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Although there is no question that Wilmer A. Cooper considers Richmond, IN the center of Quakerdom, he is widely known to Friends of other persuasions. His primary concern, not only during 18 years as founding Dean of the Earlham School of Religion -- the first accredited theological seminary for Friends -- but since, in a dozen other ways, has been the restoration and/or preservation of the faith content of Quakerism. He was a founder and first Chairman of QTGD (1958-1965), chairman for the ten years of its existence of the post-St. Louis Faith and Life Panel, a founder of the more recent Quaker Hill Consultations of Friends.

He and Barrett Hollister, the two American-Quaker Delegates to the Uppsala Assembly of the WCC (1968) launched the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial study of Violence, Non-Violence, staffed for the WCC by Australian Methodist David Gill. Possessor of a B.D. from Yale Divinity School and a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University, Wil's M.A. was from Haverford, his B.A. from Wilmington College.

At the 25th Anniversary Banquet of ESR in June, Wil and his wife Emily were honored by creation of a Wil and Emily Cooper Scholarship Fund to provide 10 full scholarships for ESR, to mark his retirement then. It was announced that pledges of \$150,803 had already been made toward the goal of \$250,000.

Wilmer Cooper has become so identified with theology that his four years in a Civilian Public Service Camp during WW-II, and seven years as Administrative Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation tend to be forgotten.

Patricia Edwards-DeLancey serves two Friends meetings at Fairview and Martinsville in southeastern Ohio as pastor. She is a Ph.D. candidate, with course-work completed, at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO. A more complete note appears in QRT #58.

At 70, Dorothy H. Craven is youthful in ideas and actively engaged in some teaching and in service as part of the Ministry Team at University Friends in Wichita, KS. Her favorite courses include Shakespeare, World Literature, and Quaker Literature. A recorded minister of Mid America Yearly Meeting since 1979, she serves as secretary of that YM's Christian Ministries and Vocations Division.

After elementary and secondary school teaching she became an Instructor in English at Illinois Wesleyan, then an Assistant Pro-

fessor of English at Friends University in 1947, where she has taught ever since, becoming Professor Emeritus in 1980. She was made a full professor in 1949, served two terms as head of department totalling 27 years, and two terms as Academic Dean. She also served nine years on the Board of Advisors of the Earlham School of Religion.

Along the way, she earned a Ph.D. at the University of Colorado, and Friends University conferred an honorary Litt.D. in 1980. Her articles have appeared in *Quaker Life*, *The Evangelical Friend*, *Fruit of the Vine*, and *Upper Room Disciplines*. She shares her home with her 95-year-old father, Gurney T. Hadley.

Four months in the Philippines during the past year have done much to shape Perry Yoder's outlook and current work on a biblical theology built around the concept of shalom as brought about through liberation and justice. Recently appointed an Associate Professor of Old Testament at Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN, his teaching since 1968 has been at such Mennonite institutions as Bluffton College and Bethel College in the U.S. and visiting professorships at Conrad Grebel College and Waterloo Lutheran Seminary both in Ontario.

An Oregonian by birth (Portland 1940) and a Midwesterner by vocation he was an honors graduate of Goshen College, has a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies (University of Pennsylvania), and has also studied at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and participated in a French Archeological Mission in Israel.

Bible study is the focus of four of his books ranging from hermeneutics to an adult study guide, and *New Men/New Roles* (a biblical guide to male liberation). The latter is balanced, we hasten to add, by "Women's Place in the Creation Accounts" contributed to a volume on *Women in the Bible and Early Anabaptism*. His "A-B Pairs and Oral Composition in Hebrew Poetry" was published by *Vetus Testamentum* 21 (1971):470-489. "Biblical Hebrew" appears in *Versification: Major Language Types*, ed. by W. K. Winsatt (NYU Press, 1972). He and his wife Elizabeth have two children named (guess what?) Joshua and Joel. Weeklong back-packing in the Rockies and weeklong bicycling tours are favorite recreations.

Larry Kuenning, "a pacifist by birth and a Christian since age 10," felt a need for a community embodying Christ's peacable Kingdom. In 1972 he became a co-founder of Publishers of Truth (now Friends of Truth), a discipleship community on the early Quaker model. Subse-

quent adventures of this community led to such concerns as orderly procedures among Christian communities, the psychology and sociology of religious experience, and myths masquerading as church history. He “get his money as a typist, his recreation reading old writings of the disciple-church traditions. His wife Lisa has also written for QRT.