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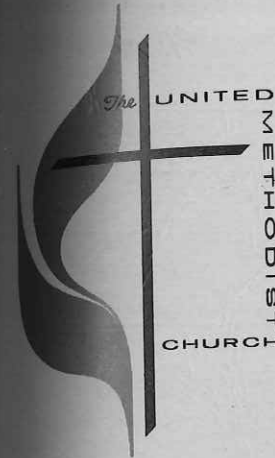
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BISHOP RALPH ALTON



Ralph Taylor Alton was the son of John Taylor and Roberta Alton, born on August 10, 1908. He received his education at Ohio Wesleyan University and Boston School of Theology.

Ralph married Marian Black on July 23, 1932 in Dublin, Ohio while he was still in seminary. They became the parents of Phyllis Ann (Alton) Hansen and Bruce Taylor Alton.

Ralph was an unassuming person who was elected to the Episcopacy and went on to govern churches in Wisconsin and Indiana.

Bishop Alton died September 7, 1994. Mrs. Alton and the children survive.

WILLIAM D. ARCHIBALD

William Darrell Archibald was born in Montgomery County, Illinois on May 2, 1895, to Hugh and Margaret (Morris) Archibald. He received degrees from Union Academy in 1919, Union College in 1922, Northwestern in 1927 and also Garrett Biblical Institute in 1927.

He married Laura Ann Lee on June 22, 1924 in Audubon Township, Illinois. They adopted a son, James Hugh, in 1940. Laura died April 24, 1984.

Reverend Archibald served in North and Northwest Indiana Conferences from 1927 to 1960. He worked more than 30 years on church history into mid 80's with historical data, church information in 1969 edition of "Who's Who in the Methodist Church".

He died on February 1, 1995 in Frankfort, Indiana. He is buried in Nokom's Cemetery in Montgomery Co., Illinois. He son, James and a nephew and nieces survive him.

DALE BARDSLEY



Dale L. Bardsley was born to Vernal and Lena Bardsley in Huntington County, Indiana, on January 5, 1920. He received a B.A. from Marion College (now Indiana Wesleyan University) in 1953 and a Masters of Theology from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1960.

Dale married Sibyl K. Johnson on September 27, 1940, in Van Wert, Ohio. They became the parents of Joyce Elaine (Bardsley) Ping, Phyllis Jean (deceased), Trudy Christner and Randall Rider.

Dale was always active in the communities where his family lived. He was chaplain for the Indiana State Police for a number of years. He also served on various district and conference committees as he was needed.

He died on April 19, 1995, at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren. His funeral was held at the home and burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Ohio City, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Sibyl, their three children, eight grandchildren, one great grand daughter, and a sister.

SAMUEL CARRUTH, JR.



Samuel Enoch Carruth, Jr., was born in Auburn, Mississippi to Samuel Enoch, Sr., and Myrtis Carruth. He received the following education: A.B. (cum laude) in 1927 from Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky.; B.D. (magna cum laude) in 1932 from Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N.J.; post-graduate work at Drew in 1935; post graduate work at University of Chicago in 1940; and Th.D. from Iliff School of Theology in 1952 in Denver, Colorado.

He married Alice Beckley on July 3, 1936, in Farmland, Indiana. The children born to this union include Edwin Lewis and Lillian Fay (Carruth) Sommers.

Sam was a member, successively, of the North Indiana Conference, the Northwest Indiana Conference, the Indiana Conference, and, again, the North Indiana Conference. After retirement he served various churches in Arizona, California, and Hawaii.

His lifetime interest in writing was encouraged by many editorial invitations from Church magazines. So, as Sam would say, the music goes on and the message, the hurts and the healing, and the love of life, and the hope of Life Everlasting. "Don't try to prove Eternal Life," he often said, "just start it now and be prepared when the bell tolls for you, to move on into the mystery with glad surprise. Just remember who'll be waiting for you!"

Sam died on August 15, 1994 in Claremont, California. He was cremated with burial at sea. He is survived by his wife, both children, two brothers and a sister.

