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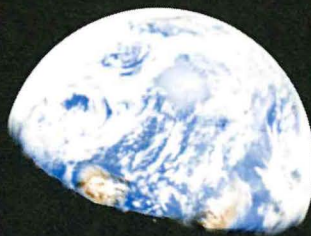
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An appeal for concurrent action

PART II

Discussions of the church are often engaged in by Sunday school classes and by informal groups of Friends. I compliment all who have read the literature of church renewal and who are burdened for change, but I challenge you to make this call for renewal concrete by bringing it to the church—that is, to the monthly meetings and the yearly meetings. I want to share with you some specific proposals for concurrent actions, at the local and regional levels, that I believe will help us achieve a higher kind of effective Quaker unity without tearing apart the structures that presently give form to a shared faith.

WHAT THE LOCAL CHURCH CAN DO

The church exists locally. Here worship and work are most direct. Its ways shape the church connectionally. I appeal to you, Friends in Indiana and elsewhere, break out of the ruts and do something different. Randomly, I suggest the following:

1. Meet for business less often and for more important reasons. Why should a hundred sleepy people mumble “approve” to a decision to hire a boy to mow the lawn? This “everybody-must-decide” syndrome dissipates our interest, creates apathy, and induces resistance to true leadership. Why not study your tasks, the delegation of responsibility, priority in decision making, and how your business correlates with the gifts members have and the needs of people.

2. Let elders be engaged functionally in the ministry of the church. Perhaps an annual report, rather than monthly meet-

ing approval of every action, would make them more responsible. Increasingly, our elders want more responsibility.

3. Obtain and release ministry according to need faced by the church in its community of interest. Within cities, for example, team ministry may be needed, or a youth minister to serve an entire area, rather than the one affluent meeting that can afford it. In Seattle, Washington, a team ministry approach utilizing the professional skills of several persons will handle the complex issues of the central city. In this district the spiritual, cultural, and economic needs of white, black, Indian, and Oriental people call for a varied ministry if the church of Christ is to be planted firmly there.

Moving to the suburbs isn't the only answer to success in the church, as Jack Willcuts pointed out. He stated: “It may be we can no longer delegate our involvement with unpleasant conditions and undesirable neighborhoods to the handful of missionaries we send far away. The good Samaritan was not a specialist in relief work or a missionary. He was just one who cared enough to get involved. Friends have been involved before. Evangelical Friends, consistent with our convictions, are becoming concerned again.”⁵

The scarcity of pastoral ministers may indicate spiritual deadness, but could it in some cases be how the Holy Spirit scores our unimaginative release of His gifts in the church?

Why not ask your monthly meeting whether or not more effective forms of shared and team ministry might be found for your area.

4. Build buildings that fit Christian purposes. Now, I don't go along with those who would completely secularize the church. They hope that by getting rid of the institution they purify the church. Laudable as dreams of purity may be, this hope vitiates the very visible nature of the church. We do not destroy the places and tools of Christ's community; we refine them and make them more serviceable.

Before you remodel or build a new

meeting house, however, I ask you to determine the *functions* of the church. Form ought to follow function. If you want people to speak up in meeting, sharing in its ministry, then build a place for this to occur, easily, and without obtrusive electronic gadgetry.

5. Discern and foster the gifts of the Holy Spirit and see that these gifts are exercised. Specifically, which persons need financial release provided by the church? What in the early revival years was referred to as “the pastoral system” has stayed with us and provided leadership for significant growth in the past. We do not have to apologize for the pastoral pattern, nor be defensive, nor berate nonpastoral patterns. Let's ask ourselves, rather, the best way to get the ministry done. What are your needs: for a preacher, a pastor, a teacher, an administrator, an evangelist?

Elton Trueblood's plea for an equipping ministry has been well-stated. Let's implement it and not worry overmuch about who gets subsidized and who doesn't. I wish some of our nonpastoral meetings would give financial release for an evangelist to go out, Bible in hand, reaching men for Christ. That might not be a bad idea for pastoral meetings, too, especially if the evangelist were turned loose in a nearby university or in other groups of hungry pagans.

What are your priorities? Maybe it is as important to give some person a stipend to engage in lunchtime evangelism as to pay the organist for rehearsing the choir, or to send out youth in short-term missionary service as to hire a custodian.

6. Heal the service-evangelism conflict wherever it occurs. Talk about ministry, not service and benevolence. Why must a dentist become a missionary only by going to Africa? Or a social worker only by going to Jamaica? Can't the church be indigenous at home as well as abroad, utilizing the gifts and skills of its members as ministry in the name of Christ?

7. Let the Christian education program

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This is the concluding part of a message delivered by Arthur O. Roberts, dean of faculty at George Fox College, to the 1969 sessions of Indiana Yearly Meeting. Part I of this forthright appeal to Friends was published in the November issue of

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Earthrise, as seen by the crew of Apollo 8 as they orbited the moon one year ago this Christmas. (NASA photo)

Antecedents

As we plan EVANGELICAL FRIEND each month, one of the most challenging tasks is the choice of a cover. We try to keep in mind the value of that first page, its worth as a first impression, or its role as a theme setter. Often we try to have the cover carry a message in itself.

This month there was a wide choice. We had several beautiful snow scenes to help suggest the Christmas season. We had copies of manger scenes rendered by artists of bygone periods. And we had "earthrise" from the moon.

The reason for our final choice was threefold: It was one year ago during the Christmas holiday that the words of Genesis 1 came from the astronauts of Apollo 8 as they circled the moon. This picture reminds us of those thrilling hours.

This month marks the end of the '60s, a decade of unprecedented events from tragedy to triumph. The cover photo could serve well as a symbol of man's greatest technological achievement of the '60s, that giant leap toward space exploration which came about in 1969 when four men left their footprints on the moon.

This is also the month we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. As we look at our planet with its billions of people—a relatively small sphere hurling through the blackness of space—how incredibly insignificant we mortals become in comparison to God's vastness. On the other hand, how overwhelming must have been God's love to clothe himself in human flesh to redeem mankind—to come as the one sacrifice for earth's sinful billions, for you and for me. "Let earth receive her King!"
—H.T.A.

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The Face of the World



U.S. FRIENDS SUPERINTENDENTS AND SECRETARIES MEET

RICHMOND, INDIANA—Eighteen Friends leaders met at Yokefellow House on the Earlham College campus, Richmond, Indiana, for a weekend in early November. Joining the various yearly meeting superintendents and secretaries was Charley Wakhesi, executive secretary of East Africa Yearly Meeting. Ohio Superintendent Russell Myers was selected chairman for the coming year, replacing Robert Garris, superintendent of Western Yearly Meeting.

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE LACKING

The situation in 1969 regarding knowledge of the Bible is at a very low ebb. It is much lower than it was in 1954 when a Gallup Poll reported that 66 percent of the people in the United States did not know who gave the Sermon on the Mount, and 79 percent could not name one Old Testament prophet!

—From The Restorationist

MOBILITY OF U.S. FAMILIES

According to a recent UPI report, every American family now moves on an average of once every 2½ years; each home is sold once every seven years.

FRANCIS SCHAEFFER BOOK TOPS 'ETERNITY' READING POLL

PHILADELPHIA (EP)—Francis A. Schaeffer, an American Presbyterian who ministers to European university students at a large Swiss chalet in the Alps, dominated *Eternity* magazine's "most significant book of the year" competition for 1969.

Schaeffer's book, *The God Who Is There* (Inter-Varsity Press), relating biblical Christianity to the secular culture of our day, won the top prize and became the 1969 Book of the Year by the largest margin in the contest's nine-year history. His *Death in the City* (also Inter-Varsity) won fourth place.

Of the 81 *Eternity* reviewers, editors, and writers who responded to the survey, 38 cast votes for *The God Who Is There*.

Three other books of an apologetic nature, all by well-known authors, also made the top six. These were Elton Trueblood's *A Place to Stand* (Harper), Peter L. Berger's *A Rumor of Angels* (Doubleday), and Dorothy L. Sayers' *Christian Letters to a Post-Christian World* (Eerdmans).

ONLY ONE RELIGIOUS BUILDING OPEN IN CHINA, NEWSPAPER SAYS

HONG KONG (EP)—The doors of only one religious building are believed still open to worshipers on Mainland China, says the October 29 South China *Morning Post*.

The building, according to the newspaper, is a mosque in Peking opened in 1966 and tolerated as "a gesture to African Moslem countries."

The report was made by an Australian churchman who recently toured China. His observation and other reports reaching this colony indicate that all other religious buildings ranging from Buddhist temples to Christian churches are either boarded up or converted into warehouses.

CALIFORNIA STATE EDUCATION BOARD: 'TEACH EVOLUTION AS THEORY'

SACRAMENTO (EP)—In a new science framework for teachers of California public school pupils, evolution will be taught as theory, no longer as fact.

The changes were made when conservative board members objected to the way documents were setting forth the theory of evolution as fact rather than simply as a theory of creation, leaving out the divine alternative.

One member of the board who also heads a state committee raised the question whether inclusion of the Bible may violate the court rulings against the teaching of religion in the public schools.

The insertion of two paragraphs, proposed by someone in the audience and containing a reference to the Bible, was approved unanimously by the board as a compromise to conservative proposals that the document should undergo more study.

Other alterations of the original framework eliminated any references to humanism, which had been criticized as promoting atheistic or agnostic beliefs.

The two paragraphs in the science framework that underwent the drastic changes are as follows:

"All scientific evidence to date concerning the origin of life implies at least a dualism or the necessity to use several theories to fully explain relationships between established data points. This dualism is not unique to this field of study but is also appropriate in other scientific disciplines, such as the physics of light.

"While the Bible and other philosophic treatises also mention creation, science

has independently postulated the various theories of creation. Therefore, creation in scientific terms is not a religious or philosophic belief. Also note that creation and evolutionary theories are not necessarily mutual exclusives. Some of the scientific data (e.g., the regular absence of transitional forms) may be best explained by a creation theory while other data (e.g., transmutation of species) substantiate a process of evolution."

The altered passage on evolution continues, here showing the department's revised wording:

"Aristotle proposed a theory of spontaneous generation. In the 19th century a concept of natural selection was proposed. This theory rests upon the idea of diversity among living organisms and the influence of the natural environment upon their survival.

"Fossil records indicate that hundreds of thousands of species of plants and animals have not been able to survive the conditions of a changing environment. More recently efforts have been made to explain the origin of life in biochemical terms."

THE CHILDREN'S NEW TESTAMENT—A SALES WINNER FOR WORD

WACO, TEXAS (EP)—Some 12,000 copies of *The Children's New Testament* have been sold a month ahead of the publication date, say the editors of Word Books here.

The publication is not a Bible story book but a wholly new translation.

WORLD VISION DOCUMENTARY FILM ANNOUNCED

MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA (EP)—*Season of the Long Rains*, a dramatic documentary film, has been produced by World Vision International for release January 1, according to Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, World Vision executive vice-president.

The film, produced by Dr. Larry Ward and Ron Plant, reveals the ministry of the more than 70 pastors' conferences that have been sponsored by World Vision in 28 countries of the world during the past 17 years.

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'For he is our peace'

It was the angels who first announced the program of peace for the earth—their proclamation of the new order and the new Man of Peace indicated the intent of the new kingdom was to glorify God and bring peace to all men—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Centuries before, the prophets had been inspired to foretell the coming of the Prince of Peace and the establishment of a government that should endure, a government characterized by peace (Isaiah 9:6, 7).

Unfortunately, the nations of the world have ignored this greatest event of all time. But wherever this Prince of Peace has been followed and obeyed, there have been beneficent results. Great civilizations have risen to shining and glorious prominence, only to fall into ruin and decay because of their disregard for the everlasting kingdom and its Prince of Peace.

But let's make Christmas a personal experience. Let it be more like the first one when the shepherds came one by one to see with their own eyes what the angels had announced—that a Savior was born, the long-expected Messiah, even Christ the Lord. The immediate result of this confrontation with deity must have brought to the humble shepherds a profound transformation, for they immediately "... made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child," thus becoming the first Christian witnesses, witnesses of a divine revelation.

Christianity is a personal matter. But what an influence for good can be exerted when one witness for Christ lets his voice be heard and when all his powers are bent toward lifting the fallen, cheering the faint, and saving the lost!

The morning newspaper and telecast do not give much good news. The war in Vietnam and the threatening clouds in the Middle East seem to shut out the sun. At home our problems of humanity seem so overwhelming—hunger, poverty, racial and religious intolerance, broken homes,



"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

drug abuse, and moral depravity beyond description are burning issues of the day.

James has a word for this mad world in which we live: "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" (James 3:18, 4:1) Here it is: the peacemaker sowing seeds that will produce the fruits of righteousness. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." How great is the need for more sowers of seeds of righteousness!

On the other side of the picture are the "wars and fightings"; the seeds of discord,

strife, and rebellion are also being sown by the evil one. The tares are being sown in the field of good wheat until it seems the good seed may be smothered out completely. But this is not the case. Jesus predicted this condition and pointed to the day of judgment when the tares would be gathered and burned and the good harvest would be gathered into God's storehouse.

Christmas means that God reached down to earth, through His own Son Jesus, to put into motion the divine-human drama of redemption—God was in Christ, reconciling alienated men to Himself. He commissioned His disciples to sow the good seed of the Word, and that is the business of the church in the world.

Christmas is for children—but it is also for everyone. It is for the down-and-out-er, the drug addict, the drunkard, the lawbreaker. It is for the poor as well as the upper middle class and rich, for the black and brown as well as the white. But Christ does not break down doors—He does not force His way into men's lives. He just stands at the door and knocks. Those who open their lives to Him are transformed. Those who reject Him and keep Him outside have no part in His life.

Today, men build once more their babels of salvation by works. In our day there have been astounding breakthroughs in all the sciences, but sadly enough there are so few breakthroughs in the things that make for peace.

But there are those across the land—the good seed and the good crop—resisting evil, witnessing, working, and winning. The Light is still shining in dark places; God has His good crop growing, and there will be a harvest.

God grant that we may not be content with our own little circles of Christian fellowship, but may we urgently press for enlargement—that these "other sheep" outside may be brought into His fellowship and ours.

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" —D.G.

Nahor: the unwanted

To look at him, one could see no obvious defect in the little donkey. His ears, at the tiniest noise, would stand at stiff attention. The mellow-kindly eyes were surrounded by beautifully-curved lashes, which would take on the appearance of frosty decoration when the wind whipped up the chaff of the stable and some lodged there. His hair had that musty, mousey color so frequently seen on Palestine's beasts of burden. And, as usual, when his little body was almost hidden beneath a mountainous load of pottery, grain, or water bags, his steps were slow to the point of dignified disinterest, which slow pace drove his master to the point of dignified distraction.

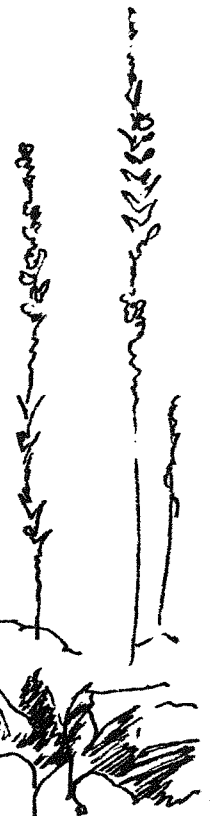
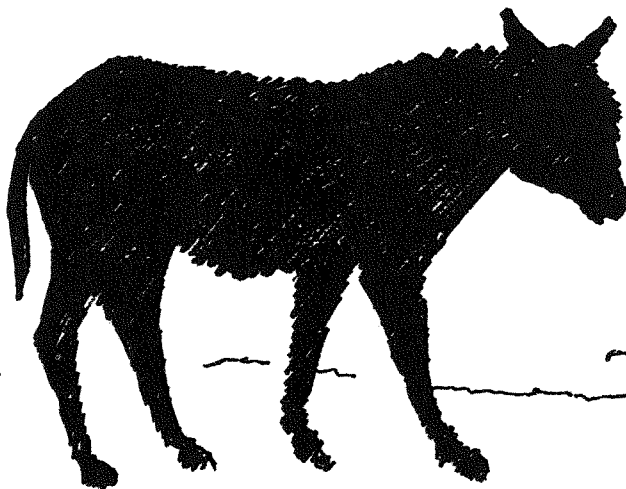
But Nahor was very unhappy. Nathan, his old master, was indeed a kind man, and were he able, Nahor was sure that his stall would be filled with hay or grain at the end of the day. But Providence was unkind, or so Nathan would say, for Nahor, his only animal, was very small and very weak and could scarcely carry

the weight of a small man. So Nahor's unhappiness stemmed from his knowledge of his weakness. Sometimes he would follow the dusty road from Nazareth to Nain or Cana with eyes closed and head down so that his friends would not see how embarrassed he was at carrying such a small load. So grieved did Nahor become that his little body became even smaller and his back weaker. Thus Nathan, in despair, began to seek another beast of burden and hoped to rid himself of this poor diminished donkey.

Nahor wept that night in his chilly, foodless stall.

The morning mist had hardly lifted from the ground when the final blow came to Nahor. Outside the shed in which he lived, voices could be heard in the customary tone of bargaining Jews. He pieced together his fate from bits of the conversation. He had been sold and was destined to make the long trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem. What bitter, bitter fate! If he could not carry the burdens of his old master a short distance, what chance had he to please these people who had bought him. How could he make 70 miles?

There was no more time to think. The thing was done. A soft-voiced man named Joseph slipped into the shed and led Nahor into the light of day. But he also led him to his first pleasant surprise, for no great, cumbersome load was his to carry that day. Instead, Joseph brought to his side a woman who herself was laden with a soon-to-be-born child. Nahor's sympathy went out to her, and he set his legs and stiffened his back in preparation to receive her weight. But wonder of wonders, when Joseph lifted the woman gently upon him, he felt no weight at all. For a moment his eyelids



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were seemingly pinned back by curly lashes in great surprise. "What has happened to me? Suddenly I feel great strength," he said to himself, "and I don't feel so small any longer."

These were Nahor's thoughts as he began the journey.

Because of the lady's condition, they stopped often, and on these stops Nahor learned that the woman he carried was called Mary. They were on their way to Bethlehem to be taxed. He also learned of Joseph's great devotion to his wife and keenly sensed with them that something great would surely come of it all. But most significantly he began to feel he had been divinely chosen to bear royalty. Never had he been so strong or felt such confidence in himself. It was as though he was transformed. Soon Bethlehem was reached. Into the city they went, to find it not as before but overflowing with people and animals—more people than Nahor had ever seen, from all over the world, it seemed.

Joseph left Nahor and his precious burden often on their journey through crowded streets. Each time he tried for a room, and each time he returned with drawn face and bewildered countenance. Soon even Nahor became disturbed, for he too cared a great deal for little Mary who waited patiently upon his back.

Joseph once more tried for a room, and again was told, "There is no room here." But just as he turned to leave, the innkeeper had a thought. He did have a stall not filled, used mostly by his own animals, but if they could bring themselves to stay there, he would have his boy clean it out and throw fresh straw upon the floor. Joseph did not hesitate.

Mary would soon deliver, and she must have a place to rest. Quickly he led Nahor with his burden into the freshly prepared stable and, with cautious hands, made a bed of straw upon which to lay Mary.

Soon, Nahor was relieved of his task and with mixed emotion stood outside, nibbling for awhile on grain placed there by the accommodating innkeeper.

He simply could not understand the strange feeling of pride and confidence that had come upon him since being purchased by this man Joseph. And his strength—it was amazing, when only a few days back he had been the object of scorn by both man and fellow beast. The night moved swiftly toward morning. The moon gained the peak of its ascent into the sky and hovered there as though breathless from the climb.

Then without warning a newborn babe's muffled cry was heard, followed swiftly by Mary's sigh of joy upon seeing her firstborn. Nahor was about to take a peek inside, when a brilliant burst of light descended from out of heaven. Glory seemed to fill the nondescript, barren stable, and the electrifying presence of heavenly beings seemed to be grouped over the head of the child Jesus. From across the distant hills the night wind brought the enchanting strains of heavenly music, the harmony of which sent shivers to the base of Nahor's spine. Voices, thousands of voices, pealed out the introduction of God's Son.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The universe paid homage to the Christ child that morning, and with the rising of the sun there rose the hope of all the world.

Soon priests and kings and shepherds from far and near came with camel and carts and donkeys laden with treasures for the Messiah. Everyone was happy. All were gay and proud. But of all that group who felt a sense of satisfaction, fulfillment of purpose, and just plain pride, none surpassed that of Nahor, "the unwanted donkey."

