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C. E. Conference of Oregon Yearly Meeting Over

Big Crowds Enjoy Feast of Good Things

During the week of July 31-Aug. 5 the eleventh Summer C. E. Conference convened at the Twin Rocks beach. Within view of the rolling ocean and forest-covered mountains about three hundred people (500 on Sunday) met to give praises unto God, and receive added instruction in Bible truth. God's blessing was manifestly upon the Conference from beginning to end.

One of the primary purposes of the Conference from the beginning of its organization eleven years ago has been to provide a wholesome vacation for the young people of the Yearly Meeting. This makes it different from a camp meeting, in that part of the time is spent in recreation under a competent director. The mornings are spent in class work, an inspirational hour, and in chorus singing. All of these hours meet a special need in the lives of those attending them.

This year Gervas Carey, of Newburg, instructed a class in Old Testament Studies which gave a comprehensive view of the Old Testament as pointing to Christ. After being in the class one felt that it is important to know the Old Testament in a detailed way. The books of Law, History, Poetry, and Prophecy all point to Christ and the cross.

Everett Scotten presented the "Rapture" in a way that made the Lord's coming for His saints a very real thought. The topics he took up were: Literal Coming of Christ, Assurance of His Coming, Jesus the Messiah is the One Coming, The Signs, and the Rapture itself. What a thrilling day that will be when He returns for His children!

Ida J. Lee spent the five lesson hours in considering with the students, "Why I Am a Friend." She discussed the Principles and Practice of Friends, Their Persecutions, and The Friends Mission to the World. This impressed the doctrines and peculiar mission of the Friends church upon all in a way that the closing prayer was voiced in the words, "A charge to keep I have."

Edward Mott lectured on "Five Vital Questions," namely, The Book, Creation, Sin, Redeemer, and Atonement, in a way that would help the young people face the modernistic teaching they constantly meet, with a "reason for the hope that is within them."

E. R. Martin, superintendent of Northwest S. S. Union, gave an interesting class in Home Missions. The needs of the United States itself were graphically pictured. Many of the problems of rural community work were presented. A challenge to rural work was left with all.

Helen and Laura Cammack led a class in C. E. Methods. The class was organized into a society. Leaders, who had been chosen some weeks before, led regular meetings in a unique way in order that the members might get an idea of how to keep up interest by presenting topics in original ways. Besides this other methods were reported upon and plans given for various committees.

The inspirational hour was of especial benefit this year. Homer L. Cox discussed young people's problems in a definite, concrete way. The subjects were: Scarecrows, Choosing a Life Work and Choosing a Life Partner.

Chorus Class is always an inspiration to those who sing and those who hear. Bess Owens Runyan has been blessed in helping the young people sing His praises. The Sacred Concert was given after the Dedication service on Sunday afternoon this year.

The evangelistic services were times of great blessing. The messages given by Homer Cox were clear and forceful. The Holy Spirit talked definitely to people. Many yielded and had the need of their life met. God's mercy was extended in giving deep conviction which caused a Godly sorrow, bringing repentance. Others experienced the work of cleansing by the Holy Spirit. Bright and shining were the faces that had been clouded when they came. Surely, man's praises ought not be less than those of Nature. So with the forests rustling, the hills rejoicing, and the sea roaring, the testimony of these freed souls arose to heaven and declared to the world what a work of grace God had wrought in their hearts!

Conference Starts With Great Enthusiasm

Fun and Seriousness Go Hand in Hand

POP! BANG! Off started the performance of Tuesday evening, with a lively song service lead by Mrs. Runyan. Then Charles Beals "lowed as how" the societies ought to all be introduced. Presto!—the fireworks began! Well, you know the societies and you know just about how the introductions went; Sunnyside had the audacity to affirm that most great men and ideas come from their noble ranks! Idaho has Murphys—sledge-hammer preachers, and going-to-be married men (guess whom)! Highland sang a ditty which ought to be repeated next year. Seattle was received enthusiastically—cornetist and all (even the dog approved of him). Well, all the rest spoke for themselves and did a good job of it.

