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'That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom . . .'





CHURCH ATTENDANCE DROPS STEADILY

PRINCETON, N.J.—Edging steadily downward from its peak in 1958, church attendance in the United States has dropped again, according to the Gallup Poll's 1969 audit of church attendance.

The latest survey shows that 42 percent of the nation's adults attended church during a typical week of 1969, down a point from 1968 and a new low.

Eleven years ago a record 49 percent of adults went to church in a typical week. The previous high, also 49 percent, had been recorded in 1955, the year these Gallup audits were instituted

on a regular basis.

The drop in attendance among Catholics has been more than twice that of Protestants. —E.P.

MORMONS BLAST STANFORD ON BIAS CHARGE

SALT LAKE CITY—The president of Brigham Young University has accused the president of Stanford University of "flagrant religious discrimination" against the Mormon Church.

Ernest L. Wilkinson leveled the charge at Stanford's Kenneth Pitzer in a four-page news release attacking the decision by Stanford to terminate relations with BYU as a result of alleged racial discrimination there.

Dr. Pitzer had canceled future contracts "with any institution sponsored by the Mormon Church," including debates or other competition, because of the alleged discrimination.

A spokesman for the Mormons admitted that his religion does not allow blacks to become priests in its hierarchy but heatedly asserted that such policy doesn't mean Mormons are racist.

"It's not a case of racism at all," said Dr. Heber Wolsey, BYU vice-president. "It's a matter of divine revelation in our faith."

Outcome: Dr. Howard Brooks, Stanford vice-provost, released what approximated an apology by Stanford. He said

in Salt Lake City that "we had hoped to keep this purely an athletic matter, and were naive in that . . . the foresight was not there . . . we failed to take adequate and responsible measures to be sure the policy was expressed in as articulate and precise a manner as possible." —E.P.

WORLD RELIEF COMMISSION (OF NAE) WORKING IN BIAFRA

LONG ISLAND CITY, N.Y.—Five feeding stations in Biafra accommodating about 400 children each were functioning well before the recent downfall of the Biafran government, according to World Relief Commission executive vice-president, Dr. Everett Graffam.

When yam and garri, which are local foods, are available, quantities are bought and held at the warehouse for distribution to the feeding centers. When and if they are obtainable, they are costly beyond understanding. Garri, a staple food, costs almost \$200 for a 100 pound bag. This is distributed at the rate of one cup per child twice a week.

Overseas foods include stockfish, salt, powdered milk, rice, beans, and occasionally tinned meat. These items are in short supply, being obtained only via airlift.

Rev. and Mrs. K. L. Godbey, WRC personnel in charge, described the method of serving the children. They come in one end of a palm-branch shelter, which

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February—the birthmonth of two of our greatest Presidents. This statue of Abraham Lincoln is located in the beautiful Park Blocks in downtown Portland, Oregon. (Courtesy Photo Art Studio.)

Antecedents

Perhaps the most significant forerunner of the present Alliance of Kansas, Ohio, Oregon, and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meetings was the formation of the Bible School Publication Board of Evangelical Friends over two decades ago. Set up as a cooperative venture to create and publish Friends Sunday school quarterlies for several age levels, The George Fox Press—as it became popularly known—has made a tremendous contribution to Christian education and unity among Friends.

This type of cooperative work is often unheralded—lacking the spectacular impact of a general conference or a new mission work. But in a solid and steady way the George Fox Press is a growing ministry. With the advent of the EFA and its Christian Education Commission, the Press is becoming more a part of the larger body. In recent years its wider cooperation with other denominations has given Friends a large share in the development of an entirely new curriculum for all ages—the *Aldersgate Graded Curriculum*. And most recently the George Fox Press has put into the field a full-time Christian Education Consultant and editor in the person of Dorothy Barratt. Her enthusiastic leadership in Christian education workshops among Friends across the nation is helping to breath new life into our Sunday schools.

With this background we introduce Dorothy and this month's lead article, "Approve Things That Are Excellent," beginning on page 6.

—H.T.A.

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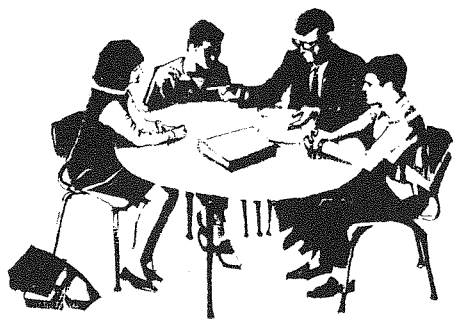
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Reach and Teach



BY MARJORIE LANDWERT

SOUNDS FOR THE SEVENTIES

Our society is bombarded today with sounds. Everywhere the amplifiers are turned on and turned up. Since it is a part of today, as Christian educators we might make better use of sound to communicate the Gospel through the use of record players and tape recorders. Many would have access to one or both of these means of communication by sound.

Try using some records in your Sunday school department or class. Records are a valuable aid to pre-session activities at any age level. Children would enjoy the Listen and Sing records, which are correlated with the new Aldersgate Graded Curriculum on the nursery, kindergarten, primary, and junior levels. A different way of presenting the Bible story would be to listen to it from a master storyteller via record.

Many youth-slanted records are available today that will enable you to have the sounds of the up-to-date youth speakers right in your class or department. Don't forget the new sounds of the Gospel in music for your youth.

A tape recorder can bring into your class quotes and interviews with all kinds of people. If you heard it, your group can too via a tape. Tapes are valuable for keeping records of activities, discussion, and planning. They can also be a fun tool for involving your pupils in learning activities. Your class might enjoy taping the Bible story or program that

they have developed from their study.

Why not help your group to tune in to the Gospel by using records or tape recordings to vary your teaching?

ARE YOU PART OF THE "IN" GROUP?

The "in" thing for many evangelical Friends these days is the use of the new Aldersgate Graded Curriculum. More and more evangelical Friends churches are beginning to study with this up-to-date Sunday school material developed by Friends and other groups who share common theological beliefs.

Why is AGC (Aldersgate Graded Curriculum) "in" today? The reasons are listed below.

- AGC is a concept curriculum teaching children and youth the "Big Ideas" of our faith.

- *Table Talk*, a family devotional booklet, is available to help tie the home and the Sunday school together.

