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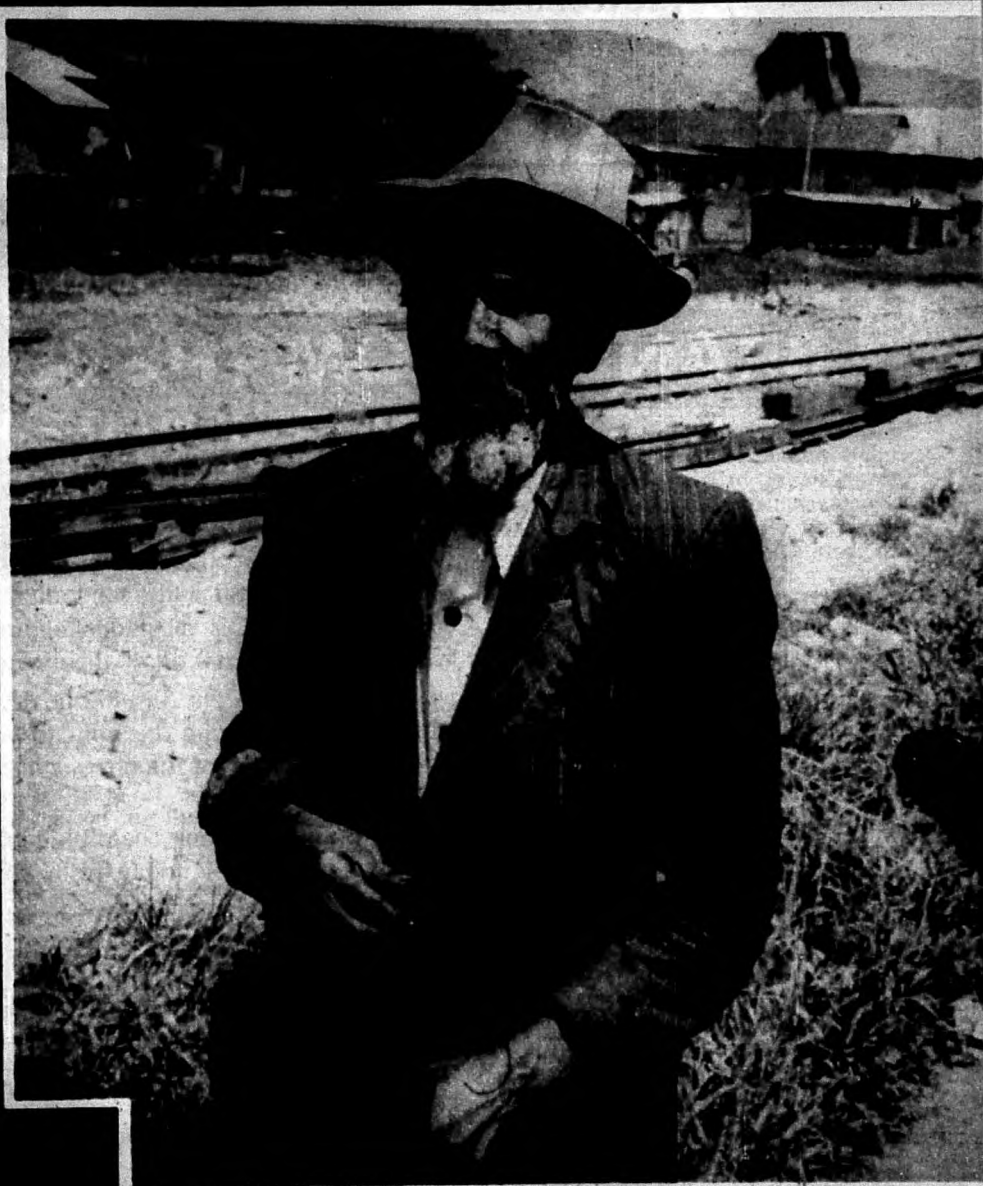
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Committee Appointed to Study Church Loan Problems

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, a committee was appointed to co-operate with the Home Mission Board in its effort to increase its loan funds and better serve its constituency.

The plan calls for an increase of the corpus of the loan funds to 11 million dollars in the near future, one million of which would be used for securing church sites in strategic places. The long-range goal is 27 million with 25 million for buildings and two million for sites.

At the request of the Home Mission Board three members of the Executive Committee and the executive secretary of the Executive Committee were appointed to co-operate with a similar committee from the Home Mission Board in giving consideration to the plan and seeking implementation.

A second committee was also appointed from the Executive Committee to confer with a committee to be appointed by the Home Mission Board, with regard to the desirability of establishing a separate agency to provide loan and site funds for churches.

Largest Army Sunday School in Camp Tokyo

According to a report of the office of the Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army, the largest army Sunday school in the world today is located in the Camp Tokyo area at Grant Heights.

With a total enrollment of more than 1,250 children and adults, the school continues to grow. Chaplain Matthew D. Blair attributes this growth to many factors including the influx of personnel; a modern "church-like" atmosphere and up-to-date Sunday school teaching methods.

Advisory Council on Negro Work to Be Called

At the annual meeting of the Home Mission Board Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary-treasurer, presented a plan asking for an advisory council on Negro work.

According to the plan representatives from the various commissions and agencies of the Convention who serve the Negro people were to be asked to come together

to study the problem and make plans for co-ordinating their work.

At the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention the executive secretary of the Home Mission Board was authorized to call such

