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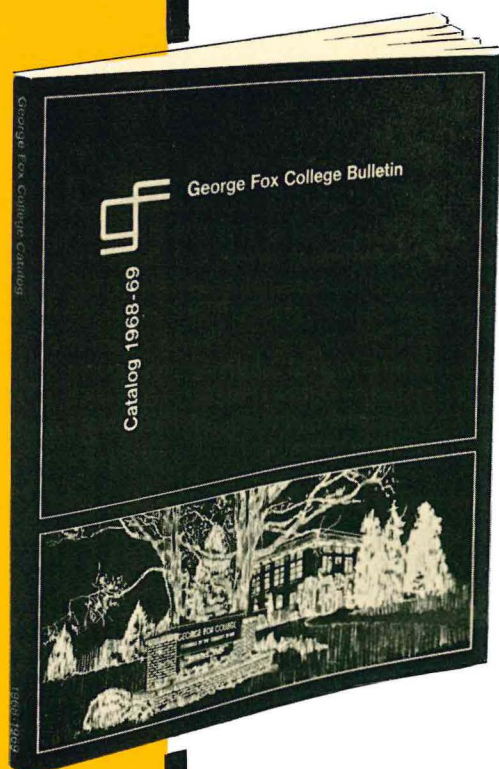
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May the dawning of every day—not only Easter—remind us of the prospect of the new life to be found in our daily walk with the Risen Lord. (Photo by Al Monner)

Antecedents

The Law of God exact he shall fulfil
Both by obedience and by love, though love
Alone fulfil the Law; thy punishment
He shall endure, by coming in the flesh
To a reproachful life and cursed death,
Proclaiming life to all who shall believe
In his redemption, and that his obedience
Imputed becomes theirs by faith—his merits
To save them, not their own, though legal,
works.
For this he shall live hated, be blasphemed,
Seized on by force, judged, and to death
condemned

A shameful and accursed, nailed to the Cross
By his own nation, slain for bringing life;
But to the cross he nails thy enemies—
The Law that is against thee, and the sins
Of all mankind, with him there crucified,
Never to hurt them more who rightly trust
In this his satisfaction. So he dies,
But soon revives; Death over him no power
Shall long usurp. Ere the third dawning light
Return, the stars of morn shall see him rise
Out of his grave, fresh as the dawning light,
Thy ransom paid, which Man from Death
redeems—

His death for Man, as many as offered life
Neglect not, and the benefit imbrace
By faith not void of works.

—John Milton, *Paradise Lost*

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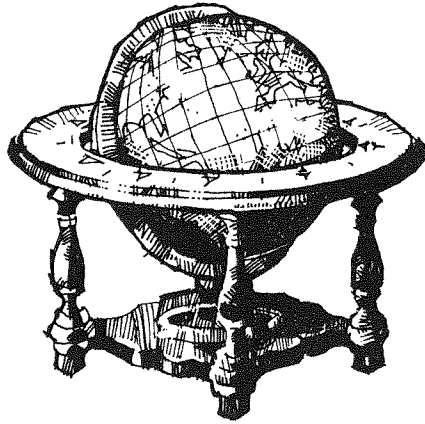
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NEW DIRECTORS NAMED

MARION, INDIANA—A former missionary to India and more recently director of field ministries, Dr. Hollis F. Abbott, has been elected to the office of general director of the World Gospel Mission to succeed Dr. George R. Warner.

MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA—The coordinating director of the November, 1968 Asia-South Pacific Congress on Evangelism, Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham, will become president of World Vision International on July 1, 1969. He will leave his present post as vice-president of overseas operations with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to take up this new post. —E.P. News Service

MISSION FIELD TRIP

WICHITA, KANSAS (EFA)—The mission staff and the African Church have long encouraged regular visitation to Burundi to get a firsthand look at the Kansas Yearly Meeting mission work there. Howard Roberts, president of the Board of Missions, and Fred Littlefield, general superintendent of Kansas Yearly Meeting, left February 11 to spend one month visiting the different stations, to get a view of the various phases of the work, and to enjoy fellowship with the African Church.

NAE-EFMA CONVENTIONS SLATED FOR APRIL 15-17

WHEATON, ILLINOIS—The 1969 NAE Convention will convene at the Netherland Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 15-17, featuring workshops, seminars and general preaching services.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, NAE general director, writes: "At a time when so many are depreciating the church and its ministry, it is our intention to speak forthrightly concerning the purpose and relevancy of the church. . . . That is why this 27th Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals is of such importance."

Studies of successful involvement of

individuals overseas and at home in the extension of the church will be featured in the 24th convention of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, according to EFMA Executive Secretary Clyde W. Taylor.

The EFMA convention will be held simultaneously with the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals. The two conventions will stress the theme, "A Vital Church—Concerned, Committed, Conquering."

72,000 HEAR GRAHAM AT CLOSE OF NEW ZEALAND EFFORT

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND—The largest combined audience ever to participate in a religious event in this country's 200-year history gathered for the closing service of the Billy Graham Auckland Crusade, March 2.

A bomb threat, Vietnam demonstrators, and threatening rain clouds failed to disturb the 42,000 persons at the Western Springs Auto Speedway. In addition to this "live" audience, an estimated 30,000 persons joined the services at the speedway by sound relay in 81 cities and towns from Kaitia in the extreme north to Invercargill in the southern part of the country. —E.P. News Service

U.S. 'APOLLO 8' STAMP FEATURES GENESIS QUOTATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Post Office Department has revised its Apollo 8 commemorative stamp to include the words from Genesis, "In the beginning God . . ." Originally the stamp was to show the earth from a lunar position, with the simple designation "Apollo 8." In response to numerous requests from across the nation, Postmaster Blount ordered the stamp revised to include the first phrase of the Bible.

He explained that the reading from outer space Christmas Eve by the astronauts has "become closely associated with the Apollo 8 flight in the public mind, and it seems imminently appropriate that the quotation should appear on the stamp commemorating the event."

—E.P. News Service

MALONE COLLEGE DEBATE TEAM HAS TOP RATING

CANTON, OHIO (EFA)—Debating both the affirmative and negative sides of the question, "Resolved that the executive control of the United States foreign policy should be significantly curtailed," Don Green, a sophomore from the Canton First Friends Church, and Denny Robinson from East Sparta, Ohio, have scored wins which have placed them in the top three places in ten out of eleven national tournaments since September.

One of the team's most gratifying performances came on February 28 and

March 1 when Green and Robinson placed second in the Southern Connecticut National Invitational Debate Tournament. This was the first time one of the top three trophies from this tourney has ever gone to a school west of New York.

FRIENDS ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

JOLIET, ILLINOIS (EFA)—On May 2, 3, and 4, 1969, the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs will convene for their annual meeting at Wyandotte, Oklahoma. This will be their Centennial Session and a pageant is being prepared for presentation on May 3 on the Seneca Indian School campus at Wyandotte.

HCJB CONGRATULATED ON 37th

QUITO, ECUADOR—The world's oldest missionary broadcasting organization reached its 37th birthday anniversary here. Highlighting the celebration was a three-and-a-half hour TV program on HCJB's Channel 4, which featured high-ranking government and civic figures, outstanding musical groups, and interviews with the station's leaders.

—E.P. News Service

VETERAN FRIENDS MISSIONARIES FOR WGM MOVE TO INDONESIA

John and Laura Trachsel, veteran missionaries to China and Taiwan under the World Gospel Mission moved in February to Indonesia where they will open a new WGM field.

Trachsels initiated their missionary career on the China mainland, but were forced to withdraw as Communist forces took over the country. A short time of service in India and Beirut has been followed more currently with a ministry of evangelization and establishing churches on the island of Formosa.

Six months are to be devoted to the study of Malay before the Trachsels enter into their new work on this populous island of Java. Trachsels' new address is Box 312, Bandung, Indonesia.

RESULTS OF 'BREAD AND LIFE THROUGH SHARING'

A late report from the World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals indicates that they had received the following amounts (as of March 7) from the yearly meetings of the Evangelical Friends Alliance in response to last November's "Bread and Life through Sharing" appeal:

Kansas Yearly Meeting	\$ 609.96
Ohio Yearly Meeting	2,562.13
Oregon Yearly Meeting	3,426.75
Rocky Mountain Y. M.	56.00
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Easter and Christian concern

CONCERN: A word combining and intermingling the human emotions of compassion, affection, anxiety, and uneasiness of mind.

The word *concern* has often been called a “good Quaker word,” probably because the Quaker record is so replete with the testimony of people who were motivated to do good works because they were “stirred up” to compassionate action in attempts to counter evil and human misery with Christian alternatives wherever they found them. A Christian concern, born out of love, ought to carry through to action, whether that action be an intercessory prayer for God’s intervention or in an actual practical application. Someone has said, “You cannot long be indifferent to those for whom you pray.”

We Friends, of course, have no private corner on this good word, even as it is used here in the Christian context. In itself the word has no particular virtue, for it is only a means to an end—and unless the end or objective is realized or at least attempted, the result may be only confusion and frustration.

The Apostle Paul must have been mightily concerned as he waited at Athens for his traveling companions, Silas and Timothy, to join him. Paul, being a strict Jew, had been taught from his youth to abhor idolatry, and here in Athens he found himself in the very vortex of a mad whirl of pagan idol worship. Probably Athens was then the world’s very capital of such heathen worship. No wonder that Paul’s spirit was stirred by deep concern as he saw the whole city devoted to such earthly, meaningless practice!

Paul was no calamity-howler, no frantic hand-wringer. He rather dealt first with the religious leaders in the Jewish community and all others who were willing to listen to his reasoning on the validity of the Christian Gospel and the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. And then came the official invitation of the Areopagus, a court of 12 judges, for Paul

to publicly present his concern, and it was here where Paul, in the very midst of Grecian world-famous architecture, and the highest political and religious culture of his day, delivered that memorable sermon on the promontory of Mars’ Hill, declaring the sufficiency and power of Jesus and the historic fact of His resurrection as the real answer to their heart-cry for a “known” God.

Paul didn’t rush into this repulsive situation, defacing or tearing down their idols which his soul loathed. Rather, he preached a Gospel calculated to make men tear down their own idols! We Christians may sometimes feel a crusading spirit to “lay into” the establishment of evil in the world with all our powers. But Christian concern, fired by holy zeal and controlled by love, finds its most effective tool in providing the Good News of a better way.

If we are against anything, we ought to be for something better. If we are against war, we ought to be promoters

and examples of peace; if we are against current moral permissiveness and moral decline, we should be personally upholding and demonstrating purity, honesty, and goodness; if we are against spiritual lethargy and low levels of concern in the church, we ought to be plunging into the problem on the local scene and everywhere, showing our fellow church members how it ought and how it can work successfully. How many concerns committed to Christians end up in that neat little pigeonhole labeled “Referred to the pastor”!

Christian concern is a matter of the heart. Christian involvement is a matter of the will. Either, without the other, leads only to confusion with no real problems solved.

The Easter season ought to be the apex of glorious Christian celebration and witness for the individual Christian and for the church. Too often, as with other high days of Christian commemoration, we feel the necessity of continuing tradition more than discovering new and more effective ways of communicating the Christian message.

Isn’t it strange, that in the very celebration of Life there should be found such a dearth of the power of that Life among us today? Surely we have our “annual” (that means only once a year) program. Springtime adds to the beauty of the day, and we dust off the Easter story and the Easter songs for one more use and then forget that the resurrection is really at the heart of our continuing life in Him. The early followers of Jesus must have known this to be true, for it is reported of them that their greetings to one another would often be the enthusiastic and glad exclamation, “Christ is risen,” to which would come the resounding reply, “He is risen, indeed.”

Somehow, it seems that Easter and Christian concern belong to each other. Easter will be a wonderful day, with its early morning sunrise services, breakfasts together with friends and family, the beautiful cantatas, great organ music, and



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a special message by the pastor that will lift us into heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Easter is a high day for the Christian. It should be.

Rummaging through old files of our former yearly meeting magazine, the *Northwest Friend*, I was struck with the editorial for the Easter issue, 1955, written by the late Ray L. Carter, beloved Friends pastor for many years and another of God's friends. In part, he put the Easter challenge thus:

"On that first Easter morning, when the angel spoke to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, he said three things which we would do well to ponder.

"First, he made an all-important statement—'He is risen.'

"Second, he offered convincing proof of that statement—'Come—see.'

"Third, he gave a commission to those who heard the statement and saw the proof—'Go and tell.'

"These three things are interrelated. The angel would never have asked them to tell what they had not seen, and they could not have seen what did not exist. There was first the empty tomb, then the invitation to see it, and finally the demand to go and tell.

"These things are not only intimately related; they are in necessary and vital sequence. . . . Going and telling, therefore, witnessing to a risen Lord, is to the Christian the challenge of the resurrection.

"During those memorable days between His resurrection and ascension, He said to His disciples, 'Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . .' And finally, when He was about to ascend up to the Father, He said again to His disciples, 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . .' (Matthew 28:18, 19) Evidently our Lord's concern for us is that we be His witnesses—go and tell—declare and demonstrate His life and power."

And so, for us, we pray "Amen. So let it be." —D.G.

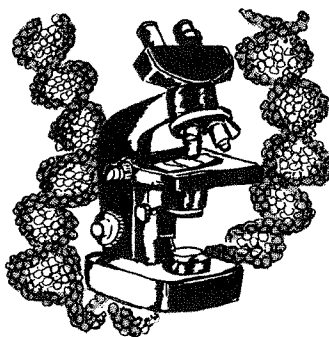
EFA SESSIONS, APRIL 22-25

Members in Kansas, Ohio, Oregon, and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meetings are requested to pray for their representatives as the five commissions of the Evangelical Friends Alliance meet in annual session at Quaker Ridge Camp in Colorado, April 22-25.

CHILDREN'S PAGE SOLUTION:

I go to prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also. I am the way and the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me. Keep my commandments.

Science and Christian Thought



Embryonic Christianity

BY GORDON W. MARTIN

Have you ever considered the process of life and how it develops? All animals that begin life in the union of a single cell from each male and female parent develop by the same basic process. First, the male and female gametes fuse and mingle their genetic material. The entry of the male gamete activates the egg and development begins as the zygote, formed by fusion of the gametes, begins to divide over and over. All the billions of cells in the body are formed by this process and it doesn't take very long to form the body considering the vast increase in bulk from the single cell beginning. As an example, if each cell divides every hour, which is possible, over 15 million cells will be formed in the first 24 hours of life. From this we can understand why some of the smaller organisms develop from a single cell to birth in a very few days.

This universal process of development by cell multiplication is very interesting but what intrigues science more is how this mass of cells eventually turns out to closely resemble or reflect the image of the parents. We now know that when the male parent "begets" the offspring it is endowed with all the characteristics of each parent. Both parents contribute only a single cell, yet the resulting embryo has, at the moment of union, all the characteristics it will ever have. However, these characteristics are not immediately manifest in outward appearance, but rather are contained in the embryo in an "encoded" form which will only be unfolded as the embryo grows and matures.

This code is in the form of very complex molecules (DNA) linked together in a specific pattern similar to forming words from the Morse Code symbols—the number of combinations and thus possible characteristics are infinite. Because of this *ad infinitum* capacity, no two individual organisms are exactly alike. This is a marvelous, mysterious process that no one but God fully comprehends.

The same process, even more marvel-

ous and incomprehensible, occurs when we are born of God (1 John 5:1). Have you ever considered the fact that when we believe and accept Jesus as God's Son we are born of, or begotten by, God! Our spiritual life, including all the characteristics of God, is then initiated. We are reborn into the original image that God had in mind for man in the first place. However, just as our physical being begins in an embryonic form so does our spiritual being. Our embryonic image of God must be unfolded and "decoded" by the Holy Spirit and only in this way will we come more and more to resemble Christ, the true image of God. We are in or after the image of God while Christ actually *is* the image of God; there is a vast difference.

The main function of the Holy Spirit is to cause the spiritual embryo to grow and mature, to come closer and closer to Christ's true image. Some Christians, I'm afraid, never get past the embryonic stage. In heaven this image will be perfect and we will actually be the image of God as is Christ and thus we will be able to have perfect fellowship with Him. We can never attain this perfection of fellowship on earth while encased in our "humanness," but neither must we be content to remain spiritual fetuses all our lives. The writer of Hebrews admonishes us to get beyond the embryonic stage in our development (Hebrews 6:1-3). With the Holy Spirit's help we should be learning deeper and deeper truths—thus perfecting our image, and not continually relaying the foundations. Paul considered his personal image of God imperfect and thanked God for the promise of perfection in heaven, *but* he considered it possible to attain a *more perfect* image than he then had while on earth. He pressed on toward a more perfect reflection of God in his own life (Philippians 3:12-16).

Only the characteristics of God that we receive as His offspring distinguish us from the animals. Hopefully we become less animal-like every day, not by our own efforts but as our animal nature is replaced by the nature of God.

This is the first of a monthly series to appear for several issues of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND. The writer, Dr. Gordon W. Martin, is an associate professor in the Department of Biology at Seattle Pacific College and a member of Friends Memorial Church in Seattle. He is well-qualified, both as a scientist and as a Christian, to present "Science and Christian Thought."

Remembering our men in the military service



Arthur Detweiler is a layman in Ohio Yearly Meeting and presents this article as his concern for us to remember our men in service. He is Service Personnel Director of the Moral Action Board of his yearly meeting and resides in West Liberty, Ohio.

War has always been very foolish, wrong, and distasteful to me. During the first World War—as a teen-ager too young for the draft but not too young to see the many problems, heartaches, and grief it caused to many people—I could not reconcile war with Jesus' teaching, with the Sermon on the Mount, and with many other clear statements in the Bible.

Thus it was that I started writing to several young men from my home church who were drafted during World War I. Some were C.O.'s and suffered much, while others entered the conflict. I made no difference but wrote to both. How thrilled I was when they answered.

When World War II came along I was just a little too old for the draft. While I am no better than my friends, I do thank the good Lord that He allowed me to escape the experience, but it hasn't weakened my sympathy for those who are called by the national draft law. However, in World War II I was more mature in the Christian faith and saw from my own church and community men leave for the service who were not Christians. This concerned me greatly. With promptings from God I felt compelled to help them in their disappointment and troubled consciences, their loneliness and fears. I started collecting names and addresses and writing to them as time would permit. Only a few answered my letters but I greatly appreciated those who did. One in particular, who delighted to argue in the Sunday school class at home, but who was now experiencing front line conflict, begged me and others to pray for him and acknowledged that only God could keep him.

Then during the Korean War, and after the National Conscription law became permanent by the acts of Congress, my sympathies again went out to those being drafted against their own wishes and for a war so needless as the Korean War.

Within this period of time two things happened that confirmed my future thoughts and action. First, I was appoint-

ed peace superintendent of Goshen (Ohio) Quarterly Meeting. With this added responsibility I decided to expand the work to include the whole quarterly meeting. After contacting each monthly meeting for addresses, the pastors of the quarterly meeting were asked to write the letter and all I had to do was to stencil, mimeograph, address envelopes, stuff and stamp them. The pastors cooperated very willingly.

Secondly, it was at this time that I first got acquainted with our dear Brother Warren Langdon. He became a great help and inspiration to me, and it was this man who persuaded me to extend the project to include the entire Ohio Yearly Meeting. I was quite hesitant to take on such a large work, but with Brother Langdon's promise of full cooperation, I am most happy that it was done. Since the financial involvement was now too much for me it was Warren Langdon that took the concern to the Yearly Meeting Finance Board and had my expenses reimbursed. For several years my mailing list numbered approximately 40 to 60. Yearly Meeting pastors were now being asked to write the letters which they have so nobly done. I want to express my sincere appreciation to all who have so graciously obliged the boys with a letter of comfort, cheer, instruction, and news from home.

Another service that was started in the 1950's was to send each man a devotional booklet. This was to help him in daily Bible reading, prayer, and meditation. It is designed to cover two months in each booklet. Personally, I feel that the letters and booklets fill a great need in the serviceman's daily life. My mailing list now fluctuates from 160 to 190 addresses each month. Almost two thirds are bound for overseas.

Several years ago I adopted a slogan at the close of my letters which read, "All we can do for the boys is not too much." May all of our Monthly Meetings take this challenge and do something about it.



