

DO YOU MEAN IT?

Lesson for June 17, 1973

Background Scripture: Exodus 20:7; Matthew 5:33-37; 6:1-6; 7:21-23; 23:28-32; Mark 7:5-8; Devotional Reading: Isaiah 1:10-17.

Which of these would you consider to be violators of the Third Commandment?

Jack, frustrated by an unpredictable fuel pump on his car, lets loose with a string of high-powered profanity.

Sue, without quite realizing it, has gotten into the habit of punctuating all her exclamations with "O my God!" Betty recites the words of the Lord's Prayer, but her mind is far away on other things.

Ed delights in using the words, "nigger," "Jew-boy," and "wop," because it never fails to shock or impress his listeners. Carl voices his vows of church membership, giving little thought to what he is promising. Edna is a woman who finds it difficult to tell the unvarnished truth, preferring instead to bend it and shape it to her needs.

The name in vain The Third Commandment tells us, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in Vain..." (Exodus 20:7). This was an important commandment because the Hebrews believed that a person's name was an essential part of their personality. To dishonour a person's name, meant to dishonour the whole person.

Furthermore it was believed that the name carried with it the powers of the gods or the spirits. People would use the names of certain deities to manipulate their powers. The name, therefore, is not to be used dishonestly or insincerely. To use God's name profanely is obviously a violation of the

(Continued From Page 1-B) reported to him. An organization in Scotland County has documented evidence of failures to comply with the law in Scotland and in several other counties, but Mr. Morgan will not even look at that evidence.

Mr. Morgan is an ambitious politician himself, and he is not about to jeopardize his future by exposing the unlawful actions of other politicians. Thus the chief law enforcement officer in North Carolina practices a double standard. The laws are enforced when they are disobeyed by non-politicians; they are not enforced when disobeyed by politicians.

William Winn Laurinburg

'Buyer Beware'

To the Editor: Let us assume a Land Developing Company, from here on referred to as LDC, negotiated

commandment. The name should claim as much respect from us as God himself. Furthermore, it is obvious that we ought not to use God's name in a common or thoughtless way. To thoughtlessly use the name over and over again is to show a certain disrespect or contempt for God.

Do not swear at all Jesus was concerned that God's name should not be abused in another way: "Again you have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not swear falsely...' But I say to you, 'Do not swear at all'" (Matthew 5:33) Jesus did not want men to use the name of God to compel the truth from others. What is needed, Jesus is saying, is not better oaths, but more honesty.

We would not need to preface our remarks with "God knows..." and "As God is my witness..." and "I swear to God..." if there was a higher level of honesty both with ourselves and others. So it is with God, too. It matters little how often we say his name, if we are not sincere. As the Isaiah said, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me..." And Jesus warned: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom..."

If we use God's name, implied or expressed, let's make sure we really mean it.

to purchase a parcel of land from MR X and Associates for the amount of \$5,000,000 and made a down payment of \$250,000 to MR X and Associates who agreed to hold the first mortgage on said parcel of land. The LDC proceeded to divide up the land into home sites and began selling them. However, the LDC could not issue any deeds to the lots sold due to the fact a large trust remained on said parcel of land and had to be satisfied to Mr X and associates. Therefore, the LDC sold lots under a sales contract to potential buyers, promising to deliver a deed within a reasonable time after total payment had been made.

When a purchase was made under a sales contract from LDC, the buyer was mailed a payment coupon book and requested to make his payments to a Finance Company, in another state, other than the LDC. After faithfully making payments to said Finance Company and waiting a reasonable length of time, no deed was ever issued.

The LDC accepted down payments on signed sales contracts and then sold the contracts, at a discount, to a Finance Company, which in all probability is a subsidiary to LDC. (Example: Buyer A, which was me, the undersigned, purchased a lot for \$2,000 and

made a 10 percent down payment (\$200) with terms to pay off the balance over a period of 24 months. LDC sells the contract with a balance due of \$1,800 to the Finance Company for \$1,620. When LDC did this my financing business was finished with LDC and I owed the Finance Company \$1,800. You ask, what about the land? Mr. X and Associates still has legal claim to it because of the mortgage they hold.)

