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1970—The dawn of a new decade





Religion in Review: 1969—Doorway into man's new realm

By NORMAN ROHRER

The opportunities of 1969—seized or neglected—have cast their long shadow into history and disappeared.

This was the year science gave man the new realm of the moon while on earth the tides of religious impact tugged at an increasingly reluctant society.

The high crest of the early fifties, which had swept record numbers of people into the churches, became a backwash in 1969 dragging many of them out again. Seventy percent of adult Americans believed religion was losing its influence on society.

The sweaty Christianity of street protests for civil rights receded somewhat in 1969, turning stronger and stronger against U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war. Minorities controlled large movements and secured a big share of attention. James Forman of the National Black Economic Development Conference struck a blow to white churchmen from which they never fully recovered, demanding \$500 million in "reparations" for past sins of white Christians against blacks. Most denominations ignored him, but Forman did get at least \$215,000 for his conference.

All during 1969 almost everyone seemed to be spending his energies on something that was not his main business. Protestant clergymen raided the offices of draft boards or harbored AWOL soldiers; Catholic priests were preoccupied with thoughts of marriage; the theater and

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movies gave billing to interracial love, homosexuality, and nudity; civilians argued and advised on the strategy of war.

The population of the world in 1969 grew by about 2.2 persons per second, 132 per minute, 190,000 per day, and more than 1.3 million a week. On July 1 the world's population reached 3.551 billion persons. The first billion mark had been reached about 1800. The two billion milestone had been passed about 1930. World population is expected to pass the four billion mark by 1975.

In this burgeoning society of 1969, fertile minds provided an array of innovations: A tool to compress recorded speech cut listening time in half . . . the British Parliament, disturbed by the "industrial disruption" of Christmas, advocated a fixed Sunday rather than the traditional December 25 . . . a Canadian Unitarian composed a new prayer for the Manitoba Legislature that begins, "To whom it may concern . . ."

Scientists increasingly struggled with the problem of when a person is officially dead, and the American Medical Association foresaw "psychological horrors" if the transplanting of human organs continues. Civil engineers have begun building planned communities where one sanctuary serves the needs of all religions.

The year saw a Quaker enter the White House and establish ecumenical worship services. A year in the Presidency made Richard Nixon "a more prayerful man and deepened his sense of dependence on God," Evangelist Billy Graham said.

Famed atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair was defeated in her first try to prohibit prayers and Bible reading by U.S. Astronauts from being broadcast around the world, but she vowed to fight harder.

. . . Other headline grabbers for 1969: One out of every 50 Americans became a victim of crime; 30,000 in the Orange Bowl supported the teen-agers' crusade for decency in entertainment . . . biological warfare pursuits were officially abandoned by the President . . . churches were urged to spur road safety . . . a New York psychologist said people are turning away from belief in God because childhoods are happier and death has lost its sting.

Roving Episcopal priest Malcolm Boyd stressed that with the death of the autocratic society a whole new style of life is emerging, banishing tradition and ushering in "Christian imagination."

Nonprofit religious institutions reeled under a threat instituted by Frederick Walz of New York, whose case against tax exemption for church and synagogue property was accepted by the Supreme Court.

The doomsday clock of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, whose hands had

stood at seven minutes until "doomsday," were moved back when the U.S. Senate ratified the nuclear nonproliferation treaty. The clock now shows ten minutes to go.

DENOMINATIONS

U.S. churches owned \$102 billion worth of real estate, but a United Presbyterian education specialist predicted in 1969 that the organizational structures of the churches aren't going to make it to the end of the century.

In the current slough, major Protestant denominations and the National Council of Churches suffered major funds cutbacks, and liberal theologians admitted the need of something beyond social justice.

The United Missionary Church and the Missionary Church Association merged to form The Missionary Church. The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America adopted a "Plan for Understanding" that could result in the eventual dissolution of the historic church. Canadian Presbyterians recorded a membership drop, and the Regular Baptist Association quit the International Council of Christian Churches led by fundamentalist Carl McIntire.

Although applicants to some seminaries have increased, it was the general feeling in 1969 that for most students the church was the last place they wanted to carry out their ministries.

ECUMENICITY

The appointment of a Southern Baptist theologian by Roman Catholics to teach in Rome indicates the giant leaps ecumenicity made in 1969. The year also found nuns teaching in a Cincinnati Episcopal Sunday school, British pastors swapping pulpits, the half-century-old Associated Church Press conducting a joint convention with the Catholic Press Association, and a Presbyterian-related university and two Catholic colleges in Iowa moving closer toward formal merger.

At year's end, the Catholic Biblical Association was cosponsor of National Bible Week with the American Bible

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Just as the early morning sun casts its rays over the unspoiled snows and pure water of the Wood River in Sun Valley, Idaho, so 1970 marks the dawn of an untraveled new decade, full of fresh opportunity and hope. (Photo by Ray Atkeson).

Antecedents

Much speculation could be made about the 1970s now upon us. Much more could be written in retrospect about the 1960s—those tumultuous years of triumph and tragedy. In these 32 lines neither can be done, so I'll not even try. But other features in this issue *do* give emphasis to both decades:

Each year, Norman Rohrer, executive secretary of the Evangelical Press Association to which we belong, presents a review of the year closed, especially as it relates to the church at large. His interesting article begins on page 2.

Editor Dean Gregory weighs the past and looks to the future in his editorial on page 5, "The Soaring '70s: a Church Growth Era?" His challenge for renewal in Christian stewardship and discipleship is one worthy of acceptance as we cross the threshold of a new decade.

Each calendar year is filled with special weeks. One the church often recognizes is National Youth Week, January 25-February 1. This month's feature article, "The Church Relevant to Youth," is in recognition of this special week. Written by Wendell Barnett, pastor of the Friends Church in Topeka, Kansas, this excellent presentation is not only worthy of reading but of action, for in it he outlines some practical ways to minister to contemporary youth—the majority of our population as we enter 1970.

Other features in this issue could be mentioned, but we call special attention to these that bridge the gap of the decades. —H.T.A.

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Centennial at Lawrence, Kansas

The Friends Church, Lawrence, Kansas, marked its one hundredth anniversary, November 16, with a Centennial Celebration and Observance. Over 200 people packed the church to enjoy the day's activities.

The Sunday school hour opened the observance with the Junior Choir presenting special music. The special feature was a puppet show, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. David Burke and Mr. and Mrs. David Murphy, current members of the Lawrence church.

Kenneth Brown, pastor of the church from 1956-1966, was the guest speaker for the worship hour, with special music being presented by the local church.

A basket dinner in the church basement followed the morning services.

The centennial service opened at 2:00 p.m., with singing, and devotions led by Oran Dunlap. Former pastors, Kenneth Brown and Alfred Smith (1934-1944), spoke briefly of some of the highlights of their years with the Lawrence church. Harold Barr of Lawrence, dean emeritus of the Kansas School of Religion, spoke of his part in helping to arrange financing for the new church building.

Special recognition was given to older members. Among those recognized was Arthur Commons, 95, oldest living member, who also had a part in building the

present church. Special music was a duet by Maxine Dyer and Bernadine Bellinger and a solo by Jeanette Cobb.

The climax to the centennial was a "Challenge for the Future" by the present pastor, Eldon W. Cox. He urged the congregation to look to the future instead of dwelling on the past, and to work and pray in order to see the work of the Lord prosper. He also mentioned the possibilities of a new educational building in the near future. Eldon Cox has been pastor since 1966.

Many interesting items—record books, documents, pictures, and old Quaker relics—were displayed. A booklet, "History of the Lawrence Friends Church," was prepared especially for this occasion. Booklets may be purchased by sending \$1.25 to Eldon W. Cox, 1645 W. 19 Ter., Lawrence, Kansas 66044.

Short Synopsis of History:

The first Friends meeting was held July, 1863, in Lawrence in the old Methodist Church.

In 1865 a Meeting of the Society of Friends with 40 members was formed in the home of Washington Hadley of Lawrence. Regular Sunday services were held in the homes of various members.

Two years later Mrs. Margaret Cox was named the first Lawrence Friends pastor.

Having no permanent meeting place, the Friends met in the Methodist Church, in Miller Hall on Massachusetts St., and in the Park School.

In 1869 the Lawrence Preparative Meeting was granted a request that they

be able to hold monthly meetings and govern themselves.

They continued to meet in other buildings until the new Kansas Yearly Meeting House was completed at 10th and Delaware, and opened October 10, 1872. Seating capacity for the huge structure was a total of 3,000.

This meeting house served the Lawrence congregation until 1941, with the exception of a brief period when they met five years in another church.

In 1941 the old meeting house was razed, though materials and furnishings were preserved for the new building at 1601 New Hampshire, the present location.

The new church was dedicated October 25, 1942. Recently the church purchased the property south of the location for construction of a new annex.

A new parsonage was purchased in the spring of 1967. It is a lovely ranch style home on a corner lot near the campus of Kansas University. The home has a full finished basement, four bedrooms and two baths, and is adequate for its pastors.

A total of 38 pastors have served the Lawrence Friends during their past century of ministry.

"The people of the Lawrence Friends Church are very grateful for the leadership of the Lord over the past 100 years," Eldon Cox said. "There seems to be a real sense of urgency concerning our obligation and privilege of spreading the Word of God in these perilous days. Recent victories cause us to believe that God is still on the throne and He is working and moving in this place. Four Bible study groups, involving 13 couples, are currently meeting in various homes. We see possibilities of more new groups in the near future. We are convinced that this ministry is of real value to our church.

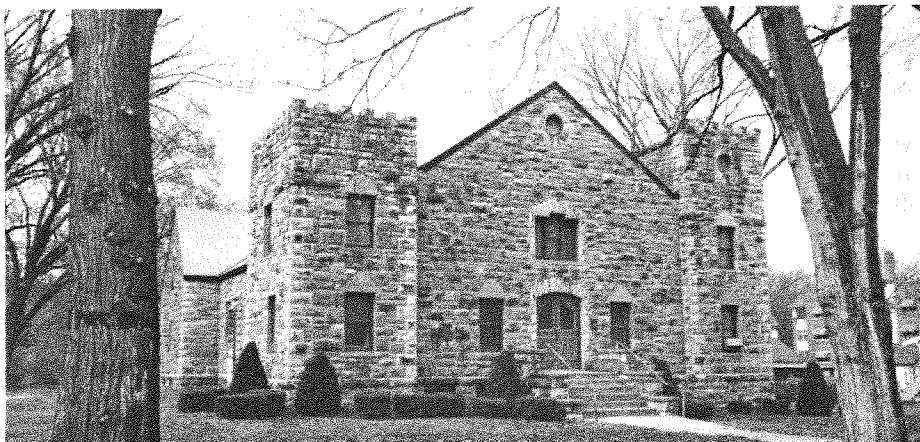
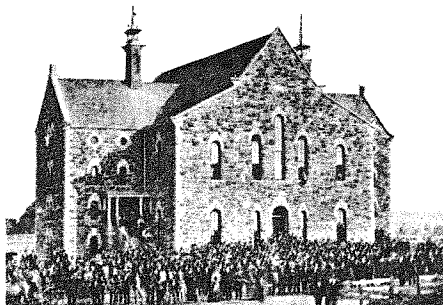
"Our prayer is that the Lawrence Church will continue to work, for the night is surely coming and we must work the works of Him that sent us while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work!"

Friends report U.S. Congress of Evangelism

WICHITA, KANSAS—On November 19, over 125 Friends from the Friends churches in Wichita gathered in Fellowship Hall at University Friends for a carry-in dinner and a report on the United States Congress on Evangelism. Richard Newby presided at the meeting.

Following the dinner hour, Friends shared in a singspiration and then listened to reports on the Minneapolis conference from Dean Gregory, superintendent of Kansas Yearly Meeting; Roy Ray, president of Friends University; Robert Staley,

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The Friends Church at Lawrence, Kansas, as it looked in 1872 (above) and today.

The soaring '70s: a church growth era?

The decade of the '60s will provide for future historians an era of extreme contrasts. On one hand is the precipitous decline of moral and spiritual standards and the consequent disorder in society, which has unleashed the forces of evil in a frightening way; and on the other hand the unparalleled advance in all fields of natural science, with successes in medical research to alleviate man's physical problems and the great leap into space exploration and interplanetary conquest.

The decade of the '70s will be not only what we determine it to be by our own initiative, planning, and program but also by the will of God being wrought in human affairs. God has chosen this method—His sovereign will carried out through mortal man. And God has found His men in every age whom He could trust to stand as bridges between human poverty, lostness, and despair and the grace and power of God.

The past decade has witnessed some advances for the church here and there, but across the board the picture of the organized church is not bright. Institutionalism has been brought under severe attack, and old forms and ceremonies without the spirit of life have been brought under question.

At the recent conference of Friends yearly meeting superintendents and general secretaries, experiences were shared that showed a general trend across American Quakerdom to break out of the binding, confining shells of traditionalism for the purpose of finding new life and power in the essential essence of the Gospel—"Christ in you, the hope of glory."

The 1966 World Congress on Evangelism in West Berlin and a number of similar national convocations, including the 1969 U.S. Congress on Evangelism, seem to be the breathings of fresh air upon the parched valleys of dry bones. It does not seem unreasonable to believe that the winds of God's revival will again blow upon His children in the decade before us, yes, even in the year ahead.

The theology of despair, so devastat-

ing to those who succumb to discouragement and despondency over the condition of the world and the state of the church, has no place in the experience of Christ's disciples. It is true that the majority of Friends churches in the Evangelical Friends Alliance are not growing, and, if the trend continues, more of the churches will close their doors. The sad thing about this condition is that many folk in the church have accepted defeat as an inevitable "swing of the pendulum" and feel helpless to change the tide of despair.

The happy aspect of the picture is that something can be done if every member wants renewal and revival in the church more than anything else. Jack Willcuts and Myron Goldsmith of Oregon Yearly Meeting have completed a most significant in-depth study of church growth problems and patterns throughout the nation. In the book that resulted from this study, entitled *Friends in the Soaring '70s: A Church Growth Era*, they point out convincing arguments that the trend downward can be reversed, but this renewal can come only if Friends want our churches to grow. They further state, "Methods alone won't do it; we cannot make it grow. Zest and enthusiasm alone won't do it. The right mixture of the two, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will do it!"

They further point out, "It is as natural for the church to grow as for fruit trees to bear fruit. Only God can produce fruit through His power and work, but we have part in its quantity and quality through the care of the tree. If fruit does not come, one does not question the nature of growth or the species of fruit expected. Rather, the manner of planting, cultivation, care, and harvesting are examined."

There are some who believe that all it takes to make a church grow is for the church to be spiritual and free from worldliness. The book on church growth just quoted gives a balance between doctrines and methods. "Actually, the doctrines of the church control only the

character of the church and the Christians who compose it. Church methods concern its growth or nongrowth."

Church growth without an evangelistic thrust to turn people from their sin to the Savior will accomplish little. It should also be said, a spiritual church that ignores the biblical and workable strategy for outreach and growth will fail and fade away as a vital force for God in the world. We *must* have both the fidelity to the Word and the workable methods to penetrate the fact-changing age in which we live.

The far-too-often response to appeals for new and fresh approaches to evangelism and outreach is that it is either too expensive or that we don't like the discomfort and discipline it would require. This problem can be summed up, then, in a needed renewal in *Christian stewardship* and *Christian discipleship*. And a revival influencing these two areas of our Christian commitment would no doubt put new power in some of our old programs, too! Every department in our church organization represents an important facet in the total makeup of the church that Christ is preparing to be His Bride at His coming again. We cannot afford to be only partially prepared for this great event.

Let every church give serious thought and study to its objectives and priorities for the year ahead and for the decade of the '70s. Renewal is possible for churches that are united and ready to go forward in this coming year.

—D.G.

The church relevant to youth

The influence of the young person is noticeably present almost everywhere. We are living in a world that caters to the youth. Young people represent tremendous buying power, thus influencing the economy. They speak out on national policy, become active in local issues, or make their own issues. Not all young people are activists or radicals. Some may be grouped as preactivist, antiactivist, or uncommitted youth. While the young enjoy influence, they lack a leader who can speak for them, and thus no one voice speaks for youth. Many attempt to speak for youth, but no one leader has emerged.

Ted Ward, Ph.D., a behavioral scientist at Michigan State University, states that most youth are in the uncommitted group. Unfortunately, most Christian young people are in this group. The preactivists have not yet become embattled in the activist or revolutionary struggle. The preactivist or prerevolutionary young person makes the most active Christian. He is ready to be challenged. He is ready to get into action. Now is the ideal time for Christ for him. We must win him and provide an area of service for his abilities.

The youth, now the majority, are certainly not vocal in the sense that they

have a leader who speaks for them. Instead they follow, for a short time, a new idea or leader until becoming disillusioned and then turn looking for something else.

Some young people seek status, position, and an accumulation of wealth. Seemingly, however, more youth are rejecting affluence, not content merely to have things. The young person may reject the vice-presidency of his father's firm and instead become active in some humanitarian effort, like the Peace Corps, slum renovating, or some type of social work.

Youth for Christ president, Sam Wolgemuth, expressed it well, "Increasingly young people are bored with color TV, bored with backyard swimming pools, bored with expensive clothes, bored with expensive automobiles. Kids who don't need to strive, kids who already have everything are bored kids. Affluence has brought leisure; leisure has created boredom, and youth dislike being bored."

Human interest rates high with youth. They speak out on issues that affect people. They are quick to defend the underdog. Youth will protest against the excess of power, especially when power takes on an *inhuman* element and becomes raw power or brute force.

Television has brought scenes of power struggles into our homes, and these scenes have been closely observed. Vietnam becomes closer than the back yard. Chicago is not just a name. University campuses become familiar words. The little man is no longer forgotten as youth respond to oppression, often helping the oppressed.

This tendency of the young is often exploited by those who seek to gain power. "Situations of oppression" are created or staged. National attention is given to these crises and the sympathy of the young goes to the "oppressed."

The youth in the previously mentioned uncommitted group are becoming preactivists. They are becoming eager to be involved. The prerevolutionary is no longer satisfied with talk; he expresses his

feelings in action. Either we wake up to youth and what is happening or we walk away from youth. The church stands in such a position.

Young people are puzzling, most of the time by their own choice. It is exciting not to have someone who can "figure you out." However, many young people don't know what they want in life or what their real purpose is. Either we can conclude that youth are indeed in a terrific dilemma and do little about it, or we can help them to objectively evaluate themselves and their philosophies according to the standard of basic scriptural truth and historic Christian perspective.

It is not right to expect them to align their thinking with our own private view of what we would like our church to be, just because we think that way. We must have valid biblical positions and practice the motivation of the Holy Spirit, who can bring us into action, if we expect young people to respond. Have Christians lost their voice of social conscience? Are the young people raising questions the church should also ask? Are we a church that is active in social and spiritual reform?

Youth are quick to spot insincere behavior. They theorize, What you are is much more important than what you may say you are. If you exaggerate your claim of what you really are, you become dishonest. Young and older persons alike must face this issue realistically. No phoniness is allowed. If Christians are to be effective, there must be openness, honesty, frankness, and a willingness to share. Young people will readily recognize these characteristics.

The complex young person of this generation has more potential than any prior generation. A barrage of ugly temptations lurks to destroy the young, yet the youth are capable of unlimited accomplishment. Many young people fail to accept responsibilities, but when youth are motivated, significant action results.

Jesus worked with an unusual group of people. He called common fishermen,

In recognition of National Youth Week, January 25 through February 1, the EVANGELICAL FRIEND is happy to present this challenging article by one of EFA's younger ministers. Wendell Barnett is pastor of the Friends Church at Topeka, Kansas, and is presently chairman of the Youth Commission of the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

publicans of low principle, a hyperthyroid sword swinger, and others who were recognized by God for their potential, which was much greater than anyone had realized. Others failed to see the hidden potential. Jesus motivated and trained these men into activists, revolutionaries who began to turn "the world upside down" for Christ.

Can we see beyond the outward appearance of the young person to recognize which problems are waiting to be solved? Can we see the potentials that could be put to use? Young people insist that outward appearances should be consistent with what a man claims in his heart. Youth often use the outward appearance as a method of testing the judgment of adults. The superficial is used, sometimes to antagonize, as if to say, If you get quite disturbed over the fact that my hair is long or how I dress or my music is different—let me know it now. Youth want to know if we are interested only in these little things or if we want to see beyond and reach the real person beneath the exterior. To reach the actual loneliness, the real problem that is buried under all of the external overviews, must be our objective.

Young people are looking toward religion. They are seeking answers to the questions they cannot put from their minds. On the university campus, courses in religion are growing in popularity. Students are interested in learning. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"; "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Will young people be able to know the truth?

Some young people are looking toward the church. For most youth, the church doesn't pose any problem. The church is simply nonexistent as a part of their life or interest. For other young people, the church has an important place because there the Holy Spirit has been given the opportunity to work actively in people's lives. Young people, especially Christians, want to see more of the working of the Holy Spirit through people. They

COLLAGE ON CONTEMPORARY YOUTH BY CURTIS ANKENY



want a church that offers a confrontation with God and His Word and also faces the real "nitty-gritty" problems of every day.

