

## FRED H. ROSS

ROSS, FRED H. (T.03; F.06) So. Cal., 03 L. A. Euclid Heights; 08 L. A. Newman; 11 Jerome, Ariz.; 12 L. A. Woodcrest;; 14 L. A. Arlington Heights; 15 Conf. Evangelist;; 18 Chaplain U. S. Army; 19 Conf. Evangelist; 28 San Pedro, First; 30 San Pedro, First, and Terminal Island; So. Cal.-Ariz., 39 San Pedro, First, and Terminal Island; 42 San Pedro, First; 53 R'd (1617:2); 53 (Dec.-June) (Grand Canyon, Ariz.); 57-62 (Pasadena, Trinity); 65 (Pearblossom); 66 (Dec. 19) (Pasadena, Trinity).

Fred H. Ross was born February 17, 1881 on an Iowa farm. He came to California in 1886. He attended grade school in Beaumont and Redlands, and High school in Los Angeles. He received his B.A. from the University of Southern California and his theological degree from U.S.C. Graduate School of Theology. In later years he received a D.D. degree.



Fred began his career as a minister in 1903 and was ordained in 1905. The same year he married Selma Pfaffenberger, who was his lovely companion and helpmate through the years. He retired at 72 after 50 years of distinguished ministry, the last 25 a great pastorate at San Pedro. However, his ministry continued in radio, evangelistic work, as supply for churches, and finally as Chaplain for the Salvation Army Mission in Los Angeles. Here he preached on Sunday and taught a weekday Bible Class of over 100 men until the month before his death, over 90 years old, and completing 68 years of outstanding and dedicated service.

Fred Ross not only preached but lived a great and warm-hearted gospel. He loved people and ministered to them for close to 70 years in the name and spirit of his Lord and Savior. He was an inspiration to all and brought literally hundreds of people to Christ. He not only talked religion, but he lived it and laughed it out with all the grace and loveliness of a beautiful morning.

He was the inspiring leader of the Conference Love Feast for many years, and the Conference is indebted to him for this and so much more. His passing is as when a great monarch of the forest falls to the earth leaving a lonesome place against the sky. But this is not the end of the journey for him but the beginning of a great and glorious new adventure, as this eager, dedicated spirit marches on in triumph.

Fred will be missed by countless friends as well as the survivors in his immediate family — a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Rev. Stanley Reed; a sister, Miss Mabel Ross; five grandchildren, four nieces, and two nephews.

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