

Religion in the News



Providence honors pastor's six years

The Providence Baptist Church 313 NE Failing Street and Union Avenue is celebrating their pastor and wife 6th pastoral anniversary.

This promises to be one of the best anniversaries with The McKinney Temple Church of God in Christ as host church, with Bishop W. L. McKinney delivering the anniversary message.

The general public is invited along with the host of friends, church people and members.

The Boyds have made outstanding contributions to the church and civic community.

The date is the 26th of November at 3:00 p.m. This anniversary also ties in with the yearly revival which will begin Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. and each night thereafter.

Union Fellowship

The Union Fellowship will hold its Thanksgiving Service at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 N Vancouver Avenue at 10:45 a.m. Reverend L.J. Thomas, pastor of First A.M.E. Zion Church will bring the message. The public is invited.

Editor opposes pledge

By Religious News Service
The constitutionality of a North Carolina law requiring use of the phrase "so help me God" in voter registration and in changing political party affiliations is questioned in a suit filed in U.S. Middle District Court here.

The action was filed by R. Fletcher Good IV, editor of the Elkin, N.C., Tribune, in nearby Surry County, who contends the law deprives voters of their constitutional rights of equal protection under the laws, freedom of religion and the right to vote.

Mr. Good asked that the suit be made a class action for trial by a three-judge panel, whose ruling would affect all voters. He said he was denied a change in party affiliation by the Surry County Board of Elections when he refused to swear "so help me God."

He said he wanted to change his affiliation from the Democratic Party to "no-party affiliation," and an employee of the board handed him a copy of the oath which he signed after striking out the phrase.

Mr. Good said the board's aide then informed him he could not register as affiliated with any party unless he sub-

scribed to the oath in full, and that such a ruling was backed up by the board's executive secretary.

He said the oath now required by state law should be declared unconstitutional and unenforceable, that an injunction should be issued forbidding the State Board of Elections or any other board from enforcing the law containing the prescribed oath.

Mr. Good asked for a ruling that would be in keeping with earlier U.S. Supreme Court decisions involving prayers in the public schools. "I'm not against religion," he said, "although I admit infrequent attendance at Galloway Episcopal church of Elkin where my wife and I are members. I do regularly attend and occasionally teach the Adult Forum Sunday School Class at First United Methodist church of Elkin."

The North Carolina Civil Liberties Union provided the lawyer who is pressing Mr. Good's suit. The action is against J. Brian Scott, chairman of the North Carolina Board of Elections, and its members.



DR. DAVID HYATT

Hyatt becomes prexy

Dr. David Hyatt has been named President-Elect of the National Conference of Christians and Jews it has been announced by the four National Co-Chairmen of the NCCJ.

Dr. Hyatt, who is the executive vice president of the NCCJ, will be installed at the NCCJ's annual meeting of the Board of Governors in April. He will succeed the retiring president, Dr. Sterling Brown. Dr. Hyatt thus will become the fourth NCCJ president since the non-profit human relations organization was founded in 1928 to create inter-religious and interracial understanding following the anti-Catholic prejudice that erupted when Al Smith ran for

president. Dr. Everett Clinchy and Dr. Lewis W. Jones were the other NCCJ presidents.

For the past 18 years, Dr. Hyatt has been deeply involved in the field of education for interracial and interreligious understanding and justice. He joined the NCCJ in 1954 as national director of public relations. In 1958 he was named Vice President for Public Information and in 1965 became Executive Vice President.

Hyatt is the author of numerous articles for periodicals on these problems.

He is currently serving his second three-year term as a member of the United States National Commission for UNESCO.

Zest of Life

By Carnegie "Happy" Pullen

INTRODUCING A BRAND NEW RELIGION -- CHRISTIANITY! Christianity is as a brand new and truly revolutionary model car -- the most appealing and advanced design that can do wonders no other car can do. It can travel at phenomenal speeds and suddenly project wings and take off into the upper air. But this amazing model has rarely been seen outside the dealer's display room. It is greatly desired and sought after, but few indeed can be found who can or will pay the fabulous price for this marvelous invention.

It is the writer's contention that but a rare few persons ever truly performed the whole instruction of Christ. It is his contention that the Christianity that is practiced in the churches -- any church you can mention -- is not the Christianity of the "hard sayings" of Christ; but the easy, convenient, permissive version of Christ's doctrines as taught by the Apostle Paul and it bears little resemblance to Christ's hard doctrines.

This new religion costs so much more; but it gives you so much more in the way of absolute divine protection, immortality for the body, and the mastery over circumstance and miracles of supply, healing and blessing. I know; but it is the only true religion that answers all the unanswered questions and perplexities of this frustrated and perplexed age. It is the only religion that truly offers

a worthwhile and workable meaning of life; and offers to men at once "dominion over the earth," mastery of self, life, death, hell and circumstance.

It offers virtual omnipotence: "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23. It offers him omniscience: "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things... He will guide you into all truth... and he will show you things to come." John 14:26; John 16:13.

Christ boldly promises the faithful and obedient ones: "Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy" (evil) "and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Lu. 10:10. "If they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:18.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keep my sayings, he shall never see

death." (John 8:51. Which sayings? Surely He means all of them. What does Christ require for admission into the Kingdom?

