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On Monday evening, Masonic services were held by members of Mount Lebanon Lodge 226, F & AM with Robert L. Noll, worshipful master, in charge.

Burial took place in the Ebenezer Cemetery, Lebanon, Pennsylvania. A Military Service was conducted by members of the 103rd Ordinance Co., Pennsylvania National Guard serving the firing squad.

Pallbearers were James H. Kercher, Elmer K. Wittle, Dr. Richard R. Hoffman, Stanley L. Smith and Mark Tice.

The Rohland Funeral Home had charge of the services.

REV. EDWARD W. STEINER.

#### REV. CHARLES EDWARD WILLSON—1891-1966

The Reverend Charles E. Willson, son of the late George W. and Sarah (Craven) Willson, was born in Reading, Pennsylvania on November 16, 1891. He was a superannuated minister of the Eastern Conference and resided in Douglassville, R. D. 2, Pennsylvania at the time of his death. In spite of a limiting heart condition for several years, he maintained active involvement in the life of his Lord's Church. After a period of hospitalization he was called from this life on November 20, 1966.

He was recommended for the ministry by Immanuel Church, Reading, and received his license to preach in 1911. His formal education was gained from Schuylkill Seminary. In 1915 he was ordained and received into the itinerancy. Through the years he served eight charges: Wyomissing, 1913-1915, 1917-1918; Ephrata, 1915-1916; Paradise Circuit, 1918-1922; Fall River, Massachusetts, 1922-1924; Somerville, Massachusetts, 1925-1934; Pawtucket, Rhode Island, 1934-1940; Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1940-1949; Heginns and Muir, 1949-1958. In 1958 he was granted superannuated relationship.

Through these years of rich service to Christ's Church he shared his many experiences of joy and evangelistic concern with his companion and helpmate, Alice. From this marriage has come two daughters: Sarah A., wife of the Rev. Frederick J. Ohms, Brooklyn, New York; and Miriam E., wife of Mark E. Walter of Douglassville; and four sons: The Rev. C. Wesley Willson of Wrightsville; Paul E. Willson of Lincoln, Rhode Island; The Rev. John F. Willson of Warminster; and David B. of Enola. He is survived by his wife, these children, twelve grandchildren and two sisters.

During his twenty-seven years of service in New England the Rev. Mr. Willson gave leadership to many areas of conference life. He was pastor-superintendent for twelve years in the former New England Conference. He attended General Conference three times, twice as a delegate and once as an alternate delegate. He was a trustee of Albright College for sixteen years.

He served on many conference boards and committees. He was Director of Christian Education for two terms pioneering in the area of leadership education through the Silver Lake Camp Meeting. He was vitally interested in the area of missions serving the conference board of missions for twenty-one years, first as secretary and later as treasurer. For five years he was conference secretary and editor and publisher of the CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

During his retirement he became actively engaged as a parish visitor on the staff of the Inner City Parish, Reading, formed through a merger of his home church, Immanuel, with Zion. He served as a teacher in the Church School and ministered to the many needs of his friends.

His evangelistic fervor and his love for the reading of the Scriptures never flagged. With great enthusiasm he would share some new insight into God's Word, and with genuine warmth and concern he spoke to others of the call to commitment by Christ. This servant of our Lord, even during moments of physical crisis, testified to the hope and confidence which were his in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The funeral service was held in the Gibson and Sanders Funeral Home, Reading, Pennsylvania, on November 23, 1966. The Reverend James S. Royer gave the meditation and the Reverend George W. Bashore read the Scripture and offered the prayers. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Shillington, Pennsylvania.

REV. GEORGE W. BASHORE.

#### REV. SAMUEL AUSTIN MILLER—1894-1966

The Rev. Samuel A. Miller, a retired minister of our Eastern Conference fellowship, entered into his eternal rest on Christmas Day of 1966. He was age 72 and resided at 744 North Railroad Street, Palmyra, Pennsylvania. His death followed four weeks of hospitalization.

He served in the active ministry for 43 years prior to his retirement in 1958 as the result of ill health. The Rev. Mr. Miller served as pastor of Bethany E.U.B. Church, Palmyra between 1937 and 1944.

A native of Armstrong County, he was licensed to preach in 1915 and ordained in 1921. He was graduated in 1919 from Albright College, when it was located in Myerstown. He was also graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary.

From 1923 to 1937 he served churches in Western Pennsylvania. Following the Palmyra pastorate he served Albright Church, Sunbury, until 1952, from then until his retirement in 1958 was pastor of Calvary Church, Philadelphia.