You see, he too had become the servant of the most high God! □

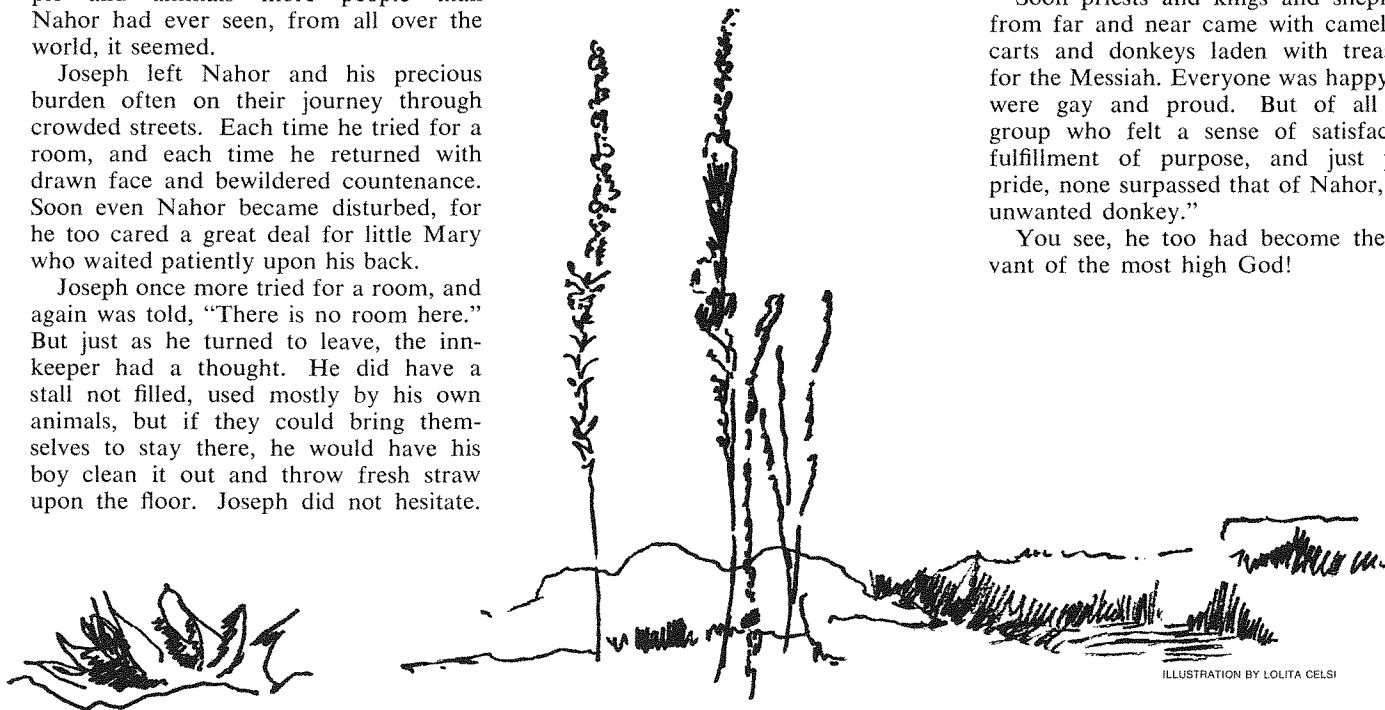


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The meaning of the Christmas star

Stars are mentioned in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. David referred to their awe-inspiring qualities when he wrote: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him?" (Psalm 8:3,4) Matthew made four references to the Christmas star in his account of the wise men (Matthew 2:1-10). Upon their arrival in Jerusalem they said: "We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." (v. 2)

What did the star mean to those men and what can it mean to us?

First, the star symbolizes the universal need for guidance. Men of all ages have felt this need. For centuries, travelers on land and sea have looked to the stars for guidance. In the last half century, airmen relied upon stars until the refinement of radar and modern guidance systems were perfected. Today's astronauts are not only superb pilots but well-trained astronomers who can get their bearings from the stars.

Those wise men, or magi as they are sometimes called, were probably the astronomers of their day—or possibly astrologers living in Persia. Astronomers of modern times have calculated that Jupiter and Saturn were in close conjunction three times in the year of 7 B.C. The noted astronomer, Kepler, reported a similar conjunction of Mars and Saturn in 1604 and he further calculated that they would be in a similar relation again in about 800 years.

This does not mean that "his star" was just a natural phenomenon. However, it does suggest that these unusual signs in the heavens would interest those astrologers and that they would be curious when "his star" appeared. This particular star

attracted them and they followed it.

In recent years the riddle connected with the annual migration of the white-throated warblers from France to Africa has been solved. The birds fly over Turkey to Egypt and on to the lake countries of Africa, migrating at night and apparently choosing their route to avoid flying over the Sahara Desert. For years it remained a mystery how the birds could find their way in the night. Then someone conceived the idea of their navigating by the stars. To test this theory, some of the birds were placed in a large planetarium. In captivity it was observed that they followed the same course as when free. Then the planetarium was rotated, but the birds made an adjustment in their flight, still following the course as indicated by the simulated stars.

Probably most of us learned our first lesson in astronomy by looking at the Big Dipper and seeing how two of its stars point to the North Star. But how important that all of us be guided by His star—the "bright and morning star." We shouldn't attempt to live a single day—to say nothing of planning an entire life—without His direction and guidance. The wise men would never have found Him without supernatural guidance. They followed the star, a special feature in God's birth announcement, and upon their arrival in Jerusalem, they asked: "Where is he?"

Without being able to explain the star scientifically, they followed the leading in their hearts until they found Him. We should never attempt to journey through

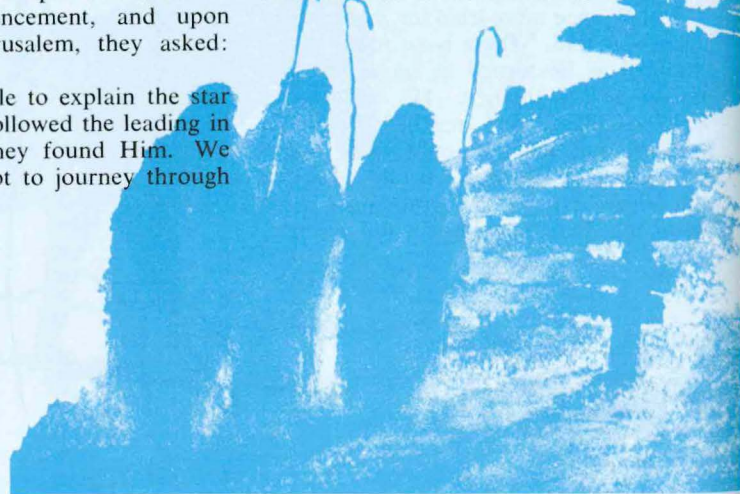
life alone. But we should trust Him personally; we should rely upon His providence; and we should utilize the intelligence that He has given us.

Second, His star signaled the greatest event in the history of the world. New epochs in the Old and New Testaments were ushered in by miracles. Why should God not use a star to highlight this point in history? Apparently, the star had appeared sometime before, since it would have taken the wise men many weeks to reach Jerusalem from their country. God used this extraordinary means to announce Christ's coming to them, just as He used the angels to announce His advent to the shepherds.

The coming of Jesus Christ into the world was an event so stupendous as to merit such phenomena as angels from heaven and a special luminance to herald His advent. As Dr. Norman Vincent Peale observed, when a great tragedy strikes, some say: "All hell broke loose." Well, at the time of Christ's birth, "all heaven broke loose!"

So impressed were these men from the East by that gleaming signal from heaven that they permitted neither time, nor distance, nor inconvenience, nor cost to keep them from following His star and ultimately finding Him. Christ's coming from heaven to earth was a far more

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*"Reading again the story of the star at
Christmas should confirm our faith,
animate our hope, direct our
conduct, and challenge our dedication."*

significant event than the voyage of Columbus or Magellan, or the flight of Lindbergh, or the orbiting of Sputnik, or a moon-landing by Armstrong. The magnitude of this divine event can well be expressed in lines the children sing at Christmas time:

"God sent Jesus down to earth;
That's why we have Christmas!"

His star was no ordinary star, nor was His birth an ordinary event.

Third, the star suggested to the wise men the greatest deed of which man is capable. Understanding something of the universe is a commendable achievement; studying the world in which we live—thinking God's thoughts after Him—is a privilege. But the greatest deed that any of us can do is to follow the example of those wise men who centuries ago said: "We have seen his . . . star and are come to worship him." To humble ourselves and to kneel before the Lord of life and the King of kings is the greatest act anyone can perform.

In our age of science, technology, and expanding knowledge, still the most significant decision that any of us can make is to surrender our hearts and lives in simple worship and adoration of Christ, who is the Almighty God, our Savior. "They . . . fell down, and worshipped him."

Finally, following His star leads to the source of eternal joy.

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy," Matthew wrote (2:10). "Their joy knew no bounds!" according to the *Living New Testament*. This is life's greatest emotion—unbounded joy!

To the shepherds on the Judean hills, the angels expressed the same idea: "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone!" The world does afford a measure of joy. The world's comedians provide amusement for their audiences. Santa's gifts bring happiness to the hearts of children. But how fleeting these joys are. The entertainers thrill for a moment; the toy captivates but an hour. Then what? Only as we experience new life in Christ will we know lasting joy.

The newscaster today announces that Fidel Castro is seeking to do away with Christmas in Cuba by moving the date to July. The devil and his cohorts are ever seeking to circumvent or substitute for the genuine spiritual values. But these substitutions can never replace the eternal joy and knowledge that comes through Christ, the Lord. The *red star* of revolution can never replace the Bethlehem *star of peace*!

In the experiences of Robert and Robin Escalona, a young Cuban couple who came to East Whittier Friends Church, this reality was beautifully demonstrated. Through the kindness of Juan Sierra, their former Cuban pastor now in Miami, arrangements were made for the East Whittier Friends to sponsor these refu-

gees. Robert and Robin flew to Los Angeles with all their possessions on their backs and in a few suitcases. When they became members of East Whittier Friends Church, they did so on confession of faith. Robert had known the Lord before and had been raised in the Cuban Friends Church. Though Robin was a Christian, she had never been a member of any church. Yet those of us who saw her smile could never doubt her experience when she joyfully said, "But I have Jesus in my heart!" With no earthly goods, away from friends and relatives, and facing an unknown future in an unknown land, these two had wealth untold and joy unbounded because they knew and trusted Jesus Christ.

Another unique aspect of this joy that the Lord gives is that it is meant to be universal—for everyone.

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing."

Whether one is Oriental or Occidental, European or American, Aymara or East Indian, Christ was sent to the earth in the midst of three great continents as the universal Savior of all men, if they will but accept and worship Him.

The angels and the star announced Him; now it behooves us to receive Him. Reading again the story of the star at Christmas should confirm our faith, animate our hope, direct our conduct, and challenge our dedication.

The last reference to the star in the New Testament is found in Revelation where Christ said to John: "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things . . . I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." (Revelation 22:16) May we ever strive to live in the radiance and glory of the "morning star."

"O Star of wonder, Star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light." □

A trek through Tanzania

BY TWILA JONES

After the turmoil of a busy dry season, it was so nice to look forward to a vacation. There was the heavy clinic load we always have during dry season because of the coffee money, for when people have money their neurotic symptoms are much worse. Besides this there was Daily Vacation Bible Schools to supervise and sun dried bricks to be made for building, to say nothing of the everlasting job of maintenance. I was most happy when the Fuquas returned home from their vacation and came to assume the responsibilities at Kwisumo. It had been a long fifteen months to "hold the fort."

Vacation is not a simple undertaking in Burundi. One would almost think we were trying to get out of Sing Sing instead of getting away from work for a month. First, there was a temporary export license for the car, which can take up to several months to obtain, but with James Morris' assistance, I had it in three weeks. Then I needed a tax exemption slip to show that I was not running out on the head tax and a slip from the light and water company to show that I was not leaving a debt there. I nearly told them that the water I use runs down by gravity flow if I keep the pipes free from debris and that the hydroelectric plant had been out for four months and that I nearly lost a finger trying to repair it. But I said nothing, and he stamped a slip of paper without looking at a record. Then I had to go to the Judicial Department and be fingerprinted and have them read to see what kind of police record I have. Oh yes, there was an international driver's license to obtain and insurance to buy for the car for East Africa. It seems that we live in a smaller country every year where one's money, insurance, and driver's license are not even good across the border.

After scrubbing the car, packing, and

putting the final details in order, I was ready to leave. My two other nurse friends arrived, so we packed up the Landrover and went bouncing up the road. At the border post we found very professional personnel. The immigration officer was out back playing cards. After 10 or 15 minutes of waiting, he decided to leave his card game and came in with his half-empty beer bottle. Then he and his secretary scrapped over it for another five minutes. We took a deep breath and thought, "We are in for a hard time." But he turned out to be fairly decent to us. When the iron rod lifted and we passed under the barrier, we all shouted for joy to be out of the country. It would not be difficult to tell where the Tanzania border begins even if one could not read any of the languages telling us to drive on the left-hand side of the road, because the road is twice as wide and straight. We could shift in high gear for the first time since leaving home. The border post in Tanzania is about 40 miles from the boundary, and we arrived after working hours, but the police were nice to us. After chauffeuring one here and there to collect the stamp and go to the immigration officer's house, we got our passports properly stamped. Then we had to hunt the customs officer to get proper papers for the car and pay a road tax.

That night we stayed in a real haven in a deserted place, which was a little Swedish mission with some living saints. I first met the Larsons about six years ago. It was a happy reunion to see them again and enjoy the blessed fellowship with them in the presence of our Lord.

In the morning we started our trek across Tanzania. It takes a little faith or perhaps foolhardiness for three girls to travel two long days in an area where garages hardly exist, where one can drive for hours without even meeting another vehicle, where the population is more scarce than the baboons, and even if one could communicate with the people they would know nothing of fixing a flat tire or repairing a car. But, one thing I know

is that when we have taken proper precautions the Lord has always provided. He has not disappointed me yet.

That night we stopped before we had planned according to our prearranged schedule. We found comfortable beds in the middle of a desert again at a little Swedish Mission. Next morning by 6:00 we were on our way again. We soon saw a road sign that said "diversion." In the American language we just call it a detour, but after driving through this wet river bed, we decided that the word "diversion" was very descriptive of the drive.

We climbed one sandy hill after another. This area is very wild and deserted with an unfriendly tribe occupying the sandy hills. They dress in skin clothes and carry spears with spearheads a foot long and several inches wide. We had heard how unsafe it is to be stranded there. After having passed several herds of cattle and these spear-bearing herdsmen, I felt the car pulling and sure enough we had a flat tire. None of us were helpless wallflowers, and we worked as fast as we could and got the spare on. That night we slept in a motel. The next morning we bought medicine from a wholesale house to take home with us.

By noon we were finished with business; we cast our votes and decided to drive 100 miles to Mombasa. Driving after dark leaves much to be desired on a highway in Africa. In the first place, the road is none too wide. Secondly, the trucks and busses like their share near the center. Thirdly, they believe in using daylight to drive by until it is pitch dark. And fourthly, many of the drivers hardly know how to operate their dimmer switches. After feeling the paint peeled off a couple of times by a passing truck, our nerves were starting to surface. The road signs helped us to relax again as we laughed about the funny expressions such as "Beware of Potholes," "Elephants have the right away," and "Please Slow Down."

We arrived in Mombasa by 8:30 p.m.

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and by 10:30 we were in our beds. But my heart felt a little homesick for the Pacific as I lay there listening to the roar of the tide. In the morning we went outside and saw the white sand and the numerous coconut trees at the Indian Ocean's edge. We were not a bit disappointed. The next 12 days on the sand, looking for shells, watching tropical fish in natural tide pools, and studying the tropical plant and animal life made Mombasa and Shelly Beach an unforgettable place. Perhaps a little of the splendor of heaven here on this earth could be seen as I walked the mile or more through tide waters to the coral reef.

On the trip home we went via Nairobi and Kampala to shop and buy gifts for friends and loved ones at home. This is a vital part of a vacation and it would not be complete without it. Then there are the "goodies" to take back to Burundi, such as: breakfast cereal, powdered sugar, brown sugar, and this year we even saw salted crackers. Before we finished shopping every crack and cranny was carefully packed in the Landrover until its seams were ready to burst. In the load we had \$500 worth of medicines, seven battery clocks, three girls' shopping at the supermarket, eight bricks of cheese, plus numerous odds and ends. Oh yes, we had our sea shells.

The trip home was uneventful with the Lord as our pilot to get us to the ferry in the nick of time before it closed for the night. At the dreaded customs post, they were as nice as could be and didn't even look at our overloaded Landrover. As we started traveling on the bumpy roads of Burundi again, we knew we were home. The roads had not been improved. We had just been absent from one month of dry season and dusty roads, absent from our burdens, heartaches, cares, and frustrations. But we had new strength from above to meet each task ahead. Yes, it was worth every one of those ordeals to get away for a month so one could come back with corrected perspectives to take up the Master's work again. □



The United Republic of Tanzania, on the Indian Ocean coastline of East Africa, was formed as a new nation in 1964 from the nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar. The city of Dar es Salaam (above) is the capital. Lower photo shows a Tanzanian Orma woman and child.

Coconut palms lining the beach at Dar es Salaam wave in the warm Indian Ocean breeze—an ideal vacation setting for weary missionaries. The highest mountain in Africa is located in Tanzania—famed Kilimanjaro, 19,319 feet high.

God used the Army questions

BY FRED A FARMER

The usual army questions were given to the Chinese recruits who went for their three months basic training before entering college. The boys wrote their names, addresses, parents' background, etc. Then came the question: "What religion?" This brought John Chen to a halt. What was his religion?

His home was across the street from the missionary home. He had gone to Sunday school some; he had even attended youth meeting quite regularly; he knew some about being a Christian; yet, he wasn't a Christian.

To most people it was difficult to know where John stood. He was always the quiet one. He did not express his feelings about anything often. Even in playing he was often in the background. His sister and younger brother often talked and joined the games quicker than he did. On the other hand, he showed no opposition to being a Christian. The three Chens had not taken a strong stand for Christ either.

The Chen parents are uneducated, but quiet and hard-working folk. They cannot speak much of the Mandarin Chinese language, which is the official dialect used in Taiwan. They came from the central coast of China, and that dialect differs from the northern Mandarin. Mrs. Chen never attends church and her husband seldom does. They have wanted their children to get an education. It has been rough going for Mrs. Chen to take in washings and iron all hours of the night and day. Mr. Chen constantly gathers garbage and other food for the hogs he raises. To them there is little time for religion of any kind. They have not opposed the younger children attending Sunday school or youth meeting. In fact, they have been very friendly and helpful to missionaries.

As John pondered the question, he felt he could not put any other religion, but

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John and Virginia Chen

was he honest to put Christian? He decided to write that anyway. Then he further questioned himself; what does a Christian do? read the Bible and pray. So during this very stiff basic training, he started reading the Bible and praying. God spoke to him through the Word and in prayer. He was faithful with his daily devotions, and God was faithful to speak to John. A new life seemed to be opening to him.

When he returned home three months later, the family was amazed. John was not the same boy. Now he wanted to talk, but it was about spiritual things. If his brother and sister fussed, he reminded them that that was not Christian.

The Saturday youth service came and John had a testimony. In fact, he had it all written out point by point. The quiet John seemed to glow as he told the young people how he began to read the Bible and pray. He did not complain about the army life but reported how he had been helped. He wanted to share the value of prayer with others.

In a short time the John who had previously been in the background came to the front. He took leadership seriously. He became the new leader in the youth group. He also joined a Christian group in college. During the winter vacation the college group had a convention, and John attended. Perhaps it was at this convention that he really got his feet established on the Rock, Christ Jesus. When he returned, he had a ringing testimony of salvation. He had been changed and he desired to help others find his Jesus too.

After school was out in the summer, another large youth conference was held. Over 600 college youth were there. Three from this area attended. They returned to give their testimonies. The two girls did well, but they did not have much to say. John had very detailed notes, and he made them live as he reported to the group. When he was telling about the Bible law used in one message, he stopped to explain. He recognized there were new youth there who had never heard the Bible terms. The Chinese Bible word for law is a little different from the law of the country. John explained that to the new folk so they would understand.

Later he was talking about witnessing; he brought the application home. He said, "Since I am studying to be a teacher, I should witness to those I teach. This would be a real opportunity for me."

John has just finished his first year in college. What question will God use to speak to him next? What simple question does God want to ask me? Religion? Faith? Prayer? □

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He's different

BY TINA KNIGHT

"I'd like for you to meet my brother-in-law. He believes like you do. He's different for he talks about religious things a lot. I'll take you to his home in the northeast corner of the city if you want to go."

Thus the Lord opened the door for the Friends meeting in San Cristobal.

The brother-in-law is Pedro Sanchez, a slightly bald father of six who spends his days working as a blacksmith. Although he is quiet and unassuming, he still demands respect and obedience in the home. Every member of the family comes at his beck and call.

If you could accompany us to San Cristobal on a Sunday morning, we would be greeted, as we stop in front of a low doorway, by Pedro; his pleasant wife, Maria; and their cluster of children, from Luisa, 16, down to Jorge, two years of age. They are no longer bashful, and the little boys, Salvador, Manuel, and Ricardo, hasten to open the car doors for us. We are led through a short hallway, lined with tin cans filled with plants, into a typical Latin patio. Now it is a riot of color with marigolds, cannas, roses, cosmos, and daisies blooming everywhere. Crisscrossing the patio, the usual clothes dry on a rope line, and a row of huge maguey (cactus) plants march along one side of the property, also providing a good place to hang clothes on wash day, which is almost every day. A shallow cement tub stands in front of the kitchen door, providing the place for washing clothes, dishes, children, or teeth. But there is no running water. Beside the tub is a 50-gallon barrel, which must be filled with water daily from a public faucet not too far from their home.