Israel— modern yet ancient

The eyes of the world are constantly watching the Middle East. Most are watching it with apprehension, for it is a powder keg with the potential of engulfing the world in a war without precedent in its terribleness. The world leaders stand in awe as the Arabs and Jews rearm with bigger and better weapons than they had before the Six Day War.

During our stay in Israel (July 1966-July 1967) we were aware of the day-by-day military and political developments in the Middle East. But contrary to what one might think or read, the vast majority of Jews in Israel are not obsessed with the idea of an expanding Israel. You may ask then, "What does captivate the hearts and minds of the Israelis?" To give a short and simple answer to this question is not possible. However, there is a central theme which has interjected itself into almost every phase of Jewish life. This is the Bible. The Bible links the Jews to the past and to the land of Israel. The Bible and Jewish history are studied in depth from the time a child enters the first grade until he graduates from the university.

Let's take a brief look at how the Jew views his history, both biblical and modern, and then relate some of the links with his past as evidenced in Israel today.

The modern Jew sees a close link between his history and the land of Israel. Abraham was called to the land of Israel. When God made the covenant with Abraham, He said, "I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession." (Genesis 17:8) The biblical account then relates the sojourn of the Hebrews in the land of Egypt. After their stay of some 400 years, Moses brings the Hebrews out of Egyptian bondage to the Promised

Land and Joshua leads them into it.

We know the ensuing chapters of Jewish history so well: The division of the land among the 12 tribes, the period of the judges, the period of kings and prophets, the Assyrian Captivity of the ten northern tribes and later the Babylonian Captivity of the two southern tribes. After Nebuchadnezzar had destroyed the Temple and led the population into captivity, the future of Israel looked hopeless. The skeptic would have written *finis* at the end of this chapter of Jewish history. The religious center of the Jews was in ruins and the land (promised to them forever by God) was occupied by an alien power.

Regardless of how bleak the future may have looked at this point in history, the Babylonian exile may be regarded as a turning point in Jewish history. Two very important things happened during this exile which influenced the future of this dispersed people. First, the nation of Israel had been prone to be idolatrous almost from its very beginning. This tendency was wiped out once and for all. The exiles took the Scriptures with them and when they realized that their plight had been accurately predicted by the prophets, they underwent a spiritual reformation. And since that time the Jews have never returned to idolatry. Second, in the foreign country of Babylon, the Jews desired with every fiber of their beings to preserve their religious and national identity. This urge was so deeply imbedded in their hearts that it has been passed from generation to generation. A psalm once sung by the Jews in Babylon is still chanted by Jews around the world today: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy." (Psalm 137:5, 6)

It is true that many Jews returned to the Promised Land under the leadership of Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah, but we must remember that it was not an autonomous or independent state. Israel was still a province of a vast realm ruled from Babylon. It is interesting to note that in almost four thousand years of its known history, except for a brief period during the Crusades, the land of Israel never existed as a political entity save under Jewish rule. Under the Canaanites, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks, the Romans, the Arabs, the Turks, or the British, it was only an insignificant province of a greater empire.

The next great event in Jewish history was the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in A.D. 70. During these dark days tens of thousands of Jews were killed. Josephus estimated that nearly a million Jews were slaughtered. As a re-

sult of these severe persecutions the Jews were scattered around the world. The holy city of Jerusalem was no longer theirs—except for one day each year when the Jews were allowed to come and weep at the Wailing Wall. Throughout the Diaspora the Jews never forgot Jerusalem and their land, Israel. The flame of desire to return was kept burning by the promises in God's Word that said they would return, and by the numerous persecutions through which they had passed.

For centuries the Jews prayed at their religious festivals: "For our sins we have been exiled from our Land, and thrust away from our country . . . May it be thy will, O Lord our God and God of our fathers, that Thou again have mercy upon us . . . bring near those of us who are scattered among the nations and gather our dispersed from the four corners of the earth. Bring us to Zion, Thy city, in gladness and to Jerusalem, the site of Thy Temple, with everlasting joy." For centuries the Jews longed for the Messiah to come and looked for something supernatural to happen which would bring their salvation and return to Israel.

When the Jews finally did begin to return to Israel during the latter part of the nineteenth century it was a secular movement with nothing supernatural about it. In 1896, Theodore Herzl published a pamphlet called, *The Jewish State*, which called for the return of Jews to the Holy Land. The pamphlet was received with great enthusiasm and Zionist groups sprang up everywhere. Mr. Herzl realized that if the Jews were to ever have the land of Israel as their own the world must be made aware of the plight of the Jews. The Jews were successful in making some nations aware of their need. In response to this need Lord Balfour of Britain made his now famous Declaration which called for "the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people. . . ."

The Jews responded. They came to Israel by the thousands. By 1935 there were 300,000 Jews in Israel, buying land, draining and clearing swamps, and planting orchards. As the Jews came in, the Arabs responded. They revolted openly on many occasions and did everything in their power to impede the progress of Zionism. Finally the British responded. For fear of losing their oil interest in the Arab countries, Great Britain placated the Arabs by slowing the Jewish immigration to a trickle. Despite their efforts to halt the influx of Jews, they continued to come and the Arabs continued to rebel. The situation eventually got out of hand and Britain turned the problem over to the United Nations.

After much debate, the General As-

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Bruce Hicks, young Friends scholar, recently received his M.A. from the Institute of Holy Land Studies at Hebrew University in Israel. He is now teaching Hebrew at Western Evangelical Seminary.

Easter in Mexico

BY TINA KNIGHT

"Crucify him! Crucify him!"

The yelling mobs surge through the narrow streets, past the sidewalk vendors and on toward the hill outside the city. Soldiers in colorful garb and mounted on decorated steeds lead the way as thousands follow, crying, "Justice, justice . . . the cross for the Nazarene!"

A.D. 33?

No, this is Easter time, 1969, in Mexico City. Beginning on Thursday, as for centuries past since the Spaniards brought the story of that first Holy Week to the people of Mexico, there are varied reenactments of the agony in the garden, Pilate's judgment hall, the crucifixion and the death of Judas.

The Lenten season with its purple draping of the ornate statues of Mexico's churches is the most exciting and sacred time for the Mexican. Thousands throng to the churchyard to caress and kiss the prostrate bronze figure of "Christ." Midnight processions of *penitentes* with bundles of thorned sticks and twigs move through the streets.

Colorful robed figures portray the Easter story with Latin exuberance and

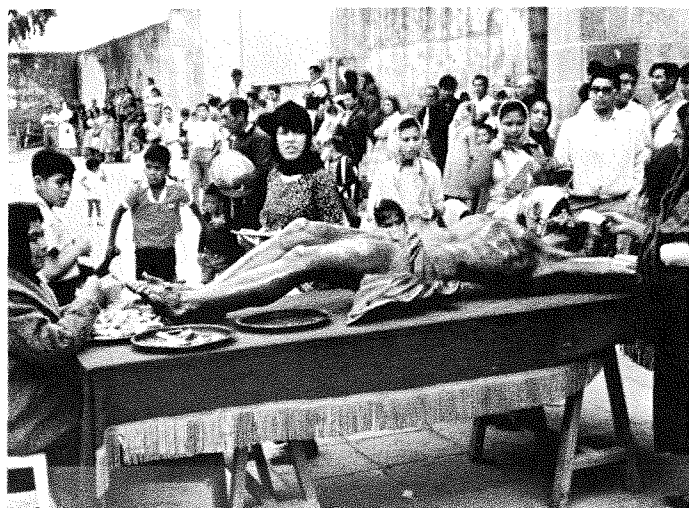
dramatics. Long hours are spent creating a very realistic Garden of Gethsemane, complete with cages of birds. Very late on Thursday a figure of Christ is seated in the garden. Although they know where he is they will search through the day and after finding him, he is seized and carried away captive to the church.

On Friday morning thousands throng the narrow streets to see the trial and crucifixion reenacted. A cast of 350 participate in the drama. There is much vying for favorite parts—butchers, shoemakers, restaurant operators, factory workers, and housewives—but the honored part of "Christ" is effectively played by a cab driver, who causes slight wounds on his forehead when he vigorously clamps on the thorny crown. Pontius Pilate, a storekeeper, solemnly washes his hands of the whole affair and "Christ" is turned over to a howling mob, which presses on to the Hill of the Star, the hill where ancient Aztecs in impressive drama periodically relighted the fires to herald the continued life of the world. There three crosses are planted with their victims tied in place. By three o'clock in the

afternoon the drama is finished and thousands mill about in clouds of dust while centurions ride their horses down the slope with purple capes flying in the wind.

Markets throughout the land do a brisk business in advance of Holy Saturday selling whistles, rattles, and fireworks to help celebrate the Resurrection noisily. But the favorite noisemaker is the papier mache Judas figurine which is stuffed with firecrackers. Sometime after midnight the peak of excitement is reached when crowds gather in the churchyards to usher in the Resurrection day by burning "Judas" to the accompaniment of whistles and cheers.

An Easter sunrise bursts over twin volcanoes, Ixtaccihuatl and Popocatepetl, to find most of Mexico City asleep. Here and there a servant girl sweeps the street but otherwise, all is quiet. No sound of church bells. Traffic has dwindled to nothing. But later in the morning a few faithful hurry to Easter services and lustily join in the singing of, "He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today." They know the real meaning of Easter.



As part of the Easter celebration in Mexico, thousands throng the churchyard to touch the bronze likeness of Christ.



Figures of the Virgin Mary and an apostle are carried through the streets during the Holy Week observance in Mexico City.

'I'll have a white robe'

BY GERRY CUSTER

She was such a tiny thing, yet so full of life. She would run up my path laughing like a child. This was Bindariye, one of Kibimba's saints who loves the Lord and His people. So many times she came to my door with a basket of peanuts, corn, sweet potatoes, or some greens she had picked as a love gift. Her possessions were few and we felt she needed the food more than we, but it would have been a great insult to refuse to accept her gifts.

I have never seen a Murundi woman who loved her husband as Bindariye did and his death was a blow to her. Only after months did she laugh again though Jesus was still her peace and joy.

Whenever a school was being built, she would be there to carry water for making mud or do whatever else she could to help. At Quarterly Meeting time she was faithful to bring of her meager store to help with the feeding. The sick knew she would be there to visit them with a gift of food.

Close to a year ago she became blind and only as her granddaughter led her with a stick could she get around. Her heart yearned to be in her Lord's house once more and to bid farewell to the place that had been so dear to her through the years. So her granddaughter led her with a stick over the hills and through the valleys—the miles that lay between her house and the mission. I fed them, then took them to church in my car. Instead of sitting so straight and enjoying it as before it made her dizzy. Again she sang with the others. Her heart was full of praise to her Savior so she gave her testimony. Some laughed as they always had, but others were moved. Since that time she was in the hospital a few days.

One day Marjorie Rawson, two of the dispensers and I went to visit her. The shadows were long, the air cool. The granddaughter had built a fire in the house and was cooking the evening meal.

Gerry Custer is a nurse at the Kibimba Hospital in Burundi, Africa.

Through the bamboo partition we could see the clay pot on the three stones and the fire blazing beneath. A dirty, well-worn mat was spread outside and they carried Bindariye out for us to see though they had said she was dying. This is a common expression, but as we looked at her we feared it was true this time. The coffee we gave her seemed to revive her and after a moment she understood who we were and talked with us. Banderekeye picked an odd portion to read from John that began by the Greeks asking to see Jesus and going on to talk about a corn of wheat dying and eternal life. Then it didn't seem so odd. It was the picture before us. This child of God would soon see Him and said she wanted to go. She had always liked nice smelling soap so we took a bar of Lux. Now her sights were set higher and she said, "Jesus has washed me." We put the sweater on her as her arms were cold and put the warm skirt and blanket under her head. She appreciated them, but said they would be left for others as she'd wear them just a short time and then she'd have a WHITE ROBE!

She wanted us to know that her daughter had repented and that was a source of joy to her. However, there was another thought that bothered her. She had had no tithe to bring for so long. We assured her that Jesus knew all about her situation and she had nothing to fear. Just a week ago when we visited her she joined in singing with us and said she never went to bed at night without singing some of the hymns and praying. After having some coffee she wanted to share it with her granddaughter and when she heard a baby crying wanted us to give some to the sick child. Even in the last days of her life her thoughts are for others. She would ask about various ones and send greetings to them. Before we left she gripped our hands and had something to say to each. Only with reluctance did she let us go, knowing perhaps that this was our last good-bye. Knowing it would probably be in heaven,

I said, "We'll be seeing you."

Sad, and with tears close, we found our way through the gardens of beans, corn, sweet potatoes, and banana patches. This time I was glad for the narrow, crooked paths that necessitated our going single file.

Yet, why should we be sad? The corn of wheat is about to blossom into life eternal—one so much more lovely than anything she has ever known here. And the fruit? Only time will tell of its abundance. We have so much in comparison, but are we using it as effectively for Him?

Navajoland

*I love this land where God had room
To spread the mesas out,
To pile the mighty mountains up,
And scatter hills about.*

*And after all the massive things,
There still was room between
For arroyos and for rivers, and
For valleys cool and green.*

*Some call it God-forsaken,
But they never saw as I
The color of its sunsets,
And the deep blue of its sky.*

*Nor the brown mysterious people
That are scattered through the land;
Never saw in all these wonders
The creation of God's hand.*

*Could they look through purple distance
At the vision faith instills,
They would say as with the Psalmist,
"I will look unto the hills."*

*Oh, I love this land of distance
And of color and blue sky,
And of brown mysterious people,
Needing God the same as I.*

*And I'm glad for all the beauty
That reminds me of His love,
As I walk along beside Him
To more beauteous land above.*

—C. C. Brooks

The end of failure

BY ANNA NIXON

It was a pleasant autumn evening. In the rose-decorated classroom the Jhansi Mission Hospital nurses in gleaming white were slowly marching down the aisle to the rhythm of the little Esty organ. I had been asked to come as the graduation speaker because three of the graduates were from the Friends Church in Bundelkhand.

I sat beaming as they took their seats, as proud as any mother present. And as the service proceeded, the rough road each one of those girls had traveled began twisting and turning through my mind.

VIDHYAWATI—from Dhamorah, the village of Khub Chand. I remember the first time I saw her, a little pock-marked, bright-eyed girl. Her parents weren't yet Christians, and she was named after the smallpox goddess. Her uncle living with

them had leprosy. Her father was converted soon after I first met the family and the mother soon followed. They changed her name to Vidhyawati (daughter of wisdom) and sent her off to school. She lived up to her name and always stood at the top or near the top in her class. She's the first girl in her village to complete high school, and now the first to become a nurse.

RAHEL—from Gwara, the village where her first memories must be those of being driven with her parents from the village to the outskirts because they believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. Her father and uncle were beaten, but they held fast to their faith. Gradually a few more believed, but the hostility caused scores to go into hiding. Rahel was the only girl, the daughter of Pyari Lal. She was always smiling, for she didn't know how to do anything else. Back there in the village she still wouldn't know even how to read and write if it hadn't been for the dedicated Indian woman, Manorma Bai, who with great burden drilled and drilled, coaxed and coaxed, jawed and jawed, even to shouting in fearful anger, until finally some rhyme and reason of things began to take form in Rahel's light heart and head.

Everyone was surprised when Rahel passed her final high school examinations. So why shouldn't I be surprised as I saw her step forward with grace, maturity, and poise to receive her nursing diploma. Rahel was still smiling, but the smile had depth.

SALOMI—our last little mission orphan girl in Nowgong. When I arrived in India she was barely three years old and covered with sores from infected scabies. She seemed never to get over it. I used to hold her on my lap. Often I had to scold her. She seemed to ask for punishment. Once I cut her hair right off to the

scalp because she'd developed sores from too many lice. We got rid of the lice, but the big tears that rolled down her cheeks as the scissors snipped made me feel as if I were cutting into my own flesh. Only then did I realize what long braids meant to little girls of India, and by cutting them off what shame I was forcing upon Salomi. Lice or no lice, sores or no sores, I never tried that treatment again.

I remember one day she stood in chapel before the whole school with head lowered as the headmistress read off the marks. "Hindi—fail; English—fail; Arithmetic—fail; Geography—fail. Everything—fail." I burned with indignation at the cruelty of the headmistress, for I had not yet learned how much importance was attached to "Everything—pass," and I could not possibly grasp the strange psychology that the headmistress was using to shock her out of "fail" and into "pass." I pitied Salomi and would have spared her, for I *knew* in things academic, Salomi would always turn up with "everything—fail."

As my memory twisted painfully over that bumpy road, the head nurse started giving out the prizes. "To the best all-around nurse in our hospital—this top prize, the loving cup—goes to Salomi Coleman."

I hope no one saw my jaw drop and my eyes bug as Salomi stepped gracefully forward to receive this supreme award. Suddenly the snowy whiteness of all the nurses and doctors blended together into a cloudy mist and I quickly bowed my head in thanksgiving. "Oh, God," I prayed within my own heart, "Forgive me for my little faith. Forgive me for not understanding what You can do for anyone who puts his trust in You. And thank You for these trophies of your love—from Bundelkhand."

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Vidhyawati



Rahel



Salomi

Vidhyawati from Dhamorah, the first girl in her village to complete high school, and now the first to become a nurse, is pictured here (hand on baby) with other nurses at Jhansi Mission Hospital in India. Vidhyawati was one of three graduating nurses from the Friends Church of Bundelkhand.





BY MARJORIE LANDWERT

BUILDING YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The secret of building a Sunday school is found in your class! It is true that curriculum, proper grading, good facilities, and efficient administration help to make a Sunday school effective, but none of these will, by themselves, build a Sunday school. Sunday schools are built by workers and members contacting people.

Teachers must contact prospects, visitors, and absentees. In this day of the masses and machines, people are hungry for and will respond to the individual touch when it is given with genuine love and concern. If this seems like an impossible task to you, teacher, remember this can be done most effectively by involving your class. They may not only help you with your work but may be more effective than you are. The bonus in this system is that everyone who works at contacting people is enriched by the experience. Your members will grow, your class will grow and your Sunday school will grow when you work together to contact people for Christ.

SPRING CLEANING

April is the month when many housewives get out the sponges, mops, rubber gloves, paint brushes, and rug scrubbers to make war on winter's accumulation of dirt. It just might be that April would be a good month to do some spring cleaning around your church. The surroundings in which people worship and study have a profound influence on their attitudes. A cleaning or brightening may be just what your sanctuary or classroom needs.

Take a look at bulletin boards, cupboards, tables, chairs, walls, drapes, desks, file cabinets, pianos, lecterns, and other equipment in your church. Let's brighten things up inside as God is doing in nature outside.

WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES— MORE THAN SUNDAY

Those who know tell us that weekday activities are often the means of winning

children or youth to the Lord and the means of keeping them in the church. Weekday activities include such things as Pioneer Girls, Boys' Brigade, Christian Youth Crusaders, Caravan, Jet Cadets, or Bible clubs. Your yearly meeting endorses one of these or something similar as their weekday activity. Why not contact them for information on how to begin such a program. You may already have people in your church who work in scouting and would be happy to transfer those efforts to a similar Christ-centered activity. Let's help to save our children and youth with a program of weekday activities.

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Israel— modern yet ancient

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sembly allotted to the Jews several parts of Palestine. Israel became a nation on May 15, 1948. War between the Arabs and Jews broke out immediately and the Jews gained a little more land than was given to them by the UN. They were in their land, but they were not in their city.

The Jew in modern Israel may seem far removed from the Jews who lived under the reigns of the ancient kings of Israel. However, even today one cannot speak of the land of Israel or the people without speaking of the Bible. The Bible is not only the Jew's guide for life—it's his history! In a sense the Jew and the Old Testament seem inseparable. It is interesting that the Mohammedans call the Jews, "The People of the Book."

The Bible is closely linked with the land. Yes, the patriarchs, the judges, the kings and the prophets are the main characters in the divine drama, but can we imagine it taking place anywhere else but in the hills and the valleys and near the brooks and springs of the land of Israel? The Jews could never forget this land as long as they read the Bible. The links between the people, the land, and the Book are quite obvious; however, there are numerous other links with the past which one notices today.

