

Evangelist Dies



J. FRANK NORRIS

Well-Known Pastor Dies

Rev. J. Frank Norris, 74,
Fundamentalist Baptist,
Led Stormy Life

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, Fla., Aug. 20 (AP)—Rev. J. Frank Norris, Baptist pastor from Fort Worth, Tex., who believed that a preacher "ought to stir up the devil" died today.

He was a tall, white-haired man who strode through many a stormy moment—including a murder trial where he plead self defense and was acquitted.

He was 74. Death came from a heart attack.

Mr. Norris was a leader in the organization of the Fundamentalist Baptist churches which established its world-wide headquarters in Chicago in 1937, with 3,000 churches affiliated.

He was pastor for years of two churches 1,300 miles apart — the First Baptist church at Fort Worth and the Temple Baptist church in Detroit, Mich.

He resigned as pastor of the Detroit church in May, 1951, after 16 years there.

At the time of his death, Rev. Norris was chairman of the trus-

tees of the Bible Baptist seminary, which he helped found in Fort Worth in 1939; pastor of the First Baptist church in Fort Worth, where he had served 44 years, and director of the World Baptist Fellowship.

His church in Fort Worth covered almost a city block downtown. On Sundays his sermons echoed through downtown streets from loudspeakers outside the huge, barn-like auditorium.

The murder trial came in 1927 after D. E. Chipps, wealthy Fort Worth lumberman, was shot in Mr. Norris' office. Mr. Norris had been carrying on a crusade against city politics and mentioning specific personalities.

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