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Bishop Marshall R. Reed officiating, assisted by Dr. Benjamin F. Holme and Rev. Ralph W. Janka. Burial was at Sunset Hills, Flint.

### RETIRED MINISTERS

#### Kaarlo Ruotsalainen

Rev. Kaarlo Ruotsalainen, a retired member of the Detroit Conference, died at his home in Ishpeming, June 25, 1953. He was born in Kuopio, Finland. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Finland, being ordained Elder on August 3, 1913, and serving at Turku, Finland, for 14 years.

Mr. Ruotsalainen came to America in 1927, and was transferred to the Detroit Conference. He was appointed to the Finnish Methodist Church in Ishpeming, where he served for 21 years, until his retirement in 1948. He continued to live in Ishpeming after his retirement.

The services were conducted at the Finnish Methodist in Ishpeming, on June 29, by the District Superintendent, Rev. Charles F. Wolfe, assisted by the Rev. Alexis Poobus of Ewen, and the Rev. Peter Talikka of the Minnesota Conference. The latter had been a life-long friend of the family.

Mr. Ruotsalainen is survived by his wife Jennie, his daughter, Mrs. Ernest M. Johnson, of Washington, D.C.; three grandchildren; and one brother, Tahvo Ruotsalainen.

#### M. T. Seelye

Rev. M. T. Seelye died July 19, 1953. He was born November 10, 1857, in Hadley, the second son of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Seelye. He received his early schooling in Ann Arbor, including a year at the U. of M.

As a young man he went to the Dakotas to settle on a land claim. Convinced that he was called to preach, he took a train to Wisconsin. A kindly Methodist minister took him under his wing and later gave him an opportunity to preach in his church. After serving several churches in Wisconsin he and his family moved back to Michigan where he held pastorates in Dixboro, Fairfield and Deerfield.

Mr. Seelye then went back to school, graduating from Albion College in 1895, and spending another year at post graduate work after that. Following his graduation he served charges in Caseville, Tecumseh, Bad Axe, Saginaw West Side, Durand, Chesaning and Imlay City. Following his retirement he preached at the Methodist Protestant Church in Lum.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mrs. Effa Cougill, five children, 21 grandchildren and 56 great-grandchildren. Services were held in the Marlette Church, July 22, 1953, with burial in the family lot in the Lapeer cemetery.

#### E. A. Cross

Rev. E. A. Cross died August 15, 1953, at the age of 93. A retired

member of the De Fairhope, Alabama Conference in 1890.

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ing: Salisbury and National Mine; 1927 Whitmore Lake; 1935 Yale: Central; \*1939 Yale: Central; 1942 Rochester; 1949 Algonac; 1950 Detroit: Holmes Memorial; 1953 Dexter. 8040 4th St. Ph. 4301.

RICKARD, WM. D.—(T., Det. 1943; F., Wisc. 1946). 1944 Butler; 1947 Wausau; Flint Assoc.; 1948 Trans. Det., Midland (Assoc.). 1951 Saginaw: State St., 133 Lockwood. Ph. 40632.

RIGGIO, CONRAD F.—(T., 1918 Newark; F., 1920). 1920 St. Paul Church and Goodwill Community Center; 1924 Saugatuck (N.Y.E.); 1928 Philadelphia: Scott (Phil.); 1942 U.S. Army Chaplain; 1946 (Det.) Detroit; Bethlehem; 1949 Clinton; 1950 Sabbatical Leave. 1951 Inkster, 2560 Wiethoff Court. Ph. Logan 1-3329.

RITCHIE, CORLEY S.—(M. P., 1915). 1923 Ill., M.P., Concord; 1924 Without Appointment at own request; 1925 Loaned to Adrian College; \*1939 Ill., Adrian College; 1941 Det., Vice-President, Adrian College; Adrian.

ROBERTS, JAMES—(T., Det., 1920; F., 1922). 1920 Tamarack; 1923 Bessemer; 1926 Munising; 1935 St. Clair; \*1939 Mt. Clair; 1940 Bad Axe; 1947 South Lyon and New Hudson. 317 E. Lake, South Lyon. Ph. Geneva 7-5681.

ROBINSON, ERNEST E.—(T., Det., 1921; F., 1923). 1921 Rogers City; 1932 S. Charles; 1923 Owosso: Corunna Ave.; 1926 Webberville; 1927 Flint: Court St. (Asst.); 1928 Ridgeway; 1929 Pontiac: Oakland Park and Trinity; 1931 Detroit: St. Luke's; 1933 Berkley; \*1939 Port Huron: Gratiot Park; 1941 Clio: Wesley; 1946 Detroit: Preston; 1948 Sg.; 1950 Flint: Grace. 638 E. Sherman. Ph. 4-5582.