- AGC makes use of life-changing learning principles with emphasis on leading pupils to discover spiritual truths.

- AGC quarter dates are planned to follow the school and seasonal year.

- Using AGC puts Friends' dollars to work in service to Friends through the George Fox Press.

If you aren't "in" with Aldersgate Graded Curriculum, write to your distributor for samples to study. Contact Barclay Press, Better Book Room, or Ohio Friends Book Store.

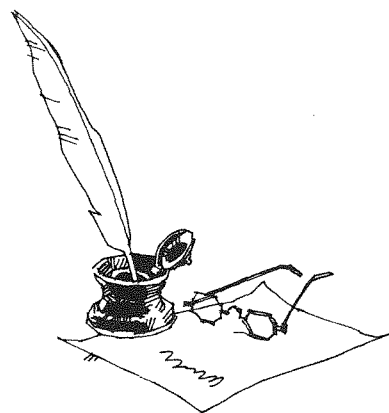
CHURCH GROWTH AND A PAID STAFF

Dr. Marvin T. Judy, who recently completed a study of the value of multiple staff members to a church, has concluded that churches reach plateaus of growth beyond which they cannot go until more full-time workers are available to help pastors. Dr. Medford Jones, church growth specialist, concurs with this idea when he tells us that a lack of paid staff members tends to strangle church growth. Really, it is very easy to understand that more people working full time help to build a church and that lack of personnel tends to limit growth.

These who have studied church growth suggest that the first person to be added to a church staff should be a secretary who works at least thirty hours each week. When the church continues to grow, a full-time director of Christian education should be employed, followed by an associate pastor, youth and music directors, as the growth warrants. A simple "rule of thumb" for growth is to provide a full-time staff member for each 100 Sunday school attenders.

How does your staff measure up to the standard? If it does not measure up, this could be one thing that is strangulating your growth. Growth of a church means souls in God's Kingdom. □

Friends Write



May I make this appeal for help from readers of *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*?

Having completed *Quakers on the American Frontier* I am turning to research for a possible volume of biographies of Friends who were especially influential in the period and area covered by that history.

As a beginning I should like to have materials regarding the following names, and suggestions of other names that might be included: Joel Bean, Gilbert Bowles, Elizabeth Comstock, John Henry Douglas, Barnabas C. Hobbs, William Hobson, Walter and Emma Malone, Nereus Mendenhall, Jonathan Plummer, and Benjamin Trueblood.

One chapter, including brief summaries of English and Eastern American Friends in their relation to the western development, would include Robert Lindsey, Joseph John Gurney, John Woolman, and Rufus M. Jones. There is adequate material on these, but suggestions would be helpful.

Materials on the others might include family letters, clippings, writings of or about them, pamphlets and books. Some of them already have biographies written years ago, but this will not preclude their inclusion. Suggestions as to where materials might be found would be helpful.

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'No goal-no go'

Springtime is not only a time for gentle rains, awakening fields, and fanciful creations of budding poets, but also a time for more earthly concerns of plowing the fields and starting the process that hopefully will result in a fall harvest.

Springtime is a time of hope, of planning, and of cleaning out the dusty accumulation of winter months. And, while February is a bit on the winterish side of the seasons, it isn't too early to start planning for the new church year that begins July 1.

Russell Myers, superintendent of Ohio Yearly Meeting, wrote a column in the Ohio *Supplement* of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND sometime ago entitled, "No Goal—No Go." With his permission, I want to share some of his concern:

"For a church to be winsome, growing, and fully alive it must have goals. What are the goals for your church in this new pastoral year? Unless those goals have been put down in writing, the church has no goals. Goalless churches are stagnant.

A church with no goal for the year will suffer the fate of boredom and be on its way backward.

"Someone has said, 'Low achievers have a habit of protecting themselves from failure by not making goals.' But we need to remember that not having a goal is more to be feared than not reaching a goal. Robert Browning said, 'A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's heaven for?'"

"Most all goals that we select, in the beginning, seem impossible to reach. In fact one great leader said, 'I have never done anything in my life that did not seem impossible when I was in the beginning stage.' Worthy goals attract energetic, courageous, imaginative people who want to be participants rather than spectators. We will not enlist disciples by trying to challenge them with little dreams. May we set goals high enough so that to reach them we need a miracle of God. Inspired churches are always caught up in work 'that they can't do.' But the God of miracles is in the midst.

"It is not enough to have a goal. Im-

mediately we must initiate action to reach it. So long as beginning is postponed failure will result."

From the new book, *Friends in the Soaring '70s: A Church Growth Era*, this set of goals comes as an inspiring challenge to every local congregation:

1. A growing church—has church goals.
2. A growing church—makes all its meetings count.
3. A growing church—has members committed to discipleship.
4. A growing church—provides for small group fellowships.
5. A growing church—utilizes direct evangelism.
6. A growing church—has multiple forms of ministry.
7. A growing church—plans for leadership development.

Your church would do well to consider these and add your own goals to the list, then plan for the full completion of these objectives. —D.G.



ILLUSTRATION BY BENNETT NORRBO

'Approve things that are excellent'

The television commercials are coming through loud and clear. "Buy our new and improved Tide." "Try our new and improved Folgers coffee." One company has tried a new approach: "We can't improve our product, so *we just improved the box.*" If a company fails to continue advertising a new and improved product, or the new and improved box, they will soon be out of business. How many items would you purchase if you had heard little about them and they were stacked on a shelf in gray, shopworn boxes?

When we consider the Christian education program of the church today, we would all agree we can't improve the product. The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is beyond improvement. It is already perfect and complete. Nothing we could add would enhance it. It is effective in meeting the needs of men in every generation, including the present one, but perhaps "the box," the method or means of sharing this product could be improved.

Paul encourages us to "approve things that are excellent." (Philippians 1:10) This could apply to the total Christian education program. And remember, it isn't necessary to have a *large* church to have a *good* church or to have an effective, yes, even an *excellent* Christian education program.