After a time of visiting, we are invited into a room for service. This room happens to be their chapel, bedroom, living room, dining room, and study. It's also in this 8 x 10 foot cinder-block unpainted room, with black tar paper roofing, that

the children study, the family watches television, and Pedro stores his tools. Here Maria does her weekly ironing or sews a garment on the treadle sewing machine, while Angelica, age 3, romps with baby Jorge on the earthen floor. And 'tis in this room that Pedro gathers his family each evening to review the Scripture texts they have learned, read the Bible, and sing the hymns they know. For weeks we sang, preached, and prayed beneath the watchful eye of a large picture of the Virgin of Guadalupe, flanked by vases of flowers and a crucifix. But the Holy Spirit has done His work, for today Scripture texts and Bible pictures replace the old household shrine.

You would see poverty in this home, but after the first time you wouldn't notice it, for happiness, love, and real friendship are there to greet us each time we visit them. Material possessions are not of prime importance in maintaining a happy home.

Pedro has had his share of trials, but with that fatalistic spirit of the Mexican, he plods doggedly on in his Christian walk. Soon after his conversion, he injured his leg and because he wasn't able to work, he lost his job. Eight mouths to feed, no bank account, and no weekly pay check! But he didn't complain, saying it must be the Lord's will, and within a few weeks he had a better job with higher pay. After a very short time they asked him to work on Sundays. This would have meant more money, but it also meant that he wouldn't be able to have service in his home every Sunday morning. So Pedro took the risk of losing his job and said he wouldn't work on Sunday. Today he still has his job, has received a raise in salary, and has the respect of the fellows with whom he works.

Shortly after his conversion, Pedro bought a New Testament. Since he has more than an hour's bus ride to work

each morning, he takes it and reads as he rides. At rest periods and lunch hours, he also reads and witnesses to his fellow-workers. Of course, many think him a bit queer, but some are becoming interested in that little New Testament and his testimony. One thrilling moment that stands out in the mind of the missionary is when he visited Pedro on his job and was greeted by his fellow workers with many questions about the Bible. They all admitted that Pedro had something they didn't have, for he was *different*.

In Mexico your birthday and your saint's day are the most important days of the year. These can be separate days or they can be the same day, as many babies are named for the saint on whose day they are born. Thus a birthday or saint's day party must really be a grand celebration. When Pedro's birthday arrived, his fellow workers wanted to buy drinks and have a big party, but his polite refusal only made them more confident of his testimony.

We call Pedro our modern Ethiopian. Years ago someone gave him a Bible, which he has read until it is tattered and torn. From it he learned that man was not good when he robbed, drank, and killed. He learned that this world was made by God, and he marvels at the beauty of a flower or the veins of a leaf, reminding us that only God could make such things. He learned scores of Bible truths but didn't know how to apply them to his own life. So quite naturally he was thrilled when he met the missionary who taught the same truths about which he had been reading these many years.

One of the first prayer requests for the Mexican work was that we would be led to a PREPARED people. God is answering that prayer. Pedro was one of the prepared ones, and today, with his wife Maria and their six children, they form the Evangelical Friends Church of San Cristobal. □



Pedro Sanchez, the blacksmith of San Cristobal, with his wife and six children, and Tina Knight, Evangelical Friends Alliance missionary in Mexico.

Missionary Tina Knight shares another report from the EFA Mexican ministry.

An appeal for concurrent action

Continued

meet the needs of the people. I know of one meeting that holds "Sunday" school on Wednesday because that's when it works best for them. The church hasn't been as freed from the necessity of certain forms since the Reformation. So look well to your program of education and adapt it as needed. Don't undersell the Sunday school; it has been a marvelous instrument in God's using, cynics to the contrary notwithstanding. But if adults go out of duty and the kids yawn with boredom, do something to change it! Change it in the direction of greater and more costly discipleship, however, not in the direction of tricks and entertainment.

8. Involve more persons in leadership and ministry during the meetings for worship. In a typical pastoral meeting ten men take up the collection and one man speaks. I suggest this be reversed. Put a collection box by the exit to receive members' tithes and offerings, with one man to gather it up and take it to the treasurer. Then involve ten persons in prepared ministry, reading Scripture, giving a pastoral prayer, exhorting, reading poetry. Most Friends have concluded (although some reluctantly) that a minister may be led by the Holy Spirit to prepare a sermon for delivery the next week or the next month. Why cannot the ministry and the preparation both be shared? This need not preclude open worship but enhance it and train for it.

I appeal to you, make worship a joyous, exciting celebration of the mysteries of God and the presence of Christ. Encourage your minister to equip others to share thus their walk with God.

9. Let meetings accent worship and proclamation of the Good News rather than performance—musical, oratorical, intellectual, or otherwise. I do not call for shoddy singing and speaking but for singing in the Spirit and speaking in the Spirit—aimed at pointing men to God and not to human achievement. Why not skip the announcements or give them after the worship is over? Why not let participants just participate in turn with-

out introductions, or with only such introductions, in the bulletin or given vocally, as are absolutely necessary.

Language currently has a more versatile set of symbols than in a more book-dominated age. New aesthetic forms appear. Some are faddish, some are self-destructive as far as communication goes. Language is but the symbolizing of the senses for communicating with God and one another. In our period of rapid change it could be Babel, or Pentecost. Perhaps both. I ask you to live with the new, utilizing its freedom in new music and art forms, correcting its abuses of the creation, its travesties on love. For the life of me, I cannot understand why guitar music, in the folk idiom, cannot be as freighted with the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit as an organ prelude by Brahms.

Theologically speaking, the Quaker understanding of silence centers on the stilling of the self (particularly the prideful, sinful self) before God, not the absence of sense or its media. Biblical support was cited from Zechariah, "the silence of all flesh before the Lord."

However haltingly we have used it, our principle of worship finds admirers among those who call for church renewal. Clyde Reid writes:

"What I am really proposing, then, is a simpler, more informal pattern of worship in smaller units with a combination of silent waiting, verbal witnessing, and other modes of expression. A keynote must be the sharing of gifts and witnessing to the mighty acts of God by *all the people*. The Quaker style of silent worship together with witnessing by members of the group probably comes closer to this than any other current practice. . . . There are many varieties of Quaker practice and there is a discernible trend among them to combine preaching and silent worship in the same service. . . . it may be time for us to heed the witness these people have been quietly bearing. This witness is powerful at three points: (1) the spiritual value of silence, (2) the importance of mutual witnessing by all the members of the group, who share on a basis of equality, and (3) courageous action in the form of sacrificial service to the world."⁶

Reid calls for the recovery of the communal character of preaching.⁷ I agree, and if that preaching comes on strong with the ecstasy of God we will see more constructive demonstrations of righteousness and fewer destructive demonstrations.

Formlessness is a myth, which rationalism contributed to our movement. Our bodies, not our minds, are the temples of the Holy Spirit. We are to yield our members to righteousness, not unrighteousness, says Paul. A kind of psychological tyranny would lock us up into a few

forms, as if to approximate the ideal best we can. Sitting in silence thirty minutes by a kind of common law agreement may be as tyrannical as the ritual of three songs, prayer, announcements, special music, offering, sermon, benediction. Let's find freedom in the Holy Spirit to *use* our senses for the glory of God.

10. Finally, I suggest the local church can revive the catechumenate. In pagan Rome the early church found a way to include the unconverted pagan meaningfully without calling him a Christian. He was acknowledged as a learner. We cannot treat our contemporary pagans as if they were Christians, or disdain them as pariahs, or dependents.

I hope local churches can find ways openly to provide for the instruction and evangelization of our adult pagans whether they be mechanics or university professors. By openly accepting them as persons while yet respecting their essentially pagan understanding of the world, we can the better present the Gospel to them without watering down its contents. We can distinguish, also, between essential Christian beliefs and the testimonies that our fellowship has gathered up out of our experiences with Christ. We can offer membership to all who acknowledge and experience Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Those who are in fact united with Christ in His great Church may well become united with the local congregation of believers who can nurture them in the testimonies of our faith.

THINGS A MINISTER CAN DO

Because so much depends upon our leaders, I address this section to our ministers, conscious of the sullied image you have and concerned for your own spiritual needs as well as the needs of the church. A discerning pastor wrote recently, "The problem for many of us in the pastorate is that we are so close to one local situation that we cannot see what changes should be made for the church as a whole—or even as a denomination—yet we have seen so many changes fail that we try to cling to the status quo. This holds true even when we sense something must be done and we can't go on like this."

As a fellow-minister conscious of my own failures, I make the following recommendations:

1. I suggest a minister study contemporary culture anthropologically, as if he were studying a country foreign to him.

2. I suggest he watch some of the popular television programs and reflect on the striking increase of perceptual over conceptual imagery, pondering implications for his own efforts at communication.

3. I suggest the minister use verbs more and adjectives and nouns less.

4. I suggest the minister speak less frequently but with greater preparation.

5. I suggest the minister boldly lead in renovating the public services of the church, breaking them out of the lecture-performance mold into which they have become jelled.

6. I suggest the minister make more use of silence without getting fidgety if thirty seconds has elapsed without anyone having spoken. If people are to participate in worship, opportunity for settling down must be provided.

7. I ask the minister to take seriously the challenge to be an equipper of others, a programmer not just a talker. A minister can arrange for a dozen persons to participate in worship each Sunday.

8. I encourage the minister to assert his role as a teacher by speaking to selected groups and thus ministering to specific needs. All preaching does not have to be done in the sanctuary at 11:30.

9. I urge the minister prophetically to relate the Gospel to contemporary situations. A friend from another denomination said to me, "Do your ministers always just retell the Bible story?" I think he implied our ministers lacked the understanding that preaching must not only exegete the text but apply it to concrete, contemporary needs.

10. I suggest the minister scold less and encourage more. In our broken world people feel failure deeply; furthermore, we are so involved in the lives of one another that our guilt often seems corporate. In a day of nuclear overkill, law overwhelms us all. Let's hear more about forgiveness and restoration, about tears in the night and the cost of discipleship.

I pledge myself to be more than a critic of the church or of its leadership. I pledge myself to pray for and agonize with all who attempt to minister in the name of Christ. Will you join me in this prayer?

I pledge myself also, however, to help the church break out of its old cultural forms and enter into a new day.

WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER

I have said renewal comes through concurrent action. If people like you and me work and pray together in our local churches, caught up in a vision of a vibrant church, focalized for us in a Friends Church worldwide in scope and evangelical in nature, we will find ourselves examining the larger structures of our fellowship. The Friends Church presently consists of yearly meetings more or less autonomous, with certain bonds of denomination that include historic documents, some rather anachronistic "Epistles," which are perfunctorily exchanged, and participation in shared departmental work and editorial communication. I appeal to both local and yearly meetings to examine the polity and organization of

our church and take whatever steps are helpful in bringing it to greater effectiveness.

The Friends United Meeting stands trustee for that earlier dream of essential unity effected through a larger, delegate body—the Five Years Meeting. The Evangelical Friends Alliance gathers together several yearly meetings that felt the dream was shattered doctrinally beyond the limits of effective unity. Although both in a sense defend the same vision of wholeness, neither suffices for worldwide expression of our Christian message. Nor does the Friends General Conference, which tends more to support a method rather than a message in religious life.

The Friends World Committee as a consultative body lacks actual representative power or public support adequate for the needs. To bring about a Friends Church, worldwide in scope and evangelical in nature, is too heavy a role for special interest groups to perform, although in the absence of such a church, the service committees have sometimes dubbed in the lines.

The task belongs to the yearly meetings. They can transcend the structures they have formed, not necessarily by dismantling them, but by actualizing unity at practical points all over the world. Let me illustrate. Oregon and California Yearly Meetings belong to different delegate groups. But they have a common geographic identity made more important with increased mobility and communication. Four years ago and again this year, the pastors of these two yearly meetings met together for mutual profit. Couldn't other yearly meetings, caught up in the same vision of a Friends Church, do similar things? How about Indiana and Ohio? Or Iowa and Kansas? Wouldn't this help us all find a common future

with greater corporate strength than to build competing loyalties? I think it is possible to restate the Quaker case worldwide in such a way that our common vision heals us rather than hurts us. I don't think we need to end up with an Evangelical Friends Church, a Friends Church, and a Religious Society of Friends. We can have The Friends Church, at least out of the first two groups; and, who knows, if we experience a real revival, maybe even the humanists would come to accept Christ as Savior as well as example.

Isn't it worth a try?

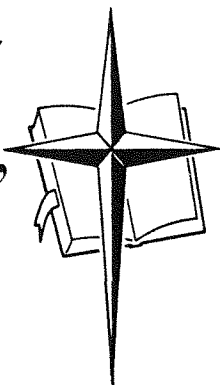
I do not mean to minimize the activities of the Friends United Meeting or the Evangelical Friends Alliance, nor to neglect the efforts of movements such as the Association of Evangelical Friends or the Quaker Theological Discussion Group. Present authority, however, resides within local and yearly meetings. They can take steps to actualize unity, here, and there, and there. Such concurrent action will help us find a new and better way. Everett Cattell, president of Malone College, has suggested a realignment of Friends for more effective grouping. McLuhan's dictum, "media change all systems," is accurate, making Cattell's suggestion a prophecy. Systems will be reshaped or they will atrophy. Why not change our systems deliberately, acting corporately—as the *body of Christ*—rather than patch up the crumbling system, one rent at a time?

I appeal to all monthly meetings and yearly meetings, concurrently act now so that transitions will occur effectively and in love. The yearning for the Friends Church is widespread. Discontent with old forms is surfacing. Let's find our freedom in essential Christian unity and effective church structures within which to work and worship.

Several yearly meetings are updating procedure. Quarterly meetings are being eliminated or modified. More needs to be done, and at all levels. But such house-keeping will only serve to accommodate a shrinking household unless we are caught up together by the vision of a Friends Church united in message and equipped structurally to expedite that message by full release of God's gifts in ministry.

I have no precise organization in mind. That will follow a common declaration of our faith and concurrent actions based upon united faith. Let us keep before us the vision of the Friends Church operating from strength rather than out of weakness, at the highest point of effective unity rather than from the lowest. The Lord's work is hindered by a cumbersome structure and misspent power. Take our Friends Youth, for example. How much more powerfully might it lead the church into the new century if there were some

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corporate meaning to fellowship that reached round the world, if work camps and youth ambassador programs coalesced, if demonstrations for peace and Campus Crusade evangelism were not double platooned, if peace and holiness were not separated!

Whatever form the Friends Church takes, it will not be a rerun of the Atlantic community. It will be worldwide: American, African, Latin, European, Oriental. God grant it will be a cheerful family of the Church, united and on fire with the Holy Spirit.

A CALL TO CORPORATE FAITH

In conclusion, will you elders and leaders take hold of these handles to the future? Will you clerks and pastors converse about renewal in the local church? Will all of you determine how the church may witness more effectively? Will you, yearly meeting clerks and superintendents, help your yearly meetings find bonds of unity with others? Will you pray and work toward a form of church government more open to the movement of the Holy Spirit? Will you join me in searching for the time and place whereby we might join together in preparing a new declaration of faith?

Will you, Friends, pray and work for the Friends Church, worldwide in scope and evangelical in nature? Will you now dedicate your own life to the disciplining of the Lord, putting off the discouragement or the compromise, knowing Christ's victory over these sins of the spirit? Will you accept God's forgiveness of our past sins, and refuse to enshrine our successes? Will you forget our past failures at unity, letting loose of the old grudges, clearing up the misunderstandings?

It's time to build and to plant! Under the power of the Holy Spirit, join me in discovering what God can do with the Friends Church. Let it be no burden, no drag, but response in the joy of the Spirit.

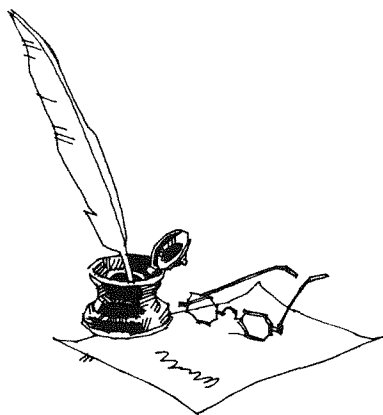
C. S. Lewis describes victory over evil in words I would apply to us who hope for God's renewal: "Something tonic and lusty and cheerily cold, like a sea breeze was coming over them. There was no fear anywhere: the blood inside them flowed as if to a marching song."⁸

Oh, yes, our marching song? "Go . . . make disciples of all nations!" ☐

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Friends Write



I have just read the October issue of the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*—well done! It is printed well, in good format and with important content. The probing statements by Everett Cattell should awaken all of us, as should other articles.

I have an increasing confidence in the future of Friends. I hope that confidence does not allow me to relax too much.

ERROL T. ELLIOTT

Richmond, Indiana

I read with real appreciation the October issue of the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*. I want to congratulate Everett Cattell for "hitting the nail on the head" in his article, "Evangelical Friends Need a Revolution." Some of us have been saying essentially the same thing for years.

As a graduate of two midwest Friends colleges, and a former pastor in one of the Alliance yearly meetings, and now a pastor in one of the Friends United Meeting yearly meetings, I must say that Everett Cattell's article, in my opinion, is equally appropriate for the same needed revolution in the Friends United Meeting churches.

An awareness of the high percentage of truly evangelical pastors and laymen in Friends United Meeting churches causes me to pray fervently and hope desperately that the much needed revolution of which Everett Cattell spoke will come in a way to unite ALL *EVANGELICAL FRIENDS* into a spontaneous unity and into a "live, growing movement," and IN TIME to help save a fast-sinking world.

RAY C. LEFFLER
Pastor

Ventura Friends Church
Ventura, California

The emphasis of recent articles by Jack L. Willcuts and Everett L. Cattell certainly speaks to the conditions of the Friends churches. But do you not think that our form of church government has been an even larger contributing factor to our smallness than these articles suggest?

In most churches both within and out-

side our denomination where good growth has occurred, there has been centralized leadership with authority. The pastor has had to assume large responsibilities and he has been joined by growth-minded people who were willing to work on the team.

After churches have matured and caught the idea of the "Universal Ministry," then everyone has taken to doing "his own thing" and church growth has stopped! What is everybody's responsibility has become nobody's responsibility, and we get on dead center or go into reverse.

Ohio State's football team wouldn't be number one this fall if every member of the team insisted on calling his own play instead of relying upon Coach Hayes and Quarterback Kern. In theory the Holy Spirit is to be our quarterback, but in our churches too many individuals start calling the plays and the team goes nowhere. The pastor can alibi since he isn't "head of the meeting." He ends up being the janitor. And as such, he doesn't have authority even to buy a new broom without a purchase order from the trustees.

CHARLES S. BALL
Pastor

Alamitos Friends Church
Garden Grove, California

I appreciate the opportunity of reading the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*, received here at the Earlham School of Religion. I am impressed with a number of articles, particularly Fred Gregory's "On Being a Christian in a Secular World." I sense that he has done a real service in bringing together under one Gospel both the personal and the social aspects. He has made it clear that either without the other is empty.

Thank you for publishing this article.

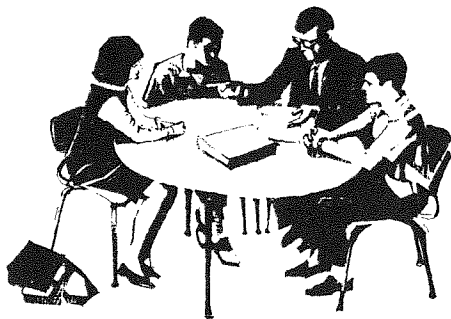
KEITH ESCH
Director of Admissions

Earlham School of Religion
Richmond, Indiana

I have so appreciated the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* since I have been here. Every now and then I read about friends of mine. It's really of much better quality than before the "merger." Not all mergers are dangerous! I think the articles on missions are so well written and give real insight into some of the problems and joys of missionaries. (The joys outweigh the problems.)

JEANIE WALKER
Latin American Mission
San Jose, Costa Rica

Any reader of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND is welcome to express his reactions to articles or his own concerns. The editors will be happy to publish such letters in "Friends Write" as space permits.



BY MARJORIE LANDWERT

WHAT ARE YOU GIVING?

It's that time again, time for the hurrying and scurrying to all the shops for the right gift for all those people dear to you. Christmas is the time for giving all right, but have you ever stopped to think about the fact that the best gifts we give are not necessarily material things?

Perhaps the most treasured gift you could give is the giving of yourself. Most people don't really need or value the trinkets you buy for them. What they really want and need most is your concern, your time, your help, your patient understanding, and your love. Why not give more of yourself this year to your family, friends, class, and to your Lord? This kind of giving is costly. This is the kind of giving God practiced that very first Christmas.

A NEW LOOK

The *Adult Friend* has been around most Friends churches for more than 20 years, but have you noticed it and its companion, the *Teacher's Friend*, have a new look these days? The outside of these quarterlies has a new look and so does the inside. New features this quarter include "Focus on the Word" written by Emily Moore and "Focus on Living" by Phyllis Cammack. These features are designed to help adults learn what God's Word teaches and to better apply these principles to daily living.

