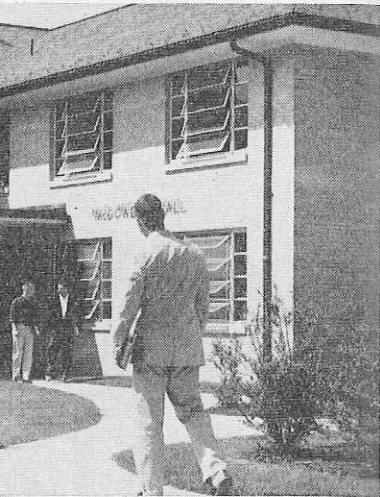


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MRS. BLANCHE S. FELTON

by MRS. JAMES PYKE

Blanche S. Felton was born on a farm at Martins Creek, Pa., on February 20, 1885, the daughter of Calvin and Mariah Shimer. She was graduated from Northfield Seminary, earned her B.A. at Teacher's College, Columbia University and her M.A. in Child Guidance at Cornell. She was married on August 19, 1914 to Ralph A. Felton, a professor at Drew Theological Seminary. She had two sons and two daughters. Both boys, Ralph and Robert, were killed in World War II. Her daughter, Mary, is married to an A.F.L.-C.I.O. official and lives in East Lansing, Mich. Margaret Gene is married to a professor at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Felton taught extension classes in Child Guidance. In 1936-38 she worked with her husband in China, Japan and Korea. Her primary interest has always been with the students.

At Drew she made her home a place of warmth and friendship for any of the students who wished to come. She overcame her physical illnesses with her radiant Christian spirit. She was a living witness to her Christian faith. Anyone who came in contact with her felt this spirit of God which touched her heart.

She passed away on June 16, 1960. Memorial services were conducted at Burroughs and Kohr Funeral Home, Madison, N. J., June 20, 1960, by Dr. Parker B. Holloway, her pastor. Burial was in Restland Memorial Park, East Hanover, N. J.

MRS. FLORENCE YOUNG FITZ-GERALD

by A. BOYLAN FITZ-GERALD, JR.

Eighty-five years in a Methodist parsonage could well be the sub-title of the life of Mrs. A. Boylan Fitz-Gerald.

Born May 9, 1875, of a pioneer Canadian Methodist missionary, five hundred miles away from the nearest white people other than her parents, Florence Young received the Indian name of Sou-wan-ak-wa-na-peek, meaning "voice of the south wind bird."

Much of her early training was with Church choirs, later with concert teachers. For several years she was the contralto soloist of the Mendelssohn Choir of Toronto, Canada. In 1907 she left the parsonage of her father, the Rev. Egerton Ryerson Young, to become the bride of the Rev. A. Boylan Fitz-Gerald, and for more than fifty years she shared his life as a member of the Newark Conference.

Of outstanding significance was her happy disposition and sunny nature. This was especially noteworthy when we reflect that this sensitive vocal artist was hard of hearing for more than fifty years. More recently her blindness was even more of a handicap. Yet, with it all, she maintained great sweetness of character. She was essentially a wife and mother. Her home was her castle. She loved people and was always concerned about the well-being of others. Hers was a long and a useful life, and a spirit full of sunshine.

Florence Young Fitz-Gerald passed away in Mountain Lakes, N. J. on June 7, 1960. Burial was in Linden, N. J. She is survived by her son, the Rev. A. Boylan Fitz-Gerald, Jr., a former member of the Newark Conference, by three grandchildren: John Allen, Charles Taylor and Patricia Lee Fitz-Gerald, by her brother, the Rev. Egerton Ryerson Young, of Toronto, Canada, and by her sister, Mrs. Herbert E. Watson, also of Toronto.

MRS. OLIVE GORHAM LE SOURD

by KARL K. QUIMBY

Olive Louise Gorham was born in Englewood, N. J., October 5, 1882, daughter of Rufus Allen and Hester Smith Gorham. She passed to her reward on Nov. 12, 1960 at Englewood, N. J. She was a graduate of Centenary Collegiate Institute at Hackettstown, N. J., and was married to Gilbert Q. Le Sourd on October 8, 1914. They made their home in Leonia for many years. Three children: David, assistant professor of Economics, University of Vermont; Margaret, director of Christian Education, First Methodist Church, Schenectady, N. Y.; and Ruth, now Mrs. William Arthur, Huntsville, Alabama. All call her blessed as do the five grandsons.