ELEVATE THE PLACE OF THE TEACHER

If a poll were taken where you checked whether or not you believed that the place of a Sunday school teacher is important, you would probably all check the affirmative. But, if next Sunday morning we would visit your church and arrive 15 minutes early, how many Sunday school teachers would be there? If we could eavesdrop on your Sunday school class, would we find a teacher who was adequately prepared? And what about the attendance at the Sunday School Workers' Conference (Sunday School Council) or Leadership Training sessions? These are just a few of the practical ways in which we prove our sincere belief that teaching



CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPH BY LOUTA GELSI

is a high and sacred calling. God can pay you no greater compliment than to place His Word in your hand and call you teacher.

GOALS AND STANDARDS INCREASE MORALE

In my encounter with Sunday school superintendents of our four Alliance yearly meetings I often hear, "But if I insist on certain standards for our Sunday school teachers, they will all resign." Can this be true? If it is, how we must have failed to lead our people in proper attitudes towards God's work!

Most thinking people want to be a part of something that is significant, something of which they can be justly proud. In a poorly operated Sunday school where teachers are coerced into taking a class, they often give it the tag end of their thought and energy. This approach destroys morale and reduces the high office of teaching God's Word to a weekly drudge. Every teacher and officer in the Sunday school should be reassigned each year. This should be done after they have been given a job description and time to prayerfully consider this appointment. When the entire staff knows and accepts such a challenge, the church experiences the excitement that springs from a disciplined and trained team ready to move out onto the field of action. When the Sunday school takes as its motto, "Approve things that are excellent," you can invite visitors to your church with confidence that every staff member is taking his task seriously, creating a spirit of warmth and holy enthusiasm.

DISCOVERY LEARNING

Why make learning a bore when it can be exciting? The same basic content can be taught in such a way that one class (and teacher too) is completely bored while another class down the hall is experiencing exciting, life-changing discoveries.

After many opportunities to visit Sunday schools across the Evangelical Friends Alliance yearly meetings, I was amazed to find that a great many teachers were still teaching in the traditional manner. Somehow, the instruction in Sunday school conventions, Christian education periodicals, and Leadership Training sessions has not affected much change in our actual practice. If you had X-ray vision, next Sunday morning you would be able to see children seated around the traditional table with a quarterly in front of them and a teacher with quarterly in hand droning on the full 30 to 45 minutes of precious class time. Teachers become "Sunday school quarterlies wired for sound." And we wonder why our children and young people lose interest in Sunday school at an earlier age than ever before.

Discovery learning is not new, but it is

not yet widely used. By discovery learning, we *do not* mean that we have no purpose or goal in the outcome of the learning process. For example, while teaching fourth graders in the public school the unit on electricity, we could have read the text and answered the questions at the end of the chapter. How dull! Instead, we set up tables with batteries, wires, buzzers, and bells where the children could discover for themselves how electricity worked. If they made the proper judgment, connected the right wires to the battery, made a complete circuit, the light or buzzer went on. This was an exciting discovery and something they would remember, and as a teacher I knew this would happen. In dealing with divine revelation, there are certain absolutes that we purpose our students will learn, but *telling* is only one way, and often a poor way, to effectively communicate truth.

The discovery method in the Sunday school may simply be to involve the pupils in the steps of the learning process by thought-provoking questions, by assigned research reports, buzz (discussion) groups, role play and drama, art, murals, listening teams, projects, field trips, and creative writing. These are only a few methods of involving the student in discovering answers for himself and thus making them more significant to him.

One Sunday morning, six-year-old Danny visited our Sunday school. He did not want to go into a strange Sunday school class, but after orders from his mother he walked with tears rolling down his cheeks to the primary department. After Sunday school his mother said, "Danny, how did you like your class this morning?" "Oh, I liked it. I got to have a crown, and I got to have a cookie, and I got to have leprosy." As far as Danny was concerned, the morning had been a howling success. He had been involved in the biblical event.

One morning I looked in on a primary class and saw them all seated around a make-believe bonfire. Each child had something to wear, such as a scarf, or a dishtowel tied around the head, or a bathrobe from the costume department, and they were reliving the story of Jesus with His disciples along the shore of Galilee. Were these children bored? Of course not. They were enrapt in the Bible story and part of the event.

Some truths may be effectively shared by the lecture method, and this is not to minimize the place of the proclamation of the Word in preaching. But in the Sunday school hour, why *tell it* when the students can *discover it*? The things we remember longest are the things in which we have been personally involved.

Without doubt the discovery method

of teaching takes more time. You won't *cover* all the facts in the lessons, but quarterlies were not written with the thought teachers would always *cover the lesson*. If a student *turns off* the lecture, what does it matter that you *covered* the material?

This discovery method is an integral part of the new Aldersgate curriculum. But no curriculum can force a teacher to change his traditional approach if he refuses to do so.

If the discovery approach to learning is a better way to teach, then it is surely among the things that we should approve as excellent.

WHO CHOOSES CURRICULUM?

One Sunday school superintendent bemoans the fact that his junior teacher said she would not teach "that" material. Another superintendent admits his staff cannot agree on the curriculum to be used, so each chooses the material that best suits his personal taste.

Have you ever considered the utter chaos that would result if our public school teachers or their students decided to throw out the State-approved textbooks and used whatever suited their tastes? Public school teachers have years of formal training, yet this choice is not their prerogative.

