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HICO PASTOR TRYING  
TO SAVE COMMUNITY

HICO, Tex.--(BP)--Hico is like the west Texas towns around it. If the community prospers, the churches prosper. If the community dies, the churches die.

Hico has a problem. Its young people have been moving away. First Baptist Church, for instance, has only 42 prospects less than 39 years old but there are 250 prospects over 40. Most of the residents are between 50 and 60 years old.

No one realizes this more than Pastor Joe B. Taylor. One of the main things he's trying to do now is to stop the migration by creating better jobs and better living conditions.

That's why he and Richard A. Herrington, Jr., owner of a grocery and feed store in Hico, are in the broiler business. They feel that the fat, young chickens from Hico will sell well in neighboring communities.

The pastor himself started the broiler business about five years ago. Eight of the town's families now receive all or part of their income from the industry.

There's another point to consider about the broiler business. It can be duplicated in other lines of work in a community short on industry to bolster incomes.

The pastor's sister raises pullets. Other townsfolk sell eggs. One man is thinking about raising domestic rabbits for the Army at Fort Hood, Tex.

The minister and the other residents of Hico are watching developments, hoping that the philosophy of the Baptist preacher and his friend will help save both the community and the church.

BAYLOR DIGS OUT FILES  
ON 100-YEAR-OLD DEED

WACO, Tex.--(BP)--Baylor University officials recently had to turn to century-old school files to help clear title to a piece of property.

The school had sold the 250 acres in 1856 to a man who is now dead. The deed had been lost and was never recorded. The title was clouded because of the missing deed.

Baylor officials contacted Mrs. Lily M. Russell, who's writing a history of the university. She dug out the information from minutes of a trustee meeting in December, 1856.

Dean Abner McCall of Baylor's law school, who drew up the necessary legal papers to clear the title, said it was lucky Baylor was involved in the transaction. He said he believed Baylor and only one other institution in Texas could reach so far back in history for legal information of this sort.

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THREE BAPTISTS AMONG  
'MINISTERS OF YEAR'

ATLANTA--(BP)--"Rural Ministers of the Year" in the South were named here recently and three Baptists were in the group of 11.

The Baptists are George Y. Williams, Sardis, Ala.; Norman Moore, Pineville, Ky., and H. Curtis Ellis, West, Miss.

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.....The jurisdictional structure of The Methodist Church, which some Methodists say is "unnecessary" and which others defend strongly, is under study by a 70-member group appointed at the recent General Conference of that church in Minneapolis.

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.....Jessee J. Northcutt, dean of the school of theology, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, will be visiting professor of practical theology in European Baptist Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, next school year.

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