The speakers and leaders of the Conference were welcomed and enveloped in a friendly feeling, we trust. Then people from other denominations were given a chance to make themselves known, and my what a diversity there

was! We were glad to have them come and sit by our fire of fellowship and blessing, and thus be united as one true church in Christ Jesus.

Conference songs were sung betwixt and between the introductions.

Walter Lee brought the evening to a climax by a thought-provoking talk on our appreciation for the new tabernacle and applied it to the building of character.

We went away knowing each other better and loving the Master of young lives more deeply.

Song Contest Exciting

Piedmont Wins

Given—Live societies from Oregon Yearly Meeting (2) a song to write.

Prove—Who is going to win?

That's the proposition the judges had to render a decision upon on Wednesday afternoon of Conference.

Numbers were duly drawn for order of presentation. A gasp, almost a wail came from Sunnyside and we knew they were first. Paper caps with red S. S.'s marched gaily to the platform. A little tree, root and all, illustrated the song as they sang.

Lents had a good song to the tune of "The Old Rugged Cross." Springbrook had such clever insignias which must have meant lots of work.

Piedmont seemed to be there en masse with purple and white arm-bands which identified them immediately.

Plucky Entiat with three present rendered a song and received big applause.

Highland, led by Edith Riggs, did nobly and the red tams showed up beautifully.

Then judges DISAPPEARED. Pep songs APPEARED, for everyone tried not to think about first place, etc.

Charles Beals was just terrible when he did get the little fatal slip that decided the destiny of Conference songs and this one in particular. He must have staved it off at least a half hour—it seemed that way anyway. Well, at last it said Piedmont was first, Sunnyside second and Highland third. Piedmont sang hers over and the penalty was imposed—she must get copies for all the rest of the Conference. As a sequel let me say that in a day or two we had beautiful typed copies of the song. A girl in Tillamook gave her services in making these. Three cheers for this Conference friend! Rah! Rah! Rah!

The words of the winning song are as follows:

Tune: Love's Old Sweet Song.

I.

Down at the beach, at Twin Rocks by sea
Here's just the spot that's meant for you and me
Here for a week, young friends from far and near

home from an extended trip through Iowa and Kansas. Mrs. Haworth is the mother of our C. A. missionary, Matilda Haworth.

PIEDMONT

About 25 young people enjoyed the July Endeavor social which was held at the home of Mrs. Raymond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haworth, near Columbia park. The grounds were lighted and it made an enjoyable place for games and a good time. Of course when the swing broke there were some blistered hands from sliding down the rope and two heads banged loudly in a collision in Flying Dutchman, but aside from these there were no serious casualties. Even the business meeting was held on the lawn and we only went in to practice our Conference song. Watermelon was served as refreshments and eaten "darkie" style regardless of ears and chins; after which we went home wishing that lawn socials were in style all winter.

Well, Conference being here and gone, isn't both glad and sorry? Sorry because the glorious week sped so swiftly, and glad because everyone enjoyed it all so much. Of course we are glad mostly for the precious messages, the good classes, the tabernacle, and numberless other blessings. Thank God for Conference and all it means to Oregon Yearly Meeting young folks.

Flutter, flutter, fly—and they're gone. No, we're not talking of sparrows which infest the church eaves, but those elusive Morford boys. Now Myron has gone, and he says that he won't be back. He left for the harvest fields of eastern Oregon and Washington and has Asbury for a distant but sure goal. We pray the Lord's blessing on him wherever he goes, and we won't care if he comes back to Piedmont.

Wasn't it Homer Cox that said something to the effect that the best way to find out exactly what a persons real nature is, is to watch them during an emergency or surprise? Sunnyside Christian Endeavor evidently was curious concerning Piedmont's Christian Endeavor Prayer meetings so they walked in unannounced on Sunday evening, August 12. Of course it was one of those rare occasions when no leader had been appointed, but the president took charge and we had a good time discussing the lesson. We enjoyed the visit—call again.

