

GORDON LEONARD PRICE

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.; born Amelia County, Virginia, April 24, 1902; son of Ida Marion Childress of Cumberland County, Virginia, and James Monroe Price of Prince Edward County, Virginia; education, University of Richmond, and Th.G., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; ordained Dec. 19, 1926; married Irma Kerr Eubank of Richmond, Va., Sept. 11, 1934, daughter of Eunice Kerr and Ernest Eubank; pastor, Courtland Tucker Swamp, and Sycamore Baptist Churches, 1930-33; pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., 1933 to date; chairman, American Red Cross, Roanoke Rapids chapter; member, Masonic Lodge No. 11, Richmond, Va.; member Lions Club. Address: 410 Washington St., Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

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Baptist Minister Dies

Funeral services will be held here Thursday for the Rev. Gordon L. Price, 64, pastor of the First Baptist Church for 32 years.

Mr. Price died of a heart attack at his home, 410 Starke Drive, last night.

The Rev. Daniel Jolly of

Greensboro, a former pastor at Gaston Baptist Church, will conduct the final rites at 3:30 p. m. at the First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Cedarwood Cemetery.

The body will be in repose at the Wenn-O'Neal Funeral Home until 1:30 p. m., then

will be taken to the church to lie in state.

Deacons of the church will be pallbearers.

A native of Amelia County, Va., where he was born April 24, 1901, Mr. Price came to Roanoke Rapids in 1933 and has been pastor at First Baptist ever since. Seventeen ministers had preceded him, but none has served as long as Rev. Price.

When Mr. Price arrived in December 1933, the church had a total indebtedness of \$24,000 with the nation just emerging from the Depression. The church's membership totaled 483; in the years that followed more than 4,000 resident and non-resident members were added.

In addition, the old church building was remodeled and two wings added as the church expanded.

The church, during Mr. Price's ministry, started five missions in the area, including the present Gaston Baptist Church. Numerous young people have entered the ministry from First Baptist, including Rev. Jolly and the Crumpler brothers, Earl and Francis.

Combined with all this, Mr. Price did not evade or overlook the responsibilities and opportunities of the community.

In the late 30s and through the late 50s, he was instrumental in organizing what is known today as the Community Chest. He had served as Associated Charities treasurer and as a caseworker when the group first was organized in 1938.

Later he was chairman of the Halifax Boy Scout District and worked with the American Red Cross Chapter here for 15 years, serving as chairman. The Red Cross budget was \$200 when it began here; when he finish-



Rev. Gordon L. Price

Roanoke Rapids Herald
Rocky Mount Telegram
Salisbury Post
Sanford Herald
Shelby Star
Statesville Record & Landmark
Tarboro Southerner
Thomasville Times
Tryon Bulletin
Washington Daily News
Wilmington Star
Wilmington News
Wilmington Star-News
Wilson Daily Times
Winston-Salem Journal
Winston-Salem Sentinel
Norfolk: Va. Pilot

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ROANOKE RAPIDS — Funeral services for the Rev. Gordon L. Price, 64, who died Tuesday, will be conducted Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, of which he was pastor for 32 years by the Rev. Daniel H. Jolly. Burial will be in Cedarwood Cemetery.

The Rev. Mr. Price was a native of Amelia County, Va. He helped establish five Baptist churches in this area. He was format chairman of the Halifax Boy Scout District, and for 15 years was chairman of the local chapter of the American Red Cross. He was former executive secretary of the Community Chest.

During World War II he received special citations from the President "in recognition of meritorious personal service performed in behalf of the nation, her armed forces and suffering humanity in the second World War."

The Rev. Mr. Price was a member of the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Irma Eubank Price of Roanoke Rapids; one son, Gordon L. Price Jr. of Richmond, Va.; one daughter Mary Katherine Price of Campbell College; and one brother, Frank Price of Richmond, Va.

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