He was a member of Bethany Church, Palmyra, the Men's Bible Class and the Palmyra Area Council of Churches.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ruth Shirey; two sons, The Rev. Newell A. Miller, Kingston, Tenn., and Samuel A. Miller, Jr., Public School Administrator, Allentown, Pa., and six daughters, Jean, wife of Mark Z. Ferry, and Miriam, wife of Carl C. Moyer, both of Palmyra; Helen, wife of Leroy Yeatts, Kingston, Tenn.; Aldine, wife of Abraham W. Longenecker, and Charlotte, wife of M. Eugene Haver, both of Manheim and Joan, wife of William S. Scott, Heidelberg, Germany.

Also surviving are 27 grandchildren. He was the son of the late Christ and Susan Mauk Miller.

Memorial services were conducted in Bethany Church by his pastor, The Rev. Lester C. Updegrove. The sermon was delivered by a former Conference Superintendent, The Rev. Dr. Carl M. Schneider of Lingletown, Pa. under whom Rev. Miller served the Calvary Church, Philadelphia. Interment was held in the Grandview Memorial Park, Annville, Pa.

REV. LESTER C. UPDEGROVE.

#### THE REV. PAUL EARL FRIDINGER—1897-1966

The Reverend Paul Earl Fridinger, son of the Reverend William Wesley and Clara Estella Frank Fridinger, was born at Hopeland, Penna., July 10th, 1897 and after many years of faithful service to Christ and the Church, he was suddenly called from his home at Mount Gretna, Penna., to his Eternal Home in Glory, Thursday, December 29th at the age of 69 years, 5 months, and 19 days.

Our brother beloved had the good fortune to be reared in a United Brethren Parsonage where the family altar brought rich blessings to all. Here with his brothers and sisters he learned the lessons of honesty, industry and piety. While in his young and tender years, he opened his heart to the word of God which made him wise unto salvation. Throughout his life he studied and preached the Word, obeyed its commands, lived its ideals, reflected its glory and claimed its promises until the Voice of the Living Word said, "well done."

Following the footsteps of his Father and his older Brother, this son Paul heard and answered the call to the Christian Ministry. He was recommended for his Quarterly Conference License by the Jonestown Church in 1915. Believing a willingness to prepare was an evidence of a call he entered Lebanon Valley College. In the year 1927 he was granted his Annual Conference License, and in 1932 upon completion of the Conference Study Course and additional studies at the Lancaster Theological Seminary, he was ordained at the Annual Conference held at State Street Church, Harrisburg, Penna. by Bishop G. D. Batdorf, Ph.D., D.D., LL.D., assisted by Conference Superintendent Dr. S. C. Enck and Dr. H. E. Miller.

Reverend Fridinger was united in marriage to Miss Norene Heilman of Jonestown, Pa., on July 15, 1916, with his father, Reverend W. W. Fridinger officiating. To this union were born three children, Evelyn wife of Mr. Harvey Baker, Paxtang; Arlene, now deceased; and Myrtle, wife of George S. Gardner, Belyidere, N. J. He also leaves to mourn his loss four grandchildren, a brother and a sister.

His good and faithful wife shared in his useful and fruitful labors of love for 42 active years in the ministry and 4 years of retirement service. The following appointments were blessed by his ministry:

