

with it. What he did remove was simply the rubbish that had accumulated about the law and upon it. His enemies, however, called him a lawbreaker. But they could not convict him of the slightest infraction of either the law of the Lord or the law of the land. By no means did he annul the mandates of Moses. On the contrary, he came purposely to fulfill the law and the prophets, not only in their ceremonial aspects but also in their larger spiritual meaning and application.

IN LOVING MEMORY

On April 28, 1946, the Leonia Baptist Church of the Holmes County Association met for a memorial service in honor of their recent pastor, Rev. W. L. Strawn.

Brother Strawn died after a short illness at his home in Tallahassee. He had served the church more than two years, and the esteem in which he was held by the church and friends was shown by the host of friends who came to honor his memory.

The morning message was preached by the Rev. Barnett of Tallahassee, who was the pastor and close friend of Brother Strawn.

Lunch was served by the church and the afternoon program was dedicated to the honor of the recent pastor.

A fine tribute was paid to the pastor by three of the fine young girls of the church, Mases Lell Miller, Polly Jones, and Hilda Heath.

Special music was rendered by the girls ensemble of Enterprise, Ala.

A few words of appreciation and love Mr. Wooten, Sunday School Superintendent; Mr. Jones, Training Union Director; and Mr. Harrell, from the Board of Deacons.

The meeting was opened for words of appreciation from any friends and fellow laborers of Rev. Strawn. Many high tributes were paid to the servant of God for his wonderful service to the church and the community.

The Memorial Message was delivered by the Regional Missionary Glenn Bridges. After the message an offering was taken to apply on the proposed building. The one strong desire of Rev. building. The one strong desire of Rev. Strawn for Leonia Church was that they might have a new house of meeting. In honor of his zeal for this project an offering of \$232.18 was taken.

—The Leonia Baptist Church.

JAMES S. ODUM

On April 26, 1946, James S. Odum passed to his reward.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Branford, Florida. Having been converted at the age of 18 years, he was a devoted member until his death.

He was a faithful lay reader, having served his church in various official capacities: Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent. His advice and counsel were invaluable; and in and out of the church those who came in contact with him, were made better by his influence.

Prior to his death, he had been in declining health for several years; and all through his suffering, his faith in God never wavered.

Our church deeply feels the loss of this

truly great Christian man. Our loss is his mission to the will of our Heavenly God, therefore we bow in humble submission to the Father, who doeth all things well.

Therefore be it resolved:

That our church extended the bereaved family our sincere sympathy in their loss.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family; and a copy be sent the Florida Baptist Witness for publication; and a copy be kept for the church record.

Respectfully submitted:

G. R. Carver,
R. L. Welburn,
A. C. Dorsett,

Committee.

A TEXAN RETURNS TO FLORIDA

Rev. **Edmund H. Rice** has been called to the pastorate of the Southside Baptist church of Miami and began his work the first of June. This is the fourth pastorate for Rev. Rice in the Miami Association besides serving for a time as Associational missionary. He was born in Texas and educated in Baylor University but came to Florida immediately after finishing college an abeyance pastor of the old historic church in Key West. He came to Miami in 1925 and began the work of the Allapattah church where he remained for about eleven years. He left the Miami Association to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hollywood. He left the Association again to become pastor at Fernandina and then to Texas for a few years but has now returned to the Magic City of Miami where he and Mrs. Rice have a host of friends who will wish them Godspeed in their new work.

The Southside Church is located in the Orange Glade section of Miami and is near the Miami High School. It is in one of the most important sections of Miami and has perhaps ten thousand people within a mile of the church. "We hope to build here one of the strong churches of Miami," says Rev. Rice, "and we feel sure it can be done by hard work and faith in the Lord."

The church has a splendid location on S.W. 27th Avenue and Tenth Street and is already gathering funds to erect a suitable buildings as soon as conditions will permit.

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feel the influence of the personality of this great man of God.

—Hawley E. Ridenour, Jr.

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—F. Warren Capell.

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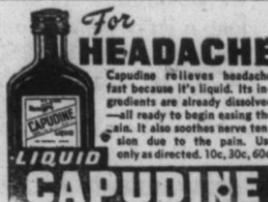
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SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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NEW ASSOCIATE GOES TO WORK



Michael R. Collins

We welcome enthusiastically our new associate for Youth and Vacation Bible School work, Michael Collins. Collins was elected by the State Board of Missions on Monday, Nov. 9, 1970, to assume responsibility Nov. 23. He comes to us from the Wallace Memorial Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he has been serving as minister of education.

