

Madonna To Train Catechists

Madonna College will offer Phases I and II of the Detroit Archdiocesan Catechist Training program in the fall of 1972.

Phase I, Introductory Catechists, will be offered for two credits or on a non-credit basis on Monday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m.

Phase II, Man in His World, will be held on Tuesday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m. The course will carry three credits, but may also be taken for non-credit.

Information on registration dates, fees and materials will be available in August. Those who are interested may contact Sister Irene Louise Doman, director, religious education, after Aug. 10.

Phase II, Word of God, will be offered in the second term, beginning in January.

This past year, 106 parish catechists received certificates upon completion of Phase I at Madonna College, and 35 were awarded certificates for Phase II.



HEARING AID BOXES are an innovation in Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Hubbard and West Chicago, Livonia. Senior citizens and others hard of hearing now may pick up one of the devices upon entering and can plug

it into one of the six boxes installed in the pews. Trying out the equipment here are Bill Ackerman (left), Mrs. Edna Duncan and Dick Duncan. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

VBS Is July 10-21

Vacation Bible School will be held July 10-21 in Antioch Lutheran Church, 3330 W. 13 Mile, Farmington. The theme will be "Together in God's World."

Designed for all children from four years old through the fifth grade, the school sessions will be held Monday through Friday mornings.

There will be music, crafts and field trips.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Registration blanks may be obtained at the church office or following the regular church services.

Mrs. Sally Vicery, superintendent of the school, still needs staff help. Interested persons should contact her through the church office.

Dearborn SA Hosts College Singing Group

The Extensions III, a singing group from Vennard College, will present a concert in the Salvation Army Building, 2670 W. Warren, Dearborn Heights, on Friday, July 14. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Vennard College is located in University Park, Iowa. The group is composed of nine students. They have been featured in a number of weekend youth events in Iowa.

traditional gospel songs and hymns.

Vennard College is an interdenominational, four-year professional college specializing in Christian vocational preparation.

Re-Elected

At the annual congregational meeting of Temple Beth Jacob, 79 Elizabeth Lake Road, Pontiac, Arthur Kollin was re-elected temple president.

At the meeting, Rabbi H. Philip Berkowitz, the spiritual leader, noted that the temple will celebrate its golden anniversary in 1973.

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's Religion Update

For religion writers who yearn sincerely to report good news of religion (in spite of something of a dearth of such), the opening day of this year's Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia was glorious.

For one thing, the nation's second largest denomination (11.8 million members - and still growing) elected as its new president a Mississippian who is a religious statesman of high caliber. Industrialist Owen Cooper, during his initial press conference as president-elect, revealed unusual intelligence in not attempting to answer questions in which he is not well versed - and at the same time admitting it, rather than attempting to cover by evasion.

But there were few issues on which he is not well informed, his long record of admirable social consciousness being well implemented with thorough consistency and balanced by tolerant and sensible religious devotion.

of this commentary are now locked up in a Nashville warehouse, as a result of previous convention victories of Turner's group.

Several Baptist state newspapers rightfully excoriated this proposal as an attempt to "stampede the convention into a witch hunt" and a "bookburning in the home of the Liberty Bell."

But Rev. Turner's motion was given the coup de grace by one of the denomination's elder statesmen, former SBC President Herschel Hobbs of Oklahoma City.

Noting that he had never read a Bible Commentary with which he could fully agree, the venerable pastor threw his full pulpit voice into overdrive with a thunderously logical observation that it is utterly impossible for anyone to write a Bible commentary with which all Baptists can agree - short of the denomination's adopting a creeded an historical anathema to Southern Baptists).

RETIRED PRESIDENT Carl Bates of North Carolina was scrupulously fair in making every effort to allow further debate on the issue. But as nobody else seemed at all anxious to engage in any forensic fencing with Dr. Hobbs, Turner's motion was decisively buried after support by only some 250 fundamentalist palbearers.

Rev. Turner then held a press conference to announce that the decision, in his judgment, hardly represented the denomination as a whole, and was due in part to the fact that the Philadelphia Convention site was so far from the heart of Dixie.

He then proceeded to offer comments on a wide variety of subjects, including pastoral

ethics. In answer to one question, he expressed strong disapproval of any pastor who leaves a community with unpaid bills.

He was then asked if there was any truth in reports that he himself had left Vicksburg, Miss., two years ago owing a personal debt of \$9,000 to the Americana Recording Studios of Ruston, La.

Rev. Turner's cool edifice of self assurance appeared to wobble slightly at this query. He replied that the debt was not \$9,000 - but he declined to mention how much he felt that he still owed to Southern Baptist Roger Lawson, proprietor of the recording studios, for providing albums.

At the same time he conceded that Lawson had not violated contract and he did not dispute Lawson's comment to this writer that Pastor Turner's last payment on the debt was for \$100, in November of 1970. (Lawson also told this writer that he had had debts in excess of \$100,000 from Southern Baptist pastors and musical directors, including \$8,300, plus interest, from Turner.)

