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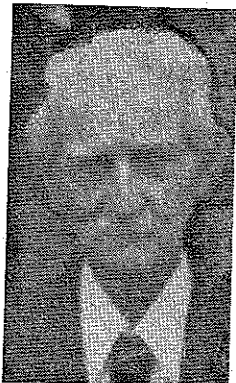
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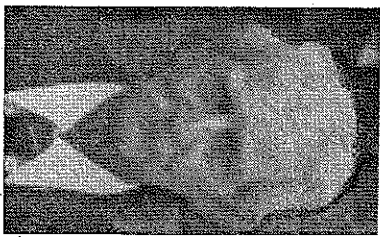
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another example of Andrew bringing his brother, Simon Peter to Jesus only to have his brother Simon to outdistance him in the race of life.

In early life Brother McDowell was united in marriage to Miss Edith A. Lewallen, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Lewallen of Randolph County. Mrs. McDowell passed to her reward in 1929. In Old Testament times they did not hear much about being admitted on trial nor of being ordained as an Elder. These men were prophets living in their own home and speaking as the Lord comparatively young man it seemed best to him not to take regular work, so he definitely in the Methodist Protestant Church. He moved to his home in Asheboro and from there went out and preached as he was called on to fill appointments for regular pastors and to conduct funerals when the occasion demanded it. While not out filling appointments he usually attended services at the Central Methodist Church in Asheboro. Many were the earnest and heartfelt prayers which he made when called upon by the pastors. After the coming of Methodist Union his classification was changed from the Supernumerary to the Retired relationship.

Brother McDowell's marriage was blessed by four sons. Two of these survive, namely, Ben F. and Joseph E. of Asheboro. One son, Sgt. Thomas J. was killed in France during World War I and the other son, John H., a business man of Asheboro died some years ago.

And so here is the record: Admitted 1883, ordained Elder 1888, Supernumerary roll 1900, retired in 1942 and transferred to the Triumphant roll in 1946.

J. E. Pritchard

#### CLAUDE HARLIN MOSER

June 24, 1898—October 1, 1947



It is impossible to assess the value and influence of the life of Claude Harlin Moser by the usual biographical methods. It transcends the mere listing of accomplishments and recording of dates. To say that he lived for only forty-nine years might seem to indicate a short span of life, but with him it was not a matter of how long he lived, but rather, how much he lived. His life was a perfect demonstration of the truth that life does not consist in the abundance of years but in the content and meaning one is able to put into it. In his case it was a matter of quality and not quantity. In the short years of his life he had developed a personality, a capacity for friendship, a lovable disposition, a genuineness of spirit, and a richness of living, that few people attain in three score and ten. Forty-nine short years—but he had filled those years with more content and meaning, more life and experience, more righteousness and God than any other person this writer has been privileged to know.

Although there was a certain seriousness in his demeanor, almost at times to a fault, he had a most joyous personality. Not a joy of an ephemeral type, but deep seated joy. This joy came because he had entered into a great cause to which he could give the best that was in him. Surely he could say with the Master: "For this cause I came into the world to bear witness to the truth," and because he gave himself abundantly to life.

He lived a life that became a symbol of goodness to those who knew him, and his chief delight was to impart that goodness to others. His life was so