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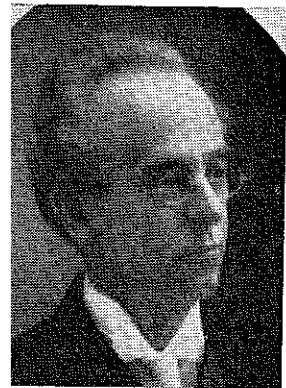
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**BOYD R. GREENWALT**  
By ANDREW H. MURDOCK

**BOYD RAYMOND GREENWALT** was born at Espy, Pa., April 20, 1889. On Wednesday, November 29, 1950, he was called by a loving Heavenly Father to his eternal home. Surviving him are his wife, Florence Yeaton Greenwalt, and a son, Boyd, Jr., now a student in Drew Theological Seminary.

Brother Greenwalt served in World War I as a platoon sergeant in the 319th Infantry of the 80th Division. He received the Purple Heart after being wounded in the Neuse-Argonne offensive. He was graduated from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., in 1921 and from Drew Theological Seminary in 1924. He was admitted into membership of the Newark Conference in the spring of 1921.

His ministry began at Wesley Chapel Circuit, N. Y., in 1921 and continued in Newfoundland, N. J.; Sparrowbush, N. Y.; Cranford, N. J.; Simpson-Grace, Paterson, N. J.; St. Paul's and Kingsley Churches on Staten Island, N. Y.; Rockaway, N. J.; Grace, Plainfield, N. J.; and Summit Avenue, Jersey City, N. J., where his active ministry among men came to its close.

Brother Greenwalt was president of the Board of Conference Claimants for many years, in which office his work was marked by a distinction unparalleled in the Conference. His contacts with the retired members and their families were intimate and deeply sympathetic, and their gratitude was universal.

Funeral services were conducted in the Summit Avenue Church, Jersey City. The Rev. John R. McLaughlin, District Superintendent, officiated. He was assisted by A. H. Murdock and Robert M. Rutan. Burial was in Flower Hill Cemetery, North Bergen, N. J.



**HERBERT CLYDE LYTLE**  
By HAROLD N. SMITH

**HERBERT CLYDE LYTLE** was born in a log cabin in Harrisville, Pa., December 12, 1875. He was the fifth in a family of eight children born to John (Giles) and Margaret Homan Lytle. This pioneering family drove a distance of 1,000 miles in a covered wagon to Council Bluffs, Iowa, but returned to Sandy Lakes, Pa., in the same year out of consideration for their family which suffered severely from malaria.



Young Herbert was sent to old Mercer S. O. S. school for sons of Civil War veterans, then to a school in Butler, Pa., and finally to Sandy Lake High School. He later received the following degrees: M. E. Slippery Rock State Teachers College; B.A. and M.A. from Grove City College in 1902 and 1905, respectively; B.D., Drew Theological Seminary, 1905; D.D., Grove City College in 1924.

The year 1905 saw him win the Delaplaine-McDavid's Fellowship for study abroad. In September of that year he married Helen S. Faulks, daughter of Dr. James B. Faulks, pastor of the Madison Church. The young couple went abroad for study in Glasgow Free Kirk College and extended visits to many countries, including Egypt and Palestine.

He began preaching in 1901 in the Erie Conference. His student appointments included Blacktown and Pardoe, Pa., 1901; Millbrook, Henderson and Center, Pa., 1902; West Paterson, N. J., 1903-04. He transferred to the Newark Conference and was ordained deacon by Bishop Cranston in 1904. His appointments in the Newark Conference were: 1905,

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Paterson, West Paterson; 1906-08, Newark Grace; 1909-13, Jersey City-Lafayette; 1914-18, Belleville; 1919-22, Summit; 1923-29, Rutherford; 1930-36, Roselle Park; 1937-42, Newark, St. Paul's; 1943-44, Teaneck.

His leadership and accomplishments were outstanding. He was adept at building, remodeling and beautifying churches, freeing churches of debt and leaving them in a healthy and prosperous condition. The Newark Conference elected him twice to the General Conference, assigned to him the responsibility of publishing its Journal for several years and elected him to the post of Conference Treasurer for ten years. He served Methodism with rare faithfulness and efficiency.

Dr. Lytle's love of people, flowers, sports, the out-of-doors, community activities and home life made him a beloved and respected minister among all classes of people. His fine sense of humor, his dignity and poise, his personal charm and tactful approaches made for him many friends and admirers. Possibly his best contribution was the inspiring example of the very interesting and happy home life which he and his accomplished and devoted wife enjoyed together for a period of over forty-five years.

The summons to enter into the heavenly home came to Dr. Lytle on January 3, 1951. Surviving this forceful preacher and consecrated pastor are his wife, Helen Faulks Lytle; a daughter, Mrs. J. Harold Riggle of Seneca Falls, N. Y.; a son, Theodore L. Lytle, M.D., of Rochester, N. Y.; and five grandchildren. His first born, the Rev. Herbert C. Lytle, Jr., passed away last August. He also leaves his youngest brother, Rev. Dr. John G. Lytle of Blairstown, N. J., and two sisters, the Misses Cora and Olive Lytle, of Mercer, Pa.

The memorial service was held in the Teaneck Methodist Church, which his esthetic taste and pure devotion had helped to make so beautiful. The service was conducted by the Revs. John R. McLaughlin, George Teague and Harold N. Smith. He was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elizabeth, N. J., on January 6, 1951.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion thy God reigneth!"

**RALPH EUGENE DIFFENDORFER**

*By Richard T. Baker*

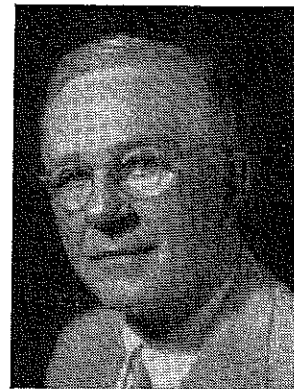
**R**ALPH DIFFENDORFER was born in Hayesville, Ashland County, Ohio, on August 15, 1879. His parents were farmers. His mother taught Sunday school in the little Hayesville Methodist Church, and it was in this village circle that the young boy first had his mind shaped toward the life he later led.

Dr. Diffendorfer was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and then went to Drew Theological Seminary. Already at this time he had begun his traveling, organizing and missionary promotion among young people's groups; had served as a volunteer in the Epworth League offices in Chicago during the summers of 1900 and 1901, and in 1902 he became an assistant secretary of the Epworth League. He worked from offices at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, while he kept up his studies at Drew.

In 1904 he became a secretary of the Missionary Education Movement. For twelve years he held that post and began a record of interchurch leadership that continued throughout his life. In 1916 he was elected educational secretary of the Board of Home Missions, and for eight years maintained that post and many related efforts having to do with the Centenary crusades, the Interchurch World Movement, and the Committee on Conservation and Advance of his denomination.

Dr. Diffendorfer became an executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions in 1924. With Methodist union in 1940 he became the chief administrator of the Division of Foreign Missions. Thus, for twenty-five years, until his retirement in 1949 at the age of seventy, he was at the heart of Methodism's missionary administration. Not content with a life of retirement and ease, he immediately took up the reins as president and later executive vice-president of the Japan International Christian University Foundation. He gave the last two years of his life in dynamic leadership to this task. Returning from a luncheon on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 31, 1951, he suffered a heart attack in the elevator of the building which housed his office and died before medical help arrived.

Funeral services were held in his home church in Madison, N. J., on February 3. His pastor, the Rev. Parker B. Holloway, officiated and was assisted by Bishop Herbert



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