See the new look in these favorite Friends publications. Then put them to good use by studying from them each week. These are adult Sunday school materials written by and for Friends. The *Adult Friend* and the *Teacher's Friend* are for you.

HOW TO STRANGLE A CHURCH

What a terrible suggestion! Surely, no thinking person would want to strangle a church and keep it from growing. The trouble is many of us are allowing this to happen to our churches without even realizing it. Dr. Medford Jones, a specialist in church growth, has discovered that a church's growth can be stopped when

any of the following situations exist.

1. *Too few paid staff members.* One pastor can only do so much. Churches that grow add more to their full-time staff in the person of a secretary, a director of Christian education, a youth director, an assistant pastor, or a minister of music.

2. *Loss of small groups.* When more Sunday school classes, Bible study groups, age group activities, and special interest groups are formed, churches grow.

3. *Not enough space and facilities.* The old adage that the chickens die off to the size of the coop applies to churches. Growing churches plan for more space and better utilization of existing facilities.

4. *Ministering to only one social class.* Churches stop growing when they are ministering to only one class of society, whatever that class is. In order to grow, we must provide for the "down and outs," "the up and outs," and those in between these extremes.

Is your church's growth being strangu-

lated in any of these areas? You *can* do something about it. Your church *can* grow!

CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

Christmas is an ideal time for Sunday school classes, FY groups, and others to work together to do something for others. If you are looking for a special project for your group, perhaps you will find an idea below that you can use.

For Little Children. Take individual pictures of them; let the children make picture frames and cards to present to their parents. Most churches have a "shutter bug" around who would help if you provided the film.

For Older Children. Let them bring mittens to decorate a tree to be given to an orphanage overseas relief or the Salvation Army.

Young People might enjoy baking and packing boxes of cookies or candy to be sent to men in the service, missionaries, rest homes, or shutins. □

Accent on Friends Youth: Your Ladyship

About temptation

"Why do I do things I am sorry for afterward?" How many times have all of us asked ourselves that question. Those who receive Jesus Christ as Savior are aware of a power to help in a crisis if we let Him control in times of temptation.

However, we still need to understand ourselves better. For wrong motives can sometimes overcome us unless we know why we react as we do in certain situations. There are three big reasons why we sometimes make harmful and destructive decisions:

ACCEPTANCE—How we all want to have the feeling of belonging! If we are needed and loved by the family or friends, we feel secure and comfortably safe.

This common need for acceptance causes people to wear certain clothes and behave in certain ways. Some girls (and boys, too), unable to find this acceptance in the usual ways, will do almost anything to "get in" with a special person or group.

When conscience and people start complaining about our "far out" habits or activities, it's time to ask, "Am I doing this so I can belong?" If so, "Is this person or group worth all this effort?" "If I improve my manners, personality, or appearance, could I find acceptance

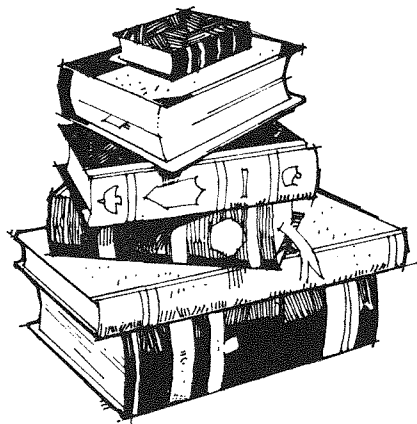
with someone more worthy of this much admiration?"

BOREDOM—We can be very busy and still be bored! When work or play or hobbies no longer challenge, our minds reach out for the new, exciting experience. Evil can thrill us as well as the good and can fill some of the cravings of our inner selves, if only temporarily.

Examine your constructive, positive activities. Which brings you so much real satisfaction that your whole being sings with the joy of accomplishment and satisfaction? Notice how temptation to evil just faded away when you were so occupied with this activity. You can guard yourself against much temptation by filling your life and mind with these engrossing activities and thoughts.

REVENGE—Some girls rebel against their parents' wishes and rules simply to hurt them! Or they do things they are sorry for later simply to get even with friends. It can be a conscious or subconscious reason for doing wrong. A good relationship with parents has held many girls steady when tempted. Talk to your folks and try to listen. See if they don't really love you. They may even understand you better than you think. Revenge is beneath us all. Love and understanding can conquer the desire for it.

—Mary Staley



R. E. O. White, The Exploration of Faith—Triumphs in Hebrews Eleven, Moody Press, 1969, 125 pages, \$3.50.

"Faith is an omnibus word. That is to say, it is a word that carries as many shades of meaning as a bus does passengers." With these first lines, the author introduces this new volume and then proceeds to shape various facets of faith's meanings and implications from many sources. A few of these are: "... faith is a kind of winged intellect; it is also certitude without proofs"; "Love taking the form of aspiration" (William Ellery Channing); "... a dimension of character, a quality of goodness"; "Faith's intellectual significance is stressed as a pathway to spiritual certainty."

This book will be an important source-book for the Bible student, pastor, or teacher, in preparing lessons on the personalities of Hebrews 11 in relation to the many-starred diadem of this Scripture portion, particularly in relation to a strong and workable faith in action.

—D.G.

David C. Le Shana, Foreword by D. Elton Trueblood, Quakers in California, Barclay Press, 1969, 181 pages, \$4.95.

This new book adds one more important dimension to the understanding of the rich heritage of Quakerism, particularly in its "last chapter" of western migration in America, "written" over the past 75 years.

David Le Shana skillfully traces the geographical migration as well as the spiritual and theological movements and influences of Friends, beginning with George Fox in England and continuing through to the present-day Friends of California and the Pacific region.

The author deals with practical questions, such as the motivating factors that influenced the routes of migration westward. However, the main thesis of the book is to amplify the work and ministry of Friends in California and to emphasize the influences of the 19th century period of revivalism in America upon the

Friends of the West and, in turn, to show the reciprocal contribution of Friends to American Christianity.

A significant analysis of separations within the family of Friends is here discussed in objective clarity and fairness. Too often have the recorders of historic process avoided the painful recognition of basic differences among Friends. Not so here, for in particular much attention is given to the concurrent divergent movements of western Friends in both the California Yearly Meeting of Friends Church and the development of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

The final chapter of the book, "The Past Is Prologue," seems to be prophetic. If Quakers of a century ago were able and willing to abandon old customs and institute new techniques and ideas fostered by the flames of revivalism, it may yet be possible in our day for revival and renewal to be a reality among Friends.

—Dean Gregory

Frank E. Gabelein, Faith that Lives, Moody Press, (1955) paperback, edition 1969.

This book concerns the contemporary nature of the book of James. The book was originally published by Meredith Press under the title, *The Practical Epistle of James*. Here is a much-needed message that shows the unity and centrality of purpose of the book of James and the Epistles of Paul. Faith and works join hands to provide an adequate team to take man from his lostness and emptiness into the fullness and completeness of Christ.

—D.G.

Ernest K. Emurian, Stories of Christmas Carols, Revised Edition, Baker Book House, 1958, paper, \$1.95.

Here are the stories of seventeen familiar Christmas hymns, along with some very interesting biographical material on their authors. Here is a valuable source book for everyone who would learn more about how our best loved Christmas carols came to us.

Among the hymns included are: "Angels from the Realms of Glory," "As with Gladness Men of Old," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Joy to the World," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent Night," and others.

—D.G.

Ethel Barrett, Which Way to Ninevah, Regal Books of Gospel Light Press, 1969, paperback, 133 pages, 69 cents.

If you have ever heard Ethel Barrett tell a story, you will enjoy this new book told in her exhilaratingly contemporary style, beamed especially to youth who ask the old-new questions, "Which way to Ninevah?" or in more modern language,

"Which way to where God wants me to be?" This is an excellent book for a teen-ager who wants help and counsel to walk wholly in the will of God. —D.G.

Eugene Bertermann, Day by Day with Jesus (1970 Calendar), Concordia Publishing House, November 5, 1969, \$2.25.

This is a daily devotional guide for the entire year. Boxed in an attractive stand-up carton, one page may be slipped out each day for suggested Bible readings for both morning and evening, with a plan for reading the entire Bible through in a year.

—D.G.

Paul E. Adolph, M.D., Release from Tension, Moody Press, 1956, paperback, 75 cents.

A medical doctor gives good, practical advice on the relation of the spiritual life to the mind patterns and physical reactions. Dr. Robert A. Cook and the late M. R. DeHaan, M.D., give the book added stature in their Foreword and Introduction.

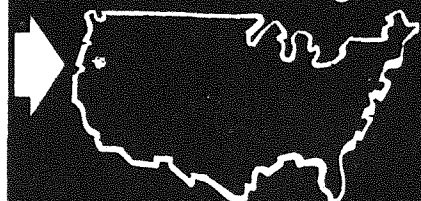
—D.G.

Edited by Fritz Ridenour, "I'm a Good Man—But . . ." Regal Books, 1969, paperback, 95 cents.

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Christmas spirit

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

"This is fun," said Todd to his father as he settled himself comfortably on the bright orange bench. "I like being here at the airport terminal. The decorations are so pretty and it's fun to watch all of the people. Everyone seems so happy and excited."

"Sure enough," agreed Mr. Murch. "After all, it's only two days until Christmas. Everyone's feeling the Christmas spirit. I think I'll go check again to see if there is any new information about when Aunt Judy's flight will arrive. The bad weather in the East is really making everything late tonight."

As his father walked away, Todd became busy noticing the interesting things around the terminal. The tall Christmas tree in the center of the waiting area twinkled with the many bright colored balls and lights hanging from the branches. Smaller well-decorated trees on the ticket counters seemed to be watching the long lines of people waiting to buy tickets and check luggage. Gay packages with fancy ribbon bows peeked out of big bags or from under heavily loaded arms. Voices were constantly calling flight num-

bers over the loudspeaker system as people were coming and going through the big wide doors out to each concourse.

Everyone does seem to be in the Christmas spirit, thought Todd to himself. *But what is Christmas spirit? Dad just said something about it; last week my teacher mentioned it, too. Then only this morning Mom said she really felt in the Christmas spirit. What do they mean, anyway?*

Todd went on thinking about the meaning of Christmas spirit as he waited for his father. Just then he noticed a white-haired lady sitting near the window. Crutches were leaning beside her as her wrinkled hands made the crochet hook go in and out of the green thread very fast. Suddenly the ball of thread rolled off her lap and on across the floor.

Todd waited a moment. No one else bothered to pay attention to the crippled lady who needed help in getting the green thread. "I'll help her," he decided.

Quickly he picked up the runaway crochet thread, giving it back to the owner. She smiled. "Well, thank you, son. You've got the true Christmas spirit."

"I have?" he questioned.

"Yes siree, indeed. It seems like most everyone thinks that all there is to Christmas is spendin' a lot of money, going places, and doing things. But the real spirit of Christmas is what you feel in your heart—love for God and kindness and peace towards others."

Todd listened carefully as she continued talking, crocheting at the same time. "Yes siree. You took time to help a poor old lady get her thread back. Everyone else around was so busy worryin' about their planes and whether they'd spent enough money on other people's presents that they couldn't take time for a simple thing like some kindness. Don't ever forget, my boy, that the real Christmas spirit comes from your heart, not from all the big fancy things that seem to go along with Christmas. Having God's help in loving others and being kind to

them is a whole lot more important than buyin' big fancy presents. I don't even know your name, but I can see that you're a good boy. Thanks a lot for helping me out."

Todd gulped before answering. "I try to be good. And I do love God. I hadn't thought about it before, but I guess that must be the most important thing about having real Christmas spirit." He turned and walked slowly back to his father.

So that's what Christmas spirit is! Now I know! Todd thought. *The REAL thing, that is! Love for God and kindness and peace toward others!* He looked once again at the crowds of people, the shining trees, and bright packages.

Christmas trees and music and presents are fun, but they are just outside things! What is INSIDE is the thing that really counts. I'm glad to know that!

Todd grinned at his father. "You know what, Dad? I'm feeling right in the Christmas spirit!" □

Word puzzle

Unscramble these words, then fill in the blank places in the paragraph. The words are not necessarily in the correct order.

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An told that she would have a baby boy. His name was to be Later, Mary and her husband went to While they were there, Jesus was born in a because there was no room for them in the During the night, the angels sang to the and told them of Jesus' birth. They sang, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men." The shepherds hurried to see the baby. Others who came to see Jesus later were the from the East. They brought to Him.

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Christmas decorations

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Merry Christmas to you, each and every one. I just love Christmas-time, don't you? And I love to decorate for Christmas. Through the years I have continued to feel that special urge to make the house pretty inside and out in celebration of our Lord's birthday.

I hear a lot about commercialized Christmas, but I still want to honor the day with the best I can do in decoration. The living room is the same every year with a six-foot tree and red satin apples

and gold and red lights with a touch of gold here and there. The dining room changes from year to year, but my favorite idea is a cloth of olive green and silvery white brocade with bayberry candles in a nest of Christmas greens. All this is not too Quakerly perhaps, but it comes from living over half of my life where there was no Christmas except what we ourselves were able to produce for hundreds of other people who had no resources for making their own celebration. I'd love to see you each in your homes and enjoy your version of Christmas decorating.

But—let me tell you of one idea that came to a Mennonite friend who lives just out of town on a farm. They have a great, big white barn, one side of which was a plain rectangle, like a huge white card, facing the highway. A few years ago the family considered making a Christmas card out of it with a greeting to all who pass by, and guess what they printed on it in large, bold letters!

HALLELUJAH
WHAT A SAVIOR!

It was floodlighted and there it stood for every passerby to see. Well, imagine the

surprise and reaction of hundreds of people. But do you know, foreign students saw it and stopped by thinking the barn was a church. It gave the family a marvelous opportunity to explain that this was done out of love for our Lord and to invite the strangers to church, and the invitation was enthusiastically accepted. One lady seeing the words stopped along the road with the message ringing in her mind, and the words and the music were given to her for a song that has been widely used with great blessing in unbelievable places. The message on the barn was such a blessing to so many that it is now there permanently the year around, only freshly painted and flooded with light for Christmas.

Christmas preparation can be so meaningful and inspirational; it can also be just gaudy and the sooner down the better! I hope we have found some way this Christmas to please the One we seek to honor and to point others to Him. You may have some better ideas. □

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Lend a Hand

BY EARL KELBAUGH

In years past the Friends Church was said to be active in the area of moral action. Perhaps a closer study will reveal a few with a great concern who operated in such a way as to give the credit to the church or to Christ. Today there are Christians who bemoan the slowness with which the church is able to move into the area of social problems. This should not thwart our own personal involvement. Our local meeting and our Yearly Meeting can move ahead only as individuals see the need and help gather a force capable of action. This action starts with you and me. If we are too busy, fearful, selfish, or hindered by some such "thing," then let us be slow to criticize the church.

It is difficult to have right attitudes toward others outside the church if we harbor improper attitudes toward fellow Christians inside our church. Perhaps it is best to establish good moral action at the home base before we endeavor to right the "world."

Some important questions come to mind as we consider social concern. Where can I start? What can I do? If you have asked such questions, then you are on your way. Let us honestly face as many issues as possible but do something. It is easy to see the multitude and be moved with compassion, but most of our work will be done on an individual basis.

Let us not be gathered up by the pressure and demand for action and serve because it seems like the thing to do. Rather let us seek His will and move ahead with assurance, remembering any service we can render is to be done in His name and for His sake.

Throughout our Yearly Meeting we need a spirit of aggressiveness. We need to serve our communities and nation as devout Christians in every area we can possibly enter. We need a vanguard of people who will help us keep in touch, people who read and will share through the Moral Action Board any articles and information that might profit us. This in turn could be shared with the local meetings for thought and action.

There is no limit for our outreach! The responsibility for Christian involvement is inescapable, but our Yearly Meeting can make progress only as we and our local meeting face into these problems and begin to do something constructive. Men all around us are in need, but they cannot reach the Living Water—will you lend a hand?

—From Moral Action Board, O.Y.M.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK



THE THINK GAP

It happened in the first grade. The teacher was impressing her inquisitive, active, unpredictable minds to—*think!* The word *think* captivated the mind of one in particular. The teacher spoke, "Mary, you may read now." Silence. Again, "Mary, you may read now." But Mary was in another world—the think world. The teacher, in an earnest tone, asked, "Mary, what is the trouble? Why don't you read?" A long pause, and then Mary, matter of factly, responded, "I'm thinking." She was an unusual child. Most people do very little thinking. We constantly are reminded of the generation gap, the communications gap, and the community gap. But the most serious gap with which the church may need to be concerned is *the think gap*.

Robert L. Howell said, "We have allowed ourselves to be slaves to structures (organizations) which had meaning for former generations but have not for ours. We have wasted vast amounts of our energy and resources in holding together structures that should have been allowed to die. We have lost momentum and the freedom to respond to our Lord and His fast moving world."

"We have lost momentum and the freedom to respond." Think it over. Some genuine, creative, Spirit-quicken thinking is an absolute necessity if we really come alive and *go with Christ* to be His good news ambassadors.

When we find time and place for creative thinking, we inevitably are humbled by two discoveries: first, that we have known much that simply was not so, and second, that our ignorance is more profound than we suspected.

This is the generation of the "turned on" mind. This generation is daring to think the unthinkable. It is a generation that is in rebellion against *dusty and moldy* methods of the past. Remember, even our first graders are thinking.

There is a serious, ominous "think gap" between those in the church and those out of it. We have a mandate to call our thinkers together and hammer out some 1970 methods to expedite our unchanging commission. Frankly, how much innovation do we see in our churches? Are the morning worship, evening, midweek, and youth meetings, in format, disturbingly similar to those 20, 30, 40, 50 years ago? Aren't our methods for evangelizing ineffective because we have not had the foresight to rethink our strategy, updating it to the space age?

There are some encouraging signs. Some of our dedicated leaders are thinking, and they are coming up with some new proposals. Recently, in talking with some of our pastors, I have rejoiced to hear of their creative, Spirit-quicken thoughts. May we all open our minds to the Holy Spirit, so that He may think His thoughts in us. It is hoped that our monthly meetings, Boards of Christian Education, and Ministry and Oversight bodies will be baptized by the Holy Spirit to think creatively with Him. We must. Otherwise, our contribution for Christ in the '70s will be merely a hopeless, hollow echo and not the ringing, rallying voice of hope!

—Russell Myers

Malone College News



NEW BOARD MEMBERS AT MALONE COLLEGE

Two prominent Canton men were reelected to the Malone College Board of Trustees at its meeting October 11. Dr. George E. Parkinson, minister of Christ United Presbyterian Church in Canton, and Dr. William E. Umstadd, chairman of the executive committee of Timken Roller Bearing, Canton, were reelected to three-year terms.

Three appointees of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends were elected to first terms on the board—Dr. Edward L. Mitchell, Alliance, Ohio; Dr. Walter R. Williams, Jr., Lakeland,

Florida; and David R. Van Valkenburg, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dr. Parkinson joined the Malone Board in 1963. He has been senior minister of Christ United Presbyterian Church since 1942. His Sunday morning services have been broadcast as "The Cathedral Hour" since 1944. Honorary degrees awarded Dr. Parkinson include D.D. from Grove City College, 1950; D.D. from Wooster College, 1951; and Lit.D. from Rio Grande College, 1959.

Dr. Umstatt also became a Malone Trustee in 1963. He was president of Timken Roller Bearing Company from 1934 until his retirement in 1959. One of the first two honorary degrees given by Malone was conferred upon Mr. Umstatt in 1967 during Malone's Diamond-Decade Anniversary Week. He was awarded a Doctor of Laws degree.

Dr. Mitchell, a 1951 graduate of Malone, earned his M.D. in 1958 from Western Reserve University. He interned in Cleveland and served his surgical residence in Cleveland and Dayton. After becoming a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery in 1964, Dr. Mitchell went to Ryder Memorial Hospital in Humacao, Puerto Rico, as chief of surgery. In 1966 he returned to the U.S. and now practices in Alliance. Dr. Mitchell is currently president of the Malone College Alumni Association and served as Alumni Fund General Chairman in 1968.

Dr. Williams is director emeritus of the State Department of Education, Tallahassee, Florida, and was a graduate professor and department head at the University of Florida. His father, Walter R. Williams, Sr., was a former general superintendent of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends and a missionary to China.

Mr. Van Valkenburg, at 27, is the youngest man ever elected to the Malone Trustees. A 1964 graduate of Malone, he earned a Master of Science degree from the University of Kansas in 1966 and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University in 1969. He was awarded the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission Fellowship in Health Physics while at the University of Kansas, and the U.S. Public Health Fellowship in Radiation Health while doing graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh in 1967. Mr. Van Valkenburg is a financial analyst with an investment firm in Minneapolis.

MALONE STUDENTS ATTEND SEMINAR

Two Malone College students were among 250 campus leaders to attend a National Student Leadership Seminar in Washington, D.C., October 23-25.