A. HUNTER COLPITTS



A. Hunter Colpitts was born in South Bend on May 4, 1915, to Edgar and Mabel Colpitts. He received degrees from North Central College, Evangelical Seminary (now G-ETS), University of Indianapolis and DePauw University.

He married Neoma DeMott on June 14, 1941 in Flint Michigan. Dr. and Mrs. Colpitts adopted Craig Harrison Colpitts, and Sarah Jane Colpitts (now Hall).

Hunter served on many boards and committees of the Conference. He gave many years to the development of Oakwood Park, starting out as a youth director and the planning of the Recreation Field. At the time of his death, the development of Oakwood was a primary interest in his life. He served until his death on the initial Foundation Board to plan the new Oakwood.

He was a delegate to General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference for many years.

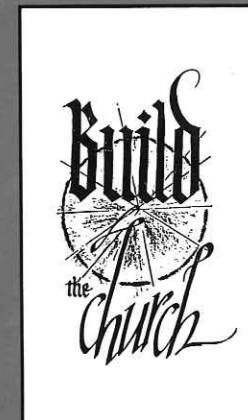
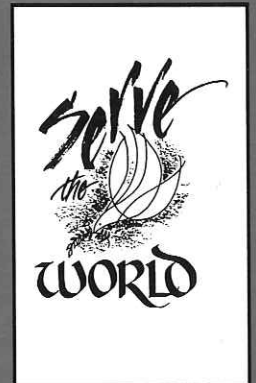
In 1982 he and Neoma retired to Oakwood Park. During the first four years he did church consultation work, and spent some time raising money for Oakwood Park. They wintered on Marco Island in Florida for thirteen years, and then wintered in Fort Wayne.

He was one of the founding Trustees of G-ETS, and then served as a Trustee for many years. He also was a Trustee for the University of Indianapolis, and was Pastor Emeritus of High Street UMC in Muncie.

Hunter died on October 5, 1994 in Syracuse, Indiana. There was a family service in Fort Wayne, and a memorial service at Muncie High Street UMC. He was buried in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne. He is survived by Neoma, Craig, Sarah Hall, four grandchildren and a brother and sister.

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Bishop Ralph Taylor Alton

Bishop Ralph Taylor Alton passed away on Wednesday evening, September 7, 1994, after a brief illness.

Alton was born in Ohio, the son of a Methodist minister, in 1908. He attended Ohio Wesleyan University and was ordained deacon in the Methodist Church in 1928. He attended Boston University School of Theology and was ordained as an elder in the Methodist Church in 1932. He served churches in the Northeast Ohio Annual Conference prior to his coming to Wisconsin in 1950.

While in Wisconsin, Alton served as pastor at First Methodist Church, Appleton, and was elected Bishop in the Methodist Church in 1960. He was assigned to the Wisconsin Area where he served for twelve years. Following his tenure in Wisconsin, he served the Indiana Area for eight years prior to his retirement in 1980. In 1983, he was reactivated and reassigned to the Indiana Area following the resignation of James Armstrong as a bishop in The United Methodist Church.

Stories of admiration and appreciation were told by many as Bishop Alton's life was celebrated at his Memorial Service held at First United Methodist Church in Madison, Wisconsin. Bishops, district superintendents, pastors, lay people, the elderly, and young children gathered to pay tribute to this compassionate leader. His friends and colleagues described him as a warm and caring person; a gentle teacher; a man with a vision; an inspirational leader; a beloved friend; a Christian who loved the church; my bishop. The Service of Worship was led by Rev. David Lyons, Bishop Sharon Z. Rader, Bishop David Lawson, and Bishop Woodrow Hearn, president of The United Methodist Council of Bishops. Bishop David Lawson had been asked by Alton to deliver a sermon based on II Corinthians 4:5-18 some four years ago. "He came to me during a Council of Bishops meeting as we were finishing up our Bible study and pointed in my New Testament to the passage," Lawson recalled. "I marked it, and that's the last it was mentioned. Today, it's highlighted, underlined, circled and has a star by it with the name, "Ralph" next to it in the margin." Lawson worked with Alton in Indiana and then in Wisconsin when Lawson was assigned as resident Bishop in 1984.

