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he played the piano and led the singing as well as preaching. After leaving the farm in 1942, they lived in Cumberland Presbyterian parsonages, serving several small pastorates in Kentucky, the DeWitt-Fullerton charge and Virginia charge in Illinois, and Aillsboro charge in Alabama.

In 1954 he joined the Louisville Conference of the Methodist Church, where in eleven years he served six circuits with four or more churches and one circuit with two churches. In 1965, in order to be closer to their sons, he joined the Central Illinois Conference, completing 48 years of active ministry. Because of ill health, he retired at the 1971 Annual Conference and moved to a house he had built near Decatur, close to his son, Roy.

Lyddia died August 16, 1972. After her death he preached three series of revival services, the last one being at his home church in Kentucky, a little over a month before his death, October 2, 1974.

Memorial services were held in Long Creek United Methodist Church by his pastor, W. Howard Baker, with Dr. Marshall Ervin assisting. He was buried in Point Pleasant Cemetery in Long Creek Township, Macon County, Illinois.

#### MYRTLE A. DAVIES

Mrs. Myrtle A. Davies, wife of the Reverend Ernest B. Davies, died at the age of 79 in Long Beach, California on September 3, 1974, just one day before her 80th birthday. Mrs. Davies had served with her husband in the Central Illinois Conference from 1925 until 1956 when the couple retired and moved to California. Some of the communities where she served with her husband were: Weldon, Moweaqua, Geneseo and Assumption.

Mrs. Davies is survived by her husband, Ernest, three sons, Bernard, Frank and Richard, and a daughter Mrs. Virginia Long. There are twelve grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. Her burial was in Westminster Memorial Park, Long Beach, California.

#### ODA D. DRAKE

DRAKE, O. D. (Wife: Ether) - Recd. on trial  
Ind. Conf. 1919-22 Milan;  
No. Ind. Conf. 1923-25  
Larwell; 1926-27 Gas City;  
Cent. Ill. Conf. 1927-29  
Minonk; 1930-31 San Jose;  
1932-37 Farmington; 1938-  
41 Virden; 1942-46 Aledo;  
1947-58 Taylorville; 1959  
Paxton; 1960-Retired.

Oda D. Drake was born Feb. 2, 1894. He entered the ministry in Indiana in 1919 and came to Central Illinois in 1927. In Illinois he served churches in Minonk, San Jose, Farmington, Virden, Aledo, Taylorville and Paxton. He retired in 1960 and moved to Naples, Florida, where he died on August 2, 1974.

#### EARLE E. EMME

EMME, EARLE EDWARD (Wife: Ada) - P.  
Rock River Conf. 1919;  
FC, 1921, 1919 in school;  
1920-22 Prof. Lawrence  
College; Wisc. Conf. 1923-  
25 Supt. Conf. Board of  
Education; Nebraska Conf.  
1926-28 Prof. Nebraska  
Wesleyan University; 1929-  
31 left without appoint-  
ment to attend school;



1932-33 Supernumerary;  
1934-35 Prof. Morningside  
College; North-West Iowa Conf. 1936-44 Prof.  
Morningside College; Dakota Conf. 1945-48  
Prof. and Dean, Dakota Wesleyan University;  
1949-52 Supernumerary; Ill. Conf. 1953-55  
Prof. Bradley University; 1956-Retired.

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