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Calvary Church Continues Rally

Rally month activities will be continued at the Calvary Baptist Church at 23801 S. Main St. throughout the balance of October. It was reported here yesterday by the Rev. Vincent Irwin, pastor.

A contest among Sunday School classes is under way to reach children throughout the community who are not now attending a Sunday School. Classes for all ages ranging from 3 years to 90 are provided by Calvary, and 167 started off the month in the classes. A total of 18 persons have been baptized by the church this month, the pastor reports.



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Laymen to Lead Church Service

Laymen's week will conclude at the Calvary Baptist Church next Sunday with the participation of many laymen in the leadership of the morning services. The Scripture lesson will be read by John Holliday at 8:30 and by Henry Thompson at 11 while the morning prayer will be offered by John Watwood at 8:30 and by Jack Spencer at 11. John Hill will bring a brief testimony on Christian giving at both services and Roy Bain will speak on "Why I Attend Church"

Hahn Puts Blast on Colleagues For Costly 'Miracle Machines'

After learning that an electronic "miracle machine" for which the county is paying more than \$2 million has made a king-size "goof" in the printing of the tax bills, the Board of Supervisors last week, over the vigorous opposition of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, decided to spend another \$300,000 on still another "miracle machine" which has already cost the taxpayers \$600,000.

For the first time since 1923 the county tax bills, which will include the taxes imposed by cities, school districts and other taxing agencies of government, will not carry an itemized breakdown of the various tax rates.

"This is because the new Datamatic electronic computing system, which is being used for the first time this year in preparing the tax bills, cannot print the tax rate information on the bills."

THE BOARD of Supervisors was not advised of the error until it was too late to have the tax bills printed by the former method.

"The people of Los Angeles County are being deprived of information which they are entitled to receive," Supervisor Hahn declared.

He pointed out that information on the tax bills will make it appear that the entire tax bill is being paid to the county.

"This is unfair to the county. But more important than that, it is unfair to the cities and school districts—many of which reduced their tax rates," Supervisor Hahn continued.

IN MAY, 1957, the board entered into a contract with the Datamatic Corp., a subsidiary of the Minneapolis-Honeywell Corp., for the electronic computing device to be used in preparing the tax rolls and bills. In entering the contract the county committed itself to pay out more than \$2 million for the system, at the rate of \$47,000 a month over a 10-year period. At the time the contract was approved, Datamatic had not placed any of the machines in operation.

The system was scheduled originally to be in operation last year, but it was delayed and the electronic computing program is now a year behind schedule.

USE OF THE electronic system was sold to the board on the basis that the device could do the work more effectively and efficiently and that it would save the county money.

Supervisor Hahn opposed the contract when he learned that Datamatic had not built any machines or placed them in operation when the county entered into the contract.

"Yet, with this sad experience behind them, the supervisors voted 3-2 to spend another \$300,000 for an electronic device to count election ballots," Hahn stated.

Supervisor Hahn, supported by Supervisor Ernest E. Debs, voted against the increased expenditure, pointing out that the county had already paid out \$600,000 in tax money for the development of the vote counter.

VOTING FOR the additional expenditure were Supervisors Frank G. Bonelli, Burton W. Chace and Warren M. Dorn.

In January, 1953, the board entered into a contract with the Norden-Ketay Corp. for the development of an electronic vote counting device. The contract called for the county to pay out \$600,000 for the development of the system and ownership of the prototype machine.

AT THAT TIME, Hahn vigorously opposed the contract on the following grounds:

1. Norden-Ketay had never built a vote counting device of the type proposed.
2. The contract called for the county to subsidize the development of the device, which if it proved successful could be sold all over the United States.
3. There was no guarantee that the company could build the device or that it would work.
4. There are serious questions about whether the sanctity of the ballot would be preserved.

HOWEVER, ON the representation that the electronic device would result in savings to the taxpayers, the board voted 4-1 to enter the contract, with only Supervisor Hahn in opposition.

Subsequently, Norden-Ketay Corp. was taken over by United Aircraft Corp.

At the budget hearings last June it was learned that United Aircraft required the county to spend another \$300,000 for development of the vote counting device.

THIS WEEK the board voted to approve an amended contract for development of the vote counting device which made the \$300,000 additional available to United Aircraft.

In opposing the contract, Hahn pointed out that his original objections still remained; that the county had no guarantee that the system would work, that the county was subsidizing the development of a commercial device which could be sold all over the country.

In view of the experience with the Datamatic system, he urged that the board adopt a more critical attitude toward the "miracle machines" and demand assurance that the money spent would produce savings for the taxpayers, without problems such as the errors in printing the tax bills.

Literary Consultant To Address Writers

Bert Mitchell Anderson, literary consultant and writers' coach, will be guest speaker at the October meeting of Southwest Manuscripters at 8 p.m. Friday in the Clark Stadium Community Building, 861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach. His topic will be "How To Put A Book Together."

Founder of the Writers' Market League, Anderson has coached writers for more than 25 years.

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