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**Noted former pastor
John White dies** B3

The Rev. John W. White, former pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, died Thursday in an Asheville hospital.

He lived at 19 Cisco Road, Asheville. He had served as pastor of the church here for more than 35 years.

White was elected president of the General Baptist State Convention in 1970. He had previ-



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ously served six years as first vice president of the convention. He had served four years as director of the Baptist Training Union of the convention.

He served five years — until 1975 — as president of the state convention.

A native of Bertie County, he grew up in a section there known as Indian Wood and attended Chouwatic Elementary School. He went to high school at Bertie Academy and Saint Augustine College High School in Raleigh.

A graduate of Shaw University, he also earned a master's degree there and received an honorary doctorate from Shaw in 1955. He had served as chairman of the board of trustees of the university.

Hart Funeral Service will announce arrangements.

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291 **Rev. John W. White** 27

Services for the Rev. John W. White of 19 Cisco Road, Asheville, who died Thursday, will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, of which he had served as pastor for 40 years.

The Revs. Leon C. Riddick, Charles R. Mosley, John W. Grant, John W. Law, Levo-
nia C. Ray, J. Walter Hill, Nious M. Avery and C.C. Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Ashelawn Gardens of Memory with rites by Venus Lodge No. 62.



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He was a native of Bertie County. A graduate of Bertie Academy and Saint Augustine College High School, he was a graduate of Shaw University, where he received a master of divinity degree. He also served as chairman of the board of trustees and received an honorary doctorate in 1955.

He was elected first vice president of the General Baptist State Convention from 1959 to 1965, elected president of the Convention in 1965 and served for five years. He was a member of the National Convention U.S.A. and Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, past president of the Baptist Ministers Union, member of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Mudd Creek Baptist Association and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He was chairman of the board of directors of the Y.M.I. Cultural Center, member of Venus Masonic Lodge No. 62, Asheville Consistory No. 253, Gizeh Temple 162 and chairman of the Billy Graham Crusade in Asheville in 1977.

Prior to moving to Asheville, White was a field worker for the General Baptist State Convention. He was an instructor for the Bertie County School System, served the St. Frances Baptist Church, St. Luke Baptist Church, Indian Woods Baptist Church and Nebo Baptist Church of North Hampton County.

Surviving are his wife, Ethel Bunch White; two sons, John W. White Jr. of Belhaven and the Rev. Ralph D. White of Baltimore, Md.; a daughter, Dianne C. White of Olney, Md.; a sister, Willie Lou Berry of Atlantic City, N.J.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Hart Funeral Service, where the body will remain until noon Monday.