The LDC after accepting down payments from buyers and the discount money from the Finance Company over, supposedly, expend themselves in the development of this parcel of land and fails to keep his agreement with MR X and Associates who is holding the mortgage. Mr X and Associates wait until the appropriate time and then forecloses on the LDC and recoups the parcel of land still covered by the mortgage.

LDC then dissolves and becomes a defunct company, MR X and Associates have their land back, much improved, and you my dear buyer have a loan with a Finance Company, or if you have paid off your loan, you have a copy of your sales contract which is of no value—unless—you recorded your sales contract from the LDC in the Courthouse in the county seat where the land is located. This gives you a legal claim against the LDC. The

Finance Company is protected by law and can collect the money due him on the contracts the LDC sold. It is similar to that when you buy a car and it is financed by the bank, you are liable to the bank regardless the problems you may have with the car.

I was a buyer of a parcel of land under a sales contract and I failed to record my sales contract in the courthouse where the land was located. What I stated in the foregoing paragraphs happened to me. My note was discounted to a Finance Company to whom I made full payment. A foreclosure was made on the property by person or persons holding the first mortgage, they got the land back, the Finance Company got the payments, the original LDC became defunct, formed a new corporation and continued to operate until a Home Owners Property Association was forced and the developers were brought to trial by the Post Office Department for using the mails to defraud.

One of the biggest swindles going on in this country today is the land development swindle. Some states have enacted laws to protect its people but from what I have heard, North Carolina and South Carolina have not done so. Therefore, when purchasing land or real estate—CAVEAT EMP-

TOR (Buyer Beware). Helen V. (Frye) Turner Southern Pines.

Mark This

The Charlotte Observer Observer columnist Dot Jackson recently described a reader's discovery of a 50-million-mark note and a coin dealer's disillusioning revelation that it was worth only 25 to 75 cents.

Before World War I, there were about four marks to the dollar. But with German defeat, occupation, and a host of other troubles, the mark fell considerably until 1920, when it seemed stable at 60 or 70 to the dollar. It began to plummet in July, 1922, and by Nov. 12, 1923, the rate of exchange was 840 billion marks to the dollar; a week later, it was quoted at well over 4 trillion marks to the dollar.

We felt we should tell you all that so you might feel a little better, what with the mark lording it over the dollar these days. Remember the dollar? It had a fine tradition in its day.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE PILOT. MOORE COUNTY'S LEADING NEWS WEEKLY.

FURNITURE

40% off retail

Sales Agents for all top brand manufacturers

SEND YOUR REQUIREMENTS TO: High Point Wholesale Co. P.O. Box 594, Winston Salem, N.C. 27102