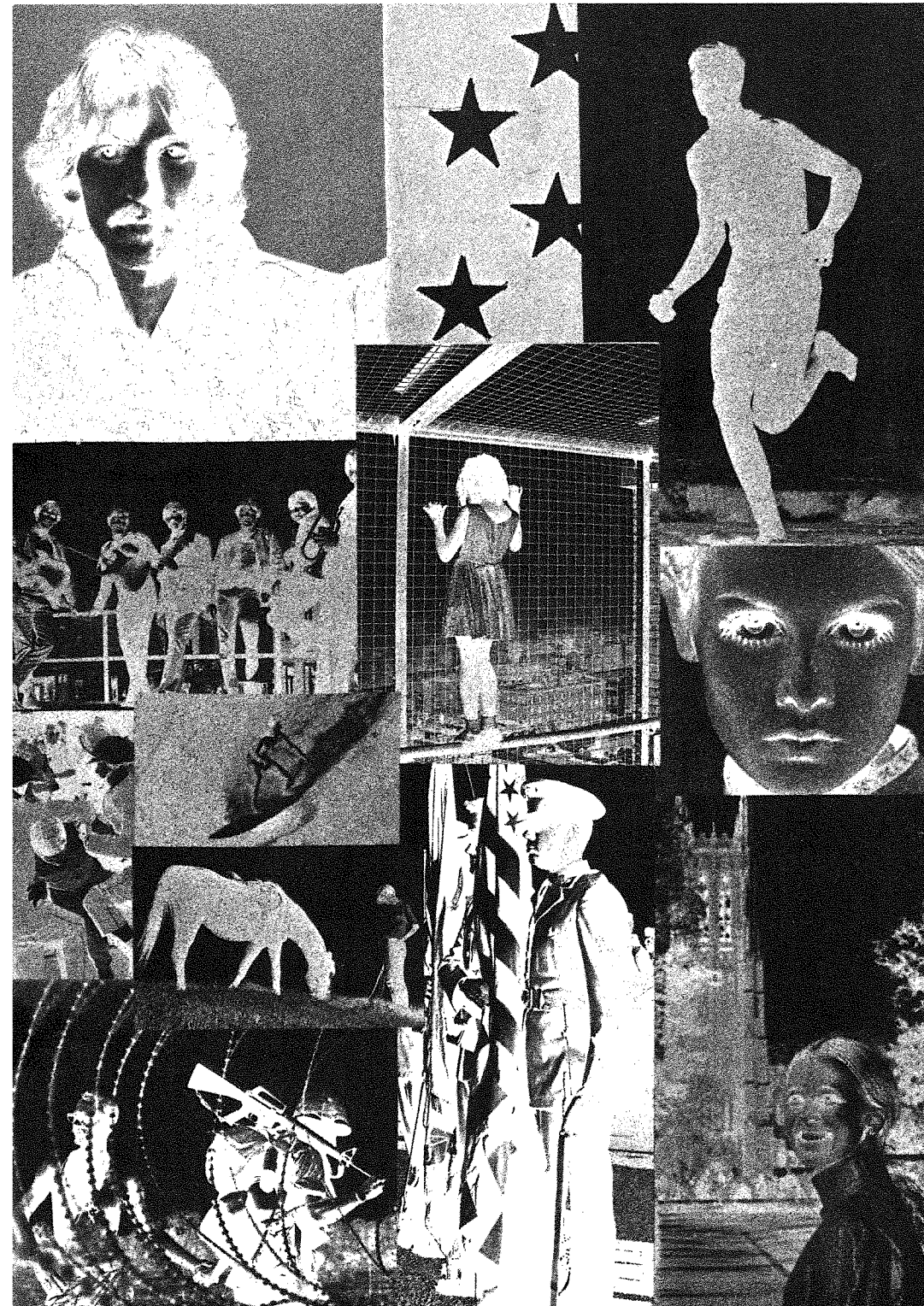
OUR CHURCH MUST RELATE TO THE YOUTH

We must create and actively pursue programs meeting youth needs. This does not mean that the young people are to be honored for just this one week in the fifty-two. Young people have definite contributions to make to the church. If we fail to understand our youth, if we fail to train them to participate and share their observations, we will find ourselves a church without many youth incredibly soon.

"Youth is the only period of life when you can be detached enough from what you are becoming to recognize what aspects of yourself and your personality are truly a reflection of Christ and what parts are a reflection of what you want to believe." We need to encourage this type of reflection, which Dr. Ward has suggested. Youth are no longer satisfied to have words put into their mouths. They are asking questions about the church and its actions. They are concerned about our testimonies. (EVANGELICAL FRIEND—"A New Breed of Queries," July 1969; "A Christian in a Secular World," October 1969) Will the Friends Church encourage this honest type of reflection that must lead to activism?

The methods of training our young people in the local church are in need of serious revision. We must help the young person to relate the precepts of Christ to everyday living. We must become aware of what the young people are really facing and help them prepare themselves to face these issues. We can no longer remain uninformed or half-informed if the church is to be relevant to young people. We must use 20th century methods. Technological equipment must be employed in the teaching and learning process for our youth. The church and its local leadership must be secure enough

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that they can take an optimistic view of young people and their problems.

U.S. Commissioner of Education James Allen, in a recent address to junior high and senior high principals, warned them to expect increased unrest in secondary schools. The younger and potentially more vulnerable teen-ager is beginning to take up the style and practices of his collegiate brother and sister. Mr. Allen wisely warned that the preparation to meet the challenge should begin with a thorough housecleaning of policies and procedures.

Has the church been completely bypassed in the rush of youth? It would almost appear to be so. As millions of young people are turning to get nowhere, there is the church, which almost has become a novelty to some, standing as a possible guide to this answer of their dilemma.

Can we set our house in order? Can we lay aside practices no longer relevant? Can we retain those necessary to relate the young to Christ and thus let Him challenge their potentials? I do not have the answers, but by nature of various churches and youth programs, a variety of solutions must be found. I am concerned that we be active about becoming a young, vibrant church that can appeal to the youth, the majority of people without Christ.

THE TURNING POINT

The lift-offs for the Apollo flights are the result of years of research and preparation by thousands of people. Significant as space travel is, there was a beginning place where the concept was first imagined. This beginning marked the turning point in the space program.

Action relating the church to youth must have a beginning. Often the idea is conceived in the mind of a youth leader or Christian Education Committee member. A pastor may become acutely aware that his church is not relating to young people. Wherever the concern may start, it must begin and be allowed to grow.

The local church must become aware of the youth and their needs. Begin to communicate with young people. They are facing a new series of problems, many which the previous generation has not confronted.

No valid conclusion can be reached without having good research. In the local church, every aspect of the youth program should be studied. Compile a list of the strengths of your youth program. Determine your areas of weakness. This is necessary in studying each age group of young people, as they will have different needs. Find the general needs of the various age groups of youth. Now, take the research to people who work with youth outside the church and seek to determine what they see as youth's needs. Ask scout leaders, judges, social workers, school counselors, anyone who can assist you with helpful information. Have youth sponsors or teams of youth visit youth groups that are enjoying success; use this as a learning experience.

Research by the committee preparing for the White House Conference on Youth, scheduled for the spring of 1970 in Washington, D.C., found the nine greatest problems that are of concern to today's teens:

1. Military
2. Race relations
3. Parental permissiveness
4. Family relations
5. Apathy
6. Education
7. Narcotics
8. Employment
9. Recreation

How do the problems of your youth compare to this list?

Share your information. Bring the facts of your research and share it with the proper committee: Christian Education or Friends Youth. Concerned laymen who share your interest in youth may respond to the needs you have found.

Determine policy. Study the past policies of the church regarding youth work. What has served as a guideline? Is this

guide a valid source for youth work? There may be traditional policies that no longer apply or that may profit from extensive revision. You may find extremely well-planned policies that need only to be implemented.

Relate policy to youth problems. Here you determine whether the church youth program is relevant or sadly out of the scene. Action is beginning to take a new form. Here the youth will begin to see the church relate. The basic philosophy of the youth program is being considered, and it must help youth come to a real confrontation of their contemporary problems.

Train qualified people. To work with youth, you must be youthful. Fortunately, youthfulness is not confined to the young. A successful youth program is only as effective as the personnel who make it work. Invest your training in people who relate well to youth. Train them well, and the returns will be outstanding.

Begin. Work, and keep working. There is no easy formula for a church to relate to youth. The success comes from well-planned effort. Effort is a result of being motivated. The Holy Spirit is a great motivator.

Where will it all lead? Youth with their great potential offer to the Friends Church the greatest opportunity of any generation. Will we relate to youth and see this great force activated for Christ and His Church? □

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'Project Christina'

BY ANNA NIXON

"I'm just as old as CEEFI," Christina Chatterji of Calcutta tells us with a six-year-old grin.

Her father said, "I call the CEEFI Sunday school plan PROJECT CHRISTINA, because my daughter was born the same



week we accepted the first script for publication." He beamed with satisfaction as six years later Christina held in her hand the first Sunday school book ever produced in her language—Bengali.

The Christian Education Department of the Evangelical Fellowship of India, like Christina, has been cutting some new teeth. First commissioned to produce scripts of graded Sunday school lessons for translation, CEEFI did that. These

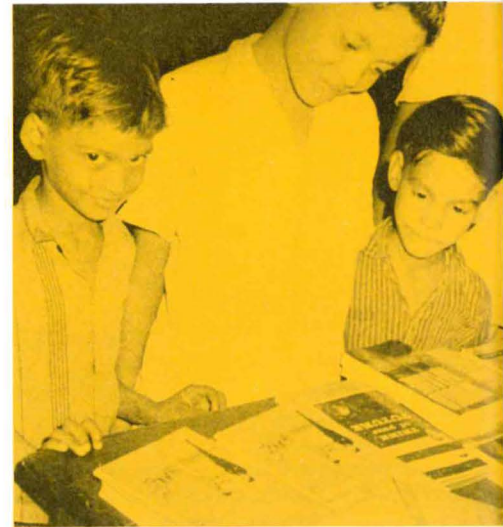
lessons, a 15-year curriculum consisting of 75 books, were published in English by January 1966.

Early that year a translation of one full year's course appeared in Marathi and later in Hindi. Before the year was up, Tamil and Telugu languages joined in. Marathi and Hindi are nearing completion now, and Tamil and Telugu are at halfway house. Some courses are in print in eight more languages, and two other language areas are translating. No less than 65 missions, churches, and foundations have contributed financially. Production of all 75 books in all these languages may require at least another six years. Over Asia and Africa the CEEFI courses, adapted from Gospel Light, are being used and translated in no less than 16 different countries.

Sunday school course production, however, proved not enough. Churches in India needed help in teacher training. So evangelical forces joined hands under CEEFI to produce a teacher-training course for at least six workshops. Vacation Bible School courses, some club ideas, audiovisuals, and a Sunday school take-home paper, Asian Pix—already produced by others—were given a promotional push. In various states, area-wide seminars were held to train leaders. David C. Cook Foundation backed these financially. In some areas, church-by-church workshops produced as many as 20 new Sunday schools.

Churches all over the country are beginning to feel the impact of inspired teachers as they return from seminars and workshops with new vision and new materials. Some have stirred up interest in Vacation Bible School. Others have developed new Sunday schools, reaching out to as many as ten different centers. Still others introduced their Sunday schools to the new Student's Books—the first to be produced in India. Attendance often doubled.

Many realized for the first time that as teachers in the Sunday school, theirs was the task of leading their students to



At a teacher training seminar in Nagpur, India, 80 delegates came from 15 different states. Sales went much higher than expected for the new youth materials. Even the children were interested (top photo). The picture below shows the new youth materials, just off the press, being viewed by delegates.

Anna Nixon is serving her fifth term as a missionary under Ohio Yearly Meeting in India.

The Christian Education Department of the Evangelical Fellowship of India, now in its seventh year, adds teacher training to its primary task of producing graded Sunday school lessons.



The Ao Naga Sunday school children gave Anna Nixon a nice red bag for carrying her Bible and songbook to church, in appreciation for what CEEFI has done for Nagaland. At left is Charles Warren, CEEFI promotional secretary; center is Mr. Alem-meren Ao from Nagaland. The photo below shows Jhansi young men of the "now" generation meeting for class outside of the CEEFI office.

Christ. "Is it not very good news," wrote one teacher, "to lead a soul to Christ!" She had just experienced this joy for the first time. Another teacher testified, "I did not realize that it was my responsibility to bring students to a place of decision and commitment. But now I can say that all ten of the junior-age children in my class have received Christ as their Savior."

CEEFI felt quite satisfied with its growth and accomplishments until suddenly, one day, there stood the young person of the "now" generation. He'd been standing there before, but now he demanded attention. Where in all of India was there any help for him? Something had to be done to help churches develop Youth Fellowships.

Operating on a marginal budget and depending mostly on volunteer helpers who worked into the midnight hours of their leisure, CEEFI paused. *There is no doubt that this needs to be done, but can we do it?* A course that would fit the need, with certain adaptations, had been produced by Scripture Press, and they were also ready to contribute capital. Still—*where could we tap personnel?* With no answer, CEEFI started, and miracles happened as before. God provided the personnel as CEEFI kept growing.

A minimum of organization had to be set up in every state where there were demands for all these Christian education materials and promotional helps. So CEEFI began to organize small regional committees based on volunteer leadership. In spite of diminishing missionary personnel, 14 different missions released some of their finest workers to this strategic work. One regional area supports a full-time Indian director (whom we call regional secretary). During the past few months, five new workers have joined CEEFI headquarters secretariat and staff. So far seven regional language areas have been organized and four more are being developed. An Indian associate to the executive secretary was called from his business where he had worked for 24

years. For 15 years this man, Mr. M. M. Das, had spent his spare time promoting the cause of Christ in his home state of Gujarat. God called him to leave all and come into training to take over the expanding work of CEEFI. Immediately he resigned his job, set his affairs in order, and came into the work, even though he had no guarantee of support and has two children to support in college. "The job is what challenged me," he said, "not the salary."

When Christina of Calcutta showed Mr. Das, representing CEEFI, the first book for Sunday school students ever to be produced in Bengali, both of them



paused a moment to enjoy the delight of thinking how big they had grown. It was a brief pause, however, as mind and muscle were again stretching toward all the possibilities of growth and blessing in the years ahead. □

Just a bowl of rice

BY LEORA DEVOL

At what age do children begin to know right from wrong? At what age did you begin to understand spiritual things?

Lee-feng is eight and small for her age. Her father gambles and drinks, so has little money to bring home for the needs of the family. They live in a shack and often do not have enough to eat. Her mother suffers from asthma and heart trouble. She is an earnest Christian, but finds it difficult to climb over the mountain paths to our church. However, Mrs. Ong is faithful to come whenever she can. If she is not in church on Sunday morning or not at the Wednesday afternoon women's meeting, you can be pretty sure that she is ill.

The Ongs have eight children. Their oldest daughter is married. Their eldest son is taking his three years' military training but will soon be through. He is a real Christian and a great comfort to his mother. In his letters to her, he tells her about the sermons he has heard, so on the Sundays when she is unable to go to church, she can read about the sermon her son has heard.

Last Wednesday when Mrs. Ong came to the prayer meeting in our home, she said, "I want to give a testimony concerning my child." So after the singing and the Bible lesson, Mrs. Ong gave this testimony:

"You know we have several children and often we do not have enough to eat, so I decided to give one of them away. One day I took my three youngest children, ages 6, 8, and 9, with me to visit a rich friend who has no children. After visiting awhile, I asked my friend if she would like to have one of my children. The woman said that she would be very happy to have one of them. We talked it over and decided to give her Lee-feng, the eight-year old daughter.

"I told Lee-feng that in her new home she could have new clothes, plenty of

good food to eat, that she could go to school, and that there would be enough money for books and everything she would need. Then I asked Lee-feng if she was willing to stay, and she said, 'Yes.'"

Some days later Mrs. Ong's son-in-law came to her home, and Mrs. Ong asked him if he knew how her daughter was getting along in her new home. He hesitated and then replied that she was getting along all right, but . . .

Immediately Mrs. Ong wanted to know what the difficulty was.

"Well," he said, "a few days ago the woman wanted to go to the temple to worship the idols and planned to take Lee-feng along. She told the little girl that she could go to the temple and that it was a nice place to play. But Lee-feng refused to go. She told her new mother that she did not worship idols and that she didn't want to go to the temple. So she was permitted to stay at home."

At each new moon and each full moon, which is the 1st and 15th on the lunar calendar, the Taiwanese families have an elaborate feast in their homes for the household gods. They prepare a lot of chicken, pork, and fish. Then before the family partakes, the food is offered to the idols.

Mrs. Ong and three of her eight children. The girl on the left, Lee-feng, was the one she gave away and is the subject of this article, "Just a Bowl of Rice."

On the night of the 15th, when they sat down at the table, Lee-feng refused to eat. She had probably never had a chance to eat such delicious food, but she would not touch a single one of those nice dishes of food. She told her new mother she would not eat food that had been offered to idols. She went over to the kettle and filled her little bowl with rice; this rice had not been offered to the idol. All she ate was one little bowl of rice. She ate it without meat or vegetables.

When Mrs. Ong's son-in-law finished talking, Mrs. Ong immediately prepared to go to her friend's home and brought her daughter home. She asked God to forgive her for giving away her little daughter into a heathen home.

Lee-feng was so happy to come back home. Like Moses, she had chosen to suffer poverty (affliction) with her mother and family rather than enjoy the pleasures (good food, nice clothes, an opportunity to go to school and other things) of sin for a season.

How old are children when they begin to understand spiritual things? God speaks to children at an early age. My husband and I were both first saved when we were six years old. Lee-feng had learned a great deal by the time she was eight. □



Leora DeVol is a long time missionary for Ohio Yearly Meeting now serving with her husband, Charles, in Taiwan.

Impressions

BY EDWIN CAMMACK

One's impressions as he arrives on the mission field are many. As we arrived here in the highlands of Peru to share our faith in Jesus Christ with the Aymara Indians, we were strongly impressed by the vastness of the land and multitude of people.

As we drove between Puno and Juli, where we were to live, our love began to go out to these people as never before. The mud huts, often with gleaming aluminum roofs, the herds of cattle, llama, sheep, and pigs, which were always herded by a member of some family, and the people trodding along the roads or paths in their fields opened to us a vast new culture that we were already beginning to love and to accept. Yes, we can depend on the Lord to help us accept all this and to make the proper adjustments in order to love and to work with these people who are so different from us.

In the days that followed our arrival in Juli, we began to meet the Aymara people. Smiling faces, a warm greeting and handshakes, a bear hug, or a personal welcome expressed the thanksgiving in their hearts that we had come to help them. The sparkle in their eyes was the result of the love of Jesus Christ overflowing from their hearts and showing upon their faces and in their actions. The eagerness displayed in their lives to serve Christ among their own people has been deeply impressed upon us. The trait of unselfishness stands out as they often give of their time to go to the markets to witness and as they work in tent meetings or in other areas of service. It has been strongly impressed upon us that they literally depend upon the power of the Bible and the Holy Spirit to guide them.

The Aymara brethren display an eagerness to study and learn more of the Word of God in order to strengthen their rela-

Edwin Cammack, with his wife and two children, is serving his first term as a missionary on Oregon Yearly Meeting's Peruvian field.



Aymara Indians on the highlands of South America as they gather for worship (above) and as they listen to a gospel recording in a family group.



tionship with Him. They worship in simplicity. The Sunday school and church services may be poorly organized, but they thoroughly enjoy them, and as we missionaries attend their meetings for worship, we know we have been close to God.

The Aymara people are like you and me. They have many of our same temptations. They, too, struggle against the offers of the world. They, too, have times of discouragement. They may not always agree with each other, and often this results in church problems. They are human; they have characteristics just as do we. God seeks and loves the Aymara Indian just as he does any one of us. As God uses the Aymara Christian to tell his own people of new life in Christ, so God wants us to share our relationship with Christ with our own people. God wants many of us also to share this faith with people such as the Aymara Indian.

To assist the Aymara believer to grow in his relationship with Christ becomes a vital part of the missionaries' responsibility. The Aymara Indian hasn't had the educational privileges we have had. For this reason, he needs to be taught in the Scriptures, Christian growth, and church development. The opportunities in this area are unlimited all over the world. It has been strongly impressed upon our hearts and minds that more help is needed to help others develop in Christ as well as to find Him as their personal Savior.

Could God be leading you in this task?

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Opportunities for overseas service in 1970

Applications for the following positions will be gladly received by the Friends United Meeting Board on Missions, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, Indiana 47374:

ELEMENTARY TEACHER willing to adapt and improvise; small International staff and student body; all teaching is done in English. Single man or woman.

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RELIGIOUS LEADER for varied administrative duties and training functions. Married man with pastoral or other relevant experience preferred.

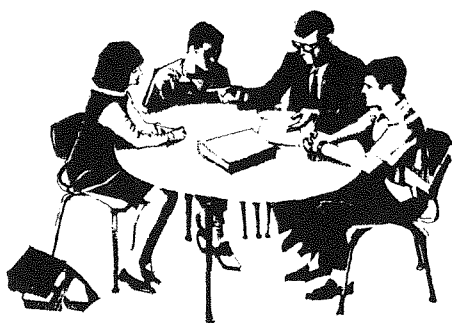
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS willing to work in newly developing schools with minimal facilities, English, sciences, mathematics.

The Board on Missions seeks skilled, emotionally mature people who possess a "humanitarian concern for those less fortunate, a deep desire to learn from and understand people of other cultures, and a concern to demonstrate in life as well as testify in words to the Good News God has given through His Son."

All positions listed above are for three years with modest basic support and various allowances provided, including transportation to and from the place of service. □

This announcement is submitted for EVANGELICAL FRIEND readers by Harold V. Smuck, executive secretary of Friends United Meeting Board on Missions.

