

Gonzales Gardens Church Completes Cycle With Alewine Ordination Today

Richard Alewine will be ordained pastor of the Gonzales Gardens Community Church this afternoon at 3:45 to complete a cycle which began during Billy Graham's city-wide evangelistic campaign three years ago.

According to the Rev. Thomas Petty, director of extension of Columbia Bible College, the church in the public housing project is the finest example of indigenous church principles in action that he has every seen.

During Dr. Graham's campaign G. A. Weathersby, an insurance agent living in Gonzales Gardens, made a decision for Christ.

Shortly after his conversion, Mr. Weathersby was contacted by a member of Dr. Graham's follow-up team, John Conaway, who began to instruct him in the principles of the Christian life.

About three months after Dr. Graham's campaign, Richard Alewine, another tenant at Gonzales Gardens, made a decision for Christ in Mr. Weathersby's home.

A year later, Mr. Weathersby, who had given up his job as an insurance agent to study for the ministry, was ordained the first pastor of the Gonzales Gardens Community Church.

Up to this time, the work of the church was done by students from the Columbia Bible College. Gradually the students were withdrawn and their places were taken by local spiritual leaders.

Since he made his decision for Christ, Mr. Alewine has been working in the church. He has been preaching for about two years, and has been in charge of the work since September.

In September Mr. Weathersby moved to Hendley Homes to start a similar work in that project.

In his church Mr. Alewine will have an initial membership of about 35.

"I am completely sold on the principle of the indigenous church,"

Mr. Weathersby reports. "Give the local people a chance to assume the leadership of the church. Let God the Holy Spirit do his work in their lives and pick out and ordain leaders. Then let them take over."

The Rev. A. W. Bailey, former missionary to Africa, will officiate at the ordination service today.

SC Congressmen Split on Export Of Farm Surplus

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—South Carolina members divided their votes down the middle, 3 to 3, when the House approved a bill to export up to one hundred million dollars worth of surplus farm crops, chiefly for famine relief.

Rep. Robert Ashmore of Greenville, W. J. Bryan Dorn of Greenwood and John L. McMillan of Florence voted to send the bill back to the Agriculture Committee.

Rep. James P. Richards of Lancaster, John Riley of Sumter and L. Mendel Rivers of Charleston voted against recommitment.

The recommitment motion lost on a roll call, 321 to 82 and the bill was passed.

Earlier, Dorn sponsored a motion to kill the bill by striking out the enacting clause, but this was defeated, 123 to 33 without a roll call.

Dorn said he thinks the reported famine in Pakistan is "a man-made famine and a fraud upon the people of the United States, and I also believe that it will aid the Communist cause": to ship the wheat there.

Dorn reasoned that "the poor people in Pakistan, seeing the landlords selling wheat from America at an enormous profit, will move just a little bit closer toward the Communist cause."

Of the people in the United States who marry after the age of 60, nine-tenths have been married before.