

recent "high" was noted in Bible school attendance with four hundred twenty present, while the weekly average is about three hundred twenty-five. The



Vinewood Church

church's income is in the neighborhood of \$30,000 annually, with \$5,500 of this spent last year in mission and fellowship activity. A strong eldership oversees every phase of the work, one unusual aspect being the budgeting of about \$1,000 for advertising.



James D. Groves

Thousands of people have come and gone through the doors of Vinewood, as it is centrally located, about three miles from downtown. Few churches in the area exist without members who have attended Vinewood at some time or other. A number of preachers have gone out from this church through the years. Claud F. Witty used to say, "Preaching in Detroit is like preaching in Union Station." This has been especially true of Vinewood, as through the years, members come and go, a great many moving into newer neighborhoods. The church began in 1885 when Brother and Sister William Linn and a few others came out with the blessing of old Plum Street to start a work seven blocks west of its present location. Other early members were Alexander Y. Malcolmson, George F. Barbier and Captain Henry Scharnwebber, with their families. Brother Malcolmson will be remembered longest for his connection with Henry Ford, having helped organize the Ford Motor Company, owning enough stock at one time to hold joint control of the company with Mr. Ford. It is said that the first meeting of the company was held in the Vinewood building. None of the Malcolmson family remains in the church. An imposing list of preachers have served Vinewood almost since its beginning. This list includes W. D. Campbell, J. W. Shepherd, W. S. Long, H. H. Adamson and L. C. Bankhead. The present minister, James D. Groves, has served the church longer than any of

the above with the exception of H. H. Adamson, who preached at Vinewood for twelve years. Brother Groves will have completed twelve years in October of this year, having moved here in October of 1944, from Toledo, Ohio, which was his first work. Not content with victories won, the church is pressing on. It is contemplating the enlarging of its building or consolidating its facilities in order to do a greater work and is looking forward, under God, to its greatest years of service.

Fairview

East Vernor at Lemay

Among the earliest congregations in Detroit to be started was Fairview, which began in 1914 at East Vernor and 2500 Lemay. It was known as Fairview because of its location in that section of the city.



K. L. Edwards

It has had a part in the establishment of five other congregations. The latest of these is the St. Clair Shores work begun in 1955. Fairview aided in the purchase of a site for these brethren who plan to build soon. Fairview's present building was erected in 1916 through the faith and generosity of the late Paul Gray.

Ernest O. Stewart was minister until last fall, having served for three years. Kenneth Edwards, formerly preaching in Paducah, Ky., began work here November 27, 1955, and is off to a good start. Last year, almost \$20,000 was contributed and the 1956 budget calls for \$23,400. A membership of about two hundred seventy-five, with a Bible school attendance of the same number and a Sunday morning attendance of three hundred forty-five gives a total thumbnail sketch of the work. Two men serve as elders and five as deacons. Former preachers are: E. G. Rockliff, A. B. Keenan, and J. E. Alexander.

Fairview's mission program includes partial support of Forrest Pendergrass in Japan and presently supports an Italian preacher. Over \$5,500 was spent in mission and benevolence work in 1955. The small auditorium is crowded and two services have been necessary on Sunday morning for about two years. This is a good congregation composed of stable elements. Some of the best people in the city are to be found here. The oldest congregation on the East Side, Fairview has long held aloft the "Torch of Truth" and we are confident will continue to do so.

West-Side Central

Puritan at Ferguson

Claud F. Witty came to Detroit August 1, 1912, to become minister of the Old Plum Street Church, remaining here until his death in November, 1952. Brother and Sister Witty, optimistic and enthusi-