THE CONVENTION was preceded by the annual Baptist Pastors Conference, an all-day preaching derby which invariably produces one or more homiletical horrors.

Retired SBC President R.G. Lee of Memphis, for example, described beverage alcohol as "sewerage in the drinking fountain... a ratlensake in the nursery... a rapist in the girls dormitory... etc., etc., etc." But two days later, Billy Graham told a convention press conference: "I know this may shock a number of Southern Baptists, but I believe Jesus drank wine and that the Bible hardly advocates teetotaling."

CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Christians)

MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

35478 Five Mile Rd. Livonia

BIBLE SCHOOL 9:30 a.m. (Newborns provided)

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45 a.m. (Newborns provided)

6:30 p.m. Youth evening and evening service

Mark McGilley, Associate Minister

Air Conditioning

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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Churches of the area cordially invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is conducted at the same hour as church, and care is provided for children of pre-Sunday School age.

Hours of Service

FOURTH CHURCH, Detroit 11 a.m.

24400 W. Seven Mile near Triegraph

EIGHTH CHURCH, Detroit 10:30 a.m.

26011 Grand River at Evergreen Rd.

FIRST CHURCH, Garden City 11 a.m.

33111 Ford Road

FIRST CHURCH, Plymouth 10:30 a.m.

1100 West Arbor Trail

FIRST CHURCH, Farmington 11 a.m.

32825 Grand River Avenue

WEDNESDAY TESTIMONIAL MEETINGS HELD AT 8 P.M.

UNITED METHODIST

ST. LUKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

39851 S. Middle Rd. Livonia

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sunday School

7:30 p.m. Thursday Service

First United Methodist Church of Garden City

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Area Deaths and Funerals

A retired cook with the Detroit Board of Education, she lived in Livonia seven years.

Surviving are: a son, William A. Jankowski, 81, of 26208 Dower, Livonia; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Collett, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

STELLA JANKOWSKI, Services for Mrs. Jankowski, 81, of 26208 Dower, Livonia, were held in R. G. & R. H. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia, with Rev. Jack Savage officiating. Mrs. Jankowski died June 24 at Cardinal Hill Hospital, Livonia, after a long illness.

She was a native of Poland and lived in Livonia for the past nine years. She was a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Surviving are: a son, Lawrence Tolp, 44, of Chicago; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Baumraster of Livonia, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

HARRY A. BIRETT, Services for Mr. Birett, 65, of 11344 Wrenwood, Redford Township, were held at St. Henry Church, Church with Rev. Edmund Wolch officiating. Mr. Birett died July 1 in Plymouth General Hospital, Detroit.

He was a retired private secretary to E. S. Evans of E. S. Evans Corp. of Detroit, a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, and active in many civic, Catholic and University of Detroit activities.

Surviving are: his husband, Walter; five sons, Dr. Walter C. DelMatia of Farmington, John DelMatia of Farmington, Joseph J. DelMatia of Farmington, James A. DelMatia of Farmington, Robert J. DelMatia of Farmington, and a daughter, Miss Mary A. DelMatia of Farmington. Mrs. Birett died June 24 at St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia.

He was a 42-year resident of Livonia before moving to Redford Township, where he was a chemical engineer with Allied Chemical Co. and active in the Livonia Boy Scouts.

Surviving are: his wife, Mary; three sons, Donald C. McGreggor, of Warren, Mich.; a daughter, Mrs. Robert J. McGreggor, of Warren, Mich.; and a daughter, Mrs. Florence Lenton of Anna, Canada, and 14 grandchildren.

HERBERT B. MCGREGGOR, Services for Mr. McGreggor, 75, of Warren, Mich., were held in Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Richard C. Dunkschetter, D.D., officiating. Mr. McGreggor died July 1 in New Jersey, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

He was a 42-year resident of Livonia before moving to Redford Township, where he was a chemical engineer with Allied Chemical Co. and active in the Livonia Boy Scouts.

Surviving are: his wife, Mary; three sons, Donald C. McGreggor, of Warren, Mich.; a daughter, Mrs. Robert J. McGreggor, of Warren, Mich.; and a daughter, Mrs. Florence Lenton of Anna, Canada, and 14 grandchildren.

HERMAN O. HEINEMANN, Services for Mr. Heinemann, 84, of 34650 Conklin, Farmington, were held in Grace Lutheran Church, with Rev. Victor F. Hahon and V. Francis Schaeffer officiating. Mr. Heinemann died July 3 in Providence Hospital, Southfield, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

He was retired printing salesman for Strop Printing Co. of Detroit, a three-year resident of Farmington Township, and a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Redford Township.

Surviving are: a daughter, Mrs. Harry (Virginia) Wolf of Farmington Township; a brother, Frank Heinemann of Farmington Township; and four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

MAE BELL FORTNER, Services for Mrs. Fortner, 84, of 2510 Northpark, Farmington, were held in