Reach and Teach



BY MARJORIE LANDWERT

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND GROWTH

Despite the hue and cry against the Sunday school, those who have studied church growth are firm in their conviction that churches can grow through this department. The foremost reason is that growing churches have many small face-to-face groups, which is the structure of the Sunday school. Thus, when a church creates more classes, it grows. The old adage, divide to multiply, is applicable to Sunday school and church growth.

The Sunday school has been and must continue to be the evangelizing as well as the teaching arm of the church. Through the Sunday school we can reach children and youth. Parental concern for the children and youth helps win them to the Sunday school. Our young adults are an increasingly growing group, and they can help our churches to grow.

Your Sunday school can be instrumental in church growth. If you would like to learn how, there is a host of helpful information to aid you in the growth study book prepared by Jack Willcuts and Myron Goldsmith of Oregon Yearly Meeting: *Friends in the Soaring '70s: A Church Growth Era*, available from Barclay Press, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

HAVE YOU TRIED THIS?

A program of adult electives offered during the Sunday school hour can help a church that sees the need of more small groups. Electives appeal to a wide range of people and can be added to the existing program without upsetting the present class structures. The most popular electives are classes for in-depth Bible study, Bible survey, leadership training, church membership, classes that relate the Bible to modern day problems, and classes for those who have special interest such as classes for parents.

These guidelines will help you in setting up an adult elective program.

1. Plan the schedule for several years so people can choose better.

2. Keep the groups small by forming new ones when needed.

3. Plan for the "shepherding" of the class participants by the teacher or leaders from other classes.

4. Use teachers from other churches who are qualified and willing to help for a quarter.

5. Publicize the classes well through your church media and the public press.

6. Plan for a variety of electives to interest many.

AGC FOR YOUTH

Because our youth are so vital to the church and their ranks are steadily increasing, the Aldersgate Graded Curriculum planners have been especially concerned to give youth something fresh and vital to study in Sunday school. The young teens (grades 7, 8, 9) will be confronted with such quarter studies as, "Discussions for Destiny," "The Savior and Me," "What It Means to Be a Christian," "Dealing with Personal Problems" and "How to Make Right Choices." For the senior teens (grade 10, 11, 12) there are studies in "What Can I Believe?" "Getting Along with Myself," "Getting Along with Others," "The Prophets Come to Main Street," "Life at Its Best," "The Choice Is Yours," and "Questions Answered."

Besides interesting topics, the Aldersgate Graded Curriculum for youth has different approaches for pupil and teacher. With the Bible as the textbook, the teacher leads the class through a study guide sheet. The sheet has cartoons, sets of answers, and other activities to stimulate youth. It also contains daily Bible reading suggestions, with application to help enrich the truths presented in the session and to bridge the pupils' thinking to the new lesson for the following week.

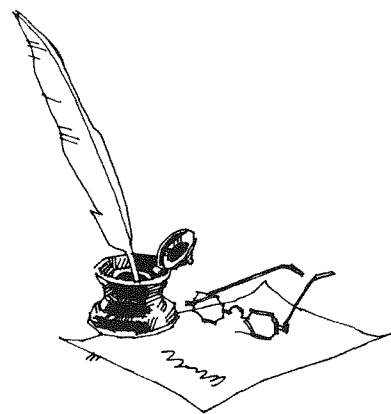
There are Teaching Resources Packets for each of the levels. These contain up-to-date visuals on a level of sophistication that appeals to the youth.

If you are looking for youth materials for Sunday school that are current in content and method, you should examine the Aldersgate Graded Curriculum for youth. Samples are available from the distributor in your area—Barclay Press, Better Book Room, or Ohio Friends Book Concern.

WILL IT MATTER?

No doubt every Sunday school, children's church, or FY worker has at one time or another asked himself, "Will it matter if I miss this class, this social event, this workers' conference?" Apparently it does matter to the people for whom you are responsible. Groups that do not have consistent leaders soon dwindle down. Your presence says to each one, "This session is vital." The feeling is a contagious one. It does matter! Don't be among the missing if you can help it. ☐

Friends Write



I read with interest [Milo Ross's] . . . article on "Imagination in the Church" in the November EVANGELICAL FRIEND. I certainly appreciate [his] . . . emphasis on creative ministry, and the historical precedents . . . cited.

I'm hopeful that the church will be able to flex with the current secular-urban generation, which is not interested in the traditional forms of religion, and will move from a state of "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" to having the power and using imagination about the form.

My own area of concern is that men who apparently care little about the leading of the Spirit are in positions of leadership in government and in public and private social agencies, making decisions which affect the lives of vast segments of the population. (Not to say God is *not* at work where He is not acknowledged.) Why shouldn't an evangelical Christian be at the heart of these decisions?

. . . I'm in conferences and meetings where there is often a spirit of futility in facing the magnitude of the needs with such limited and slow-moving machinery. Certainly here is a place for sanctified imagination, sanctified training and skills to move ahead with planning and decisions that result in a ministry of grace. Humanists will "out-compassion" evangelicals only if we fail to read the signals and move into areas of service that are opening up everywhere.

DALE CAMPBELL

Katonah, New York

On behalf of Omaha Friends, our EFA cooperative work within Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, we wish to inform readers of EVANGELICAL FRIEND that \$35,500 in bonds have been issued for the new Omaha Church, but another \$35,000 is urgently needed. Readers may contact Dean Conant, 11730 Farnam, Omaha, Nebraska 68154. Thank you.

MERLE ROE
Superintendent

Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting

Mystery of the missing nuts

PART I



BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

Little did I know that afternoon as I spread a sack of filbert nuts out on the patio table that it was the beginning of the answer to my prayer!

It all started that one Saturday afternoon last fall when Mom asked me to crack the nuts that Grandpa Harris had sent from his farm in western Oregon. Since filberts are a real treat (they were not native to our part of the country), I was glad to crack them.

Actually, I suppose it really all began earlier than that, about two weeks before to be exact. That was when the new people, the Jenkins, moved in across the street. They had a boy, Richard, just about my age. I soon found out that they didn't go to Sunday school or church anywhere, so I decided to pray that he would accept my invitation to come with me to our Sunday school.

Before it was all said and done, the nuts and my prayers got all mixed up together. Let me tell you about it!

After spreading the nuts out, I began to crack them. It wasn't a very hard job. Before long I had a quart jar full of those luscious looking (and good tasting, too) round, reddish-brown nuts. I was just starting on the second jar when Mom said

that she and Dad were going to town for a bit and did I want to go along. I said, "Sure!" immediately quitting my project.

Well, it turned out that before we came back home we ate hamburgers at a drive-in and went for a short ride besides. By the time we got home again, it was dark, and I had forgotten all about my nuts out on the patio. The next day being Sunday, we were busy with church activities. I didn't think about the filberts that day, either. In fact, I didn't remember about them until after school Monday.

Then, I went right out to get busy at cracking them. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that those nuts were all gone! Not even one was left! I couldn't believe my eyes! We had never been bothered with robbers before.

I looked around the patio. It had a roof over it but three sides were open. It would have been easy for someone to sneak in and swipe the nuts!

When I told Mom about it, she said, "Are you sure, Jeff? Maybe you put them away and just forgot about it!"

"No, Mom! I know I didn't. I left them all spread out on the table!"

When Dad came home from work, I told him about the missing nuts. He looked around the patio, too. "I don't see

that anything else is missing. This surely does seem strange. Say, Jeff, did anyone know you had the nuts?"

I thought a minute. "No one except Richard Jenkins across the street. I told him about them."

We discussed the matter off and on all evening, but we did not come up with any solution. After solving the Shipper's Cove mystery, I had felt like a pretty good detective, but so far on the mystery of the missing nuts I wasn't doing so well!

Finally, Mom said, "All I can say is, I hope that the robbers are enjoying those good nuts. If they were really hungry, I guess we should be happy that we could help supply something for them to eat."

Fortunately, we still had one more little sack of nuts. You can be sure, though, that I wasn't about to spread them out on the table. I'd crack them right out of the sack, one by one. I knew, though, that I wouldn't have time for that until the next Saturday.

The next day after we discovered the nuts were missing, I decided to go over to Richard's house after school to ask him again about going to Sunday school with me.

He is a real nice fellow. He likes to play ball, just like I do, and he likes model planes, too. I was looking forward to being friends with him. It would just be perfect, I thought, if he'd come to church with me and then get saved. In fact, the whole family had been praying about it. Before I went over that afternoon, I bowed my head again to ask God to help me say the right thing that would help Richard want to come next Sunday.

I knocked on the Jenkins' front door. His mother answered.

"Jeff Swann! Come right in," she said pleasantly. "Richard is down in the basement. Go on down; he'll be glad to see you." She showed me the way.

Richard was sitting on the floor with a box in front of him. He had a hammer in his hand, pounding something that was on a chunk of wood. I didn't see what he was actually doing until after I had said, "Hi, Richard!" and he had answered "Hi, Jeff!"

Then, he got the funniest look on his face. He acted sort of embarrassed, like he was trying to hide what he was doing.

"Whatcha doin'?" I asked.

"Oh, nothin' much," he replied as he got up. "Come on, let's go upstairs." He seemed in a big hurry to get away from whatever he was doing. It was then that I saw! My legs suddenly felt weak; a big lump clogged my throat.

Richard had been cracking filberts!

"Oh, no!" I thought. "It can't be! Not Richard!" But the evidence was there.

My detective's mind began to whirl as we walked up the stairs.

(To be continued)

Outreach through Christian camping

BY MERL KINSER

"More spiritual decisions are made in Christian camping than in any other arm of outreach of the church." This statement, made by one of the leaders at the Fourth Christian Camping International Convention in November, was implied and reinforced by many other speakers and leaders. Utilizing the theme, "Developing Leaders for the 21st Century," there were classes and seminars on almost every aspect of camping. The emphasis was upon the practical rather than the theoretical. One speaker noted that at a CCI Convention we do not have "experts" who are way above what we understand and what we want to learn; rather, it is a sharing with one another of what we have known, heard, and learned through experience. A CCI Convention is full of practical, workable ideas for Christian camps.

It was in this setting that over 600 camp leaders from around the world met at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly at Asheville, North Carolina. Among these were 14 persons from the ranks of Friends, representing four yearly meetings. This group met together a couple of times and shared mutual concerns. There were also times of sharing individually regarding the work of Christian camping among Friends.

L. Ted Johnson, director of Children's Work and Camping for the Baptist

Friends camping leaders who attended the Christian Camping International Convention included (l. to r.): Merl Kinser, Kansas; Dale Lewis and Don Rubendall, Indiana; Elda Ann and Sheldon Cox, Letha and Walter Lawrence, Glen and Dunice Mullen, and Bradley Fisher, Kansas; and Jerry Landrey and Jack Willcuts, Oregon.



General Conference, gave the keynote address entitled, "What Is Camping Coming To?" He noted that *change* is the key word of our day. With increased population, incomes, education, depersonalization, and leisure time, a tremendous impact will be felt in the field of Christian camping. We must make our camping program effective in the lives of the individuals whom we serve. The Christian camp must have high standards, competent leaders, and programs that are geared to meet the needs of the campers. "What Is Camping Coming To? It all depends on how many intelligent leaders we have who are out looking for new ideas," he said.

From the early morning jog to the fun time at night, the days were filled with informative workshops, seminars, demonstrations, and general sessions. Almost every conceivable aspect of camping was shared in one of the over 130 different sessions. Some dealt with the camp site, buildings, maintenance, etc. Program ideas, crafts, fun times, and music were shared in other sessions. There were sessions in specialized areas such as the problems of youth, sex education, camping for the handicapped, minority groups, and delinquents. All these contained challenges and information that were very helpful to those who were able to attend. No doubt many new changes and ideas will be implemented in the camping programs of many camps as a direct result of this convention.

In the closing challenge, Bill Gwinn of Mount Herman Conference in California emphasized the need of reaching out through Christian camping. "Much of the camping today provides only a good time for Christian youth, which may be good," he said, "but it completely ignores the command of the Great Commission. Regardless of the emphasis of our society, Christian camp leaders must be convinced that change must come from within the individual. The Christian camp must have a program that challenges individuals to follow Jesus Christ by demonstrating the change He can bring to their lives." □

Over the Teacup



Time

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Happy New Year to you all and a very happy start for a new decade!

I was just thinking—1970!!! How did we get here so fast? As a child my hours often dragged and years were endless, but now even decades fly by. Every Monday morning I think how nice to have a whole week before me, and I plan it hopefully and enthusiastically because this is the week I'm going to get so much accomplished, but before I put the teacup down the telephone rings and then before I know it, unbelievably, it's Friday! Where did the week go?

The year goes by the same way. The minute fall begins to fall, there is talk of Christmas with lots of time to pick out cards and shop. The daily paper announces 24 more shopping days before Christmas, all in capitals of course. Then suddenly it is only five—and I panic. Now see what we have: a whole new year before us, and suddenly we are catapulted into a new decade! Something *has* to be done about this time business. We have to catch hold of it somewhere and do something with it. The only thing I see to do is to nail down the minutes.

We had a writers conference on campus the other day, and a novelist told how she found time to write. I guess she did not *find* time, she just *took* the time. It was most amusing to hear her tell how a would-be writer often does. Go to the desk to write, then remember the pencils need sharpening. On the way to the sharpener, some dust catches her eye, so she feels her mind would be freer to write if the house were clean, so she cleans. By this time she decides to make a cup of tea (or coffee) to sip while she writes, puts the water on to boil, and discovers she is out of tea, so she goes to the store, and while she is there she might as well do her shopping. It is now time to get lunch for the children, so writing is postponed until the afternoon. This is how books are never written and time is utterly wasted. I laughed with the rest who were present, but I got the point!

Some books have been written by

writing only 20 minutes a day. Busy people with the least time seem to manage to get the most accomplished. We all have all the time in the world. My 24 hours of every day contain as many minutes and seconds as anyone else's. Some do so much more than others. We use time or waste it, but it is given the same to each.

I was thinking of the seriousness of world conditions. It just might be that the concerted effort of all of us, using all our gifts, under the enabling of the Spirit of God might make a difference in the world in the next ten years, if we start now.

Could we catch some moments for communicating faith to others who are losing theirs? Could we find ways to put new meaning into what we so glibly call love? Love in families, churches, and neighborhoods tends to ebb away, and we need a fresh vitality and demonstration of a word that has nearly lost its meaning. Will we just sit and quietly let our churches dwindle, our youth be subjected to every kind of demoralizing influence, and our nation slip into the way of all nations who forget God? Or could we rise up from our apathy and ask God to help us use our strength and time to redeem the times while there still is time?

Let's get busy, girls, but just not "busy" busy. We have enough of that already. Perhaps we should enter the new year very prayerfully in quietness, asking God how best to use our seconds helpfully and redemptively. We will have a much happier year if we really start each day with God and make it count in spreading joy and loving concern.

Remember the song of Libby Furbay's?
Good morning, Lord.

I love you, Lord.

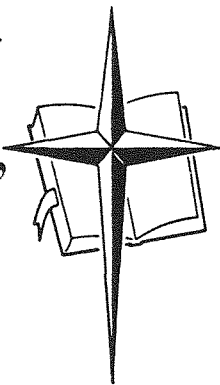
What have you planned for today?

Let me be a part, I pray.

This is the day that the Lord hath made.

I will rejoice and be glad in it. □

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Footprints on the moon

In it we see man's driving impulse to:

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Unlock the power of the sun,

*Find the energy that impels the constella-
tions and unravel the mystery of impulses
from space.*

*The footprint is the mark of his first step into the
vast space of twinkling stars.*

*Suns, planets, satellites, asteroids, and constella-
tions beckon him.*

*This footprint represents his inborn quest for the
revelation of the source of the beginning.*

*His searching brain marvels and almost forgets the
marvel of itself.*

This is the print of man's inability to be placid.

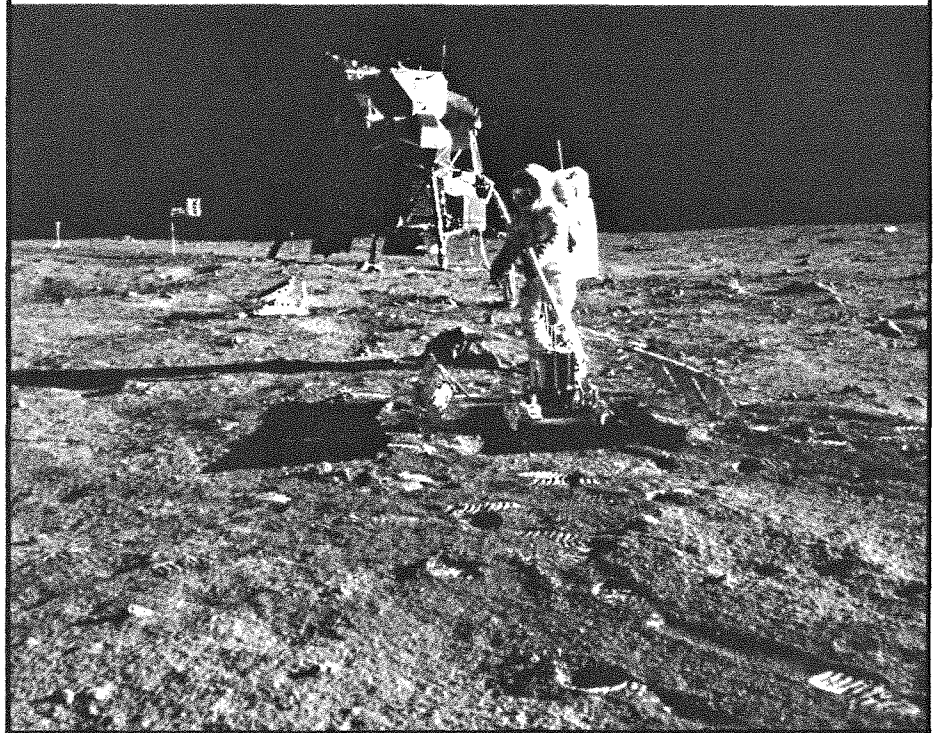
*In the muted eloquence of its solitary splendor,
this footprint on the moon proclaims the
insatiable drive of man's curiosity.*

*Like that which sent constellations spinning into
space, man, too, reaches out for knowledge.*

He searches for that which begat him.

*This footprint is the mark of man's restless urge
to better himself and a token of his ne-
glect to begin at home and to work from
within.*

—Floyd Pope
Wichita, Kansas
July 21, 1969



A sparrow's eyeview

An aspiring writer writes about a writers' conference

BY CELESTA SMITH MILTON

Why a sparrow? Well, anyone who has been in first grade knows where a sparrow ranks.

Anyone who has ever seen newly hatched sparrows knows how unequipped they are, too.

Consider me a sparrow—a newly hatched one.

On with the Writers' Conference held in Oregon Yearly Meeting.

I signed the registration card at my husband's insistence, then I began to shake.

Who am I? I have nothing to prove I'm a writer.

In my desk drawer are a number of slips that read: "We regret that the attached material does not meet our editorial requirements."

Does that make me a writer?

No, but I have developed a slight calousness on my feelings so that after an appropriate amount of mourning I can drop the manuscript back into the mail.

Here I was audaciously presenting myself at a Writers' Conference.

We met in the evening at an attractive lodge near the beach at Rockaway, Oregon.

Hot coffee and snacks were ready for us.

Would the published writers look amusedly at me?

They didn't.

Would they be condescending?

They weren't.

They were kind without being sticky.

There was a sense of warmth and singleness of purpose.

There were names I'd heard and now there were faces to go with them.

There was a fellow there with a beard.

Was he an artist?

He was a college professor. (Dr. Arthur

Roberts)

I felt small.

Would he tell us how to write about the international monetary system or the identity crises?

He was a poet.

I felt better.

We were supplied with name tags. The classes began.

Jack Willcuts pointed out our responsibility to develop this drive to express ourselves on paper.

There was a panel of writers.

Phyllis Cammack spoke on getting started with letters—church bulletins—devotions.

Marie Haines—juvenile writing.

Barry Hubbell—newspaper reporting.

Ralph Beebe—historical research.

After the writers had spoken, there was a free time for discussion.

We asked questions.

No one said, "It's easy if you know how."

We exchanged ideas.

Eventually we went to our assigned sleeping quarters.

For me it was a dormitory on second floor.

Saturday breakfast, which was served at Twin Rocks dining hall, was followed by more classes.

The Kelsey Hinshaws stressed the need of good grammar and punctuation.

Harlow Ankeny told the story from the editor's and publisher's standpoint.

We filled notebooks.

We had coffee breaks and snack breaks. We had more to eat than is good for anyone who needs to watch calories.

I yielded to temptation.

There is always Metracal.

We had workshops where we wrote and had our writing analyzed.

This was most helpful.

We went for walks on the beach in the rain and later in the sunshine.

Sunday we had a church hour.

Dr. Roberts read his poetry.

Someone read Scripture.

More poetry.

I saw the Ocean.

I heard its voice.

I felt the vastness of God's plan—

God's love—God's eternal-ness.

(Dr. Roberts was an artist.)

We prayed.

We sang "How Great Thou Art."

It was worship.

Our sessions were climaxed Sunday afternoon with a mythical telephone conversation between Jack Willcuts and Peter in Antioch.

Yearly meeting superintendents can be funny.

Well, who has a better right to laugh than Christians?