The language of the Old Testament has been revived. The wars of A.D. 70 and A.D. 132 destroyed Judea, the center of Hebrew speech, and thus led to a complete cessation of the use of the Hebrew tongue in everyday speech. It was a dead language for centuries, but in 1879 Ben-Yehuda revived the Hebrew language. He hoped that it would become the national language of the Jews if they ever returned to Palestine. Today the courts, the marketplaces, and the schools abound with the sounds of the ancient tongue.

The Bible is widely used in modern Israel. Each morning Kol Israel, Israel's radio station, begins with a reading from the Psalms. In the evening a portion of Scripture is read and expounded by some Jewish biblical scholar. Bible quizzes are in vogue in Israel. The army, the schools, the radio, and all manner of organizations sponsor these quizzes. Each year Israel has a national champion who goes on to compete in the International Bible Contest held in Israel.

Israeli postage stamps depict motifs from the Bible. For instance, they have seven stamps which portray the story of creation in seven days. Their coins also reflect their biblical heritage.

The ranks in the Israeli Defense Forces are named from the hosts of biblical

Israel. They even use much of the same military strategy used by God's armies in the Old Testament.

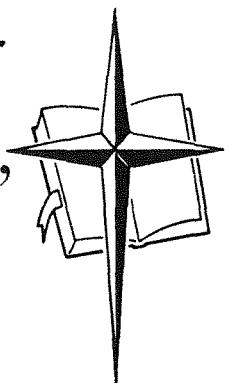
Israel abounds with the names of the Old Testament. Street names are invariably biblical. We lived on the Street of the Prophets in Jerusalem and daily walked down streets named after King David, King Solomon, and many of the Old Testament prophets. The children in Israel today have been named from the pages of the Book. One hears such names as Gideon, Joab, Deborah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob on the school playgrounds in Jerusalem. Place-names are being changed to the "correct" biblical name.

The ancient kingdoms of Israel and Judah seldom knew national peace. It was the exception rather than the rule. Modern Israel also knows no peace. The Jews are weary of wars and persecution. Their longing for peace is reflected in the common street greeting, *Shalom*, which means peace. This searching and longing for peace by the Israelis made a deeper impression on us than probably any other thing we observed in Israel. Having escaped either Arab persecution or Hitler's gas chambers they expected to find peace at last in Israel, but it has not come. It will never come until they meet the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ!

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Bert Hill

Christ is a person

The young man opened the door slowly and quietly. He didn't want to wake the family. Closing the door he walked out in the night. He had to be alone. Crossing the fence he walked away from the ranch house across the grass covered hills. The night was light for the moon was full and high in the sky. The stars were out in all their splendor. The heavens were doing their part in declaring the glory of God.

None of these things touched the young man for the gloom of night had settled upon him. Why had he let them talk him into teaching a Sunday school class? These young people were the ones he used to run with a few short weeks ago; the girls he had taken to the dances; the boys he had tipped the bottle with.

It seemed such a good idea when they told him he would be a witness for God—that God might use him to win some of these young people to Himself. Now that he had time to think, whom did he think he was? How could he teach the Bible? He hadn't been to Bible school; in fact he hadn't gone to Sunday school much before he was saved.

To make matters worse the Sunday school used only the Bible and each teacher worked out the lesson for his class. He started with high hopes on Monday but he knew so little. He prayed and studied but still he didn't know what to have. Now it was Saturday night; in a few hours he must face the class. He would stand before them and make a fool of himself. That would ruin his witness for the Lord; he wouldn't be able to win any of them to his Christ.

He poured out his heart to the Lord as he walked. He must have walked a mile or more from the ranch house. The night was still around him; there was no answer. He threw himself down on

a grass covered slope and lay there looking up at the stars. The beauty of the night was lost to him. He had come to the end of himself. There wasn't a lesson, there wasn't an answer to prayer, and there wasn't any way out.

Slowly he became aware that he wasn't alone. He looked around but couldn't see anyone. Still the presence of someone was so strong that he couldn't shake the feeling. The Presence surrounded him, filling his heart and thrilling him to the depth of his soul. How long that Presence stayed with him he never knew. The outward sense of the Presence slowly faded but he was not alone. Never again would he be alone, for the presence of Christ was dwelling within.

He walked back across the hills to the ranch house, filled with wonder at what had happened to him.

The Sunday school class? It was a success. One frightened young person, at the end of himself, plus the indwelling presence of Christ ensures success. The young man had learned what Paul meant when he said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

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Bert Hill, a layman in the Talent Friends Church in Oregon, submitted this article as a personal testimony. He is now Sunday school superintendent of his church.

The object lesson

BY BETTY HOCKETT

"Oh, boy! The sun is shining," said Perry as he looked out of his window.

"Goody!" yelled his twin sister Patsy from her room down the hall.

Perry started down the stairs. "For once we will have a good Saturday."

"Yeah, for once! Seems like we always have rain on Saturday!" Patsy was on her way downstairs, too.

"What'll we do today, Patsy?"

"I don't know. What shall we do?"

They were still trying to decide how to occupy their day when their mother made a suggestion. "Daddy is out getting things started so that we can plant part of our garden today. We could use some good help from two ambitious eleven-year-olds."

Perry looked at Patsy. "Well . . ."

Patsy looked at Perry. "Well . . ."

"Okay," they both said at once.

"That sounds like fun," said Perry.

"I think so, too," answered Patsy.

Right after breakfast, the whole Masters family was out in the garden. Chico, their brown dog with the fuzzy hair that stood up all over, was delighted with their company. He raced around the garden, sniffing at his well-known gopher holes and barking at the birds.

Mr. Masters stood back and looked over the situation. "You know, Mr. Stanley did such a good job of plowing and discing that I think all we need to do before planting is to rake it all down good and smooth. Perry, let's you and I rake while Mother and Patsy sort seeds." the seeds."

Soon everyone was busy. It was not long until Perry yelled, "We're all done, ready to plant."

"Good," answered Mrs. Masters. "Come help us sort these bulbs."

The twins looked at the pile of flower bulbs that their mother had dug out of the garden last fall. "What ever is this old thing with all of the dried stems sticking out of it?" asked Perry as he held up a brown bulb.

"Yeah, what is it?" echoed Patsy. "It

looks like a sweet potato or something!"

"That's a dahlia bulb," their mother replied. "And you're right—it does look like a yam, or sweet potato. Dahlias are *tuberous* plants like potatoes. In fact, this bulb is really called a *tuber*."

"Well, you can't use this one. There's nothing on here that will grow. All of these stems are hard and brown. Better just throw it away," suggested Perry.

Patsy bent to look in the box. "They all look that way to me. Shall we throw them all away?"

Mrs. Masters laughed. "Hey, you two! Wait a minute. Take a good look."

"We did," they answered together.

"No, I mean a *really* good look."

They turned the bulbs over in their hands, looking carefully.

"See anything different?" Mrs. Masters asked.

"Hey! Here beside the old stem is a little tiny thing that looks like it might be starting to grow," Perry said.

"This one has it, too." Patsy began to be excited. "Look, it's got three little bumps. Let's see if the other bulbs do, too."

In a short while they had looked at each dahlia bulb and were happily surprised to discover that almost all of them had signs of new growth around the old stems. Even Chico seemed happy as he kept up his merry chase around the yard.

As they were planting the dahlia tubers in the warm moist earth, Perry said, "You could've fooled me! I thought these things were too dried up to be of use this year."

"Yeah, me too," agreed Patsy.

"Say, that gives me an idea!" Mrs. Masters remarked. "I am supposed to

have an object lesson about Easter in Sunday school next Sunday. I think I will use one of these bulbs."

"How can you get Easter out of a dahlia bulb?" questioned Perry.

"Your mother will think of some way," laughed Mr. Masters.

"Well, I was just thinking. You two thought at first glance that these dahlia tubers were worthless. You figured that nothing good could come from them again. In fact, you were ready to give up the whole dahlia project. Isn't that the way Jesus' disciples felt when He was crucified? Even though He had told them He would rise in three days they had not understood Him. When He was on the cross and then in the tomb they thought it was final and that it was the end of things. They were probably ready to give up, too. When Jesus arose from the grave, He proved that God had the power to bring new life from something that *looks* dead and useless. This example of new life comes every spring when the flowers and trees and shrubs get their new growth."

"Good thinking," said Mr. Masters.

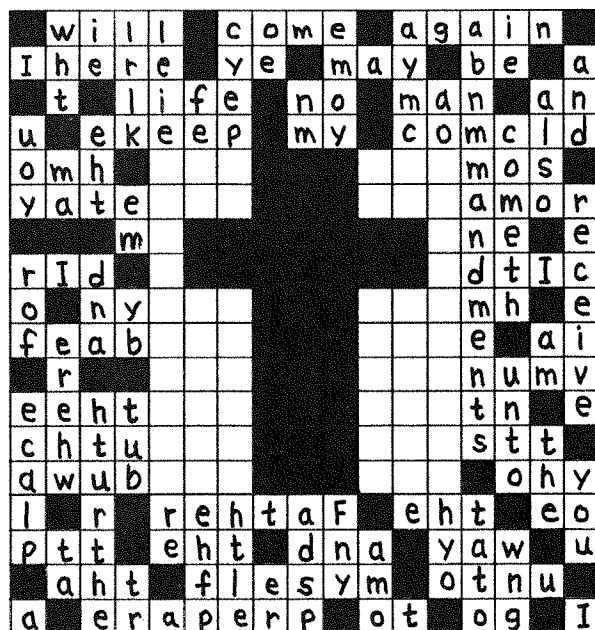
"Come to think of it," began Perry in a grown-up tone of voice, "the birch tree over by the garage does look dead. I s'pose, though, the leaves will grow on it again, just like they do every year. I just hadn't thought about it that way before."

"Neither had I," said Patsy. "But now I'll probably always think of Easter when the dahlias bloom in the fall."

"Yeah, me too!" Perry remarked. Then he grinned widely. "That's silly . . . who ever heard of an Easter *dahlia*! Oh well, that's my sister for you!"

SCRIPTURE PUZZLE

Starting in the *bottom right* corner, read *clockwise* around and around to find the important message from Jesus. You can read His words in John 14:1-6, 15.



(Puzzle solution is on page 6)

From tradition to mission

"This is just not the same church it was seven years ago. There is simply no comparison!" Spoken by a faithful member, these words describe concisely the wonderful change that has taken place in the congregation at the Salem, Iowa, Friends Church, during the past few years.

This is the story of God's wondrous work in how He effected that change.

Founded as a Monthly Meeting on October 10, 1838, it was the first Friends Meeting to be established west of the Mississippi river. As were many early Friends churches, it was the founder of a complete church-related school system in Salem (elementary through college) and the ardent defender of human rights and liberty in the days of slavery. Salemites claim it is here the term "Underground Railroad" originated as slaves fled out of Missouri a few miles to the south. Always staunchly firm in evangelical faith, it continues to survive in a dwindling, small-town, rural community.

However, like so many such historic churches—both Friends and others—Salem Friends had settled into a rut of routine and self-satisfaction. While evangelical principles and doctrine were steadfastly held, the annual "revival meeting" duly conducted, and evening services zealously maintained, real, vital life was at low ebb. Services had become a substitute for service; program for passion; loyalty for love. The people, though assuredly good Christians, were blissfully unaware of any challenge beyond the status quo. While a few persons had gone out of its confines into full-time ministry over its 125 years, no trace could be found of its having spawned a single foreign missionary! Of the present generation of adults, only one man had received and answered a call to the ministry directly through this church. Embarrassingly, missionary giving in 1961 stood at \$235.00—the bare mini-

mum requested through the United Budget of Five Years Meeting (now Friends United Meeting).

Now, God has wondrously placed a new picture in the old frame! Located in a static community with a resident active membership of less than 100, the church has become a dynamic center of evangelism and missionary outreach. Missionary giving has increased more than four thousand percent. From struggling to meet the nebulous United Budget apportionment, the church has now advanced to generous support of 22 missionaries around the world. A number of projects are undertaken in mission fields. Here is the missionary giving since 1961:

Year	Missionary giving	Local budget
1960-61	\$ 235	\$6,242
1961-62	699	7,000
1962-63	2,423	7,812
*1964	3,152	7,111
1965	3,659	8,698
1966	5,173	7,588
1967	7,318	8,811
1968	†9,083	9,625

*Change from midyear to calendar-year bookkeeping

†Faith promises, final figure of giving not available at present

At the same time, church membership has increased 15 percent. More than a tithe of the membership is now on the mission field, or preparing for full-time ministry at home or abroad. Moving scenes in recent years have been the response of several young people still in elementary or high school to the invitation to commit their lives to God's will for them in His work. Numerous plant improvements have been made.

Most amazing has been the spiritual transformation in the life of the members. Significant strides are evidenced repeatedly in their learning to walk by faith instead of by sight. Young people now commonly consider God's will for their lives, and the church faithfully supports them in it. Prayer cells and groups have sprung up. Willing and faithful involve-

ment in the work of the church is common practice. Significant is a remark by one of the town's citizens: "What has happened to those young people at the Friends Church? They used to always be on the streets at night. Now they're always at the church."

As pastor during these transitional years, I should testify that the change began in my own heart. Dissatisfied with a lack of accomplishment and usefulness in pastoral work, I left the pastorate and enrolled in seminary in 1957. While there, God not only brought satisfaction to personal spiritual hungers; through the strong missionary emphasis of the school He also opened to me new visions of His intent and commission to His church for the world of lost souls. Denied my own desire to become a foreign missionary, I determined to do my utmost to infuse others with such a vision.

God's direction was clear to the pastorate of the Salem Church in September, 1961. He began to open doors to bring into this congregation the ministry of missionaries, not only from the Friends' Board, but also from various independent faith organizations.

The first major breakthrough came in March, 1962, when God poured out a great revival on the church and community. Under the evangelistic preaching of Marshal Cavit, Friends missionary to Bolivia, for two weeks there was not an invitation without results. More than 50 decisions, either for salvation, sanctification, or other needs, were made. The local Friday evening dance was canceled because no one came!

This meeting, coupled with Marshal Cavit's missionary witness, opened the way for a fall missionary convention. James Lentz of the World Gospel Mission was the principal speaker. Other missionaries from Friends and other organizations were also present. A faith-promise goal of \$2,000 was advanced. The congregation was gloriously amazed when the pledges reached \$2,300.00 with actual receipts exceeding that by \$143.00.

Roscoe B. Townsend is now instructor of Bible and missions at Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas.

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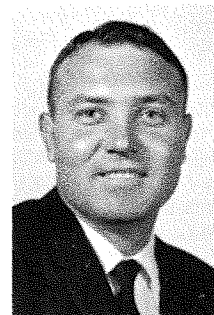
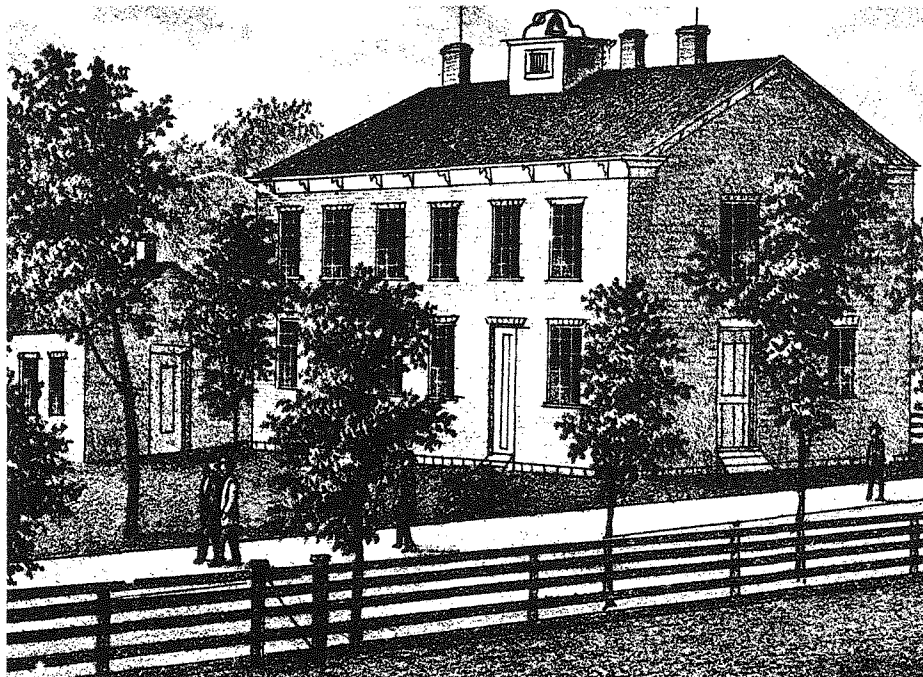
A week-long missionary convention is now held each November. The financial goal is increased year after year. Between conventions, a strong missionary emphasis is maintained throughout the year. Missionary sermons, missionary prayer meetings, a missionary prayer band, monthly reports in Sunday school, bulletin inserts, a missionary bulletin board, letters to and from missionaries, and missionary speakers, are only a few of the methods employed. A number of the members take a part of their vacations to attend national missionary conventions. In 1967 the church sent their pastor on a missionary crusade to Haiti. Other members have gone on similar crusades.

The program is built around a five-point missionary philosophy:

1. The supreme task of the Church is to continue the work which Christ came to begin—to seek and to save the lost.
2. To fulfill this task the Church must have the Spirit and vision of Christ: (a) to acquaint themselves with the need; (b) allow the Spirit to direct how this need is to be met; (c) be implicitly obedient; and (d) be fully consecrated to the task.
3. Since Christ's vision embraces the whole world, there can be no boundaries—racial, financial, political, organizational, or otherwise.
4. The many methods and motives must be kept within the centrality of the person of Jesus Christ, and directed by His Holy Spirit.
5. All must be done in faith.

Salem Friends seeks to carry out a balanced program. Denominational and interdenominational facilities are employed. Home and foreign missions are combined into the mission of the church. Church renewal and church extension are both emphasized. Evangelism and social action link hands in partnership.

Yes, Salem Friends Church "is just not the same church it used to be." A new vision has made it come alive—to God's glory. It can happen in any church.



The Friends meeting in Salem was the first in Iowa. The drawing above was of their meetinghouse as erected in 1856. The photo is the church as it looked on its 130th anniversary in the fall of 1968. Photos at right are of Roscoe B. Townsend, writer of this article and former pastor (top), and Waylen Brown, present pastor.

Report from Korea

BY JERRY SANDOZ

I remember very well the end of May, 1968, when I was faced with the difficult decision of whether to stay in Vietnam until the end of my 27-month assignment or go to Korea and extend my length of tour by a year or so.

Dr. J. Elmer Kilbourne of the Oriental Missionary Society, who has headed up the National Association of Evangelicals World Relief Commission program in Korea since its beginning in 1957, was due to leave on furlough in June and WRC needed someone to take his place while he was gone. So I was asked if I would be interested in transferring to Korea. I wanted very much to go to Korea, but I wanted to do what the Lord would have me to do. As I prayed, it seemed the Lord's leading was to go to Korea. I am assured this was the right decision.

The World Relief Commission has two major programs in Korea. The first is the assistance of institutions and small work projects with food, clothing, and medicines. The second is a large 15,000-acre land reclamation project.

At the present time WRC is helping to feed over 49,000 people here in Korea with U.S. Government surplus foods. We also distribute clothing and medicines which have been donated by people in the United States. Through this assistance we are aiding 74 orphanages, 80 day nurseries, 28 school lunch programs, six

widows' homes, three leper colonies, and one TB home. The self-help community development projects—giving food for service rendered—help to feed about 15,000 needy people who have no money or jobs.

Our large land reclamation project, planned jointly by WRC and the Korean government and which we call the "Honam Project," was started in the beginning of 1967 and should be finished the end of 1971. The purpose of the project is to convert 15,000 acres of wasteland into productive farmland. We are building a 250-acre reservoir to store water for irrigation purposes.