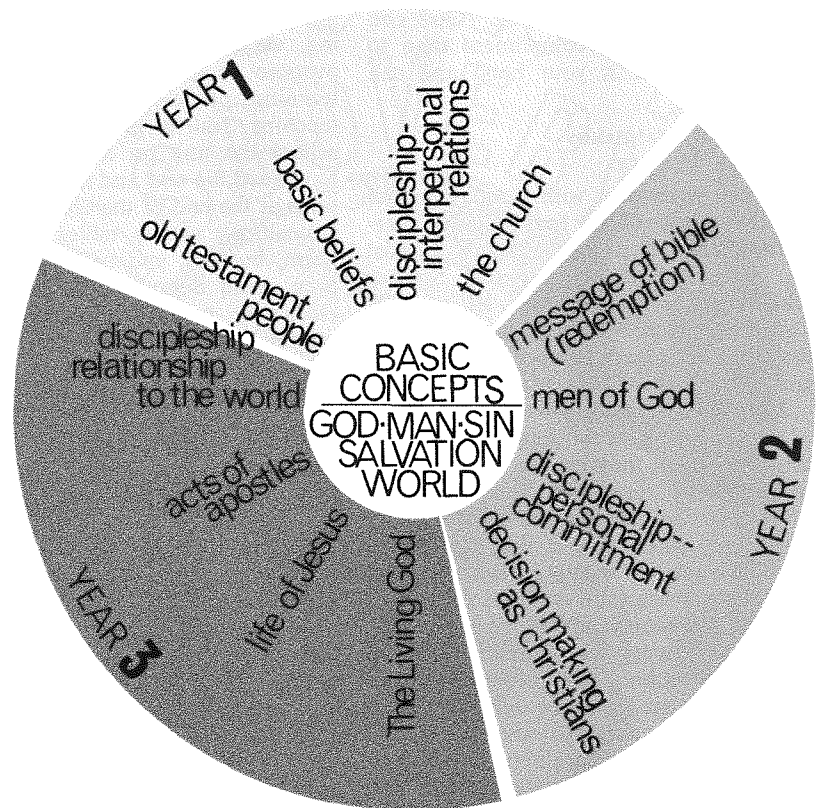
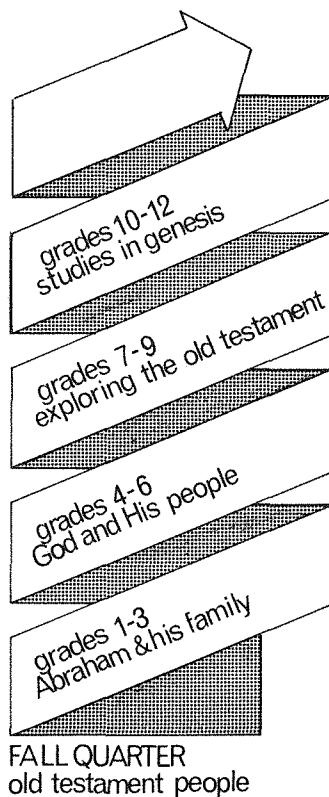
In the church, an independent spirit has developed until in many cases individual teachers with little or no training in Sunday school curriculum decide what or what not to use. This is not a plea for any form of dictatorship but a call for a sensible, thoughtful approach to choosing Sunday school curriculum.

How should Sunday school curriculum be chosen?

First of all, *the Christian Education Committee of the local church should make the final decision regarding the total curriculum used in their Sunday school*. It is understood that *the pastor should be involved in this consideration and choice*. Every pastor should be aware of what is being taught in his church and should be able to evaluate theological trends and implications in materials used. If teachers or students have suggestions or criticisms, these should be considered by the Christian Education Committee. This committee should base their judgment on careful and prayerful study of the material and endeavor to make a decision that is best for the *whole Sunday school*, not on the tastes or whims of isolated individuals or groups.

There are some important factors to weigh in choosing curriculum.

Remember that every publishing company has a staff of editors, writers, and consultants who have been chosen because of their training and ability in the curriculum field. And every publishing



company has a carefully laid out plan for the total unified curriculum used in the Sunday school. Material is prepared to cover basic Bible facts or to present important Bible concepts in definite cycles, each building upon the other. Age level quarterlies are not separate entities in themselves, but the curriculum for juniors builds on what is taught at the primary level, and the young teen material builds on the foundations laid at the junior level, and so on (see chart above).

Whenever Sunday schools divide their curriculum by using material from more than one publisher, there most likely will be gaps or overlaps in the overall curriculum education. This should be seriously considered in choosing curriculum.

Pictured above is a *three-year cycle* in the *Aldersgate Graded Curriculum* that illustrates the process in curriculum building. Every third year, the "big idea" or basic biblical concept is repeated. The second or third time around, the pupil will *not* be studying the same identical lesson but will be exposed to the same "big concept" in a fashion that fits his more advanced level of maturity. The "large umbrellas" or topics for the quarter are repeated four times from primary to senior teens.

After you are committed to using material from one publisher, how do you decide which is best for your church?

Base your decision on *big reasons*, not the fickle tastes or preferences of individuals. For instance, when someone says they can't use this material because

there are not enough pictures to color, it takes more time for preparation, the approach doesn't suit me, the colors are not bright enough, there is too much material to cover, or the lesson leaflets don't go over, these are *little reasons*, not big reasons. These are often simply matters of personal taste and not sufficient reason to choose a total curriculum or even to change material for one class.

What, then, are the *big reasons*? First, let us choose curriculum that is *strongly biblical and theologically sound*. It would seem logical that we would choose the curriculum that most nearly approaches the doctrinal position of our denomination, realizing that even at this level there may be some personal differences of opinion.

The second *big reason* is related to a philosophy of Christian education and pedagogy or good teaching methods. What are the ultimate goals of the curriculum and what methods are used to attain them? In the *Aldersgate Graded Curriculum*, the emphasis is placed upon "life-changing concepts" or big ideas. Biblical facts are presented in a way that build these concepts. The goal is not to simply "cover" the Bible so many times, or to memorize a multitude of facts, which will too soon be forgotten. When understood and applied, this educational method of the *Aldersgate curriculum* is a refreshing and effective way to teach biblical truth.

These two "big reasons" should be deciding factors, but if you need one more

consideration to tip the scale, why not consider the one curriculum in which your own denomination is involved and has a voice. Whichever material you purchase lends support to some publisher and makes possible further Christian education ministries of that publisher.

If this approach to choosing curriculum is new to you or your church, perhaps a Sunday School Workers' Conference or a Leadership Training class should be held where consideration is given to the choosing and using of Sunday school curriculum in your church. The text, *Meaningful Learning in the Church*, by Donald Joy could be profitably used for such sessions. This is an approved text in the *Aldersgate Christian Training* program in which Friends are cooperating.

Lest there be misunderstanding, let us be reminded that *no curriculum will be a cure-all*, because the success or failure of a Sunday school class is at least *90 percent teacher*. *A good teacher can take any good, sound biblical material and have an effective hour of instruction.*

There are other areas in the total Christian education program of our churches that might profit by "a new and improved box." Whether we are considering the place of the teacher, goals, and standards for leadership, teaching techniques, curriculum, or some other phase of Christian education—all should be done with the words of Paul in large bold letters, "APPROVE THINGS THAT ARE EXCELLENT." □

What is your life?