I came home to write and write and write. □

News of Friends

Continued

president of Friends Bible College; and Maurice Roberts, clerk of Kansas Yearly Meeting.

Following these excellent reports, Friends were divided into four smaller groups, where creative dialogue took place on the theme of evangelism. There was a keen realization of our problems and a facing of the fact that our churches do not always exemplify the Spirit of Christ. Until we become "beloved communities" of Christ's love, our evangelistic efforts will have little lasting value.

One of the real concerns that became evident was how we can more effectively use small groups as a tool of outreach.

Our sharing together was a significant step toward greater unity among Friends in the Wichita area. We concluded our meeting by standing in a circle, with hands clasped, singing and praying together.

—Richard P. Newby

In memory of Alfred P. and Maude Smith

Alfred P. Smith, 69, a Friends minister, died November 20, 1969, from a heart attack, and his wife Maude, 63, died 17 days later, December 7, following surgery.

On June 3, 1926, Alfred was married to Maude Newlon at Palmer, Nebraska, and to them were born two sons, Norval Duane and Gordon Leroy. Alfred was recorded by Friends as a minister in June 1925, during sessions of Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

His pastorates included churches at Wales and Meridian, Iowa; Cherokee, Oklahoma; and Fowler, Barclay, and Lawrence, Kansas. He was pastor at Lawrence, Kansas, during the time of construction of the new church.

For many years he was a member of the Mission Board of Kansas Yearly Meeting and will also long be remembered by many Christian Endeavorers as their dean of summer camps. In 1944 he became field representative for Friends University and was appointed professor in the Education Department. He entered semiretirement in 1966. Since June 1962, he had pastored the United Church of Christ (Congregational) in Haven, Kansas.

Omaha Friends meet in new church building

OMAHA, NEBRASKA—The Omaha Monthly Meeting of Friends met in their new church building, October 1, 1969. Dedication of the church is planned for the spring of 1970.

Celesta Smith Milton is from Wenatchee, Washington, and was one of the attenders at the first Oregon Yearly Meeting writers' conference held in November. Inspired by the sessions, she voluntarily submitted this account.

Religion in review

Continued

Society. Six top U.S. Protestant leaders were welcomed as "my dear brothers in Christ" by Pope Paul VI in the Vatican. And Roman Catholics joined the executive staff of the National Council of Churches.

The president of the American Jewish Congress predicted a new and historic era of understanding and cooperation between Jews and Christians, too, as old boundaries fell and communication lines were established.

About the time Catholics and Protestants began fighting over civil liberties in Northern Ireland, Cardinal Cushing in Boston granted his official approval to

Today's English Version of the New Testament published by the American Bible Society. And in Latin America, evangelicals praised Catholic renewal and called on their brothers to show "understanding and Christian brotherhood" toward the Catholic Church.

EDUCATION

The thrust of religion was felt in the classroom. Here and there local school boards defied the U.S. Supreme Court decree banning Bible reading and prayer in school, but the court usually ignored them.

Americans United for the Separation of Church and State found itself advocating Federal aid to schools in impacted areas when parochial schools closed or cut back their quota. More and more private and parochial schools were closed in 1969. Catholic elementary and secondary schools shifted 60,000 students on the public system in a move that would cost U.S. taxpayers an estimated \$32 million.

The hottest school issue of the year revolved around sex education in elementary schools prepared by SIECUS (Sex Information and Education Council to the United States).

MISSIONS

The long arm of missions reached farther and farther around the globe,

making an historic first encounter with savage Mayoruna Indians of Peru . . . progressing downriver to contact a new group of Ecuador's vicious Auca Indians . . . raining the message from the skies through radio . . . and scattering the gospel seed in a blizzard of literature.

At least a dozen missionaries were slain by the people they came to bless. In other countries scores were driven out. Ten were deported by the National Parliament of India; an Episcopalian couple in Guyana were withdrawn from a hostile environment; approximately 1,000 members of the Jehovah's Witnesses lost their homes as they fled a Zambia purge; the revival in Indonesia moved quietly ahead, and in many wholesome strategy moves all over the globe national Christians replaced missionaries in leadership posts.

EVANGELISM

A poll of evangelical editors voted as the top 1969 news story the late-summer U.S. Congress on Evangelism at Minneapolis. The six-day congress gave evangelicalism a new birth of freedom and unity in America as nearly 5,000 delegates from 95 denominations in 50 states gathered for the effort, which grew out of the 1966 World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin.

Four major Billy Graham crusades were staged in New Zealand, Australia,

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New York City, and Southern California at Anaheim. Myron Augsburger introduced the new TV evangelism series, "Breakthrough"; John Haggai opened Evangelism International's new training center at Arosa, Switzerland, following his large-scale meetings in Indonesia.

1969 found the long-planned-for "Crusade of the Americas" involving 24 million Baptists in 32 countries of North, Central, and South America half over. Evangelists like Leighton Ford, Bob Harrison, Luis Palau, Leonard Ravenhill, "Hermano Pablo," Barry Moore, and thousands more got out the Word for vast audiences.

Evangelism congresses were staged in Spain, the Philippines, Colombia, and Congo, while the Baptists World Alliance met in Austria to work out a plan for global evangelization to be carried out by churches of its affiliation by 1974.

NOTABLES

Death in 1969 took such stalwarts as Abraham Vereide, founder of International Christian Leadership . . . R. G. LeTourneau, internationally known manufacturer and evangelist . . . Quaker columnist Drew Pearson . . . Senator Everett M. Dirksen, fighter for renewal of prayer in public schools . . . controversial clergyman James A. Pike . . . and Clarence L. Jordan, founder of an interracial cooperative farm in Georgia.

The year ended with a scramble to find ways of taking the boredom out of Sunday worship, with emergency steps to end hunger, with action to banish pollution of the environment, and with less attention to the verbiage of ecumenicism and more casual action. The top executive of the National Council of Churches, in

a surprise move, proposed at year's end that the embattled NCC be scrapped in favor of a new "general ecumenical council" embracing all major religious bodies in the United States.

The scientific accomplishments of 1969 were indeed the triumphs of the squares, but so were the ugly, brutal wars in Southeast Asia, in the Middle East, in Northern Ireland, and increasingly among tribes of Africa.

What a year—1969! The swell and swale of religious thought and action pushed and tugged at the people living on

the blue-brown wispy agate marble spinning beautifully in an inky black universe. Yet another year the Lord delayed His coming, but 1970 gives the opportunity once again to sound the glories forth, earnestly contending for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints.

"When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

*Four things come not back:
The spoken word, the sped
Arrow, the past life and
Neglected opportunity.* □

UNIVERSITY FRIENDS CHURCH MINISTERING TO WICHITA IN THE MANNER OF FRIENDS

Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, well-known author and teacher at Earlham College, has said: "I see University Friends Church not merely as another conventional Protestant church in a community, but as a potential fellowship in which all are called. May the dream be given concrete embodiment."

This is the challenge that has resulted in new and exciting ideas being developed to meet the concerns and problems of our day and age.

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP—

University Friends have inaugurated an additional meeting for worship at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. This will be semiprogrammed in structure, and consist of a

message by the pastor and an extended period of reverent waiting before God. At our 11:00 a.m. meeting for worship we will continue to seek the living presence through music, prayer, silence, and message bearing.

A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM that seeks to draw individuals into the realities of the Christian fellowship and to nurture them in the Christian faith and mission (9:45 a.m. on Sunday and during the week).

QUAKER LECTURE SERIES—An annual emphasis that will bring outstanding Quaker leaders to Wichita. *Errol T. Elliott*, former executive secretary of the Friends United Meeting, will be our lecturer on May 17, 1970. His lecture topic will be, "Whither Bound Friends."

AN EVANGELISTIC EMPHASIS that will stress commitment to Christ and the Quaker way of life. *Robert Hess* of Malone College in Ohio will be with University Friends for such an emphasis March 25-27, 1970.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF AN OUTPOST MEETING, QUAKER BOOK STORE, READING ROOM, AND COFFEE HOUSE close to Wichita State University. If you are interested in such a development, contact University Friends Church.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S SCOPE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKSHOPS



"Approve things that are excellent." This became the challenging theme for the Regional Christian Education workshops we have just completed throughout the Yearly Meeting. And, without doubt, our churches and Sunday schools will take on a new aura of excellence if we all put into practice the principles and ideas that were promoted during these past days.

Dorothy Barratt, Christian education consultant for the George Fox Press, conducted these workshops, which centered primarily on curriculum—that is, materials, procedures, and methods that are recommended for our use throughout the Evangelical Friends Alliance in our Sunday school ministry. She spoke with convincing authority from her rich background of Christian education involvement in the local church as well as a representative of the larger concern of the EFA—the George Fox Press.

The "original" united project of the four EFA yearly meetings was the publishing of the adult level Sunday school quarterlies. In a sense, this was the pioneer effort that opened the door to other joint efforts, which eventually resulted in the formation of the Evangelical Friends Alliance. Now, the EFA Commission on Christian Education has taken the George Fox Press "under its wing" so that it operates as a distinctive department of the Alliance.

Besides the adult quarterlies, the George Fox Press has now cooperated with several other denominations to produce the Aldersgate Graded Curriculum, which is being recommended for use in our Sunday schools. This brand new material (in use since September, 1969) provides the best in colorful, up-to-date, full-orbed lesson material that is true to the faith and educationally sound. Our Sunday schools would do well to consider its use.

I wish to thank our Christian Education Board for encouraging me to arrange these workshops and to thank the coordinators in each region who gave valuable assistance in publicity and arrangements. The workshops were conducted in Liberal, Kansas; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Bayshore and Friendswood, Texas; Miami, Oklahoma; Topeka, Wichita, and Glen Elder, Kansas—representing the seven major regions of our Yearly Meeting.

A feature article will appear in the February issue of the *Evangelical Friend* giving a summary of the material covered in these workshops.

—Dean Gregory

To Be? Or Not to Be? Why?

BY VERLIN O. HINSHAW

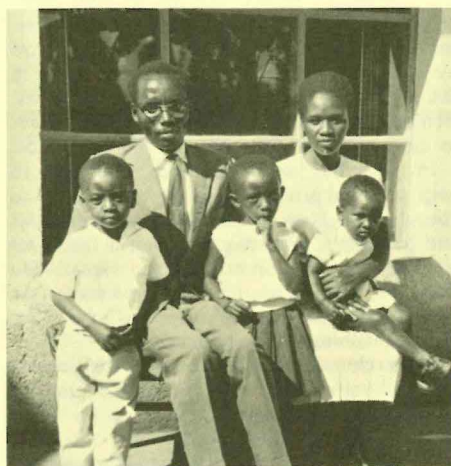
The French have a word for what contemporary Quakerism lacks. The word, *raison d'être*, means a reason, object, or justification for existing. It may be that this lack is more apparent than real. If this is not the case, our present disease of attrition is terminal. Perhaps our lack is only an absence of a *sense* of mission or of a *definition* of what our task really is. What, in your understanding, is the vocation of contemporary Quakers?

We find thriving Christian groups around us who have a sense of purpose. Some believe they exist to perpetuate a form of church government such as the apostolic succession. Others contend they have been called to propagate some doctrine such as sanctification as a second definite work of grace. It is not necessary here to extend this list or to argue the relative merits of any tradition's sense of mission. I wish simply to record my conviction that Quakers today have no unifying, viable sense of justification for their existence.

This personal conclusion has not come easily or hastily. I have spent many hours pondering my Quaker heritage and my relationship to it. What, I have asked, has caused our spiritual impotence? What is our future? Should we join with those of similar traditions? These hours of reflection have contributed several conclusions. The one discussed here is probably the most crucial of them all.

Some Friends will challenge my conclusion while others will agree. The crux of the matter rests in the words *unifying* and *viable*. The latter issue will be more difficult to decide since the judgment of history alone can disclose the viability of an idea or a movement. We can only debate since what is viable to one may be irrelevant to another. But certainly, in the case of the former, it should be clear that part of the cause for the diversity among Quakers is the absence of a unifying sense of our contemporary task. Furthermore, I personally suspect that this unifying consciousness is also lacking among evangelical Friends in general and in Kansas Yearly Meeting in particular!

It is not the purpose here to make an infallible diagnosis of our ills. Nor will it be the intent of forthcoming columns to provide a sure-fire prescription for recapturing our lost vitality. It is hoped, however, that the sharing of these personal convictions will stimulate your thinking and response. In the months ahead your responses will be shared through these pages as space permits.



BURUNDI LEADER ATTENDS SEMINARY IN INDIA

Samuel Simbandumwe, his wife Marcelina, and children (shown at left) will leave Burundi soon for Yeotmal, Maharashtra, India, where Samuel will attend the Union Biblical Seminary. Your prayers are requested for Samuel and his family during this period of his Christian training for leadership in the Burundi Mission work. Dr. Robert Hess of Ohio Yearly Meeting is former president of the Seminary.

NUMBER CHANGE

The telephone for the mission house in Haviland, Kansas, should be changed to (316) 862-2061.

What Can the Church Provide Its Youth?

BY WENDELL B. BARNETT

Young people, if they look to the church at all, are seeking answers to their contemporary problems. They don't need fifteenth century answers, or nineteenth century clichés. They need to know what God is saying today about their problems, where they can find the solutions, and who will be able to help them. This requires the church to be entirely relevant to the current issues without diluting God's ageless solutions to man's problems.

The church image is very important in working with young people. Image is a result of action or lack of action in several areas. If your church has poor youth sponsors, no youth activities, little interest in young people, probably you have a poor image with youth. To build a good image, you should have masculine leadership as well as feminine. A couple or two couples should sponsor each youth group. Image is also dependent on several other factors that I will mention.

Young people are asking many questions. They are questioning things happening in our world. They should be asking questions about the church and our programs that affect them. Do you have any system by which you can listen to what your young people are saying? Can they speak without fear of parent reaction or someone playing detective to try to find out who said what? It would improve the image of the church if the youth could give specific suggestions and see some results from their legitimate questions. Provide a listening post and hear what your young people are saying. Learn from them; then exchange your thoughts to gain understanding. Let the learning be both ways.

Young people are more highly educated than ever before. This should not scare anyone but make us more eager to direct the minds of our youth into areas of service for Christ. Do you have a youth library with books by current authors? Are the young people aware that good books are available? These books must face the issues young people are talking about. They should be recently published books. The library should contain the contemporary translations of Scripture and books on Friends history and doctrine.

A LETTER TO FRIENDS YOUTH

Dear young person,

I am excited about having the opportunity to write this letter to you. I hope that you will feel the same way as you read it.

The last week in January, you are being honored in churches all across America during the observance of National Youth Week. For one week the attention of the church, the home, and the community is centered upon you. Isn't it great to be in the spotlight! However, one thing goes with fame—responsibility. Yes, that's right. Whenever there is recognition, there must be accomplishment.

You are standing before the church and being recognized as a young person. Do you know how great it is to be young? You have almost unlimited energies. You don't think any task is impossible. Optimism runs high.

What kind of a youth program do you have in your church? Your youth program should be continually changing, because the needs of young people are mobile. Your youth program should be flexible. Be willing to try new ideas. Success is usually achieved after several attempts that end in failure. Do not be afraid to try new programs, new projects, and new methods.

Here are ten goals any youth program should strive for: To help the youth—

1. Acquire a sense of identification with Christ and the church.
2. Acquire a working knowledge of the Bible.
3. Acquire a sense of purpose and meaning in his own life.
4. Acquire a sense of responsibility to his own generation.
5. Acquire a satisfying devotional life.
6. Acquire the ability to face and solve problems.
7. Acquire a set of standards based on Bible convictions.
8. Acquire a new appreciation for the Christian home—his home.
9. Acquire a growing understanding and acceptance of the older generation.
10. Fulfill his obligations to his own country and enjoy his heritage as a citizen.

Does your youth program seek to achieve these goals? The Friends Youth Board endorses the *Success With Youth* programs—Whirlybirds (grades 1-3), Jet Cadets (grades 4-6), Alpha-Teens (junior high), and Omegans (high school). These programs are centered around these goals. For further information about these programs, write the Friends Youth Board, 3216 West 29th, Topeka, Kansas 66614, or the Yearly Meeting Office, 2018 Maple, Wichita, Kansas 67213.

The most important key to a successful youth program is a motivated sponsor. The Friends Youth Board is currently developing a youth sponsor training program, which will be released this summer. This program will enable the sponsor to be better prepared to meet the needs of young people.

Invest in the training of your young people. They are your greatest asset. Make your investments count.

So your church looks to you because you represent the future of the church. Wow, it's a pretty big job.

Maybe you are asking, "What can I do to help my church?" Let me suggest some things. Make sure you are spiritually functioning. Be active in your relationship with God. Make sure you have applied God's forgiving power to every area of your life. Your spiritual life must have a careful balance maintained through the understanding of God's Word and the communication with God's Spirit.

If you haven't already done so, ask your pastor what you have to do to become an active member of the church. After the pastor recovers from the initial shock, you will be given some information. Work for your membership and make it mean something to you.

If you are an active member, ask to be placed on a church committee in which you

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WINTER QUARTER

The winter quarter opened with classes beginning on Tuesday, December 2. The 12-week term promises to be an exciting period with the completion of the new gymnasium and library buildings. Adding to the openings of these buildings will be the return of the defending KCAC champion Falcon basketball team and over 1,000 students eager to use these new facilities.

FINE ARTS

The 24th annual J. S. Bach Festival of Music was given on Sunday, December 7, by the Singing Quakers, soloists, and Friends University Community Orchestra. Soloists for the performance included the Friends University Faculty Quartet, Ann Marie Obressa, Vivian Fleming, James Miller, and Leslie Meadow. Guest soloist was Robert Johnson from Chicago.

SERVICE

Sharon Rose, a 1969 Friends University graduate from Haviland, Kansas, is serving as a recreational worker with the Red Cross in Vietnam. As one of 110 other Red Cross girls in Vietnam, Sharon travels by helicopter, Jeep, and on foot to visit troops in outlying areas.

SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

Ten new members were elected to serve for three years on the Friends University Board of Directors at the first annual meeting of the Friends University Shareholders November 18. Nominations were made by the Board of Directors and Kansas Yearly Meeting. These nominees were elected by the shareholders. This meeting was held in conjunction with a President's Dinner and guided tours of the campus. New board members elected were Conrad Cline, Friendswood, Texas; Maurice Jeffery, Burr Oak, Kansas; Glenn Mullen, Perry, Oklahoma; Milton Ross, Haviland, Kansas; Paul R. Brown, Dr. Ernest W. Crow, Floyd Devore, Carl W. Sebitts, Charles Q. Chandler, and W. Keith Parker, Wichita.

are interested. Before you go to your committee meeting, prepare a list of questions. Include: What does the committee do? Are we doing it? How can I help? Is there a better way? You make your own questions. Remember, you haven't come to criticize but to assist. Ask where you may be of service.

Pray for the Lord's guidance. Ask Him to help you make a meaningful contribution to His church. Now, with all of your energies and potentials, you may be given a task, like chief of the clean-up committee. Great! Do your very best at whatever job you have. As you accomplish one task, there will be other important things to be done.

Your church needs you. You are tomorrow's church. Why not be today's church? I have every confidence in you.

Wendell B. Barnett
President of Friends Youth

CHURCH CONCERNS

LAWRENCE

Eldon W. Cox, Pastor

The Lawrence Friends Church celebrated its one hundredth anniversary November 16.

Special features for the Sunday school hour included a junior choir and a puppet show.

Kenneth Brown, pastor 1956-1966, spoke

Burundi Prayer Corner



Evangelism: (NLFA) David Kellum, with a team of three pastors, has been visiting the churches in our area to check on and promote progress in the "New Life For All" program. Pray for a deepening of concern on the part of each Christian. Also, remember the four men as they continue in this work.

Classes are now being held in order to teach the handbook. Prayer cells are being held. This program needs much prayer if it succeeds.

Do you remember to pray daily for the mission workers? There are many whose lives give out influence each day. Therefore, remember them and pray earnestly for them.

PRAY

1. For medical aids at the hospital and dispensaries.
2. For the school directors who are under terrific pressures.
3. For the pastors and shepherds who look after their flocks.
4. For teachers who are Christians and trying to be an influence for good; for those who have left Christ's way and are not a good influence.
5. For the women teachers who hold classes for other women and girls throughout the area.
6. For the quarterly meeting superintendent, the clerks, and the elders. They *all* need your prayers as do all your missionaries.

PRAISE

1. For deliverances from serious damages. Little Beth Rawson is recovering from burns received when she spilled a bucket of hot water down her front while "helping" with the family wash.
2. For God's loving and watchful care over the George Thomas family, whose car was wrecked by a man ramming them at an intersection. The impact drove the car part way under an army truck in front. Someone was praying for us. Only stiff, sore necks were ours for a few days.

in the morning worship service. A basket dinner was provided at noon.

Only two former pastors of the 38 who had served the church were present: Kenneth Brown and Alfred Smith. Alfred had led in relocating the church in 1941, with the assistance of Arthur Commons, now 95 and oldest living member. The present pastor, Eldon W. Cox, spoke on "Challenge for the Future." Displays included record books, documents, pictures, and old Quaker relics. A booklet was written: "History of the Lawrence Friends Church," which may be obtained for \$1.25 from Eldon W. Cox, 1645 W. Terrace, Lawrence, Kansas 66044.

FRIENDSWOOD

Galen Hinshaw, Pastor

Dr. Raymond L. Cramer of Forest Falls, California, was evangelist for a revival series November 9 through 16.

