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May 2, 1946.

Dear Mary and Cecil:--

I'll soon be starting to Portland for the third day in succession, but before I start I'll write a bit to you.

We came in from El TeePee Sunday afternoon. Monday I heard Governor Snell at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Tuesday I took Bertha May into Portland to begin her work in the Carolina Home (I don't know where it got its name), a home for aged persons, 830 Sellwood Boulevard, Portland, Oregon. Yesterday I took Mother for a check-up by Dr. T. Homer Coffen. He found nothing serious in her condition, though he did suggest that she take some iodine as a possible help to her nervous condition, which he thinks may possibly be due to defective thyroid action. (Oregon water is notoriously free from iodine, as from nearly everything else except H₂O.)

Today Mother and I are going in with Mr. and Mrs. Pribbenow. Mother will be looking for some sort of summer dress, and Mr. Pribbenow and I will be attending a ministers' luncheon at the Y.M.C.A. where Homer Rodeheaver is to be the speaker.

May day at the college comes tomorrow, with the breakfast, not the typical waffle breakfast this time, and tennis matches, intra-mural. In the afternoon the queen will be crowned, and then there will be a tea. (After that the local meeting on ministry and oversight will meet with Carl Byrd, called to serve this meeting as pastor, who wants to talk a few things over with us before a final decision is announced.) In the evening a May Day program is to be given, a musical, without the customary play.

Last night was monthly meeting, with the annual reports of the various committees. You will be interested in some of the things that came out in these reports.

In the naming of committees, I was placed on the peace committee and the service committee, and Mother was named on the service committee, of which she has been chairman for the past two years, and will be again, I suppose, unless she declines. The report of her committee this year was by far the biggest in its history. The cash contributions to the American Friends Service Committee have exceeded \$1,800.00 for the year, and in addition there was given \$500.00 for the Civilian Public Service work, and a sum (I do not know how much) to the Save the Children Federation. Twenty comforters were made for relief across the seas and two or three for needy folks here at home. Men from the C.P.S. camps were entertained, and jobs were found for some of them. Practically a ton of clothing has been sent. Other services, such as knitting socks for relief in Europe, sending food packages, making children's garments, etc., have been rendered.

The monetary receipts of the meeting for the year have

exceeded \$12,000.00, of which \$5,649.82 remains in the treasury, \$4,390.32 for the building of the new parsonage. (This is about half enough, according to the estimate of one contractor who has been consulted.) Of the \$1,800.00 total sent to the American Friends Service Committee, more than \$1,500.00 has come in the present drive which I have been heading.

The membership of the meeting has passed 500 for the first time in years, as I remember it. We had a net gain of 18 last year, that is, the year just closed, and that makes our total 502.

There has been some sort of bible-reading contest on in the yearly meeting, and our Bible School committee reported a total of 34,000 chapters read by Sunday School students during the year.

But there are some things that I ought to do before we start to Portland, and we must be off in less than three quarters of an hour. Guess I'd better end this.

With love from both of us to all of you,

Affectionately always,

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Pearson,
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