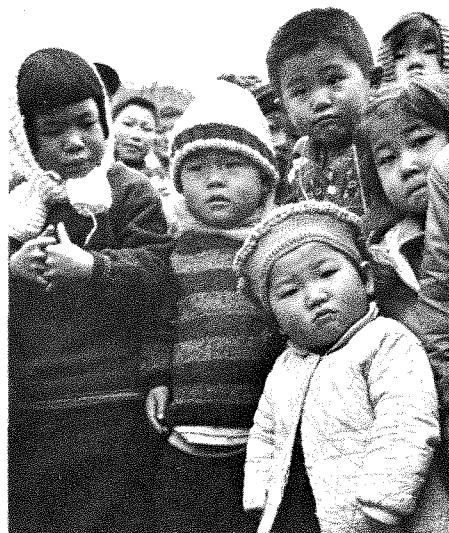
My work in Korea takes me to many parts of the country. Korea is a beautiful country. But the thing that captures my heart is the children. Since much of our work is with orphanages and day nurseries I get to see many children. It thrills my heart to see how some of these orphanage directors have sacrificed to give a home for children whom people didn't want. They strive to teach them about Jesus and to teach them Bible stories and Bible songs. The Day Nursery Program, which WRC started in Korea, is another wonderful opportunity to teach children about Christ. In many of the poorer families the mothers have to work and have no place to send their preschool children. WRC has started 80 day nurseries throughout the country.

One of the most humbling and wonderful experiences I have ever had was this past Christmas season at the Inchon Blind School. I wish you could have seen the real joy in their faces as the students sang Christmas carols and praises of our Lord. It made me wonder why I was not more thankful for the things that God has given me. These kids really knew and loved what they were singing about. I have eyes and I can see; their physical eyes are blind. I have a nice warm house to live in during the winter; their classrooms and bedrooms are very cold. I have nice clothes to wear; they don't have many clothes. I have a family that loves me; many of them don't even know who their families are. Why should they be so happy when they have so little? I'm glad that I can say it is because they love God and have His presence in their lives. I'm glad to say that I love the same God and He lives in my heart too.

Many people at home sacrifice and give much to help the people in Korea and other countries while the representatives on the field experience the real blessings and see the real results.

The longer I live in foreign countries, the more I am sure that God loves everyone and that Jesus died for everyone. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Jerry Sandoz was one of the three young men who made up the "Vietnam Team" from Oregon Yearly Meeting. Along with this report he submitted these photos: (1) Children at the Kim Chon Beggars' Village after presentation of hats and scarves. (2) Jerry receiving flowers from children at a day nursery in Mok Po. (3) Dr. Nathan Bailey, president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and his wife view a mulberry field—part of the "Honan Project"—with Jerry. (4) Jerry at the WRC Crippled Children's Home in Pusan.



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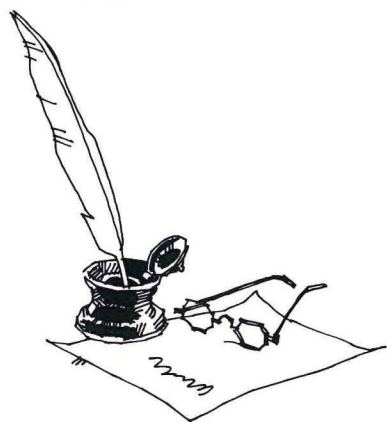
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Friends Write



I read your article [Harold Winn's "Pastoral Perspective"] in the February *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* and I emphatically disagree with you about children in church, and I will give you some of my reasons.

In the first place I was one of the most noisy, restless little girls, but I sat with my parents in church as far back as I can remember and they taught me that I was in God's house and that I must behave myself.

I'll admit that a crying baby should be quietly withdrawn but as for the other little children, parents should care for their physical needs before entering the church and then there would be no reason for their running around.

If a minister is having that kind of trouble with noisy little ones he should have a session with the parents as to how they should teach their children obedience in the home (where often it is neglected) and then they would not be trouble in the church. I'll admit that I did not understand the sermons, but for the world I would not have taken out of my mind the words of the dear old hymns, which were indelibly stamped on my memory, or the vision of other people sitting in reverence.

The first time I remember feeling the presence of God was in a little church where my father was a guest minister. I sat with my mother and as the people came in and sat down quietly I said to myself, "God is here." I was about five years old. I really could feel His presence.

I am now past 87 years of age and often lie awake in the night, as old folks often do, and the words of those blessed hymns are a great comfort to me.

My niece was a high school teacher at Webster, east of Rochester, New York, and she tried to get her pupils to go to church and they said, "Why should we? They put us out in another room when we were little and now we do not care to go."

Children have to learn to behave in

kindergarten and there is no reason why they would not in church, if the parents will earnestly try to teach them.

At Ohio Yearly Meeting in the worship services I could not help but notice how many little children were in the service with their parents.

I have worked with children for many years and have had hundreds under my care and I am writing the above as my plea for the sake of children.

FLORENCE HULL REEF
Claremont, California

I subscribed for the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* with all supplements because I had seen copies in the Malone College Library and rather liked the way your magazine says that the Lord's work is getting done. Scanning an issue makes you feel that the church is people, not just an idea.

RENDELL RHODES
Ashland, Ohio

We are moving to Indonesia the end of February. We want to keep in touch with the yearly meeting, of course, and do appreciate the fine new publication. It will be a great day when the mission boards of Ohio, Kansas, and Oregon are all working as one unit—we pray for that day to come. If the Wesleyans and Pilgrims can merge surely Quakers of like faith should be able to merge.

We look forward to study of Malay for the first six months in Bandung and will wait for God to indicate His design for us later in this populous island of Java. Most are Muslims.

LAURA TRACHSEL
Bandung, Indonesia

I don't know who is responsible for sending me the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*, but I want you to know I really appreciate this periodical and don't want ever to be without it.

I greatly appreciated your editorials in the December 1968 and January 1969 issues of *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*. May the blessing of God be upon you and your co-workers in this service.

IRENE G. ELLIS
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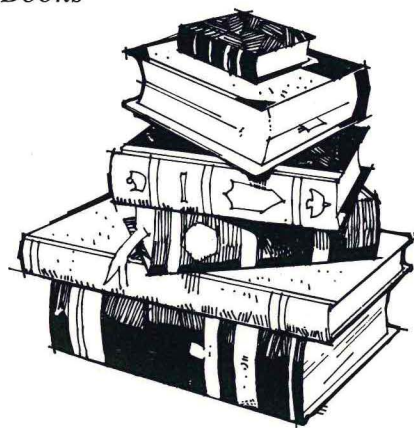
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Books



Norman L. Geisler, Christ: The Theme of the Bible, Moody Press, 1968, 128 pages, \$2.95.

This book is a study in the Christology of the whole Bible: Christ as key to the Scripture, Christ throughout every book and every part of the entire Word of God, or as the author himself states, "In a sense, this is a Christ-centered survey of the Bible."

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—D.G.

Christianity and the World of Thought, edited by Hudson T. Armerding, Moody Press, 1968, 350 pages, \$5.95.

True scholarship is concerned with truth. Biblically-oriented Christian scholars find themselves in alignment with this ideal but not without problems and challenges to find a synthesis of evangelical faith that is true to the Bible and an honest academic approach to current new discoveries in various fields of learning.

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This volume should make a significant contribution to teachers, pastors, and laymen who are concerned with the problems of relevancy in matters of faith and scientific discovery.

—D.G.

Over the Teacup



Our Father's world

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

I'm in the mood for a very special tea today with a lace tablecloth and silver. And how would you like fancy open-face sandwiches and cream puffs to eat? I have Darjeeling tea that was brought from India by the hand of a friend a few days ago! The sun is shining, the flowers are out, and the world is beautiful. Moreover it is spring!

I am sure you were as impressed as I was at the superbly beautiful pictures of

this earth taken from near the moon. At that distance there was nothing apparent of what we see here of ugliness. It appeared to be a planet upon which God had smiled, which He had visited and which He loved. I was proud to be traveling on it with the rest of the human race. It was so veiled in clouds that the continents were almost indistinguishable, but when they were identified, they were shadowed in my mind by dark events: war here, riots there, starvation over vast areas and unrest everywhere. The closer one zeroes in on any particular area, the more vivid is the darkness as the misery of mankind is seen in individuals.

It was great looking at our world with a new perspective. It is so very beautiful; a sapphire ball draped in clouds with just a suggestion of pinkish continents to divide the oceans. It is my Father's world.

I have not seen it all, but He made it all with a special beauty and characteristic charm for every part. There was no ugliness in what He made. In fact, the closer we look in nature, the more we stand in awe at the beauty of this earth.

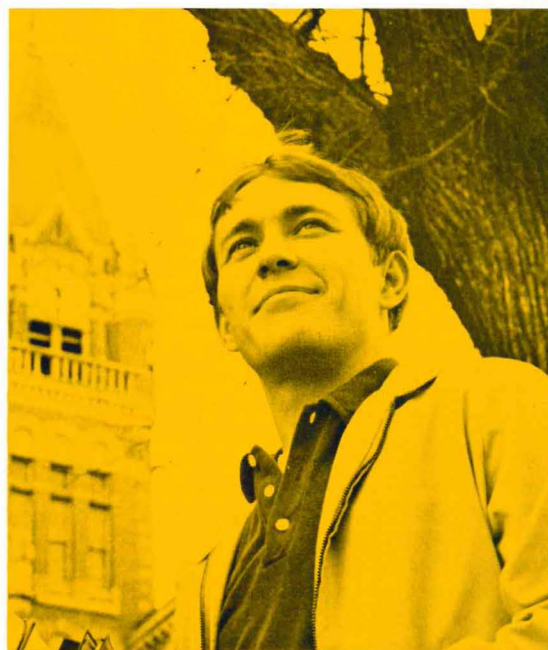
I have seen the majestic snowcapped mountains of the Himalayas, the palms against an azure sky of the tropics, the emerald greenness of Ireland, and the bamboo groves of China casting a pattern of lace on the ground below, and the cherry blossoms of Japan and beautiful America. More specifically there is my street and the streets near me where trees are bursting with the joy and color of spring. You will have seen what I have not been privileged to see—but isn't this a really beautiful world! My Father's world. I feel like rejoicing and being glad, even celebrating. Deeper yet, I feel like doing what I can to keep my little spot on this earth as beautiful as possible.

The human element is our problem. What can we do to beautify the hearts of men? Why must human nature disfigure this world? The Father even had a remedy for this menacing problem and threat to His creation—sin. Are there any volunteers to spread the Healing Balm for all nations as far as we can reach?

Nature is so beautiful. Human nature, by the Father's touch, can be beautiful too.

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Westgate Holds Dedication Services

Sunday, March 23, 1969, was a memorable day for Westgate Friends Church in Columbus, Ohio. The day was highlighted in the morning worship service by the Malone College Chorale.

The noon hour provided the opportunity for visiting friends and church members to fellowship while being served a delicious chicken dinner. Following the meal, open house tours of the new classrooms, administrative area, and sanctuary were conducted.

The afternoon service began at 2:30. At that time the formal dedication address was given by Russell Myers, general superintendent of Ohio Yearly Meeting. The charge to the congregation was given by Sherman Brantingham, administrative assistant of Ohio Yearly Meeting.



Interior and exterior views of the new sanctuary at Westgate Friends Church in Columbus, Ohio.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

'TEN DOWN-- TWO TO GO'



This is the "Year of Evangelism." The theme has been highlighted monthly in this supplement of our church paper. It has had our emphasis as we have spoken throughout the Yearly Meeting in our local churches.

What will be the verdict? The record for nearly ten months has already been written by each local congregation. "Ten Down—Two To Go."

Through the month of December, records from 40 churches (returned to the Advance Committee) indicate that there are nearly 1,000 on their responsibility lists. These churches have a combined membership goal of 480. New members received total 80, with another 172 under consideration for membership. One church reports 48 in a membership training class. A Goshen Quarterly Meeting pastor reports a significant membership gain. Another pastor writes, "During our recent meetings . . . 14 first time decisions were made . . . one couple with six children were saved . . . another young couple with three small children were saved." We rejoice in these victory reports.

Membership records indicate that from 1937 through the 1967-68 statistical year, we gained 2,288 members. Highest yearly gain was 239 in 1950. The largest loss was 102 in 1960. Loss of membership was recorded in five of these years. The overall yearly net gain was 74. Therefore, it is evident we need to do more than add; we must multiply.

When will Ohio Yearly Meeting register 10,000 members? Progressing each year at the growth rate for the last 31 years *it will be A.D. 2005*. Can a Spirit-filled membership in Ohio Yearly Meeting accept this? NO!

We must have 10,000 members within five years. Hopefully, we can do it in four years. If we want, we can do it within three years or less. It's time we accept the challenge. It's time we matched our creed with deeds. It's time for you and me to become enthusiastic, optimistic, productive laborers in the whitened harvest.

The months of May and June determine the verdict for this statistical year. May every pastor, Ministry and Oversight member and each monthly meeting join in faith and work to make this a significant year of evangelism.

"Ten Down . . . and Two To Go."

—Russell Myers

1967-68 MEMBERSHIP GAINS

These churches had net membership gains for the 1967-68 year. Note that East Richland and Tecumseh were the leaders.

Battle Creek	Fulton Creek (10)
Jackson	McKees Creek
Lansing	Urbana
Lupton	Grinnell
Tecumseh (19)	New Point
Westgate	Norfolk
Orange	Peniel
Barberton	Richmond (15)
Boston Heights	Ferry Road
Broadview Heights	(Danville)
Bethany	Hunter Hills
Willoughby Hills	Martinsville
Canton	Pleasant Garden
Deerfield (15)	Putnam
Lisbon	Saxapahaw
First, Salem (12)	East Richland (28)
Howland	Smithfield (11)

Dorothy Clark, Malone Junior, Reports on Campus Stirrings

Revolutions have been a big thing on campuses. You can read or hear about them in any newspaper or radio. One recent happening that did not appear in the news affected many people on the campus at Malone College.

The Malone campus revolt took place, not in the form of a sit-in, demonstration, riot, or meal ticket burning but in the form of four men from California and their love for Christ. These men spent from February 17 to 21 on our campus.

The "California Team," as they were called, were very different from each other; one is a scientist, one a minister, another a basketball player, and the fourth a youth director. Yet they had common ties with Christ and their fellowmen.

At first it appeared to be a typical religious happening on campus, with the men speaking in chapel and holding discussions in the afternoon and evenings. They felt our student body was a tight group and that many students played quite a "Christian role." They really did not see much chance for any movement of the Spirit.

But the Spirit did move, especially on Thursday evening. Students began to open up to fellow students—discussing problems, "hang-ups," common experiences and, most importantly, Christ. Faculty members expressed themselves to students in a magnificent

way. A revolt for Christ took place on our campus.

Quite a few students were affected; it is best to let them explain it:

Bud Winn, president of the student body: "I have discovered a new life and vitality in my Christian experience that I didn't really believe could have existed. The facades that we who have been raised in the church put up have been destroyed . . . there is a real love for each other and a concerted effort to help one another as members of Christ's body."

Kay Bailey "feels the Lord moving especially. On campus the students are asking questions and thinking of the future. We are discovering that Christ is our answer."

Mike Henry "has made a new commitment to Christ and has a better relationship with Him."

Judy Ruff: "I came to the realization that Christ was not only a reality in a person's life, but a practical solution to our every problem."

Cherie Brooks says she has really fallen in love with Jesus: "I have come to realize that while I have freedom in Christ, I am also a slave to righteousness."

Keith Martig sees a change in the students after the meeting on February 20. "It is not often that people will give up sleep to talk about religion, but that night they did. It is not often that every table in the dining hall is talking about religion, but the next day they were. Many students are beginning a new life in Christ, and many others are on a new commitment."

The California team has gone, but Christ hasn't. The students are very grateful to these men for their guidance to our realization of our downfalls. Christ is still working on our campus. We are meeting in groups discuss-

ing our "hang-ups" and how Christ can help us? Many are reading their Bibles and praying together. Some students are sharing their experiences in churches. Malone really is on the move for Christ.

EDITORIAL

A Question to Consider

The following conversation is reported to have occurred one day between two Friends, one the pastor of a larger church and the other a layman.

The layman happened to say to the pastor: "I feel sorry for the pastors of our smaller churches. So many have small salaries, and it must be difficult for them."

"I don't feel sorry for them at all," the pastor replied. "They have full-time secular jobs, or their wives are employed—sometimes both. They have more income than I do."

Which man was right?

This writer would like to venture an opinion. There is much more to be said on the matter than to compare incomes!

What does it mean to a man who is called to the ministry to find himself neglecting his church day after day in order to make a living for his family? Think of the long hours required for his two jobs and the weariness which results! Think of the neglect of family which is required of a man who pastors a church and works at another job as well!

How many wives are loaded with guilt because they and the needs of the family are keeping the husband from devoting his full time to the work to which God has called them both?

How many times is the pastor filled with guilt, too? God has called, but the church does not provide. Should he work, or should he trust the Lord to provide? What a struggle must take place in his soul!

The pastor of the large church may, indeed, have less family income. But he is at least able to devote his entire energy to that church.

Many times one can blame neither pastor nor church for the situation which makes it necessary for him to work outside the church. But we should remember that such work does create special problems for that pastor. He needs the understanding and the prayers of us all. He is often carrying a burden and a struggle of soul which, though unseen, is very, very real.

—R.W.



Dorothy Clark is a junior from the Westgate Friends Church in Columbus. She prepared this account at the request of the editor.



Malone College News

QUAKER STUDENT, DON GREEN, IS A MEMBER OF MALONE'S WINNING DEBATE TEAM

Don Green, Malone sophomore from Canton First Friends Church, is a member of the Malone College debate team, which has placed in the top three places in ten of its eleven national tournaments since September.

Don's teammate is senior Denny Robinson from East Sparta, Ohio. Their coach is Charles Wrenn, assistant professor of speech,

who is in his third year on the Malone faculty.

One of the team's most gratifying performances came on February 28 and March 1 when Green and Robinson placed second in the Southern Connecticut national invitational debate tournament. This was the first time one of the top three trophies from the tourney in New Haven, Connecticut, has ever gone to a school west of New York. In the tournament Malone lost to Seton Hall, then beat Boston College, Emerson College, University of Massachusetts, St. Anselms of New Hampshire, and defending champion Georgetown. In the semi-finals, Malone won again over a second Georgetown team, but the second St. Anselms team beat Malone in the finals to become the champion.

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WITH OUR CHURCHES

ADRIAN QUARTERLY MEETING

YPSILANTI—Herbert Burch, pastor

Dr. Milo C. Ross, president of George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, was guest speaker for the morning worship service on February 16. Maurice Chandler, also from George Fox College, was with him.

February 23 was the fortieth wedding anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Herbert E. Burch. In the morning worship service Robert Malick, presiding clerk of the Monthly Meeting, extended congratulations on behalf of the congregation and presented the Burches with a gift of money.

ALUM CREEK QUARTERLY MEETING

ALUM CREEK—Richard Johnson, pastor

The first Pioneer Girls Encampment service was held at the church Sunday evening, February 9. All four groups of girls, the Beginner Pilgrims, Advanced Pilgrims, Colonists, and Explorers participated in the program, which helped us to understand better that Pioneer Girls is helping our daughters explore the Word of God and to achieve personally, through group work and purposeful activity. Sixty-eight badges and 18 ranks were awarded. There are now 43 girls enrolled, along with six guides.

Dry Bones Can Live Again, by Robert Coleman, was studied on Sunday evenings before the worship service during February and March. Several lay leaders were guides for the discussion periods. In addition to the text, Bible study homework sheets were used.

—Elma Black, correspondent

GILEAD—Kenneth Jones, pastor

Our revival meeting was held early in February, with Willis Miller as the evangelist. The first part of the meeting was given mostly to a teaching ministry on Bible prophecy, followed by an emphasis on evangelism. Many expressed how this teaching helped them to understand the Bible better. There were altar services, and we feel this meeting was a blessing to our church.

The Orange and Gilead churches cooperated in bringing missionary personnel to our area the weekend of March 7 to 9. Each church had its own services during the convention, with the speakers rotating from one to the other. The opening night, March 7, we held a fellowship supper with John Brantingham as the speaker.

—Leta Furbay, correspondent

MANSFIELD—John Morris, pastor

Everyone at Mansfield Friends has been working toward the goal of having the church mortgage paid by Easter. For years a special offering at Easter has gone toward lowering

the debt, and now we are close enough to hope that this year the goal can be reached.

—Ruth Oliver, correspondent

SULLIVANT AVENUE—Ralph Blackburn, pastor

The Friends Youth sponsored a weekend revival January 24 to 26, with Gary Gurwell of Circleville Bible College as the evangelist. Several young people found help at an altar of prayer.