The following have been welcomed into church membership: Phyllis Harlow, the Paul Hulse family, and the N. L. Payne family.

ALBA

William Patten, Pastor

Since our last correspondence, William Patten and wife have come to us as pastors. We appreciate them very much. Their Spirit-filled lives are a blessing to all. We are grateful for the work they are doing in the church and in the community.

Goldie Patterson has moved to Aurora, Missouri, for the winter to be with her son and family. We have missed her greatly. We will be so glad when she can be back with us again.

November 4, Ferne Cook brought slides of her visit to the mission field. She gave a review of her visit. Truly the Lord was with her. It was a blessing to those who were able to hear her.

A singspiration under the direction of Bob Dell, music chairman, is held the first Sunday night of each month. This is a time of spiritual uplift through devotions, testimonies, and special numbers.

A family fellowship and a Halloween party for the children and young people were held during the last week in October.

FWLER

Howard Sumner, Pastor

Members recently joining our church are Milo and Audrey Newman, Dan and Janell; Gay and Carol Zortman, Elaine, Anita, and Stanley; Ramona Zortman, Steve, Debra, and Duane.

Since the discontinuance of the Free Methodist Church northwest of Fowler a year ago, a group have been worshiping with us and have recently become affiliate members. They are Herbert and Gladys Zortman; Marvin and Marie Joy; Ed and Jueene Zortman, Edwina,

and Tim.

An appreciative audience attended the annual Music Night, October 26, when approximately 40 people presented an evening program of music. This event has come to be the highlight of the church musical year. Besides choir, vocal, and instrumental numbers, this year's program included a youth band, marimba music, readings, and the singing of "The Old Hundred Psalm Tune" by choir and congregation with trumpet accompaniment.

On Halloween night the young people had an all-night bake-in. Beginning after a football game and working hard until sunup, the group baked pies, cakes, cupcakes, cookies, doughnuts, bread, and sweet rolls to fill orders previously turned in by members of the congregation. The \$100 profit realized will be used to pay their Friends Youth budget and to make possible other church-related projects. Dan and Twila Frazier are sponsors of the group.

TEXAS CITY

Harold Selleck, Pastor

Attendance has increased in the Bible school and is running above 50.

The choir presented the Christmas cantata, "Carol of Christmas," by John W. Peterson.

The Bales Nursery at Friendswood gave some large palm trees to plant on the lawn in front of our church. This improves the landscaping.

The Friends Youth had two social occasions in October. One was a picnic at a horse show in the County Park. The other was a Halloween Costume Party in the Bessire home garage. The children had their Halloween costume party in the church classrooms.

PLAINS

Francis McKinney, Pastor

The Francis McKinney family has settled into the parsonage and life of our church with ease and graciousness. A surprise pound shower for them brought together a number of families to enjoy a social time and refreshments of homemade ice cream and cake.

Challenging emphasis on missions has marked quarterly meeting and other services in our church as Fred and Frances Walkeymeyer, Howard and Ethel Roberts, Rosa Mae Tabor, and Ferne Cook shared the impact of their Burundi visits with us.

Sgt. Edward Bond, son of the Vinton Bonds, is on a tour of duty in Vietnam.

WMU activities through late summer and into fall have included packing boxes for Friends Special School and Rough Rock Mission, three wedding showers, the annual bazaar and food sale, and the special Christmas meeting for which Leona Rush was hostess.

Our meeting furnished special music for the union service in the Christian Church on Thanksgiving Eve, with a solo by Sheila Ratzlaff. Jim Ratzlaff is basketball coach at Southwestern Heights High School, and we are appreciating his family in our services.

Our FY group makes use of the church library in preparing interesting lessons for their Sunday evening meetings. The adults have completed a study of *Beliefs That Matter Most* by W. T. Purkiser and have begun Andrew Murray's *With Christ in the School of Prayer*. Arthur White directs the intermediates in Bible studies, and Ruth Novinger is teacher for the children's Bible Story Hour.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES

O BENHAUS-WATTS. Joyce Obenhaus and W. Wayne Watts were united in marriage August 23, at the Friendswood Friends Church, Galen Hinshaw officiating.

SEYMOUR-BOND. The marriage of Barbara Seymour and Edward Bond was solemnized in the Plains Friends Church the evening of August 30, with Francis McKinney officiating and a reception in Fellowship.

BOND-HENDERSON. Lena Faye Bond and James A. Henderson of Oklahoma City exchanged wedding vows at Plains Friends Church the afternoon of October 25, with Francis McKinney ministering.

BIRTHS

ETIE—Matt Douglas, born to Jeff and Mary Etie of Friendswood, September 9, 1969.

DOLSON—Dwight David, born to Don and Lenora Dolson of Friendswood, September 19, 1969.

NEWBY—Vonda Marie, born to Max and Lucille Newby, October 1, at Fowler, Kansas. **WILLIS**—Robert Craig born to LeRoy and Anne (Peterson) Willis, August 17, Wichita, Kansas.

DELL—Christy Renee, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dell, September 9, Alba, Missouri.

LIVINGSTON—Danielle Collette (Dani) was born to Michael and Rosemary (Thomas) Livingston October 9 in Newberg, Oregon.

DEATHS

COWGER—Iola Wright Cowger, member of Friendswood Friends Church, died November 13, 1969. Service conducted November 15 by Galen Hinshaw.

POTTS—Ida Potts died November 25 at age 87. Services were held in the Friendswood Friends Church with Galen Hinshaw as minister.

KUNTZ—Anna Kuntz, 91, a long-time member of Plains Friends Church, who had made her home with her son James in Lubbock, Texas, died September 9. She was buried by the side of her husband John at Meade, Kans.

LITTLEFIELD—Rodney Lee Littlefield, 16, died suddenly from an apparent heart attack in his home in Plains, November 5. He was the youngest son of Frank and Erlene Littlefield. The memorial service was conducted by Robert Hutson and Francis McKinney, and interment was made in Liberal Cemetery.

ALFRED AND MAUDE SMITH

Alfred P. Smith, 69, a Friends minister, died November 20, 1969, from a heart attack, and his wife Maude, 63, died 17 days later, December 7, following surgery.

Alfred Perry Smith was born January 28, 1900, at Allen, Nebraska, the youngest of six sons of Amon E. and Alice May Chase Smith. He died at the age of 69 years at Wichita, Kansas.

Alfred received his early education in Nebraska and graduated from Nebraska Central College, Central City, in 1925. He later did graduate work at the University of Wichita and at Emporia State College.

On June 3, 1926, Alfred was married to Maude Newlon at Palmer, Nebraska, and to them were born two sons, Norval Duane and Gordon Leroy. Alfred was recorded by

Friends as a minister in June 1925, during sessions of Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

His pastorates included churches at Wales and Meridian, Iowa; Cherokee, Oklahoma; and Fowler, Barclay, and Lawrence, Kansas. He was pastor at Lawrence, Kansas, during the time of construction of the new church.

For many years he was a member of the Mission Board of Kansas Yearly Meeting and will also long be remembered by many Christian Endeavorers as their dean of summer camps. In 1944 he became field representative for Friends University and was appointed professor in the Education Department. He entered semiretirement in 1966. Since June 1962, he had pastored the United Church of Christ (Congregational) in Haven, Kansas.

Survivors include his sons, Norval of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Gordon of Wichita; two brothers, George, Melba, Idaho, and Clark, Tacoma, Washington; four grandsons, and many friends.

Almyra Maude Newlon was born August 16, 1906, at Palmer, Nebraska, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Almyra Peck Newlon. She died at the age of 63 years in Wichita.

Maude received her early education at Palmer and also attended Nebraska Central College in Central City. After teaching in a grade school at Archer, she was married to Alfred P. Smith. A Christian believer since she was ten, she was a member of University Friends, Wichita.

Survivors include her two sons and four grandsons; a sister, Ethel Newlon, Palmer, Nebraska; two brothers, Floyd and Leroy, Palmer, Nebraska; and many friends, including young men who roomed in the Smith home while attending Friends University.

IN MEMORY OF DAN AND GLADYS BELLINGER

Daniel F. Bellinger, 78, and his wife Gladys, 74, of Emporia, Kansas, and Myrtle A. Pinson, 75, of Olpe, Kansas, were killed in an auto accident November 23.

The Bellingers pastored the Twin Mound Friends Church south of Emporia and were returning from a Sunday night Thanksgiving service when the one-car accident took place. Miss Pinson was a passenger. Bellingers have pastored Friends churches in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. Both were recorded Friends ministers.

Dan Bellinger and Gladys May Hill were married May 1, 1912, in Haddam, Kansas. They are survived by one son, George, Coffeyville, Kansas; two daughters: Mrs. Durl (Pansy) Brooks, Wichita, Kansas, and Mrs. Paul H. (Valetta) Winchell, Calexico, California; 12 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Inez Chapell, Jamestown, Kansas, and Hattie Cox, Haddam, Kansas.

A memorial service for the Bellingers was held in Emporia, November 26, with Paul W. Barnett and Josiah Murphy officiating. Interment was in the Homestead Cemetery, Chase County, Kansas.

WHEN NEIGHBORS HAVE GONE

They were our neighbors, Dan and Gladys Bellinger—yes, resident with us in Emporia, and coworkers in the gospel ministry, and pastors with us in the same Quarterly Meet-

ing! We miss them so much since they have gone away, and the vacancy is only filled by the Lord's graciously giving us His consoling grace and definite Christian hope. For we know we will see them again, for they have simply preceded us to enter that gracious realm to which Jesus referred when He said: "I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2) We have a further need to fulfill our earthly tasks before the summons may come to us to view that heavenly entrance.

We appreciated our neighbors because they so dearly loved our Lord; they served Him very sacrificially; and they had spurned retirement to continue as needed in Christian work. They were always optimistic, always cheering us onward, always seeing the best traits in others, always looking ahead to God's further blessings! Both as ministers of the Gospel preached the message simply but effectively, and they were quite exceptional in personal work to win many to Christ. Accompanying them in their departure was Miss Myrtle Pinson, 75, a highly esteemed member of the Twin Mound Friends Church.

Not only do we thus remember our former neighbors in Christian service but also sympathetically remember a saddened family and a church that misses their pastors. But we "sorrow not . . . as others which have no hope." (1 Thessalonians 4:13) For ours is a great hope in Christ! But in the experiences that leave us in trial and testing, let us remember to pray one for another! "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." (2 Thessalonians 3:18) —Paul W. Barnett

IN LOVING MEMORY

Our entire Yearly Meeting has been saddened by the loss of two prominent ministers and their companions during the past few weeks.

Alfred Smith, long-time minister, pastor, and teacher at Friends University, passed away on November 20 from heart failure. His wife, Maude, faithful companion through the years, was taken in death just 17 days later. These friends will be greatly missed by all of us, but heaven has been made the richer by their homegoing. In this victory we rejoice.

The sudden loss of Dan and Gladys Bellinger, beloved pastors at Twin Mound Friends Church, along with Myrtle Pinson, a member of the Twin Mound church, has left a vacant place in the ranks of the faithful. The automobile accident that took their lives on that Sunday night, November 23, was a tragedy in our eyes but was the gateway for their translation to the eternal glories of God's home for them.

I want to express my personal sense of loss and my sympathy to the children of these two faithful couples, who were ministers of the Lord and of the church.

Loren Lutes, with his wife Vera, has accepted the invitation of the Twin Mound Friends to fill the pulpit until a regular pastor can be secured. This is a heartening demonstration of "layman involvement," for Loren is a dedicated young layman who is eager to serve the Lord through the challenge laid upon him by the church. He is a professor of science at the College of Emporia and also serves as editor of the *Quaker Layman*, a quarterly for the Men's Fellowship of our church.

—Dean Gregory

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

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Fresh Start

BY MARION MENDENHALL

New things are thrilling to have! New clothes, new books, new dishes, new furniture—they all give us a lift and a determination to take such good care of them that they will stay new. New friends, new ideas, and new opportunities are just as welcome in our sometimes stuck-in-a-rut existence.

With similar anticipation we greet the new year. Unsoiled by the mistakes of 1969, 1970, the beginning of a new decade, may provide the fresh start we have been needing. Perhaps the world situation will improve, some of our national problems be solved, and our dispositions, home lives, and relations within schools, churches, and jobs be significantly altered.

Many worthwhile resolutions have come of such hopeful beginnings of new years. But somehow not all of our resolutions are always put into action, and new years do not necessarily provide fresh starts. Before the year is past we are often disappointed to recognize in this year a rerun of last year's patterns of failure. We may be tempted to admit defeat, conceding that there was, after all, nothing "magical" about January first and the good intentions that went with it. We find ourselves the same people we were last year, with the habits we have been reinforcing since childhood very difficult to break.

Any of us caught in the cycle of unfulfilled resolutions need to take a serious look at: first, the sincerity of our intentions; second, Christ's answer to our problem; and third, our own responsibility in the solution.

Anyone who really wants a fresh start will sooner or later come to the answer described in 2 Corinthians 5:17-19: "When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same any more. A new life has begun! All these new things are from God who brought us back to Himself through what Christ Jesus did . . . For God was in Christ, restoring the world to Himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out." (*Living Letters*—the Paraphrased Epistles by Kenneth Taylor.)

A new dimension enters our lives when we realize how far we have been separated from God and at what price Jesus Christ has won for us the privilege of being children of His

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From the Superintendent



A NEW BREEZE FOR 1970—A VICTORIOUS CHURCH

1. A new spirit of optimism issuing in larger planning for church growth.
2. New members bring to the church fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and energetic drive.
3. A new consciousness of the world and its deep needs, resulting in deeper concern.
4. Capture our new opportunities for church growth at home and on the mission field.
5. A warmer-hearted fellowship, dealing with problems in the spirit of Christian love.
6. Businessmen willing to give time, thought, material resource to the work of the church.
7. Less time spent on conserving the accomplishments of the past and more on thought and outreach.
8. Larger lay responsibility and participation in the total work of the church.
9. More attention to the growth and development of the local church program.
10. A continuing deep sense of our dependence on the grace of God and the empowering of the Holy Spirit to make the Gospel relevant in our day.

PERSONAL ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 30, I drove to Mankato, Kansas, through snow and very adverse weather. I spent the night in the home of my mother.

Saturday, November 1, found me in Omaha for the sessions of Springbank Quarterly Meeting. Though the new church building is not finished, it was a thrill to meet in it. The interest and fellowship was strengthening. The Omaha people are laboring diligently on the building and endeavoring to reach new souls for Christ.

Sunday, November 2, I visited the Springbank Meeting, ministering in the morning service and sharing the departmental slides (Our Yearly Meeting Program) in the evening service. This group carries real concern for our total ministry.

Monday evening, November 3, I shared my Holy Land slides with the Friends Church at Northbranch, Kansas. It was good to fellowship with this group again.

November 9-16, I conducted evangelistic services in the Friends Church at Booker, Texas. God was faithful to bless, and many wonderful victories were witnessed.

Our Midyear Board Meetings were held in the Colorado Springs Church November 18-19. The attendance was good, and a real sense of unity and deep concern was evident as plans were discussed and made for our ministries of the church year 1970-71.

Friday evening, it was our privilege to attend the Missions Banquet at Pueblo, where I shared some slides featuring the work at Rough Rock Mission. This was a time of blessing and challenge.

Sunday morning, November 23, we visited the church at Ft. Collins, Colorado. The attendance was good and a spirit of enthusiasm was evident. Floyd Penna, pastor, is laboring diligently. He is worthy of your support.

Sunday evening, November 23, it was our privilege to attend a Missions Banquet sponsored by First Denver Friends Church. I was asked to serve as toastmaster. Clifton Robinson of Christian Leadership International was the guest speaker. This was an evening of good food, fellowship, fun and one that left a real challenge.

Wednesday evening, November 26, I spoke in a Thanksgiving service in the Colorado Springs Friends Church. We spent Thanksgiving Day with Ruth's brother, Wilbur Overman, and friends at Sedalia, Colorado.

May the New Year challenge you to be a better prayer warrior, a more faithful witness, and a most diligent steward (financially) for Christ.

Prayerfully yours, Merle A. Roe

Father. There comes a wonderful unshackling and release of personality as we claim the assurance that "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:12)

The first step in our heavenward direction

in life is turning from our sins and leaving them and our guilt with Jesus Christ, who has given His all to do away with them. But then come the second and third steps and the many miles of purposeful travel between now and eternity. So just as each of us begins by help-

lessly turning to Christ needing forgiveness and help, we must continually turn toward Him for *renewal* of our new life, which exists only in Him.

Christ has a plan for transforming lives. It is a simple plan, yet an all-demanding plan, and the only plan that will work. Christ has left us His Spirit to guide us, comfort us, and give us the power we need to follow Him. In John 14:16-20 is Christ's promise: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."

Christ within! This is what caused the amazing changes we can trace in the disciples' lives after Pentecost. And as we read of outstanding Christians through the years, we discover that this transformation of the Spirit can be had by anyone! This is the truth the Quakers discovered and expressed as the Light within. The Light is Christ's Spirit, the active power of our new lives, the master that we are to obey. It is more than conscience. The conscience may be seared until it is no more a reliable guide. But the Light is independent from ourselves; it is the Truth that judges, condemns, or confirms what is in man's life.

The greatest New Year's resolution we could ever make is to make a commitment to seek and obey the leading of the Spirit of God now and in all the succeeding "nows" of the New Year. We must live each moment realizing that the present is all we will ever have. The Spirit, the Light of Christ, can do for us what resolve can never accomplish. First and most important will be a revision of our total reaction to the world. We will see people, events, and ideas through a new set of eyes, through a heart full of love that seeks for opportunities for Christ-like service.

Second will be the specific whisperings that will lead us more and more toward Christian character . . . "This is the way, walk ye in it." . . . "This is the wrong thing to do," . . . "Your voice is too loud," . . . "That laughter was not right," . . . "Your motive in saying that was wrong."

What is our responsibility in the process of growth during the New Year? There is a certain amount of discipline necessary, but our determinations are not of ourselves alone but responses to God. He is the initiator, drawing us to Himself, forgiving us, cleansing us, and giving us His Light and the power to walk in it. Our part is to seek His leading, listen for His voice, and obey. This only we can do for ourselves, but the work in us can only be done by a heavenly power. Wonderful adventures of the spirit may await us this New Year as we pledge ourselves anew to be twentieth-century "Children of Light."

**INVEST IN BONDS
FOR
OMAHA FRIENDS CHURCH**

ROCKY VIEW QUARTERLY MEETING

Rocky View Quarterly Meeting met at First Denver Friends Church November 8, 1969. We felt very fortunate in having Keith and Elizabeth Ellis and their two sons, David and Gary, with us. Keith had charge of the prayer and praise service, reading 2 Kings 4:1-7, and 1 John 5:15.

Phil Smith gave a workshop for youth at 10:15 a.m., describing material to be used by primary, juniors, junior high, and seniors.

Worship hour was at 11 a.m., with Lloyd Hinshaw giving the message on simple ministry of the Gospel, Matthew 5:13-16 and Matthew 20:26-28. We are not in the post-Christian era, as some think. The Early Church did not have all the advantages we have, but they went everywhere preaching the Gospel.

At 1 p.m. Keith and Elizabeth Ellis had the service, reporting on their work at Rough Rock Mission. Three days a week are spent visiting hogans. God is surely working. Amos Redhair can neither read nor write, yet he can preach seven sermons a day, all different, and can give Scripture that blends together to fit each message. Mormons are visiting through the territory but so far have been refused the right to set up a mission.

Friends women met at 2 p.m., and Quaker Men met at the same time. Business meeting was at 2:30 p.m. —*Ethel McCarty, reporter*

NEWS FROM ROUGH ROCK

Camp Visitation

As I leave the mission this morning, the sun is shining brightly. What a beautiful winter day it is! The road up the mountain is better than usual, so this makes the ride even more enjoyable. My first stop is at Amos Redhair's place. I go in and we have prayer together before Amos and I leave to visit camps. We have our first service in a small, one-room cabin about six miles northwest of Amos' place. An elderly woman and two children are at home. She had asked about some clothes when Daddy and Amos had a service with her a few weeks ago, so I brought a box of used clothing for her. She seems very grateful for them. She is hard of hearing, so as Amos begins to preach he slides his stool close and speaks very loud. He uses as his text, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." (1 Peter 3:18) There is no question about the interest this woman shows for the Gospel as she leans close and nods her head in consent. I wonder as we leave if this woman isn't almost persuaded. The next service is in a dirt-floor hogan with a mother and two small children. This woman does not

FRIENDLY LINES

LA JUNTA HEIGHTS FRIENDS

La Junta, Colorado

Kenneth and Kitty Storey, pastors

Kent Piil and his wife Norma have gone to Sweden to visit his parents.

We are glad to have Elva Stout back home again. She had been in the hospital at Wheeler, Oregon; then took some further treatments in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffers from Butler, Indiana, were recent visitors in our services. They are members of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends. We appreciated their presence in our midst.

—*Mable Tyler, reporter*

ORDWAY FRIENDS, Ordway, Colorado

Alice Kidd, pastor

Mrs. Minnie Cline was hospitalized for 12 days in August. She became ill suddenly during morning worship on August 3. She is slowly improving and is faithful in attendance at all services. She is nearing age 81.

Lois Henderson underwent surgery in October.

seem as eager but is very attentive as Amos preaches.