"For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

What is your life? God through the Apostle James asks the question. First of all, it is a gift from God. You are not here by choice. When God breathed into your nostrils the breath of life and you became a living soul, you were created with responsibility and accountability to Him who created you. You will have to give an account of all your acts or actions, whether they are good or bad. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Ecclesiastes 12:14) This you cannot escape.

What is your life? "It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." If by choice, repentance, and faith you receive the Savior into your heart and life and you become a new creation in Him, you become responsible and accountable in a double sense. You were His in the beginning by right of creation and are now His by right of redemption and adoption into His family. "Know ye not . . . ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price." Yes, but not with the price of silver or gold, but by the price of the precious blood of Jesus, the Christ. The owner of any property has complete jurisdiction over that which he has purchased. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

What is your life? As a committed Christian, the will of God and the glory of God become the guide and goalposts of the entire thrust of your life. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12:1) I have a stewardship; I am responsible; I am accountable;

this I must not try to escape.

What is your life? It is a life of stewardship. You are found in charge of a variety of gifts and abilities. "There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:4) "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." (1 Corinthians 12:7) The end result of the use of gifts and abilities should always be the encouraging, strengthening, and building up of others. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." It will be a service rendered with humility and thankfulness.

What is your life? Your life will largely be made up by your use of the gifts and abilities with which God has particularly endowed you. All have the use of time; all have a measure of influence; all are called to be saints, that is, patterns or examples of the grace of God in action; all are commissioned to be witnesses; all will support the Gospel in tithes and offerings as the Lord hath prospered. This should all be done with joy and cheerfulness, for "God loveth a cheerful giver."

What is your life? Consciously, or unconsciously, everyone has a set of values or a list of priorities which he or she is following or yielding allegiance to. The proportion of my time that I give to worship, meditation, prayer, Bible study, work, pleasure, community and national service, and above all my responsibility to give the Gospel to every man in the same proportion as I myself have received it are all to be found in this list, either in large, bold relief or, perhaps, buried in the fine print. I have this stewardship. I am responsible. I cannot escape it.

What is your life? It has been said that one of the most revealing plumb lines that can be dropped into a man's life is the one that will reveal on which side his pocketbook is. There is a mathematical statement that the whole is equal to the sum of all its parts and that the whole is greater than any of its parts. In the

case of the wholly committed or consecrated Christian, God has complete control over his pocketbook as well as over all other parts of his life. Gospel priorities take on a different perspective when we realize that with God the world is His field. "God so loved the world." With this sense of stewardship, you can give as joyfully to pay the janitor's salary, the fuel bill, the taxes, and insurance as you can to pay the pastor's salary, or the cost of a new vehicle for the mission field, or to help build a new church in the homeland. Everyone likes to be in something big. God has such a program. His program challenges our utmost for His highest. With the Apostle Paul, we will fix our gaze on the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus and press toward that mark with a full realization that we have this stewardship in earthen vessels and that faithfulness and obedience are the guideposts that mark the way.

What is your life? I trust it is doing the will of God from the heart, God's will to know, to do, and to live. This we will humbly try to do. We have this stewardship. □

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Seeing it as it really is

BY GERALD W. DILLON

Thanksgiving morning, Jack Willcuts, Harley Adams, and I, all members of Oregon Yearly Meeting Board of Missions, left on an exciting journey for an official visit to the Friends mission fields in Peru, Bolivia, and Mexico. This was not a new experience for Jack, since he is a two-term former missionary. For Harley and me, it was a relatively new experience.

What a thrill it is to visit the mission field! All combined are jet airplanes, exotic foods, sights galore, interesting people, and wonderful Christian fellowship with national Christians and missionaries. What a day to give thanks! And this is just what the three of us did as we left with great anticipation—to see God's miracle of a new church being born.

There is another side to the picture, especially when you go not just to *visit* but to *work*. Jet planes (with Land Rovers and narrow mountain roads between) soon mean weary bodies and upset stomachs. Exotic foods soon turn into dishes of—you're not always quite sure what, except that it definitely is not exotic. The sights quickly turn into hours of discussions, deliberation, and finally decisions concerning a score of problems. Yet, when it is all over, it's pure spiritual enjoyment.

However, work—there is a lot of it. Missionary work appeared to me quite simple as a boy. Even seminary days failed to disillusion me completely about the romantic thrills of jungles, wild beasts, and savages. It didn't take long on a mission board, and even less time on the mission field, to enlighten me concerning my ignorance. The jungles turned out to be cities with real automobiles and even electricity; the wild beasts turned into clogged streets with cars all honking at once, and the savages were just ordi-

nary people of a different culture.

Yet the need was the same. People without Christ must be *evangelized*. The masses of people stagger on with the enormity and urgency of the task. The young Christians must be *taught* the Bible and *trained* to assume places of leadership in the emerging church. Except for the miracle of conversion and the help of the Holy Spirit, such a task would "try the patience of Job"; in fact, it would be impossible. However, those who have met Christ must be *organized* into a New Testament Church and *nurtured*. How soon they become effective evangelists themselves!

Forty years ago the Friends church was born in Bolivia as the first missionary began proclaiming the Gospel. Ten years ago, approximately 60 churches stood as a witness to the redeeming grace of Christ. Today the number has doubled; more than 120 churches spread across Aymaraland as lights in the midst of darkness, with evangelism continuing at almost New Testament pace. Already this rapidly maturing church is sending out missionaries, and soon some will be appointed to go to Peru.

Eight years ago missionaries crossed the border into Juli, Peru, entering a large unevangelized area on the shores of Lake Titicaca. Today, nearly 20 congregations have been organized into a national church. Evangelism, Bible training, and further growth of the church continue. We thank God for the miracle of "His Church" in the Republic of Peru.

All of this does not come easily. God uses men through whom He can perform His works. Missionaries who have been called know how to roll up their sleeves, dig in, and be "labourers together with God." Real difficulties and staggering problems often confront them day after day; we at home seldom hear much about these—just the victories and blessings. This is the way it should be, but there are problems just the same.

Take a quick glimpse at one. Where will the children be educated? Simple?

