

# TRIBUTE

to L. D. Bodine

L. D. Bodine was my first dist. superintendent, and the material he began to work with, in my case, was exceedingly green. In times of discouragement, many times a short sentence from him might have sent me back to my former work, but it did not come. He was like a real father to his preachers.

He was a Free Methodist of the original pattern, with a genuine, thorough, up-to-date Christian experience—a genuine saint. His regular quarterly visits to our parsonage, with his wife, always left us with a new awareness of Christ's presence. His firm, gentle manner in performing functions of his office and deep wisdom of his counsel could well be patterned after by any minister. We are poorer because he has left us, yet richer because of his fellowship in days gone by.

BRUCE W. MEADS, Pastor,  
Denver, Colo., First F. M. Church.

Bodine.—Rev. L. D., born in Mich., May 19, 1882, died triumphantly at Mercy hospital, Cadillac, Mich., Jan. 15, 1964, after a 2-year illness. In 1908 he married Matilda Lindberg, who survives, besides a foster son, Charles, and a brother, Rev. G. W. In 1912 he was



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which are guaranteed as to principal by the United States government or any agency  
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gloriously converted, soon after clearly sanctified. He entered the F. M. ministry in 1914, joining the No. Michigan conf. in 1917, serving until his health failed, pastorates as well as the superintendency, and delegate to General Conference 5 times. Retiring in 1952, he moved to Manton, where one funeral was held, L. W. Gibbs bringing the message. A second service at Sault Ste. Marie, Supt. J. C. Hecocks in charge, 33 ministers taking part. A strong, clear preacher of the gospel, Brother Bodine wonderfully adorned the ministry of the Word. Both saint and sinner unhesitatingly acknowledged him to be a man of God.

Carl E. Ruble.

**LBJ Nominatse**  
**5 Postmasters**

WASHINGTON — Pres-  
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postmasters Thursday.

Michigan nominees on the  
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BENJAMIN, DALE J.  
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Age 70, died at Laredo, Texas, Friday, Feb. 14. He was born June 10, 1893, in Delta Township, Eaton County, the son of Darwin J. and Ella Benjamin, and had lived his entire life in Delta Township. Mr. Benjamin retired July 1, 1963, from the Conservation Department after 40 years service. He was a member of Delta Center Methodist Church, a member of the Grand Ledge Masonic Lodge No. 179, a member of the Salladin Shrine, Grand Rapids, and was a 32nd Degree Mason, Grand Rapids. He was a member of the Central Michigan Law Enforcement Agency and treasurer of the Dale J. Benjamin Land Co. Surviving are his wife, Evelyn; 4 sons, Darwin, Lytle, Kenneth and Dale J. Jr.; 1 sister, Mrs. Ora Baker of Grand Rapids, and 11 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at the Peters Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, Tuesday at 2 p.m., Rev. Carl Hart officiating. Interment in the Delta Center Cemetery. Conservation officers will act as pallbearers: Louis Kahl, Earl Bigelow, Earl Goff, Frank Bishop, Cyrus Reason and John Boudreau. The honor guard will be Robert Hume, Robert Curtis, Walter Mutchler, John Harris, Edward Ferguson and Donley Boyer.