The next home where we stop there is no one home. This seems to be a growing problem with the coming of more pickups. One is left to herd the sheep and the rest leave for the day. Our next stop is Mary Begays'. She accepted Christ about a month ago when Daddy and Amos held a service there. We sing "Close to Thee" in Navajo, then he preaches using Scripture to encourage her in her new-found faith in Christ. After he is finished, they visit awhile and I sense she has been having quite a struggle. You wish somehow you could erase the language barrier that you might understand and be able to help in a better way.

We have one more service with Amos' mother and sister-in-law before heading home. We load up a load of wood in preparation for the winter session of Adult Bible School and then hurry home as tonight are Bible classes at the Demonstration School. Three days a week are spent in this type of visitation. Please pray with us that this will be effective in reaching souls for the Master. —*Keith Ellis*

COMING EVENTS

- 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

Mrs. Alice Kidd and Gary visited with the McCullough family in Indianapolis, Indiana, and the Clifford Miller family of Noblesville, Indiana, the week of September 8.

Mrs. Lois McCullough returned to Ordway on October 4. She taught a series of lessons on the Tabernacle, October 20-27, for us. We had two definite renewals, with other adults and children receiving special help.

—Alice Kidd, reporter

PUEBLO FIRST FRIENDS

Pueblo, Colorado

Joe and Dorothea Hodges, pastors

We now have Joe and Dorothea Hodges as our pastors, Wendell and Ann Wilson having gone to be the youth directors in Iowa. It was just 25 years ago that Joe and Dorothea went from this church into their first pastorate.

On the 21st of November, the church had a Missionary Banquet, the purpose being to raise money for our missionary budget. This was fairly well-attended. As speakers, we had Mary Gafford, missionary from Rough Rock, and Merle Roe, who showed slides of the work on the Rough Rock Mission with the Navajo Indians.

Helen Byerly has been in the hospital, following surgery and pneumonia. She is improving, but has been quite ill.

On the 30th of November, Merle Roe spoke in our morning worship service, and an altar service followed. We were very glad to have our Yearly Meeting superintendent with us.

—Catherine Dykstra, reporter

WIGGINS FRIENDS, Wiggins, Colorado

Joseph and Erma Henshaw, pastors

We are pleased that attendance is increasing and new families are showing active interest.

Thirty attended the Thanksgiving supper at the church Sunday evening, November 23. Following the meal and special music, our pastor led us in a discussion on "Worshipping with Your Children."

Plans are to paint the church and parsonage on December 6 by Friends from Rocky View Quarterly Meeting.

Bill Davidson from NASA, a member of First Denver Friends Church, showed films on Apollo 8 and 11 at the Wiggins Friends Church on December 7 at 7 p.m.

A Good News Club is being started in the George Nelson home by Kathy Hickman, one of our active teen-agers.

—Virginia Jones, reporter

HARMONY FRIENDS

Wessington Springs, South Dakota

D. Robert Short, pastor

Rev. Harvey Taylor accompanied our pastor to Harmony Friends on Sunday morning, November 9, and brought the message during the worship hour. Harvey Taylor is an evangelist.

Harmony Friends is making a special contribution to the World Relief Commission by way of a Thanksgiving offering.

—Ed Helm, reporter

COLORADO SPRINGS FIRST FRIENDS

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Lloyd and Doris Hinshaw, pastors

On November 9, Geraldine Custer spoke to us of her African work at both morning and evening services. The following Tuesday, at the Thanksgiving missionary banquet,

Gerry gave many insights into her daily life as a missionary nurse in Burundi, Africa. Besides the regular offering, a love offering was taken and given to Gerry.

As is our custom, a packed basket of foods was given to a needy family at Thanksgiving.

Our pastor is giving us challenging sermons from the book of Acts.

A major project in November was the gathering together of gift items for the Christmas at Rough Rock.

The Christmas Bazaar undertaken by the missionary ladies required much time and effort in preparing and bringing in all kinds of handmade items, linens, ceramics, stuffed toys, nut and fruit breads, cookies, candies, etc., to make this project a success.

T. Clio Brown, former Yearly Meeting superintendent, was a recent visitor.

In the midst of the Sunday school hour on November 23, Col. and Mrs. Glen Philips were notified that their home was afire. Much damage was done, but all the family were spared.

We sympathize with Ernest and Bula Allison in the drowning of Bula's brother, Dean Cooper of Post, Texas.

Everett Petersen is a patient at the VA hospital at Ft. Lyons, Colorado.

The youth groups were in charge of the evening service on November 30. These groups are the junior and senior high young people. Their sponsors are Fred and Shirley Davison and Darryl and Eleanor Harrison.

The junior choir, directed by Neva Robins, gave several good numbers at the morning service on November 24. We appreciate our good choirs.

—Ruth Royston, reporter

PLAINVIEW FRIENDS

Plainview, Nebraska

C. Earle and Esther Turner, pastors

After prayer meeting one evening, all gathered in the church dining room for a surprise food shower for our pastors. Several poems were read and a social hour enjoyed.

Friends Club met at the parsonage, and the men set up the stakes for the Nativity Scene while the ladies made decorations for the banquet.

Missionary Union met with Eula Gould for their study meeting. An offering was sent to Rough Rock to help with their Christmas.

Our annual Thanksgiving Mission Banquet was very nice and well-attended. Information was given and slides shown about our mission at Rough Rock. An offering of \$85.36 was received for Rough Rock Friends Mission.

Plainview Friends joined with the other Plainview churches for a Thanksgiving service held in the school auditorium on Sunday evening.

—Eula Gould, reporter

BEAVER PARK FRIENDS

Penrose, Colorado

Phil and Iris Smith, pastors

At the close of the Sunday morning service October 19, a birthday dinner was served in the church basement, honoring Emma Sharp.

Increased attendance has been seen in our Sunday evening "Coffee Hour Discussion Time." A new youth program for junior, junior high, and senior high has been started at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walt, Jim Serfoss, and Fannie Gafford are the sponsors.

Phil Smith and a carload of youth from our

church attended the youth party at Denver Friends November 7.

A Thanksgiving Banquet was held in the fellowship hall November 16. More than 50 were present for the supper and program. The program included singing, a talk about the Rough Rock Mission by Mary Gafford, a film, *Giving Thanks Always*, and a Christmas offering for the Rough Rock missionary staff.

November 20, the WMU met in the parsonage. Ladies of the church brought homemade cookies to pack for the Rough Rock Christmas.

—Iris Smith, reporter

CHIVINGTON FRIENDS

Chivington, Colorado

Homer and Esther Carpenter, pastors

On October 26, Norval S. King of Lamar presented the work of the organization known as Gideons.

Women's Missionary Society met in Pat Garrison's home November 18. Christmas boxes were filled to be sent to servicemen and college youth of our church and community. Five members were present.

Recent guests of our church were Leo King of the U.S. Army, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; Mrs. Grace Hammer, Denver, Colorado; Roy Sheesley, Buena Vista, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Moyer and Zyanna, Ulysses, Kansas; Mrs. John Fankhauser, Sherwood, Oregon; Frank Terrel, Ft. Collins, Colorado; Cyrus E. Littlefield, Tigard, Oregon; Fred Littlefield, Newberg, Oregon.

The Adult Study Group, which meets during the Youth Hour Sunday evenings, finished the book, *Family Living*, by Clyde Narramore.

The ladies of the church met and named a committee to select patterns and material for choir robes for the church children. We feel this will be a pleasant addition to the church.

Our pastor delivered the message at the annual Community Thanksgiving service held Wednesday, November 26, in the First Christian Church in Eads, Colorado. Several from this community participated in the annual community cantata presented at the Methodist church in Eads December 14.

The Friends Youth sponsored an all-church Halloween party. The adults served as spooks in various capacities in the "spook house," and a moonlight hike was enjoyed by everyone. After the hike, doughnuts and hot chocolate were served around a bonfire to 36 people.

Marki Bowen and Bruce Carpenter were home from college over the Thanksgiving holiday. Carl Norton was a guest in our morning services Sunday, November 30. It's always a pleasure to have him.

A community sing, featuring gospel songs, was held for two hours at the Assembly of God Church in Eads Friday night, November 28. Quartets, trios, and special music from area churches were presented.

—Lauretta Brown, reporter

LAS ANIMAS FRIENDS

Las Animas, Colorado

Dwain and Barbara Ellis, pastors

After much planning and anticipation, Clarence and Pearl Nelson realized a desire of long standing when they were able to visit the Mission at Rough Rock. They left Friday, November 7, with their camper pickup loaded with Christmas gifts and other items from

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various monthly meetings and arrived at the Mission on Saturday, November 8.

Pearl reported on their trip and the visit to the Mission in our Sunday morning service, November 16. She was very thrilled that she was able to be of service while there by being pianist for the church service at the Mission.

Since Clarence was able through unusual circumstances to retire from his government employment at an earlier age than most, they feel that the Lord has a place for them to serve, and they are waiting for the doors to open into whatever service He has for them. Clarence has worked in building maintenance and mechanical work, and Pearl is a secretary.

The Monthly Meeting agreed to declare the week of November 17 through November 23 as youth recognition week. Each service was planned for the youth, and an enchilada supper was served on Sunday evening, November 17, to kick off the week. On Sunday evening, November 23, the youth had charge of the evening services.

Barbara Ellis brought a timely message from the book of Romans on "How To Be a Christian Without Being Religious." She was assisted with a flip chart made by Ray Kersey. We certainly appreciated his talent and all the work that both Ray and Barbara put into this very meaningful message.

The losing tribes of our recent Sunday school contest hosted a feast to honor the winning Cheyenne tribe. The winners all agree that though the losing tribes may have lost the Sunday school "On the Hunt" contest, they were winners as far as cooking and serving was concerned. The evening of fun and fellowship was brought to a close with a slave auction. Members of the youth group and others were auctioned to raise money for a much needed film projector. Clyde Albertson served as the successful auctioneer.

Larry Huddleston, our assistant Sunday school superintendent, played one of the leading roles in the Las Animas High School's Senior Class play. Larry enjoys acting and everyone appreciated his talent.

We appreciated the fine offering our church gave for the World Relief Commission.

Marjorie Albertson recently served as mistress of ceremonies for the Jane Jefferson dinner held to honor Lieutenant Governor Mark Hogan.

We can rejoice in God's love, His strength, and His forgiveness. We do not understand fully a love as great as our heavenly Father's, but we can know that it is the accepting rather than the understanding that brings the rejoicing and thanksgiving. It is with the faithful of the ages, we are able to say with all our hearts, Thanks be to God, our precious heavenly Father. —Leona Langdon, reporter

GRAND JUNCTION FRIENDS

Grand Junction, Colorado
Olen and Martha Ellis, pastors

November 6, 18 ladies and four children partook of the delicious dinner that opened the Western Slope Missionary Conference of Friends. The program theme was "Home Missions." Women of the Grand Junction Meeting brought different facets of the work. The Paonia group had a special in song, the Grand Junction group an accordion trio.

Thirty-two persons enjoyed the Sunday School Appreciation Banquet at Hurt's Cafe November 10.

The Omega Teens shared a film, *Of Book and Sloths*, at the evening worship service November 16. This was an interesting and informative film.

At 4:00 in the afternoon on November 23, 35 people met in the Fellowship Hall at a reception to bid Clifford and Maude Smith bon voyage before they left for their new home in Caldwell, Idaho.

Raymond Drewry again furnished the turkey for the Thanksgiving dinner held at the church each year.

The Community Thanksgiving Service was held in the American Lutheran Church at 7:30 Wednesday evening, November 26.

November 1, the young married people had a Halloween party at the Neal Rusco's.

The teens of the church enjoyed a version of a progressive dinner November 21. First they went to a grocery store and got snacks, then went to the home of Mike Severe for salad, then to the Top Hat Drive-In for Cokes. From there they went to the Walter Green home for the main course, then to the Pinocchio Drive-In for ice cream. After this meal, they returned to the church for devotions and made plans for an overnight bake-in. The young people from the Wesleyan Church will join them at the bake-in to help make the rolls, cake, pie, and candy.

—Helen E. Carpenter, reporter

SOUTH FORK FRIENDS

Near St. Francis, Kansas
William Leach, pastor

Rev. Lyle Case recently presented pictures and reviewed their trip to the Holy Land and areas where the Apostle Paul ministered. Reverend Case is a Methodist minister in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He is a brother of Ruby Holliman.

We were privileged to travel around the world on a missionary tour with David Leach as he told of his trip and work, illustrating it with colored slides. At the same meeting, we also viewed the NASA film of Apollo 11 lift off, courtesy of Bill Davidson who accompanied David Leach from Denver.

Our fall has been blessed with much moisture, an early heavy snow with recurring snows and rains, which has made crop harvest very slow. We missed two Sunday church meetings due to heavy road conditions.

Some of our recent church visitors included Lester Leach of California; Carol Hawkins of Denver, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Klotz of Alaska; and the Neil Dorsch's of Colorado.

Sunday, November 9, our pastor and the Bird City Methodist pastor exchanged pulpits; hence we had Reverend Zook as minister that day.

We who attended the October Quarterly Meeting at Benkelman enjoyed the inspirational services, especially the Yearly Meeting superintendent's messages. Pleasant Valley will host the January Quarterly Meeting.

The annual church dinner and auction were held November 25.

Neil Dorsch of Flagler, Colorado, recently gave us a review of the Baptist mission work in Haiti, where he and his family worked three months this year. Neil helped engineer the building of a water canal so the mission could develop an electricity project. Neil is Evelyn Harvey's brother.

—Ruby Holliman, reporter

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

AUGUST BIRTHS:

COSEL—Born to Larry and Sharon Cossel of the First Pueblo Friends Church, a daughter, Niki Dean.

KOCH—A daughter, Shrada Lynette, was born to Roy and Glenda Koch of the First Pueblo Friends Church.

BROYLES—Born to Diane and Gary Broyles of First Pueblo Friends Church, a daughter, Cheryl Ann.

MARRIAGES

TOWNE-WRIGHT. Beth Ann Towne and Orville Gene Wright, both of Pueblo, Colorado, were united in marriage on August 29, 1969, in the First Friends Church of Pueblo, Colorado. Wendell Wilson performed the ceremony. The couple will reside in Wichita, Kansas, where Orville is a student at Friends University.



Mr. and Mrs. Orville G. Wright

DEATHS

CASE—Mildred Case, wife of Rufus Case, and a member of the First Friends Church of Pueblo, passed away October 31, 1969.

MEACHAM—Jessie Meacham, wife of the late James Meacham, and a member of the First Friends Church of Pueblo, passed away November 10, 1969.

HOBSON—Lucien M. Hobson, age 87, passed away May 9, 1969, at the hospital in Hugo, Colorado. Burial was in Valleyview Cemetery at Ordway. His wife preceded him in death. He leaves four sons and three daughters. He was a charter member of Ordway Friends Church and a former member of the Sand Arroya Meeting, which was laid down several years ago.

SHADE—Funeral services were conducted on October 25, 1969, for Steve Shade, who was killed in Vietnam, at the Beaver Park Friends Church, Penrose, Colorado.

GARLEFF—C. Earle Turner officiated at the funeral for John Garleff, 81 years old, who died November 23. He had previously attended Plainview Friends Church, Plainview, Nebraska.

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WORK AMONG THE WINNABLE

Greetings from 700 new Christians in Peru, 7,000 Friends in Bolivia. In its 40th anniversary year as a Friends Mission in Bolivia, Oregon Yearly Meeting is grateful to God for a continuing, expanding, impressive ministry of the Gospel. These figures are not impressive when compared to the enormous numbers yet to be reached but are tangible evidence of significant progress.

In the visit just concluded by our general superintendent, Jack Willcuts, and the Mission Board president, Gerald Dillon, along with Mission Board member, Harley Adams (making the trip at his own expense), a current and comprehensive view of developments and opportunities was possible. A review of action and impressions of the visit are outlined:

1. Several days of serious study and discussions were held with the five couples now on the two fields: Quentin and Florene Nordyke and Edwin and Marie Cammack in Peru; David and Florence Thomas, Eugene and Betty Comfort, and Ronald and Carolyn Stansell of Bolivia. It is found there is no substitute for these periodic planning sessions allowing time for spiritual renewal and fellowship, for in-depth discussion of subjects ranging from personnel needs and missionary family life to mission-national church relationships.

2. The developments of nine years in Peru were reviewed, with tapes and letters included in these sessions from various former missionaries involved. A written memorandum delineating doctrinal position, the purposes of the Friends Church in Peru, guidelines for growth and organizational planning, along with a general assessment of needs and goals was prepared. All of these were mutually discussed with Peruvian Friends. One statement

of this memorandum (which in Spanish will become a fundamental part of a future national church incorporation) simply states:

"The Board of Missions of Oregon Yearly Meeting in the United States, with deep gratitude to God, recognizes a new Friends church has been born in the Republic of Peru. Surely this new church has come about because of the prayers of faithful Christians; it is the fruit of missionary work. Upon hearing of this, the Oregon Yearly Meeting has sent officials to visit Peruvian Friends to become better acquainted and to encourage them in any way possible.

"Oregon Friends have every confidence in the power and direction of the Holy Spirit, who is able to guide and strengthen the National Friends Church of Peru . . ."

While most of the official documents prepared were largely a recording of what is taking place, assembling it in written form with detailed relationship arrangements stated

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Our Peruvian mission staff (the Nordykes and Cammacks) and visitors taken at the front door of the Cammack home, Juli, Peru. Photo at right is the Peruvian National Friends Church Executive Committee (l. to r.): Alejandro Benito, sec. of evangelism; Jacinto Benito, treasurer; Isidro Olivera, vice-pres. and pastor of the Juli Friends Church; Eustacio Benito, pres.; Ramon Mamani, sec. of Bible education.



I Did My Thing For Christ

BY GWEN MCCONNAUGHEY

Young adults of the world are searching for ways in which they can "find themselves" and do what is personally satisfying. The colloquial phrase is "everyone has their thing to do," and the list of "things" consists of everything from eating sunflower seeds to mountain climbing; from hitchhiking across the United States to sitting on a flagpole; from joining a street gang to joining a love-in. My "thing" happens to be helping people, and this past summer I had a fantastic opportunity to do so through the Youth Ambassador Program of Oregon Yearly Meeting.

Last spring I was quite concerned about what the summer held for me. After learning about the Youth Ambassador Program, I felt God was presenting me with a wonderful way to help someone else. I applied, was accepted, and then the excitement began. After much prayer, I was assigned to the Svensen Friends Church near Astoria, Oregon. For the first time in my life, I began to learn how to truly live by faith in Jesus, for as I left for Svensen I still did not know where I would be living for the summer. But God provided three wonderful homes in which I was to live before the summer was over.

The first Sunday was hard, I admit. I didn't know anyone or know what was expected of

Gwen McConnaughey was one of nine Youth Ambassadors who served last summer among the churches of Oregon Yearly Meeting. Arrangements are now being made for another group to serve next summer. Kent Thornburg, 1651 N.W. King's Blvd., Corvallis, Oregon 97330, will again serve as chairman of the Youth Ambassador program for the summer. Pastors and churches along with young people interested in participating in the Youth Ambassador ministry should contact him soon. Each church will be required to have a Youth Ambassador Committee prepared to direct the work this year. Names of young people eligible to serve should be submitted also, whether or not they are students at George Fox College.
—J.L.W.

me. Everyone was helpful and friendly so that I soon felt very much at home. The afternoon was spent with the Youth Ambassador Committee and the pastor—there I learned what I would be doing for the church for a summer. What was even more important was what the church would do for me.

My mind was filled with a mountain of
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You've Gotta Be Kidding

After all, there's a limit. This church is doing more than its share as it is. Had trouble meeting last year's commitment to missions. And what about the rising cost of living? Tax increases? Uncertain conditions? Kids going to college and all that?

Me? Sure. I'm in as deep as anybody. I'm on the church board. Tithe. Always here in my pew on Sunday. My wife is chairman of the Women's Missionary Union. And we've got a cousin who runs a literature ministry in the Caribbean. Not bragging or anything like that. We spent two weeks with him down on his island last summer. In a hotel. On the beach. Got a good tan.

You know, our oldest boy used to say he'd like to be a missionary. But he's decided to go into social work, in this country instead. Same thing, I guess. Lots of people here need help.

Missionary conference? Well, we've had to let it slide in recent years. Too bad. It used to be the big event around here. But the people are busy. Interest isn't what it once was. Anyway, missionaries are dull speakers. Some of them, I mean.

Yeah. I guess you'd say our church life is adequate. Nothing exciting. Good sermons from the pastor. Real fundamental. Plenty to do. Lots of appeals for money. But a lot of people seem to feel there isn't much reason for it all. Know what I mean?

And say, did my wife tell you? We're moving into our new home next week. Half-acre lot. Four bedrooms. All the latest gadgets. Needed a bigger garage anyway since we stepped up to a larger car and got the boat and trailer. There wasn't any room for our boy's convertible.

Hope you'll come back to see us again the next time you're in town. (Reprinted from *Horizons* magazine, written by Tom Watson.)

It doesn't make sense right now to report we need four *additional* missionary families in Peru and Bolivia, what with our United Budget lagging. But we do. And I am one who believes if God has His way, Oregon Yearly Meeting will furnish them and send them.

—Jack L. Willcuts

WORK AMONG THE WINNABLE

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and signed by both Peruvian and Oregon Friends, another milestone was reached. Three specific goals are mutually agreed upon: a. Evangelism both within the existing communities where meetings are held and a penetration of vast new areas; b. The training of Christian leaders called of God to serve, making use of Bible schools through "extension classes" and other means; c. To build through organization and nurture the Christian church in Peru. Other ministries and activities such as literacy and literature, medicine and agriculture, education and economic assistance will all be attempted only as they contribute to these three objectives.