Willis Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parks, Route 3, Newcomertown; and Donald Green, son of Dr. and Mrs. William D. Green, 2634 Daffodil, Canton, were the Malone representatives. Willis is president and Don organizational vice-president of the Malone Student Senate.

The purpose of the seminar was to try to find new solutions to problems student leaders face, through lectures and dialogues with each other and political leaders.

The seminar was planned by a Student Sponsoring Committee made up of student leaders from 17 major universities and a National Advisory Board, composed of congressmen, governors, former Vice-president Hubert H. Humphrey, and others.

WITH OUR CHURCHES

ADRIAN QUARTERLY MEETING

OLIVE STREET—

David Brantingham, pastor

The Senior FY Ninth Annual Retreat was again a blessing and a challenge of commitment to, and living for, Christ. Thirty-two young people attended the retreat held at the YMCA Camp at Ackley Lake.

The Christian Education Third Annual Staff Retreat was held on September 13 at the YMCA Camp.

The Fourth Annual J-Hi Retreat was on September 20 at the YMCA Camp. The theme for the day was "Outer Space."

—*Sylvia Jones, correspondent*

RAISIN CENTER—Dan Frost, pastor

Our senior high school young people had a camp-out the first Friday night of October.

Rally Day, October 5, was held with Mrs. Charles Gorton as guest. She explained the meaning of many Christian symbols; she and her husband had made a hobby of making copies of as many of these symbols as possible.

This month, our Moral Action Committee arranged and planned for both a study session on Sex Education Programs in the schools and a service on Law Enforcement, with Juvenile Officer P. J. Shaffer of the Adrian Police Department as guest.

—*Dan Frost, correspondent*

RAISIN VALLEY—Lawrence Cox, pastor

The Rally Day committee headed by Wayne Mills led the congregation to great success in reaching new folk of the community. The committee set the goal of combined attendance for worship and Sunday school for three consecutive Sundays to total 1,969

points. They also challenged another church in the quarterly meeting to a contest for the three Sundays. Our attendance was as follows: September 28, Family Day, 276 in worship service and 277 in Sunday school; October 5, Perfect Attendance Day, 265 in worship service and 339 in Sunday school; October 12, Rally Day, we had 340 in worship service and 351 in Sunday school. We did not quite reach our 1,969 points, but we came out first in the contest with the other church, and best of all we boosted our attendance and got off to a good start for the winter months.

ALUM CREEK QUARTERLY MEETING

ALUM CREEK (Marengo)—

James Brantingham, pastor

A Welcome Home reception was held for five fellows returning home from Vietnam. Honored fellows from the church and the community were Charles Myers, Stephen Jobe, John Dennis, William Feustel, and Larry Wigton. The Young People's Sunday school class sponsored the reception.

A Youth Retreat was held October 17 and 18 at Sunnyslope, the DeVol farm located in our community.

Mr. Paul Langdon, Columbus, was guest speaker for the morning worship hour on October 19. —*Elma E. Black, correspondent*

SULLIVAN AVENUE—

Ralph W. Blackburn, pastor

Revival services were held at our church September 28-October 5 with C. T. Mangrum, Danville, Virginia, as the evangelist and Clifford Everett, Columbus, Ohio, as the song evangelist.

A Missionary Convention was held October 31-November 2. We had family night on Friday with a potluck dinner. This was followed by pictures shown of Mexico by Bruce Burch and some of his members.

Saturday night Kathy Thompson spoke and showed pictures of India. Russell Zinn and

Lupton Friends Dedicate New Church

Dedication of the new Friends Church in Lupton, Michigan, was held Sunday, October 12, 1969, at 2:30 p.m.

Lawrence Cox, quarterly meeting superintendent, and Russell Myers, Yearly Meeting superintendent, assisted the pastor, Charles Kernodle, in the dedication ceremonies. Approximately 250 persons attended the service.

The edifice is a 40 x 74 brick structure with laminated arches and oak paneling in the nave. There is a full basement with a fellowship hall and Sunday school classrooms.

Charles Kernodle has served as pastor of the Lupton Friends Church for the past four

years.

In October 1879, Emmor Lupton and his family, members of East Goshen Friends Church in Ohio, moved to Ogemaw County, Michigan, and began Friends worship in their home.

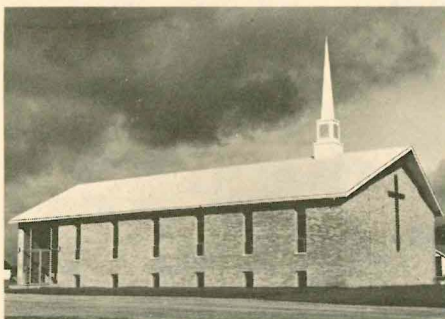
Two years later a log schoolhouse was built, and each Sabbath morning Bible school and worship were held. Sunday evening was largely spent in homes, where prayer and meditation occupied the time.

The meeting was officially organized February 19, 1887, and the first business meeting was held in April, with Joshua Rakestraw as first appointed clerk.

In 1889 a church was erected on the hills known as Lane Heights. In 1901 the structure was dismantled and moved to Lupton.

A building fund was started in January, 1959. A building committee was appointed in April 1962 to investigate possibilities for an addition to the church.

In June 1966 a plot of ground was purchased across the street from the old church. November 9, 1966, the monthly meeting voted to build a new church, and plans were purchased May 16, 1967. The groundbreaking service was held March 31, 1969.



family of Taiwan were with us on Sunday.
—Alma Marmon, correspondent

CLEVELAND QUARTERLY MEETING

BARBERTON—Charles Bancroft, pastor

On October 4, several of our ladies attended the Women's Missionary Retreat at the Willoughby Hills Friends Church.

Our guest speaker for the 11 a.m. services on October 19 was Miss Elsie Dodd, superintendent of the Friends Home in Columbus.

—Arlie W. Lupardus, correspondent

BETHANY (Wadsworth)—Dale Neff, pastor

Our pastor will be leaving us in the spring to go to Indonesia for the OMS. Dale Neff has served as a missionary in Japan and in Nigeria, West Africa.

A missionary convention was held at Bethany October 9-12. Missionary speakers were Russell Zinn, Taiwan; Miss Melva Webb, Brazil; and Rev. Grant Nealis, Hong Kong. The Faith Promise goal for last year amounted to \$2,295.50. The goal was met and exceeded to the amount of \$2,500. Our Faith Promise goal this year is \$3,800.

—Stella Herzog, correspondent

BOSTON HEIGHTS—

Linwood Johnson, pastor

Boston Heights celebrated their Homecoming by dedicating their new Educational Wing and the May Steward Memorial Library—a nice combination of the new and old, of history and future making. The service on November 23 was as follows: 9:30 a.m., Sunday school; 10:30 a.m., worship service, speaker Amos Henry; 3:00 p.m., dedication service, speaker Leonard Borton, president of the Evangelistic and Pastoral and Extension Board; 5:00 p.m., supper at church; 6:15 p.m., youth groups; 7:30 p.m., evening service, speaker Richard J. Johnson

—Barbara Miller, correspondent

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS—

John O. Grafton, pastor

September 7 our church opened a Friends Nursery School. At present there are 34 children enrolled. We have two classes with 17 enrolled in each class. Each class meets two hours a day, three days a week. A preschool curriculum geared to preparing the child for public school is being followed. Incorporated into this is the teaching of basic Christian concepts. Prayers, Bible stories, and Christian songs are part of the school program. Our staff consists of a full-time teacher, Mrs. Rita Ashmus, and a full-time helper, Mrs. Betty Grafton. The nursery school has been a great help to our church. New families are being contacted, and the church is becoming

better known. It is helping to fill a need in our area, and the parents are enthused. An interesting note is that over half of our children are of the Catholic faith. The picture (above) is of our morning class at their Halloween party.

Sunday, October 19, a singspiration was held at our church. Jim McConnell, recording artist and outstanding baritone, was with us along with the Friendsmen Quartet.

Another new endeavor at our church is a senior Friends Youth group averaging ten. Sunday morning, November 2, Pastor Grafton, his family, and nine other new members were publicly accepted into our church.

—John O. Grafton, Jr., correspondent

WEST PARK—Earl M. Smith, pastor

Dedication Service for our new church was November 23 at 3 p.m. The speaker was Russell Myers, general superintendent. The new church is at the same location, West 140th St. and Carrydale Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

A week-long Bible Club was held October 6-10 at 3:45 p.m. for children of school age in the neighborhood. It continues to meet every Wednesday after school.

October 9 Men in Missions held their meeting with Jennis Heishman as their special speaker. Mr. Heishman is business manager of Radio Station WHK—a Christian businessman who had much to tell about his work in Washington, D.C., and New Jersey.

Sunday evening, October 12, our Men in Missions men were in charge of the service.

—Matilda Kuch, correspondent

WILLOUGHBY HILLS—

Wayne Root, pastor

Our World Outreach Conference was held the week of September 28 to October 5. We were informed and inspired concerning missionary efforts in many lands by Superintendent Russell Myers, Russell and Esther Zinn, Kathy Thompson, Cliff and Betty Robinson, and a representative of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Our faith-promise goal of \$10,000 was exceeded, for a total of \$11,120. We pay tribute to the memory of Alta Shreve, who helped plan the conference, and who passed away on the very eve of it, but nevertheless seemed to be present with us.

—Edith Fedie, correspondent

DAMASCUS QUARTERLY MEETING

ALLIANCE—Galen Weingart, pastor

Our pastor conducted a church membership class October 5-December 7 on the "Friends Way." Recently new members and prospective members were especially invited.

On Sunday morning, October 26, Dick Garra of "Morning Meditations," heard weekdays on Radio Station WFAH, was our guest speaker.

On Sunday evening, November 16, Roy and Ruth Schurman with their daughter, Mary Ann, were our special guest musicians. The Schurmans taught for seven years in Indian Schools in the West.

Our special fall revival meetings were held November 16 through November 23 with C. T. Mangrum as our evangelist.

—Ruth Hoff, correspondent

CANTON FIRST—William Atchison, pastor

Paul Langdon, Christian businessman and

member of the Columbus Board of Education, spoke concerning "The Current Campus Scenes," in the morning service of October 12.

Women's Missionary Retreat was held in local church October 14. Esther Zinn was missionary speaker. There were 130 ladies in attendance.

Rev. Robert Buswell of Malone College faculty was guest speaker in morning service, and Dr. Robert Hess, a returned missionary from India and now of Malone College faculty, in the evening of October 19.

—Velma Evans, correspondent

DEERFIELD—Duane Rice, pastor

The FY group challenged the adults in an attendance contest in the "church growth hour" services, which lasted five Sunday evenings beginning the first Sunday of October. Special features of the services were "The Sound" of Malone College, the film, *Man of Steel*, "Singspiration"; Russell Myers spoke on church growth; the Krauss family of Warren presented a musical program on the last Sunday evening. The FY far out-distanced their elders.

A Sunday School Workers Conference was held followed by a covered dish supper. Rally Day was held October 25 in the Sunday school with 134 in attendance.

—Catherine James, correspondent

EAST GOSHEN—E. Roy Skeeter, pastor

On October 5 for our Rally Day, we had in attendance 226 for Sunday school. We had the Waggoner Family as our guests—their music and singing were a great spiritual uplift.

Sunday, October 25, was our annual Harvest Home Day. Canned fruit and vegetables lined the altar, which made a nice display. It will be taken to the Friends Rescue Home.

—Mary Mercer, correspondent

POLAND BETHEL—Harold Wyandt, pastor

Revival was held October 17-26. James Bon Durant, United Methodist evangelist, was the speaker, and Ethel Schealy led the singing. The evangelist had object lessons each night.

—Mary O'Hara, correspondent

QUAKER HILL—William Waltz, pastor

To climax our Rally Day program, a weiner roast was held at the Sebring Camp Grounds youth building with 65 attending.

October 12, 1969, Russell Zinn, a former pastor of our church, spoke to us during the worship hour. He emphasized the *wonderful willing laymen* on Taiwan. Esther Zinn spoke to our youth in the evening showing a film.

—Shirley Fox, correspondent

WINONA—Richard Johnson, pastor

On October 5, all the servicemen in our church were given special recognition. Russell Myers and his wife were special guests at this service.

On October 10, several ladies from the church went to the Friends Home in Columbus to deliver 200 quarts of canned goods and were given a grand tour of the home.

On October 26, we observed Rally Day at our church. Milton Lipes from Cleveland, Ohio, employed by NASA, was our guest speaker for the morning service.

On November 2, we dedicated the new carpet in the sanctuary, the new pulpit, the



pews, and altar railing. Thank you, donors!
—Mrs. Lester G. Wilson, correspondent

GOSHEN QUARTERLY MEETING

McKEES CREEK—Joseph Miller, pastor

The FY of the church sponsored a Spiritual Life weekend. On Friday night, October 24, inspiring gospel music was followed by a message in chalk art by Pastor Miller. On Saturday night, October 25, a Sing-o-rama was given by a Victory Quartet from Akron, Ohio. Sunday, October 26, was Rally Day.

—Edna Foughty, correspondent

TRINITY—Jason Sherwood, pastor

A six-week Sunday school contest was climaxed on October 26 by Rally Day.

Several from Van Wert attended the 16th Annual Ladies Missionary Retreat held at Mt. Carmel.

Four babies were dedicated at recent worship services by our pastor and his wife.

—Helen Murphy, correspondent

GRINNELL QUARTERLY MEETING

GRINNELL—Myron Harris, pastor

Quarterly Meeting was held here on October 4 with Russell Zinn, missionary to Taiwan, bringing the message. On Sunday evening he gave a most interesting talk and showed slides.

—Linda Doane, correspondent

HAMPTON ROADS QUARTERLY MEETING

PORTSMOUTH FIRST FRIENDS—
Bryan C. Teague, pastor

The FY sponsored a car wash on October 4. The proceeds will be used for the "Global-Go" project.

Sunday, October 5, was Rally Day.

On Tuesday, October 14, all missionary groups combined to hear Iris Murphy, superintendent of missionary education of Ohio Yearly Meeting.

For our monthly Family Fellowship Supper, October 29, we were privileged to have Mr. and Mrs. Harold Amstutz, who spoke to us following the supper hour. Mr. Amstutz is a pilot serving the United Methodist Mission in the Republic of Congo, Africa.

—Barbara A. Brown, correspondent

PIEDMONT QUARTERLY MEETING

LONGVIEW—Roy Taylor, pastor

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hylton honored them on their 60th wedding anniversary, Sunday, the 28th of September, with a reception at the home of Mrs. Jeanne Owen Bagby on Dogwood Drive. Mrs. Hylton is a member of Longview Friends Church. A special congratulations was sent to the Hyltons from the President, Richard M. Nixon. There were 65 callers.

—Annie Bryant, correspondent

FERRY ROAD—E. R. Phelps, pastor

Ferry Road held its annual Homecoming Service on October 5. Jack Tebbs, pastor of Hunter Hills Friends Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, was our guest speaker. Bob Carpenter's Gospel Team from Third Avenue Christian Church was also present for the morning service.

October 12-19 was the time scheduled for our revival meeting. E. Lee Chattin of New Castle, Virginia, a brother of James Chattin,

who is a member of our church, was the evangelist. The services were very well attended.

On Saturday evening, October 18, a few men were gathered in their prayer room. Most of them had offered prayer. 1 John 3:1-3 was read. Even as this Scripture was begun to be read, the Holy Ghost came in mighty power, and our hearts were filled to overflowing.

—Marlyn Burton, correspondent

SHORT CREEK QUARTERLY MEETING

EAST RICHLAND—Wayne F. Ickes, pastor

We had several ladies from our church who attended the Ladies Missionary Retreat at the Mt. Pleasant Friends Church on Saturday, October 18.

WITH OUR PEOPLE

MARRIAGES

COX-AUFRANCE. Tavia Cox, from Lexington, Kentucky, and Kenneth Aufrance from Alliance were united in marriage September 17, 1969. Kenneth is a senior at Asbury College.

DULL-KREUGER. Sharran Dull and Paul Kreuger, October 24, in the Tecumseh Friends Church. The bride's former pastor, James Brantingham, officiated assisted by her present pastor, Daniel Frost.

HOFFMAN-MOOREHEAD. Janice Hoffman and Danny Moorehead, October 25, 1969, in Adrian College Chapel by their pastor, Lawrence Cox.

JOHNSTON-McNIEL. Kathleen Johnston and Gwyn McNeil, August 2, 1969, in the Raisin Valley Friends Church.

KING-LEWIS. Ethel King of Reidsville and Otis Lewis of Ferry Road Friends Church October 16, 1969, in the home of a former pastor, Thomas Murphy.

PARTIN-SAMS. Cassie Partin and Robert Sams, September 10, 1969, in the Beloit Friends Church. Pastor Gilbert Thomas performed the ceremony.

PULLEN-HARTER. Carol Pullen of Akron and Sgt. Ronald Harter of Kirtland AFB, N. Mexico, were married in his home church, Bethany Friends, on November 1, 1969, with Dale Neff officiating.

WEBB-SCHAEFFER. Jane Webb of River Styx and David Schaeffer of Lakeville were wed in Bethany Friends Church on August 9, 1969. Joseph Miller officiated.

BIRTHS

ADAMS—To Mr. and Mrs. Gary Adams of the Northside Friends Church, a daughter, Melissa Ann, October 8, 1969.

CASTO—To Mr. and Mrs. Gary Casto, a son, Ben Chadwick, May 17, 1969.

CLUTE—To Dale and Sandra Clute of the Raisin Valley Friends Church, a son, Douglas Scott, October 24, 1969.

COLLINS—To Marvin and Naomi Collins of McKees Creek Friends Church, a son, Robert Lee, October 5, 1969.

EMERY—To Robert and Brenda Emery of the Raisin Valley Friends Church, a daughter, Tiffney Lynn, September 12, 1969.

HUFFMAN—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huffman of Canton Friends Church, a son, Jon Eric, on October 25, 1969.

JOHNSTON—To Timothy and Barbara

We were blessed to be able to have Kathy Thompson speak to us in our Sunday morning worship hour on October 19.

—Lois Lee Pickering, correspondent

MT. PLEASANT—Milton Coleman, pastor

A missionary convention was held at the church the weekend of October 16-19. Speakers included Miss Kathy Thompson, India; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Zinn, Taiwan; Russell Myers showing slides of missionary work in Alaska. The entire weekend was a spiritual uplift for us all.

Sunday evening, October 26, the Malone College Chancel Players presented the choral drama, *Go Down Moses*.

—Kris Welshans, correspondent

Johnston of Raisin Valley Friends Church, a son, Kelley Scott, October 18, 1969.

LONG—To Mr. and Mrs. John W. Long of Wadsworth-Bethany Friends Church, a son, David Warren, October 14, 1969.

NICHOLS—To Lester and Carol Nichols of Raisin Valley Friends Church, a daughter, Tracy Ann, August 1, 1969.

RANSOM—To Robert and Dora Ransom of Raisin Valley Friends Church, a daughter, Wendy Danielle, August 24, 1969.

ROBERTS—To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts, a girl, Liza Dianne, September 17, 1969.

STEMKOWSKI—To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stemkowski of Mt. Pleasant Church, a daughter, Jackie Lynn, October 24, 1969. Mrs. Stemkowski is the former Janet Koran.

WEST—To Mr. and Mrs. Gary West of the Olive Street Friends Church, Columbus, Ohio, a daughter, Sandra Jean, August 21, 1969.

DEATHS

MORTON—Garnie Morton, 55, Raisin Center Friends Church, passed away October 12, 1969. He is survived by his wife, six sons, and several brothers and sisters. His pastor, Dan Frost, officiated at the funeral service.

SCHRADER—Eva Schrader, 80, member of Beloit Friends Church, passed away September 29, 1969. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Gilbert Thomas.

VAUGHAN—Edith D. Vaughan, 89, of Mt. Gilead, passed away August 23, 1969, at her home. Surviving are the children: Edith, Mildred, and Rhoda of the home; Martha of Cleveland, Mrs. Francis Denton of Columbus, Rachel Brown and LeRoy Vaughan of Mt. Gilead. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. A daughter and a brother and sister preceded her in death. Edith Vaughan was an elder for many years and a faithful member of Gilead Friends Church. Kenneth Jones, her pastor, was in charge of funeral services at the church.

WALTZ—Herb Waltz, father of Pastor William Waltz of Quaker Hill Friends Church, passed away after a sudden illness. He left his wife Celeste and two sons, William and Jim. A son Don preceded him in death. The family resided in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

WEAVER—H. Frank Weaver, 80, passed away September 27, 1969. He was a member of the Alliance Friends Church. Pastor Galen Weingart officiated.

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TO THE EVANGELICAL FRIEND

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A Miracle Team

BY JOHN ROBINSON

There was nothing like it, so said the sports writers about the '69 World Series. One recalled the seven wonders of the world—and the Mets. This team was underdog all season until the last, when they met the Baltimore Orioles in New York's Shea Stadium before a sellout crowd and took the Series in the fifth game of seven with a 5 to 3 score. A swirling mass of humanity poured onto the playing field in sheer delirium. Pennants waved, workers cheered, and strangers embraced "in an impromptu explosion of acclaim seldom if ever matched in the past."

