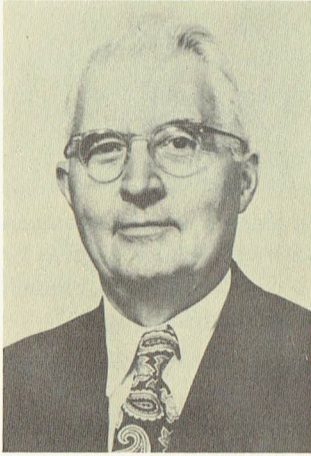


ROY QUINER WHITING

WHITING, ROY QUINER: T 22—F 24; **N.W. Nebraska;** 22 Henry-Lyman; 23 Marsland; 25 At School; **New Eng. So.** (4-23-27) Acushnet; 30 Chatham; 33 Quarry St., Fall River; 36 Edgartown; 37 Center, Provincetown; 41 Center-Centenary, Provincetown; 44 First, Pawtucket; **Calif.** (8-1-47) 47 Springville; **Cal.-Nev.** 49 Willows; 51 Atwater; 55 Lakeport; 56 Retired (Lakeport); 58 Disc.

Roy Quiner Whiting was born September 9, 1899, in Redlands, California, and died February 27, 1975. Roy married Pearl M. Gillians in 1925. They had almost fifty years together. Their love for one another



was a rich blessing to all who knew them. They had two children, Margaret Evalee Williams, and John L. Whiting of London.

Starting his conference membership in Northwest Nebraska in 1922, Roy attended Boston University School of Theology, served in the New England Southern Conference, and came to California Conference in 1949. Although he took the retired relationship in 1956, Roy continued to serve the Lakeport Church for two more years.

I was privileged to serve as Roy's superintendent during his pastorate in Lakeport, California. I found him to be a man of deep dedication and concern. His sense of humor saw us through some tense and difficult moments. He had a heart of a true pastor. He brought a ray of sunshine into every relationship. Pearl, his wife, expressed it better than I can, "We had almost fifty years together. He was always loving and kind, and his sense of humor always chased away the shadows—in the Conference, the church, or the home."

In a letter written 15 days before his death to the El Cerrito Church, where Roy and Pearl lived following retirement, Roy said, "Life is not all a rose garden, and I find roses have to be cared for and pruned and fed and sprayed or they are soon an eyesore." Then, realizing he was sermonizing, he added, "Old preachers don't quit, do they?"

No, old preachers, such as Roy, don't quit, and their lives don't end. His life will long be a part of the lives of those who knew him and loved him.

The memorial service for Roy Q. Whiting was held at the College United Methodist Church in Ventura on March 2, 1975.

— Carl E. Walker