3. Another action taken while the visitors were on the fields was an in-depth study of the need for additional training for national leaders and pastors. While the Patmos Bible School will continue under national directors and teachers (with missionary instructors also), there is an obvious need and urgent plea from several younger men and pastors of the Bolivian church for seminary or graduate level instruction. In view of the inadequate training opportunities these men here had, several of whom are effective pastors of the more than 100 congregations, it is believed our Board of Missions must plan for additional assistance in this field. This relates both to missionary personnel and preparation.

4. One development formalized during the visit was the implementation of a concern by some younger couples of the Bolivian Friends Church to present themselves for foreign mission service. Recognizing the hand of God in this and noting, too, the new dimension

of maturity as a church such action implies, a recommendation was mutually agreed upon by the Bolivian Friends Executive Committee, the Board of Missions of Oregon Yearly Meeting, and the missionary staff to set up a National Mission Board. The first Bolivian Friends missionaries may be sent to Peru. It must be remembered that these are two *entirely* separate fields. No real connection exists between the two other than a language similarity.

While many other matters were considered, some of which will become known later, these were some of the highlights of the journey. Certain problems were solved, under the Lord's help, which had arisen within the Bolivian National Church.

We return from this visit encouraged by the progress and challenged with the opportunities. It is now our goal to have five missionary couples designated for Peru and four for Bolivia. With the furlough rotation this will mean seven couples on the field all of the time. This represents a substantial increase in both budget and personnel.

In his books and lectures, Dr. Donald McGavran, the missionary church growth leader, makes frequent reference to "working with the winnable." Surely God has placed Oregon Yearly Meeting among just such a people. For centuries without opportunity, for many years without response, Aymaraland is now experiencing a surge of interest in the Gospel. This is our field of missionary work. How will we respond? While church growth is just beginning in the Northwest, it is at high tide in South America.

—Jack L. Willcuts

LOVE OFFERING FOR BOLIVIAN FRIENDS TABERNACLE

The Bolivian Friends Church is constructing a huge auditorium capable of seating 5,000 to be used for Yearly Meeting and other conferences in La Paz, Bolivia. Bolivian Friends have raised already more than \$2,000 (U.S.) for this purpose but lack another \$2,500. The team recently visiting the field is hoping a love offering from Oregon Yearly Meeting churches may be taken for this purpose. Matching the sacrifices of so many Bolivian Friends, such a gift will be of immeasurable value to the ministry of the Gospel. This expression of goodwill and love will be of great encouragement to Bolivian Friends as well and entirely consistent with past assistance efforts, which have been so helpful.

Each church in a missionary service, conference, or otherwise is urged to participate in this effort. Contributions for this purpose should be designated "Tabernacle Offering," and sent to P.O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132. It is hoped this can be done before Easter.

GFC MISSIONS CONFERENCE 1970

The George Fox College Student Christian Union is sponsoring the fourth annual missions conference to be held February 1-4, 1970. Dr. Wesley Duwel, president of Oriental Missionary Society, will be the main speaker under the conference theme: "Pass It On."

Distinctive characteristics of the conference include over 20 different representatives from a variety of backgrounds in mission work; a "Film Fair" that will feature motion picture films from different mission boards 12 hours a day Monday through Friday in the Cap and Gown room, displays from different mission boards, special music, and more.

Dr. Duwel will be speaking on Sunday at the Newberg Friends Church at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Beginning Monday through Wednesday he will be speaking in Wood-Mar auditorium at the 11 a.m. college chapel hour and in the evening at 9 p.m. The public is invited—particularly to the evening services.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Pastors and wives and missionaries on furlough will gather for the annual Ministers' Conference this year at Easter time at Twin Rocks. The dates are March 31 through April 2. This is a highlight of the year for pastors and wives allowing time for inspiration, instruction, fellowship, and rest. Each local church is urged to release their pastors for this conference, and each year most churches send a special contribution to assist in the total cost of the conference.

These gifts should be sent to the treasurer of the Ministerial Association, Herbert Sargent, Rt. 3, Box 303, Battle Ground, Washington 98604, or to the Yearly Meeting office, designated for this purpose.

EAST WENATCHEE BUILDS

On October 5, East Wenatchee Friends decided to add the first unit of a new Christian education wing including a pastor's study. On January 4, it was completed including carpeting of four of the rooms.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

WALDO HICKS MEMORIAL

The widow and sons of Waldo Hicks have established a Waldo Hicks Memorial Fund at the Western Evangelical Seminary. This fund will be a continuing scholarship aid for Friends ministerial students at WES preparing for full-time Christian service.

Waldo Hicks served pastorates at Boise Friends Church in Idaho and at Springbrook Friends Church in Oregon. He was president of the Oregon Yearly Meeting Board of Missions for two years. At the time of his death a few months ago, he was pastoring in California Yearly Meeting. His son Bruce is a professor at Western Evangelical Seminary; another son, Dr. David Hicks, is an instructor at Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington.

Gifts in memory of Waldo Hicks designated for the Waldo Hicks Memorial Fund may be sent to the Yearly Meeting office, P.O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

MARGARET CARTER MEMORIAL

Margaret G. Carter, widow of Ray L. Carter, the founder of Barclay Press and many years a Friends pastor, passed away on January 4, 1970, at Friendsview Manor, Newberg, Oregon. Mrs. Carter named Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends as the beneficiary of her estate. Friends of Ray and Margaret Carter are establishing a Carter Memorial Fund in memory of the great Christian influence which was theirs across the years in pastoral, teaching, and printing ministries. This Fund will be administered by the Board of Publication of Oregon Yearly Meeting and used for a suitable project in the continuing work of Barclay Press, and for books for the Bible Institute library in Bolivia. Contributions from individuals or churches may be designated the Ray and Margaret Carter Memorial and sent to P.O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

I DID MY THING

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things I felt inadequate to deal with, so I asked God to help me, and He moved that mountain. What had scared me turned into an exciting challenge. He helped me teach the 5th and 6th grade girls, and He helped them teach me! He helped with the Jr. Hi FY and the youth recreation and the music and the office work! He helped me drive a car with a standard transmission! He helped me find a job I really enjoyed to earn money for college in the fall. The rewards were greater than I had ever imagined they could be—I learned to never underestimate God. I acquired a new and very large family; it is a wonderful experience to grow to love people. I learned more about Christ, people, love, and life during that summer than I had learned during the previous years of my life. And I enjoyed every minute of it.

I'll never forget my summer as a Youth Ambassador. I thank God for sending me to George Fox College, where I found the opportunity to do my thing for Christ. Of course, He did His thing, too.

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON AREA

Cherry Grove—Herbert Sargent, pastor

Nick and Alice Maurer and their children were with us October 26. These fine missionaries from Peru brought a warm-hearted testimony of their work through the morning message.

Church expansion has resulted in the building of five additional units for our growing congregation and Sunday school classes. A doubling of our parking space has also been the result of growing pains. We have been blessed with various materials for these projects by interested members of the church. Our interests in improving our physical surroundings also stimulated the improvement of our mental surroundings. Sunday night study classes have added a new appeal to the worship service. The first series of classes will be in the study of archeology and its relation to the Bible.

December 21 we were very pleased with the wonderful presentation of the Christmas program.

—James H. Prew, reporter

BOISE VALLEY AREA

Star—Kenneth and Rosalie Pitts, pastors

Lettering designating our building as the Friends Church was installed by Hugh McNichols, Walt Wilhite, and Raymond Haworth. The lettering was contributed by the Couzens family.

The Thanksgiving service was a treat. The Singing Friends Choir sang some wonderful songs. Once again, the Star Christian Church and the Friends Church met on Thanksgiving eve for a special service.

Ron Crecelius will be the evangelist for revival meetings scheduled for February 22-March 1.

—Leona Ireland, reporter

GREENLEAF AREA

Caldwell—Glenn K. Armstrong, pastor

"Candidates Forum—Issues and Answers" was the theme of an event sponsored by the Moral Action Committee at our church. All candidates for mayor and the City Council of Caldwell were present. One hundred people attended, and many participated in lively but friendly discussions concerning city affairs. Questions from the audience were a main feature.

Our Junior Choir practiced the "treat" rather than "trick" emphasis of Halloween this year and thoroughly enjoyed it. They with their superintendents, Ruth Martin and Patty Snyder, went to the homes of elderly people and helped rake leaves and did other chores, after which they all went over to Lake Lowell for a weiner roast.

Our Thanksgiving dinner, combined with our quarterly birthday dinner, was observed in the Fellowship Room November 16. Our pastor and family were given a food shower at this time.

The Christmas cantata, "Born a King," prepared by the combined choirs of Caldwell and Nampa Friends Churches was presented at Nampa December 7 and at Caldwell December 14.

—Rosella Moon, reporter

Greenleaf—Gordon St. George, pastor

A reception honoring newlyweds Teryl and Janet (Hull) Hibbs was held at the Leland Hibbs' home December 16. Teryl has been given the candidate form for Missionary Aviation Fellowship to fill out and has passed his flying test. Teryl and Janet will be living in California for a time, where Teryl will continue working for TWA and both will be taking some school work. They are due to enter the candidate school in about a year.

The Monthly Meeting decided to sell bonds before indebtedness is incurred in building the new parsonage. There is \$9,000 in the parsonage fund, and the new building may cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

The combined choirs of the Academy and church presented the Christmas cantata, "Love Transcending," by John W. Peterson on Sunday evening, December 14.

—Iverna Hibbs, reporter

NEWBERG AREA

Newberg—Fred Littlefield, pastor

Beginning November 2, Newberg is having two morning worship services, at 8:30 and at 11.

Arthur Honegger's *King David*, a symphonic psalm, was presented by George Fox College in our church Sunday afternoon, December 7. The 110-voice Oratorio Choir and 40-piece Community Orchestra were directed by Dennis Hagen.

Fred Littlefield presented a pictorial visit to the Holy Land at the Sunday evening service on December 7. He showed pictures of his trip to Burundi at the meeting of the 49'ers on November 24.

The Christmas choir program was held on Sunday evening, December 14. This included numbers by the Sanctuary Choir, the Junior Choir, and the Men's and Ladies' Choirs singing in an antiphonal setting.

The Sunday school Christmas program was given on Sunday evening, December 21. It was a play entitled "A Christmas Dream," written by Janet Hagen and directed by Yvonne Carr. The singers of Christmas music included small children through high school age.

—Margaret Weesner, reporter

PORTLAND AREA

First Friends—Mahlon L. Macy, pastor

First Friends Church and Portland Menonite Church cooperated in a Lay Institute for Evangelism November 7-9. Training sessions were held at the church, and then the trainees went out to witness in the community. The high school group went to the airport to witness. Pat Exel coordinated the institute.

The entire church participated in a "Passion for Peru" dinner sponsored by the WMU at the home of Tom and Doris Johnstone December 4. About 150 participated. All the donated proceeds go to the Peruvian mission work.

Forty families and individuals joined in a prayer plan to pray for other families in the church during the months of November and

December. Every member of the First Friends family in the Portland area has been on someone's prayer list for one month.

One hundred thirty persons gathered to partake of a fine Thanksgiving meal Wednesday, November 26, and to hear Jerry Sandoz tell of his relief work in Korea and Vietnam. By way of some excellent slides, Jerry took the group on a tour of these two countries. Many came away feeling more personally acquainted with these people across the ocean. A special offering was received for the World Relief Commission.

Lynwood—Roger D. Smith, pastor

Our Sunday evening services have produced added interest with the use of new formats and special programs. On the musical side, we enjoyed "The Contemporary Sound" featuring Jeanne Leonard and Joanne Cook along with their parents and a girls' trio from GFC. Our own music department produced a service that was a pleasure to the eyes as well as the ears through the use of special lighting effects and an overhead projector. Most recently, World Vision's latest film on Vietnam, *No Greater Love*, was shown.

Our Friends Youth group won the attendance trophy at the last Area Rally for the third time, giving them permanent possession of this prize.

The Omegan FY sponsored an all-church Halloween costume party and a car wash to raise money for their group. Officer Haufafus, commander of the vice squad for Multnomah County Sheriff's Department, was a special speaker in one of their FY meetings on "Doping Out Drugs."

—Patricia Comfort, reporter

Second Friends—Marion Clarkson, pastor

We have been blessed by the weekly prayer request for our missionary families. Each week a new family is chosen and a picture of the family placed on the bulletin board.

The overhead projector won in the contest has been put to good use by the Sunday school, the music director, and in youth work.

World Literature and World Relief Sundays were observed with special offerings, to which there was an excellent response.

The Thanksgiving and quarterly birthday dinner on November 26 was well attended. Mary Sandoz, our guest speaker, showed pictures and gave interesting items on her trip to Korea, where she visited her son Jerry.

Boxes placed in the foyer were well filled with food donations for needy families at Thanksgiving time.

Our guest speakers for the month have been Earl Barker and Forrest Zander, missionary aviator for Wycliffe Translators in Colombia.

—Olive Richey, reporter

PUGET SOUND AREA

Everett—Calvin H. Hull, pastor

We were delighted to have John McCracken, a former pastor of a number of years ago, bring the message on October 19.

November 5, 6, 7, Milo Ross presented a series of pictures and lectures on his travels in Europe, Africa, and the Holy Land. A fellowship dinner followed the Sunday morning service.

Our prayers were with our pastor's wife Lela as she went to surgery on December 12.

Our Christmas program was on December

21 with the children taking an active part and setting the Christmas mood.

—Sue Seratte, reporter

Olympic View—Dan Nolta, pastor

Sunday, November 2, following the worship hour in the morning, we had a potluck and business meeting.

Men from the Newberg church came to our church Saturday, November 8, and helped in hanging the folding doors. This was also the day our pastor and his family moved into their home here.

Will and Jan Howell attended the Friends Writers Conference at Twin Rocks in November.

In the Sunday morning worship hour November 23, a baby dedication service was conducted by Dan Nolta in which Daven and Darci Nolta were dedicated.

A number of our young people attended the leadership retreat with their sponsors, Will and Jan Howell, and high school teacher, Joel Sierra.

—Donna Knutson, reporter

Tacoma First—A. Clark Smith, pastor

The Kingdom Builders (adult) Sunday School Class are building the Tabernacle and studying how it is significant to us today.

Forty-five attended a fellowship dinner October 22 to wish James E. Nottage Godspeed as he returns to service with the army in Vietnam.

There were forty at the Harvest Dinner November 23 when we fellowshiped and restocked our cupboard for needy families.

The junior and senior high girls won the church attendance contest. They went to Farrells in Seattle for an ice cream feed with their teacher and the Sunday school superintendent.

The six ladies who attended the WMU Retreat from Tacoma First were invited to bring a report to seven unions in Puget Sound Area with a total attendance of 79. It was a real blessing to visit each union.

Our WMU had a bake sale December 5.

—Dolores Sacha, reporter

SALEM AREA

Eugene—Donald Lamm, pastor

We have changed our FY time to Wednesday of each week, hoping to involve more young people.

We recently had the privilege of hearing Jerry Sandoz tell of his work with World Relief Commission in South Korea. His pictures and talk were both interesting and inspiring.

Our junior choir sang for us one Sunday evening. They are under the direction of Esther House; Judy Woolsey is accompanist.

"Night of Miracles," a cantata by John W. Peterson, was presented by our church choir on Sunday evening, December 7. Myron James is director. *—Donna Coleman, reporter*

Pringle—Ray W. Moore, pastor

Pringle Friends held their annual Harvest Dinner Friday, November 7. Gilbert Rivera was our emcee. He was assisted by Tom Reems, who sang and accompanied himself on the guitar, and Dave Kelly, who presented skits. We appreciated these George Fox College students.

Fred Baker was a real inspiration and blessing to all who attended our evangelistic meet-

ings held November 16-23. We also appreciated his ventriloquist wife, Melva, who was here for the weekend.

On Sunday, December 7, Nick Maurer ably presented the challenge of missions in Peru with narrated slides as well as an emphasis on our responsibility to be missionaries at home.

—Josephine Gesner, reporter

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

BROWNLEE—To David and Sandra Brownlee of Portland, Oregon, a daughter, Jennifer Carmi, born November 7, 1969.

LOUTHAN—To Jerry and Mary Louthan, Newberg, a daughter, Michelle Lee, born November 29, 1969.

MAURER—To Nicholas and Alice Maurer a son, Jonathan Rex, born January 6, 1970, in Newberg.

MORSE—To Frank and Peggy Morse of Caldwell, a son, Gregory Allen Morse, born November 21, 1969.

SULLIVAN—To Ed and Sharon Sullivan of Olympic View Church, a daughter, Karie Sue, born September 20, 1969.

TUNING—To James and Roberta Tuning, Woodland, Idaho, a son, Nathan Duane, born November 22, 1969.

MARRIAGES

BLODGETT-KONELL. Deborah Ann Blodgett and Bruce F. Konell were married December 6, 1969, at Lynwood Friends Church with Roger D. Smith officiating.

CRAVEN-BULLOCK. Marie Craven and Johnny Bullock were married at the Oakville United Presbyterian Church, Oakville, Oregon, November 28, 1969.

HULL-HIBBS. Janet Mae Hull, daughter of Clayton and Dorothy Barnes, Greenleaf, became the bride of Teryl L. Hibbs, son of Leland and Iverna Hibbs, in a private ceremony in the Academy fireplace room Saturday, December 13, 1969. Leland Hibbs and Wayne Piersall officiated.

JONES-JOHNSON. Sandra Jones and Ronald Johnson were united in marriage November 28, 1969, at the Rosedale Church, Frank Haskins officiating.

LAZOR-PUVOGEL. Nancy Lazor and Galen Puvogel were married November 28, 1969, at Olympic View Friends Church with Dan Nolta officiating.

DEATHS

HEACOCK—Bertha Namitz Heacock, 85, wife of Everett Heacock, died in Portland November 17, 1969. She was a member of First Friends Church where she had been cradle roll superintendent for about half a century. A memorial service was held at the church with Leslie Parrott, Gerald Dillon, and Mahlon Macy participating in the service.

TISH—Dean Wesley Tish, 23-month-old son of Glen and Norma Tish of Culver, Oregon, died in a farm accident November 10 and was buried in the Canyon Hill Cemetery near Caldwell, Idaho.

WOODWARD—R. Davis Woodward, 66, of Newberg, passed away November 7, 1969. Memorial services were held at Newberg Friends Church with David Le Shana and Milo Ross officiating.

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Gilead-Alum Creek Men in Missions Farm Project

The men of the Gilead Friends Church near Mt. Gilead, Ohio, and the men of the Alum Creek Friends Church near Marengo, Ohio, are organized into a joint Men in Missions group and hold their meetings monthly.

For the second year in a row, they have completed a farming project to raise extra money for missions. They have raised soybeans on rented cropland acreage of a small farm near the Gilead Church.

A few men gave generously of time and machinery in the actual farm work, and others in nonfarm occupations gave money for expenses so that a large percentage of the proceeds might be available for missionary work.

This year the group has given one thousand dollars toward the current Yearly Meeting Men in Missions project of sending Sherman Brantingham and Herbert Burch to tour our mission fields. They will have several hundred dollars more that will go through our regular missionary channels and special projects.

The farm project has created a real unity among the men of these two churches. They feel the Lord has blessed them in this extra effort, and they plan to continue the project another year.

Kenneth R. Jones is pastor of the Gilead Friends Church, and James Brantingham is pastor of the Alum Creek Friends Church.

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

BELIEVING THE IMPOSSIBLE



In the physical world of this earth, the boundaries are rigidly fixed. The atmosphere, water, mountains, and plains keep us earth tied. Unless one is a Neil Armstrong, a passenger in Apollo 11, his mortal life is earth set. Man, however, is not totally confined to the earth. There are creative, exhilarating, exciting dimensions for the mind. Emotion is not gravity bound. The spirit can escape earth's orbit to view and contemplate the impossible.

In Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass*, Alice declared, "I can't believe that!"

"Try again," said the queen. "Draw a long breath and shut your eyes." Alice laughed. "There's no use trying. One can't believe impossible things."

"You haven't had much practice," said the queen. "When I was your age, I always did it for half an hour a day. Sometimes I have believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast!"

The 1970s—a decade in which to believe the impossible. What a day for Friends sent forth by their Lord! What a day when at least one Friend in each of our churches finds himself believing one impossible thing per month!

Really! This is what being a Christian is all about. It is believing and doing the impossible. One faith miracle a month! But before you say *no*, remember the queen often believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.

Go with Christ. He and His followers believe the impossible. They are the worshiping shepherds who constantly act with love and mercy in the community of the hurt and brokenhearted. They are the heralds of good news to those whose hearts are overwhelmed with bad news. They are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. They are the laborers who regularly leave the Christian ghetto to reap in whitened harvest fields. They are the builders of Sunday school classes, the stimulators for growing buildings and budgets. They see a great vision and are no longer content with the "little games" so many of their contemporaries are playing.

"Believing the impossible"—8 2 5 6!

—Russell Myers

Harvesting soybeans on the Gilead-Alum Creek Men in Missions Farm Project. Left to right: Darrel Staley, from Alum Creek; Ralph Mosher, Harold Furbay, and Kenneth Jones, from Gilead.