Mrs. Le Sourd was a quiet and gentle soul and yet a very loyal and skilled worker. The Woman's Society of Christian Service claimed much of her time and talent. She held nearly every office save that of president, which she repeatedly declined. A few years ago the Leonia Society gave her an Honorary Life Membership which she greatly appreciated. This was in evidence of the quality of her work and the high esteem in which she was held by those who knew her best. She

took a particular interest in the Goodwill Industries and for years served as Chairman of the local Auxiliary. An excellent home-maker, a faithful church worker, she gave sympathy and support to her husband whether he was in the pastorate, in the office of Missionary Education or with the John Milton Society for the Blind. A wide circle of friends will rejoice to have known her, and heaven is definitely richer now that she is there.

Burial was in Brookside Cemetery, Englewood, N. J.

MRS. JEANNETTE VOORHEES HUFF MAY

by EDWIN W. HUFF, JR.

Jeannette Voorhees Huff was born September 4, 1872 in Neshanic, N. J., daughter of the late John V. and Mary Conover Huff, who later became founders of the Neshanic Methodist Church. She was married at Centerville, N. J. to the Rev. John May, then a student at Drew Theological Seminary, on June 30, 1892. Following their marriage they lived at Seaford, L. I., where their first son was born. In 1894 they transferred to the Central Illinois Conference, returning to the Newark Conference in 1907 to become the first resident pastor of the Neshanic church. Later they served congregations in Quakertown, High Bridge, Hawthorne and Bayonne (Bergen Point) where he died on January 31, 1923.

After his death, Mrs. May returned to Neshanic where she was active in her church and the W. S. C. S. until illness curtailed her activities. She passed away in Foothill Acres Nursing Home at Neshanic on November 21, 1960. Her funeral was held in the Neshanic church in charge of the Rev. John A. Wilson, with the Rev. Robert B. Goodwin, District Superintendent, preaching the sermon. Interment followed in the family plot in Neshanic cemetery.

She is survived by four sons: Everett S., of Hawthorne; Eugene F., of Bayonne; John, of Harwichport, Mass.; and Robert H., of Neshanic. Her eldest son, Arthur B. May, of Plainfield, predeceased her on March 26, 1950.

MRS. GRACE M. NOBLE

by J. CHARLES HOFER

Mrs. Grace M. Andrews Noble, widow of the Rev. Wilbur C. Noble, passed away May 15, 1960 in Wesley Hospital, Chicago, Ill. Her marriage to the Rev. Mr. Noble took place on September 7, 1911. She shared with him the pastorates at Sergeantsville, Metuchen, Martinsville and Mt. Horeb. Then they went to Berea College, where Mr. Noble served as Religious Worker and Assistant Treasurer. Subsequently they returned to the Newark Conference and served churches in Hampton, Congers and Garnerville, Sparta and Ogdensburg.

For some time Mrs. Noble had lived at the Methodist Home in Chicago, Ill. She had been in poor health for nearly a year, hardly able to care for herself and much of the time in pain. Throughout her last illness she demonstrated the fine Christian spirit which had characterized her entire life.

Funeral services were conducted at the Home by the Rev. L. Nicholas Lotz, minister of Epworth Methodist Church, Chicago, of which she was a member, with the assistance of the Rev. James McHolland.

Interment followed in the family plot at Lockport, Ill., and was in charge of the Rev. Clarence Ploch, of Juliet, Ill., her former pastor.

MAY L. WEBSTER

by J. CHARLES HOFER

May L. Webster was born on July 19, 1892, in Alstead, New Hampshire, but always regarded Lynn, Massachusetts as her home.

After graduation from the Gordon School of Theology in Boston, where she specialized in Bible and Religious Education, she became teacher of Bible at the Boylan-Haven School in Jacksonville, Fla.

Because of her work there, she was appointed Field Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society where she served for 14 years in a number of its institutions.

In 1945 she was appointed Parish Deaconess at Simpson-Grace Church in Jersey City, where she served until 1954. She also did survey work for Lafayette Church, Jersey City, and Trinity, Newark.

When Bergenfield was assigned to The Methodist Church for development, she did significant work calling from house to house, organized the Sunday School