—Alma Marmon, correspondent

WESTGATE—Edward Baldwin, pastor

Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting was held at our church on January 25. John Brantingham was the speaker for the gospel service. A large group attended the sessions.

While our pastor and his wife were on vacation in February, David Skipper and James Weeks, representing Bible Literature International, brought the inspirational messages.

We held six weeks of teacher-training classes, beginning March 5. Bob Langdon taught one section on teaching methods, and Pastor Edward Baldwin taught the second on "Meet the Major Prophets." Both classes were accredited, and those completing received certificates.

—Audrey Miller, correspondent

CLEVELAND QUARTERLY MEETING

BARBERTON—Charles Bancroft, pastor

On February 6 a number of our folk attended the Cleveland Quarterly Meeting Men in Missions rally at the Boston Heights Friends Church. Dr. Edward Mitchell, president of the yearly meeting Men in Missions, was the speaker.

February 9 was Boy Scout Sunday, and we were happy to have the boys of our church who are scouts participating in the morning worship service.

—Arlie W. Lupardus, correspondent

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS—

John O. Grafton, Jr., pastor

On February 2 our church dedicated a beautiful new Conn organ. This was made possible by a generous gift of one of our members.

We praise God for His blessings on our church. Several have been saved and others helped recently. On January 26, 14 people came forward as a public witness that they had accepted Christ as their Savior. Many of these had never made public witness to their faith.

KORO was a great challenge during the fall months, and our coming in second in Division D was exciting. Was it worth it? Yes. It did something for our church. It helped stimulate a "winning attitude."

—John O. Grafton, Jr., correspondent

WEST PARK—Earl M. Smith, pastor

A series of six weekly workers' conferences and Bible studies was conducted on Sunday afternoons from February 16 to March 23. Pastor Smith conducted the study of the First Epistle of Peter.

—Matilda Kuch, correspondent

DAMASCUS QUARTERLY MEETING

ALLIANCE—Galen Weingart, pastor

The Pioneer Girls sponsored a hobby show at the church January 28. They invited the

Boys Brigade to participate, along with anyone else from the church who might be interested.

February was celebrated as Boys Christian Service Brigade Month. The boys held a Pinewood Derby Race in the Fellowship Hall on February 25. The boys designed and whittled their own racers. The winner received a trophy.

The Friends Youth pilgrimaged to the Cleveland Barons hockey game on Friday evening, January 31. Forty-six attended.

Month of Missions began March 2. The theme was "A Glimpse Around the World." Russell Myers spoke at both the morning and evening services. On Saturday evening, March 8, Dr. Clay Cooper of Vision, Inc., was the speaker, following a casserole family banquet.

—Ruth Hoff, correspondent

CANTON—William Atchison, pastor

Several guest speakers have come to our church in the late winter weeks of January and February. They include general superintendent and former pastor, Russell Myers; Alan Norrish, executive secretary of the Bible and Medical Missionary Society; and Ella Ruth Pratt, missionary to India under the World Gospel Mission and a member of our local church. Others were Eddie Cline, a member of Indiana Yearly Meeting and a ministerial student at Asbury Theological Seminary, and Dr. Lowell Roberts, a member of our church and a faculty member at Asbury College.

March was the Month of Missions, with a series of programs built around the theme, "Our Mission Today." Featured on March 2 was a panel discussion, "Our Mission Today." On March 9 General Superintendent Russell Myers spoke on the Extension Work of Ohio Yearly Meeting. John and Barbara Brantingham, our missionaries to Taiwan, spoke in both services. The month of missionary activities closed with a missionary banquet and family night on March 26, with Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hess, former missionaries to India, as the speakers.

—Velma Evans, correspondent

DEERFIELD—Duane Rice, pastor

A Sunday school campaign "kick off" supper was held in the fellowship room of the church on February 4. Our general superintendent, Russell Myers, and his wife were present. Mr. Myers challenged us to go all out in our efforts to build up our Sunday school.

—Catherine James, correspondent

EAST GOSHEN—E. Roy Skeeter, pastor

On February 2 we had Cecil Hawkins of the Wycliffe Translators as our guest speaker. He described the work he and his family are doing in Brazil with the Indian tribes, some of whom are head hunters.

A week later, February 9, we had Glenn McNeil of Akron, a student at Asbury Seminary, as our speaker.

—Mary Mercer, correspondent

HOWLAND CORNERS—Walter Bailey, pastor

This year our Ladies Missionary Society has added a new dimension to our fellowship supper. A theme is planned for each supper, centering around a cult near our community or a native religion in a Friends mission field.

These themes have been presented in many ways: a one-act play, talks, object lessons, and planned exhibits. A main dish is furnished by the committee in charge, and each family attending is asked to bring a dish to complement the evening's theme.

Our first theme, "Amish Tonight," was presented through a film on the activities of these people and their religion as they practice it. Roast beef topped a menu of many noodle dishes, sauerkraut, and creamed favorites. Many apple-centered dishes were prepared for dessert.

Other themes were "Early America Tonight," presented in November by means of a one-act play following a turkey dinner. "Mexico Tonight" began with a chili dinner, which included many other Mexican dishes. The program featured a story of a small boy of Mexico and his great Christian faith. Another program was "China Tonight." This one began with a chop suey supper and ended with an exhibit of Chinese culture and environment. —*B. W. Freeman, correspondent*

QUAKER HILL—William Waltz, pastor

Eddie Cline, a student at Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, was guest speaker at our church on February 8.

Our pastor and his wife were surprised with an anniversary party on Wednesday, February 19, following the prayer meeting. Many members of the church were there to wish them happiness. Mildred Smith created a beautiful cake in remembrance of the occasion. —*Shirley Fox, correspondent*

GOSHEN QUARTERLY MEETING

BELLEFONTAINE—Bruce Burch, pastor

On January 16 Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wheelock of the Westgate Friends Church in Columbus came to share their experiences and slides of their recent trip to the Holy Land.

On January 20 the Friends Youth of the quarterly meeting had a social time at Urbana. The program included a skating party and a talk by Lloyd Clark of Columbus.

The Goshen Quarterly Meeting churches have been working together to start a church in Lima. The first service in the YMCA was attended by 54 persons, with our pastor, Bruce Burch, bringing the message.

On February 8 Pastor Burch, Pastor Carter from McKees Creek, John Michael, Lloyd Hughes, Jay Fickel, and Lee Vance began a 5,000-mile missionary trip to Mexico City to spend some time with Roscoe and Tina Knight. A report on this trip will be given soon in the main section of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND. —*Josephine Jordan, correspondent*

BYHALIA—Jason Sherwood, pastor

Sherman Brantingham was the guest speaker on February 16. He brought a very challenging and encouraging message, which was especially appreciated by the young people. —*Ethel Eastman, correspondent*

MOUNT CARMEL—Donald Esch, pastor

As a result of losing in a contest with the Springfield church, Mt. Carmel Sunday school hosted Springfield for an evening of food and fun recently.

The church was delighted by the ministry of John Brantingham on February 16.

—*Vashiti Wilkins, correspondent*

TRINITY-VAN WERT—Donald Herr, pastor

An informal time of music comprised the January 26 Senior FY service. Various vocal and instrumental request numbers were presented by Dot and Roy Stuckey, George Wortman, and Helen Murphy. The evening worship service was in complete charge of the Senior Youth Fellowship, with Bob Murphy, who attends Malone College, bringing the message. —*Helen Murphy, correspondent*

HAMPTON ROADS QUARTERLY MEETING

PORTSMOUTH FIRST FRIENDS— Bryan Teague, pastor

On February 2 John Gimenez, former narcotics addict and author of the book, *Up Tight*, spoke to the youth classes during the Sunday school hour and to the congregation during the morning worship service.

On February 9 the nationally known gospel singing group, "The Hymntime Singers," directed by Eddie Reece, presented a program of gospel music during the morning worship hour. This is a group of young people whose

—*Mrs. Murray Brown, correspondent*

PIEDMONT QUARTERLY MEETING

TRINITY-MARTINSVILLE—Jack Tebbbs, pastor

Youth Week, January 26 to February 6, was observed as follows:

Sunday the young people took part in the services of the day by reading the Scripture, leading singing, making announcements, leading in prayer, and ushering. In the evening both the Junior and Senior Friends Youth presented special music.

Tuesday night the young people made up eight fruit baskets and delivered them to the sick and shut-ins.

Wednesday night they had charge of the prayer meeting, presenting a pantomime, "Your Church Manners Are Showing." Friday night they met at the church and went as a group to a local basketball game.

Saturday night was game night, held at the Fellowship Hall.

The final Sunday the young people again assisted in the Sunday school and church services. In the evening service the film, *I Hear a New Song*, was shown.

—*Mildred F. Eure, correspondent*

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES

HUFFMAN-TATSCH. Mary Huffman of Canton and David Tatsch of Wickliffe, Ohio, February 7, 1969, in the Canton Friends Church.

PENHORWOOD-COOPER. Sherrie Penhorwood of Mt. Carmel Church and Kenneth Cooper of Bellefontaine, February 1, 1969, in the Mt. Carmel Friends Church.

ANDERSON-WOOD. Elaine Anderson of Cambridge, Minnesota, and Richard E. Wood of Canton, Ohio, March 8, in the First Baptist Church of Cambridge, Minnesota.

BIRTHS

QUEEN—To Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Queen of Bethel Friends Church, Poland, Ohio, a daughter, Amy Rebecca, February 24, 1969.

THOMAS—To Paul and Katherine Thomas of Howland Friends Church, Warren, Ohio, a son, Paul Edward, February 5, 1969.

ROBB—To Mr. and Mrs. Gene Robb of the Bellefontaine Friends Church, a son, Daniel Edwin, January 17, 1969.

GRIGSBY—To Mr. and Mrs. Larry Grigsby of the Bellefontaine Friends Church, a daughter, Julie Alain, January 28, 1969.

COOLEY—To Mr. and Mrs. John Cooley of Richwood, Ohio, a son, Benjamin Lynn. The parents are members of the Byhalia Friends Church.

BARNARD—To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barnard of Grinnell, Iowa, a son, Berlou Joe, February 2, 1969.

RUTHERFORD—To Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rutherford of Grinnell, Iowa, a daughter, Tammy Louise, February 11, 1969.

DEATHS

PAYNTER—Richard J. Paynter, a member of West Park Friends Church in Cleveland, passed away February 15, 1969. Pastor Earl M. Smith conducted the services.

GAMBLE—Betty Gamble, a member and active worker in the Winona Friends Church, passed away February 3, 1969. Former pastor, Paul Brantingham, assisted by present pastor, David Brantingham, conducted the funeral services in the church.

MELLOTT—Grace Edith Mellott, 75, of the East Goshen Friends Church, passed away February 5, 1969. Pastor Roy Skeeter officiated at the funeral.

PHILLIPS—Thomas Phillips, 87, of the Deerfield Friends Church, died February 8, 1969. Former pastor, Douglas Jones, conducted the funeral.

REED—Hazel Mae Reed, 67, a member of the Alliance Friends Church, passed away February 4, 1969. Pastor Galen Weingart conducted the service.

SMITH—Edna Smith, 76, of the Bethel Friends Church, died February 26, 1969. Pastor Harold Wyandt conducted the funeral service.

BALDWIN—David Roscoe Baldwin of the Bellefontaine Friends Church passed away January 20, 1969. Pastor Bruce Burch conducted the funeral in the Bellefontaine Church.

SHAFFER—Mack D. Shafer of the Bellefontaine Friends Church died January 22, 1969. Pastor Harley Martin of Belle Center and Pastor Bruce Burch officiated.

GRAVES—Olive Graves of the Bellefontaine Friends Church died January 30, 1969. Pastor Carver Williams of Kenton held the service.

PICKLESIMER—Gladys Humphreys Picklesimer, 56, of Mt. Carmel Friends Church, passed away suddenly January 29, 1969. Pastor Ronald Ricard conducted the service, assisted by Pastor Donald Esch.

HILTNER—Nellie Hiltner, 78, a lifelong member of the Portsmouth First Friends Church, passed away on February 24, 1969. Pastor Bryan Teague conducted the funeral service.

SOUTHWEST

SUPPLEMENT

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A REPORT ON MIDYEAR BOARD MEETINGS

The Midyear Board Meetings were held on February 4, 5, 6 and restated their purposes as follows:

EDUCATION BOARD

The responsibility of the Education Board is in the field of education, both public and private. Its work is separate from that of the Sunday school. In a general way, the Education Board encourages the Christian education of our young people and seeks to secure Christian teachers and members of school boards in our public schools. A scholarship fund has been established for Kansas Yearly Meeting students attending Friends University.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship meets once each year in a banquet session. During the year, the business is transacted by the Publications, Projects and Finance, Program, and Executive Committees. A quarterly newsletter, "Quaker Layman," edited by Loren Lutes has begun. Each year three calls for pledged money are made for church extension. The February call goes to the Revolving Loan Fund. The remaining calls are to be in April and July.

MISSION BOARD

The Board of Missions of Kansas Yearly Meeting has been given the responsibility of taking the Gospel of Salvation to one-half million Africans living in Burundi. Medical, educational, and industrial training are important phases in the spiritual development of these people. The prime object of mission work is to develop a "self-propagating, self-supporting and self-governing church."

PUBLIC MORALS BOARD

Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends, covering the states of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and parts of Missouri and Colorado, reaffirms our stand against the sale and use of all alcoholic beverages. We oppose liquor by the drink as it causes increased crime, accidents, alcoholism and welfare costs. We urge stricter laws and firmer control of all alcoholic beverages.

WMU

The Women's Missionary Union enlists the women, youth and children within the bounds of Kansas Yearly Meeting, which includes Burundi, Africa, in the cause of missions at

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCOPE

A Quaker Call to Prayer



The day Richard M. Nixon was elected the 37th President of the United States, we sent a telegram to him at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel from Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends that read, "Congratulations on your election to the Presidency of the United States from Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends. We will be praying for you as you lead this nation in paths of righteousness." In return we received a color photo of the Nixon family taken that day with the following message: "I want you to know how deeply grateful I am for the message you sent to me after our election victory. The expressions of confidence and good wishes I have received from people all over the world will be a great source of strength and encouragement as I undertake the responsibility of providing new leadership for America in the years ahead. Mrs. Nixon joins me in extending our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year." Signed, Richard Nixon.

President Nixon has stated publicly that he receives daily messages expressing the volume of prayer which is ascending to God's throne in his behalf and he has felt the strength of those prayers. It has been reported that this was the first time since the inauguration of George Washington that religious services were a part of the Inauguration Day ceremonies. Charles Ball, who served in this Yearly Meeting at Friends Bible College and Friends University, shared in these services with Norman Vincent Peale and Billy Graham. Worship services have been conducted at the White House by Billy Graham.

All of the actions of President Nixon may not please every Quaker. This would be impossible. But Richard Nixon does have an evangelical Friends background. Charles Ball was his pastor at the East Whittier Friends Church and Nixon's parents were God-fearing, Bible-believing, praying Quakers.

All Christians have a responsibility to "pray for those in authority over you." But our responsibility is even greater because Richard Nixon is one of our own members.

If President Nixon does live righteously himself, and attempts to lead this nation in righteousness and integrity, he will have enemies. When any man tries to do right, Satan will try to defeat him. But, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

If we as Friends will stand behind our new President with much prayer, and will work for honesty and integrity in our own lives and communities, the world will be amazed to see what God can do to bless a "nation whose God is the Lord."

—Fred Littlefield

home and abroad; to increase knowledge of missions, to secure the systematic and scriptural method of giving, and to promote a concern to pray for others.

STEWARDSHIP BOARD

The Stewardship Board is giving full cooperation to the Yearly Meeting in the promotion of Total Stewardship. The specific responsibility is in the area of finances. Therefore, the number one goal is to increase giving throughout the monthly meetings by at least ten percent. In order to achieve this goal, the board is informing all meetings about the availability of recommended filmstrips, movies, and pamphlets as well as promoting workshops on Total Stewardship on

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 31 Superintendent Fred Littlefield and Mission Board President Howard Roberts return from mission field in Burundi, Africa
- April 9-May 17 Rosa Mae Taber and Ferne Cook leave for the mission field in Burundi, Africa, for the WMU
- April 22-25 EFA Council at Quaker Ridge Camp
- May 6-8 Pastors' Alliance at Friendswood, Texas
- August 11-17 Yearly Meeting Week



MAX HUFFMAN TO SPEAK AT PASTORS' ALLIANCE

The annual Pastors' Alliance of Kansas Yearly Meeting will be held May 6-8 at Friendswood Friends Church, Friendswood, Texas. Guest speaker will be Rev. Max E. Huffman of Muncie, Indiana. Mr. Huffman received his training at Olivet College, Earlham College, and Wesley Seminary in Washington, D.C. He has held pastorates in Ohio, Maryland, and Indiana. Currently he is serving his fourth year as director of evangelism and church extension of the Indiana Yearly Meeting. His service in this position has included the directing of a two-year program of Evangelism-in-Depth and the development of a new Friends Church. Mrs. Huffman will speak to the pastors' wives in one session of the Alliance.

Burundi Prayer Corner

NYANKANDA

Praise the Lord for the good meetings held prior to Christmas. Many people were blessed.

Pray for those who expressed a desire to join the Friends Church. Special instructions are being given and plans are under way to carry this out soon.

Pray for a permanent pastor for them.

KWISUMO

Pray for the new school director. He has "inherited" many difficulties. Pray for the one who was fired that once again he may hear the voice of Jesus calling him to repentance.

Pray for a spiritual awakening throughout Kwisumo area.

KWIBUKA

Pray with us for some of our teachers. Several need the Lord.

Pray for the preparatory meeting at Musama.

MWEYA

Continue to pray for the student body at the Bible Institute. Pray that the love of Christ will fill each heart.

MUTAHU

Pray for two Bible School graduates who seem to have slipped in their spiritual lives.

CAGURA

Continue to pray for Pastor Kinammo. He needs much wisdom and strength.

CENE

Pray for Kivirembo and his wife, who have found themselves in leadership of the church. Since they have only a part-time pastor this is quite a responsibility.

GENERAL

Pray for the organization and launching of the "New Life for All" program and for a desperately needed revival through all Burundi.

Pray for the women to catch the vision and have joy in helping others.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Stewardship-- What Is It?

BY EARL R. CODER

Webster defines a steward as one appointed to supervise or manage the property or affairs of another. 1 Peter 4:10 reads, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God," and 1 Corinthians 4:2 states, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

Stewardship encompasses the whole of man's existence and must be kept in balance in order to succeed. God has made the appointment, and it is our task or duty to account to Him in the use of our time, talents, finances and, in fact, our whole being or lives.

Some would have us believe that stewardship deals entirely with the financial aspect of our lives. However, God has given each one of us 24 hours in each day that must be lived second by second, minute by minute, in a way we each determine. Even though we make the decisions as to how we use our time, God expects and will receive an accounting of this stewardship.

Our talents, as in the parable used by Christ, may be many or few or at the least only one. Whatever the number of our gifts or talents, each talent should be used as though it were the only one possessed. In the use of both talents and time, "Service is love in action," and if that love is directed toward God, then the accounting will be pleasing to God.

Stewardship of our finances has received much emphasis and justly so, as God's work must be properly financed in order to have the outreach necessary. In order to have a pleasing accounting to God, no area of our lives can be neglected. Overemphasis of one area with an underemphasis in another causes an improper balance within our lives. We cannot substitute money for improper use of time or talents, neither can the use of time or talent be the only accounting. The mite of the widow caught the attention of Christ as she kept the various aspects of her whole life in proper balance as a faithful steward.

THE EDUCATION BOARD OF KYM

The Education Board of Kansas Yearly Meeting has traditionally served as a collecting agency for the names of all seventh through twelfth grade students who attend Friends churches. This information is collected with the Education Board Reports from local monthly meetings and is made available to interested individuals and organizations through the Yearly Meeting Office. New responsibilities delegated to the Education Board by Yearly Meeting action concern the Education Study Commission Report, approved in sessions of 1968, and the Yearly Meeting budgets for 1967, 68 and 69. Items presently being studied by the Education Board are goals for a new three-year program of total stewardship and a revision of the composition and duties of the Education Board.

