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Third Annual Conference or Newport Next

Aug. 2-8, 1920

"To be or not to be, that is the question" was the way Blaine Bronner began his announcement in the May, 1920, issue of 'A Friendly Endeavor.' He wrote, "the question has been answered, if there was one. For anyone who had ever been there, there was no question...the committee decided after prayerful consideration to hold the Annual Friends Christian Endeavor Conference at Newport, Oregon, June 29-July 6. The ~~Committee~~ felt that it would be more satisfactory to hold it at the coast...after considering several places, Newport seemed far the best...as it is an ideal place for a summer outing. The date was set because weather conditions are then best at Newport...this is to be the best Conference that we have ever held and you must not miss it." They found an old hotel, The Irvin House, which could be rented. Its accommodations gave the advantage of eating, sleeping and meeting under one roof. The cost was \$150 for the week.

The Christian Endeavor Union met at Yearly Meeting in Newberg June 12th. They appointed Chester Hadley Superintendent and Blaine Bronner assistant, Hazel Keeler secretary-treasurer, and the following Quarterly Meeting Superintendents; Rosa Allen, Boise; Emil Swanson, Portland; Esther Terrell, Newberg; Carl Miller, Salem. There was a report and a proposed program for the coming year which included interesting information "during the past year the Superintendent traveled 500 miles directly in the interests of the cause. He attended four rally conferences...three years ago a summer conference was called to meet for ten days. It was such a success that it was made an annual occasion." For the first time this Union made a proposition "that a permanent location be sought for the summer conference." This was a milestone in the development of Twin Rocks Friends Conference. The C.E. Union officers and superintendents gave continued enthusiastic support for the Conference idea and the decisions of the planning Committee which had suggested that the superintendents appoint Quarterly Meeting Boosters to cooperate with society presidents to secure the largest possible enrollment. They urged that every society be represented and even help pay part of all the expense.

The promotion emphasized the beauties and features of Newport, and the pleasure and blessing of spending a week in the company of "the very best group of young people in Oregon." Irvin House was three blocks from the ocean and "miles of the finest beach along the entire coast." Pictures of the area appeared in the June, 1920, issue of 'A Friendly Endeavor', along with a list of appealing features for recreation and interest; agate-hunting, Yaquina Bay, Jump Off Joe, Natatorium, Lighthouse and other coastal sights. "...the ocean is the one thing there is enough of, and it is right there all the time. It has its ups and downs, gets sort of blue and rather rough at times, but on the whole, or the part we can see from Newport, it is an inspiration and beats any moving picture that was ever produced." They urged, "come and enjoy a week's outing at this beautiful summer

NEWBERG FRIENDS CHURCH

Praise and Prayer Sheet
February 20, 1985

PRAISE THE LORD ...

... that \$755.00 was given for our "Birthday Offering for Missions" on Saturday, at our Missions dessert.

... for a good, inspiring time enjoyed by youth who attended Jr. High Jamboree and high school Snow Retreat last weekend.

... for good fellowship enjoyed at the Missions fellowship dinners last Saturday evening.

... for the recovery and strengthening of Ross Howard's mother. Ross has been in Pendleton this week with his family; his mother will be released from the hospital soon and Ross will be able to return home.

... for God's faithfulness in providing for needs -- needs of all kinds!

REMEMBER TO PRAY ...

... for Linda Canfield and David Gilmore (GFC students) who will be beginning a Spanish youth group tonight as part of the Hispanic Ministry! Ask God's blessing on this new outreach ministry! Pray for Linda and David as they take on this responsibility.

... for Gordon, Dolores, and Mark Martin as they travel to Port Townsend, Wash. this weekend to check on housing for Mark (as he enters a boat building school there next month). Pray that they would be able to find what they are looking for in regard to accommodations for Mark.

... for Sunday's services with Dr. George Cowan. Ask for God's anointing on him as he prepares for Sunday. Be praying about your faith promise commitment, and how the Lord might lead you in pledging His resources for missions work through NFC.

... for Bob and Leila Ralphs as they "burn the bridges" behind them in moving into the Manor this next week. Pray that the transition will be a smooth one.

