

Proposed Lottery System Denounced By Area Ministers

By JIM CRELLIN
Church Editor

A proposal to relieve Michigan's fiscal problems by lifting the ban on lotteries has brought cries of indignation from church leaders throughout the state.

Several Birmingham area ministers commented on the proposal when contacted by The Birmingham Eccentric last week.

The proposed amendment, introduced by Rep. Edwin A. Fitzpatrick (D-Detroit), would permit "not more than five sweepstakes in each year."

In addition, other lotteries, "for charity or public projects as provided by law" would also be legalized.

Fitzpatrick said he believes the sweepstakes could raise \$50 million a year for the state, and other proponents of the measure have said that \$30 million is already being spent illegally in the state each year for foreign sweepstakes.

Last year a similar measure in the house failed to get the necessary two-third majority.

LAST WEEK Harold C. McKinney, Jr., director of operations for the Michigan Council of Churches, denounced the amendment and said it would "stimulate one of the most

those things, there is something wrong."

THE REV. Theodore Waggner, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer made similar comments.

"I am not in favor of lotteries for any purpose," he said. "Because in my opinion they are against the basic principle of stewardship. It is trying to get something for nothing, which I think is a false philosophy, or approach to life."

"I have never felt that sort of thing would be an effective way of supporting any kind of program."

"I AM VERY definitely not in favor of the lottery system," said the Rev. Allen P. Wittrup, associate minister at First Methodist church.

"I don't believe in putting the state in any form of gambling enterprise. This is an attempt to find a financial solution for the state, but we should find a way which is legal and in the best interest of all people concerned."

THE REV. Walter B. Pedersen, minister of the Birmingham Unitarian church also denounced the proposal.

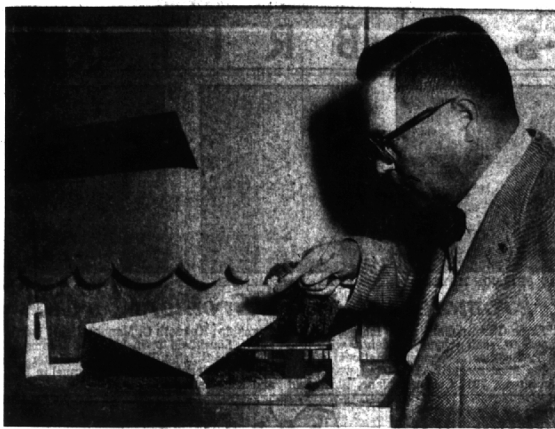
"It is my feeling that we shouldn't encourage the idea that people can get something for nothing," he said. "We need a deeper awareness of the nature of reality, but lotteries encourage the belief that we can escape from reality, which is not desirable."

"I'm AGAINST IT," said the Rev. Robert J. Searls, minister of the Franklin Community church.

"Records and documents show that this type of thing leads to corruption of government and creates more problems than it solves."

"It is getting something for nothing, and I don't think it would help the state at all. An open and legal tax is the best way to pay for government."

"If a person wants to get a suit he goes out and buys it. If people want government service they should pay for it."



The Rev. David E. Gillespie, pastor of the Westwood Baptist church, points out some of the details of the modern chapel to be constructed soon at 19400 13 Mile, Westwood. The model has been displayed

Construction to Start This Spring On Westwood Baptist Church

WESTWOOD—Construction will begin soon on one of the most modern churches ever built in this area. The building will feature a roof design new to this area, all glass walls and a pulpit in the center of the church.

The structure will be built by the Westwood Baptist church, 19400 13 Mile road, and will be the first of a planned three-unit building program.

The new \$35,000 building, designed by the Birmingham architects, Begrow and Brown, will serve as a chapel until a proposed sanctuary and multi-purpose building are constructed. It will then be used as a youth chapel.

THE REV. DAVID E. GILLESPIE, pastor, said construction would begin within 30 to 60 days, and if everything goes well, the building will be dedicated in July or August.

The structure will be located on four acres of ground owned by the church at the 13 Mile address and will be built in front of the house the 75-member congregation has been meeting in since 1907.

The congregation will continue to use the house for meetings and other activities. It will not be removed until the proposed sanctuary is built.

THE CHAPEL will be 36 ft. high, 72 ft. long and 42 ft. wide. It will seat 175 persons. A balcony at the rear of the church for the organist and choir director will accommodate an additional 28 persons.

The thin shell roof consists of three hyperbolic parabolas and the building itself is hexagonal shaped. Seating will be arranged so the pulpit is almost in the center of the chapel.

Mr. Gillespie said the central location of the pulpit would provide an "intimate atmosphere."

WALLS WILL consist of triangular shaped stained glass panels with darker colors in the north and south walls to filter sunlight.

A bell tower located in front of the church will be 21 ft. high. A cross on the tower will span 46 ft.

Mr. Gillespie said the growth of the congregation would determine when the sanctuary and multi-purpose building would be constructed.

DR. WALTER R. HAND, minister of the Metropolitan Methodist church of Detroit, will be guest speaker at a pot-luck supper at the Congregational church of Birmingham, March 19, at 6:30 p.m.

This will be the last of three Lenten programs to be held at the church, sponsored by the board of deacons and deaconesses.

Dr. Pierce was awarded The Freedom Foundation's George Washington Medal for "outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life." He traveled in the Holy Land and Europe in 1962 and 1955, and in Cuba in 1962.

RESERVATIONS for the pot-luck supper may be phoned in to the church office. There will be movies for the children following the supper.

Anyone unable to get to the pot-luck but wishing to hear Dr. Pierce may come at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Hand comes to Northwestern from Indiana where he served as executive secretary of the Indiana Council of Churches since November 1, 1955. During that time he received recognition due to his leadership in the various denominations as well as in the council.

In this capacity, he completed reorganization of the council, implemented a new financial relationship to the thirteen denominations which have official representation in the council and established a cooperative relationship to another fourteen denominations.

IMPORTANT PROGRAMS during his service included the revision of the Indiana Marriage Law, introduction of the National Christian Teaching Mission to the state, and the Indiana Chain of Missions.

Prior to 1955, Dr. Hand was minister of the Woodruff Place Baptist church, Indianapolis. He formerly held pastorates in Ohio, New York, West Virginia and Indiana.



Choir to Present Brahms's Requiem

Principal participants of the Brahms Requiem to be presented by the Chancel Choir of the First Presbyterian church, are shown planning the score for the production. The Requiem will be presented Sunday evening at 8 p.m. Working on the score, from left, are L. Robert Slusser, conductor; Mildred G. Ritter, associate organist; Ruth Killeen, soprano soloist, and guest pianist Kent McDonald.



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1st Baptist Choir To Present Cantata

The 31-voice Sanctuary choir of the Birmingham First Baptist church will present a Lenten cantata for the first time at a morning service, Sunday at 11 a.m.

Mr. Charles Holtz will conduct the cantata which will include, "Man of Sorrows" by Van Denman Thompson. It is based on familiar hymn tunes, and begins with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem and continues through Holy Week events, concluding with the Crucifixion on the Cross.

FEATURED soloists will be Ruth Davidson, soprano; Elizabeth Schettling, alto; Ben Storr, tenor and Jim Wood, bass. Winne Storr will preside at the organ console.

Dr. Albert H. Gage, interim pastor, will speak on the subject, "The Cross."



Dr. Harold C. DeWindt, MINISTER

Sunday Services 9:30-11:15 A.M.

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