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- LOESCH, WARREN ALFRED**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Allentown, Salem Church; Licensed, 1943; Ordained, 1946. *EDUCATION*: Albright College, 1945, A.B.; United Theological Seminary, 1948, B.D.; Lutheran Theological Seminary, 1952, S.T.M. *CHARGES SERVED*: Steelton and Charlton, 1944-1947; Telford, 1947-1951; Wilkes-Barre, First, 1951-1955; Mohnton, 1955-1963; Executive Secretary, Conference Board of Missions, 1963—.
- LONGENECKER, ROBERT P.**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Elizabethtown Church; Probationer's, 1950; Ordained, 1954. *EDUCATION*: Lebanon Valley College, 1951, A.B.; United Theological Seminary, 1954, B.D. *CHARGES SERVED*: Minister to Youth, Dayton, Ohio, Beavertown Church, 1952-1954; Rocherty-Fontana Circuit, 1954-1957; Myerstown, 1957-1962; Harrisburg, Twenty-ninth Street, 1962-1966; Annville, 1966—.
- LOWERY, FRED CLARK**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Neffsville Church; Probationer's, 1949; Ordained, 1954. *EDUCATION*: Franklin and Marshall College, 1950, A.B.; Dallas Theological Seminary, 1954, Th.M. *CHARGES SERVED*: Jonestown Circuit, 1954-1960; New Holland, 1960—.
- LUCAS, ARTHUR WILLIAM**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Newark (N. J.), First Free Methodist Church; Licensed, 1924; Ordained, 1926. *EDUCATION*: Greenville (Ill.) College; Chicago Evangelistic Institute; Free Methodist Ministers 4-year Home Course of Study. *CHARGES SERVED*: Noxen and Harvey's Lake Circuit, Free Methodist Church, 1924-1927; Meshoppen-Tunkhannock Circuit, Free Methodist Church, 1927-1930; Free Methodist Church, 1930-33; Windsor-Bainbridge, N. Y. Circuit, Struccion, Pa. Circuit, 1933-1937; First Free Methodist Church, N. Y. C., 1937-1941; New York, First Church 1945-1946; Emanuel Church, Long Island, 1946-1949; Clarkshoro, N. J., Zion, 1949-1952; Forest Hills, St. Paul, 1952-1955; Jersey City, Zion, 1955-1957; Loyalton-County Line, Pa., 1957-1959; Tamaqua-Coaldale, 1959-1962; Fleetwood, 1962-1965; Palmerton, 1965—.
- LUCKENS, JOHN WENGERT**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Schuylkill Haven Church; Quarterly, 1922; Annual, 1927; Ordained, 1929. *EDUCATION*: Lebanon Valley College, 1926, B.S. in Education; United Theological Seminary, 1929, B.D. *CHARGES SERVED*: Hummelstown Circuit, 1929-1931, Baltimore Old Otterbein, 1931-1933; Reading, Zion, 1933-1943; U. S. Army Chaplain, 1943-1946; Shamokin, First, 1946—.
- MacDONALD, JOSEPH E.**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Lancaster, Covenant Church; Quarterly, 1909; Annual, 1912; Ordained, 1917. *EDUCATION*: Lebanon Valley College, 1923, A.B.; Westminster Seminary, Philadelphia, 1932, Th.B. *CHARGES SERVED*: New Holland 1912-1916; Lykens, 1916-1917; Union Deposit Circuit, 1917-1927; Coatesville, 1927-1932; Harrisburg Twenty-ninth Street, 1932-1937; Oberlin (Neidig Memorial), 1937-1948; Fishburn-Union Deposit, 1948-1962. Superannuated, 1962. Milton Grove (Supply), 1964—.
- MARK, HARRY CLAYTON**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Lebanon, Salem Church; Quarterly, 1928; Annual, 1931; Ordained, 1932. *EDUCATION*: Study Course. *CHARGES SERVED*: Lebanon, Bethany, 1932-1934; Union Deposit, 1934-1939; Royaltown, 1939-1952; Neffsville, 1952—.
- MARSH, THOMAS RITCHIE**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Philadelphia, Juniata Park Church; Probationer's, 1955; Ordained, 1956. *EDUCATION*: Albright College, 1953, B.A.; United Theological Seminary, 1956, B.D. *CHARGES SERVED*: Prospectville, 1954—.
- MARTIN, JERE R.**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Lancaster, Otterbein Church; Probationer's, 1955; Ordained, 1960. *EDUCATION*: Lebanon Valley College, 1957, A.B.; United Theological Seminary, 1960, B.D. *CHARGES SERVED*: Assistant Pastor, Elizabethtown Circuit, 1957; Youth Director, Salvation Army, Dayton, Ohio, 1957-1960; Royaltown, June, 1960-1965; Lancaster, Community, 1965—.