... for Ron and Mary (McClung) Chadwick as they establish a new home and continue building relationships with their children. (Ron and Mary were married last Thursday, February 14! Congratulations!)

... for members of our congregation who are sick with the flu (and/or other ailments)! Ask for God's strength for parents of small children who are sick. Pray for older folks who may have a harder time "kicking" the bug. Think of someone by name whom you can pray for!

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summer resort with the folks you ought to know and who should know you. This is our Conference, let's make the best possible use of it..." Suggestions were printed of what to bring and what to leave at home. "1. Yourself and someone else. 2. Bedding. Plenty of it. 3. Baskets to 'bring home the fragments' i.e. notebooks. 4. Fishing tackle, bathing suits, cameras, baseballs-bats-gloves, and anything else to make it an enjoyable time. 5. Old clothes and shoes. 6. A smile that won't come off, a pleasant disposition, and a good appetite." (Leave at home) 1. Dull care and worry. 2. Every grouch you ever had. 3. The dog. 4. All physical ailments. 5. We'll have a dentist but don't bring a toothache."

The program of classes, leaders and speakers was as carefully and prayerfully planned as the living arrangements and recreation. The promotion included the reminder of the underlying purpose of spiritual inspiration and growth; "we will expect to see you there. Combine business with pleasure—His business. May it be a gathering time not only of agates, but of Precious Stones for His crown."

Arrangements and information were printed in the June, 1920, issue of 'A Friendly Endeavor.' "How can one get there? Answer, either by rail or auto. If by rail take the Southern Pacific train to Albany and change cars for Newport. The train goes to Toládo where a ferry transports passengers across Yaquina Bay to Newport Beach. We hope to secure special rates. If by auto, get a good road map and follow instructions. There is ample room for the parking of cars. Meals will be served on the club plan, and judging from the cost last year, will be around 30¢ per meal with children three and under free and over three and under twelve half rate." For those who preferred, "rooms and cottages will be secured near the beach and those wishing them should write to Dr. Henry or Matilda Minthorn at Newport, as they have kindly consented to act as our agents there."

There were about 125 registered at Irvin House. Some problems developed with the arrangements. A cooking range provided in the kitchen smoked so badly the cooks quit after a struggle with it. Grace Hadley was commandeered by her husband to take over. She quailed before this responsibility, being short on experience. Chester calmly told her just to plan for the same amount per person as she would at home. Her mother, Lydia C. Gardner, also appointed Conference Mother, came to her assistance, along with others. A short jingle in the August, 1920, 'A Friendly Endeavor' gives some clues to the menus and response of the diners: "Clam soup is fine tonight, baked beans are fine, hot dogs are fine tonight, fried fish is fine. Cream pie is fine tonight, coffee is fine. When the tide goes out and the moon comes ^{up}, all eats are fine." One evening a wiener roast was held on the beach. Mrs. Will Way from Salem commented, "I didn't know that we were going to have coffee to drink down on the beach tonight. I supposed that all we would have

would be bunnies and weens." Grace Hadley replied, "Oh, yes, we'll have coffee with our beenies and wuns."

Walter P. Lee reports in an interview his experiences at Newport in 1920. He said, "We went on the train. Irvin House was so full that Byrd Tucker and I had to sleep in his Ford. He even cut his seat so it would drop down and make a bed. We slept in that. Everybody ate together in Irvin House. Byrd and I were in high school. The girls we knew, including his sister, lived in the dormitory and we joked each other. One night when we went to bed, we stuck our feet down and lo and behold they had stuck briars in our bed. We decided to get even so the next day after they went to bed, we went up into the hotel corridor and tied the doors to each other across the hall. They couldn't open their doors. They got out on the roof and sang and yelled. It wasn't very steep so they got down onto the porch roof and on down. There were two or three stories in the ^{hotel} House with an attic on the third floor where some of the fellows slept. That was when Florence Frazier was going with Virgil Snow. One day there was a bulletin announcement—"Six feet of snow drifted into the attic at 2:00 A.M."

