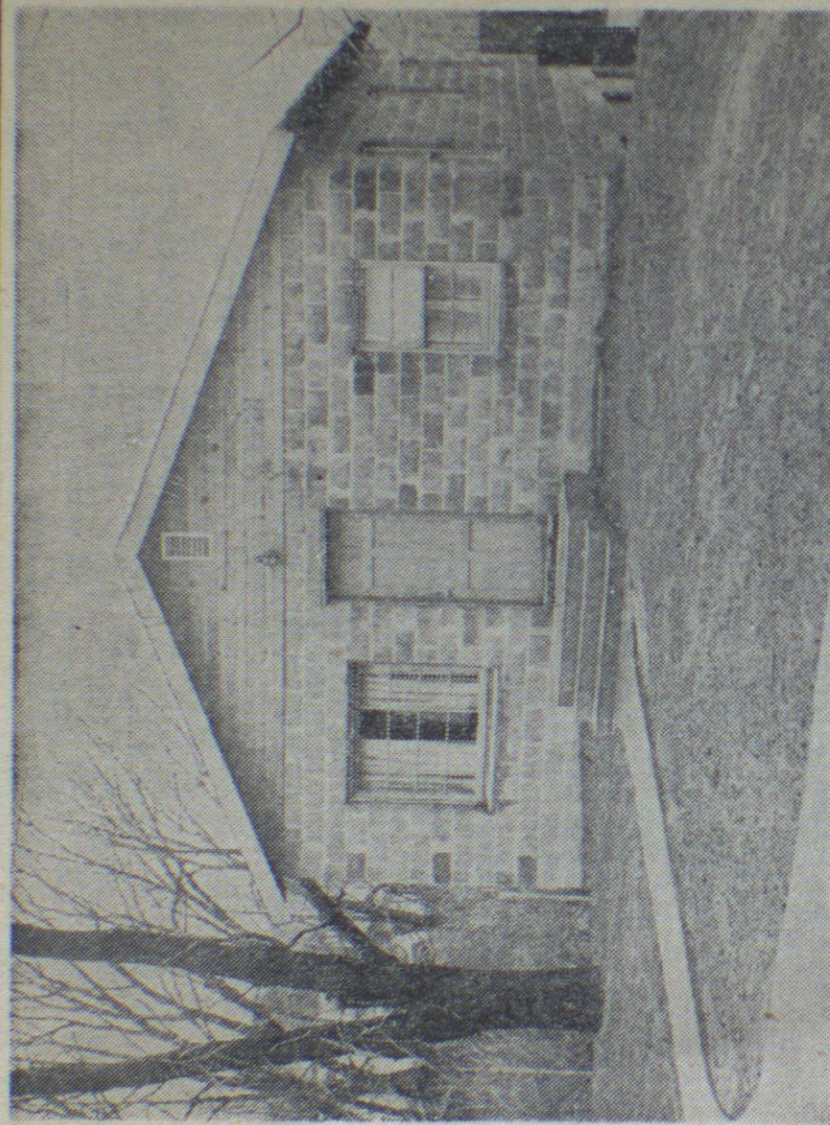


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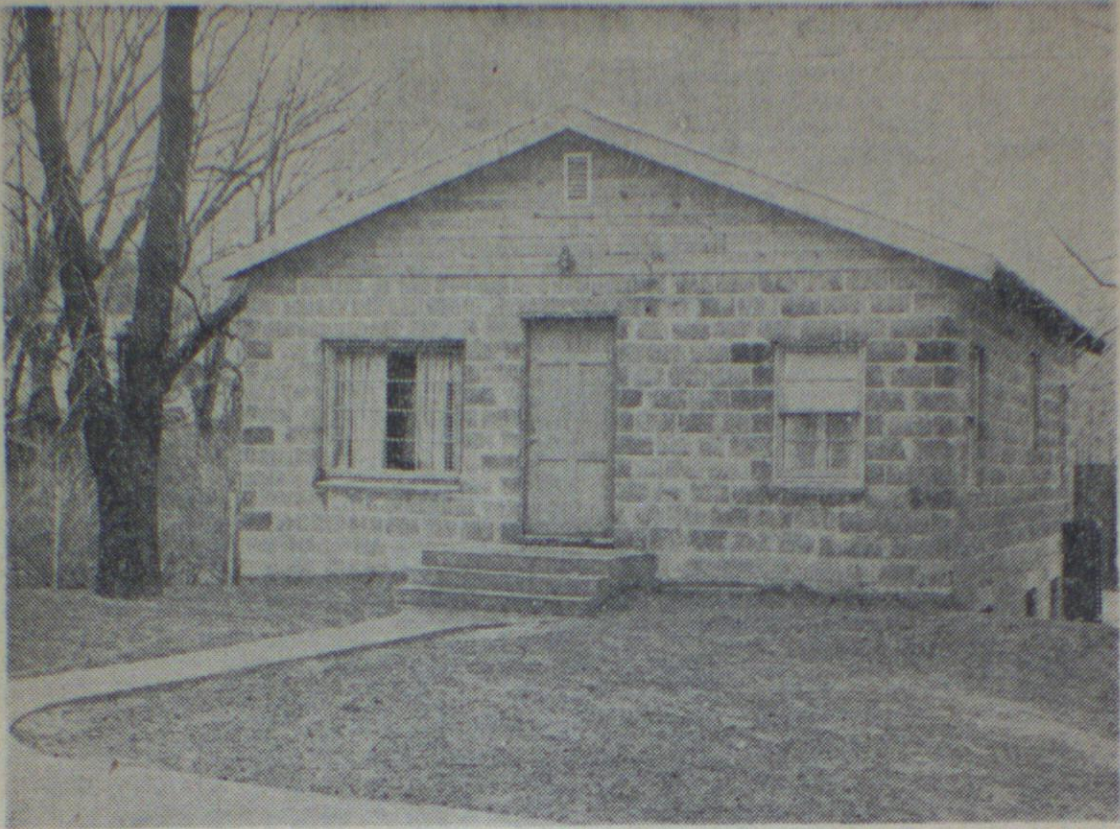
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Mrs. Johnson said the basement will be completed later. At present, only the concrete floor has been poured. Eventually partitions will be installed for three bedrooms and the pastor's study. The extra bedrooms are to accommodate visiting pastors and other church guests from out-of-town.

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