Three choices present themselves: One, they may be educated at home by mother whose tasks are multiple—wife, mother, missionary, and teacher. Two, the children, if fortunately located in a large city, may find an American (English) school to attend—for a price. Three, the children may leave home and live in a boarding school miles away from home. A choice among these alternatives isn't always easy, and when it is made, uneasy feelings sometimes continue to disturb the parents. Have we really made the right decisions?

Let's take a look at other problems. Where will the missionaries live? Should they buy or rent? How long can they plan on being here? What about transportation? Cars are a necessity—yet so expensive in foreign countries. Besides, they seem to elevate one to a socially higher class when you are working among lower class nationals. What should we do?

An even more complicated set of problems concerns the relationship of missionaries or mission to the new Christian and the emerging national church. Paul Rees has suggested three successive stages or levels through which missions go—*pioneer*, *pastoral*, and *partnership*—in their relationship to the national church. Where are we, or what stage are we in? Is there not an overlap of each stage so that a mission can be in all three at once? What is our relationship right now to the national church? Should we give financial help, and if so how much? These and a score of similar questions must be answered by or for the missionary. Sitting at home in the comfort of American affluence, such questions seem so remote and really quite easy. But, once you are involved, every answer seems to have amazing ramifications and involvements. Answers are not found easily.

To help find answers to these questions and solutions to problems was part of the reason why the three of us were sent by the Board of Missions to visit the mission field. Long-range goals were estab-

Gerald Dillon is president of the Mission Board of Oregon Yearly Meeting. This article is a first hand report of a team visit to South America made recently.

One hundred days of prayer

On August 16, 1969, Mr. I. Ben Wati, the executive secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship of India, wrote from his Delhi office:

"This week may be the beginning of a new era in India, politics having survived a grave crisis over the election of a new President. This may also be the beginning of a new spiritual life and witness in some sections of the Indian Church, especially with 100 churches praying around the clock for 100 days. The prayer movement could not have been more timely.

"Yesterday at the Baptist Church in Gauhati, Assam, I had the privilege of inaugurating the 100 Days of Prayer as organized through the Pastor's Bulletin. Present were Baptist church leaders from Assam, Manipur, and Nagaland who had come to their Conference. Among those who participated were university and theological lecturers, doctors and nurses, teachers and students, and others from the Christian community.

"If approximately 100 people in a church pray (on an average) in their turn of the 24-hour vigil, by the time the 100th church finishes the prayer chain, it is estimated that at least 10,000 men, women, and young people will have prayed round the clock, nonstop, for 2,400 hours. One friend wrote to us saying: 'Oh, may our Lord grant mercy upon the churches and upon each one of us who profess His Name. May the church be cleansed within and revival fires started all over India.' This has been the expression of several pastors who responded to the Call to Prayer."

October 22 was the day designated for the Friends in the Chhatarpur area to take up and carry on this chain.

Have the words, "Prayer changes things," become so commonplace to us that we fail to appropriate their meaning? Events of these past months have shocked us as a nation and made us aware more than ever of the great need of renewal in our churches. In January, the churches of Ohio Yearly Meeting began a program of concentrated prayer similar to the one followed in India. Perhaps other Friends would like to join in this concern? □

The photo above shows the three visitors from Oregon Yearly Meeting with the leaders of Bolivia's National Friends Church (left to right, standing): Gerald Dillon, Antonio Mamani, president of the Bolivian INELA (the National Friends Church); Santiago Mamani, secretary of evangelism; Melitón Mollesaca, secretary of education; Jack Willcuts and Harley Adams of OYM. Front row: Eugenio Mamani, treasurer; Vicente Yujra, vice-president INELA; Felipe Apaza, and Francisco Aruguipa, members-at-large of Mesa Directiva. At right is Juan Mamani, lay leader at the Kellkata Church, Eustaquio Benito, president of the Peruvian INELA, along with the Edwin Cammack family.



lished. God did give insight into the problems, and the result was a sense of blessing and achievement through the Holy Spirit. Many hours were used for discussion with the missionaries and with national church leaders—part of this time in unheated adobe-walled church buildings. But, invariably a sense of His presence was given and wisdom from above. We thank God!

In every field we found the work of the Lord prospering. Roscoe and Tina Knight, working in Mexico City under the Evangelical Friends Alliance, have found an open door among the middle and lower classes. Hearts and homes are open to them and the Gospel. New believers confessing their faith are being added, and again a new church is being born by the Holy Spirit. New missionaries will soon be needed in Mexico to help with the growing work. Pray now that the Lord of the harvest will send additional laborers as needed.

Our work in Bolivia and Peru continues to grow under God's blessing. New missionary couples are needed. A major expansion of missionary giving is desperately needed if these winnable people

have their day of visitation and opportunity. Pray again that wisdom and judgment may be given to Friends for the maximum reaping of the harvest.

As we lived at 13,000 feet altitude with our missionaries, dizziness, aches and pains, and sometimes sickness annoyed us. Even the absence of letters, when we hurried expectantly to the post office, gave us a taste of missionary life. Like the missionaries said, "Now, you know how it feels." And indeed we do. I believe that prayers, letters, and real home support are great morale boosters to those who work in such conditions.

The fellowship was rich and rewarding beyond measure. The work was tiring but never boring. Finally, the hour came to leave—home in time for Christmas. But, as a national leader said goodbye with a firm handshake and an arm around my shoulders, I noticed the tears in his eyes and the emotion of deep, Christian love. It was then I knew that these people through Christ love us and appreciate all we try to do. I could never be the same again. Such is the reward of the harvest. It tears your heart and calls you back again. □

Witnessing for Christ in our nation

BY RALPH E. CHOATE

At the very beginning, I am assuming that this title means witnessing for Christ in our adopted nation of Burundi. Otherwise, I would not attempt such a discussion as this.

Let's consider the second definition in my dictionary: "witness; attestation of a fact, or an event." No fact of history has been more thoroughly authenticated than that of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The facts of His life, His death on the cross, His burial, His resurrection from the dead, His ascension to rejoin the Father in heaven—all these facts have been well established. Through the ages, these facts have been believed, and they stand as the foundation of our Christian faith. As Christians, we are members of the only religion whose founder sacrificed His life for His people. We serve a living Savior; we don't just reverence the memory of a mythical character or some long-dead person who can no longer give life to the religion he founded.