Reports of the recreation are enthusiastic, "the Natatorium furnished a bushel of fun for everybody. It is a rare sight to see half a dozen Quaker preachers take turns diving into a swimming tank. All of these made a solemn promise to dive in together. It is said that a preacher's word is as good as his bond, but will you believe the horrid truth that President John Mills (Pacific College) deliberately remained standing on the springboard and, moreover, laughed in wicked glee at the others who fearlessly took the cold plunge! For those who love justice, we will add that about one minute later he found himself splashing in the middle of the tank through no effort of his own." Some enjoyed playing tennis, a few went fishing, and one afternoon a hired launch took attenders around Yaquina Bay. One reports, "we had some pleasant special trips. One was to the lighthouse. Some hiked all the way though the trip was six miles along the beach and over the hills." Agate hunting was a major pastime, so a favorite table topic was exchanging news of special finds.

The big social event was stunt night Saturday evening, to become a ~~fav~~ tradition. Each Quarterly Meeting group or visiting delegation was responsible for a stunt. The variety is reported to have provided a hilarious time. Some ideas were; "the typical family getting ready for Sundayschool, in the dentist's office, a runaway marriage in a charade "Cantelope", when Blaine Bronner starred in the role of a Ford chauffeur. The concluding number was a vision of what the Conference is to be, skillfully dialogued and giving a real message."

The report of the Conference in the August, 1920, issue of 'A Friendly Endeavor' indicates the quality of leadership and the breadth of subjects covered in the daily program of classes and services. After breakfast each morning there was family worship with Laurana M. Terrell in charge. She chose the life of Christ, passages from Romans and incidents in the history of Quakerism for these morning devotions. Classes followed

on missions and the study of the Bible. Dr. Minthorn lectured on "How to Live", showing that the Bible is a reliable book of hygiene and health. Floyd Perisho, professor of science ~~and~~ at Pacific College, led discussion on several topics, one being the warfare of science and religion, which "he splendidly summarized by saying that there is no conflict between true science and true religion. It is all God's Truth and His Truth does not contradict itself." Inspirational messages were brought by Edgar Simms, Mrs. Ida G. Lee, Matilda Minthorn, and I. Gurney Lee. Homer L. Cox brought a series emphasizing the fruits of the Spirit. Children's meetings were held every day under the leadership of competent teachers."

Amelia and Lawrence Lindley, visiting young Friends from Shawnee, Oklahoma, wrote an interesting account of their impressions for The American Friend. They seem to have been blessed with their visit to Oregon Yearly Meeting Young Friends Conference. She writes, "study classes were well attended and the interest fairly evenly ^{divided}...it was my privilege to visit most of the classes. The dominating note...was the challenge of a life saved by and consecrated and dedicated to bringing others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as their personal Savior...Lawrence Lindley spoke at the Thursday Forum on the present day opportunity and responsibility of Friends to a world needing the application of Christianity and fundamental Quaker principles." ~~It was a privilege to meet with Oregon Friends; to feel their spirit of~~ Thursday and Friday nights we were brought to the serious purpose of the Conference by the evangelistic messages of I. Gurney Lee and Lurana Terrell, after which several came forward for consecration. This high tide of evangelism continued into the last session...the leaders feeling that in this the real purpose of the Conference was accomplished, while all of us were deeply impressed and thankful as we saw so many young people presenting themselves to Jesus Christ for His redeeming and keeping power. ..It was a privilege to meet with Oregon Friends; to feel their spirit of consecration to Christ; to experience that Christian fellowship which binds us together in a common interest and a common task for our Heavenly Father. Let us live up to the inspiration of such fellowship and join our forces with the Divine love, working together to make the kingdoms of this world the kingdom of our God by faith in Jesus Christ..."