ROGERS, THOMAS—(T., Erie Conf. 1937; F., 1939). 1937-42 School, Trans. Peninsula Conf. 1942, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware; Trans. N.E. Conf. 1943, Parker St., Lawrence, Mas.; Trans. Det. 1945, L'Anse; 1949 Associate Professor Adrian College; 1949 Clayton; 1952 Prof. Religion Adrian College, Ph. Adrian 820.

ROSEMURGY, WM. J.—(T., Det. 1947; F., 1949). 1939 Painesdale; 1942 L'Anse; 1945 Lexington; 1948 Richmond. 69500 N. Main St. Ph. 239.

ROZEBOOM, JOHN D.—(T., N.J., 1942; F., N.J., 1946). 1940 (Oct.) Chatsworth; 1941 Kingston; 1942 (Sept.) Crosswicks; 1943 (Oct.) Jamesburg; 1947 (Sept.) Blackwood; 1950 Det., (Sept.) Highland Park: Trinity (Assoc.) 13100 Woodward. Ph. TO. 87197.

RUNKEL, ARNOLD F.—(T., Cont. German, 1925; F., 1927). 1925 Kochville; 1933 Det., Kochville; 1935 Cora; \*1939 Caro; 1941 Marquette, 202 E. Hewett Ave.; 1944 Birmingham: First. 820 Madison. Ph. Midwest 9555.

RUOTSALAINEN, KARLO — (T., Finland, 1903; F., 1911). 1911 Helsinki; 1913 Waasa; 1916 Kuopio; 1919 Mikkei; 1921 Editor; 1922 Left without appointment; 1926 Kuopio; 1927 Det., Ishpeming: Finnish; 1948 Retired.

RUTLEDGE, JOHN G.—(T., Det., 1901; F., 1903). 1901 Carrollton; 1903 Hemlock; 1906 School; 1907 Sg.; 1908 Port Hope; 1909 Pigeon and Bay Port; 1911 Bay City: Thoburn; 1915 Sg.; 1917 Retired; \*1933; 675 Chippewa St., Flint, Mich.

RYAN, D. W.—(M. P., 1911). 1911 Student Relations; 1912 Monroe; 1916 Cass River; 1918 Wells; 1919 Yale; 1921 Saginaw: Stephens St.; 1924 Left without appointment at his own request; 1926 Supernumerary; 1928 Saginaw: Sheridan Ave.; 1929 Gray; 1932 Riley and Berlin; 1935 Columbus; 1936 Livingston; \*1933 Det., Tuscola and Arbaa; 1942 Owendale; 1943 Unavailable; 1945 Retired, Lunz, Mich.

SAFRAN, JOHN — (T., Det., 1941; F., 1947). 1945 Marysville; 1946 Cass City; 1948 Mamistique; 1950 Sg. 1951 (Res.) Onaway; 1952 Detroit: Central, (Associate) 120 Tyler. Ph. TO 8-9500.

SALMON, HAROLD J.—(T., Det., 1925; F., 1929). 1925 in School; 1926 Lexington, Mich.; 1931 Grayling; 1935 Grass Lake; \*1939 Grass Lake; 1941 Morenci; 1949 Port Huron: Gratiot Park. 2509 Cherry St., Ph. 6206.

SANDERS, LEONARD—(T., Det., 1919; F., 1923). 1919 Sterling; 1921 Reese; 1925 West Branch; 1929 Durand; 1933 Milford; 1937 Detroit: Holmes Memorial; \*1933 Detroit: Holmes Memorial; 1942 Plymouth; 1946 Owosso: First; 1952 Bay City: First. 107 E. Ohio St., Ph. 2-2131.

SAVARIED, KNUT OLSON—(T., Det., 1937; F., 1939). 1937 Stephenson; \*1939 Stephenson; 1940 Munising; 1946 Cheboygan. 108 S. Huron. Ph. 42.

SAYRE, LESLIE C.—(T., Det., 1927; F., 1929). 1927 In School; 1923 Allen Park; 1929 Lincoln Park: Dix Ave.; 1931 In School; 1935 Detroit: McCabe-Lincoln Park: Dix Ave.; 1936 Detroit: McCabe-Lincoln Park; 1937 Missionary to Africa; 1939 Congo N. C., Supt. Kaene Dist. & Kaene; 1941-42 Director, Springer Institute, Mulungwishi; 1943 Det., Addison; 1946 Missionary Education Movement; 1951 Editor and Exec. Dir., Dept. of Adult Work, Joint Comm. of Miss. Ed. of Nat'l. Council of Churches of Christ in U.S.A. 150 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

SAXMAN, WALTER C. B.—(T., Det., 1923; F., 1931). 1929 in School; 1930 Willis; 1934 Tecumseh; 1937 Saline; \*1939 Saline; 1941 Hudson; 1941 (Apr.) Clarkton; 1953 Saulte Ste. Marie: Central. 508 St. James Pl. Ph. Melrose 2-2753.

