



PASTOR AT LARGE—Rev. Aiden Lee Hill, who came to Highland Park 50 years ago this month, will be honored at a special Father's Day coffee hour this Sunday at Highland Park Christian Church.

Honor Rev. Aiden Hill on 50th year here

The Rev. Aiden Lee Hill, known as Highland Park's "Pastor at Large," will be honored at a Father's Day coffee hour at noon this Sunday at Highland Park Christian Church, 235 N. Ave. 58, where he began his service as pastor a half a century ago.

All the friends of the minister are invited, with special emphasis on the three generations of young folk at whose weddings he has officiated. Known as the "Marrying Preacher," Rev. Hill married some 1600 persons when he was the officiant at "Bride and Groom" radio shows a decade ago. In addition he has married literally thousands of local couple in his 50 year career.

"After 50 wonderful years in the Highlands, I still say, 'my hobby is people'" are the words of Rev. Hill who became the pastor of Highland Park Christian in June of 1918 when the congregation was just 13 years old. At that time worship was held in the little brown chapel erected on a single lot at the corner of Monte Vista and North Avenue 58.

Two years later, Rev. Hill organized and taught a Brotherhood Bible Class" where more

than 200 men in the area met each Sunday to "start the week right." The late J. Arthur Lewis was their song leader.

In 1922 work began on the present sanctuary of the church. Pews were dedicated in 1925 and the pipe organ in 1927. A social hall was added in 1930 and the cathedral chimes in 1934. Rev. Hill was a proud participant at the mortgage burning which was held in 1943.

After giving 30 years of his life in leading the church, Rev. Hill retired in June of 1948, but continues to serve as Pastor Emeritus and caters to the interdenominational needs of the entire community as "Minister at Large."

Everyone is invited to Sunday's "coffee."