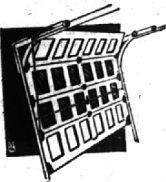


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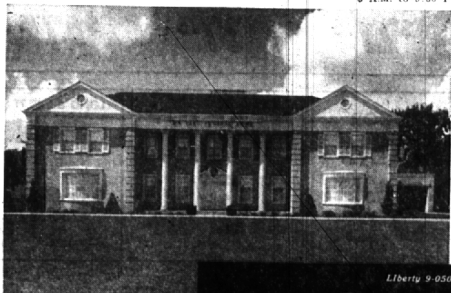
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THE DICTAPHONE machine on a counter behind his desk is the method by which Rev. Dr. W. Glen Harris, of First Presbyterian church, records his sermons. He later memorizes his sermons after they have been typed by his secretary.

How He Writes His Sermons:

## Dr. Harris Uses Cards In Organizing Sermons

By JULIE CANDLER

Ask Rev. Dr. W. Glen Harris next June what he intends to preach on some Sunday in May, 1958, and chances are he'll be able to tell you. For Dr. Harris sits down in his study at First Presbyterian church during the last two weeks of June each year and determines the Sunday-sermon topics for the year ahead.

Working from that list, he and his secretary put into action an amazing system for finding material pertinent to the subjects he has chosen.

The systematic method begins with a master file of 2 x 3 cards, hundreds of them kept in neat order in Dr. Harris' large, beautifully furnished study.

THERE IN A DRAWER near the big picture window, each master file card is headed with a word, title, such as brotherhood, faith, or freedom. Below that title is listed a book, its author, and page or pages referring to that subject.

The master file is always on the handsome, grey-haired minister's mind as he does his extensive reading. When he finds a passage he might use in some future sermon, he turns to the book's back page, notes the subject of the passage, and the page.

When he finishes the book, he gives it to his secretary, Phyllis Beckman, of Detroit. Phyllis turns

to the back page, makes file cards on each of the subjects noted there.

EACH MONDAY MORNING Phyllis checks the sermon topic for the following Sunday, notes down key words and subjects Dr. Harris used in a paragraph describing the main idea of the sermon.

If "brotherhood" is one of the key words, Phyllis pulls all the master file cards referring to that subject.

"There might be as many as 30 cards on one subject," says Phyllis.

She gives all the cards to her boss, who selects the references he wants to use. Early Monday afternoon Phyllis goes to the wall opposite Dr. Harris' huge, modern desk. From the book-laden shelves which extend from door to ceiling she takes the books containing

needed references.

BY THURSDAY MORNING Dr. Harris has organized the material well enough to pick up a machine speaker and dictate the sermon.

That afternoon Phyllis types the sermon. Saturday morning Dr. Harris memorizes it, so well that he usually goes to the pulpit Sunday morning without notes.

He makes one exception to that practice. He often preaches in Spanish in Mexico and his native Texas. Then he lets up a little. For, he admits, "I read the Spanish ones."

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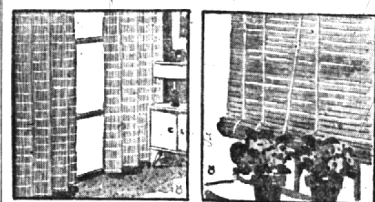
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