FIRST FRIENDS

A great many of our members attended conference this year, some all of the time and some for the week-end. How glad we are to become better acquainted with so many whom we read about from time to time in the columns of this paper. Surely the Lord was with us!

Frank Fanno and Myrtle Green were married at Miss Greene's home in Springbrook, Oregon, July 29. They intend to take a trip soon. They are living in their own home on Frank's place at Errol Station. We are glad to have Myrtle one of our number now.

Our pastor and his wife are now taking their vacation. Marion George preached for us August 12. We have no evening services during the month

of August in our church but join in the vesper services at Laurelhurst park. Homer and Blanche Cox held a service for us Tuesday evening, August 7. We were so glad to welcome them and Marceil once more and we were graciously blessed together. They left the next morning in their automobile for Wichita, Kansas.

Eben Snow is visiting friends and relatives in the east for a month or more. Mrs. Snow's sister is visiting her while he is gone.

The Burden Bearer's Class and George Fox Bible Class held their annual picnic in Laurelhurst Park the last Friday in July. About sixty were present and some played croquet until a late hour.

Most of our members are taking or have taken their vacation at various places; at the seashore or the mountains. We wish especially to mention Carl Swanson who spent two weeks in the Hot Lake Sanitarium and another two with his family at Cannon Beach. He is back at work again now and looks and feels so well. We hope he will have continued good health this winter.

The August business meeting was held in Macleay park, a weiner roast preceeding. A most enjoyable time was spent trying to roast a weiner to that perfection and at the same time dodge the smoke. During the business session Thelma Wilson, Mildred Watts and Noel Bowman were received into membership. We are very glad to welcome them into our society and hope that we may be a blessing to them and they to us.

During the month of August our evening church services and Christian Endeavor are dismissed because of the community Park services at Laurelhurst Park. We decided that we wanted to find out what others were doing, so visited Piedmont one Sunday evening and Lents the next. The experiment (?) was very interesting and was thoroughly enjoyed. We cordially invite you to our meetings after the first of September and will try to make you as welcome as you did us.

Peculiar as it seems, Asbury seems to be beckoning to a number of our young people, and stranger yet, they leave us and hasten there. One of our faithful, cheerful and always working members is planning to soon join that throng (from Ore.) in Kentucky. We will miss Elizabeth Hadley greatly but pray God's richest blessing on her there and may He find her just as ready for service there as here.

SCOTTS MILLS

Our July Christian Endeavor business meeting was held at the home of Will Magee. At the close of the business session a track meet was held which proved exciting to all and embarrassing to a few who entered the foot race.

The new officers elected are: President, Ira Brougher; Vice-president LeRoy Frazier; Secretary, Ruth Ke.og; Treasurer, Everett Allen; Organist, Margaret Coulson.

Those of our number that attended Conference are still talking of the many good times, the messages and classes and all that goes to make up Conference at Twin Rocks.

W. L. Taylor motored to Scotts Mills for his parents to take them to the beach for a much needed rest.

Elsie and Frank Palmer visited relatives in Scotts Mills enroute from the International Sunday School convention in California.

Aunt Cora's Column

Borrowed Heads

"I haven't seen Jack around here for a week or two, Bob," remarked Aunt Cora one day. "What has happened to him? You were so friendly."

"Oh, I don't know," Bob answered carelessly, "I took up with him too quickly after he moved here I guess. Ralph says he is a sissy and awfully stuck up."

"He never seemed that way to me," Aunt Cora said, looking puzzled. "Why did Ralph say that?"

"I didn't ask him," Bob answered snatching up his cap, "But I haven't time for a sissy," and he went whistling out of the house.

Later in the evening, Betty looked up from her school books to Bob reading in front of the fire-place.

