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For my special studies project I wanted to learn more about counseling with young people. I didn't do a formal investigation of counseling techniques but more of an informal study of personal relations and psychology. Dan Blake, pastor of First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, supervised my study. On his recommendation I read the following books in my study: The Power to Bless by Myron C. Maddon, Love Story by Erich Segal, Self Understanding by Seward Hiltner, and The Soul in Pilgrimage by Earl A. Loomis.

My study consisted mainly of reading these books and then discussing them with Rev. Blake. The things I gained from the study were not things which could be organized into a formal paper. I learned, from Rev. Blake's experiences, the books mentioned, and my own experiences, how the mind and emotions can work in a person and cause them to act as they do. I won't go into detail about the psychological facts I learned but this knowledge has given me a much better understanding of why people act as they do, and I thoroughly enjoyed the study.
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