In these days, one reads a great deal about "communicating" with those about us. For many years I have been a teacher, trying to communicate by word of mouth, by the written word, by example,

all the mysteries of the Gospel. Only time and eternity will show if that effort was successful.

We knew a missionary who came to Burundi with the quaint notion that she would just sit under a palm tree and preach (in English) to the hordes of Africans who would gather about her. It isn't as easy as that! After more than half a lifetime here in Burundi, I find this Kirundi language still a rich, but extremely difficult, means of witnessing for Christ. Perhaps one is tempted to use Kiswahili, French, or English, languages of the area, spoken by a certain small percent of the population. However, I am convinced we never really reach deep into the heart-need of a person unless we do it by means of his *mother tongue*. So, one of the primary problems of witnessing for Christ in Burundi is the language barrier.

Printing was the second problem we missionaries had to overcome. Presses were so small, type hard to get, hard to set up; paper supplies were scarce; skilled labor was nonexistent. At first each mission tried to operate its own little printing operation. We smile now as we look at those first efforts of ours, but we treasure them. Blood, sweat, and tears went into their production. In our earlier days in Burundi, the literacy rate was less than 10 percent, so we had first to build schools and teach the students to read.

Without doubt, my recent change of occupation has caused a marked change in my approach to witnessing by the printed page. From having spent years in school rooms, I suddenly became a retailer of religious and secular literature. I had helped teach hundreds of people to read; now came the task of selling books to them, books that can help establish them in their Christian faith. I am finding that a literate person is not necessarily a profitable customer of our Bookshop. Free tracts—these he will read—but his finances are earmarked for other things. Half of our problem, as salesmen, is to convince our customers that a cer-

tain book will make them better able to follow Christ, better able to cope with the problems of daily life. It is all too easy to overstock our warehouse with printed pages that the local customer is not yet interested enough to buy.

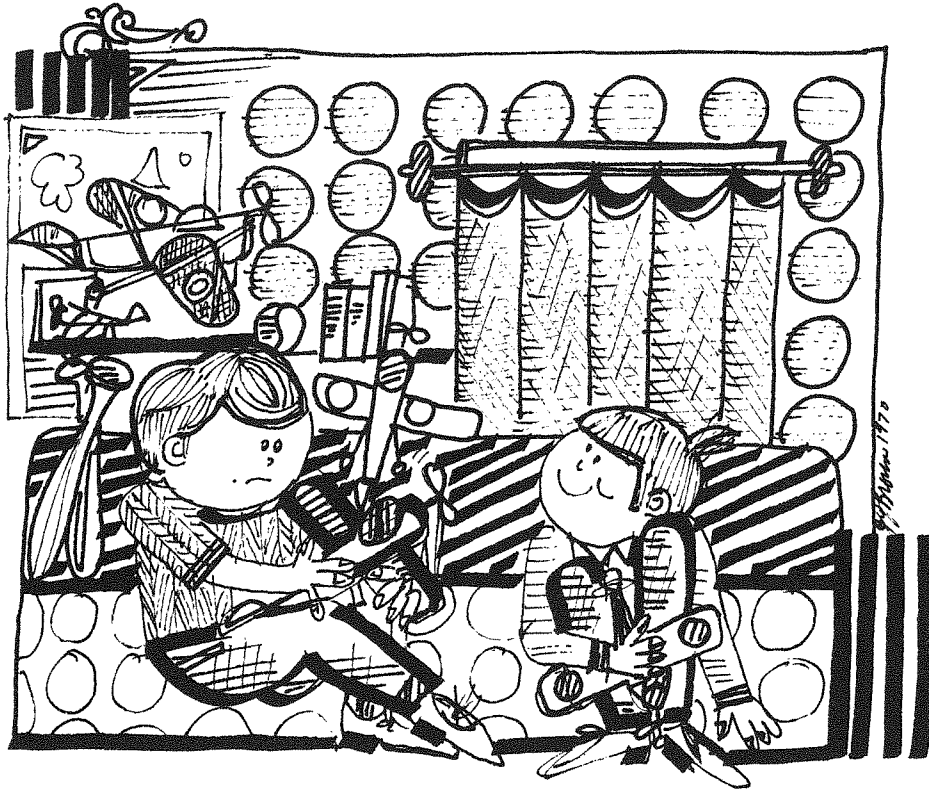
We have watched the development of the Cordac radio ministry in this country. It has warmed our hearts to see how the Lord has opened the way, how He has blessed even during the times of waiting for permits, title deeds, personnel and other problems to be worked out. Sometimes the Cordac staff has had to "stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord." Even the Lord doesn't often force His good plans on to people; we must be willing to accept His plan before He can put it into effect and bless it.

The New Life for All program is off to a good start in this needy land. To some of you, that program is better known as Evangelism in Depth. Interest is growing; good reports come from other African nations where the program has been operating for a year or more. There are evidences that the Lord is going to give Burundi another time of revival blessing. We pray earnestly for such a blessing. Will you join us?

The day of mass evangelism seems to have passed. I am glad that I saw it happen, though, and that so many had at least those years of opportunity to hear about our Savior. Now comes the period of personal, individual evangelism, with its one-by-one harvest of souls. The methods of personal example, teaching, preaching, healing, radio broadcasting, distribution of God's Word in all its forms—all these still exist and have their usefulness.

By whatever means of communication we favor, we must first reach inside the human heart with the message of salvation. Christ said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock." The door of the heart can be opened only from inside. Pray with us, and for us, that the hearts of the Burundi, here in the heart of Africa, may be opened to receive the Savior! □

Ralph E. Choate has been a missionary in Africa since 1935. He is a graduate of George Fox College (nee Pacific College) '31. In 1932 he married Esther Chilson, daughter of well-known Friends African missionaries, Arthur and Edna Chilson. Ralph and Esther Choate's daughter, Anne Fuqua, also serves with her husband Gary as a missionary in Burundi under Kansas Yearly Meeting.



Mystery of the missing nuts

Part II

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

When I saw those filberts, it seemed like everything had gone flat! Since nuts like that weren't available in the stores around here, there seemed to me just one explanation as to where his nuts had come from! However, I decided right fast not to say anything about it to Richard.