"Aren't you going to study any tonight Bob?" she asked, "It's after ten o'clock now."

"No," Bob said looking up." Carl loaned me this new book and say it's fine."

"Yes, but how about your math?" Betty persisted. "I know you don't have time to do it at school."

"John's doing it tonight," Bob explained. "I'll copy his in the morning. It won't take long."

"Why Robert Long!" Betty exclaimed in astonishment, "That's cheating."

Bob looked uncomfortable. "I don't know as it is. I work them one day and give them to him and he works them the next day and gives them to me. Isn't that fair?"

Betty still looked doubtful. Aunt Cora started to speak but thinking better of it, decided not to just then.

"I won't have to study any tonight," Betty announced jubilantly the next evening. "Miss Crane was sick today and I had an extra period in school today. I'm going to write a bunch of letters."

"I say, do me a favor will you?" Bob said. "I wish you'd answer this letter to Uncle Nat for me. I never can think of anything to say. I'll copy it after you write it."

"All right," Betty agreed good-naturedly.

"Bob," Aunt Cora said suddenly, "How many heads have you?"

Bob looked at Aunt Cora as if she were losing her mind. "Why only one of course," he answered.

"I think you have several," Aunt Cora continued. "You have one which is your own of course but you seem to have several which you borrow. First, you borrow Ralph's head. He tells you Jack is a sissy and you take his word for it. If you had used your own head it would have told you Jack was not stuck up and you liked him. Next, you borrow John's head. You let John work your problems and do your thinking for you. Now, you are borrowing Betty's head to write your letter."

Bob looked sheepish. "It does look sort of foolish doesn't it?" he grinned.

"Yes," Aunt Cora replied. "It does seem queer that when a young man has a head of his own and is able to think for himself, he borrows another person's head and lets somebody else think for him."

BOY'S AND GIRL'S MEETINGS LARGE

Pageant Impresses the Truths Learned

The Lord was surely good to the boys and girls of Conference again this year for He honored us with His sweet felt presence. In the girls' prayer-meeting, under the leadership of Mary Mills, one of the girls was saved, and four boys found Jesus in their prayer meeting directed by Lulu Fern Hudson. These children need our prayers as they largely come from non-Quaker homes.

Five lessons taken from the life of Moses were given in the morning session. Practicing and presenting the pageant Beach night firmly impressed these lessons on their minds.

The attendance raised from 32 the first day until at least 60 children came in touch with the meeting. A record was kept of attendance, deportment, Bible reading, prayer and special services rendered.

Jean Gardner of Salem received Russel, of Twin Rocks, for the boys. Each one attending received a reward on Sunday morning. If you did not receive yours, write to Lulufern Hudson, 101 East 34th Street, Portland, and it will be mailed to you.

CONSTITUTION REVISION

The following to be added to Art. 7. Sec. 2. (a) In case of a vacancy in the office of president, the vice-president shall fill the unexpired term.

(b) In case of a vacancy in any other office, the executive committee shall have power to appoint an individual to serve during the unexpired term. That Art. 9, Sec. 3, which now reads, "The conference property shall be held in trust by a board of trustees," shall be changed to read, "The Conference property shall be held in trust by the executive committee, in whose name the Conference is now incorporated."

Sections 4, 5 and 6 be cancelled because there is no further need of the board of trustees.

Each society please vote on this and send the decision by your president or secretary to Aletha Allen, Scotts Mills,

Oregon. It is urgent that this be accepted since the corporation is made and we want our Constitution to be up-to-date. Please be prompt.

Reporters: Edith Riggs, Edward Harmon, Elizabeth Hadley, Laura Cammack, Stella Hubbard, Mildred Hadley, Wilfred Pearson, Lulufern Hudson.

THE DEDICATION SERVICE

On Sunday afternoon came one of the most inspirational services of the Conference. A number of new pledges was taken and a cash offering at the opening proved the interest of our people in making Conference a permanent thing.