Collins is a native of Jacksonville, Florida, and is simply coming back home to give his life to Christ's work in this state. Mike

Edmund H. Rice Dies

Edmund H. Rice, a long-time Florida pastor, died Nov. 16 in Vero Beach. He and his wife lived at the Florida Baptist Retirement Center.

Funeral services were held Nov. 18 at Forest Park Church, Vero Beach. Assisting Pastor Hayes B. Davis in the service was T. O. Baldwin, chaplain of the Retirement Center.

Rice's pastorates included First Church, Key West; First Church, Homestead; Allapattah Church, Miami; First Church, Fernandina Beach; First Church, Frostproof; and First Church, Wauchula. He served on the State Board of Missions a number of terms. After his retirement he served several churches as interim pastor.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. May Belle Rice, Vero Beach; one son, Robbin Rice, Melbourne; one step son, Chaplain U. B. Powers, U. S. N., New Orleans, La.; two step daughters, Mrs. J. B. Wilkie, Dallas, Texas; and Mrs. J. H. Hodgins, Monroe, La.

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was graduated from Carson-Newman College in 1965 with a B.A. Degree and received his M.R.E. Degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, in 1968.

Mike and his wife, Maureen, have one son, Marcus Lane, two years old and are expecting "another blessed event" in December!

Our new associate is beginning work immediately in the two important areas of Youth Sunday School work and Vacation Bible School work. He will be giving his first attention to the training of state faculties for the Vacation Bible School Clinic to be held in four regions of the state next spring. In addition he will be evaluating the work of our Youth in Bible Study and outreach and stands ready to assist our churches in this vital area. An innovative program of utilizing Youth in service, especially in Vacation Bible School and mission projects will be one of his first considerations.

We commend Mike Collins to our pastors, ministers of education and all of our Sunday School workers. He will be a real asset to the work of Florida Baptists as we join together in the mighty task of Reaching People for Christ.

CREATIVE TEACHING SEMINAR FOR LEADERS OF ADULTS

One of the most unique and rewarding opportunities is being offered to us at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly, Jan. 25-29, 1971. It will be the Creative Teaching Seminar planned especially for workers with adults. The enrolment will be limited to 200 persons. The Seminar is for adult teachers, adult department directors, youth directors who work with young adults, educational directors, pastors, denominational leaders, professional and para-professional adult leaders. Sessions will begin on Monday evening, January 25 and will conclude Friday noon, January 29.

The total cost of the entire project will be \$36.40 for one person in a double room or \$41.40 for one person in a single room. A registration fee of \$20.00 should be sent to the Church Program Training Center, Baptist Sunday School Book, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

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MINISTERIAL SKETCHES

Rev. Edmund H. Rice

There was never any doubt in the mind of Rev. Edmund H. Rice as to what his life work would be. He decided while still in high school that he would be a minister and a minister he became. But he probably never dreamed at that time that his work would take him to Hollywood where he has been pastor of the First Baptist Church for the past three years.

Edmund Rice was born and grew up way across the United States in the Lone Star State. It was in Ft. Worth, Texas, on August 24, 1890 that young Edmund was born into the large Rice family.

His childhood was spent on a Texas ranch and as Rev. Rice himself explains he was destined seemingly to become a "cowhand." But young Edmund deemed otherwise. He decided that the church was his field and set out to prepare himself for the task of bringing the gospel of God to his fellow men.

The path was not easy. His father died when he was very young and he had to work his way through school. After high school he entered the Seminary School of Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

In 1918 his college education was interrupted by the call of patriotism and he enlisted in the army.

Perhaps his experience overseas made him even more determined to follow the path of religion and

on his return from war he completed his course at Baylor.

Rev. Rice's first trip to Florida came before the war when he visited a sister here. The visit took on a special significance as it was during his stay in Miami that he met the future Mrs. Rice. In 1913 they were married.

In 1923 Rev. and Mrs. Rice came back to the scene of their romance when Rev. Rice took over duties as pastor of the Key West Baptist Church.

In 1925 he organized the Allapattah Baptist Church where he served as pastor for eleven years. He built up a fine congregation and it was under his direction that

the present church building was constructed.

