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MRS. PERNIA GRIFFIN

Pernia Griffin was born in Indiana in 1880 and died July 10, 1969. She was the widow of the late Pearl

and Academy and Earlham College in Indiana and taught in Indiana Schools. She also taught Adult Education Classes in Colorado Springs.

She served on the Spanish Mission Board, the Labor College Board and was Republican committeewoman in her precinct for many years. She was once honored as the Colorado Springs Mother of the Year.

Her son Daniel T. Griffin was believed to be the first casualty of World War II and she was awarded the first Gold Star for mothers.

She is survived by two daughters, seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Her faith was expressed in ministry to others.

LOWELL B. SWAN

born July 7, 1910 in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Drake University, then did further study at the University of Chicago and received his ThM. and ThD degrees from the Iliff

In 1936 he married Katherine M. Short. Their children are: Mary Katherine (Mrs. Clifford Hodge), Martha Ann (Mrs. Lee C. Dohm Jr.), David Lowell, and Nancy Jane.

He served as a minister of the Methodist Church from 1931 until his death. His pastoral record included Harcourt, Iowa (1931-1934), Wesley Methodist, Lincoln, Nebraska (1934-36), Emmanuel Methodist, Denver (1936-40), Chaplain, Swedish National Sanatorium, Denver, (1940-41), The Community Church, Savanna, Illinois, (1941-42), Chaplain in the United States Army, where his distinguished service led to his receiving the Bronze Star Medal, Arvada Methodist, (1945-1947), Warren Methodist, (1947-1962). From 1962 until his death he was president of the Iliff School of Theology. He was returning from a meeting of representatives of Methodist Theological seminaries when he lost his life in a plane crash near Los Angeles on January 18, 1969.

Rocky Mountain Conference of the Methodist Church an officer of the conference commission on World Service to 1963. Twice he was elected a delegate to the Rocky Mountain Jurisdictional Conference. He was a member of the Rocky Mountain Methodist Historical Society, and had been a member of the Denver Ministerial Association and of the Denver Theological Society. His interests were not merely denominational, but inter-faith fellowship became popular.

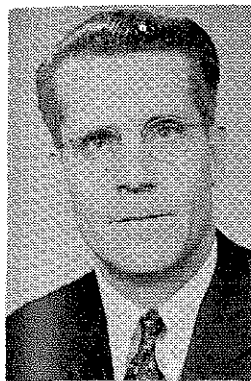
The strength of Lowell Swan's service to the Christian ministry was in his interest and concern for each individual he met. This concern made him a source of strength to each person who knew him and responded to his friendly helpfulness. He will long be missed by those whom he served as spiritual leader and friend.

Memorial services were held in Trinity Methodist Church, Denver, on January 23, and at the University Park Methodist Church as a part of the Minister's Week of Lectures at Iliff School of Theology on January 28.

WEBSTER C. LASATER

Webster C. Lasater was born near Osceola, Missouri, February 8, 1898. As a child he came with his parents Jonathan and Anna Lasater to Plentywood, Montana.

Dr. Lasater was licensed to preach in 1917 at Cavalier, North Dakota



by the Evangelical Church. The same year he enlisted in the Army Medical Corps. After serving in the Armed Forces during World War I, he served 24 years in pastorates in Montana. This service included work at Shawmut, Reed Point, Columbus, Livingston, and nine years as Director of Christian Education for the Montana Conference of the Evangelical Church.

Moving to Colorado in 1942 Dr. Lasater served pastorates at Simla, Boulder, and Loveland, and then served as superintendent for five years. His last Colorado pastorate was at Pueblo, Colorado, where a heart attack forced him to retire from the active ministry.

During his ministry he served four times as a delegate to the General Conference. In 1946 he participated in the consummation of the union of the former Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren.

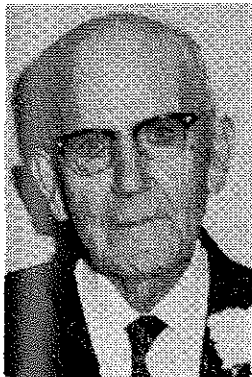
In October, 1968, he accepted a pastorate at Paradise Valley Community Church where he served until his death, April 28, 1969. Dr. Lasater is survived by his wife Anne, and three children, a son, Roy, and two daughters, Mrs. Ruth D'Arcy and Mrs. Marie Anderson.

Funeral services were held May 1, 1969 in Frazer Chapel in Livingston with the Rev. Jack Dabner presiding. Burial was at Columbus, Montana.

REV. EARL I. SELDEN

Rev. Earl I. Selden was born December 5, 1884 in Belle Plain, Iowa, and died May 25, 1969 in Lamar, Colorado after being in ill health for some time.

He entered the Ministry of the Methodist Church in 1908. He served in the Northwest Iowa Conference, Minnesota Conference, and Upper Iowa. He came to Colorado in 1942, where he served at Springfield, Pritchett, Walsh and Two Buttes Churches for four years. He went to Granada, Hartman, Bristol charge in 1946 and served until 1967. He retired in 1956, but continued with the Bristol and Granada Churches as a supply pastor, serving these churches 21 years altogether.



He is survived by his wife Frances of the Lamar home at 204 South Second Street, and by step-sons Dale Coffie of Cedar Lake, Indiana, and Guy Coffie of Altoona, Iowa.