The team on the field and the crowd in the stands blended as the victory was celebrated. One writer called it a historic moment. But star Mets player, Ron Swoboda, made a classic statement in an aftergame interview when he said: "Every losing cause in the world should take heart from what we just did . . . Winning becomes a way of life."

Picture now if you will that band of believers in the upper room. Look at what happened on the day of Pentecost when birth was given to the Church. Note the sheer joy of new victory. Watch the "underdogs" move out to do exploits for God, to the amazement of the crowd in the stands. Against overwhelming odds, the church grew and believers multiplied. The book of Acts records there was an *impromptu explosion* as witnesses moved with faith, inner power, and grace. Winning became a *way of life*.

Read Hebrews 12:1-3. Think of the crowd in the stands, the team on the field, and the Captain of that team. The gainsaying world says the church is dead, that it is no longer relevant, but the team on the field (the church) refuses to hear the death chants and, following the Captain, moves on to victory and becomes that Miracle Team. The "cloud of witnesses" in the stands cheer us on.

The Friends Church is part of that team. And it is time to take heart! We need not be part of the losing cause.

"A true church," says George Webber, "is an outpost of the Kingdom of God, placed in a particular spot in the world to bear witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ."

"A church is a mission living by the foolishness of God in a world that sometimes hates it, sometimes is indifferent, and sometimes seeks to take it captive. Any church that does not recognize the basic purpose for its existence is in jeopardy of its life."

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCOPE

FRIENDS SPECIAL SCHOOL



Friends Special School, located in San Antonio, Texas, is a unique attempt, among Friends, to provide housing and education to children and youth of elementary and high school age who have been denied these basic and important elements of life by other organizations and to bring these students under definite Christian influence.

This is the simple and yet profound concern behind Friends Special School, where Raymond Martin, his wife Patty and a small staff of workers operate a school program for emotionally disturbed children who are rejected by all other child-caring institutions.

This school is sponsored by Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends through its Peace, Service, and Benevolence Board and has been in operation at its present location since June 1, 1965. Children are referred to the school by the county Juvenile Department, Texas Youth Council, and by several psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers of the area.

John Robinson, pastor of the Haviland Friends Church and president of the Board of Evangelism of our Yearly Meeting, and I visited Friends Special School during the serious illness and hospitalization of the school's director, Raymond Martin. We met with the school's Executive Committee and some members of the Advisory Board, as well as members of the staff. Reporters from several San Antonio newspapers came to interview us relative to the Yearly Meeting's involvement in the school and our hopes and aims for the future of the school.

At the August 1969 annual sessions of our Yearly Meeting, we took action authorizing the Kansas Yearly Meeting Trustees to assume the mortgage on the Friends Special School property, amounting to approximately \$28,635. Efforts to raise this money will be launched in the city of San Antonio and throughout the Yearly Meeting this year. Financial help for the monthly operating budget of \$4,405 is urgently needed.

The city of San Antonio is being alerted, through the press and TV, regarding this much-needed community ministry for the needy children of that area. Some of the concerned civic leaders have assured us of their belief that their community will rise to the need and provide a supporting financial base for this school if Friends will continue their sponsorship and administration of this worthy Christian cause.

Can we do less than our best in rising to this stirring challenge? Many of our young Friends are asking if the church has any program of involvement, touching some of the sore and needy spots of our land. Here is one of several such programs. We need personnel to assist in administration, supervising, and teaching at this school. We must have the prayers of Friends everywhere who are concerned for this exciting new venture of meeting human need in young lives capable of responding to love and compassion.

Attractive brochures describing the school's purpose, function, and needs will be sent to anyone requesting such. Address letters to Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends, 2018 Maple, Wichita, Kansas 67213.

—Dean Gregory

"The predicament of the church in America is precisely that it does not recognize that it is in a missionary situation." (George W. Webber, *God's Colony in Man's World*, p. 29)

Some time ago the Yearly Meeting Study Committee defined the mission of the church thusly: "The mission of the Church is to relate God's Word to man through a program of evangelism as stated in the New Testament and interpreted by the Holy Spirit; to encourage continuing Christian growth through nurture, edification, and education; to provide an opportunity for Christian service; and to

make the gospel message relevant to man's need in today's world."

The mission of the church is to penetrate the community with the gospel message. The church must grow. It has a right to grow and it is the Lord's will that it should. Only team members can keep it from doing so. Those who do not heed the instruction of the Captain will remain dwarfed and defeated. We can be part of this decade's miracle team.

One of the greatest needs among us today is a personal commitment to Christ, with evi-

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'New Life for All' in Burundi

News Bulletin

Dear Friends:

"New Life for All" in Burundi has just finished the second phase of its campaign—that of the Leaders' Retreats in the various districts. There were seven of them held during the months of August and September.

There were two main objectives in these retreats. One was instruction. We wanted the leaders to understand the program and know how to teach the Handbook on soul-winning to others. In this regard we felt the retreats very profitable. Many came with questions, and some even with doubts, but in the course of instruction and in discussion periods there came understanding and enthusiasm.

The other objective was for a breath of new life or spiritual renewal among the leadership. Our churches have been suffering from fear and discouragement and, in some places, from divisions. There has been quite general lukewarmness or even coldness evidenced in lack of concern for others, lack of giving, and a general breakdown of moral standards. We needed new life within the church before we could export it to others needing it outside. In this area we were encouraged. Our theme was "The Holy Spirit and the Christian Worker." As we considered our need of the help and power of the Holy Spirit, also the things that hinder His working, and the results of the Spirit-filled life, there were many encouraging evidences of the Spirit working. One retreat that closed on a Sunday ended with around a dozen coming forward to accept Christ or to seek the Holy Spirit. One retreat resulted in the return to the Lord of two school teachers who had been backslidden. There were many testimonies of new faith and victory. One very encouraging thing was the frequently voiced testimony of faith that we are going to see a revival in our churches.

Our next phase is that of teaching the Handbook on soul-winning to the church members, and we need prayer that there will be widespread participation in these classes and in the prayer cells.

Brethren, pray for us! The needy are many. God's faithful are still few. We are just getting started on a big job, but God is with us!

*Yours in the fellowship of the Gospel,
George Thomas, Coordinator
'New Life for All' in Burundi*

CORRECTION

In the October Supplement, the Directory of Pastors showed J. R. Williams, pastor of Lowell, with "No Phone." Please correct that to read (316) 848-3622. The church telephone for Richard Buck, pastor at Riverton, was (316) 848-3622. Please correct that to read (316) 848-3750.

FOR ZERUBBABEL AND US

BY GEORGE THOMAS

In our united campaign for the evangelization of Burundi, known as "New Life for All," we have found a good deal of help and encouragement from Zechariah 4:1-10. Although this chapter also contains promises for the distant future, it had a message with definite promises for a project that was then at hand.

The message was sent to Zerubbabel, a leader of the Jews just returned from 70 years' captivity in Babylon. The people he was leading were surely discouraged and lacking in self-confidence as a result of their long experience in servitude. They weren't very many. He faced the big, impossible-looking job of rebuilding the Temple at Jerusalem. So God sent a message illustrated by a vision.

The vision was of a candlestick with numerous lamps all connected by pipes to a central bowl of oil, which was their source of energy. The lamps did their job of giving light because they were connected to an adequate source of oil, and there was nothing in the pipes to stop the flow of oil. The vision was explained in the words, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." The Holy Spirit is the oil that provides the power and makes possible the impossible. We are only the pipes through which the oil flows from the abundant source to the places of need. The work didn't depend on Zerubbabel's might or power, but on the power of God.

There were added words of encouragement. Zerubbabel was promised that the mountain of work and of problems facing him would become a plain. It would flatten out and disappear. He was also told that the work would succeed. There would be no humiliating failure and half-done task. He would not only lay the foundation stone but would have the satisfaction of putting the last stone in place to complete the job. And when it was finished, it would be with rejoicing and with the knowledge that it had been done by the grace and help of God.

There was a final needed bit of advice. "Who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel." The plummet, or plumb line, is used for building a straight wall and speaks of honesty and truth and obedience, nothing crooked and dishonest. So the message was to not be discouraged even though the beginning seemed small; if the work has begun and it is on God's foundation and following His plan, if it is really obedient to the Holy Spirit and empowered by Him, there is reason for rejoicing.

We need this message. Our task is big like a mountain and our forces have been small, weak, and discouraged. But as we have been meeting in Leaders' Retreats in August and September in different parts of Burundi, we have been mightily encouraged as we have

been made aware that the task is possible by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The evidence that some are willing to build according to God's plumb line of honesty and obedience is certainly cause for rejoicing. In every one of the retreats, there was evidence of the Holy Spirit working to remove the things that hindered His flowing through and using His people. There was repentance and confession of drinking, of dishonesty, of failure to pay tithes, and of coldness and neglect of Christian duty. There was restitution of stolen money, and reconciliation where there had been enmity or distrust. There was one public burning of charms used in witchcraft. There were a number who sought for the baptism with the Holy Spirit and testified to receiving Him. Others were saved or reclaimed. There was general encouragement and new faith for revival in the churches. In view of the tremendous need throughout the country, these may seem but a small beginning, but we rejoice to see them, for they are evidences that the Spirit is working. And in our work it is certainly true that it is "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

A MIRACLE TEAM

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dence of change by the power of the Holy Spirit. Only such a person really qualifies for the name "Friend," for he is willingly obedient to the Lord Jesus. His involvement and stewardship enables him to see churches strengthened and new ones formed and founded. There are three reasons for his concern and vision. First, there is an individual, personal responsibility for evangelism. We are to witness. Operation Andrew is a good, biblical method. Second, we must go where people are. With the deterioration of many rural communities, many of our congregations are faced with declining numbers to whom they can minister. Population shifts demand that we go where people are. And they are in a different locality than when we built "five miles out." Third, church extension offers a stronger foundation for foreign missions. There must be a burning heart of passion for the unsaved at home and abroad. We must be in the business of branching out. Our message must be shared in the fast developing residential areas, in the asphalt jungles of the inner city, and among minority groups.

Achievements must top our failures; our weaknesses must be overcome. It is time to let the world know that we now take heart; that we are on a winning team; and that winning can become for us a way of life. May Friends of Kansas Yearly Meeting be a Miracle Team for God, victoriously growing and glowing for His glory.

Burundi Prayer Corner

This is to remind you to keep on praying for:

1. The pastors and their wives. Great responsibility rests on their shoulders. Make special prayer for Sodiya and his wife.

2. For the assistant pastors. These men labor faithfully and long. They need your prayer support daily.

3. For the Dealys as they study language and make all the necessary adjustments.

4. For the New Life for All program. The next three months every Christian is to be taught principles in soul-winning. Revival is our greatest need.

5. For Burundi and its leaders.

6. For all the missionaries, who need much wisdom and grace. These are days of tremendous pressures.

Pray for these special requests which have come in:

Pray for guidance in the promotion of Christian literature.

Pray for the Kibimba recording studio assistant.

KWISUMO

Pray for a special awakening among the church elders. Pray for church members who have gone back to strong drink. Pray for a Christian teacher for Gashurushuru who will really work in the area since the church has been reroofed.

GITEGA

Pray for the whole staff at the Literature Center that all may be real witnesses to those who come to buy books or to the reading room and that they may know how to inspire the Barundi to want to read.

Pray for Magwarara, the head clerk, that he may continue in his steadfast Christian faith and for Simino, the younger clerk, that he may surrender completely to the Lord and be able to use his many talents for the salvation of souls.

MWEYA BIBLE INSTITUTE

Pray for the Mweya Bible Institute students that they may feel a definite call into the ministry and that all would be filled with the spirit and be soul winners for Christ.

Pray for wisdom for planning buildings and for personnel needed to start the Christian College at Mweya in 1970.

NYANKANDA

Pray for the new program and Mafaro (R.N.) as he plans and organizes it.

Continue to pray for a full-time pastor.

Pray for Joan as she has begun classes for the women and Beatrice (Mafaro's wife), who helps her.

Praise the Lord that Ed and Joan successfully passed their first-year Kirundi examination.

CHURCH CONCERNS

UNIVERSITY FRIENDS

Richard Newby, Pastor

At a recent meeting of the Ministry and Oversight of University Friends Church, approval was given to the following new program of outreach:

1. A well publicized **QUAKER LECTURE SERIES**. On May 17, 1970, Errol T. Elliott will be the first speaker in this series. His lecture topic will be, "Whither Bound Friends."

2. An evangelistic emphasis that will stress commitment to Christ and the Quaker way of life. Robert Hess of Malone College will be with University Friends for such an emphasis next March.

3. Development of a new Preparative Meeting close to Wichita State University. In this connection, thought is being given to a Quaker Book Store, Reading Room, and Coffee House.

4. Development of a second Meeting for Worship on Sunday morning. This would be an opportunity for creative and diversified forms of worship and also be at an hour when "seekers" can attend a Quaker Meeting who are at present committed to other churches.

Plans are also being made for a pulpit exchange between Haviland Friends Church and University Friends Church. Members from both churches will go with their pastors, and a fellowship dinner will follow the worship hour at Haviland and University Friends.

Seventy-five members of University Friends recently shared in a weekend retreat at Rock Springs Ranch near Junction City, Kansas. David Castle of William Penn College was the retreat leader.

The three Friends Churches in Wichita shared in a fellowship dinner at University Friends Church on November 19. At that time, Dean Gregory, superintendent of Kansas Yearly Meeting, and Dr. Roy F. Ray, president of Friends University, reported on the recent United States Congress on Evangelism in Minneapolis.

American Friends Service Committee report Sunday was held at University Friends Church on November 9. Cecil Hinshaw of Des Moines and Stewart Meacham of Philadelphia were the message bearers on this occasion.

Richard Newby, pastor of University Friends Church, has recently been elected president of the Wichita Council of Churches.

BAYSHORE

Kenneth Brown, Jr., Pastor

As the year begins to wane, we take stock and realize that God has been very good to us at Bayshore, blessing in both spiritual and material ways. It was brought to our attention that recently someone in the community made this statement: "One thing I can say about those Quaker people, when they want something, they get it." "This is not the truth," a member of the church quickly pointed-

Friends University

HOMECOMING 1969

Friends University Homecoming 1969 was highlighted by a downtown Wichita Parade, campus activities, and half-time ceremony during the football game with Bethel College on October 18. Sixteen units represented Friends University in the Homecoming Parade. Monty Hall, star of ABC-TV *Let's Make a Deal* announced the selection of Miss Gayle Knight, a Valley Center Senior, as Homecoming queen.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

Charles A. Wells, author, editor, and publisher of *Between the Lines*, was guest speaker for the Annual Religious Emphasis Week and Pastors' Short Course, October 27-31. With a spirit-directed insight into the needs of the world, Mr. Wells presented a challenging ministry to students and pastors. A Quaker and graduate of Friends University, Wells has spent his life in journalism and has maintained a world view of Christian responsibility through his travel and untiring research.

Thirty-two pastors participated in the week of instruction as part of the Pastors' Short

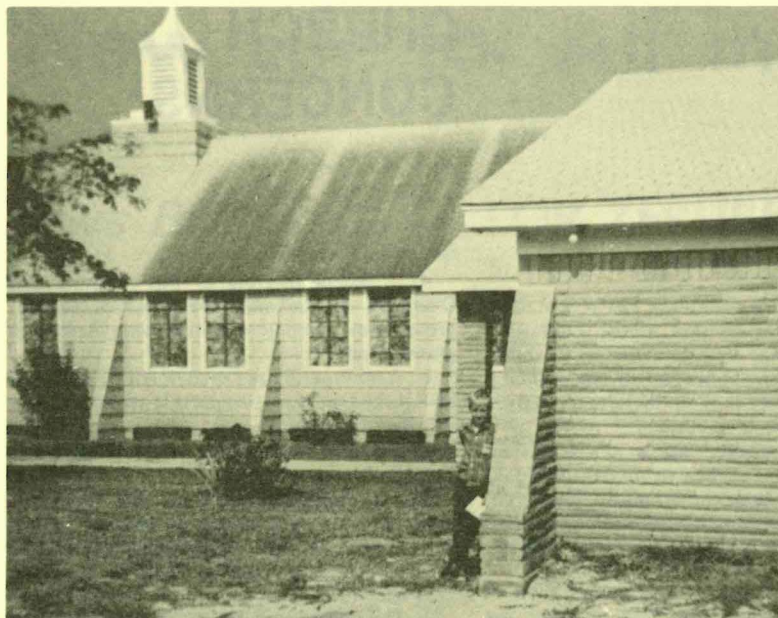
Course. Class topics covered were church growth, "What Is Expected of a Pastor," exposition of Paul's letter to the Galatians, and improvement in preaching.

SENIOR DAY

Over 150 high school seniors and juniors were guests of Friends University on November 7 for Senior Day. Students were able to visit with divisional chairmen to discuss their interests in the light of course offerings at Friends University. The day's program also included campus tours, a Singing Quaker concert, the drama department's presentation of *Our Town*, and overnight in the dorms.

NEW BOOK PUBLISHED

Dr. Robert L. Johnson, professor of religion and philosophy at Friends, recently completed a commentary on Paul's letter to the Galatians. Dr. Johnson's volume is the fifth volume printed of a nineteen-volume series entitled the *Living Word Commentary* published by the R. B. Sweet Company, Inc., Austin, Texas. The work is based on the Revised Standard Version and the Greek text and will be in Christian bookstores very soon.



Bayshore Friends Church, Bacliff, Texas, with the new Quaker Fellowship Hall on the right of the sanctuary



Walter Lawrence, charter member of Bayshore Church, stands by the new Quaker Fellowship Hall.

ed out, "we do nothing of the kind, not of ourselves. It is with God's help that things are accomplished, when there is a need."

As Superintendent Dean Gregory brought out in the recent dedication service of the new Quaker Hall, "We are builders together with Him, and should never forget that our main mission is builders of humanity."

We wish that the whole Yearly Meeting could have been present for the dedication message by our Yearly Meeting superintendent and for the time of fellowship and the covered dish dinner afterwards. The completion of Quaker Hall, which was begun October 7, 1968, was a dream quickly realized when the building committee "put their shoulders to the wheel." With God's help and the whole church working together, it seemed like a miracle when it was completed so quickly.

We give God the praise, for we have been blessed since the first meeting of our church in the home of Walter and Emma Lawrence more than 30 years ago. God has led through old-timers like them and others (some who have gone to their reward) and our faithful pastors, Harold and Edith Selleck, who were leaders for so many years until God needed them elsewhere. Step by step our church has grown.

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In September Solomon Gordy presented a much-needed new piano to the church in memory of his wife, Ruth. A memorial plate was made and the presentation made in the morning service September 21, 1969.

The Ladies Missionary Society recently prepared a 52-pound bundle of medicine bottles to go to the African Dispensary with the Friendswood barrel when it leaves. They are now busily making plans for the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Supper, which is always a treat to the whole community. This will be the first Turkey Supper in the new building, which the ladies furnished out of their special fund.

The revival December 4 and 5 featured

Sonny Ivey, a young Houston minister who is associated with the Four Winds Quartet. Morning prayer meetings were held at the church for the revival, with Bible study and prayer for world conditions.

BEAVER

Kenneth Routon, Pastor

Our church hosted Quarterly Meeting, October 17 and 18, with Temple Lee as guest minister. Saturday afternoon the young people had a skating party at Great Bend, returning to Beaver for a six o'clock supper and closing with seven o'clock service for Friends Youth.

The Missionary Ladies meet the first Monday of each month for a special prayer meeting for our missionaries and the requests sent from the field.

On the fourth Sunday night of each month, Beaver and Shannon meet together for a time of singing and testimony.

Our pastor attended Pastors' Short Course, October 27-31, at Friends University in Wichita.

NORTHBRANCH

Warren Hendershott, Pastor

Warren and June Hendershott and family came to us as pastors July 1, a year ago. We appreciate this fine family, their ministry, and their fellowship in all interests of church and community work.

The Senior High Friends Youth group are busy establishing a library at the church in memory of Wanda Kay Glover, one of their number who lost her life in an auto accident a year ago in June.

On August 29 and 30, 23 young people attended a retreat at Evergreen Acres, near Chester, Nebraska. Harve Smucker from Abbyville, Kansas, was speaker.

Our parsonage has undergone an extensive remodeling. With the cooperation of many in giving their time and means, we now have a four-bedroom parsonage, with central heating and air-conditioning.

DEPARTMENTAL EMPHASIS for each month

January—Visitation Evangelism
February—Friends Youth
March—Bible School
April—Education
May—Stewardship
June—Camp
July—Public Morals
August—Yearly Meeting
September—Publications and Music
October—Missions
November—Church Extension
December—Peace, Service, and Benevolence

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WHERE IS THE JOY?

BY NORMAN HUTSON

The angels said to the shepherds, as recorded in Luke 2:10, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." As we approach the holiday season, which should evidently be especially a time of great joy, where is the joy? We see much gaiety, much fevered activity—pleasure is common—but we experience or see in others very little real joy. I fear this is true not only for the great masses who have no personal knowledge of Christ's presence but in the lives of many of those who profess such experience. If we Christians do not possess or show great joy, WHY?

