



ORDAINED FOR BAPTIST MINISTRY—The 57-year-old South Norfolk Baptist Church yesterday ordained its first members for the ministry. Two of the young men ordained were brothers. They are shown with their pastor, (left to right) the Rev. Frank Hughes, Jr., James W. Russ, William C. Russ, Mark M. Alexander, Jr., and Samuel W. Tatem.

Harry A. Stewart, Jr.

4 Southside Baptists Ordained As First in Church's 57 Years

Quartet, All College Graduates, to Enter Seminaries; Three Others of Congregation Licensed

Four members of the South Norfolk Baptist Church, two of them brothers, were ordained into the ministry at a special service yesterday afternoon. They were the first members of the congregation to be ordained in the 57-year history of the church. Those whose ordination

became official with the laying on of hands ceremony, performed by eight ministers, were Mark W. Alexander, Jr., of 1405 Ohio Street; James W. Russ and William C. Russ, brothers, of 1217 Chesapeake Avenue, and Samuel W. Tatem, of 915 Wilson Road.

Each of the young men graduated from college in June and will enter theological seminaries next month. Tatem will attend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., while the others will study at the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

Three Others Licensed

Scheduled to follow these young men into the ministry are three other members of the congregation, who already have been licensed by the church to prepare for the ministry, but will not be ordained until they complete their college education.

They are George Wollett, Jr., a student at Wake Forest College, and Edward Boyd and Horace Twine, both students at the University of Richmond.

Yesterday's ordination service was conducted at the church, 1101 Chesapeake Avenue, by the pastor, the Rev. Frank Hughes, Jr.

The Rev. W. A. Richardson, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Back Bay, presented the report of the examining council to the assembled congregation. The council was composed of ministers of the Portsmouth Baptist Association.

Each of the ministerial candidates received a Bible as a gift from the South Norfolk church. The Rev. John S. Stone, pastor of the London Bridge Baptist Church, made the presentations.

The ordination prayer was led by the Rev. Harvey L. Bryant, pastor of Cradock Baptist Church, and the Rev. Paul E. Crandall, pastor of

Larchmont Baptist Church, gave the charge to the candidates.

The Rev. George Tyler Terrell, pastor of Merrimack Park Baptist Church, preached the sermon. Other participants were the Rev. H. A. Hardwick, pastor of Bay View Baptist Church, who offered the invocation, and Dr. Herman Stevens, of Campbell College, who pronounced the benediction.

Special music was provided by the church choir.