Chester Hadley brought the message, one very fitting for the occasion.

Following the dedication, the Song Concert was given, under the direction of Bess Owens Runyan. Those who had been looking forward to this service for a musical treat, certainly were not disappointed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Christian Endeavor Union, Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends.
January 1, 1928 to June 1, 1928.
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Cash Payments—
Traveling Expense\$ 16.20
Banquet Expense 68.00
Printing Expense 2.25
Conference Tent 25.00
Incorporation Expense 33.75

Total Cash Payments\$147.70
Balance 2.44

Total Cash150.14
Cash on hand 2.44

Respectfully submitted,
ALETHA ALLEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

"KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING"

This was the title of a very popular song during the war time. Its meaning was that while the soldiers were showing their patriotism in the field those at home must not let the fires of patriotism die in their own hearts. Sometimes there is the same danger in the work of the Lord. We are so apt to save our effort for the outside field and have none to spare at home. Some

people are like lighthouses that send their beams far out on the waves but do not light the territory at their own base. Some are very holy in the pulpit but leave it there and have none for home consumption. Some are strong in social meeting testimony who are very weak in home application. God wants us to scatter the holy fire by our public administration, but he does not want it all spent abroad so that there is not fire sufficient for home use.

We may depend upon it, that we have no more genuine religion than we use at home. Our home religion is the test of real religion. We have seen the Callope (a kind of musical machine) that went by steam in a procession and played a tune, but when it shouted (so to speak) it exhausted the steam and it had to stop for breath. Any demonstration that uses up our fervor is not the mark of real religion.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

One of the best Conferences has just passed into history. Let us begin praying now for the next one and we will see even greater things next year.

The new bell was very clever. The picture of Twin Rocks painted upon the face of it was quite in place and very pretty. We wish to thank Mr. Wiley for it. It was sometimes amusing to watch the grimaces of those who were shaking the handle! Some of these have been preserved by means of the camera, I believe.

Every society in Tacoma Quarter was represented this year. This is a real triumph. We're mighty glad to see you grow Tacoma! Some of the Seattle folks proved their interest by their works, this time, it meaning an all night drive in order to get two days of Conference. We do appreciate it and expect to hear from such pluck and perseverance as that in the future.

The meals were especially fine this year. Here's to the cooks! They're all right!

THE LORD'S DAY

O blessed first day of the week,
I love thy earliest dawn,
Which speaks to labor, toil and care,
And bids them all be done.

As on creation's first great day
God spoke and there was light,
So now His voice at thy glad morn,
Dissolves my darkest night.

Christ, at a first day's dawning, rose
A victor from the tomb,
And by his risen life within
Dispels my doubt and gloom.

On this, the first day of the week,
God sent from Heaven above
The Spirit, bringing power and rest,
His rest of perfect love.

Then would I honor thee alway,
Our Lord's day owned and blest;
And at each advent breathe anew
His light and life and rest.
Sadie Louise Miller.

THE HOLLOW OF THY HAND

The "hollow of His hand"—
Oh, what a breadth of space!
We cannot understand
How much it holds of grace.

When human hand clasps fail,
And eyes we love grow dim,
When bloom of youth turns pale,
Ah! then we look to Him.

And looking, find far more
Than we had dared to dream;
For God doth keep in store,
Gifts richer than they seem.

Our little cups we take
To His great fount of love,
Thinking our thirst to slake
With dropping from above;

When, low! He brims them o'er,
With floods of good untold,
And ceases not to pour
Till we would fain cry, "Hold!"

Teach us, O Lord, to take
Thy measure, full and grand
And then our thirst we'll slake
From the "hollow of thy hand."
—Selected.

Discussion flails the chaff from our ideas.—Driggs

No opportunity comes to us but what we have had a chance previously to prepare for it. Whether we took advantage of it or not is up to us.

—Dan Poling

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