"Because of Bishop Alton's unusual relational skills and genuine caring for all persons, he was able to help the former EUB and Methodist Annual Conferences in both Wisconsin and Indiana come together in a very healthy fashion," Lawson said. "His gift was to help the congregations and leaders in the new annual conferences build new and productive relationships. (An audio tape and transcript of the service are located in the Archives of the Wisconsin Annual Conference.)

In his retirement, Bishop Alton and his wife, Marian, lived in Madison, Wisconsin, where he served as "Bishop in Residence" at First United Methodist Church, Madison. He called on the elderly and those in the hospital, preached and led meetings. He pioneered and defined the concept as he went along. First and last he was a pastor. During his recent ministry at First UMC, Alton taught a variety of classes. "Most of us, when scheduling a class would check the calendar to make sure there wasn't a Packers' game on, or some other event that might conflict. Alton's motto was always 'teach it and they will come' and they did," said David Lyons, pastor of First UMC.

Bishop Alton is survived by his wife, Marian, and his children, Bruce Alton and Phyllis Ann Hansen.



Carl Wesley Berry

Rev. Carl Wesley Berry died February 21, 1995 in the Health Care Center of Cedar Crest at Janesville, Wis.

Carl was born July 13, 1905 on a farm near Paw Paw, Illinois, the eldest of three children of Charles and Amelia Berry.

He joined the Methodist Church at Floyd, Iowa, after a revival meeting at the age of 10.

Carl graduated from the Paw Paw High School in 1923 and from the University of Illinois in 1927. For several years he farmed with his father.

In 1936 he came to the West Wisconsin Conference, being appointed to the Thorpe and With Churches. In 1938 he went to the Boston Theological Seminary, graduating in 1941 and returning to the West Wisconsin Conference.

He served appointments at Gays Mills, Muscoda - Avoca, Hazel Green, Balsam Lake, Birchwood Centuria, Bloom City, Wilton, Liberty Pole - Westby, Mount Hope - Bagley - Patch Grove and retired in 1971. He lived in Viroqua and preached in Stoddard until 1975.

Carl had always loved to read, especially history, the Bible, and daily newspapers. At Cedar Crest he could be found either in his vegetable garden, walking, or most likely sitting some place reading a book.

One of his joys was camping at Pine Lake, Whispering Pines, or Camp Lucerne, counseling young boys. In the Compton - Amboy area he walked 20 miles helping raise money for a Lutheran Camp.

He always gave a helping hand to a farmer in need of help. He was a loyal Methodist and cooperated with other denominations.

He is survived by a sister (Gladys Rosette), a niece (Alice Arjes), a nephew (Arthur Rosette) and four cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Walter Bery, and several cousins.

Henry G. Clark

Rev. Henry G. Clark, 80, formerly of Holcombe and Eau Claire, died Sunday, September 18, 1994 at Memorial Nursing Home in Medford.

He was born the son of Henry F. and Isabel (Yorton) Clark, November 9, 1913, in Ripon. He married Maxine Emshoff October 5, 1940, at Little Brown Church in the Vale, in Nashua, Iowa. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Superior in 1953, and continued his education attending the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Illinois. He was a retired pastor and a member of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church.

His ministry began at Basswood Community Church. He had served Grace Evangelical United Brethren Church in Webster/Hertel, and E.U.B. churches in Plymouth/Cascade. He moved to Eau Claire in 1957 where he served Olivet E.U.B. church, and was pastor at Chapel Heights United Methodist Church for 21 years.

In 1978 he moved to Merrill and served Christ United Methodist Church and Wildwood Chapel until retiring and moving to Holcombe in 1983.

He had been a resident of Stonecroft Manor and Memorial Nursing Home in Medford this past year.

