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Asheville: Haywood Street, 1953-55; and Belmont: Park Street, 1955-60. He retired in 1960, and in retirement he served at Waxhaw (1961-65) and Cid (1966-69). His last years were spent in Thomasville, North Carolina, where he became active in Fairgrove United Methodist Church and continued his ministry as teacher, preacher, counselor, and minister emeritus until he went home on January 4, 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Zennie Rogers Jones, and by two daughters and one son: Elizabeth Jones Payne, of Weaverville, North Carolina; Ida Ruth Jones Alman, of Asheboro, North Carolina; and Edward L. Jones, of Thomasville.

The memorial service for Ezra Maurice Jones was conducted at Fairgrove United Methodist Church, Thomasville, on January 6, 1988, by the pastor, James P. Clodfelter, Jr., assisted by a former pastor, Buddy J. Champion.

This memoir is closed with some words of E.M. Jones in a letter that I received from him just after his ninety-fifth birthday: "It is such a great time to be alive. I miss so much the preaching and the work of the church. I don't think anyone could enjoy and dearly love the ministry more than I did." Good-bye, for a while, old friend.

Lee P. Barnett

HURLAN EURA JONES October 10, 1902-May 8, 1987



Hurlan Eura Jones was born in Buncombe County, North Carolina, on October 10, 1902. He was the son of Thomas Lenoir and Purdita Harwood Jones. There were eight other Jones sons, including Ezra Maurice Jones, a ministerial member of this conference whose death occurred on January 4, 1988, and one daughter, Agnes, who married The Reverend D.A. Clark.

Hurlan received the A.B. degree from High Point College, and in 1936 he graduated from the Divinity School of Duke University with the B.D. degree. He was admitted to probationary membership in the Western North Carolina Conference in 1936, admitted to full connection and ordained deacon in 1938, and ordained elder in 1941.

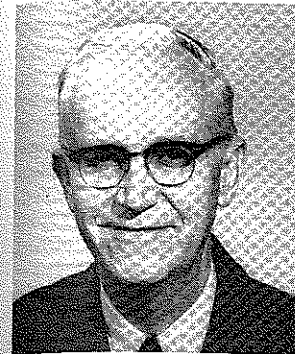
On visits to Liberty, in Randolph County, North Carolina, Hurlan met Christine Ellen Hatch. They were secretly married on April 26, 1935, while he was completing his seminary training. In 1936, the young couple went to their first appointment, at McAdenville, where they remained until 1938. Other appointments included Mills River, 1938-40; Bryson City, 1940-41; Elmwood, 1941-42; Salem, 1942-43; North Kannapolis, 1943-45; Kings Mountain: Grace, 1945-46; and Piney Mountain, 1946-47. In the 1947-48 conference year, Hurlan was on sabbatical leave, and in 1948 he was voluntarily located. He was readmitted to the conference on June 4, 1969, and granted retirement on that same date.

Hurlan and Christine were the parents of three children: Lanene Bly Jones Shoemaker, Edwin Hatch Jones, and Vivian Jones Freedle. In 1947, the family moved to Liberty, where Christine taught in the public schools and Hurlan farmed. After Christine's death on February 7, 1975, Hurlan continued his work with plants and fruit trees and served as a church school teacher and choir member at First United Methodist Church, Liberty. Hurlan had studied music as a student and was frequently invited to sing. Until he was eighty, his beautiful tenor voice was still strong and clear.

After a year-long struggle with cancer, Hurlan died quietly on May 8, 1987. Funeral services were conducted at First United Methodist Church, Liberty, on May 10 by Jim C. Gilland, Greensboro district superintendent, and the writer. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery, Liberty.

William O. Bigham

HERBERT FREDERICK KUEHN November 18, 1898-June 26, 1987



Herbert Frederick Kuehn, who for more than half a century served as an educator, missionary, and pastor, was born on November 18, 1898, in Welcome, Texas. He began his college education while in his teens by attending a small school in Brenham, Texas, and by the age of sixteen, he was teaching in a one-room country school. In 1921, he graduated from Texas State College, San Marcos, Texas, with a B.A. degree and, following further years of teaching in Texas, went to Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, where he received his masters degree. He then served for a time as a college professor in Flat River, Missouri.

In 1928 he decided to attend Garrett Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, where he graduated with the B.D. degree in 1930. Following graduation, he and three of his classmates chose to go as missionaries to the Orient, where Herbert combined his teaching skills with his newly acquired skills of pastoral and administrative ministries. For a total of some thirteen years, he served Christ and the church in mission work centering around and beyond Singapore.

Herbert Kuehn was admitted to the Methodist ministry and ordained deacon in the Malaya Conference in January, 1931. In 1932, he was ordained elder, with admission to full connection following in 1933. On December 12, 1932, he married Mabel Ethel Harb, of Ohio, whom he had met through her work as secretary to the Board of Women's Foreign Missions.

Except for a year's furlough, 1936-37, the Kuehns were in the Orient until December, 1941, when they returned to this country and Herbert was assigned to pastorates in Oregon. Then in the fall of 1946, they returned to the mission field and served in Malaya until 1948, when Herbert's health mandated a return home once again.

In 1949, Brother Kuehn transferred his conference membership to the Western North Carolina Conference and served as pastor at Rutherford College (1949-53), Kernersville: Main Street (1953-56), and Gastonia: Faith (1956-60). He retired in 1960 because of his wife's critical illness. During retirement he resided in Florida, where Mrs. Kuehn died on October 30, 1965, and in Texas. His own death occurred on June 26, 1987, in Georgetown, Texas, where he was residing at the Wesleyan Nursing Home.

Brother Kuehn was a Christian gentleman. He was immaculate in appearance, sincere in relationships, articulate in the pulpit, and loving in his pastoral ministries. He is remembered with kindness and appreciation by those who called him their pastor.

William R. Brantley

BYRD HARRISON METCALF April 5, 1914-December 6, 1987



Byrd Harrison Metcalf, son of the late K. D. and Hattie Wheeler Metcalf, was born on April 5, 1914, in Pensacola, Yancey County, North Carolina. On Sunday morning, December 6, 1987, this faithful minister of Christ's Gospel was planning to preach in his church as he always had regularly for twenty-seven years. After having eaten his breakfast, however, he became very ill and was carried by ambulance to Randolph Memorial Hospital in Asheboro, North Carolina. There he suffered a heart attack and passed into the eternal life about eleven o'clock that morning.

Byrd was educated in the public schools of Yancey County. Before joining the Methodist itineracy, he served as a Baptist pastor from 1939 until 1943 in Hot Springs, North Carolina. On September 18, 1948, he was married to Norma Kathleen Hensley, who was his faithful and devoted wife for a little over

thirty-nine years. To this union were born two children: Norma Jean (Mrs. James Luther Teague) in 1950, and Welzie Hensley in 1952.