The business meeting produced some resolutions, "whereas we are gathered together in our Third Annual Conference, and whereas the blessing of the Lord has been graciously out-poured upon us in His saving, sanctifying power, and whereas several of our young people have been definitely called to their 'life work', therefore, be it resolved that we express to our Heavenly Father our deep appreciation for His blessing thus bestowed..." Thanks were given "to Chester and Grace Hadley and the others who have so faithfully and efficiently labored under great difficulty in preparing for this Conference, looking after the detail work for the comfort and enjoyment of each, and in arranging and

executing the inspiring program. Thanks were also given to the teachers and leaders for their forceful presentations of the Truth...~~"for their force"~~ which are of such valuable and helpful nature in the ...deepening of our spiritual life." Thanks were given for "the splendid social and recreational features that have proved to all that young people can have a good time without the worldly amusements prevalent at this time. "Be it resolved that the Young Friends' C.E. Conference of Oregon Yearly Meeting become ^{an} established annual gathering, and that each society be urged to give full and hearty support to its advancement."

So as the editorial in the August, 1920, issue of 'A Friendly Endeavor' begins, "The C.E. Conference has come to stay..." The disappointment of the small attendance of the second gathering in Newberg was overcome by such a large and enthusiastic group at Newport. The decision to go back to the coast proved wise. There was^a continued spirit of enthusiasm for the conference idea. Amelia Lindley commented, "there was evidence from the start that a spirit of determination to make this third annual Conference far surpass the previous two caused the attenders to cheerfully and faithfully work together to accomplish this worthy object." The editorial ends, "we urge that you all pray for the Superintendent and the the Permanent Location Committee. They need our support. Pray also that the spiritual tone of these gatherings may in no way become dampened, but that they may increase in blessing and power..." The vision had not faded. That didn't change.

Additions: list of attenders which appears in the August issue
interview with Florence Snow
program if we can find it
Edith Lilley's jingle

NEWBERG AREA COOPERATIVE NEED SHEET

February 24, 1985

FREE: 15" Jensen Hi-Fi speaker complete with transformer. A bundle of 3 - tab composition shingles. Quentin Nordyke, 538-3819 till Friday, or 538-9419 days.

AVAILABLE: Our beautiful purebred English Springer Spaniel puppies are 8 weeks old and ready to go to good homes. Call Greg and Sally Enns, 538-1786.

NEEDED:

Old refrigerator (metal lined) with bad unit for making a smoker. Jim and Sue Williams, 538-7596.

The NFC Primary Dept. needs children's tapes (cassette) of Gospel stories for Sunday School learning centers. Contact Nina Schaad, 538-5233.

The Friends Cemetery is in the process of keeping things looking nice in the Cemetery. To do this, we need a riding mower and a turf vac. If you have one and want to donate or sell it, please contact our secretary, Pauline Koch, 538-8381 days.

We need temporary housing (3-4 months), we'll be heading overseas with Greater Europe Missions at the end of the summer. Dale Oliver, 538-7771.

Need donations of working electric frypans for NFC youth to use in "Elephant Ears" booth at Old Fashioned Festival. Call Greg Enns (538-8381 days) or Mary Post (538-1995).

Needed: a pick-up (1/2 ton or 3/4 ton) for youth newspaper collecting/recycling, Thursday, February 28, from 3-5:00 p.m. Call Greg Enns, or leave a message with Pauline in the NFC office (538-8381).

I need someone with a large car to take the supplies for Christian Ed. Camp to Twin Rocks Friday morning, March 1, and return them from Twin Rocks to Newberg after camp. Dorothy Barratt, 538-7959.

FOR SALE:

Commadore Vic-20 computer. Little use. Includes instruction manual and a tape. \$60 or best offer. Call Dan Brown after 4 p.m. 538-4284.

Hide-a-bed at low cost. Needs recovering. Rachel Hinshaw, 538-3144, ext. 404.

Handy-man special: '73 Mercury, AC, PS, radio, new tires, new brakes, clean, good body but motor has started knocking and either needs fixing or replaced. If interested, call quickly as this car must go this week! I'm thinking \$250 -- but no reasonable offer refused. A little work and you'll have a good car. Quentin Nordyke, 538-3819 evenings, 538-9419 days.

Hot Point double oven range, includes rotisserie, grill and deep-well cooker. Fully automatic. \$50. Louis Sandoz, 538-5247.

For sale: one of Newberg's older homes, 10 rms, w/ 2 baths, nook, full basement, and more. Corner lot. Can have immediate possession. Asking \$69,000 but will reduce by \$4,000 if sold before March 1. Louis Sandoz, 538-5247.