

Parish Council Members

Train In Workshop

"Focus on the Future," a series of four weekly workshops for members of the Catholic parish councils, began Feb. 26 in Laidwood High School, Livonia.

Elected religious and lay members, as well as the priests, will focus on change, church, community and co-responsibility.

Coordinated through the Institute for Continuing Education.

Dr. Sockman

Lenten Speaker

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, noted rabbi minister of New York City, will be the speaker at the third Lenten service in Redford Baptist Church, 9206 Grand River, Tuesday, March 3, at 8 p.m.

Dr. David Jordan, pastor of Berea United Methodist Church, Highland Park, will preside. The public is invited to attend this service.

tion of the archdiocese, the workshops offer deeper insight into religion and the mission of the church. In addition to refreshing and updating various techniques of communication and group dynamics.

Leading the sessions are Alex Costineau, Rev. Valerius Jasinski, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carleton.

Leslie Buchan of St. John Bosco parish, Redford Township, is serving as local general chairman. Assisting him are Sr. Madama of Madonna College, registration; Sr. Lisa of Laidwood High School, audio-visuals; Dan Morrison, president of St. Priscilla's parish council, arrangements; and Mrs. John McGuire, a member of the parish council of Our Lady of Victory, Northville, communications.

Approximately 120 people from Catholic parishes in Redford, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth, which comprise the North West Wayne Vicariate of the archdiocese, will participate in the workshops.



JOHN D. VARNER



REV. H. L. KENNEDY



REV. A. PAUL MCGARVEY

Missionary Conference Stars Israel, Africa

Israel and Africa today will be under discussion at the annual missionary conference of Northwest Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Farmington, March 7 to 15.

Included among speakers at the conference will be the Rev. A. Paul McGarvey, former

missionary to Japan, who is working in Jerusalem to establish an international church.

School groups and residents of the area are invited to attend the meetings and view exhibits representing both Israel and Africa at the church

located on 10 Mile Road between Middle Belt and Inkster.

REV. MCGARVEY will speak at 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, along with the Rev. H. L. Kennedy, Rev. Kennedy is on furlough after more than 30 years in Guinea, Mali and Upper Volta, Africa. The two visitors also will meet with several classes in North Farmington and Farmington High Schools on Thursday and Friday.

John Varner of Indiana, Pa., will speak at the "Men for Missions" banquet Saturday, March 7, at 7 p.m., in the MCL Cafeteria in the Ted-Twelve Mall. He also will preach Sunday, March 8, at the 11 a.m. service. Varner is coordinator for Men in Action, a service ministry in evangelism.

Rev. Kennedy will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, March 15. A rally featuring all the speakers will be held at 3 p.m., and at 7 p.m., the Rev. Gordon Larsen, missionary from West Iran, will speak.

ECUMENICAL REFLECTIONS

"Ecumenical Reflections" is a column in which Observerland clergymen and lay leaders are invited to present their ideas on church and religious topics of general interest. Anyone interested is invited to participate: Contributions should be one to two pages of double-spaced typing and may be mailed to the Church Editor, Observer Newspapers, 271 S. Main, Plymouth 48170.)

By The Rev. William Ritter

United Methodist Church

A few evenings ago my wife and I went out to dinner, taking in a current movie playing nearby, namely "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice." Its popularity in Observerland is a matter of record. It has already had a long engagement with no end in sight.

Moreover, a previous effort to attend the film resulted in the discovery that tickets were sold out for each of three evening performances. On this particular evening, we attended the final showing and found even at that late hour, few vacant seats.

I am of the generation of professional clergy who believe that much of what currently graces our movie screens, even with its controversial subject matter and blatantly "adult" format, is of some worth to the average churchman.

For there is a growing recognition that the very inward and personal kind of film, such as "Midnight Cowboy" or "The Graduate," gives us a more honest slice of life than that which emanates from Hollywood. We are now receiving, in the midst of candor and controversy, a fairly honest portrait of man — his thoughts, fears, hopes and relationships with those around him — with heroes and heroines that tie to be neither all good nor all

bad, but, like ourselves, a mixture of both.

STILL, WE OFTEN hear the question, "Whatever became of the good old-fashioned religious film or Bible epic?" The last such effort to capture the market, John Huston's "The Bible," suffered the saddest critique of all — it was ignored.

Plainly the church-going movie public has come of age. There are not going to be any more "good old Bible epics," because with few exceptions, Hollywood never produced any "good old Bible epics" in the first place.

Such films were a form of Bible Fantasyland, overrun with sentimentalism that bore little resemblance to the real meaning and impact of Scripture. They exhibited a kind of "bathos" religiosity that assumed if you got enough armies or enough horses, armed with an equal number of spears, and added two or three scantily clad slave girls for romantic interest, you had a good "religious" picture. This satisfied our ancient longing for "once upon a time," with the adventurous ramblings of "return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear — King David rides again."

These epics were like a ditch dug a mile wide and an inch deep — spectacular but shallow. They seldom made any impact on my life or the lives of those around me, and the emptiness of my own personal and social worlds. Almost never did they pose a question that illumined

my struggle for a contemporary and authentic Christian life.

ALL OF WHICH returns me to "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice."