At the direction of the Yearly Meeting, the Education Board is charged to set up guidelines for the administration of the 25 percent of the education budget which is designated for student scholarships at Friends University. Although final guidelines have not been approved, the Education Board presently favors the following:

1. The recipient be a member of Kansas Yearly Meeting.
2. The field of study be pre-ministerial training.
3. On approval of an accepted program and individual, the board continue its support for the duration of that program.
4. Priority be given to upper division students.

dents.

5. The amount of the scholarship be based on a percentage of the school cost and the student's need.

The Education Board feels strongly that much of the responsibility for the Christian education of Friends youth rests upon decisions to be made yet this year. For this reason we urge each member of Kansas Yearly Meeting to pray diligently for God's leadership in these matters and as God directs share any concerns which you might have regarding education through your local education committee or with one of the Education Board members as follows: Delmer Day, chairman; Ernest Boles, Pearl Smith, Harold Thompson, Margaret Burch, Dorothy Craven, Maurice Jeffrey, Gerald Miller, Maurice Roberts, Richard Louthan, and Stanley Brown, secretary. Another board member, Ray Hays, passed away in February. We shall sincerely miss the deep concern and wholesome contribution that he has shared over the past years. His passing makes the board even more conscious of the need for a renewed commitment of Kansas Yearly Meeting to the cause of education.

The Yearly Meeting's action of approving the Yearly Meeting Education Commission Report gives the Education Board the responsibility for nominating five persons per year for the Friends University Board, designating a system for voting, and a tabulation of votes in the Association meeting. No final action has been taken on these items.

Friends University

Friends University Singing Quakers left Saturday, March 1, for their annual spring tour, which took them to seven states and Canada. Their first concert was the evening of March 1 in the Fredonia, Kansas, High School auditorium, sponsored by the Fine Arts Council. The Quakers presented concerts at the College Avenue Friends Church, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Aurora, Illinois; Lincoln Consolidated High School, Ypsilanti, Michigan; University of Waterloo Fine Arts Center, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada; South Marion Friends Church, Marion, Indiana; and Bonhomme Presbyterian Church, Chesterfield, Missouri.

Highlight of the spring tour was a performance for the Southwest Music Educators Conference in St. Louis, March 8 at the Chase Plaza Hotel. The Singing Quakers represented the state of Kansas at this conference.

Under the direction of Dr. Cecil J. Riney, the Singing Quakers have toured annually throughout the United States and Canada. Last summer they presented concerts in eight European countries under the auspices of the Institute of European Studies, Vienna.

GROUND BREAKING

Groundbreaking for Friends University's new gymnasium will be March 11 south of the present YMCA gym on Meridian. The new gymnasium is allied with the West Branch YMCA, and a system will be worked out so both buildings can be used by both institutions. The new gym will seat 3,000 persons for a basketball game and 600 for a swim meet. The swimming pool will be olympic-sized. The brick-faced building will have two handball courts, four classrooms, six offices, an all-purpose room, four locker rooms and two press boxes, and two practice basketball courts. The parking lot will accommodate 420 cars.

BASKETBALL

Friends University was selected to participate in the District 10 playoffs March 3-4 at the Emporia, Kansas, Civic Auditorium. Friends, 17-2 in conference play and 18-3 overall, automatically qualified for a berth by clinching the Kansas Conference championship this season. This is the best basketball season in the school's history.

LOST!

The following filmstrips are missing from the Kansas Yearly Meeting Office. If you have any of these or know where they can be located, please contact the Yearly Meeting Office, 2018 Maple, Wichita, Kansas 67213.

Laymen Witness for Christ

Keep Them Faithful Through the Sunday School

Keep Them Faithful Through the Church Youth Week

The Christian Teacher

CHURCH CONCERNS

EMPORIA

Paul Barnett, Pastor

In January we had the pleasure of having Cooper Beatty as our guest evangelist from Seiling, Oklahoma. He brought forceful and heart-searching messages, which were a real uplift to our church and a number of souls were saved. Wendell Barnett, pastor of Topeka Friends Church, directed the music.

The Cottonwood Quarterly Meeting met in our church January 11 and 12. Our evangelist was also with us during these meetings, which were well-attended.

Our church has been saddened by three deaths, all members of the church.

ENID

Glenn Sanders, Pastor

A Watch Night Party was held in the Fellowship Hall December 31. Games were played and refreshments were served. An enjoyable evening was had by everyone, celebrating the old year out and the new year in.

Word has been received from the Stand family that they are liking their new home in Cherokee, Oklahoma, and the children are adjusting well. We wish them the best of luck in their new surroundings.

Ramona Vaughn and boys have now joined their husband and father in Los Crusus, New Mexico.

During January the study of "Effective Visitation" was held in our Wednesday evening service. Much has been gained from these studies.

On Sunday afternoon, January 26, Open House was held in the John Lemmons home, our way to show appreciation to former pastors who are still working very faithfully in the church.

Our Sunday School Council is launching

MIDYEAR BOARDS

Continued

the quarterly meeting level.

**BIBLE SCHOOL BOARD—
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

The Bible School Board adopted the name "Christian Education Board" of Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends. Guidelines for monthly meeting committees and the board are currently under study. The new Aldersgate Curriculum (George Fox Press) will be available for use in September. Other areas being promoted and developed by the board are: *The Achievement Goals* for Sunday schools, participation in the various state Sunday school conventions, *Aldersgate Christian Training* (ACT), Children's Church materials, weekday activities, Sunday evening children's activities, and Vacation Bible School.

VISITATION EVANGELISM BOARD

Kansas Yearly Meeting has endorsed the principle of visitation as the primary responsibility of the members of the body of Christ. As individual members of the Yearly Meeting, we must become vocal and living witnesses if our candlestick is not to be removed.

the Yearly Meeting program of "Visitation and Absentee Follow-Up" through each Sunday school class. Some very interesting plans are being considered.

The Junior and Senior High Friends Youth sponsored a Sloppy Joe supper on Wednesday evening, February 19. This was to help the youth pay their budget and missionary projects.

Ora Hays has been in the hospital, but is now feeling much better. Our prayers were with her and her family during her illness.

SPRING GROVE

June Worden, Pastor

We regretted that illness forced the retirement of Fay and Leslie Wheeler after seven years of faithful service with our meeting. We do very much appreciate the ministry of June Worden as she took on the double load of the pastorate and teaching the third grade at Spring Hill, Kansas. To ease this load somewhat, Philip Hickman has been conducting the Sunday evening services. His ministry also is a great blessing and inspiration to us.

This past summer our Friends Youth was reactivated with an attendance in the teens. Jerilyn James is the president at this time.

We were also happy to have Cooper Beatty and the CABCO film for a service recently.

STAFFORD

Glen Morford, Pastor

Edith Shrauner, a faithful member of our church, moved to her home in Wichita the first of the year. We are happy for the Melvin Keesling family putting their membership in our church. Even though their home is in Abilene, they are able to be in our church services when they visit Virginia's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Munden.

Our pastor was guest speaker at the Beaver Quarterly Meeting held at the Great Bend Friends Church January 17 and 18.

Clifford West presented a challenging chalk talk at the close of the Sunday school hour February 9. His topic was the potter molding an earthen vessel with the spiritual application of the Lord molding our lives as we surrender our all to Him.

The Young People of our church were recognized in the evening worship hour February 2. They participated in the service by reading the Scripture and singing several special songs. A time of fellowship with refreshments was held at the close of the service. Myrtle Munden is the new sponsor of the youth. They enjoyed a time of worship followed by a Valentine Party Sunday evening, February 9.

A lay witness mission for all the churches of Stafford was held February 21-23. Our church was in charge of World Day of Prayer February 21.

STARK

Ivan Frazier, Pastor

Our meeting has been having a singspiration service the first Sunday evening of each month with good interest. Our Sunday school and worship services have been well-attended through the winter considering absence due to

flu.

The Sunday School Department presented a Christmas program during the morning service on the Sunday before Christmas. We began the new year with new hymn books, which we are enjoying very much.

A social was held in the church basement in January in honor of Ralph and Vera Ungles and Bob and Alvena Ungles and family, who have moved back to our community from California.

We were hosts to Independence Quarterly Meeting January 17-18. We were privileged to have Ralph and Esther Choate as guest speakers at these services.

We are praying and looking forward to revival services April 13-20 with Bradley Fisher as evangelist.

TOPEKA

Wendell Barnett, Pastor

Six sessions of in-depth Bible study were conducted by Paul Barnett of Emporia during November and December. These sessions were very challenging and beneficial.

The Alpha-Teens (our Friends Youth group) presented "Making the Scene" for our Sunday evening service February 9. Sponsors of this active group are Duane and Arlene Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harrison honored their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrison, with an open house wedding reception Sunday, February 9, at their home. About 80 guests greeted Tom and Alanna. Tom, who graduated from FBC in 1967 and had sung with the Varsitymen and The Followers, is now serving with the U.S. Navy in the communications center in Rota, Spain. Alanna, who also attended FBC and was a member of The Christeens, will join Tom in Spain this summer.

March 9 was Girl Scout Sunday, and we were pleased to have as guests in our morning worship service girls from Brownie, Junior, and Cadet troops in the community. Two of these troops use our church facilities during the week for their meetings.

A joint meeting of the Men's Fellowship and our WMU groups was held March 14. The men hosted with a catered dinner. Our special guests and speakers were Ralph and Esther Choate.

Our evening WMU group has recently

organized two additional groups for the girls of our church. Marge Penner is directing the junior missionary group and Marlyn McVey is directing the high school age group. We feel this will be a valuable experience for the girls to stimulate their interest and participation in missions.

The City of Topeka is anticipating the Greater Topeka Crusade for Christ with Bill Glass, defensive end with the Cleveland Browns, as evangelist. These meetings are scheduled for June 1-8, and prospects are encouraging for a real revival in our city.

TULSA

Kenneth Hinshaw, Pastor

Our choir has been quite active, singing almost every Sunday. We honored the birthday of our Lord by giving a cantata, "Joy to the World," by John W. Peterson.

Wendell Barnett held a revival from January 27-February 2. His messages, filled with sincerity and enthusiasm for Christ, blessed each one that attended. Our teen-agers helped each night of the revival by leading choruses, having Scripture and prayer, ushering and emceeing. Following the Friday night service, the teens had a "Destination Unknown" party, their final destination for the evening being the Baptist Student Union of the Tulsa University Campus, where Wendell had some thought-provoking words geared especially to youth. Saturday night the teens and our evangelist enjoyed a pizza party before the eve-

ning service and a short time of fellowship following the service.

TWIN MOUND

Dan Bellinger, Pastor

The church looked forward prayerfully to our revival meetings, held the first two weeks in March with Cooper Beaty as evangelist.

Our pastors, Dan and Gladys Bellinger, have moved from their home in Olpe, Kansas, to Hartford, Kansas. Their grandson Joe is staying with them to complete his senior year at Olpe High. We were very sorry to have George and Bernadine Bellinger and family move from our meeting to Kansas City. We are glad Joe stayed with us. He is president of the Friends Youth group.

Our young people enjoyed the Quarterly Meeting Skating Party held February 3. The annual FY Banquet was held February 22 in Emporia.

A shower was held at the church January 22 for the John Latta family, whose home was destroyed by fire. The community was invited and we were pleased to see so many respond to this need. The ladies of the church served light refreshments and a time of fellowship followed.

Twin Mound was well represented, at the January Quarterly Meeting in Emporia. We hope to have our teachers attend the Teacher Training Courses that will be conducted by Paul Barnett beginning the first Wednesday in March.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES

SHEEHAN-MITCHELL. Anita Sheehan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo L. Sheehan of Collinsville, Oklahoma, became the bride of Jim Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mitchell of Haviland, Kansas, on Saturday evening, February 1, in the Collinsville Community Church.

ELMORE-HARRISON. Alanna Elmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Elmore of Brighton, Iowa, became the bride of Tom Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Harrison of Topeka, Kansas, on Sunday night, February 2, at the Richland Friends Church, Richland, Iowa. Pastor Merle Green officiated.

MEIREIS-McAFEE. The Haviland Friends Church was the setting for the wedding of Shari Meireis and Terry McAfee on Saturday, December 21, at 3:00 p.m. Parents of the couple are Mrs. Delbert Meireis, Haviland, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe McAfee, Allen, Nebraska.

BIRTHS

EISELE—To Karl and Twilla (Knabe) Eisele of Wellsville, Kansas, a son, Loren Wesley, born October 23, 1968.

KAZMAIER—To Jerry and Gloria (Votaw) Kazmaier of Eudora, Kansas, a son, Jeffrey Douglas, born February 2, 1969.

HUDSPETH—To Bill and Mary Hudspeth of Tulsa, Oklahoma, a son, born October 16, 1968.

SHETLEY—To Chris and Judy Shetley of Tulsa, Oklahoma, a son, Duane, on December 9, 1968.

STANLEY—Hershel and Arlene Stanley adopted a 14-month old boy on September 25, 1968; they named him Wayne Douglas.

DEATHS

KONKEL—Mrs. Gertrude Konkell passed away January 24 after a short illness. Services were held in Haviland Friends Church with John Robinson officiating. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Dale, and seven married children.

WOODARD—Mrs. Maude Woodard, 91, passed away February 2 after a long illness. She had resided at the Villa Manor Home at Pratt for several years. Funeral services were held in the Haviland Friends Church with John Robinson officiating.

GRIMM—Mrs. Ellen Grimm, member of the Haviland Friends Church, was killed in an auto accident February 4. Services were held at Haviland with Robin Johnston and Harold Thompson officiating.

WILLIAMS—Ray Williams, 74, life-long resident of Haviland and member of the Friends Church, passed away February 8 after a long illness. Services were held at Haviland with John Robinson and Robin Johnston officiating. The sole survivor is a sister, Ethel Williams.

PICKERING—Iva V. Pickering, 76, passed away on February 22, 1969, in Wichita, Kansas. She was a former missionary to Cuba and later an instructor in Spanish at Friends University. She became registrar at Friends and held that position until her retirement. She was an active and loved member of the University Meeting.

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The Power of His Resurrection

By OLEN R. ELLIS

A number of years ago one of our children brought home a record, *From the Manger to the Cross*. This song, beautifully sung by Red Foley, has a real message in it. The first verse, "The story's in the Bible, it's a message sad but true. The life our Savior lived on earth is told. Written on the pages of the Master's Book of Truth, it is the sweetest story ever told." The chorus: "From the manger to the cross, rugged cross of Calvary, the cross that Jesus bore for you and me, all alone. By the world forsaken, yet He shed His blood for me, from the manger to the cross, rugged cross of Calvary."

I am happy today for the number of Christians who accept the fact of Christ's virgin birth, His walk on earth, most of His teachings, and the fact that He bore our sins to the cross. We gladly accept the salvation bought with Christ's blood on the cross. But what then? The disciples believed that Christ was the Son of God. They heard the proclamation, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." They heard the sermon on the mount, and accepted the truths contained in it. They were with Him as He fed the multitude on the shore of Galilee. They had heard Him pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, had seen Him hanging dead on the cross, but the major theme of the disciples, Paul, and the early church, was His resurrection. Paul says, "Now I long to know Christ and the power shown by his resurrection." (Philippians 3:10, Phillips translation) Acts 4:33 records, "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." We remember after the resurrection that the disciples were still very human in their ambitions. They asked Jesus, "Wilt thou at this time restore . . . the kingdom?" And Jesus answered, "It is not for you to know . . . but ye shall receive power . . . and ye shall be witnesses." That was the message, the commission of Christ to His followers.

Today the reality of the events of the crucifixion, the resurrection, the whole Easter

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From the Superintendent



UNSELFISHNESS, THE BASIC QUALITY OF LOVE

Love does not insist on its own way. The peculiar nature of love is such that once it forsakes its basic quality of unselfishness, it becomes not love, but lust—perhaps not the lust of the flesh, but equally frightening and destructive, the lust for power over another personality, the lust for superiority of self, or the lust for a martyr's crown of merit.

All these and other facets of lust are insidious in their access into the heart and mind; they become disguised as "my rights," "my just due," "my place," "my share of affection or attention," or as "a 50-50 proposition."

Love never meets anyone halfway; that is legalism. Love does not count the cost of its devotion; it simply is devoted. It does not seek to have its devotion recognized; rather it places itself in the background, not in a calculated effort to gain attention, but with a genuine concern for the privileges and needs of others.

A great and humble saint, having learned the secret of love, wrote: "Make me not to so crave to be loved as to love. Help me to learn that in giving I may receive; in forgetting self, I may find life eternal."

PERSONAL NOTES

Wednesday evening, February 5, Kenneth Storey and wife Kitty and their two small children accompanied me to the La Junta, Colorado, Meeting. Kenneth led in the midweek prayer meeting, and later we met with the Ministry and Counsel. I am very happy to announce that this fine young couple has accepted the pastoral leadership of the La Junta Meeting, beginning March 1.

Saturday, February 8, I accompanied Lloyd Hinshaw to Denver, Colorado, to attend the sessions of Rocky View Quarterly Meeting. This was a day of blessing and inspiration.

Sunday, February 9, it was our privilege to attend the services of our home church (Colorado Springs).

Wednesday, February 12, I motored to Mankato, Kansas, for a brief visit with my mother, brother, and his family. I journeyed on to Haviland, Kansas, on Thursday. I spoke in the chapel service at Friends Bible College and later met with the Board of Trustees of the college.

Sunday morning, February 16, found me in the Las Animas, Colorado, Meeting, where I ministered to a very receptive congregation; later I met with the Ministry and Counsel group.

Wednesday, February 19, it was a real privilege to fellowship with the Evangelical Ministers of the Colorado Springs, Colorado, area in a luncheon meeting. Dr. Arnold Olson, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, was the guest speaker.

It was a wonderful privilege to attend the sessions of the Colorado Association of Evangelicals, held in the Calvary Temple Church in Denver, February 20.

Friday evening, February 21, I motored to Denver and met with a Yearly Meeting committee.

I trust we will be diligent in filling out yearly reports and meeting our financial budgets. The time for our Yearly Meeting sessions will soon be here.

Prayerfully yours, Merle A. Roe

story is fresh in our minds. What now? The tomb is still empty, the guards are gone. The angels are gone; yes, even the apostles. But Christ is alive forevermore. In the Revelation Jesus says, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and

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The Relevancy of the Bible To the World Today

BY FRANK CROSSLEY MORGAN

There are those around us today who will contend, with an attitude of infinite intellectual superiority, that modern man has outgrown the Bible and that the Bible is entirely irrelevant to the problems of this modern age. It may well be it was of such men that our Lord was thinking when He spoke of "These things" being "hidden . . . from the wise and understanding and revealed . . . to babes."

Never was the Bible more relevant than it is today. Never has the case for the Bible been as strong as it is today. The Bible, and the Bible alone, throws reliable light on the state of the world as it is and offers the only trustworthy hope with regard to the future.

When I say *the Bible* I do not mean merely the Sermon on the Mount. Neither do I mean merely an occasional favorite Psalm that is read before one goes to sleep at night, nor do I mean certain aspects of the prophetic teachings found within the Bible. I mean the whole Bible, the Old Testament and the New Testament, taken as the unique revelation of God to man and of His purposes with regard to this old world. In this connection let us look at three propositions: (1) The Bible alone accounts for and explains the present chaotic condition and state of the world. (2) The Bible, and the Bible alone, gives us strength to face the present chaotic situation. (3) The Bible, and the Bible alone, affords us any trustworthy hope with regard to the future.

BIBLE ACCOUNTS FOR PRESENT CHAOS

The question as to why things are as they are is a very real one. Critics of the Bible will say, "How do you account for it? After nearly 2,000 years of the preaching of your Gospel, which claims to be a unique way of salvation, how are wars such as we have been having possible?" Those who still ask such questions ask them because they have swallowed hook, line and sinker the modern idealistic, humanistic, evolutionary philosophy of life. One of the greatest tragedies of the last several decades of church history is the manner in which this philosophy has been confused with the message of the Bible, the Word of God.

All too many men called to preach the Word of God have attempted to harmonize

the evolutionary philosophy of life with the teaching of the Word. They have spoken of themselves as theistic evolutionists. It has been supposed by them the Bible teaches that men, as a result of evolutionary processes from age to age, have become increasingly better men; Christians have become increasingly better Christians; and therefore, after 2,000 years of the preaching of the gospel message, the world ought to be by now well-nigh perfect. For such a philosophy, wars of the magnitude of the last World War would be utterly impossible.

