

CHANDLER MC CARTY

McCarty: ...And my daughter was one of them, and they were...  
you know...

S: What year would that have been? What age group was he  
teaching?

McCarty: It must have been fifth or sixth I guess. I could  
pin it down. But in that area. He was considerate and thought-  
ful. They certainly responded to him. And they were hit pretty  
hard, some of the kids that had known him in that capacity when  
this came up. Not that they were able to express it too well...  
But my daughter and I think of one other girl...were so fond of'  
him. So he had a touch with people. He had a personable way,  
very warm.

S: You don't have any reports from Sunday school teachers or  
any way of finding out the kinds of things he was teaching or  
the approach he was taking or anything like that?

McCarty: I could.

S: Because it's these specific things that he did.....  
Well, you mentioned riding hobby-horse, and in this letter, this  
woman gives her reservations about his strategy...She things of  
Jon as trying to run a train across a trestle but not taking time  
to lay the track, which seems to be saying somewhat the same thing.

That he drove fast and hard...

McCarty: That's too strong a statement, I think, and I don't mean it in a detrimental fashion...He was certainly full of enthusiasm, whatever he was involved in. I think that when he first went to Seminary the teaching ministry was what he thoroughly and completely expected to do. I think after his summer of hospital work that he was quite intrigued by this kind of ministry. I think at the end that he was expecting to do parish work. He'd been working in this parish in Providence I guess and was quite taken by that. Well, he was wrapped up, and he couldn't do things half-way--This is perhaps a better way of expressing it. I don't mean that he was indecisive. He might change his mind after six months or a year, but it wasn't because he hadn't been thoroughly convinced at the time of what he wanted to do. And I suppose we've all gone through that...Looking back, I think I changed my mind perhaps a number of times. But when he did go into something, it seemed to me that he ate and slept and was full of it...whatever he was involved in...