VOICES FROM OUR LAYMEN

When given the opportunity, I chose to write about something for which I am especially thankful—my church. In days when church criticism is prevalent, I would like to stand up and be counted as a member who is proud of her church. Yes, she possesses faults and shortcomings—but I still have great pride in her.

Her spiritual structure is strong and sure; her faith in God is steadfast, and a large nucleus can claim God's promises in prayer.

The unity (of a long duration) present in my church is praiseworthy. The cooperation between Ministry and Oversight and congregation is also laudable.

My church spans from the babes in the nursery to the elderly at home. Included in this span is a superior group of talented young people who can compose a thirty-voice choir, a four-stringed ensemble, or perform preludes and offertories on the organ and piano. Also

in this span is a group of widows who fellowship and work together. As their teacher, I would like to acclaim that the members of the young adults class are alert, spiritual, maturing people teaching their children to worship and obey God, establishing family altars, or baking cakes for the needy. Also incorporated in our church program is a successful annual missionary conference, a fall revival, and organized weekly visitation.

With pride I can state that our present pastor is performing his mission conscientiously, intelligently, and prayerfully. His positive influence is felt in the church and community. The legacy obtained from our former pastors and past members has also had an impact on the church's convictions and teachings. We are thankful for these.

My church is not perfect because it is composed of human beings, but it is possible because of God.
—Marcia Michael

MISSIONARY NEWS

Rev. Herbert and Dr. Larry Burch are now at home. They were leaving Taiwan on November 24 for the U.S.A. Sherman and Dorothy Brantingham will be staying about a week longer. They all report a very profitable trip. They have had blessed fellowship with both missionaries and nationals and have learned so very much about the total mission picture in India, Nepal, and Taiwan.

From Mexico, Roscoe Knight writes: "The past month has been one of the most encouraging we have had since being in Mexico. We feel that now we have a sense of direction and know more where we are heading. There have been new converts and new openings into the middle class that cause us to believe that we should place more effort and time in this class. This is the most neglected class (along with the high class) as far as evangelization is concerned. It is fast growing and there are hundreds of thousands living within a six to eight mile radius of us with no more than six Protestant churches and probably some home groups.

"One of the big events recently was a city-wide evangelistic crusade with an Argentinian evangelist, Luis Palau (sometimes called the Billy Graham of Latin America). I helped as supervisor over the counselors, and this gave me a good opportunity to make some new contacts. We took one or two carloads of believers and nonbelievers almost every night. Some 20 of our group went forward during the meetings, so we have more with whom to work. Some of these had already made a profession, but we were glad to see them make a public declaration of faith. A total of over 2,000 went forward altogether, so if follow-up is carried on as it should be, many churches will see an increase."

Joe and Judy DeVol and little Nancy have arrived in India. Joe is teaching at Woodstock School, and they will be spending their vaca-

tion times with Dr. Ezra and Frances at Chhatarpur.

Stuti Prakash and two others are out now in evangelism camp work in the villages surrounding Chhatarpur. They plan to continue until Christmas time. Dr. Ezra and Frances go out to hold medical clinics as they call for them. Pray for this work.

Pray for Anna Nixon at this very crucial time when she is turning her responsibilities over to nationals.

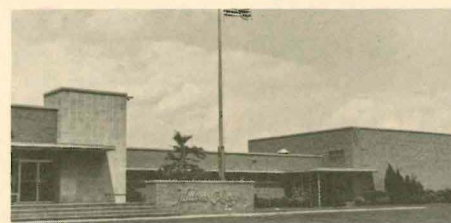
Jim Elliot Once Said

Jim Elliot once said that missionaries are just a bunch of nobodies trying to exalt Somebody. Since I have been in Costa Rica, I have been surprised at the amazing variety of missionaries the Lord has called to serve Him here: short and tall, chubby and thin, quiet and talkative—pastors, doctors, printers, mechanics, writers, architects, teachers. We are very different people with different opinions on almost any other subject but having in common a desire to fulfill the will of God in our lives. I'm convinced that Jim Elliot was right. What we are as far as personality, occupation, and talents are concerned is not nearly so important as what we will let God do with us.

I truly wish I could report to you that after two terms of language study I am now perfectly bilingual. Unfortunately, it isn't so. Language-learning is a funny thing. I go along practicing sounds and rhythms and "mile-long" words for weeks on end making no visible progress, and then all of a sudden I discover I can say something I couldn't have begun to say a month ago. I realize that when I have that coveted certificate there will still be a great deal to learn. After all, how many of us can read a whole book in English without referring to the dictionary at least once?

After graduation in December, I will be staying here for four months to work with the Good-Will Caravans. Nothing could please me more, because I'm sold on this program of medical, dental, agricultural,

Malone College News



DR. D. ELTON TRUEBLOOD ELECTED TO BOARD

Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, internationally known author and Christian educator, has been elected to the Malone College Board of Trustees, President Everett L. Cattell announced. He was elected to a two-year term at the October 1969 meeting of the Trustees and has accepted the position, effective immediately.

An eighth-generation Quaker, Dr. Trueblood has served as clerk of Indiana Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church and chaired the Friends World Committee for Consultation. In 1954 he was appointed by President Eisenhower as Chief of Religious Information for the United States Information Agency and as advisor to Voice of America. He is currently president of Yokefellow Associates and a member of the Board of Trustees of William Penn College.

MALONE COLLEGE COMMUNITY ORATORIO

The Malone College Community Oratorio Chorus received a grant from the Recording Industries Trust Funds with the cooperation of Canton Local 111 and the American Federation of Musicians for its performance of Handel's *Messiah*.

The concert was given Sunday, December 7, at 3:00 p.m. in Bethel Temple, adjacent to the Malone campus. Members of the Canton Symphony Orchestra accompanied the chorus.

social, and spiritual help for the people of rural Costa Rica. It will be good on-the-job training for the work I'll be doing later in Colombia. I recently sent my parents a set of three tape-recordings describing a caravan I participated in (as best I could remember). I'm sure they'd be happy to loan them to you if you'd like to hear them.

Needless to say, I'm eager to finish school and get into the work full time. On the other hand, I feel my need of continued study: in Spanish, of course; in music—a mode of praising God that is very underdeveloped here; and in my "specialty"—nursing. Lord willing, I will be taking a two-week course in rural medicine and dentistry in Honduras in early December.

Shortly after I arrived, I received a letter that began like this: "Now that I have prayed for you, I think I will write you a letter. . . ." That would make a good outline for a book on "How to Make Missionaries Happy." Thank you, thank you, to those of you who are praying, have written, have given of your means to support me, and in your own place of service, are faithful in serving our Lord. Que Dios les bendiga! (May God bless you!)

*Yours in His service,
Jeanie Walker*

WITH OUR CHURCHES

ADRIAN QUARTERLY MEETING

RAISIN CENTER—*Dan Frost, pastor*

Raisin Center church shared with the Tecumseh, Raisin Valley, and Adrian City churches in a union revival held in the Tecumseh church November 9-16. Bill Cochran of Australia was evangelist, with Ian Crawshaw of New Zealand leading the singing. This team works with the Ambassadors for Christ International and was a real blessing in each service.

Harvest Home Day was held November 16, with Rev. Geraldine Blackburn representing the Friends Home in our church service. Our Ladies Missionary Society presented nearly 200 jars of home-canned fruits and vegetables to the home in addition to a selection of Christmas gifts for the girls.

The church's annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Supper was held Tuesday, November 25.

ALUM CREEK QUARTERLY MEETING

ALUM CREEK—*James Brantingham, pastor*

Sixteen boxes of homemade candies and cookies were packed for Christmas for the fellows in the armed forces from the church and the community.

The Thanksgiving service was held Wednesday evening, November 26, at the Fargo Wesleyan Church with Rev. Andrew Wilson conducting the service and Pastor Brantingham delivering the Thanksgiving message.

—*Elma E. Black, correspondent*

GILEAD—*Kenneth Jones, pastor*

The Mary Evelyn Moore Missionary Circle held their Talent Sale November 25. This has been a regular project of our circle for four years. Each lady brings in whatever she does best, and our sales are to each other. This year's sale brought in \$119. This money will help to support a native pastor and family in Formosa. This is the second year for this project of \$500 for pastors support by our Circle.

The Men in Missions group of Gilead and Alum Creek have raised soybeans for two years. The land is rented and the men share in expense and labor. This year the harvest cleared over \$1,500 for missions. (See feature story, page 2a.) —*Leta Furbay, correspondent*

CLEVELAND QUARTERLY MEETING

WEST PARK—*Earl M. Smith, pastor*

Special speaker at our monthly Men in Missions meeting November 13 was Wallace Pepin. Mr. Pepin is vice-president of White Motor Corporation and the past president of Christian Business Men.

On November 16 our special speaker in our morning worship service was William Zoellner from our church in East Milan. Mr. Zoellner is the quarterly meeting representative of the Yearly Meeting Board of Advance. He is a Christian businessman, has visited our mission fields, and is a Gideon.

—*Matilda Kuch, correspondent*

DAMASCUS QUARTERLY MEETING

ALLIANCE—*Galen Weingart, pastor*

Our fall revival meetings with C. T. Man-

grum as our evangelist were a great reviving of hearts and victories won. Our song evangelists were Roger and Julie Mayes of Brewster. There was a good responsive spirit. Many gained new ground, made adjustments, returned to the Lord, deepened their commitment, and found new life and peace in Jesus Christ.

The feature spot on November 9 in the morning service was the dedication of "Our Servicemen's Honor Roll" by the Moral Action Committee. —*Ruth Hoff, correspondent*

CANTON—*William Atchinson, pastor*

The Christian Education Appreciation Banquet was held November 18 in the Sweden House. Marjorie Myers was the speaker.

Miss Elsie Dodds, superintendent of the Friends Home in Columbus, was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Kathy Thompson Missionary Circle in the church lounge on November 25. She also showed slides of the home.

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service was held in our church on Wednesday evening, November 26.

—*Velma Evans, correspondent*

DAMASCUS—*Leonard L. Borton, pastor*

Our five Days of Evangelism ran from October 22-26. Pastor Borton did the preaching, and there were guest musicians each evening, including the Men's Quartet from Boston Heights Friends Church; Dr. and Mrs. John Bartlett of Malone College; The Sounds, girls' trio, also from Malone; Dr. and Mrs. Donald Murray, music professors at Malone and directors of music at Canton First Friends; The Searchers—Woody Reed, Mary Jane Smith, Sheila Leatherberry, Bill Waltz, Earl Weaver, and Ken Smith; Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Anderson along with Marva, Paul, and Stanley, their children. Dr. Anderson is professor of education and psychology at Malone. Each one of these services was a blessing to each and everyone that attended.

—*Donna Lautzenheiser, correspondent*

SOUTH EAST—*Ben Brantingham, pastor*

Harvest Sunday was observed November 23 with the theme, "Come Ye Thankful People, Come." On Tuesday evening, the 25th, a Thanksgiving fellowship dinner was held at 6 p.m. with 80 people attending.

—*Esther McCue, correspondent*

WINONA—*Richard J. Johnson, pastor*

On November 23 we were glad to have a quartet of girls known as The Sounds from Malone College with us for the Sunday morning service. Their fine performance was enjoyed by all. The Sunday evening service was composed entirely of local musical talent.

Eighteen Thanksgiving boxes were packed and delivered to the shut-ins by the ladies of the church. —*Neva Wilson, correspondent*

GOSHEN QUARTERLY MEETING

BYHALIA—*James Thompson, pastor*

On October 12 Katherine Thompson, missionary on furlough from Chhatarpur, India, gave a challenging address in the morning. That evening after an hour of pleasant fellow-

ship and supper, Miss Thompson showed slides of her work and gave us interesting information on India.

On November 19 our pastor began an After-school Bible Class for the junior age children in our church.

On November 23 we had our special Thanks Offering for our building fund. Again the Lord was gracious and the people were generous, as the offering was much more than we had suggested giving.

TRINITY—*Jason Sherwood, pastor*

Revival services were held November 5-16 with Pastor Sherwood and his wife serving as evangelist and song evangelist, respectively.

David J. Thomas, a youth of our church, received the Eagle Scout Award, the highest honor bestowed upon Boy Scouts, in ceremonies held November 23 at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Annual Thanksgiving Eve Services were held, together with five neighboring churches of our community, at the First Friends Church. Jason Sherwood was guest speaker and his wife led the singing.

—*Helen Murphy, correspondent*

URBANA—

Don and Georgia Kensler, pastors

For several weeks preceding Rally Day we had a Bell Ringers Contest. October 19, Rally Day, we had a presentation of an award for Nellie Brake, who had the most points for bringing in the largest number of people.

We had revival services from October 22-November 2. C. T. Mangrum was the evangelist. Home talent was furnished and specials from other churches. This was a wonderful revival, and many souls found Christ and believers were sanctified.

Herman Lockwood was our guest speaker on Sunday morning November 16. He explained about the Unified Budget for 1969 and 1970. He spoke about the missionaries.

Our church had a Harvest Service for Friends Home on Wednesday evening, November 26. Canned goods or staple foods were given. We also had a Thanksgiving Praise Service. —*Ethel Barnett, correspondent*

WEST MANSFIELD—

LeRoy Birt, Jr., pastor

The Gleaners Class welcomed the new pastor, LeRoy Birt, Jr., and family of Woodstock, Ohio, at a social evening at the home of Ben and Marian Eastman, November 8.

After prayer meeting on the evening of November 19, the church folks gathered at the parsonage to bring various items needed for the new pastor and his family during the weekends at the parsonage. In addition to cleaning items, the missionary society bought a service for 12 dinnerware and the church added stainless steel silverware, service for 12.

Union Community Thanksgiving service was held at our church November 23 with the Jr. High School Choir singing several numbers and Rev. C. L. Harris bringing the message; the offering of \$157.48 from the community was sent to CROP.

Revival services were held November 28 through December 7 with Peter Drasick of Stubenville as evangelist. Mary Alice Watts and Nelson and Barbara Perdue were in charge of the music.

—*Eleanor Potts, correspondent*

GRINNELL QUARTERLY MEETING

GRINNELL—Myron Harris, pastor

George Hayes, general superintendent of Peniel Missions in California, attended prayer meeting here October 30. He requested prayer for the missions.

Miss Irene Weitert of the faculty of Vennard College conducted a very profitable series of revival meetings November 13-23. Special music was provided by the students of Vennard. The Women's Missionary Association sponsored a potluck supper in the church basement on November 25.

—Linda Doane, correspondent

HAMPTON ROADS QUARTERLY MEETING

PENIEL—E. A. Lockwood, pastor

The County Youth for Christ crusade was held in our church in October with Dale Diggs preaching, which resulted in an altar service.

Chester Plumber from Indianapolis was our evangelist during a ten-day revival in October. His ministry was powerful. The Word was convincing and the Spirit convicted, resulting in several altar services of blessing and victory.

Wilbur C. Diggs, founder of Peniel church, attends the services regularly in his 87th year. He is a blessing and contributes much in prayer, testimony, and otherwise.

The Young Adult Bible Class sponsored a Singspiration November 23. Excellent talent from other churches participated. The fine offering is for our building fund.

—Alma B. Callis, correspondent

PORTSMOUTH—Bryan C. Teague, pastor

Revival services were held November 2-9 with Maurice Stevens of Wilmore, Kentucky. He serves as general evangelist of the United Methodist Church and heads Missionary World Service Evangelism. His messages challenged us to a deeper dedication to our Lord as well as an opportunity to participate in Christ's work across the sea.

Hampton Roads Quarterly Meeting was held at our church November 8. A Leadership Conference was conducted with Russell and Marjorie Myers, Almon White, Edward Baldwin as workshop leaders.

A community Thanksgiving Service was held at 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day with eight churches of the area cooperating.

Our church is honored to have three youths who were elected last year to the National Honor Society. They are Phillip Teague, who was also elected president of the local chapter, Becky Hudgins, and Scotty Wikel.

—Barbara A. Brown, correspondent

PELHAM QUARTERLY MEETING

PELHAM—C. Lynn Shreve, pastor

Toward the end of September, a campaign was started to collect money to lay carpet in the new wing of the Sunday school. The fund has been very successful, and only a small portion of rug remains unpaid.

On Sunday, October 26, a former pastor of the church, Reverend Kilmer, and his family attended morning services. They seemed to enjoy renewing old acquaintances at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Haggarty the evening before. A special Baptismal Service was held at Calvary Gospel Church at 3 p.m. Approximately a dozen people were baptized. That evening

there was a special service, including a color movie, *Time and Eternity*.

—Brenda Carl, correspondent

PIEDMONT QUARTERLY MEETING

NEW HOPE—Archie Crockett, pastor

The Sunday school welcomed our new pastors, Archie and Ruth Crockett, with a "pounding" at their home and at the same time presented the retiring pastor and wife, Carl and Lillian Layne, with a farewell gift as a token of heartfelt appreciation for their many years of faithful service to the church.

The Sunday school staged a contest between the Reds and Blues on the last three Sundays in September, climaxed by a Rally Day and Homecoming the first Sunday of October with Thomas Murphy as guest speaker.

—Nancy Beeson, correspondent

TRINITY—Jack W. Tebbs, pastor

Sunday school and church service times were combined for Rally Day. A very impressive program was given by the Junior Department, and the rest of the time was given to the Ambassadors Quartet of Martinsville for spiritual singing. The attendance was approxi-

mately 235.

Revival services were held October 20-26 with Harold Loman of Salisbury, North Carolina, as evangelist. Ray Loman of Martinsville, brother of the evangelist, was song leader. We feel the preaching and singing were Spirit-led with a good spirit in each service. Many knelt at the altar during the meeting. The attendance was very good with an average of 155.

On Sunday morning, November 2, we had approximately 20 boys and girls along with Mr. and Mrs. Sorrel from the Faith Home in Danville, Virginia, in charge of the service.

—Mildred F. Eure, correspondent

SHORT CREEK QUARTERLY MEETING

SPRINGDALE—Fred Clogg, pastor

On September 28 a ground-breaking ceremony was held to begin work on a basement addition to the church. The addition is coming along fine, and work is being done to the present building also.

Revival services were held from October 29 to November 2. Milton Coleman was speaker for these services.

—Judy Keller, correspondent

WITH OUR PEOPLE

BIRTHS

BARRIER—To Mr. and Mrs. Barrier, West Park Friends Church, a daughter, Shannon Elizabeth, November 10, 1969.

EASTMAN—To Henry and Ellen Eastman, Byhalia Friends Church, a son, Thomas Henry, November 26, 1969.

KERR—To Mr. and Mrs. David Kerr of Marion, Indiana, a son, Aaron David, October 19, 1969.

MAYER—To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mayer of Canton, Ohio, a daughter, Jodi Ann, September 4, 1969.

MILLER—To Walter and Brenda Miller, Hunter Hills Friends Church, a son, Alton Lee, October 26, 1969.

OSUGI—To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Osugi of Canton Friends Church, a daughter, Rana Lynn, November 20, 1969.

SEEVERS—To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Seever, West Park Friends Church, a daughter, Peggy Lynn, October 31, 1969.

SWARTZ—To Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Swartz of Damascus Friends Church, a daughter, Elaine Susan, September 14, 1969.

MARRIAGES

ALLEN-FOUGHTY. Darlene Allen and David Foughty were married November 1, 1969, in Youngstown, Ohio. David is in the Air Force and a member of Deerfield Friends Church.

HALLMAN-HILL. Mrs. Alma Hallman and Floyd Hill of Canton were married in the home of Herbert Hallman on November 14 by Wm. Atchinson.

JOHNSON-CLAYTON. Sharon Johnson and Terry Clayton of Alliance First Friends Church were united in marriage November 8, 1969.

KNIGHT-WHALEY. Shirley Knight and Marion Whaley of Alliance Friends Church, November 15, 1969.

PENHORWOOD-WAY. Mrs. Dorothy Chil-

cote Penhorwood of York Center, member of Bellefontaine Friends Church, became the bride of Rev. W. A. Way, October 19, 1969, in the Calvary Wesleyan Church in Greensboro, North Carolina. The ceremony was performed by Harold Loman with his wife acting as the bride's attendant. The couple is at home on Silver Street in Greensboro after a honeymoon trip to Hawaii.

POWERS-SHELTON. Patricia Powers and Charlie Shelton were united October 25, 1969. SCHMID-FIELD. Suan T. Schmid of Hanover, Ohio, and Jack D. Fields, Jr., of Wellsville, Ohio, were married November 28, 1969. Richard J. Johnson performed the wedding ceremony.

DEATHS

ANDERSON—Mrs. Eldora Anderson, Raisin Center Friends Church, 72, passed away in Winter Haven, Florida, November 15, 1969. Funeral services were held with her pastor, Dan Frost, officiating assisted by Lowell Shreve.

BAILEY—Ethel Bailey, 77, wife of the late Rev. Charles Bailey, passed away September 13, 1969. She was a member of Damascus Friends Church. Leonard Borton conducted the service assisted by Dr. Virgil Jump.

BAIRD—Frank Baird, 85, of Deerfield Friends Church, passed away November 10, 1969. Services were conducted by the pastor, Duane Rice.

DOWDLE—Walter Dowdle of Springdale Friends Church went to be with his Lord on July 17, 1969. Fred Clogg conducted the services.

MORGAN—Virgil Morgan, 71, Van Wert Trinity Friends Church, passed away November 16, 1969. Services were conducted by his pastor, Jason Sherwood.

STRAIT—James Strait of Salem, Ohio, passed away November 22, 1969. Ben Brantingham conducted the services.