Three years ago Rev. Rice was called to Hollywood Baptist Church and he has served here since that time. His sincerity, quiet pursuit of his duties, and his deep interest in the welfare of his congregation have made him a beloved and appreciated pastor.

At present Rev. Rice is centering his attention on the completion of the new pastorium being built across from the church. He is proud of the fact that it is being built without debt and thankful to the men who are donating their services so that the house can be completed.

He feels that a pastor's place is close to the church at all times and is anxious to complete the pastorium so he will be available to members of his church at all times, for comfort, advice and guidance.

Another recent accomplishment was the redecoration of the church building itself. It has been completely repainted on the outside and the interior will be improved in the near future.

Rev. Rice is a fishing enthusiast and enjoys this sport when there are any spare hours to indulge his hobby. However, his many duties leave little time for outside activities.

His special interest in church work lies with the young people and he has done much to promote their interest and enthusiasm. Mrs. Rice, who is her husband's helpmate in all church endeavors, is director of the young People's work.

Completing the Rice family picture is son Robbins, now a junior at Stetson University where he is studying engineering.



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BAPTIST PASTOR TO RETURN HERE

*Rev. Edmund H. Rice Regains
Health During Leave.*

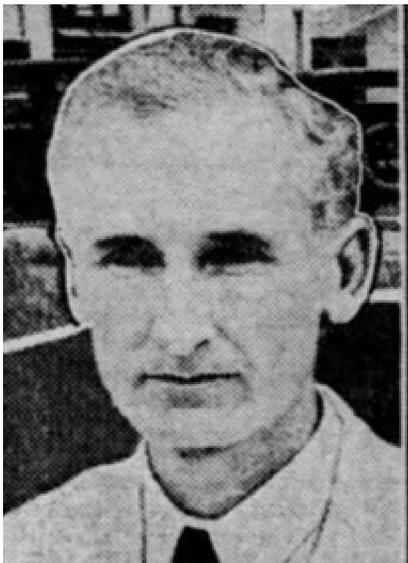
Rev. Edmund H. Rice, pastor of the Allapattah Baptist Church for five years, is spending the summer in Ridgecrest, N. C., and attending the Southern Baptist Summer Assembly.

Mr. **Rice** suffered a breakdown in health last winter and was forced to give up his work for a time. The Allapattah church declined to accept his resignation but gave him an indefinite leave of absence.

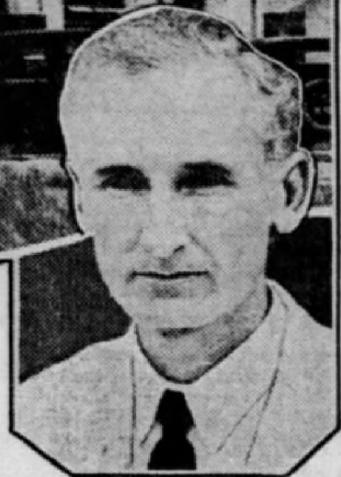
Rev. Rice plans to return to Miami about September 1.

Rev. W. C. Harrison, a returned missionary from South America, has been acting as pastor.

Rev. Edmund H. Rice will assume duties of pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hollywood, Fla., tomorrow. Mr. Rice was pastor of Allapattah Baptist Church of Miami for 10 years, and has been pastor of the church in Wauchula, Fla., for two years.



CONGREGATION FINALLY GETS BIG ENOUGH, CHURCH



Church Sticks to One Pastor

Allapattah Baptist Grows Rapidly, But First Minister Is Still on Job

One of the most distinctive features of Miami's growth in the last six years is the rapid development of its churches, especially in suburban sections. Typical of this enlargement is the expansion of the Allapattah Baptist church, 1733 N. W. 63rd st., which in six years' time has increased its membership from 15 to 600.

—Miami Daily News photo
Three times the congregation of Allapattah Baptist church had to move before they acquired the building above, which is considered adequate for the growing flock. In inset is the Rev. Edmund H. Rice, first and only pastor of the church.

