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## **Ethel Crispin Is Honored at Bapist Church**

Best wishes were the order of the day when Ethel Crispin was honored by members of First Baptist church after having taught Sunday school there over 70 years. Many friends were present to share the occasion with her among whom was Mayor and Mrs Foster Huber and Rep. Stanley Powell.

Rev Lowell Young extended the welcome to a well filled sanctuary after which he invited Rev John Tennyson to deliver the invocation. Reverend Tennyson is a former pastor of the church, and was accompanied by his family. Rev F. J. Fitch, who served the church as pastor in 1929, was also in attendance.

In addition to being a Sunday school teacher of long standing, Miss Crispin presided at the church organ 56 years and maintains a class of music students even now, many of whom are third generation pupils.

A program entitled This is Your Life, Miss Ethel Crispin, was narrated by Norbert Ver-Porter, chairman of the board of deacons, by whom the affair was sponsored. In his tribute to the honored guest he spoke of the many associations of Miss Crispin relative to the church. Mrs Emily Beckhorn recalled that in 1902 she began to attend Sunday school with Miss Crispin as her first teacher. She was remained with the class ever since. The name CCW Class was changed from the World Wide Guild Girls in 1926.

Sixteen members of the class

in 1950. They were included in the program Sunday. The original compositions Others and the CCW class song, the first written by Hazel Halstead and the latter composed by Margaret Darling were sung by the group, none under 60 years of age. Members of the choir are Mildred Crawford, Elsie Boltz, Helen Ketchum, Mabel Jones, Ida Woolcock, Marian Tingley, Phoebe Lonsbury, Gladys Ketchum, Electa Malakofsky, Ruth Fox, Bertha Whitesides, Blanche Kendall, Margaret Darling, Greta Burns, Emily Beckhorn, accompanist, Charabell Edwards, a former pupil. A poem, The Aged Strong, read by Miss Crispin at the 120th anniversary of the church, was read by Kathryn Heppe. Piano selections by Lois Haskin included Lento, Moonlight Sonata and Adante Contable, all of which are favorites of Miss Crispin. Concluding the skit was Lena Fox with a humourous reading, When Hiram Sang in the Choir.

Presentations following the program were a plaque to be placed in the CCW classroom by Stanley Powell in behalf of the men's fellowship; the guest book from the Mission Society by Mabel Jones; and the volume This is Your Life, Miss Crispin, by Norbert VerPorter. The gift of her Sunday school class was a corsage of pink roses. A ribbon of remembrance containing notes and cards from those unable to be present was also presented by Mrs Jones.

Planning committee consisted of Norbert VerPorter, chairman; Anita Reynolds, Katharine Bonn, Charabell Edwards, Margaret Darling, Nettie Kraibrink, Mabel Jones.

Guest Book, Ernest and Mabel Craft; greeters, Margaret Darling, Fern Johnson; punch bowl, Frederika Lowery and Margery Bonn; silver service, Mabel Jones and Mildred Crawford; flowers for the dining room, Ada DeBoer. Coffee was in charge of Lloyd Bonn. Servers were members of the church who are present music students of Miss Crispin, Kathy Bailey, Lois Haskins, Cris Reynolds and Jackie Bonn.

Ushers, Lloyd Bonn and the nursery in charge of Illa Borroff and publicity, Katharine Bonn.

Assisting in the kitchen were Anita Reynolds, Josephine VerPorter, Pearl Lee, Mabel Craft, Geraldine Young, Charabell Edwards and Katharine Bonn. Mrs Lee was in charge of the table of good wishes in the dining room.

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