I think the answer is suggested to us in the parable of the sower. Reference is made to the seed that fell in stony ground, and Jesus' explanation of its failure to produce was that the cares of this life and the deceitfulness of riches choked the grain. These same two causes operate widely today to rob the Christian of his rightful joy. We may be so engrossed, not in trying to amass great wealth but just in getting a few more *things* or in trying to maintain a slightly higher standard of living, that we fail to give God His proper place in our lives. Or, we may allow ourselves to become so burdened down with the everyday cares of living that we fail to recognize or acknowledge the many blessings that we have, and so we lose our joy. In the May, 1969, issue of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND, Catherine Cattell discusses our need to share, and thus be more conscious of, the "Little Miracles" in our lives—the day-by-day answers to prayer and examples of God's care and help. This suggests that to experience the joy of Christian living we must consciously take time to be aware of God's blessings. Satan sees to it that the "cares of this life" are ever intruded upon our consciousness. To counteract this, we must consciously remind ourselves of the benefits and blessings of Christian living. This is especially true at this Christmas season. I am certain, if we stop to reflect for just a moment upon the meaning of Christmas and upon what Christ

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Norman Hutson is a recorded minister and a member of the Colorado Springs Friends Church. He is employed with the Friden Company.

From the Superintendent



CHRISTMAS

The morning of Christmas day is surely a happy one for millions of children. Hanging up the stockings on Christmas eve, or more likely in these days hanging up the pillowcase, is the climax to all those hoped-for gifts and mystery presents that for weeks have been talked about.

The well-known Christmas carols that remind us of the shepherds in the field and the wise men who came with their costly gifts make a very happy background to this day of giving. It is right and fitting that "the happy morn" should be welcomed with song.

Family groups will get together later in the day and satisfy their appetites with bountiful Christmas foods. This is a happy time of year, and many can recall the pleasant memories of the yesterdays. We would not want to take away from these festivities.

But, we must not forget whose birthday we are celebrating. It is customary to give gifts to the person whose birthday we are honoring. My dear friends, we should remember Christ in a special way and give Him a gift. First, we must give ourselves without reservation, perhaps in a new and fresh way. Then, how wonderful to give a gift by making a special contribution to missions, church extension, your pastor, youth work, and other agencies that would please Him. Make this a special Christmas and honor Christ with a gift.

PERSONAL ACTIVITIES

Friday, October 3, I journeyed to Rough Rock Mission through rain, snow, and sleet. I spent two days visiting the mission and its ministry. It is always a challenge to meet in the various Sunday services and note the spiritual progress being made. Keith and Elizabeth Ellis are fitting into the work in a wonderful way. Amos Redhair is doing well as the native pastor. All were very busy. I returned home Monday, October 6.

Thursday evening, October 9, Ruth and I attended a session of the Sunday School Convention held in Colorado Springs. The convention was very inspiring and challenging.

Friday evening, October 10, I autoed to Las Animas, Colorado, to attend the sessions of Arkansas Valley Quarterly Meeting. I ministered Friday evening to the Ministry and Counsel, spoke on Yearly Meeting needs in the business meeting Saturday afternoon, and shared in some committee work.

Sunday morning, I ministered to the Las Animas congregation and showed the Yearly Meeting departmental slides in the evening service. The attendance was commendable in view of the very adverse weather.

Saturday, October 18, I motored to Benkelman, Nebraska, to visit the sessions of Hiawatha Quarterly Meeting. I ministered Saturday morning, Sunday morning, and afternoon Sunday. I shared the departmental slides in the Saturday evening service. The fellowship was a source of blessing.

Friday, October 24, I journeyed to New Hope Meeting, Hay Springs, Nebraska, where I ministered in an evening service and outlined our Yearly Meeting challenges.

Saturday, October 25, I motored from New Hope to Empire Meeting, Vale, South Dakota, to attend the sessions of Prairie Hills Quarterly Meeting. I spoke Saturday afternoon in the business session, featuring the various projects in our Yearly Meeting work. Saturday evening, I presented the Holy Land slides. Sunday morning, I officiated at the dedication service for Gabrielle Ash (daughter of Terry and Marcia Ash) and ministered God's Word. Sunday afternoon, I featured the departmental work of our Yearly Meeting by way of colored slides. I returned home on Monday, October 27.

We wish every reader of this Supplement a very Merry Christmas.

—Prayerfully yours,
Merle A. Roe

HIAWATHA QUARTERLY MEETING

Hiawatha Quarterly Meeting convened in regular session October 18, 1969, in the Benkelman Friends Church, Benkelman, Nebraska. General Superintendent Merle A. Roe was present and delivered the morning message. The afternoon was spent caring for the business items and various reports with Ruby and Cecil Holliman, clerks, in charge. Tom Hansen reported on his visit to Omaha and mentioned the progress being made on the new church building.

Saturday evening we were favored with a missionary service. Merle Roe showed slides depicting the work at Rough Rock Mission, including the ministry on Black Mountain. The Keith Ellis family is a very helpful addition to the mission staff. Mary Gafford is on a year's furlough.

The Holy Spirit was definitely present in the Sunday morning service as Merle Roe brought a heart-stirring message. He also spoke to the youth in the afternoon service.

The Quarterly Meeting skating party was held Thursday night, October 16, with poor attendance due to stormy weather and bad roads.

The Pleasant Valley and Benkelman churches served a dinner in the basement of the latter church to the family of Martha Loecher, who passed away in September. She was a sister of Grace Cain and Doris Williams.

—Martha Wilson, reporter

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ROUGH ROCK FRIENDS MISSION

SUNDAY--A BIG DAY

At 6:00 a.m. it is time for everybody to be up. Vern, Lois, Sandra, and Keith are ready to leave for Many Farms at 7:00. It is about a 40-minute drive to Many Farms when the road is good.

The Sunday school classes with the Many Farms boarding students who are signed Friends are from 8:00 to 9:00. They are back from Many Farms by 10:00, and at 10:05 we take the bus to Rough Rock Demonstration

School and bring the kids to the church for Sunday school. We sing and have a devotional, then divide into four classes for the lesson. At 11:30 we bus them back to the school. Arriving back at the mission, we have an hour to eat and get ready for afternoon services.

Navajo Sunday school starts at 1:00 and church service at 2:00. The sermon is usually over a little after 3:00, and an altar service is not uncommon. Then it is open for testimonies. The people really enjoy this, and usually 30 minutes to an hour is spent singing and giving testimonies. After service used clothing is distributed. They ask for what they need and we try to find it. Most usually all have gone home by 5:00.

Evening service starts at 6:30. This Sunday one of our Christian women will lead the Bible study. Keith and Vern take turns with the evening service.

It has been a big, rewarding day. Please pray with us that hearts will be spoken to by the Holy Spirit and many will accept Christ as their Savior.

—Elizabeth Ellis

ARKANSAS VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING

The Arkansas Valley Quarterly Meeting met in regular session at the Las Animas Church October 11, 1969. It was very well attended considering the weather that favored us that weekend—snow, wind, and rain creating very icy road conditions throughout the state.

Clifford Arndt, pastor of the Albuquerque meeting, brought a very timely message, "Dry Bones Can Live," during the morning evangelistic hour.

The youth banquet was held in the newly founded Youth Center, which has been organized by the youth of several churches in Las Animas. The banquet consisted of hamburgers, soft drink, and brownies for dessert.

Ken Edenburn, special investigator for the district attorney's office, talked to the youth about the various kinds of drugs and how they are used and the results brought about in the lives of several young people in this area.

The Ministry and Counsel session of Quarterly Meeting was held Friday night, October 10, with Merle Roe bringing a very helpful message.

—Leona Langdon, reporter

THE EVANGELICAL FRIENDS ALLIANCE

The Evangelical Friends Alliance will meet on the campus of Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, July 15-19, 1970. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. This is an open conference for everyone. You will enjoy the fellowship and inspiration of this great gathering.

—Merle A. Roe

OMAHA CHURCH BOND SALE

Up to this time, \$35,500 in trust bonds for the construction of the Omaha Friends Church, Omaha, Nebraska, have been sold. This is just a little more than half of what is needed. It is urgent that \$35,000 more be sold as soon as possible. If you have been putting off purchasing one of these bonds, now is the time for action. You will not only be helping yourself by buying trust bonds earning 6.25 percent interest, but you will be helping the Omaha Friends Church as well.

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The Omaha Friends Church at Omaha, Nebraska, as it appeared November 1, 1969.



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PRAYER AND PRAISE NOTES FROM MEXICO

PRAISE—

1. For the number of new converts this month among both low and middle class people with whom we are working. Among these are Bruce and Juanita Nason and Pepe and Angela Rojas, who were on your prayer list last month.

2. For another day of encouragement and blessing at our second Laymen's Bible Classes.

3. For the special evangelistic crusade conducted by Luis Palau, sometimes called the Billy Graham of Latin America, which is making a definite spiritual impact on Mexico City. Numbers of our people have attended and profited, some making decisions for Christ.

PRAY—

1. That the new converts will be freed from past beliefs that would be a hindrance to them in future spiritual growth and establishment. Some have been very radically Catholic.

2. That your missionaries will be able to reach more people in the middle class social bracket. Little is being done by Evangelicals in this class.

—The Knights

WHERE IS THE JOY?

should really mean in our lives, many specific things that should give rise to joy will occur to each of us.

I am convinced one reason we fail to reach the world is because of an obvious lack of this joy in our lives. Charles DeVol tells of an elderly aunt who called him to her side one day. He was much concerned for a service he was to hold and she chided him gently, "Charles, I know thee is concerned for this evening's service, but anyone seeing thy face wouldn't want what thee has." We need to be careful to show the right attitude of heart to the world, lest they conclude there is nothing desirable in the Christian life.

Friend, at this especially joyful season, where is the joy in your life? Pause, reflect, and may the joy of Christmas flood your life.

COMING EVENTS

- December 26-27—Midwinter Youth Convention, Omaha, Nebraska
- January 9-10—Arkansas Valley Quarterly Meeting, Pueblo, Colorado
- January 17-18—Hiawatha Quarterly Meeting, South Fork Church, Benkelman, Nebraska
- February 7—Springbank Quarterly Meeting, Plainview, Nebraska
- February 14—Rocky View Quarterly Meeting, Beaver Park Friends Church, Penrose, Colorado
- February 26-27—Rocky Mountain Evangelical Sunday School Convention, Calvary Temple, Denver, Colorado
- March 7—Western Slope Quarterly Meeting, Grand Junction Friends Church, Grand Junction, Colorado

Friendly Lines

PLAINVIEW FRIENDS

Plainview, Nebraska

C. Earle and Esther Turner, pastors

Friends Club met with Stuart and Geraldine Houston and worked on their project of winterizing the nativity scene that they will later set up in the church yard.

C. Earle Turner spoke on the subject of "Relevancy of the Church" at the Plainview Ministerial Breakfast in October.

October 13, the Quaker Women met with Alfreda Rasmussen for their missionary study. At the same time the Quaker Men met in the parsonage and then joined the ladies for refreshments served by the hostess.

Women's Missionary Union met with Della Smalley for their lessons and also planned for their annual Missionary Thanksgiving Banquet, to be held November 25. Slides of Rough Rock Mission will be featured for the program.

Lenore Inhelder spent a week in the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, then went to visit her daughter and grandson in Madison, Wisconsin. The next day her grandson was killed in a plane accident. Lenore stayed with her daughter for a couple of weeks.

The parsonage has been repaired and redecorated. After the work was completed, our pastors held an "Open House Coffee" October 26.

October 25, our pastor assisted the Methodist pastor with the funeral of Aron Forsberg, a neighbor.

David and Neva Cox brought us messages and music in special services November 7-9. David is director of Tulsa Youth for Christ.

—Eula Gould, reporter

GRAND JUNCTION FRIENDS

Grand Junction, Colorado

Olen and Martha Ellis, pastors

Our Fellowship dinners the last Sunday in the month followed by Monthly Meeting have been well-attended; more of our members have been attending the business sessions. This is making for better feelings among us as to the decisions that must be made.

Seventeen of our members registered for the Sunday School Convention held in our town October 6 through 8. We are going to try to adapt several ideas gained for the im-

provement of our own meeting.

Forty people or so enjoyed Fun Night at the church October 16. Walter Green won the Ping-Pong tournament. We met at 7:00 and were away from the church by 9:00, so the school children got to bed at the usual time, but we had enjoyed an hour or so of fellowship.

The young married ladies are meeting regularly in homes twice a month. At present they are studying witnessing.

The two Ellis families, Olen and Martha, and Jim, Joan and boys, visited with Connie and Betty and family in McCook, Nebraska, the weekend of October 9.

Our local missionary ladies society played host to the Western Slope Missionary Conference November 6.

The weekend of October 9, schools were dismissed so teachers could attend the teachers' convention, held away from here. The young folks painted the trim on the church building at that time.

Twenty persons, aged 4 through 11, enjoyed a Halloween party in the church dining room Saturday, October 25.

Donny Green entertained seven members of his Sunday school class at a Halloween party Friday evening, October 24.

Our young people attended a Halloween party at Paonia on October 31.

—Helen E. Carpenter, reporter

LAS ANIMAS FRIENDS

Las Animas, Colorado

Dwain and Barbara Ellis, pastors

We have just completed a very exciting and profitable Sunday school contest. The Cheyenne Tribe were the winners, and Hally McDermed was the Cheyenne's chief. Hally was doubly proud to wear the chief's headdress since the headdress belonged to his late grandfather, Louie Mondragon. The losing tribes, Apache, Blackfoot, and Pueblos, will host the winning tribe to a big feast.



Hally McDermed



The Nursery Class as Indian Braves

Pastor Dwain Ellis was chaplain at the nursing home and hospital the week of October 19.

Barbara Ellis and children accompanied her parents, Fred and Phyllis Hickman, to Indiana for a visit with Barbara's sister Carolyn.

The family of Carolyn McDermid were saddened by the death of Bud. We extend our sympathy to Carolyn and boys and pray that God will comfort as only He can at this time.

The youth of the church enjoyed a very fine Halloween party at the Horse Creek Community Center. About 35 young people attended and each reported a wonderful evening of fun. Doris Delaney is the sponsor.

Mrs. Lora J. Mendenhall was recently honored by several of her friends who dropped in for coffee and gifts just before she left to spend the winter with her sister and other members of her family.

—Leona Langdon, reporter

HASTY FRIENDS, Hasty, Colorado *Iona and Elwin Kinser, pastors*

Our pastor recently led us in a series of lessons about the moon explorations. This was done in the evening services and proved very inspirational.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinser attended the Ministers' Advance at Covenant Heights, Estes Park, Colorado, September 23-24. This meeting was very inspirational and helpful.

Mrs. Kinser was called to Alvin, Texas, September 24, due to the illness of her mother. She returned after a two-week stay in which her mother improved. During her absence, Merle A. Roe ministered Sunday morning, September 28. Elwin Kinser filled the pulpit on October 5.

Arkansas Valley Quarterly Meeting was held at Las Animas, Colorado, October 10-11. The services were much appreciated by the delegates who attended from our meeting. The young people were much interested and challenged by the speaker in the Saturday night service.



Joyce Kersey (the former Joyce Cleghorn) is pictured at the bridal shower held in her honor at the very lovely home of Wynona Huddleston. Joyce is wearing a corsage of a dish cloth, scratcher, and vegetable peeler. (See MARRIAGES.)

We were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Shelton and baby in our services on Sunday, October 19. They were moving from Iowa to Gunnison, Colorado, where Elwin has employment on a cattle ranch.

The young people of the Las Animas, La Junta, and Chivington meetings recently enjoyed a skating party at the Lamar Rink.

Some new improvements have been noted in our church building, as new light fixtures over the pulpit, new storage shelves in the beginners' classroom, and texture coating on the sanctuary ceiling. Thanks go to Harvey Hutson and Floyd Cline and others who assisted in this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Ayers of Horatio, Arkansas, held a two-week revival in our church, closing November 16. Mrs. Ayers is Mr. Kinser's sister.

Some very informative and inspirational films have been shown in some of our recent services, especially ministering to the youth with themes, "Generation Gap," "Career Choices," and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cline have shown us films on the "Book of Books" with records to accompany them. This has proven very interesting.

Mrs. Edgar Allard recently underwent surgery in a Denver hospital.

—Violette Smith, reporter

NEW HOPE FRIENDS

Hay Springs, Nebraska

F. Ernest and Blanche Allen, pastors

The evening of August 23, Mrs. George Rainey of Missionary Aviation showed slides and told of the work of her late husband in the Philippines. We had a carry-in supper. This service was sponsored by the missionary ladies.

Mark Mendenhall left the first of September to attend school at Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas.

October 7, the missionary ladies met at the church, and at the same time their hus-

bands cleaned storm windows and put them up.

F. Ernest Allen and Jane and Marian Mendenhall attended Quarterly Meeting at Vale, South Dakota, October 25-26.

Reformation Sunday, union services were held in the New Hope Friends Church the evening of October 26. Dr. Rubin Swanson of the Lutheran Church was the speaker. Lunch was served in the basement following the service.

—Margaret Bork, reporter

SPRINGBANK FRIENDS, Allen, Nebraska *Phyllis and Fred Hickman, pastors*

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Isom had their son Mark dedicated at the morning service October 12.

Richard Puckutt is home from his two-year term in the army. Some of his time was spent in Vietnam.

The ladies of the church visited the Elms Nursing Home in Ponca October 21. Home-made cookies were given to the home for the shut-ins' supper.

A farewell party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ellis and Gladys Roberts. The Ellises are moving to Denver, and Mrs. Roberts will be making her home in Emerson.

Earl Novak showed slides on Korea one Sunday evening. Earl and his family are home for a year on a furlough.

—Fern Benton, reporter

MARRIAGES

CLEGHORN-KERSEY. Joyce Cleghorn and Ray Kersey of the Las Animas Friends Church, Las Animas, Colorado, were united in marriage on October 4, 1969.

DEATHS

JOHNSON—Mrs. Shirley Johnson, a member of the Springbank Church, Allen, Nebraska, passed away in October after a long illness. She had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mathiesen for the last nine years.



Terry and Marcia Ash, pastors of the Empire Friends Church, Vale, South Dakota, presented their baby daughter, Gabrielle Lanai, in dedication, Sunday, October 26. General Superintendent Merle A. Roe officiated. He had also officiated at the baby dedication for Marcia Ash several years ago, when pastor of the Friends Church, Haviland, Kansas.

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TO THE EVANGELICAL FRIEND

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Making Meetings Count

Friends must enjoy meetings, or they wouldn't have so many of them! There are meetings for worship, Sunday evening meetings, prayer meetings, monthly meetings, quarterly meetings, youth meetings, and committee meetings. Instead of asking if all these meetings are necessary a better question would be to ask if we are making all these meetings count. Improvement, not just elimination, is the issue. Otherwise, it might be like cutting off one's head to stop a headache. It is the ache, not the head, that we can do without.

Consider public worship. There is a beautiful description in our *Friends Constitution and Discipline*: "Worship is the adoring re-

sponse of the heart and mind to the influence of the Spirit of God. It stands neither in forms nor in the formal disuse of forms; it may be without words as well as with them, but it must be in spirit and in truth."

To be disappointed in worship is somewhat like waiting for the great moment in watching a moon space ship lift-off, only to have the program interrupted with a commercial. If this happens too often, one is tempted to try another channel. Yet, our worship is sometimes interrupted by unnecessary, ill-prepared, human intrusion or program mismanagement. How tragic that the worship hour is at times misunderstood, underestimated, neglected,

misused, tiresomely routine, thoughtlessly arranged, or drowsily experienced! We must examine some of the dynamic elements always found if worship is to establish the base for church and spiritual growth. The worshipping assembly's partnership in church growth is reinforced through prayer, praise, singing, silence, preaching, music, meditation. These should bring an "adoring response of the heart and mind to the influence of the Spirit of God."

Of course, even the most significant worship hour may be lost on the one who has no adoring response. This is why two people may leave the same service, one deeply blessed, the other unmoved or merely rested after a morning nap. But it also means the human exercises of the ministry of preaching, music, and worship leadership of which man is capable under the leading and empowering of the Holy Spirit must be man's very best efforts. A church is not built on the worship hour alone, but sustained growth is never experienced without it. To take worship for granted without the high expectation of divine encounter just because we gather together regularly, to fail to sense the nearness and approval of the Holy Spirit in the spirit of those who lead and participate, to miss the opportunity to minister to our own needs and the needs of those who come from a world in disarray—is to fail where meetings count most. Worship is the base for church growth.

The worshipping assembly today as never before, at least in recent years, requires a Bible-based, well-prepared, well-delivered sermon—seldom long but concise, to the point, and with apt, contemporary (not canned or dated) illustrations. Few of the ministers of growing churches are noted orators or scholars, but they have worked hard at a type of up-to-date, noncliche, fresh vocabulary filled with references to contemporary issues and life styles. One or two ideas are tied together logically with well-thought-out opening statements and closing appeals to action. The spirituality of the men and the messages is evidenced not by sentimentality, cheap or shallow expressions, but by a clear dependence upon the Lord, His Word, and their own best efforts in preparation.