Edmund H. Rice 1940 Federal Census

Name	Edmond H Rice
Age	49
Estimated Birth Year	abt 1891
Gender	Female [Male]
Race	White
Birthplace	Texas
Marital Status	Married
Relation to Head of House	Head
Home in 1940	Miami, Dade, Florida
Map of Home in 1940 Street	N W 42 Street
House Number	65
Inferred Residence in 1935	Miami, Dade, Florida
Residence in 1935	Miami
Sheet Number	6B
Number of Household in Order of Visitation	146
Occupation	Prescher
House Owned or Rented	Owned
Value of Home	2000
Attended School or College	No
Highest Grade Completed	College, 4th year
Hours Worked Week Prior to Census	49
Class of Worker	Wage or salary worker in private work
Weeks Worked in 1939	52
Income	1800
Income Other Sources	No

Household Members (Name)	Age	Relationship
Edmond H Rice	49	Head
Alice Rice	58	Wife
Almeda Gray	83	Mother-in-law
Robbins Riee		
<u>First Wife: Alice Laurana Gray</u>		<u>Son</u>

Born June 13, 1881, Middletown, New York 20
Died November 22, 1959, Arcadia, Florida
Married August 10, 1913

from 15 to 600.

state officials of Ohio, and 100 other men and women who drew recognition in bringing about plans for the dedication.

In connection with the dedication, four bronze tablets in the rotunda will be unveiled. The first reproduces in full the agreement of 1817 between the United States and Great Britain, known as the Rush-Bagot agreement, which resulted in naval disarmament on the Great Lakes and the unfortified border that has existed since proclamation of the treaty by President Monroe April 28, 1818. This is known as the "peace tablet." It will be unveiled by a former associate justice of the supreme court, John H. Clarke, and Edwin A. Scott, president of the Canadian club of New York.

The second tablet was written by Woodrow Wilson. The original text was placed in the cornerstone, along with other historical documents on July 4, 1913. The third tablet was written by William Howard Taft and the text of that, too, was placed in the cornerstone. It will be unveiled by State Senator Robert A. Taft, of Cincinnati, Ohio, son of the former president. The fourth tablet was written by Henry Watterson, who was president of the Kentucky Perry Memorial association and vice president of the federal commission.—Copyright, 1931.

First attempts at organization were in November, 1924. Two months later the present minister was called from the First Baptist church, Key West, and a reorganization was held. The congregation met in the school building at Allapattah for its first services, meanwhile getting plans under way for a building of their own.

The Allapattah Baptist church has outgrown three houses of worship because of increasing membership.

The first, started in February, 1925, on property bought a month before when the church was organized, lasted only eight months, and another and larger building began to take shape in September, 1925. The present church was planned on the scale to meet the needs of rapid development, and since February, 1927, when the first plans were drawn up, until two years later when it was completed at a cost of \$25,000, has proven adequate.

One of the largest elementary departments in the city is included in the fully organized Sunday school connected with the church. Not only Baptists, but members of other denominations come to its services. The total enrollment of the Sunday school is over 500.

The present pastor, and the only pastor the church has ever had, the Rev. Edmund H. Rice, was born in Fort Worth, Texas. As a boy he came to Miami in 1911 to see his sister. He married a Miami girl and they returned to Texas, where they attended Baylor university at Waco. There

Fort Worth, Texas. As a boy he came to Miami in 1911 to see his sister. He married a Miami girl and they returned to Texas, where they attended Baylor university at Waco. There the Rev. Rice took his seminary work and became a minister.

His first church was at Marlin, Texas, in 1921. Two years later he was called to Key West, and later to Miami. His ministerial duties have been uninterrupted except for a period of 11 months when he was overseas during the World war with the 36th division, and last year when he was forced to take eight months' sick leave.

During the Rev. Rice's absence last year, the Rev. W. C. Harrison, a returned missionary, was the supply pastor. Subsequently the Allapattah Baptist church has decided to adopt this minister as their missionary. They plan to send him back to the mission field of Brazil in the near future.

PASTOR GIVEN NEW ASSIGNMENT

The **Rev. Edmund H. Rice** of Key West Enters Missionary Field Of Miami Baptist Ass'n

(Special to Miami Daily News)

KEY WEST, Jan. 2.—The watch service at the First Baptist church Wednesday evening was in the nature of a farewell service, as the pastor, the **Rev. Edmund H. Rice**, who has served this church for several years, has been assigned charge of the missionary field of this church for the Miami Baptist association, and will make his headquarters in Miami. As the new field in which the **Rev.** Rice will serve includes from West Palm Beach to Key West, it is anticipated that he will make frequent visits to his former pastorate in this city, where he leaves many friends.