

A review of the news article in the Columbia State about the Rev. Archie Ellis accepting the position of pastor of the First Baptist Church at Columbia, shows that Dr. Ellis will receive a salary of \$12,000 per year. The church is the largest in Columbia and one of the largest in the Southeast. It has a membership of 3,400 and a budget of \$234,000. Furman University has announced that it will confer the degree of Doctor of Divinity on the new pastor at the spring commencement. He is at present president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. He has been pastor at Salisbury for nine years during which time he led in the building of a new church auditorium and educational buildings which cost \$600,000. The membership grew from 1,040 to 1,800. He had received 1,400 new members over 600 of them by baptism.

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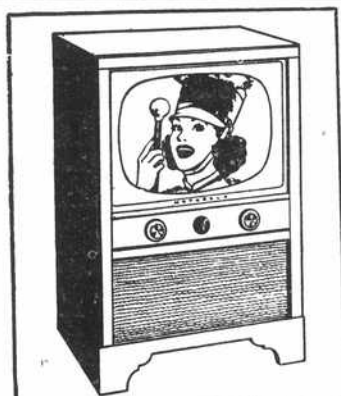
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