Pinehurst Airlines

Serving the Sandhills

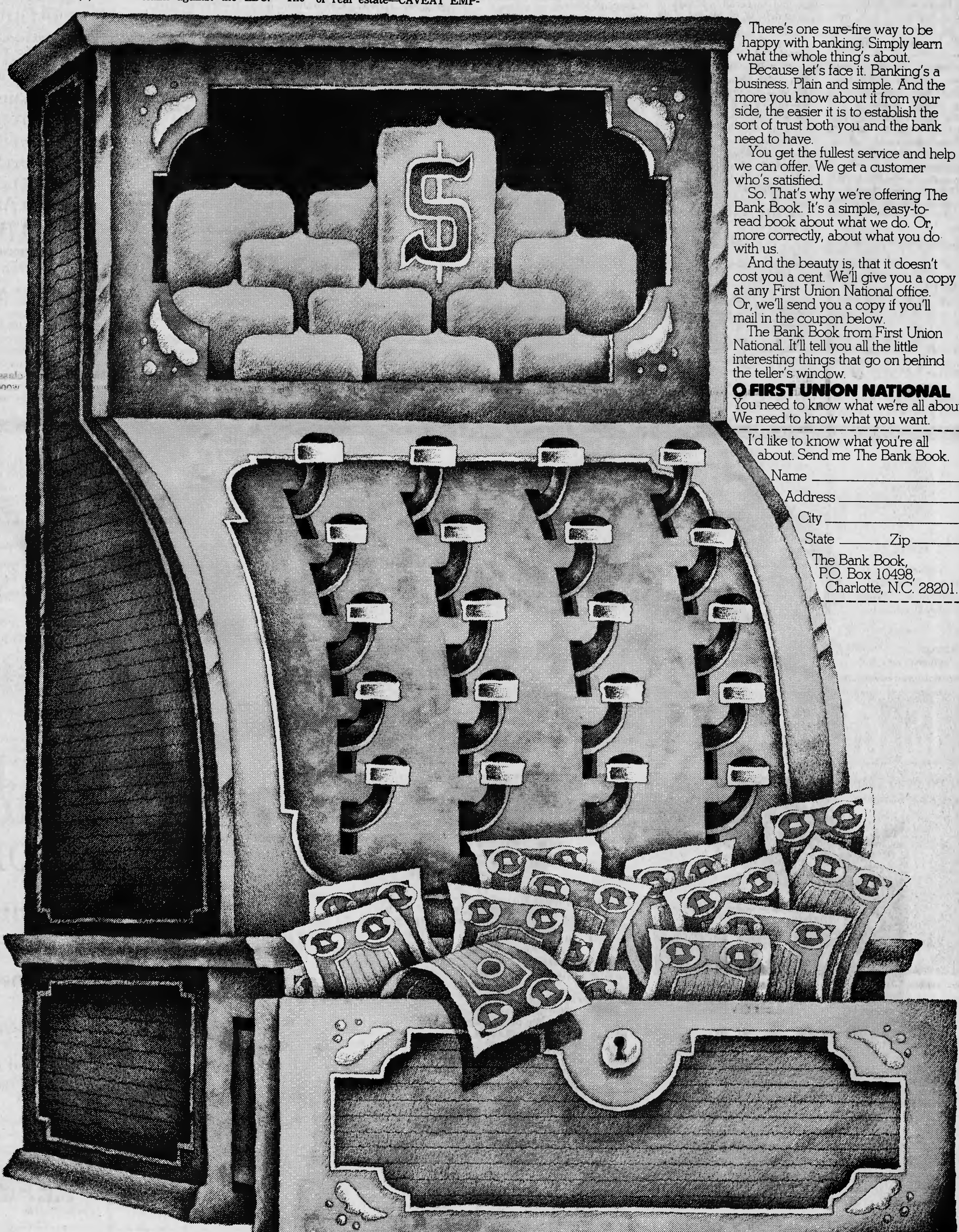
DC-3 Commuter Service

Fly daily to Charlotte and Raleigh

Flights make connections with major airlines from both cities

Call 692-3961 in Southern Pines

* Except Tuesday For Reservations and Information



There's one sure-fire way to be happy with banking. Simply learn what the whole thing's about.

Because let's face it. Banking's a business. Plain and simple. And the more you know about it from your side, the easier it is to establish the sort of trust both you and the bank need to have.

You get the fullest service and help we can offer. We get a customer who's satisfied.

So. That's why we're offering The Bank Book. It's a simple, easy-to-read book about what we do. Or, more correctly, about what you do with us.

And the beauty is, that it doesn't cost you a cent. We'll give you a copy at any First Union National office. Or, we'll send you a copy if you'll mail in the coupon below.

The Bank Book from First Union National. It'll tell you all the little interesting things that go on behind the teller's window.

IFIRST UNION NATIONAL You need to know what we're all about. We need to know what you want.

I'd like to know what you're all about. Send me The Bank Book.

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

The Bank Book, PO Box 10498, Charlotte, N.C. 28201.