- MASTELLER, MARVIN A.**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Port Carbon Church; Probationer's, 1950; Ordained, 1954. *EDUCATION*: United Theological Seminary, 1954, Diploma in Theology. *CHARGES SERVED*: Loyalton-Oakdale, 1949; Pheonixville, 1949-1954; Hazleton, 1954-1958; Reading, Christ, 1958-1959; Bangor, 1959-1964; Allentown, Ebenezer, 1964—.
- MATTER, GLENN EDWARD**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Loyalton Church; Licensed, 1935; Ordained, 1941. *EDUCATION*: Albright College, 1944, A.B.; United Theological Seminary, 1947, B.D. *CHARGES SERVED*: Wyomissing, 1937-1938; Wayne Circuit, 1938-1945; Millersville, 1945-1957; Harrisburg, Harris Street, 1957-1962; Norristown, Bethany, 1962—.
- MATZ, CLAIR WILLIAM, JR.**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Reading, St. Matthew's Church; Probationer's, 1956; Ordained, 1961. *EDUCATION*: Albright College, 1958, A.B.; United Theological Seminary, 1961, B.D.; Lehigh University, 1966, M.A. *CHARGES SERVED*: Ackermanville-Saylorsburg, 1961-1966.
- MAY, THOMAS SENGER**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Paradise Church; Quarterly, 1932; Annual, 1935; Ordained, 1937. *EDUCATION*: Lebanon Valley College, 1934, B.S.; United Theological Seminary, 1937, B.D., *CHARGES SERVED*: Harrisburg, First, 1937-1944; Hershey, 1944-1953; Assistant to President, Lebanon Valley College, 1953-1959; Harrisburg, State Street, 1959—.
- McCLAREN, LLOYD CHARLES**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Duncannon Church, Pennsylvania Conference; Probationer's, 1960. *EDUCATION*: Pennsylvania State University, B.S. in Agriculture Education; Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg. *CHARGES SERVED*: Teacher, McCurdy Mission School, Santa Cruz, N. M., 1954-1956; Penbrook, 1960—.
- MECH, FREDERICK GEORGE**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Baltimore (Md.), Salem Church; Probationer's, 1948; Ordained, 1953. *EDUCATION*: Albright College, 1950, A.B.; Drew Theological Seminary, 1953, B.D. *CHARGES SERVED*: Brooklyn, Emanuel, 1952; Lakeview, L. I., 1953—.
- MEGILL, VIRGIL GLEN, JR.**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Hutchinson (Kans.), Calvary Church; Licensed, 1942; Ordained, 1945. *EDUCATION*: Conference Study Course; College of Emporia, 1946, A.B.; United Theological Seminary, 1949, B.D. *CHARGES SERVED*: LeRoy, Kans., Crandall Church, 1943-1946; Portland, Ind., Otterbein Circuit, 1946-1949; Paterson, N. J., Christ Church, 1949-1952; Richmond Hill, N. Y., Bethany Church, 1952-1958; Fairless Hills, 1958-1962; Ephrata, Hope, 1962—.
- MENDEL, HARRY WESLEY**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Easton, Christ Church; Licensed, 1932; Ordained, 1936. *EDUCATION*: Albright College, 1939, B.S.; United Theological Seminary, 1940, B.D.; Temple University, 1947, M.Ed. *CHARGES SERVED*: Hegins, 1934-1936; Telford, 1936-1940; Matamoras, 1940-1942; Akron and Terre Hill, 1942-1944; Philadelphia, Calvary, 1944-1949; Assistant Professor, Albright College, 1949-1955. Superannuated, 1955.
- MENTZER, HARRY MYERS**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Denver Church; Quarterly, 1911; Annual, 1913; Ordained, 1917. *EDUCATION*: I. C. S.; Moody Bible Institute Bible Course; United Theological Seminary, 1912; Study Course. *CHARGES SERVED*: Valley View Circuit, 1913-1959. Retired, March 1, 1959.
- MENTZER, WARREN FRANKLIN**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Valley View Church; Quarterly, 1931; Annual, 1932; Ordained, 1938. *EDUCATION*: Lebanon Valley College, 1935, A.B.; United Theological Seminary, 1938, B.D. *CHARGES SERVED*: Campbelltown Circuit, 1938-1954; Campbelltown, 1954-1960; Lincoln Park-Sinking Spring, 1960-1961, 1962; Conference Superintendent, April, 1962-63; Superintendent, Western District, 1963—.
- MESSERSMITH, ELMER ELWOOD**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Barnesville Church; Licensed, 1908; Ordained, 1920. *EDUCATION*: Albright College, 1916, A.B.; Special Student, Lancaster Theological Seminary, 1926-1928. *CHARGES SERVED*: Wayne Circuit, 1916-1919; East Weissport, 1919-1923; Easton, Bethany, 1923-1925; Easton, Christ, 1925-1926; Millersville, 1926-1933; Mount Carmel, 1933-1940; Pen Argyl, 1940-1948; Wilkes-Barre, 1948-1951. Superannuated, 1951.
