

# Christian Educator Dies at 84

GREENVILLE, S.C. (UPI)—Bob Jones Sr., one of Christianity's leading fundamentalists and founder of the "world's most unusual university," died today. He was 84.

A spokesman at Bob Jones University gave no cause for death, saying only that it came "after a long illness."

Jones, already an internationally-known evangelist in 1927, decided to build a school "that will dispel the idea that is going around that if you have old-time religion, you have to have a greasy nose, dirty fingernails, baggy pants and that you must not shine your shoes."

Bob Jones College, first started in College Point, Fla., with 88 students. It moved later to Cleveland, Tenn., and in 1947 opened in Greenville as Bob Jones University.

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Jones decreed that boys and girls going to his university had to keep their bodies at least six inches apart and forbade them Hollywood movies.

Drinking was strictly forbidden, and sexually integrated groups were not allowed to use the gymnasium, the swimming pool or the tennis courts at "the world's most unusual university."

No Negroes attend the school and the university, with Bob Jones Jr., as president, has told the government it does not expect any federal education funds.

The elder Jones served a chairman of the university's board of trustees until his retirement in 1964. He was succeeded as chairman by his son in 1947 when the university settled here.

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Jones traveled about the nation in evangelist crusade after the founding of his university and it was said that on the 5th anniversary of his ministry, he had preached to more people than any other living man.

Born one of 12 children in Dale County, Alabama, Jones preached for over 70 years, starting as a revivalist at the age of 13.

He was the only living person selected for "The Christian Hall of Fame" which opened in Canton, Ohio in 1966.

One of the most famous students to attend the university was Billy Graham. Graham left after a brief stay in 1936.

Funeral services will be held on the university campus Wednesday at 3 p.m.

R10W, Sturgis township, except

a parcel described as beginning students to attend the university 13; thence north 61° east 394 1/8 line of said section; thence

or less to the point of beginning the university campus, said parcel containing 35.18

the northwest 1/4 of section 13 and also the east 1/2 of the northwest five acres off the north end between the railroad and the east also excepting two acres off the north end of said east 1/2 of the right of way line of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the west of the northwest 1/4; also excepting the right of way of the Penn- All in township 8 south, range 10 west, Sturgis township, St. more or less.

## Services Held Monday for Ernest Benedict

June 24, 1957.

Funeral services for Ernest D. Benedict, 86, of Route 1, Sturgis township to the city Vermontville were held Monday, Jan. 8, from the Mapes-Fisher Funeral Home in Sunfield. Mr Benedict passed away Friday at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

He was born June 20, 1881 in Sunfield Township, the son of Emmet and Lucy (Stockley) Benedict. He was a lifelong area farmer and a member of the Sunfield Methodist Church.

Surviving is his wife, Nellie; a daughter, Mrs Evert (Helen) Steward of Charlotte; two sons, Harold and Carroll of rural Vermontville; a sister, Mrs Frank (Jennie) Twichell of Vermontville; a brother, Le Roy of Jackson; two step-sons, Richard Wright of Vermontville and Dorr Wright of Seattle, Wash.; 19 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Officiating at the 2 p.m. service was the Rev. Mark Vietzke of the Sunfield Methodist Church. Interment was in Freemire Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bruce Benedict, Lowell Steward, Curt John Benedict, A. G. Twichell, Dennis Cates and Dr. Sunil Das.