

Ross, Harry served as pastor of Inman Park Baptist Church, Winter Haven and First Baptist Church, Davenport.

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On February 14, 1939 he and Alma Marie Shipe were married and now live on Lake Otis Road. They are the parents of four children all born in Winter Haven, three boys and one girl.

Mr. Hill's progress has been phenomenal. He is connected with Sunshine Groves, Inc. a development of 2300 acres of land in Hernando County; a full partner in the Logan and Hill Groves; he owns the building on Third Street and Magnolia, formerly occupied by The Tampa Electric Co., and holds stock in an automobile concern and a funeral home and owns several large groves in the county. He had an interest in the J. H. Shipe Trucking Corp., and Southern Truck and Equipment Co., and sold profitably, after several years of successful operation, a chain of self-service laundries in Florida and Georgia.

Mr. Hill is a member of the First Baptist Church of Winter Haven, a member and past director of the Lions Club; a York and Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. He was active in organizing the Bahia Temple of the Shrine in Orlando and was elected that Temple's Illustrious Potentate by its two thousand members. He served this group with great honor in 1957. Mr. Hill is also a member of the Elks Club, Florida Citrus Mutual, the American Legion and has served on the City Commission.

Two other new citizens who came in late 1938 were David Giddings and Jack M. Kuder. They came from California because they had discovered that citrus by-products could be made into a very fine cattle feed. Kuder was the owner of a plant established here known as Kuder Citrus Feed Company and Kuder Citrus Pulp Company. Mr. Giddings was the manager of the Kuder Citrus Feed Company and a partner and vice president of the Kuder Citrus Pulp Company.

Both men moved their families to Winter Haven and took their part in our civic and business activities. Mr. Giddings withdrew as manager of the feed company and went into the real estate business. He served several years on the City Planning Board, was president of Rotary one year, a member of the Hospital Board and the First Presbyterian Church. The Giddings have four children: Stephen, who was killed in a motor scooter accident in December 1947; Wayne and Mary Lee born in Fullerton, California; and Virginia, born in Winter Haven. The Kuders have two children: a son, Jack and a daughter, Janet.

Arthur and Ethel Jacobson came to Winter Haven in 1937 and started a general merchandise store over on Fifth Street near the American National Bank. In 1941 they moved their store to the corner of Central Ave., and Fourth Street NW, where Dr. Anderson had his drug store. He moved to the same corner on Third and Central that now houses his drug store. The Jacobsons expanded their store North of the corner, taking in the old Kwik Chek space where T. Shelley McLaughlin had his jewelry store for many years. This space was all built into one large store, Central Stores, when the Jacobson's owned it, and was the first in Winter Haven to install air conditioning. It also had a modern Carrara Glass front.

The Jacobsons had three children: Louise, now married and living in Orlando; Stanley and Charles.

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Churches Established In This Decade

South Side Baptist Church, a real force in the church life of this community, was organized in 1936. Most of its charter members were from the Eagle Lake Baptist Church. ✓

Their first building was one about 28' x 40', a frame structure, across the street from the present site of this church at Seventh and Avenue M, SW. The original structure is still being used for Sunday School rooms, now an enlarged and air-conditioned building. In 1959-60 the present modern structure, costing \$175,000 was built. This church plant is valued at a quarter of a million dollars now.

On Nov. 1968 the Reverend R. H. Malcolm marked his 28th year as pastor of this church. It has only had two pastors, the first being the late Rev. B. M. Glisson. This church membership is around 500 with an average Sunday School attendance of more than 300. The church operates under the Southern Baptist Convention. ✓

Inman Park Baptist Church was begun in 1930 as the Florence Villa Baptist and started holding services in the Browning's Furniture Store. When the present church was built in 1955 the name was changed to Inman Park Baptist. J. R. Kirby, of Moody Bible Institute, began the church with 19 charter members. ✓

In 1931 the Winter Haven School Board gave the congregation permission to meet in the Florence Villa School, where they held services until 1938 when the school burned and all the church records along with it. They then erected the building which is now used as the Salvation Army Headquarters. ✓

The lay pastor, Mr. Kirby, was succeeded in 1939 by the Reverend Harry Giles. Others who have served since then include: Walter Matheny, Harrison Crews, Leslie Horn, Harry Ross, B. A. Hawkins, Clyde Kendall, Ormond Waldren, and the present pastor, Jack Nightingale, who has served since 1965. ✓

The congregation did all the work on the handsome building which was constructed in 1955 at an approximate cost of \$45,000. Their present membership is 513. ✓

The First Church of the Nazarene was organized in Winter Haven in March 1931, by the Rev. Mrs. Viva Crawford. The congregation occupied quarters on Fifth St., SW, until the first unit of its present edifice was built on Avenue F, SW, late in the 1930's. This building had been improved several times and in 1953, the pastor, the Rev. Don L. Newell, moved into a \$15,000 parsonage erected at 232 Avenue F, SW. ✓

Pastors preceding the Rev. Newell were H. M. Rozell, W. W. Glenn, W. E. Melton, and J. E. Redmon. Redmon had been a former superintendent of the church in Florida. Since Rev. Newell's pastorate the church has been served by the Rev. Paul Bickes and the Rev. T. Earl Rowan, named pastor in 1969. ✓

The Church of God on Snively Avenue in Eloise was organized in 1933, being an outgrowth of a tent revival. In 1934 the first frame church building was erected and in 1950 the building was replaced with a brick structure. An addition consisting of a ✓

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The wedding will be an event of Sunday, Jan. 26 at the Eastside Baptist Church at 3:30 o'clock, with the **Rev. Harry A. Ross**, of Davenport officiating.

Wednesday, October 10, 1962

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Orlando Sentinel

The **Rev. Harry A. Ross**, pastor of the First Baptist Church here for several years, due to ill health has resigned and he and Mrs. **Ross** have moved to Lakeland. **Rev. Ross** has been a medical patient in the Winter Haven Hospital for several weeks.

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Brevard Society
Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1966

Ross Promoted

LAKELAND — **Harry A. Ross**, son of the **Rev.** and Mrs. **Harry A. Ross**, 902 Winton-Galloway Road, Lakeland, has been promoted to Army chief warrant officer in grade W-3 in Korea, where he is serving with the 42nd Artillery.