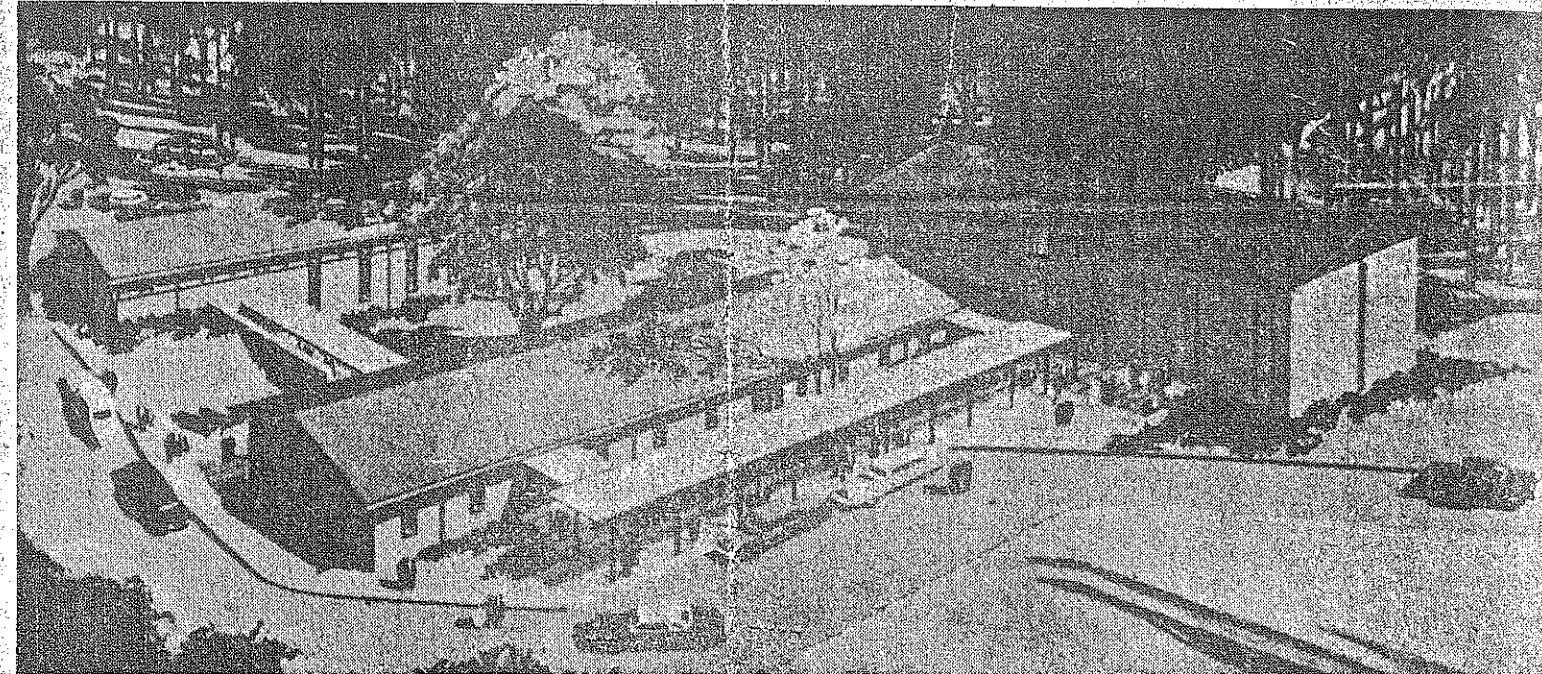
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DECATUR CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pictured is an architect's drawing of the Decatur Church of Christ as it will appear when completed. The section at the lower left-hand corner, an auditorium seating 275 people, was occupied by the congregation last Sunday. It will be used as an educational building after the planned sanctuary at right is completed later. The church is located on Scott boulevard.