- MILLER, ARTHUR G.**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Lebanon, Hebron Church; Probationer's, 1945; Ordained, 1960. *EDUCATION*: Lebanon Valley College, ; Conference Course of Study. *CHARGES SERVED*: Mt. Aetna, 1947-1951; Lickdale, 1951-1962; Rocherty-Fontana, 1962—.
- MILLER, GRANT NATHANIEL**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Tower City Church; Quarterly, 1925; Annual, 1928; Ordained, 1935. *EDUCATION*: Lebanon Valley College; University of Chattanooga, 1932, A.B.; Princeton Theological Seminary, 1935, Th.B. *CHARGES SERVED*: Pottstown, 1927-1929; Chattanooga, Tenn., 1929-1932; Hillisdale Circuit, 1935-1936; Enders-Powell's Valley, 1936-1937; Lebanon Circuit, 1937-1940; Kochenderfer's, 1940-1949; Steelton, 1949-1952; Ironville, 1952-1963; Enders and Powell's Valley, 1963-1966; Jonestown-Fredericksburg, 1966—.
- MILLER, RAYMOND WALLACE**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Reading, St. Paul's Evangelical Congregational Church; Licensed, 1940; Ordained, 1951. *EDUCATION*: Albright College, 1948, B.S.; United Theological Seminary, 1951, B.D. *CHARGES SERVED*: Williams Township and Freemansburg Evangelical Congregational, 1940-1942; Pine-swamp, Mt. Shiloh and California Evangelical Congregational Churches, 1942; U. S. Army, European Theatre of Operations, 1943-1945; Reading, 1948-1950; Assistant Pastor, Fleetwood, Park Church, 1950-1955; Reading, Emmanuel, 1955—.
- MILLER, ROBERT JOHN**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Hummelstown Church; Quarterly, 1941; Probationer's, 1947; Ordained, 1950. *EDUCATION*: Shenandoah Junior College; Lebanon Valley College, 1947, A.B.; United Theological Seminary, 1950, B.D. *CHARGES SERVED*: Youth Director, Euclid Avenue Church, Dayton, Ohio, 1948-1950; Assistant, Fulton Avenue Church, Baltimore, Maryland, June-Sept., 1950; Iona, 1950-1956; Lancaster Community, 1956-1965; Harrisburg, Mt. Calvary, and Union Deposit, 1965-1966; Harrisburg, Mt. Calvary, 1966—.
- MILLER, SAMUEL AUSTIN**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Salem Charge, Western Conference; Licensed, 1915; Ordained, 1921. *EDUCATION*: Albright College, 1919, A.B.; Reformed Theological Seminary, Lancaster, 1923, B.D. *CHARGES SERVED*: Rickland and Womelsdorf, 1917-1918; Richard and Kleinfeltersville, 1918-1919; Harrisburg, Park Street, 1919-1920; Kinderhook, 1920-1923; Brookville (Western Conference), 1923-1926; Somerset (Western Pennsylvania Conference, 1926-1930; Johnstown, First (Western Pennsylvania Conference), 1930-1934; Industrial Contact Department of the State of Pennsylvania, 1934-1938; Palmyra, 1938-1944; Sunbury, 1944-1952; Philadelphia, Calvary, 1952-1958. Superannuated, 1959.
- MILLER, WILLIAM ARTHUR**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Limeville Congregation on the Pequea Charge; Probationer's, 1954; Ordained, 1959. *EDUCATION*: Bob Jones University, 1955, A.B.; Myerstown Evangelical Theological Seminary; Lancaster Theological Seminary, 1959, B.D. *CHARGES SERVED*: Williamstown-Tower City, 1955-1960; Assistant Minister, Manheim, 1960-1962; Myerstown, Zion, 1962—.
- MINNICH, EDWIN CHARLES**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Pottsville Church; Licensed, 1931; Ordained, 1939. *EDUCATION*: Albright College, 1934, A.B.; Yale Divinity School, 1937, B.D.; Mt. Airy Lutheran Seminary, 1948, S.T.M. *CHARGES SERVED*: Lancaster, Pearl Street, 1937-1940; Telford, 1940-1947; Pottsville, 1947-1953; Allentown, Salem, 1953-1962; Glendale, N. Y., 1962—.
- MOHR, WARREN PAUL**—*CREDENTIALS*: Recommended by Allentown, Calvary Church; Licensed, 1943; Ordained, 1946. *EDUCATION*: Muhlenberg College, 1944, A.B.; United Theological Seminary, 1948, B.D. *CHARGES SERVED*: Lehigh Circuit, 1944-1948; Shenandoah, 1948-1949; Barnesville, 1948-1957; Pen Argyl, Bethany, 1957—.