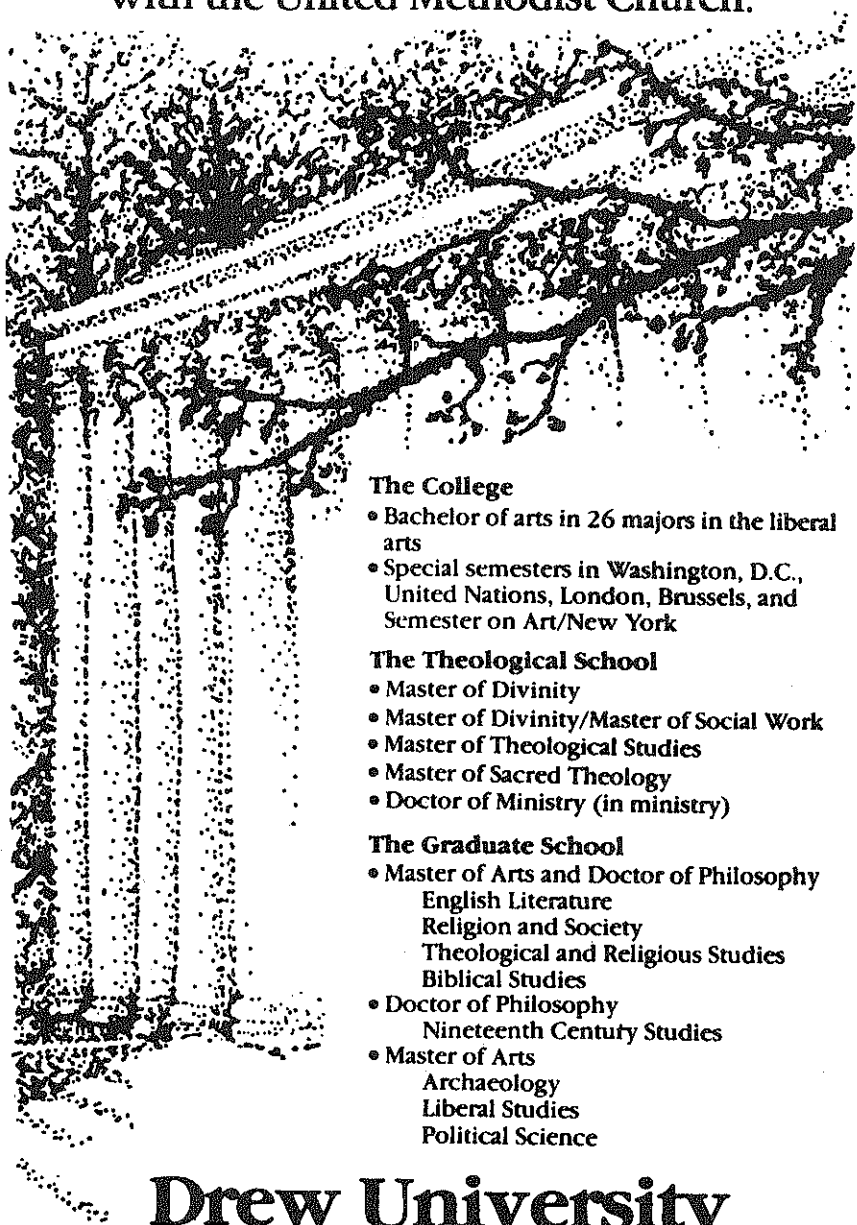


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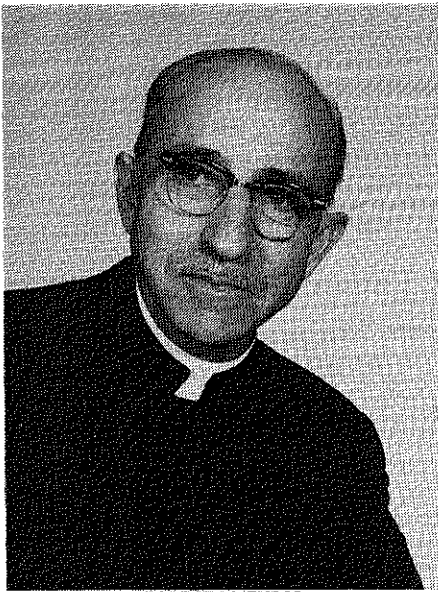
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FOREST M. FUESS
By Ruth E. Fuess

Forest was born on a farm in Madison, New York, September 3, 1909 to Maurice G. and Mabel Purington Fuess. His father was an insurance agent and a farmer. His mother was an organist. Forest graduated from Madison High School in 1927 and graduated from Colgate University in 1932. His father wanted Forest to be a lawyer. Forest prepared for this by participating in oratorical contests and by being active in local theater groups.

After a year in law school, Forest entered the ministry. He was admitted on trial in the Northern New York Conference in 1933 and appointed to Ava, New York Charge. He received his Deacon's Orders in 1936, and admitted in Full Connection in the Newark Annual Conference in 1938. In September, 1933, Forest and Ruth E. Reynolds were married in Albany, New York. He graduated from Drew Seminary in 1933, and did graduate work at Union Theological Seminary.

In 1936 Forest was appointed to Broadway and Montana. In 1939 he was appointed to Paterson, Trinity and later, to Clifton, Belle Vista. To quote from Bishop Taylor's remarks at the memorial service, Forest was an "eloquent preacher and master of prayer." Forest was always interested in local affairs, serving on many local community boards, such as the Boy Scout Council and, during WWII, the Ration Board. Over the years he also served on numerous conference and area boards.

In 1956 Forest was elected to the Jurisdictional Conference which started a whole new interest in the general church. He attended as a delegate to regular and special General Conference meetings in 1960, 1964, 1966, and 1970. He was proud of the fact that some of the legislation he proposed in the Pension Committee was incorporated in the Discipline.

Forest served as Superintendent of the Northern District from 1961-1967. During his Superintendency, many of the churches had building programs, and he spent many hours working with local pastors and church board, to be sure everything was done "according to the Discipline." Forest last served Westwood UMC from 1967-1973 and retired Minister Emeritus.

Forest actually never retired. He served a number of churches as assistant minister and interim pastor. In his retirement, he found time to pursue a hobby of woodworking and turned out many beautiful articles at his cottage in the New York mountains. There he had spent many years fishing, sailing, and teaching his grandchildren the wonders of nature.

When Forest was preparing for retirement and thinking about the 40 years in the ministry, he said, "I am an ordinary guy who has had the tremendous privilege of working with extraordinary people."

Forest leaves his wife, Ruth, and two sons, Gary B. of Ambler, Pa., and Alan R. of Sand Lake, N.Y., three grandchildren and two step grandchildren. Memorial services were held in Grace UMC, Nassau, N.Y. and in Westwood UMC, with interment in Madison, N.Y. The services were conducted by beloved friends in the ministry.



IDELLA CARRUTH
By John R. Carruth

Idella Carruth was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Montgomery, June 11, 1912, in Parker County, Texas. When she was a child, the family lived on a farm near Weatherford, Texas. This was during the time of the much-publicized "Weatherford Melons" of which Idella's father produced prize-winning watermelons. The family was active in the life of the Methodist Church in that rural, farming community.

From very early childhood Idella participated regularly in many and various speech and drama productions. At the time of her high school age, the family moved to the county seat town of Weatherford. In her youth, Idella entered an oratorical contest for girls, winning first place in the finals, held in Houston, Texas. About that time, Rev. John Carruth had received his first pastoral appointment to five rural churches in a circuit based in Weatherford. Soon afterward, he met Idella