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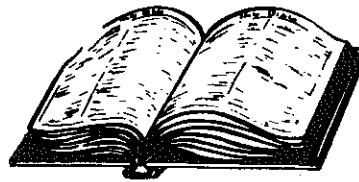
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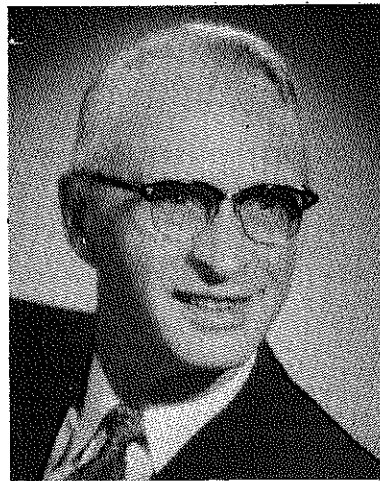
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where he was responsible for leading the two congregations in the building of a single facility. He also served a short time as Administrator of the Pacific Southwest Home in Pacific Grove, California; a period as Administrative Assistant at Asbury Home for the Aging; and as Chaplain of the Volunteer Fire Company at Clarksville, Md.

As a Pastor, Rev. Cockrell acquired many friends from his work in the church and community activities. He was especially fond of working with children and youth. Another of his loves was working on his family farm which he actively managed until a short time before his death. It was on the farm where he especially enjoyed the natural beauties of God's creation.

He died on February 20, 1984, at his home, White Oak Farm, in Howard County, Md. A Memorial Service was conducted on February 23, 1984, at 2:00 p.m. in Linden-Linthicum United Methodist Church by the Rev. Dr. N. Bruce Kuehnle.

Survivors include his wife, Martha B. of Clarksville, Md., two sons, Frank B. of Beltsville and Charles C. of Clarksville; two brothers, Charles W. and John S.; two sisters, Grace Grove and Rebecca Hasset; and five grandchildren.



### ALBERT MERRITT DIETTERICH

1899 — 1983

Merritt, the son of Ralph S. and Louise A. Dietterich, was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on February 24, 1899. He was the second of three children who moved with his parents to Buffalo, New York, when Merritt was a boy.

He attended school in Buffalo and went on to Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, where he received his B.A. Degree in 1922. After graduating from Wesleyan he continued his education at Boston University, School of Theology receiving a Bachelor of Sacred Theology Degree.

Merritt was received on probation in the Genesee Conference in 1922, was ordained Deacon in 1924 and Elder in 1926. During his seminary days he served churches in Provincetown and Fall River, Massachusetts, in the Southern New England Conference.

After his graduation from Boston University, he returned to the Genesee Conference where he served churches in northern Pennsylvania and southern New York states. While serving First Church in Olean, New York, Bishop W. Earl Ledden appointed him as the first Executive Secretary of the Genesee Conference. This ended 24 years in the pastoral ministry and the beginning of another 24 years in the educational ministry.

In 1954 he was invited by the Iowa Conference to become their Executive Secretary. While in Iowa he was granted the Doctor of Divinity Degree by Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. During many of these years he was a member of the Curriculum Committee of the Methodist Church travelling to Nashville for meetings. He also served as President of the National Conference on Christian Education.

In 1959 he transferred to the Baltimore Conference where he served in the field of education until his retirement in 1970. After his retirement he served two short interim pastorates in the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, New Jersey, where his son Phil is the Minister of Music.

When Merritt was growing up in Buffalo, his best pal lived on the next street. This pal had a younger sister named Helen. There is a time when boys have no interest in girls, but that changed and Helen Hollinshead became Helen Dietterich on August 5, 1924. Merritt and Helen had 3 children, Barbara Long, deceased, Paul M. and Philip R. Both sons are ordained Methodist ministers. There are 12 grandchildren. Not only was the family very important in their lives, their dedication to Christ in the field of Christian education brought them together as a strong working team.

In the mid-twenties Merritt and I were attending Boston University. Helen and Marion were students in the School of Religious Education. It was there that we came under the influence of Walter Scott Athearn. He was Dean of the School of Religious Education and a pioneer in that field.

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and stature and in favor with God and man. He saw clearly that the local church needed dedicated lay persons trained in the arts and skills to fulfill this mission. Thus Merritt Dieterich traveled back and forth through the Baltimore Conference meeting members of local churches, stimulating leadership and laboratory schools, and developing summer programs in our camps. He spent many hours teaching in these programs. No church was ever too small. No distance was ever too far. No night was ever too long. No one who knew him could doubt his dedication.

Merritt was a man of many interests. He was an authority in the field of hymnology. He developed the Vesper Choir at the Asbury apartments and led many informal sings. He was concerned about social issues and international relations. Gardening was a great delight. He was interested in stones and rocks.

Merritt and Helen loved to travel. So did we. We attended two World Fairs together. We had a trip to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. We took a cruise out of Warren, Rhode Island, on the New Shoreham. Our three week trip to Ireland, Wales, England and Scotland, driving through these countries was outstanding.

Merritt Dieterich was a dedicated man and a great friend to all who knew him. Well done Merritt, enter into the joy of thy Lord.

RALPH W. WOTT

## IRA MOLER DINKLE

1901 — 1984



Ira Moler Dinkle was born in Bolivar, adjacent to Harper's Ferry, West Virginia. He was the only child of Franklin Pierce Dinkle and Estelle Glassford Dinkle. His early home had been used as a hospital during the Civil War and he was quite knowledgeable about the history of that valley. He was one of the earliest Boy Scouts in the area, known as a Lone Scout, his membership predated troop organization. Starting early as a naturalist he became an authority on the flora of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Ira and Elizabeth Dinkle were married June 27, 1929. They were blessed with four daughters in the years to follow, namely, Elizabeth McLyne, Margaret D., Ruth Glassford and Emily McAlpine.

Having chosen a life of Christian service, he entered Westminster Theological Seminary after graduating from Western Maryland College. A true Christian from his youth, he had found the Lord at Camp Hill Methodist Church in Harper's Ferry. He preached during his college years and after graduation he served Fort Myer Heights, Walkers Chapel, Virginia and Powellville, Maryland. He relocated at Daylesburg, Pa. in 1933; completed his STD at Westminster Theological Seminary while serving that charge. Ira served the Bedford Valley, Pa., Circuit from 1936-1939.

He spent the years 1940-1947 in Stewartstown, Pa., where in addition to his pastoral duties, he served as the leader of Boy Scout Troop 27. He provided a living example of the high ideals of scouting and was known to all as "a prince of a man." In 1948 Ira became Associate Pastor of Broadway Methodist Church, after completing a study program in urban problems at Drew University. While at Broadway Church, he served for a time as Superintendent of the Goodwill Industries in the city, it having originated in the gymnasium of that church some few years before. He also served Woodberry Church; Baldwin Memorial Church, Millersville, Md.; Eutaw Church and finally before retirement in 1968 at Fork, Md.

Immediately upon retirement he and his wife, Elizabeth, returned to the Millersville area where they lived until 1983. Near the end of his lengthy illness they moved to Glen Ellyn, Illinois, to be close to their daughters. Ira died January 11, 1984, and is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Somerville of Lenaeon, Maryland; four daughters: Elizabeth McLyne Work (Mrs. Galen R.); Margaret D. Judge (Mrs. William F.); Ruth Glassford Dove (Mrs. Lewis); Emily McAlpine Sherwood (Mrs. Richard); and six grandchildren. Services were held at the Baldwin Memorial Church in Millersville, Maryland.

MARGARET DINKLE JUDGE