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On October 6, 1964, Earl and Ruth were received as ordained elders in the Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church by Bishop Hermann Kaebnick. He served as pastor of the Marion E. U. B. Church until his retirement on June 12, 1969.

In March, 1974, he moved to Clearwater, Florida, and on September 24 he accepted the assignment from the Seminole United Methodist Church as an Associate Pastor, greatly enjoying his visitation work and making many friends.

A highlight in 1977 was a visit to Sierra Leone and attending the Annual Conference sessions in Bo. A week was also spent at the Ganta Mission, Liberia.

He was called home on November 19, 1977. Celebration services were held in the Seminole United Methodist Church, Seminole, Florida, Rev. Roy Fiske officiating and the Revs. Michael Oliver, Jimmy Jones, Alan Beaver, Alex Carmichael III, and the District Superintendent, Dr. W. Scott Bozeman assisting. A service was also conducted by the Rev. Glen Miller of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, in the Strinestown United Brethren Church. Interment was in the Strinestown Cemetery, Strinestown, Pennsylvania.

Ruth F. Ensminger

## ENSMINGER



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## ALFRED C. FRAY

Alfred Clemson Fray, son of the Rev. Charles A. and Irene Bucke Fray, was born October 14, 1905 in the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Christian living and religious training in the home had great influence upon his life and his love of knowledge. From childhood his parents sought to direct him toward the Christian Ministry as a life work.

Alfred was blessed with an insatiable appetite for learning and was torn between the desire to teach and the desire to minister. In pursuit of his goal he attended the public schools of Harrisburg, attended Dickinson College in Carlisle and received his B.A. and M.A. degrees. He furthered his theological education at Boston University and received there his B.D. and S.T.M. degrees. He also pursued further studies at Indiana State College and the Pennsylvania State University.

Rehoboth Church recommended Alfred for license to preach and on Easter Sunday, 1925, he preached his first sermon in Rehoboth Church. He completed the Conference Course of Study, was ordained Deacon and Elder in 1930 and 1932.

In December of 1936, he married Marion Van Horn of Register, Pennsylvania, a school teacher who shared his ministry for 34 years. She preceded him in death on March 1, 1970 while they were ministering to the Church at Avis.

Alfred loved his Lord and His Church. He was a sincere and devoted pastor. The great ambition of his life was to be a good minister of Jesus Christ, and he was always eager to do good work faithfully shepherding those committed to his love and care. He served charges at: Rehoboth, Madera and Smoke Run, Rouzerville and Mont Alto, Wolfesburg, Wallaceton, Vira, Harveyville, Orangevill, Hastings, Saxton, Mahaffey, Freeland Parish, Duncannon, Port Royal, Emmanuel Clearfield, Bellwood, Beach Haven, Catawissa, and Avis. Alfred also had a fine reputation as a teacher and had taught in the public schools over a period of twenty or more years.

He took retirement at the Conference Sessions of 1970. On December 19th of that year he married H. Romaine Frey Dubé of Phoenix, Arizona.



Brother Fray had a premonition of his death, and early in the year stated that he would not be attending the Conference Sessions this year. He died April 16, 1978 in the Polyclinic Hospital, Harrisburg, Penna. Short memorial services were held on the 19th from the Barninger Funeral Home in Duncannon. The regular services were held April 20, 1978 in the Town Hill United Methodist Church where Brother Fray held his membership, with the Reverends Warren Baughman, John W. Stamm, Bruce Gearhart, and William L. Price participating. Burial was in the Dodson Cemetery in Huntingdon Township, Pennsylvania.

William L. Price

### CLEWELL ELLSWORTH MILLER

The Rev. Clewett Ellsworth Miller was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, near Pleasantville on September 18, 1885, the fifth son of John A. Miller and Elizabeth (Hartle) Miller. After completing the public school program at Pleasantville, he attended summer school for teachers in 1903 and taught the following winter in Conemaugh Township. He received his Professional Teaching Certificate in 1909 and in 1912, graduated from Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, having completed the Normal English Course. He was employed by Cambria Steel Company in Johnstown until August 1913, entered Schuylkill Seminary in September and graduated in 1915 with a B.D. Degree. He was assigned to the pastorate of the Meyersdale Mission, Pittsburgh Conference of the Evangelical Association in September 1915. He was ordained Deacon in 1916 and Elder in 1919.

Rev. Miller was transferred to the Calvary and Bethel charges in Cumberland, Maryland in 1917, where he met his future wife, Grace A. Shaffer. They were married in 1921 and assigned to the Connellsville, Pennsylvania charge. He also served Freedom (1925-1926), Paradise (1926-1928), Ellerslie (1928-1934), Cherry Tree (1934-1936), Cumberland Bethel (second assignment 1936-1942) and Hyndman (1942-1957). He made his home in Hyndman following retirement in 1957.

He continued to be active in community affairs, being a charter member of the local chapter of the Lions Club and had a perfect attendance record of 35 years. He was also a member of the Grange. For a number of years after retirement, he held services weekly at the Donahue Nursing Home in Bedford, Pennsylvania. He participated in the VFW Memorial Day Services every year for 30 years. His life exemplified his teachings and he was respected by all in the community.

Rev. Miller died on June 15, 1977 at the age of 91 years, nine months. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Robert C. of Hagerstown, Maryland and John C. of Hyndman. Services were conducted by the Rev. Ronald Ritchey and Rev. Leroy Logsdon. Burial was in the Hyndman Cemetery.

John C. Miller



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