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.....	Recommendations	254	407
.....	49	203	367
.....	65	237	387
.....	68	241	393
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.....	81	243	393
.....	78	244	395
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.....	90	255	405
.....	83	245	399
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GEORGE E. KITCHEN

After more than fifty years of service in the Christian ministry, George E. Kitchen passed on into the larger life April 1, 1956 from Loveland, Colorado, where the family had been visiting long time friends.

He was born July 1, 1867 in Casey, Illinois and was graduated from De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana in 1902. Following his college graduation he served several churches in Kansas and then transferred to Colorado in 1917. He served the churches at Brighton, Yuma, St. Paul's, Colorado Springs; First, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Del Norte, Harkness Heights, Denver; Salida, Hillrose, Steamboat Springs, Johnstown, and Castle Rock. Following his retirement in 1939 he continued his active ministry serving churches in Cimarron, New Mexico; Fountain and Sedgwick, Colorado.

The Kitchens had made their home in Colorado Springs since 1943.

Besides his wife who resides at 1528 N. Weber, Colorado Springs, he is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Kitchen, Jr. of Clayton, New Mexico, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Colorado Springs, April 4, 1956, with interment at Evergreen.

IRA OTIS TWEEDY

Ira Otis Tweedy was born February 22, 1884, in Crawford County, Iowa. The family moved to Manilla, Iowa, where he received his elementary and secondary education. He enrolled in Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. He entered Civil Service in the United States Government and was stationed in Washington, D.C. for about three years. He then enrolled in the University of Denver, where he studied for several years, later transferring to Colorado College in Colorado Springs, where he was graduated with a bachelor of arts degree.

He was united in marriage with Rena D. Reed in the summer of 1912, in Denver. To this union was born one child. He began his active ministry following his college graduation, and served his Lord in the following charges: Broomfield, Lyons, Howard Woodrow, New Ramar, Walsh, Vineland-Avondale, Hillrose, Merino, Ridgway, Paolli-Epworth, and Sedgwick. He retired in June of 1948 and moved to Longmont.

He passed away without warning on October 28, 1955 at Longmont, Colorado. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Valera Tweedy of Los Angeles, Calif.; and one sister, Mrs. Louella Brooks of Longmont, Colo.

Quiet, patient, unassuming, lovable and contagiously optimistic, he always was much loved by the people of the churches he served. He truly exemplified the spirit of his Christ in all of his daily relationships.

PAUL WESLEY McDIVITT

Paul Wesley McDivitt, son of Rev. and Mrs. T. B. McDivitt, passed away January 31, 1956, at Greeley, Colorado.

ERVIN NATHANIEL EDGERTON

Ervin Nathaniel Edgerton, son of Daniel and Mary Brewer Edgerton, early Colorado pioneers, was born January 5, 1868 in Rock Creek, Ohio.

In 1872 the family moved to Earlville, Illinois and then in 1880 moved to Leadville, Colorado. These were truly rugged, pioneer days in Colorado and Dr. Edgerton shared many accounts of the various aspects of this frontier life—such as the trip later from Leadville to Garfield County in 1884 when their household goods and even the wagon itself were packed piece-meal, on burros, over Independence Pass. There were no railroads—none were needed. Saddle and buckboard answered every requirement.

He received his early education in the public schools of Earlville, Illinois and Leadville, Colorado, and later spent one year as a student in Metropolitan Business College, Chicago, Illinois. He matriculated as a member of the first entering class in the State Teachers College in Greeley.

After two years of teaching in the home school near Carbondale, he entered in 1893 as a member of the beginning class in the newly founded Iliff School of Theology and graduated with the class of 1896. Still feeling the need for more training he entered the University of Denver and was graduated in 1900 with an A.B. and S.T.B. degrees. In 1912 the honorary D.D. degree was conferred on him by the University of Denver.

He was united in marriage with Bessie Evans June 20, 1900. They had met as students in the State Teachers College. She passed away in 1933. In September 1935 another marriage brought Mrs. Agnes Burt, an ex-Episcopal Missionary from Hawaii. She passed away May 1, 1937. A third marriage to Mrs. Susette Phifer, widow of William D. Phifer, an old classmate from Iliff, ended with her tragic death just five days after their marriage, due to an injury incurred in a fall at Hot Sulphur Springs, South Dakota on their wedding day. Mrs. Elsie Larson came to the empty home as wife on August 2, 1946.

Dr. Edgerton actively had served his Lord and his Church in a most gracious and devoted spirit for almost forty-three years before his retirement in 1942. He had served at Poonia, Aspen, Montrose, Monte Vista, Ft. Morgan, Supt. of Grand Junction District, Financial agent for Bethel Hospital, and as Executive Secretary of the Conference Pension Fund.

He passed away Feb. 7, 1956 in Denver. Services were held in the Olinger Mortuary, Denver, Colorado, Feb. 9, 1956 with Henry L. Weiss, John H. Crowe, Howard L. Elston, L. G. Dawson and Guy E. Konkel participating.

He is survived by his wife of the family home and by one daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Stewart of El Monte, Calif.

MRS. CATHERINE BRYANS

Mrs. Catherine Bryans, widow of the Rev. Alexander Bryans, was born December 28, 1870 in Ireland and passed away July 10, 1955 in Denver, Colorado.

She came to the United States with her husband in 1900 and they came to Colorado in 1923. She served faithfully and well in parsonage homes and in the work of the church. Her faith in God was strong and Christ to her was a living reality.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. George Longfellow, Jr. of Kansas City, Missouri; two sons, Lt. Com. William J. Bryans of Pensacola, Florida, and the Rev. Alexander C. Bryans, pastor of the University Park Methodist Church of Denver.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."