SCHLITTS, WILLIAM P.—(T., Det., 1927; F., 1929). 1927 Morrice; 1928 Goodrich; 1931 Lennon; 1935 Corunna; \*1939 Corunna; 1941 Port Huron: Gratiot Park; 1946 Detroit: Asbury; 1953 Saginaw: Tuscola St. 1115 Tuscola, Ph. 2-8988.

SCHURGEN, GEORGE A.—(T., No. Swed., 1911; F., 1913). 1911 Norway and Ceder; 1913 Norway and Loretta; 1914 Calumet; 1915 Calumet and Copper Range; 1919 Duluth: First Church and Mission; 1924 Duluth; 1925 Iron Mountain and Homestead; 1928 Cent. N. W., Homestead; 1927 Iron Mountain, Republic and Homestead; 1934 Ishpeming-Republic; 1935 Ishpeming, Republic and Gwinn; 1939 Ishpeming and Republic; 1940 Supt. Superior Dist. and Ishpeming; 1942 Det., Ishpeming; Salisbury; 1948 Retired. 401 E. Pearl, Ishpeming.

SCHWARZKOPF, HERMAN — (M. P., 1901). 1901 Ind. M. P., Elkhart; 1903 New Salem; 1905 In School; 1907 Union; 1908 In School; 1909 Elkhart; 1912 In School; 1913 M. O. M. P., Union Bridge; 1915 Withdrawn; 1915 Det., 1915 Davison; 1917 Perry; 1920 Lapeer; 1923 Milford; 1924 Howland; 1931 Saginaw; 1932 Flint: Calvary; \*1933 Retired; 711 Grand Ave., So. Lansing, Mich.

SCOTT, CLIFTON W.—(T., Det., 1903; F., 1905). 1903 Riggsville; 1904 Vanderbilt; 1906 Hemlock; 1907 Clio; 1909 Gaines; 1911 Clayton; 1913 E. Tawas; 1914 Supernumerary; 1919 Whittemore; 1920 Owendale; 1921 Jedd; 1922 Minden City; 1923 Deford; 1928 Port Hope; 1930 Carleton; 1932 Munith; 1935 Deerfield; 1938 Whitmore Lake; \*1939 Port Hope; 1940 Argyle; 1941 Retired, (Supply) Turner; 1943 Auburn; 1946 Wilber, 203 Lincoln St. East, East Tawas, Mich.

SEARLS, ROBERT J.—(T., Det. 1944; F., 1946). 1944 (Jan.) Stephenson; 1946 (Sept.) Wesley, Detroit (Associate), 1948 (Feb.) Dundee, 341 Riley Street. Ph. 132.

SEEHOFF, CHARLES W.—(T., Det., 1901; F., 1903). 1901 Oakley; 1902 Merrill; 1903 Laporte; 1907 School; 1908 Akron; 1909 Retired; 1911 Auburn; 1912 Supernumerary; 1915 Akron; 1918 Supernumerary; 1946 Shaftsbury; 1927 Retired, \*1933, Henderson, Mich.

SEELYE, M. T.—(T., Wisconsin, 1883; F., 1885). 1884 Princeton; 1885 Amherst; 1887 Waukan; 1889 Det., Dixboro; 1900 Fairfield; 1892 Deerfield; 1893 Leo.; 1897 Cassville; 1899 Tecumseh; 1901 Bad Axe; 1907 Durand; 1910 Saginaw: Ames; 1912 Chesaning; 1915 Inlay City; 1919 Retired, \*1939, Marquette, Mich.

SELLERS, HORACE B.—(T., E. Maine, 1914; F., 1916). 1914 Belfast; 1917 Orono; 1921 So. California, San Luis Obispo; 1923 Scama; 1925 Maywood; 1927 Santa Monica; Grace; 1928 Porterville; 1929 Euclid Heights, L. A.; 1932 National City; 1934 Arroyo Grande; 1935 Corcoran; 1935 (Oct.) Det., Pontiac: First; 1937 Mt. Morris; \*1939 Mt. Morris; 1941 Swartz Creek; 1947 Retired, 1142 Hartzell St., Pacific Palisades, California.

SEYMOUR, EVERETT K.—(T., Det., 1932; F., 1935). 1932 School; 1934 (Jan.) Osoda; 1935 Saginaw: Warren Ave.; \*1939 Saginaw: Warren Ave.; 1940 Houghton; 1942 Detroit: Metropolitan; 1944 Detroit: St. Marks, 481 Lodge Drive. Ph. Valley 2-9795.