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Sloan, W. A. (1892-1963) served as pastor of Jackson Heights Baptist Church in Tampa, and First Baptist Church in Fort Meade. He was also instrumental in the establishment of Baptist Bible Institute in Lakeland. After leaving Florida, Sloan served on the faculty of Clear Creek Baptist College in Pineville, Kentucky, and as president of West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute in Clinton, Kentucky.

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This, That and the Other

Missouri Pastor Accepts Call to Calvary Church

Woodrow W. Fountain, pastor of First Church, Carrollton, Mo. for the past eight years, has been called as pastor of Calvary Church, St. Augustine.

A native of Crestview, Fountain attended Mercer University, the University of Chattanooga, received an A.B. degree from Bob Jones University, and a B.D. degree from New Orleans Seminary. He has pastored churches in Florida, Mississippi, Illinois and Missouri.

Mrs. Fountain is the former Iverle Lawson of Crestview. They have three children: John, 13; Charles, 11; and Beth, 9.

C. M. Coalson of Jacksonville has been interim pastor at Calvary Church since the first of September.

New Minister to Children

Roy Johnston of Arlington, Mass. will become the Minister to Children at First Church, West Palm Beach on December 1. According to Pastor Jess Moody, Johnston will be the only minister to fill such a position in the state of Florida. The church has 700 children.

Johnston is the first male graduate from Southern Baptist Seminary in the field of Children's Work.

Homecoming Day

Eaton Park Church, Eaton Park will observe Homecoming on December 1 with Ted Jones as guest speaker. Former pastors and members are invited to the services and dinner.

C. D. Fant has retired from the pastorate of Billory Church, Gulf Breeze and is available for pulpit supply or other service. He may be reached at Rt. 2, Box 350, Cantonment, Fla. or by calling Molino 986-2872.

Religious Education Group Elects New Officers

At the annual meeting of the Florida Baptist Religious Education Association, which was held at Southside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, the following officers were elected: President—Jack Culbreth, First Church, Dade City; Enlistment Vice President—Miss Kitty Wellborn, Murray Hill Church, Jacksonville; Education Vice President—L. H. Johnson, First Church, St. Petersburg; Music Vice President—Forrest Thompson, North Park Church, Orlando; Secretary — Howard Kerr, Warrington Church, Pensacola; Chorister—Wendell Carpenter, Ancient City Church, St. Augustine; Pianist—Miss Carolyn Burnett, State Sunbeam Director, Jacksonville.

Stetson's Soccer Team Includes 47-Year-Old

Stetson University DeLand boasts of having perhaps the oldest active varsity soccer player in the nation—47-year-old H. V. Mansfield.

In college, there is no upper age limit set for athletic competition, so Mansfield, a retired U. S. Army Colonel, is now in his third season as a halfback with the Florida Baptist school's soccer eleven.

Last year he played enough quarters in varsity competition to win a coveted varsity letter.

The retired Army officer came to Stetson from 28 years in service, including World War II and the Korean conflict.

Following his expected graduation next June with a bachelor of arts degree from Stetson, Mansfield will continue on here to work on a master's degree in history.

W. A. Sloan, Former Florida Pastor, Dies in Arizona

W. A. Sloan, 71, formerly pastor of Jackson Heights Church, Tampa and First Church, Fort Meade, and active in the establishment of Baptist Bible Institute at Lakeland (now at Graceville), died in Phoenix, Arizona October 31.

After leaving Florida, Dr. Sloan served on the faculty of the Clear Creek Mountain Bible School, Pineville, Ky. from 1950 to 1953. From 1953 to 1957 he served as president of West Kentucky Baptist Bible Institute, Clinton, Ky. He retired in 1957 and moved to Arizona in 1958.

Revival Reports

Westside Chapel, Gainesville, Evangelist Pastor A. Darrel Murray, Singer Marvin Spry, four by baptism, 10 by letter.

Woodhaven Church, Jacksonville, Evangelist Mason Simmons, Singer Pastor Clyde Bates, 13 for baptism, one by letter.

First Church, Oak Hill, Evangelist James Wade, Singer H. J. Robinson, nine professions of faith, Pastor Felix Zeigler.

Westside Chapel, a mission of First Church, Gainesville, had an average Sunday school attendance in October of 154, which set a new record. A. Darrel Murray is pastor.

A. D. Nichols has been called as pastor of Allandale Church, Jacksonville, where he has been interim pastor for the past 11 months.

Nichols has been in the ministry for 33 years.

Clyde Kendall was evangelist for recent services in which 103 members were added (83 by baptism) to Southside Church, Columbus, Ga. where C. E. Younce is pastor.

First Church, Orlando C Minister of Education

Mitchell P. Maddox be minister of education at Church, Orlando on Novem

A native of Kentucky, Ma attended the University of ida and Southwestern Sem where he received the B.R. gree and a diploma in ch music. He has served chu in Dallas, Texas; Knox Tenn.; Atlanta and Augusta and goes to Orlando from Church, Wichita Falls, Texa

Maddox has been associat Vacation Bible School super dent, District Sunday Scho perintendent, District Exec Board member, staff memb Glorieta Assembly, and cam director for the Baptist St School Board in both St school and Training Union w

Mrs. Maddox is the former Ethel Harvey of Chipley. have three boys, ages 9, 13 a

Mrs. Jessie Stewart H Special Citation Diplo

Mrs. Jessie Stewart, a great granddaughter of the first settler of Eau Gallie, is a charter member of Harbor City Church, Eau Gallie. As superintendent of training for the church and director of Adul partment 2 of Sunday schoo stresses "study to show approved a workman unto and holds one of the awards that can be give study course completions holds all the regular diplom a "Special Citation Dipl which represents many ho study in completing 100 course books prescribed Sunday School Department Baptist Sunday School Boa

Mrs. Stewart was 81 on N ber 21.

Gleanings from the Greek

By V. Wayne Barton

Fasting and Self-indulgence

The New Testament word which is translated "fasting' 'is **nesteuein.** This is the very word which describes the forty day "fast" of Jesus during his temptations (Mt. 4:2). Quite literally, the word means "not to eat." Luke, in telling the story, does not use this word but expresses the same idea in another fashion: "He did eat nothing in those days" (Luke 4:2).

So, the forty-day fast of Jesus was a total fast, if the New Testament accounts are to be trusted. This is quite different from much that is called fasting today. Many who "fast" today simply avoid certain foods. The result is that they have as great a caloric intake as if they had not "fasted" after all. Strictly speaking, such is dieting and not fasting. Moreover, one wonders about the validity of encumbering oneself with such dietary regulations in the name of Christianity.

This is another way of saying that, if we would imitate the fasting of Jesus in the wilderness, we must practice total and not partial fasting. On the other hand, maybe the lesson of the wilderness lies at another point, at the point of our own self-indulgence. Most of us likely will never fast like Jesus fasted. And this, I think, is relatively unimportant. More important a matter is that when confronted with temptation we, like Jesus, should avoid the sin of self-indulgence.

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SLOAN ACCEPTS BAPTIST CHURCH AT FORT MEADE

The Rev. W. A. Sloan has announced his resignation as pastor of the Jackson Heights Baptist Church to become pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Fort Meade. He will begin there Oct. 1.

Sloan

He has been pastor of the Jackson Heights Church since Jan. 1, 1942.

Mr. Sloan also will be a faculty member of the Baptist Bible Institute, Lakeland, where he will teach two days a week throughout the school year beginning Sept. 7.

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