But the Bible teaches no such philosophy, nor can such a philosophy be harmonized with the teachings of the Word of God. The Bible would have us expect wars and rumors of wars, even unto the consummation of the age. The Bible teaches us that evil men will wax worse and worse, and that we must expect this. The Bible proclaims: "*No peace, saith my God, to the wicked!*"

Again, the Bible alone explains the genesis—the origin—of wars and of our present chaos. Are not all explanations utterly inadequate save that which is given us in the Word of God? Some try to explain international chaos in terms of some event, some treaty. Others explain everything in terms of economics. Still others try to explain everything politically. And some even try to explain everything in terms of particular men: Hitler, Stalin, Khrushchev.

If we but examine all these explanations with care, we must see that not one of them is adequate. There is something bigger behind wars and the chaotic state of affairs in the midst of which we find ourselves today. The Bible says that the cause of wars and chaos is sin. SIN! The cause is the ruptured relationship existing between man and his God. It is the alienation of mankind from God.

But the Bible goes even further than that. The Bible recognizes the cosmic conflict going on behind the scenes—between God and His angels and Satan and his spiritual hosts of wickedness. Modern man, from his imagined heights of intellectual superiority, denies the existence of Satan and of those spiritual hosts of wickedness—and by those denials he has lost the key to an intelligent understanding of the present state of the world. Statesmen are not only up against such men as Khrushchev and Castro, but they are confronted by Satan and his hosts.

BIBLE GIVES STRENGTH TO FACE CHAOS

Have you noticed how hopeless some people become in times of crisis? Some are afraid to think at all of their troubles; others become wishful thinkers. The vast majority of men and women who do think, but who do not accept the Bible are profound pessimists. Possibly the most pessimistic piece of writing I have ever read is the last thing that H. G. Wells ever wrote. He was an avowed atheist—all his hopes were rooted in the modern

idealistic, humanistic, evolutionary philosophy of life. And then there came crashing across the world two great wars. Every hope he ever had was shattered. And the last thing he wrote was "Mind at the End of Its Tether."

Against that sort of thing there has been nothing which has so helped and sustained the people of God, and maintained their morale and strength in the midst of crises and chaos, as a vital belief in the Bible. The Bible helps people in their times of need by enabling them to take the long view. This Book always encourages us not to be influenced overmuch by what happens immediately. It tells us that it has seen the wicked flourish like the green bay tree. But it also tells us that if we but wait awhile the wicked will vanish out of sight—forever.

The Bible also reminds us of the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ, "Every one who exalts himself will be humbled." It gives us the long view, which saves us from becoming victims of fear and phobias created by temporary reverses. It assures us of the ultimate triumph of God. It even goes beyond that, to say that even should the worst come to the worst, all will still be well with those who know God and who are called according to His purpose.

BIBLE GIVES HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

In the final analysis, there are only three possible views of history. First there is that view which is sometimes called the view of *contingency*. This view tells us that things happen anyhow, that events occur without any special rhyme or reason.

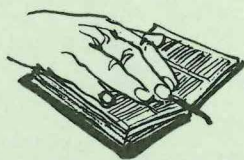
Then there is the view of *fatalism*—the doctrine of necessity. This view says that things must happen because they are guided and controlled by some dark, evil and impersonal, power-dominated fate. Oh, how many people become fatalists in their hours of crisis!

But thirdly there is the biblical view which is the doctrine of *certainly*. The Bible teaches that things do not just merely happen any old how, or haphazardly as the result of some contingency. Neither does the Bible suggest that this world is ordered by some dark, impersonal, hideous force.

The Bible tells us that this world is God's world—that even sinners are under the hand of God—that even Satan is not outside of God's control—that God permits certain things for the time being. But behind it all and over it all and beyond it all God has His plans.

According to the Bible, there are three focal points in history: Creation, Incarnation, Consummation. And just as certainly as the first two have already taken place, even so the third will take place.

Chronology is not a matter of clocks. Neither is it a matter of calendars. Chronology is essentially a matter of moral conditions, according to the Bible. This Book is not interested in times and seasons. It is interested in the fact that God has His plans and God will work out His plans as He has always done in the past. Someone says, "How soon?" Our only reply is, "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." Yes, in His own good time God will act. And in spite of sin and evil and Satan and hell, the kingdoms of this



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world will become the kingdom of our God and of His Christ.

The question might well be asked, "What is the practical message of all this?"

Strange as it may seem, this question was answered 326 years ago. In the year of our Lord 1643, the British Parliament summoned an assembly of godly and judicious divines to meet in Westminster Abbey in order to consult and advise concerning matters of religion. That assembly came to be known as the Westminster Assembly, and out of it came the well-known Westminster Confession of Faith. The answer to our present question was contained in the three foremost emphases laid down by that great assembly: (1) The Sovereignty of God, (2) the supremacy of the Scripture, and (3) the liberty of conscience.

We need to get back to the position of that assembly! We need to return to a recognition of and a reckoning with the supremacy of the Scriptures! We need to get back to the Bible—and by that I do not merely mean that we need to read it, study it, and teach it. These are tremendously important, of course. But we need to *live* it.

Merely to read the Bible is not enough.

Merely to study the Bible is not enough.

Merely to teach the Bible is not enough.

Men need the Bible not only in their heads but also in their hearts and in their wills. And when we do come to it, listen to it, let it talk to us, seek to live by it—what then does it teach us about these days in which we live? It teaches us that the great need of the hour is for the mighty Spirit of God: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord!"

Not by organizing, not by plans and multiplicity of programs and propositions, not by conferences and councils and conventions, but by the Spirit of God alone can men be convinced and convicted of their sins and brought back to God through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ.

The call to us, then, is not so much to *organize* (the Apostle Paul would say, "God forbid!") as it is to *agonize*: to wait upon God, to plead with Him for our sad world, to ask God with the old prophet Habakkuk to keep alive His works in the midst of the years and in tumult to remember mercy.

All of this must be within the frame of reference of the Bible as the supremely relevant thing. How shall I say it? I am inclined to put it into the words of the psalmist of old: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

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April 6 Easter

April 11-12 Arkansas Valley Quarterly Meeting, La Junta, Colorado

April 15-17 National Association of Evangelicals, Cincinnati, Ohio

April 19 Quaker Ridge Camp work day

April 19-20 Hiawatha Quarterly Meeting, Pleasant Valley, Benkelman, Nebraska

April 20-26 National Library Week

April 22 EVANGELICAL FRIEND Editorial Board, Quaker Ridge Camp near Woodland Park, Colorado

April 22-25 Evangelical Friends Alliance, Quaker Ridge Camp

April 26-27 Prairie Hills Quarterly Meeting, Harmony near Wessington Springs, South Dakota

May 3-4 Springbank Quarterly Meeting, Plainview, Nebraska

May 10 Rocky View Quarterly Meeting, Beaver Park, Penrose, Colorado

May 17 Quaker Ridge Camp work day

June 1 Western Slope Quarterly Meeting, Paonia, Colorado

June 7 Quaker Ridge Camp work day

June 17-18 RMYM Boards and Executive Council, Quaker Ridge Camp

June 19-22 Sessions of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, Quaker Ridge Camp

June 23-27 Friends Youth Senior Camp, Quaker Ridge Camp

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ROUGH ROCK FRIENDS MISSION NEAR CHINLE, ARIZONA

We had our Bible class and Christmas party with the children at Many Farms Boarding School from 8:15 to 9:00 a.m. on December 9, 1968. There were happy smiles and big "thank you's." That evening we had Bible class and a Christmas party with the children at the Demonstration School. It had been snowing and blowing for several hours and the children waded in drifts up to their knees to get to the gym. Again there were happy faces and big "thank you's."

December 21, Saturday morning, came and it had been snowing and blowing since Thursday afternoon. About 9:00 a.m. it cleared, but roads were blocked; we wondered if anyone would come to the Community Christmas Service scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Vern Ellis took the tractor and began to drag the snow away from the church and made paths to the gym. People from the Demonstration School cleared some of the main roads, and 260 people came to the service. After the service each one received a sack with treats furnished by the Trading Post and gifts furnished by the Mission. Then everyone went to the gym for sweet rolls, furnished by the Trading Post, and coffee. The balance of the 500 sacks we filled were given to families who didn't get to the service because of blocked roads.

On December 25, Christmas dinner and services were held at the Tom Harvey Camp. This was a real good service and there was plenty of good food.

A postponed Christmas dinner and service were held at the Oak Ridge Church on the mountain January 1. Four vehicles made the 23-mile trip. Roads were so bad that it took four hours to make the trip. We had a good dinner and God blessed in the service.

January 6-February 7 Adult Bible School winter session was held. Attendance was

good. Three Bible subjects were taught, in addition to English and Navajo reading. The last two weeks Faith Hill, Wycliffe Bible translator, came and assisted with the Navajo classes. The Wycliffe people are printing some new materials, so this gave Faith an opportunity to try these. She was a real encouragement and help to the people and us.

Please pray for our Christians. Some are going through difficult places; thus it will take lots of God's grace if they remain true. Pray for Freddie Benally and Vern Ellis as they hold services in the camps for all phases of the mission work that there may be steady growth in the things of God.

—Freddie Benally
Mary Gafford
The Ellis Family

HIS RESURRECTION

Continued

death." This is the environment in which we live today. What are we going to do about it? Are we going to be like the disciples, hoping that our little kingdom will be established? Or are we willing to leave our physical welfare, our future to Him, and in His power really be witnesses?

Today, we love the Easter story; this is as it should be, but until we go on from Calvary, until we accept the greatest commission on earth, until that commission becomes the driving motive of our lives, we have missed the significance of the empty tomb. If witnessing is not our highest goal, we have missed the glory of the resurrection.

God help us to go forth from this Easter with a renewed vision of what Christ expects of His people.

Rocky View Quarterly Meeting

Rocky View Quarterly Meeting met in the First Denver Friends Church, Denver, Colorado, February 8, 1969.

Our services began with the Ministry and Counsel business meeting. Those not members of this group participated in a prayer and praise service.

Ralph Fry, choir director of the Denver church and a leader in the Youth for Christ movement, conducted a very helpful and interesting workshop. The subject of the workshop was "Getting the Most Out of Our Church Choir." The choir is not just a place to put people, but it should have a real purpose that speaks a message to the hearts of people.

Ralph Fry also gave the devotional message of the day, using Luke 19 as a basis for part of his concern. He stressed the fact that

many are hungry to know more about God, and often the church is not sensitive to these needs.

During the past year we held Rocky View Quarterly Meeting sessions alternately at Denver and Colorado Springs, due to these churches being more centrally located. But now we feel it would be better to return to rotating the meeting place with the other churches.

Merle A. Roe, general superintendent, emphasized the need for each of us to reach someone for Christ, stating that prayer is our greatest need. He urged us to be faithful in this area of our Christian service.

Our next meeting will be at the Beaver Park Friends Church, Penrose, Colorado, May 10.

—Carrie Green, reporter

FRIENDLY LINES

NEW HOPE FRIENDS, Hay Springs, Nebraska

F. Ernest and Blanche Allen, pastors

Those losing our Sunday school contest on the trip around the world gave the winners a supper at the church basement on February 25.

Missionary meeting was held on February 5 at Mrs. Ed Buitner's home.

—Mrs. Norman Bork, reporter

GRAND JUNCTION FRIENDS,

Grand Junction, Colorado

Olen R. and Martha Ellis, pastors

Our young people gave a Navajo supper February 25 in the church fellowship hall. They raised a nice sum for our Yearly Meeting budget. The stew was delicious and I liked the fry bread very much. They sold the recipe for making fry bread, so I purchased a copy and hope to learn to make fry bread.

We are getting ready to host the Western Slope Quarterly Meeting March 2. We trust much will be done to further the Lord's work in our area.

February 16 Don Larson, regional director of NAE, spoke at our evening services.

The missionary ladies tied a number of baby quilts and sorted clothes.

The junior choir practices after school at the parsonage one evening a week. The adult choir has been practicing regularly also.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fritzlan and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Green are the committee to plan our annual Easter sunrise service and breakfast, which is held at the church. If the weather is nice we hold the worship service outdoors on the front lawn; otherwise, it is held in the fellowship hall.

At the regular morning worship service there will be a number of specials, and the pastor's message will be on the Easter theme. In the evening the young people are planning a candlelight service. We are anticipating a wonderful Easter day filled with praise and worship.

—Helen E. Carpenter, reporter

DEATHS

SHORTY—Tabinabzab Shorty of the Rough Rock Friends Mission Community near Chinle, Arizona, passed away January 13, 1969, at 96 years of age.

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God Speaks a Language I Cannot Read

BY MARY A. GAFFORD

I am writing this article as though one of our older Navajo Christians who attends classes in our Adult Bible School were speaking. This reveals the desperate need of teaching our Christians to read their own language, thus providing them a tool to help them in studying God's Word for themselves.

As my children came into our home as newborn babes, it gladdened our hearts. Our lives were busy with the activities of rearing and watching them develop into more mature individuals. One particular phase of their lives that was of most interest was teaching them the words of our mother tongue. This became a new tool by which they could communicate their needs and desires.

When my children reached another phase of development, they were taken away from home to get an education, whereby they could communicate only by letters. The very children whom I had taught the knowledge of speech were now endeavoring to communicate by a new medium of the printed page. How frustrating it seemed to be confronted with their letters containing strange characters that had no meaning to me!

There remained only one solution—I must seek one of my own people who understood both my language and that of English as represented by my children's letters. Or I might seek the services of a white person, such as a missionary or trader, who could interpret my children's letters from English into my own tongue by the use of an interpreter. This seemed to isolate me farther from my children, as there was no direct

Mary A. Gafford is a missionary and teacher of the Navajo people at Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting's Rough Rock Friends Mission near Chinle, Arizona. The photo shows Helen Deschenie; she represents the Christian Navajos as mentioned in this article.



avenue of communicating with them, as I did in their early childhood days.

More frustration than the aforementioned experience was felt when I was visited by a missionary, whose Bible contained printed pages in my mother tongue, which I could speak but not read. He then spoke of one called God who so loved the world, even me, that He gave His only son, Jesus, to die that I might have peace in my heart. This sounded like good news, but was there no more direct way whereby I could learn of this wonder love? I was directed to the church services at the mission. It was here I really realized the heartfelt experience of Jesus coming into my heart.

I learned of their Bible schools which would help me to read directly of God's love. However, it loomed before me on the printed page in the very language I spoke. This included many strangely formed letters, of which I had no knowledge. It seemed such a long, difficult route to learn the sounds of these letters until they could compose words in my language to convey a message from God.

After a number of years in which I have attended classes at varied sessions of Bible school, I am beginning to grasp a knowledge of how to read my language, thus coming nearer to the goal of being able to read God's Word for myself.

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OREGON YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS CHURCH

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California - Oregon Ministers to Meet

A chartered bus will take ministers and wives to a joint conference, April 29 to May 2, with California Yearly Meeting pastors this year. The bus will take Washington and Oregon passengers and perhaps pick up Idaho attenders near the California border enroute. The sessions are held at Richardson Springs, California Christian Conference Center (near Chico, California).

Dr. Harold N. Englund, former president of Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, and currently pastor of the Fremont Presbyterian Church in Sacramento, California, will be the conference guest speaker. His subject will be: "Preaching to a Contemporary World."

A daily Bible exposition will be led by Gerald W. Dillon, professor at Western Evangelical Seminary, Jennings Lodge, Oregon. Also included in the program are Milo Ross, president of George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon; Ted Cummins, pastor of the Arcadia Friends Church; C. W. Perry, pastor of the Rose Drive Friends Church; Verl Lindley, pastor of Granada Heights Friends Church; and Oscar Brown, pastor of the Medford, Oregon, Friends Church.

Lectures and panel discussions will develop the following themes: "The Meaning of Membership," "Our Quaker Heritage," "The Middle East Today," and "Innovations in Church Programming."

PLAN NOW FOR YEARLY MEETING AUGUST 11 to 17

To have a block of time for Yearly Meeting nowadays means planning ahead. Families wishing to attend this year should circle the dates of August 11 through 17, when the 76th sessions of Oregon Yearly Meeting will convene. Youth Yearly Meeting, Junior Yearly Meeting, men's and women's meetings, plus full days of worship, inspiration, and action will be highlights of the Yearly Meeting.

Care should be made to name representatives who can attend and who will conscientiously prepare for the decisions to be made. The guest speaker for the morning sessions will be the Rev. Robert Bletcher, pastor of the Lents Evangelical Church of North America in Portland. The evening meetings will feature different departmental emphases with Church Growth presentations each night.

Trailers, campers and dormitory facilities will be available for families.

FRIENDS CHURCH STARTED IN KLAMATH FALLS

The Oregon Yearly Meeting Board of Evangelism approved the opening of a Friends Church in Klamath Falls, Oregon, which was formally established on Wednesday evening, March 12.

The Klamath Falls Free Methodist Church has been pastored by Evert Tuning for more than a year with several in the congregation being Friends who have moved there. The

Free Methodists officially discontinued their Klamath Falls church with the understanding the Friends would take it over.

The congregation, with an attendance currently between 30 and 40, was organized by a committee named by the Yearly Meeting Board of Evangelism: Oscar Brown, Dr. Alvin Roberts, and Jack L. Willcuts serving as chairman. In the organizational meeting, Jack Willcuts outlined the guidelines for setting up a new Friends Meeting. Medford Friends Church is being asked to act as the sponsoring Monthly Meeting jointly with the Board of Evangelism. They will continue to meet in the Free Methodist Church building until it is sold. A suitable location is being sought for future development.

Dr. Kenneth Magee, who with his wife Joan and family recently moved to Klamath Falls where he has opened a medical practice, are active in the new church. He has been named presiding clerk of the new meeting.

Sunday evening, March 16, Friends from Medford, Talent, Ashland, and Sprague River met with the new Klamath Friends Church in their first area rally with 88 present. Charles Mylander presided; Randall Emry led in the singing; Oscar Brown brought the message.

Evert and Virena Tuning moved to Klamath Falls, Oregon, a year ago last September upon his resignation from the pastorate at Sprague River Friends Church, which he served for a total of 19 years. Edwin Clarkson now pastors the Sprague River Friends Church.

EFA COMMISSIONS TO MEET THIS MONTH

Oregon Yearly Meeting will join Ohio, Kansas, and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meetings April 23 to 25 at Quaker Ridge Camp near Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the annual sessions of the Evangelical Friends Alliance. Under its five commissions—Missions, Church Extension, Publication, Christian Education, and Youth—the EFA has sponsored a number of projects. The EVANGELICAL FRIEND magazine, the Mexican Friends Mission led by Roscoe and Tina Knight, a new Friends meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, and Friends Youth Leadership Conferences are among some of the endeavors of the EFA.

Harold Winn, pastor of the Salem Friends Church, Damascus, Ohio, is president of the EFA; Jack L. Willcuts, vice-president. Dean Gregory serves as editor of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND.

The EVANGELICAL FRIEND Board will also meet preceding the EFA sessions as will the George Fox Press Board, which publishes Sunday school literature. Dorothy Barratt of Oregon serves full-time this year as consultant for the George Fox Press.

Roscoe and Tina Knight will be present for the EFA Conference. It is necessary for them to return to the United States border each six months to renew their visas, so their journey will coincide with the EFA meetings.

MEXICAN MISSION FILM AND TAPE

A set of slides with a tape recording from Roscoe Knight is now available from the Yearly Meeting office. Any church wishing to secure this (about 30 minutes) should write Ralph Chapman, P.O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS TO MEET

All ministerial students and those preparing for missionary service are meeting at Twin Rocks Conference grounds the weekend of April 12, 13 and 14 for a briefing by Friends leaders. Students from George Fox College, Western Evangelical Seminary and others of this age level are invited to the conference hosted by the Board of Evangelism. General Superintendent Jack L. Willcuts will lead a series of discussion groups on the challenge of Christian service among Friends; others to speak are Myron D. Goldsmith of George Fox College, Charlotte Macy, president of the Board of Evangelism, and others yet to be chosen.

This event will replace the "Campus Conference" formerly held for similar purposes.

Christians Should Be Nice

In his book, *Mere Christianity*, author C. S. Lewis asks a question that we have all wondered about some: If Christianity is true, why are not all Christians obviously nicer than all non-Christians?

