



Deacons and deaconness: front row, from left, William O. Frazier, Jr., Theodore M. Snider, (Bishop Webb), Harry A. Bickerton, William J. Brown; second row, Fred Belcher, Linda Wiseman, Robert W. Eagle, Danny L. Robertson; third row, Warren G. Whitlock, Frederick C. Cramer, Wendell B. Arms, Larry E. Leonard.

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**T. J. MARSHALL CRAPP**

Dr. T. J. Marshall Crapp was born in West Looe, Cornwall, England on March 3, 1885, and died in St. Mary's Hospital, Streator, Illinois on January 15, 1967. He came to the United States as a young man and then returned to England in 1911, where on August 16, he was united in marriage to Laura Trengove.

Returning to this country, he entered Hedding College, Abingdon from which he graduated and then went on to Garrett Theological Seminary from which he received his B. D. degree. Dr. Crapp was received on trial in the Central Illinois Conference in 1908 and was assigned to Wataga. Other appointments which he had in the Conference included: Avon, Clifton, Farmington, Pontiac, Bradford, Beardstown, Streator, Douglas Ave., Springfield and Lincoln. He retired in 1953 and took up residence in Streator; but continued to serve, supplying pulpits in the vicinity.

Dr. Crapp served on a number of the Conference Boards in the course of his ministry giving constructive leadership to these groups. This was particularly true in his relationship to the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Hospital of Central Illinois, of which group he became a member in 1930 and on which he remained to the time of his death.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Methodist Church of Streator with Dr. Leslie C. Archer, Rev. Lawrence R. Tagg, and the Rev. Howard Stanton of the local Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery at Streator.

In his life of service to others, Dr. T. J. M. Crapp put new meaning into those lines of Helen Steiner Rice:

'For when we 'give ourselves away'  
in sacrifice and love,  
We are 'laying up rich treasures'  
in God's kingdom up above.'

Truly, he will be missed for his seat will be empty.

**GEORGE DAVIES**

George Davies, son of Sarah Powell Davies and David Davies was born January 26, 1884 in Aberaman, South Wales. He died May 4, 1967 at Evenglow Lodge, Pontiac, Illinois where he had been a patient in the Health Center for four months, following a serious illness of Cancer of the Liver.

He served as a Local Preacher at Wesleyan Methodist Church, Aberaman, South Wales, before coming to America in 1905, settling in Peoria, Illinois. He first served as a supply pastor at Tremont, Illinois in 1906 from where he returned to South Wales to bring back to America his parents, three brothers, and three sisters in order that they might have the chance to better themselves. Two brothers, Ernest and Frank became preachers, the other one, David, active in youth work. A sister, Mary, married a preacher, the other two sisters active in church work.

He was married to Harriett West of London, England, March 14, 1911 in the old First Methodist Church, Peoria, Illinois. Five children were born to this union, two passing away in infancy. Two sons, Richard of Indianapolis and George of Bloomington, a daughter, Mrs. Harold (Helen) Neglie of Indianapolis, survive.

He was received on trial by the Central Illinois Conference in 1910 serving pastorates in Manteno, Vermont, Rutland, Chenoa, and Dwight. After serving Dwight for 10 years he was forced to retire in 1933 on

account of health. He had previously served as Secretary of the Central Illinois Conference for five years and did the secretarial work for the merging of the Central Illinois Conference and the Illinois Conference. He was made Pastor Emeritus of the Dwight Church and when health would permit enjoyed helping the regular pastors in any way possible, calling on the sick and shut-ins. He made many friends and was loved by the whole community. He also had many friends at the many places where his travels had led him, for he loved people and was always friendly and ready to share their joys and sorrows, offering up prayers on their behalf.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, Dwight, with Rev. Walter G. Batty in charge with burial at Oaklawn Cemetery, Dwight, Illinois.

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

**HOMER F. DELAP**

Homer F. Delap, retired member of the Central Illinois Conference, passed away at the Paxton Community Hospital, April 26, 1967. A Memorial service was held on Friday at 2 P.M. April 28th at The First Methodist Church of Paxton with Dr. Donald H. Gibbs of Decatur and Rev. Carl F. Hass pastor of the Church, in charge. There were no burial rites since Rev. Delap had willed his body to Medical Science.

He was born near Kansas, Illinois, June 16, 1892. He graduated from Greencastle Academy and from DePauw University. He received his theological training at Boston School of Theology.

He was received on trial by the Illinois Conference at Millersville in 1920 and served the following charges: Grove City, Sidney, Pesotum, Atwood, Findlay-St. Mary's Cornell-Esmen, Mazon, Piper City, and Forrest-Strawn. He was located at his own request, then readmitted and retired in 1958.

His marriage to Grace Robertson took place at Kansas, Illinois on September 1, 1918. Mrs. Delap survives, also a son Robert of Piper City and three daughters; Mrs. Helen Evans, Oxnard, California; Mrs. John Keener, Evansville, Indiana, and Mrs. Ralph Linsley, Medora, Illinois. A son, James R. Delap preceded his father in death while serving in the Navy in 1945. He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren, one great-grandson; a brother, Ray J. Delap, of Kansas, Illinois; one sister, Mrs. Albert Gould, Decatur, Illinois, one nephew and a number of nieces and cousins.

**GARNETT W. HALEY**

The Reverend Garnett W. Haley, member of the Central Illinois Conference in effective relation, died September 30, 1966 in Passavant Hospital, Jacksonville, Illinois.

The Reverend Mr. Haley was born in Brooksville, Kentucky, December 11th, 1906, a son of Albert and Anna Hatfield Haley. He married Georgia Brown, June 29, 1943. He was received on trial in the Kentucky Conference in 1947 and in full connection in 1949 serving churches at Saltwell, Yancey, Black Mountain, Mount Zion and Manchester in Kentucky, he transferred to the Central Illinois Conference in 1961 and served churches at Payson, Plainville and Brooklyn-Alexander, in the Jacksonville District.