Attend The Church of Your Choice

- CHURCH OF GOD U.S. No. 1, Vass James A. Faircloth, Pastor Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Family Training Hour, Sun. 6:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Wed. Children's Church 7:30 p.m.
EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH 350 East Massachusetts Avenue Martin Caldwell, Rector Parish Eucharist, Sun. 8:00 a.m. Family Service, Sun. 9:30 a.m. Church School, Sun. 10:00 a.m. Parish Service, Sun. 11:00 a.m. Episcopal Young Churchmen, Sun. 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion, Wed. 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Holy Days, 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Thur. 7:00 a.m.
AT THE CHAPEL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION Bishop Penick Home Morning Prayer, Daily 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion, Thur. 9:30 a.m.
CHURCH OF WIDE FELLOWSHIP (United Church of Christ) Car. Bennett & New Hampshire Ave. Rev. Carl Reed Martin, Sr., Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Youth Fellowship, Sunday 6:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship meets 2nd Thursday at 12:30 p.m.
METHODIST CHURCH Midland Road Vergil E. Queen, Pastor Church School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. UMYF 6:30 p.m. WSCS meets each third Monday.
TRINITY A.M.E. ZION CHURCH W. Pennsylvania Ave. Southern Pines Joseph Johnson, Minister Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Senior Choir, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Methodist Women, 2nd Thursday each month, 7:30 p.m.
MANLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Manly - Southern Pines Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. P. Y. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsals: Youth choir Wed. 7:15 p.m. Adult choir Wed. 7:45 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Service, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Men of the Church, Second Tuesday, Women of the Church, Third Tuesday, 8 p.m. Prayer Circle every Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.
BROWNSON MEMORIAL CHURCH (Presbyterian) May St. at Ind. Ave. James R. Dellert, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. Women of the church meetings 12:00 Noon. Luncheon - 3rd Monday. The Youth Fellowship meets at 6 p.m. each Sunday evening. Carol Choir - Tuesday - 2:45-3:45 p.m. Junior Choir - Wednesday - 2:45-3:45 p.m. Youth Choir - Sunday - 4:30-5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Thursday - 3:15-4:15 p.m. Chancel Choir - Wednesday - 7:30-9:30 p.m.
FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Gaines Street Rev. W. J. Haire, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Evening Service - 7:00 p.m. B.T.U. - 5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Each Friday Evening.
ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC Vermont Ave. at Ashe St. Father Edward Waters SUNDAY MASSES 8:00 - 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. DAILY MASSES 7:45 a.m. (except Friday, 11:15 a.m.) HOLY DAY MASSES 7 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Confession Saturday, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH New York Ave. at South Ashe St. John Dawson Stone, Minister Bible School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. Youth Forums 6:00 p.m. every Sun. Lay Ministry Class, Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Choir practice Wednesday 8:15 p.m. Missionary meeting first and third Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m. Church family suppers second Wednesday, 7 p.m.
ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod) 983 W. New Hampshire Ave. R. E. Neely, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. Bible Study, Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.
CALVARY MEMORIAL CHURCH Corner of Bennett Street and Indiana Avenue Kent Kelly, Minister Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday 11 a.m. Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. Young People's Meeting, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Service, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Telephone 692-2251.
OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH U.S. 1 South Mark Johnson, Pastor Morning Suffrages, 9:00, Sundays Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Youth Ministry, Sundays, 6:30 p.m. LCW, 1st Monday, 8 p.m.; 1st Tuesday, 10 a.m. Men's Breakfast, 1st Saturday, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Senior Choir, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
FAITH TEMPLE BIBLE CHURCH OF GOD (HOLINESS) S. Harden St. & W. III. Ave. Elder Leroy Payton, Pastor Elder P. Huggins, Overseer Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Pastoral day, 1st & 4th Sunday, 11:30 a.m. Overseer & Spiritual Advisor day, 2nd Sunday, 11:30 a.m. & 8:30 p.m. Prayer Service, Thursday, 8:30 p.m.
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST New Hampshire Avenue Sunday Service, 11 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Wednesday Service, 8:00 p.m. Reading Room, 110 W. Pennsylvania Ave. Reading Room Hours: Mon.-Fri., 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 12 N.

This Space Donated in the Interest of the Churches by Jackson Motor's Inc.-Your FORD Dealer Sandhill Drug Co.

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF A BANK MEANS KNOWING THE RIGHT COMBINATIONS.