The content is tremendously important, more so than just the style, the vocabulary, or the length of the sermon and the attitude of the minister. The mentality of today's generation is to question, to weigh, to critically examine. This means an opportunity, really, for the preacher, but it requires a depth of study and heart preparation on his part to

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Friends Writers Conference

BY BARRY HUBBELL

From Medford to Sequim, from Greenleaf to Svensen they came.

For three days they met: participating in workshops and conferences, listening to panelists and speakers, and just chatting.

Although many had never met before, they all had something in common, all 40 of them. They all are (or hope to be) writers.

Participating in the first Friends Writers Conference, the attenders, both leaders and listeners, paid their own way for the weekend gathering centered in the new Harbor House near Twin Rocks.

The conference, sparked by an idea of Dorothy Barratt, like Topsy, just grew. Members of the planning committee (Dorothy Barratt, Betty Hockett, Marie Haines, Phyllis Cammack, and Harlow Ankeny) hoped to interest about 10 persons. All were happily surprised when 40 registered for the November 7-8-9 meeting.

Ranging in age from teens to the seventies and with interest varying from children's stories to poetry, writers and potential writers participated in sessions titled "The First Chapter," "Getting Down to Business," "Ideas Are Born of Prayer," "The Editorial Board," "Dots and Dashes," "Pencil Pushing," "Behind the Desk," "The Heart of the Story," and others.

Workshops were conducted on juvenile and adult writing, magazine writing, journalism, poetry, and curriculum writing. And to put the new knowledge and insight into practice, several hours each day and evening were left unstructured to give time for writing.

Sessions were held in Charlotte Macy's newly created Harbor House designed for a retreat lodge. Some stayed in nearby beach

cabins in addition to the lodge. Others stayed at the Twin Rocks campground, where all meals were served.

Among the leaders were Jack Willcuts, Dr. Arthur Roberts, Marie Haines, Ralph Beebe, Dr. David Myton, Betty Hockett, Barry Hubbell, Phyllis Cammack, and Harlow Ankeny.

Plans already are being made by a newly picked committee for a "second annual" Friends Writers Conference within the Yearly Meeting, with hopes the idea may spread to other areas. A Friends Artists Conference is also being considered.



Panelists Barry Hubbell, Ralph Beebe, David Myton, and Betty Hockett lead a session (above) while writers and potential writers listen (below).



EARLIDS

"Close your ears," children are sometimes told. Well, they can't, of course. We simply are not equipped with earlids. Trying to sleep on a prop plane the other evening, I desperately wished we were. We hear sounds from everywhere without having to focus.

So we improvise. We practice inattention and become quite selective in our "non-hearing." A radio or "background music" is individually controlled (to a large extent) by our acquired, invisible earlids.

"Pay attention," children are more often told after they have learned to close their ears. Taking cognizance of these clever, human earlids, Jesus found it necessary to call through them, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." In other words, if you are hearing me, respond.

Nowadays, we are so mixed up between eyelids and earlids that there is a new, strange colloquialism: "Do you read me?"

Earlids close like reflex action for some upon entering a church. They sing songs, say prayers, hear sermons—all with earlids closed. Missionaries visit with colored pictures, sound tapes, exciting stories, and urgent pleas for prayer and funds while some hear it only as background sound.

One gets the impression that many of Jesus' "hearers" merely did not use "ears to hear." Soul deafness and insensitivity can be deliberately acquired.

How much of what God has been saying to you bounces off closed earlids? Saints are really those who *learn* to pay attention to God, to be spiritually selective, along with other traits; Christians are also listeners.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith . . ." "Be still, and know that I am God."

—Jack L. Willcuts

MY CONCERN REGARDING FAITH PROMISE
GIVING IN RELATION TO THE UNITED BUDGET

BY RUSSELL BAKER

For many years it has been an annual procedure for all the boards of our Yearly Meeting to project, I believe conservatively, the amount of money they feel should be available for the actual attainment of their goals. It has also been true that each year the pledging of the churches of the Yearly Meeting has been well below these projected goals. In the case of some of the boards, because of specified giving and various projects some of this lack has been made up.

For the year 1969-70, the amount of Yearly Meeting fixed expense per resident active member is \$14.08. For the same period the United Budget per resident active member is \$44.57, or a total of \$58.65. Living in the midst of an affluent society, does this make any of us happy, proud, or satisfied and at ease with ourselves. Surely, when we look to the Scriptures and God's priorities and note that He put more value upon one soul than all the world (Mark 8:37), the rank and file of the constituency of Oregon Yearly Meeting need to take another look at themselves.

I have read all of the book, *Friends in the Soaring '70s: A Church Growth Era*. I believe it to be the most thoughtful, challenging, and God-honoring program that our Yearly Meeting has had in my memory. As with any program of the magnitude and scope of this one, additional funds will be a vital necessity. I fully believe it will not be, "By might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." (Zechariah 4:6) However, Jesus spoke

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about material things as much as or more than He did about any other subject.

Perhaps the most sensitive ground upon which one can tread is that which surrounds one's commitment and priority use of the things of this world.

In noting the commitments of the various churches of the Yearly Meeting to the United Budget, I am impressed that the missionary conference with *Faith Promise giving* has been a real boost to our total giving. To the church that has not as yet had a missionary conference with Faith Promise commitments to the United Budget, why not experience the challenge, joy, and blessing of giving in this manner? I am sure it will bless you as individuals, as a local congregation, and our Yearly Meeting in all of its home and foreign outreach with the Gospel.

To those who have given in this manner already, may I challenge you to reexamine your commitments and priorities in the light of the urgency of the day and hour in which we live. What does real faith involve? I fear much that passes for faith is nothing more than what we can see in sight and not very farsighted at that. To Joshua and the children of Israel, God said that every bit of ground they by faith would put their feet upon would be theirs (Joshua 1:3). Elisha the prophet chided the king of Israel for his lack of faith in casting his sword into the ground only three times when five or six times would have brought complete deliverance (2 Kings 13:17-19). "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8) Surely we will not hasten the day of His coming by our lack of faith. "To be effective there

MISSION NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FROM
EDWIN CAMMACK

Julí, Peru, the capital of the province around about us, is an interesting little city. The narrow dirt streets in our section of town are filled with cattle, sheep, pigs, llamas, and donkeys being driven to and from the grazing fields early mornings and evenings.

From our kitchen and living room windows, we can see Lake Titicaca in all its grandeur. As the weather changes, the lake changes from gray to light blue to a deep dark blue. The hills round about are dotted with small farms. The people are busy preparing their land for planting. We can see people walking along the crooked little paths that lead to their homes. Everyone seems busy, but really in no hurry.

The children who go to school, laughing and shouting and running, are like any normal children. These are a people that hold one intrigued by their fascinating way of life. Their quick smiles, ready greetings, and open hearts draw one to accept and love them easily. They are a people searching for the answer to their spiritual needs. These are golden days for the Aymara Indian to find his spiritual needs fulfilled in a vital relationship with Jesus Christ. To this end we are here among these lovable Aymaras.

In these first weeks, as we listen, observe, and seek to understand the Aymara people as they are, we pray that the Lord will give us a special understanding of them, their nature, characteristics, and needs, which all play an important part in our ministry to them. It is not only important that they find Christ as their personal Savior, but also that they develop and grow strong in their faith and relationship with Christ. To this end the Lord gave me a real burden during language school studies. I pray and trust that you will pray with us that the Lord will give us a special understanding in this concern.

The children started school this week. They are excited about it all at this point. The teacher [their mother] isn't that excited, but it's an important part of life for them and us here. It's a demanding task for their mother. Those at home need to hold her up in prayer daily.

—Edwin Cammack

must be high expectancy for God to perform the supernatural," A. Clark Smith emphasized in his message on the subject of prayer at Yearly Meeting.

It appears to me there are two main sources of increased giving before all Christian people.

1. God's leading and direction in the use of money or things already in our possession.

2. The act of faith whereby we in humility and obedience claim and obtain promises, work righteousness, out of weakness are made strong (Hebrews 11:33-34)—strong to fight the fight of faith and rout the forces of evil.

If the vision and commitment of all from the grass roots of Oregon Yearly Meeting would become such as God could honor, I am confident that, instead of a \$122,000 United Budget next year, there could well be two or three times that amount.



George Fox College

Many pastors from throughout the Yearly Meeting were on campus for the three-day Church Growth Conference featuring Dr. Donald A. McGavran, director of the School of World Mission and Institute of Church Growth at Fuller Theological Seminary in California. Sponsored jointly by the OYM Board of Evangelism and the George Fox religion department, the conference also featured Dr. Myron Goldsmith and OYM Superintendent Jack L. Willcuts discussing the recent church growth report. About 50 ministers and students from George Fox and Western Evangelical Seminary attended the sessions. McGavran told participants that Christianity stands on the "threshold of advance" in the next decade and will be in the "sunrise of missions." (See photo above.)

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More than \$250 is being provided for the aid of refugees in South Vietnam as the result of George Fox's "positive protest" participation in the national October Vietnam Moratorium Day. Students raised the funds by eating only soup for their two main meals. Money normally spent for preparation of a full meal was turned over to students for forwarding to the World Relief Commission. The funds are designated for use at the Hoa Khanh Children's Hospital in Da Nang where Dorlan Bales, the college's 1968-69 student body president, is now serving as a conscientious objector. Faculty members and the administration matched student funds collected. About 80 percent of the student body took only soup for the noon meal. A three-hour forum during the afternoon drew almost 250 students at various times to discuss the Vietnam conflict. The session was moderated by Berton Lamb, political science instructor, and Dean of Faculty Arthur O. Roberts. The college's positive action as opposed to street demonstrations drew statewide news coverage.

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Dr. Geddes MacGregor, distinguished Professor of Philosophy at the University of Southern California, was the college's first visiting scholar of the year. Theme for his visit under sponsorship of the religion department was "Christianity and Culture." MacGregor was the speaker for the first faculty seminar on the topic, "Traditional Christian Standards and the New Morality." He addressed students in chapel on the topic, "Our Christian Heritage in the Space Age," and presented an evening address, "The Appropriation of Christian Vitality."

Making Meetings Count

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respond to this opportunity. When he "comes through," the appreciation and response of younger families is overwhelming (for growing churches today are filling the ranks with young families).

Without an attempt in this implementation section for an in-depth review of preaching homiletics or theology, a few suggestions may nevertheless be made. The public reading of the Scriptures is more effective from a modern version than from the King James. Some older Friends may regret this, but we are speaking now of church growth and of making the Word clear to nonmembers. Also, just to say a sermon is a gospel message may not be an accurate analysis. When the Gospel is made a guarantee from doubt and tension, when it focuses on what God has done for man in Christ without demanding anything in return, then such preaching becomes a form of cheap grace. If preaching, instead of being an exposition of a biblical text, consists only of a collection of proof texts that serve to buttress the Friends doctrines or the experiences of our childhood in church connections or of the "old-time religion," it will not produce strong Christians.

The Holy Spirit anoints the man who proclaims the Gospel in all of its biblical applications. Some will turn away (as many are turning away now) but perhaps for other reasons. True worship, then, is a deep, moving relationship to God and others.

The trend today in several growing churches that appeals to many Christians is for the minister to pour himself into his best work for the morning sermon, using the Sunday evening for a different type of message or an entirely different format. This means depending on others to lead or minister in various ways. It is sometimes a panel discussion, open worship, a Bible reading, a variety of musical ensembles. This is a departure from the traditional Sunday morning-Sunday night services in which the evening is a replica of the morning but with less preparation or planning. It may be impossible for some pastors to adequately prepare for two good sermons each week. On the other hand, some may find it easier to attempt to preach twice than to plan a successful evening meeting with large participation. In either case, a period of time for experimentation and "conditioning" of the people to respond and equipping them for their own "ministry" should be anticipated.

Not just Sunday evening, but morning worship should be an occasion for participation—not just a few free minutes for spontaneous response, but a wider participation that is both programmed and prepared. Selected members of varying ages and experiences should be used, consisting of exhortation, testimony, prayer, Scripture reading, or prose or poetry selections. Elders should often sit on the platform, as well as other Christians from time to time, including youth, to participate in the direction of the worship hour. In one growing church visited, the pastor says nothing in the morning service except to give the

sermon. Five or six elders care for all other programming of the hour—prayer, announcements, offering, music, etc.

We must not be afraid to use silence and open worship. Often the Holy Spirit speaks in silence as well as through the human voice. One private project has been the actual timing of the length of silent periods in morning worship in Oregon Yearly Meeting churches. Result? Forty-five seconds! Not even a minute is the average. It takes practice on the participant's part to learn the use of silence, but once learned, it can become extremely meaningful. Interestingly, almost all churches visited among non-Friends make effective use of a quiet period.

HOW A COMMITTEE GETS HOLD OF ITS JOB

The following suggestions may be helpful:

1. Any committee leader or member, including the pastor, should avoid taking a proprietary attitude. It is easy to assume because the chairman is closer to a problem, or more experienced, that he is in a better position to make a decision. At times, because one particular person has sacrificed "for the cause," he may feel he has more right to direct the course of action. While some of these situations will inevitably influence the nature of discussions and decisions, the openness for new thoughts and the opportunity of all to express concerns and opinions must be permitted.

2. The committee should learn the limits of its responsibilities. A rambling, undefined assignment often discourages interest or may lead into conflicting areas of work with another group.

3. Have a reason for meeting. Meet only when you must.

4. Look for ways the job can be done. Avoid cataloging all the ways a job cannot be done. If a job is really impossible, move on to those assignments that are not impossible.

5. Set a time and work schedule for the committee. Most discussions will take as much time as is available. The stewardship of time for all members should be respected and a sense of priority for the agenda established.

6. Report to the parent body. A committee is obligated to report only to the body which created it—but should report here, unless otherwise directed by the creating body. The keeping of minutes and records is important. If copies of the minutes can be kept in the church office or handed from one committee to its successor, good ideas are often available and unnecessary work avoided.

GUIDELINES FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

1. Communicate.
2. Lead members to know their job.
3. Plan the agenda for meetings.
4. Begin meetings on time.
5. Understand the problem-solving approach.
6. Lead members to share in decision-making.
7. Assign responsibility and follow through.
8. Summarize briefly the committee's progress in the meeting.
9. Stop the meeting.
10. Supervise the committee secretary's work.

—Adapted from Friends in the Soaring '70s: A Church Growth Era

AMONG THE CHURCHES

SALEM AREA

Highland—Everett H. Craven, pastor

A National Association of Evangelicals rally was held September 25. Dr. Everett Graffam, executive vice-president of the World Relief Commission, spoke and showed pictures of conditions in many wartorn areas of the world.

In the Yearly Meeting Sunday school contest, there was a 5 percent gain, and in the continuation of the contest with Pringle and Rosedale, Highland came out first.

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON AREA

Rosemere—Walter and Gladys Cook, pastors

A group of ladies, under the direction of Anne Minnick, Sunday school superintendent, had a fun night for several new attenders along with the regulars.

A church night fellowship was enjoyed the middle of October with Martin Hughes, son of Mrs. Edwin Hughes, giving a series of colored slides of skin-diving adventures under water.

October also brought us guests, Mrs. Katherine Rasmussen and Mrs. Don Lindgren, presenting to the ladies of the WMU a program on the Navajos after a grand potluck dinner.

—Eunice Coats, reporter

BOISE VALLEY AREA

Boise—Dale Field, pastor

Our missionaries, Nick and Alice Maurer, who have spent one term in Peru, had charge of our morning services on September 14.

The Friends churches and the local Association of Evangelicals jointly sponsored a meeting on September 23 with Dr. Everett Graffam of World Relief Commission.

The Boise Valley YFC had charge of an adult seminar on "Teen Dynamics" held at the First Christian Church the week ending September 27.

Our church is happy to report that we are making huge strides in the building progress of our future new church. A new parsonage was purchased in the area near the new church grounds.

The WMU project for October was to purchase a new book (each member) to be donated to the church library.

Don Mardock, regional vice-president of YFC, brought a challenging message to our group on Sunday evening, November 2. Don has recently moved from Topeka, Kansas, to Seattle, Washington. He is active in the Friends Memorial Church in Seattle.

Star—Kenneth and Rosalie Pitts, pastors

A garage is being constructed near the parsonage. It will include other features besides room for housing cars and will be quite an addition to the Star church facilities.

The Singing Friends Choir has been presenting inspiration through their wonderful music.

We are starting a study of James during Wednesday prayer meetings. Kenneth Pitts is leading this study. —Leona Ireland, reporter

GREENLEAF AREA

Greenleaf—Gordon St. George, pastor

Derrol Hockett was named Kiwanian of the Year of the Caldwell chapter and was presented a plaque at the recent annual evening banquet of the Kiwanis Club.

Roy Knight had surgery October 29 because of serious high blood pressure. At last report, he is recovering nicely.

PORTLAND AREA

Piedmont—Sheldon Newkirk, interim pastor

Our pastors, Sheldon and Gladys Newkirk, must commute from Newberg, where they also have a job with the college, but they have found time to work in the neighborhood as well as the regular services. Now Gerald and Delores Mendenhall are to be our assistant pastors and help in the much needed youth work. He is a senior at Western Evangelical Seminary.

Svensen—Willard L. Kennon, pastor

An intensive study course on the techniques of good Sunday school teaching was completed recently at Svensen Friends. This six-week session consisted of one classroom hour per week and was under the direction of Ruth Thompson, whom we commend for a job that took many hours of preparation and research. The text, *Teaching Techniques for Sunday School*, was used as a guide by the nearly 20 attenders. Seven of these completed the course with perfect attendance. Certificates of achievement were presented during the Sunday evening service following the final session. A fellowship hour followed.

A new addition is nearing completion. The center patio area has been enclosed and converted into added classroom space that can be used as additional sanctuary seating for overflow crowds. A section of the sanctuary wall has been removed and replaced with folding doors. Except for the cement finishing, all work was donated.

The senior FY gave a party for the patients at the Crestview Nursing Home in Astoria the first week in December.

—Sandra K. Danen, reporter

PUGET SOUND AREA

Agnew—May O. Wallace, pastor

The messages the last few Sunday mornings by our pastor have really been soul searching, and the Spirit has been felt in our services.

During Bible studies on Wednesday evenings, we have been studying from *Living Lessons of Life and Love*, the paraphrased version of Ruth, Esther, Job, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

During the month of November, a discussion session held following morning worship hour on spiritual questions and problems was well-received.

For our last area rally, a carload of adults and young people traveled to Holly Park Friends Church to hear Superintendent Jack Willcuts speak on church growth.

—Mary Lynch, reporter

Seattle Memorial—Clynton Crisman, pastor

Our pastor and wife led a three-week Bible Land tour that began October 16. During their absence, pastoral duties were cared for by Don Mardock, northwest regional director of Youth for Christ; Leroy L. Neifert, and Dr. Roger Wood from Malone College. Will and Jan Howell stayed in the parsonage, answering the phone and taking care of the Crisman children.

Among the many good speakers at our church that we have enjoyed during the past months was Everett Graffam of WRC.

Doug Goins introduced the church to contemporary music through singing and playing and use of recordings.

Charles Williams, who is spearheading Operation Soul-Cure, an interracial crusade in Portland, urged us to intensify our efforts in interracial evangelism and outreach.

—Anna Neifert, reporter

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

BLACKMER—To Kenneth and Diane Blackmer of Pringle Friends, a son, Robert Paul, born October 12, 1969.

BOND—To Edward and Ruth (Neifert) Bond of Friends Memorial a daughter, Wendalynn Ann, born November 15, 1969.

CONROY—To Mike and Janice Conroy, Tacoma, a son, Daniel Patrick, born October 19.

LINDBECK—To Ted and Merrily Lindbeck of Seattle Memorial a son, Christian Theodore, born September 1969.

MOORE—To Gary and Bonita Moore, Boise, Idaho, a son, Kenneth Lee, born October 12.

STILLWELL—To Bill and Barbara (Moon) Stillwell of Isle of Palms, South Carolina, a daughter, Christine Ann, on October 6, 1969.

MARRIAGES

BANDY-TROST. Louise Bandy and Norman (Bud) Trost were married in the Sand Point (Idaho) Presbyterian Church August 16.

SHAFFER-SAMS. Joyce Shaffer and Douglas Sams were married at Greenleaf on October 18.

DEATHS

CREW—Carroll M. Crew was born in Columbus County, Ohio, on April 18, 1881, and died at a Nampa nursing home on October 23, 1969. Kenneth Pitts and Gordon St. George officiated at the memorial services.

HICKS—Waldo Hicks passed away October 18 in Ramona, California. Just prior to going to California, Waldo was pastor of Boise Friends Church. Burial was at Clackamas Park.

POTTER—Edna Andrews Potter was born in Marshall County, Iowa, in December of 1884 and passed away at Mariposa, California, September 1, 1969. Orville Winters, pastor of Fresno Friends Church, assisted in the funeral services. Edna Potter is the mother of William A. Potter of Beaverton, Oregon.

SIMPSON—James Simpson of Seattle Memorial died October 11, 1969. During his lifetime, he was active in Puget Sound Quarterly Meeting, serving for a time as superintendent. Clynton Crisman and Clark Smith officiated at the funeral.