

CYRIL C. ROCKWELL

Cyril Rockwell was born May 22, 1900 in Jasper county, Indiana, about 1 1/2 miles east of the Gillam church and school.

He attended the Gillam school. There were but two students in the 7th grade and one moved away at Christmas. Thus for 1 1/2 years, Cyril head and foot of his class! He entered the Medaryville High School with a class of thirty freshmen, but only ten of the thlrty graduated in the year 1920. During the four years in high school, he played center and backguard on the basketball team, and played some baseball. After graduation, he went to Fort Wayne Business College for a short Course, then worked in the office of Bowser Pump Company. In the fall of 1921 he entered DePauw University, graduating in June 192S with an A.B. degree. He worked for his meals, and at odd jobs for 25Â¢ an hour, doing house cleaning, yard care, gardens, and caring for chickens. In the fall of 1925 he entered Garrett Biblical Institute and received his B.D. degree in 1928. While attending Garrett, he worked for his meals and served student charges, one year at Wheatfield; and at Salem church near Hebron, Indiana.

After a recovery from an illness in 1942-1955, he worked on a Master's degree at Purdue University, Indiana, Ball State and North Manchester College.

Cyril was the son of Eddie and Sarah Logan Rockwell. He has two brothers and one sister: Ernest of Rensselaer, Earl of Arkansas, and Elma Marion of Brookston, Indiana. His grandparents were: Larkin and Ellen Mason Logan; Alphonso and Martha Deselms Rockwell. He was married to Celia Staley on June 14, 1929. They had three daughters: Wilda Beth, Emilee Ann, Lavera Loudell; and a son, Thomas who died in infancy.

At the age of fourteen years, he had his first religious experience. The Gillam minister was having a series of revival meetings when Cyril got the call to go to the altar and to accept the Christian Way of Life. During the summer of 1920 he attended a Battle Ground Institute for youth and on a Sunday morning he felt the call to go to the altar with other young people to give his life, either to the ministry or to the Missionary Field. While in De Pauw, he was a member of the Student Volunteer Club and the Ministerial Club.

In 1925 he decided to enter the ministry, and united with the Northwest Indiana Conference, he was admitted into full membership in the conference in 1927. One year was served at the Wheatfield church (Not in conference minutes), other charges: Salem, West Point, Bethel, West Lebanon, Federated, Newtown, Wingate, Bellmore Circuit, Montmorenci, Mt. Zion and Monon.

During the last fifteen years of his service, Cyril taught in the public schools and coached Junion High basketball. FOr a number of years he directed or helped in the boy's camp at Battle Ground Youth Institute, and taught a class in Bible study. He was a Scout master for ten years, and worked with the Y.M.C.A. He has served as a supply minister, and is still able to do so, at the age of 78 years, with a bad hip and occasional heart trouble.