When one's religion makes him feel fine but does not make him act better—the neighborhood begins to suspect his conversion was imaginary. Really, it is quite right for us to judge Christianity by its results to a certain extent. Inner belief must affect outward behavior.

But there is another way of demanding results, Mr. Lewis insists, in which the outer world may be fooled. Christian Miss Bates, for example, may have an unkind tongue than unbelieving Dick Firkin. But that by itself does not tell us whether Christianity works. The question is what Miss Bates' tongue would be like if she were not a Christian and what Dick's would be like if he became one.

Niceness is not, for God, the critical part of the business. What He is watching and waiting for is something that is not easy because even He cannot produce it by a mere act of power. The real question is will they, or will they not, turn to Him and thus fulfill the only purpose for which they were created? It costs God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things, but to convert rebellious wills cost Him crucifixion.

Niceness is not salvation. If you have sound nerves and intelligence and health and popularity and a good upbringing, you are likely to be satisfied with your character as it is. "Why drag God into it?" It is easy to suppose then that all this niceness is our own doing. Or it is easy to think that self-improvement is about all there is to religion and then to look around and decide we are about as good as the average and relax in our own niceness and look no further God-ward.

Christ came down not simply to produce better people, but to produce a new kind of man. It is not like teaching a horse to jump better and better, Lewis wisely observes, but it is like turning a horse into a winged creature. Of course, once it has got its wings it will soar over fences that could never have been jumped at all. Yet there may be a period as these wings are beginning to grow when the new winged creature is awkward and clumsy.

If what you want is an argument against Christianity, you can easily find some stupid and unsatisfactory Christian and say, "So there goes your new man! Give me the old kind."

If, however, you once begin to see that Christianity is a matter of the heart relationship to God—that it makes nasty people nicer, and nice people with nasty hearts inwardly right—then you will have more understanding of other people's souls. How little we really know what temptations and struggles are being fought in the inner lives of others!

But one soul in the whole creation you do know: and it is the only one whose fate is placed in your hands. You are, in a sense, alone with God. You cannot put Him off with speculations about your next door neighbors or of what you have read in books or been told by some teacher. Often people who have all kinds of natural goodness cannot be brought to recognize their need for Christ at all until one day this natural goodness lets them down and their self-satisfaction is shattered. So, if you are a nice person—beware. If you mistake for your own merits what are really God's gifts to you through nature, and if you are content simply with being nice, you are still a rebel, and all those gifts will make your fall the more terrible. —Jack L. Willcuts

MISSION NEWS

NEW BOLIVIAN AND PERUVIAN MISSION FIELD MAPS NOW AVAILABLE

New 16 by 24 inch, two-colored maps of each of the Bolivian and Peruvian mission fields have recently been printed by the Board of Missions and are now available for display in your church. Distribution of these is being handled through the quarterly meeting missionary committee chairmen. Local pastors and missionary committee chairmen are urged to contact your quarterly meeting chairman for your maps if these have not reached you as yet.

THE MISSIONARIES WRITE

DAVID THOMAS: "There seems to be a much better spirit in the La Paz meeting than for some time, with a spirit of reconciliation. The director of the Bible Institute has been changed, with Francisco Mamani going in as director. Around 31 day schools were started in February. The country has changed its school set-up to a five-year, plus kindergarten, for grade schools; 6, 7 and 8 grades as junior high, and a four-year high school. There is talk of moving the 'Jorge Fox' school to Chirapaca in order to use the Batallas location for the junior high. The National Church has decided to try to get the tabernacle ready for Yearly Conference in April. Their problem is that they won't have the money to put the roof on. They have made a very determined and sacrificial effort to raise money from among the churches."

QUENTIN NORDYKE: "This Aymara course is *tops*! They really know what they are doing and keep me pushed right along. I am more and more convinced that learning the language is about half of what is necessary to successfully communicate with people in other cultures; we need to know the culture, customs, philosophy, way of thinking, etc."

ALICE MAURER: "It looks like we can give a fairly good progress report on Nick. Dr. Peter Hughes, the Irish Baptist doctor, felt that Nick has a fairly light case, and that the recovery period shouldn't be nearly as long as the Peruvian doctor suggested."

GREENLEAF SPONSORS PRO-ART CONCERT

A Friends Pro-Art Concert was held March 15 on the campus of the College of Idaho (Caldwell) sponsored by Greenleaf Academy and under the direction of Mark Roberts.

More than 350 attended the event featuring soloists Joyce Lewis (wife of Dr. Claude Lewis) of Medford, Oregon; Phil Lamm of Kamiah, Idaho; Dick Zeller of Milwaukie, Oregon; and John Carr of Greenleaf. A reception followed.

The Greenleaf Friends Academy 34-voice choir and 20-member band under the direction of Fred Neumann participated the week of March 17-23 in the annual Northwest Christian Schools musicale held this year at Newberg, Oregon, with ten other schools.

George Fox College News

Project "Now," a two-point social action program, has been started by the George Fox Student Christian Union.

Students hope to raise 2,000 shares, with each share worth one hour of service or \$1 in donation. The project is designed to allow students to "get involved" directly and personally at home and overseas.

One part of the program is to provide 25 wheelchairs valued at \$75 apiece to aid war-injured South Vietnamese. The other phase involves the raising of funds and volunteer support for starting a new teen center in the Albina section of Portland.

The Spring Musicales of the Northwest Association of Christian Schools drew nearly 600 students from 11 schools in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. The three-day con-

ference featured individual school performances on one night and a combined mass choir and band concert on the final night.

The 41-member a cappella choir performed in 17 cities in six states on their annual spring concert tour.

The 3,600-mile trip took 17 days and was the longest in the last ten years. Concerts were given in churches and high schools and featured thirteen representative choral works from the Renaissance to the present time. Director is Professor Jerry Friesen.

Dr. Arthur O. Roberts, chairman of the Division of Religion, has been appointed as the George Fox College dean of faculty. Dr. Roberts has been acting dean since the resignation of Dr. George Moore last spring.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

PUGET SOUND QUARTERLY MEETING

Holly Park—Eugene McDonald, pastor

On February 9, Clair Lund, missionary teacher at the Southwest Indian School in Glendale, Arizona, was guest in the evening worship service.

Our superintendent, Jack Willcuts, was with us Wednesday evening, February 26, giving us the latest reports of Yearly Meeting concerns and experiences in the Church Growth studies and how they may relate to concerns in our own local church.

—*Ruth Alder, reporter*

SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Highland Avenue—Marion Clarkson, pastor

A group of young married people have been meeting for prayer and Bible study.

On February 9, there was an afternoon open house at the Griffith home honoring Ben Griffith, who is now 80.

February 23 we had the pleasure of welcoming a team from George Fox College. They were with us all day and had entire charge of the evening service. It was a joy to have them with us.

Medford—Oscar Brown, pastor

National Boy Scout Sunday was observed in our church Sunday, February 9, with several scouts in attendance. John Glocking from our congregation is scout master.

Several of our young people attended Future Freshman Day at George Fox College.

Some from our church are attending the Billy Graham Christian Life and Witness course in Ashland in preparation for the Area Christian Crusade in April.

—*Avadna Boshears, reporter*

Pringle—Ray Moore, pastor

Beverly Kampstra and Edith Cammack attended the Sponsors Retreat in Portland.

For the past four months many hours have been spent cleaning and painting, both inside and outside of the church. New light fixtures have been installed in the halls. The ladies of the WMU have sponsored a drive to raise money for new curtains in the Sunday school annex rooms.

We were happy to have Ron Crecelius as guest speaker for the weekend of March 2.

Rosedale—Frank Haskins, pastor

Our pastor and wife had a Valentine party for the junior and senior high group—20 attended.

Lois Haskins and son Norman flew to Long Beach, California, to attend the 60th wedding anniversary of her parents.

—*Reba Russell, reporter*

South Salem—Freeman Conant, pastor

South Salem joined the other churches of the area at Ministry and Oversight meeting, youth rally, and evening services at Highland Church February 9.

We were privileged to have Fred Gregory to speak and show slides of his work while

serving in Vietnam during the evening services February 16.

New victories were won at the altar during the Deeper Life Crusade with David Le Shana, executive vice-president of GFC, the weekend of February 21-23. We are looking forward to another weekend with David Le Shana in May.

South Salem joined three other churches for a day of volleyball, basketball, and fellowship at a gym in Dallas Saturday, March 1.

—*Novelyn Franklin, reporter*

Talent—Randall Emry, pastor

Our church is taking part in the Ashland Area Christian Crusade under the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to take place in April. Several homes are open for prayer meeting. A number of our people are attending the Christian Life and Witness classes.

The WMU has been growing in interest and number this year. They have doubled their membership.

—*Bessie Hill, reporter*

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON QUARTERLY MEETING

Camas—Dorwin Smith, pastor

February 14 a number of people went to Kelly's Restaurant for a Sweetheart Banquet. Roy and Ruth Clark had the program.

February 23 to March 2 we had our Missions Conference. Our slogan was "The Unreached Must Be Reached." Speakers were Alton Wright, Fred Gregory, Clair Lund, Charlotte Macy, David Le Shana, ending with Pastor Kim and Gene Comfort each bringing a challenge for better service in the Lord's work.

—*Millie Attebery, reporter*

Cherry Grove—Herbert Sargent, pastor

Our twenty-fifth anniversary on February 9 was a success and well-attended.

In spite of the snow, a group from our church went to the nursing home to bring Scripture and song to the patients there on the first Sunday in February.

Eight from our church attended the sing-spiration at the Hockinson Church on Sunday evening, March 2. —*Lulu Johnson, reporter*

Rosemere—Walter and Gladys Cook, pastors

January 19 Esther White was guest speaker at our morning service.

Saturday afternoon, February 15, the Jean Griffin family was given a housewarming.

February 18, we had a potluck supper followed by films of a second trip to the Holy Land. The slides were presented by Oleva Corey, R.N., superintendent of the nightshift of Vancouver Memorial Hospital. Because of her long friendship with Harry Braithwaite, former chef of the hospital, now retired, Harry baked a beautiful Valentine cake in her honor. He also surprised Walter Cook with a birthday cake at the same time.

—*Eunice Coats, reporter*

Rose Valley—George Bales, pastor

Joan Wagner is the new director of our primary division of Children's Church. We now have junior and primary groups and need to divide further to better provide for our preschoolers, when leadership is available.

Missionary Sunday was highlighted last

month with the visit of Gene and Betty Comfort and family.

Forty little chairs were recently purchased by the WMU for the Beginners Department. The children are delighted with them.

We have all missed Alice Jabusch from our services so much since she was hospitalized and now confined to her home while her broken hip heals.

Thea Bales is doing well, too, and is able to attend school half-days now.

Vancouver—J. Earl Geil, pastor

Many from our church attended the Church Growth meetings held at Portland First Friends. We were also glad to have some attending the Christian Leadership Conference.

February 14, the junior high FY sponsored a ham dinner for the church. They were in charge of special music. Games, such as The Newlywed Game and The Family Game, were played. Pastor Geil presented the devotions.

February 23 we enjoyed the Journeymen Quartet from George Fox College during our Sunday school hour.

Our Missionary Conference was held February 28-March 2, with special speaker Pastor Al Wollen. The whole conference was exciting and especially Sunday evening, when the faith promise cards were turned in and totaled. Our goal was \$5,000 and the cards totaled \$9,000. Naturally, we are all thrilled.

—*Karen Zoller, reporter*

BOISE VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING

Boise—Dale Field, pastor

The junior youth, Ram Jetters, are working hard to earn their Jet Cadet pins, through attendance and achievement.

Several from our church attended the Governor's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday morning, February 15. Dr. Clyde Narramore, nationally known psychologist, was the guest speaker.

The Boise Valley and Greenleaf pastors and wives met in Meridian for a time of fellowship at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 18.

—*Margaret Peterson, reporter*

Melba—J. Harley Adams, pastor

Ralph Bold, Dale Lee, Martin Wilhite, Tom Wilhite, and Debbie Wynia attended Midwinter at Twin Rocks. There were over 200 kids at the conference—a real success.

The Junior High Sunday School Class will be going on a horseback ride when they have 100 percent attendance.

Star—Dean Gregory, pastor

"The Rich Heritage of Friends" class was taught for high school students at 9:45 a.m. and for junior high students at 6:30 p.m. from February 9 through March 16. Dean Gregory taught both classes.

On February 9, a youth group from Northwest Nazarene College conducted the evening service.

Mrs. Vermeda Billington presented new hymnals, *Great Hymns of the Faith*, to our church for use in the chapel. This gift is a memorial to her father, Austin J. Terhune.

The entire evening service of February 23 featured the adult choir from Greenleaf Friends Church. —*Leona Ireland, reporter*

GREENLEAF QUARTERLY MEETING

Caldwell—Nathan Pierson, pastor

Carol Oglevie, Greenleaf Academy senior, presented her oration "And Sudden Death." She wrote it and had given it in competition with other students in a declamation contest, receiving a very good rating.

Rosella Moon read her essay on "Highway Safety," which won second place in the Yearly Meeting last year.

The Moral Action Committee spearheaded a Bible reading plan last year. Quite a number reported reading the Bible through before the year closed.

Our project for getting new pews for the church met with spontaneous enthusiasm. Eighteen pews are now pledged and paid for and only eight left to purchase at this time.

—*Rosella Moon, reporter*

Greenleaf—Kenneth and Rosalie Pitts, pastors

Mary Smith, daughter of Keith and Bertha Smith, has earned valedictorian honor of the senior class. Clarie Nicholson from British Honduras and a ward of Ina Smith is salutatorian.

The 18th annual benefit sale for Greenleaf Academy netted \$3,200. In addition the Auxiliary's delicious dinner grossed about \$600; it was served to about 350 people.

INLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

Hayden Lake—Wayne Piersall, pastor

We are quite proud of our basketball boys. Of the many church teams that participated, our Intermediate boys placed second. A banquet was given for the boys and their dads on March 28.

During the recent evangelistic services held by Willis Keithley, a daytime class was held on "The Symbolism of the Tabernacle." It was well-attended and much interest was shown.

—*Marie Chandler, reporter*

NEWBERG QUARTERLY MEETING

*Newberg—Gerald Dillon, pulpit minister
Dan Nolte, interim pastor*

February 16 to March 9 was our Month of Missions. Gerald Dillon brought the Sunday morning messages. Sunday evening speakers included Paul Cammack on Peru and Gene and Betty Comfort on Bolivia. Students from the GFC International Club spoke at one prayer meeting, and Morrison Budden, Western Evangelical Seminary student from India, at another. A birthday dinner was held in the social hall on March 7 with Mexico as theme and pictures and tape recording from Roscoe Knight. The Sanctuary Choir sang the missionary cantata, "The Greatest Story Yet Untold," on March 9, and faith promise pledges were received.

—*Margaret Weesner, reporter*

Springbrook—David Whitcomb, pastor

A filmstrip on Babylon was shown in our evening service February 9.

A pizza party was enjoyed by both the FY groups February 14 at the Elvin Mills home. Several of our "young marrieds" were able to attend the Leadership Conference; they then shared some of the things they had learned with us in the next evening service.

Willard Kennon was the speaker for our

Stewardship Seminar February 26-March 2.

—*Marie Mills, reporter*

West Chehalis—Gene Hockett, pastor

We held our eighth annual Missionary Conference during the week of March 2-9. The level of missionary giving preceding the first conference in February 1961 had been about \$300 annually. With the new emphasis given to missionary giving, our contribution to OYM's mission program has been raised tenfold. At the same time, there has been an increase in giving to the local budget that has enabled our meeting to meet increased costs, to complete two enlargements of our church building without outside assistance, and to raise our per member giving to a level that has been one of the highest in OYM. The total of our 1969 faith promise pledges was announced as slightly over \$3,000, an increase of about \$200 over last year.

—*Kenneth Fendall, reporter*

PORTLAND QUARTERLY MEETING

First Friends—Mahlon Macy, pastor

Operation Outreach has been the theme for the month of March at First Friends. Pastor Macy has been speaking on such timely topics as, "Pretending Saints," "Heaven, I'm Going There," "Family Fussin' and Feudin'," and "Pay Day Always Comes." Each Sunday night has been devoted to some special emphasis, such as Family Night, or Bring Your Neighbor Night.

March also saw the beginning of the financial drive for our new church. The plans are almost completed for the building, and each Saturday the men of the church are spending many hours working on the new property.

On March 23 we enjoyed the Greenleaf Academy Choir concert.

Hillsboro—J. Russel Stands, pastor

Church committees held meetings on a Wednesday evening after a potluck dinner. Two 45-minute sessions were planned to allow all committees a meeting time.

Lynwood—Roger Smith, pastor

We held our missionary conference during February with Ralph and Marie Chapman, Jamie and Ardith Sandoz, Bert and Ruth Alexander—WGM missionary appointees to Indonesia—and five young people from George Fox College. The conference ended with a splendid message and pictures by Daniel Cammack.

Our high school youth group is looking forward to a good week in the Greater Seattle area helping to build the new church and helping with a youth-to-youth ministry.

Dr. Dean Macy, our choir director, has been appointed Chief of Staff of the Gresham Hospital.

—*Dwain Blodgett, reporter*

Second Friends—Clare Willcuts, pastor

A series of special meetings was held at Second Friends February 19 to March 2. Pastor Frank Haskins from Rosedale Friends was our evangelist. We enjoyed the deeply Spirit-filled messages.

On Sunday, February 23, a birthday fellowship dinner was enjoyed by the congregation. After singing "Happy Birthday" to all who had birthdays in January, February and March, a lovely dinner was served by the

Social Committee. —*Olive Richey, reporter*

Svensen—Willard Kennon, pastor

On February 16, after the evening service, a time of fellowship with refreshments was enjoyed by all those present. Sgt. James Venable—nephew of Ron and Sandy Danen—who has returned from service in the army in Vietnam, showed several films he had made during his time there. He is presently at Madigan Hospital undergoing treatment for an injury he received in the line of duty.

During the recent absence of our pastor, who was conducting a Stewardship Seminar at the Springbrook Church, our pulpit was filled by E. M. Varce, a former Nazarene minister.

—*Ruth Thompson, reporter*

BIRTHS

BAKER—To Keith and Anna Baker, a daughter, Carleta Rae, born March 1, 1969 at Salem, Oregon.

LITTLEFIELD—To Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Littlefield of the Sherwood Friends Church, a daughter, Sarah Marie, on December 18, 1968.

BEALS—To Brian and Janice Beals, Hillsboro, twin sons, Craig and Corey, born February 24, 1969.

BOHNSTEAD—To Jerry and Mary Bohnstead, Salem, a daughter, Tinnia Lee, born January 5.

BUCKLES—To Larry and Jean Buckles, Melba, a daughter, Robin, born September 5, 1968.

COWLES—To Robert and Marian Cowles, a son, Gary Robert, born February 12, 1969. Dorwin and Marita Smith are the proud grandparents.

DAVIS—To Bob and Juanita Davis, Renton, Washington, a daughter, Robin Lynn, born January 31, 1969.

EVANS—To Dale and Connie Evans, Melba, Idaho, a daughter, Teresa Eileen, born February 5, 1969.

PRESCOTT—To Howard and Donna Prescott, Rose Valley, Washington, a son, Kyle Leroy, born January 19, 1969.

STURDEVANT—To Michael and Peggy Sturdevant, Newberg, a son, Chad, born February 26, 1969.

TUNSEN—To Bob and Shirley Tunsen, Vancouver, a daughter, Jodi Leigh, born January 23, 1969.

WILLCUTS—To Bob and Jane Willcuts, Star, Idaho, a daughter, Kay Marie, born February 25, 1969.

WINES—To Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wines, Boise, a son, Stephan, born February 4, 1969.

MARRIAGES

SHAFFNER-LEWIS. Ethel Shaffner and Delmar Lewis were married December 27, 1968 at Sherwood Friends Church. Kenneth Williams officiated.

O'BRIEN-BROWN. Patricia Ann O'Brien and Gordon E. Brown were united in marriage March 1, 1969, at the Holly Park Friends Church, Seattle, with Oscar N. Brown officiating.

DEATHS

WESTON—Harvey Weston, 83, passed away February 9 at Seattle, Washington. Services were held February 12 with Eugene McDonald officiating.