Artistically it had many flaws. It never seemed quite sure how to take itself — as comedy or as message. A scene involving the communal smoking of marijuanas was superfluous and in bad taste. And yet the theme — the meaning of sex within marriage — is worthy of examination.

"B. C. & T. A." is not a film about wife-swapping or infidelity, no matter what the publicity would have you believe. It is a film about the role of sex in monogamous marriage. It is a film about jealousy and trust, freedom and responsibility, openness and guilt.

Precisely, it raises those kinds of questions that even the best of married couples don't talk about — as evidenced by much nervous laughter, caused in part by embarrassment. It is not a film for someone who has not at least seriously contemplated marriage. The average high school student will not be overly shocked by what he sees — he will simply have no framework from which to evaluate it.

If it takes kings in long boards and bathrobes to make a picture for churchmen — stay home. There is even some incidental nudity, although I remember seeing less on Bathsheba a few years ago than is ever removed by Carol or Alice. If, however, a reader wants to reflect on God's gift of sex in marriage, spend the \$2.75. It might be a film for churchmen after all.

Chorale Sets Performance For Plymouth

The Detroit Bible College Chorale, composed of 44 students chosen through competitive auditions, will present a sacred concert in Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Plymouth, Sunday, March 1, at 7 p.m.

Included in the program will be "Lord, Now Let Us Sing Thy" by Gresham, "Gloria Be to God" by Berger, several spirituals and other works. Leon Anderson, assistant professor of music at the college, will direct the chorale. He is founder and director of the Detroit Bible College Chorale and Organ Choir, and is presently chairman of the music department of the college.

School Sets Attendance Contest

All during March, Bethany Baptist Church of Livonia will conduct a Sunday school attendance contest titled "March to Sunday School in March." Attendance at the church will be compared with those of Sunday schools of similar size. Recognitions and rewards will be given to individuals and departments for increases in attendance.

Waldo Hostetter, a Detroit magician, has been engaged to assist in coordination of the contest, which is geared to the whole family.

Bethany Baptist Church is located at 3451 Five Mile. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m. The public is invited to participate in the contest.

Religion Update

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's

LONDON When it comes to withering criticism of American religious institutions, British journalists can be tigers. They described Billy Graham, for instance, as "Graham in Gaborone," "The Holy Gospels" and "Jesus, Incorporated."

The Rev. Dr. Graham has since announced that he will not again lead crusades in Britain. And the British branch of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association last year suspended publication of its magazine, "Christian."

Yet the British press has foregone even to question the religious beliefs of the 21-year-old Cambridge University student who will one day become "supreme governor" of the 27 million-member Church of England.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS The Prince of Wales, Charles Philip Arthur George of the House of Windsor, has held four press conferences. In none of these was he ever questioned as to the faith which as king he will officially become "defender of."

Certainly the House of Windsor must at least care about religion — even if negatively. For it was a religious hater that brought heartbreak to Charles' Aunt Margaret and abdication to his great Uncle Edward. And more recently, great concern has been felt over the holy war in the northwest reaches of the realm.

Yet when this writer asked Buckingham Palace for an interview regarding how the prince feels about the faith he is supposed to defend, the reaction was one of restraint and dignified horror.

compassionate church law to bear witness to a marriage that had ceased to exist. His having divorced (and remarried) — instead of marrying Princess Margaret.

Despite Captain Townsend's "hoping to that small group owed so much by so many, this romance was stultified by order of the archbishop of Canterbury who, like all British bishops, is appointed by the prime minister. Prime Minister Eden — who had himself been divorced and remarried.

Then King Charles III might not "without invading" Parliament that until that body is willing to let his church revise its "Book of Common Prayer" which provided revision Parliament voted down in 1928. He is king would hold up all honors — such as rewarding money-making businessmen or Beatles with lordships or commandships in the Order of The British Empire.

PRINCE CHARLES is described by one Cambridge clergyman who prefers to be anonymous as "a regular church-goer, who is helpful; he sometimes reads the lessons at services."

"But," added this clergyman, "he is rarely entitled to his privacy" — which appeared to be a contention that defense of the faith should be done with all the secrecy of an 007. And despite the fact that the prince's enquiry is an experienced public relations man, David Checketts.

Thus far, with interviewing journalists required to submit their questions in advance, Charles has been confronted with such earth-shaking questions as his love life — never such relatively unimportant subjects as politics or religion.

Thus the British government forces the human being who is its sovereign and supreme church governor to perch on a pedestal of irrelevance.

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1402 Pauline Avenue
Pastor: Leonard Koelinger, 453-2993
Worship Services: 8 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

In Redford Township
Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Ch.
1750 Ketchikan
Pastor: Edward Zall, 532-8655
Worship Services: 8 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

In Westland
Our Saviour Ev. Lutheran Ch.
Warren at Farmington
Pastor: Jack A. Dehler, 427-8119
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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Pastor: William C. Lincoln
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Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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537-3778 537-5272
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Pastor: Donald M. Gresham
530-6715 530-6715
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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Phone: GR 4-2584

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
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474-0675
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Temple Sets Russell Tribute

Rabbi Sherwin Wine will present a tribute to the late Bertrand Russell as part of the March 6 Sabbath service at the Temple.

The service will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the First Junior High School on Scotia in Oak Park.

Rabbi Wine will discuss the book "The Life and Loves of St. Bertrand," during the