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU." Matt. 6:33. "Be ye the refore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." This is a commandment.

We have to consider and act upon Christ's words, not the words of any prophet or apostle. For we are weighed and judged by Christ's words.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you," (if you obey my words) "ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7. "He that believeth on me, the works I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do." John 14:12.

G.K. Chesterton, the Catholic writer said, "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried."

Will parochial schools survive?

(The following statement was issued by Mr. David Leech after the November 7 defeat of Ballot Measure 4, "Changes State Constitution Provision Regarding Religion." Mr. Leech is headmaster of Oregon Episcopal Schools - St. Helen's Hall, Bishop Dagwell Hall - and president of the Oregon Federation of Independent Schools.)

If the parochial schools disappear, it is because rich America has let them starve to death. Must we awake some day to find that a vital part of our cultural diversity has disappeared? We would miss the educational alternatives which produce much human happiness and shape human character.

The big lesson that we can learn from the defeat of Ballot Measure 4 is that the public doesn't want the state to support two school systems: one public, the other parochial.

But in the election of 1972, many citizens behaved as though it were 1850 all over again. Society has changed a great deal since Oregon's birth. Even the churches which sponsor parochial schools have undergone vast changes.

More surprising has been liberal attorneys and education talking like the religious ultra-conservatives and still fighting a battle which was long ago settled: way back in the early days of our nation when our constitution was written when church and state were given their own arenas of activity.

The feared raid on state funds by parochial schools will never take place. Now, having reclaimed financial immunity, the Oregon taxpayer could afford a mild generosity: limited aid to the non-public school pupil. In footing the bill for private tuition, the parents of these spare the Oregon treasury millions of dollars. They merit some neighborly help, like free textbooks drawn from state-adopted textbook lists.

The state can be neutral in assuring that every school child has the tools of fundamental education, i.e., his numbers, letters, basic hygiene, and the foundations of good mental health. The state should be so neutral that it will seek legal ways to aid the educational process for every child, regardless of his parent's secular, re-

ligious, or political beliefs which dictated placement in a public or parochial school.

For the state above all other concerned entities has a vital interest in assuring that all schools are good. They all serve the public welfare; therefore, in a significant sense, there is truly no such thing as a non-public school.

We are told, wrongly, that the very instructional methods used in parochial schools so entangle secular and religious concerns that the state cannot even provide basic textbooks without constitutional violation. But if Catholic children are piously reminded of the Holy Family in classes on human relations, so much the better. Paying for the textbooks would be a tremendous tax bargain! Joseph apparently weathered a most difficult domestic situation and the family stayed together to raise an able son who actually learned a socially useful trade and "found favor with God and man."

What a good teaching illustration that is for a public as well as a parochial school. Historically in many states parochial schools have been fed by the urban poor who oftentimes have good reasons for not sending their children to the nearest public schools. How may more freedoms -- like a freedom of school choice not rendered useless by sheer poverty -- are to be denied the poor until, like the Blacks and Indians in America, they find ways to get their demands listened to and acted upon? The parents of parochial school children deserve some financial aid from the tax monies they themselves pay the state for educational purposes.

We must find a way to help!

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Obituary

Catherine L. Blakey died at Emanuel Hospital on November 13, 1972. Mrs. Blakey was born in Vernonia and attended Failing Elementary School and Franklin High School.

She was a surgical aid at Good Samaritan Hospital for 25 years. She was a member of First A.M.E. Zion Church and a past member of Dahlia Temple 202 I.B.P.O.E. of W. Surviving relatives are her husband, Paul L. Blakey, Sr.; a son, Paul Jr.; three brothers, four sisters, and six grandchildren.

Reverend L.J. Thompson officiated the funeral; held at Caldwell's Colonial Mortuary.



4635 N. E. 9th Avenue

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Breakfast 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Reverend Samuel Johnson

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Reverend Thomas L. Strayhand, Minister

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Phone 284-1954
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Vesper 5 p.m.

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5828 N.E. 8th
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Ellis Casson, Associate Minister

Church School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Noon - One Hour of Power 12:00 noon
Wed. Prayer & Class Meeting 7:30 p.m.
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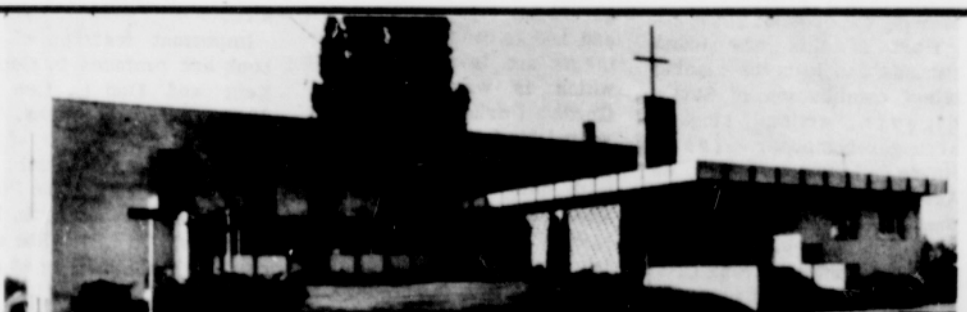
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