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COX
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 at the church. He helped to get a Cub Scout troop started and, with veteran trainees, has done much on the new Boy Scout hut.
 In addition to other duties, he has managed to find time to serve as woodworking instructor for the veterans' training program in the agriculture department of the high school for the past three winters. Soon after he came to Farmville he was offered the job of woodworking teacher for the school. When he began working with the veterans, they were skeptical of what he knew about woodworking and repairing as were the West Point citizens years ago. His knowledge of woods, construction, finishes, etc., he fully realizes is a God-given gift. An uncle was gifted in the inventing line and turned out many articles for home use.
 During the three afternoons a week he spends at the shop, Mr. Cox has made a combination radio-phonograph and a crib for two-year-old Jane. With the exception of a few chairs, all furniture in the parsonage is handmade. He built cabinets and did other work to bring the kitchen more

up to date.
 A member of the E. Cox family (all 11 children had first names which began with the last letter of the alphabet), Zesley Zehira Thad Cox was born in 1902 near Hassell in Martin county. He grew up on a farm and was no stranger to work. He completed four grades at the Hopewell school in Pitt county and then stayed out on account of illness.
 When he was nineteen, he joined the church in a revival conducted by Mr. Mashburn. Listening to the Bible being read in the family circle at night, Mr. Cox had had a feeling that if he ever joined the church he must become a minister. So he set

out to finish his education with only a pair of shoes, pants and underclothes to his name. He worked before and after school and at lunch time in the store of an Oak City merchant in order to earn money to finish the seventh grade. At 21 he had completed the seventh grade and decided to do his high school work at Johnson Bible college, Johnson City, Tenn., where poor boys by working three and a half hours daily, might stay at the school for \$72 a year, excluding books and clothes.
 Since the college was not accredited at that time, Mr. Cox finished high school and the first three years there and transferred to Phillips university, at Enid, Okla., where he obtained his A. B. and M. A. degrees.


In Oklahoma he preached every Sunday at a nearby town and worked during the week at odd jobs. In the summers he conducted revival meetings, worked in restaurants and cafeterias. One year he sold Bibles in a nearby Eastern Carolina county, often making as much as \$40 a week.
 "Oklahomans really know the meaning of Southern hospitality," declares the preacher, who says that they accept you for what you are and you are in their good graces until you prove yourself otherwise.
 "I thought the more viewpoints I could get, the better prepared I would be," stated Mr. Cox, when asked why he chose to go on to Drake university, Des Moines, Iowa, for his B. D. degree. Before going to Drake, he was pastor of a church in Stillwell, Okla., for a year.

He graduated from Drake in August, 1934, and accepted the pastorate at West Point in February, 1935.
 The idea that a pastor must be an ardent reader and student is exemplified by Mr. Cox who keeps several library books from nearby colleges on hand to read as a part of his regular preparation for sermons. Whenever he comes across something that he cannot find enough about in his library, he gets in his car and goes to Greenville or Wilson and hunts for it in one of the libraries.
 Mrs. Cox, who taught dramatics and English before her marriage, helps out in the church work, too. She frequently gives programs and book reviews, both at church meetings and clubs, and is a director of the Chi Rho, a junior fellowship group.
 The boys in the family are Chandler and Paul.

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 One lot of scrap lumber estimated to contain between 20,000 and 30,000 feet, being the same left over from the raising of the old Farmville Colored School building.
 The bidding is to start at \$125.00 and will remain open for a period of 10 days.
 The successful bidder or bidders will be required to deposit with the court 20 per cent of said high bid pending confirmation of same.
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