We went on upstairs to his room and looked at his model planes for awhile. Then I said, "I sure wish you'd come to Sunday school with me next time. We're going to do some real neat things like putting on a play about a man who had a donkey that talked. That's a Bible story, you know. And we're going to make plans for a swimming party, too. Do you think you could come?"

"I don't know," Richard answered. "I'm not sure what my father has planned for next Sunday. We might be gone, or we might have company or something. We aren't much for going to church, you know!"

I told him I had decided that, but I hoped that things might change for them. Then it was time for me to go home.

"I just can't believe it," I told myself

as I walked very slowly across the street. "I just can't believe that Richard would take our nuts!" Yet, I knew the evidence was all there. Not only had I seen the nuts, but he had looked so funny when he saw me coming. A guilty look if ever I saw one!

I couldn't bring myself to say anything to Mom and Dad about my suspicions. I did pray about it, though. I asked God to help me to know what to do; I wanted to win Richard to the Lord, but it didn't seem right then like it would be possible. (Sounds as though I was forgetting that God can do the impossible.)

It just so happened (later I decided that God had planned it that way) that, on Thursday evening of that week, my folks invited their friends, Jack and Amy Williams, over to dinner. It came to my mind that, since Jack is on our city's police force, maybe he could help us solve the mystery of the missing nuts. We mentioned it to him.

"Did you report this?" Jack asked.

"No, it hardly seemed that important," Dad said. "It really isn't a big thing, but

we are curious about it!"

"I'll keep my eyes open," promised Jack. "We may hear of other things in this neighborhood being missing." Then he smiled, "I guess, though, we don't have enough clues to launch a full-scale investigation!"

"Not hardly," I said softly, seeing in my mind a box of nuts in Richard's basement. "I have a feeling we'll find out sometime!" But I knew I didn't really want to find out. I didn't want Richard to turn out to be the robber.

When I went to bed that night I felt really discouraged. The thought of Richard being the one who had taken our nuts was feeling heavier and heavier. I still didn't know what to do about it. Then, to top it all off, he had told me that afternoon that he wouldn't be going to Sunday school. I figured he just plain didn't want to go! I didn't see how God or I could either one make him change his mind. God surely wasn't going to answer my prayers this time!

All day Friday I still felt discouraged! Finally, I decided that I would tell Mom and Dad that night about Richard being the thief. Maybe they would know whether we should do anything about it or just let the whole thing be forgotten. I didn't want to do something that would turn him away from us. Then we'd never get him won to the Lord.

On my way home from school that day, I had a happy thought. Maybe Jack Williams had found some clues. Maybe that's the way God would answer! Jack would find out that there had been other robberies in the neighborhood; the police would follow through, and the whole situation would be solved.

That seemed reasonable all the rest of the block, until I passed Jenkins' house! Then I thought of Richard and the box of nuts and his guilty look!

"Oh, no!" I moaned. Then the thought came to me, "If he is a thief, that's more proof that he needs the Lord. God can forgive robbers just as well as other people! He needs my prayers more than ever!"

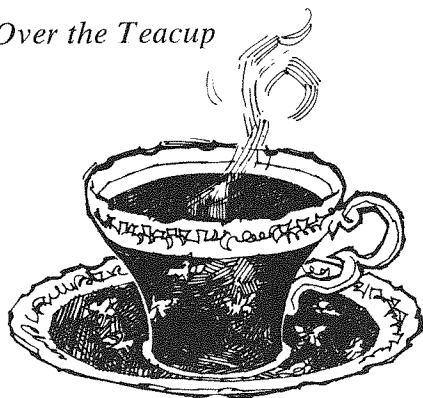
Thinking about praying harder for Richard gave me a little more courage, but I wasn't sure God could answer! (It sure was easy for me to forget that He can do *anything*!)

About ten minutes after I got home, the phone rang. It was Richard. "Jeff, can you come over for awhile? I've got something I think I should tell you!"

"Something to tell me?" I know that my voice sounded queer! "Well—yes, I'll be right over."

Maybe my prayers were beginning to be answered! I was sure that Richard was going to confess his crime!

What would I say to him? I wondered! (To be continued) □



Our best

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Success along any line is very impressive, I think, and very important, too. There is a high regard for achievement whether in a basketball tournament, winning the love of a good man, winning the prize at a bake sale, landing a job, or landing on target on the moon.

The other day I sat at dinner with one of the astronauts of APOLLO ELEVEN. All during the meal, little boys walked up to his place at the table and shyly asked for his autograph. I had been so impressed with the whole flight and successful mission that I was actually surprised to discover that our hero really was just an ordinary man who ate food with a fork and spoke the English language! He was most interesting to me, but I realized somehow with a bit of letdown that he was human and better at flying than speech-making, a fact which made him delightfully real, and I realized that we cannot all excel at everything.

Then not long ago I met an author of several books. This was getting closer to my interest, and I cherished every minute of our visit together. She had succeeded where I longed to be able to, at least, finish what I had begun. She was very human, too, I noticed. Funny how most people are! She did have a gift, and she was using it. There is very little magic in success. It usually requires discipline, practice, and hard work in any field—but success is rarely achieved by one person on every line.

We are tremendously impressed with heroes and stars, but how do we ordinary women know when we have achieved or have succeeded?

When do we succeed as a homemaker?

When the house is in perfect order and the meals at our table come up perfect every time?

When our children win scholarships and make us proud?

When we have become professional at interior decorating?

We do not have the same gifts, nor the

same opportunities, nor situations, and there is little profit in comparing ourselves with each other. The competition in housekeeping and homemaking is perhaps one of the worst enemies to feeling successful. Has anybody found out for sure which of the detergents is really best? There are so many "bests" even in the simple matter of washing clothes that it is quite bewildering. You can achieve a perfect pie and flub on the "whiteners that outwhiten bleach."

There is something much deeper and much more important to achieve if we would succeed in living these lives of ours. It won't come by trying to impress people with external and superficial triumphs. It seems to me it is a matter of centering down in God and offering our lives, gifts, time, and energies to Him as instruments for Him to use—channels for His love to flow through. He will make the best possible use of anything we give Him, and He is wiser than we are.

I feel a need for this quiet at the center where we can hear and know clearly what God is saying. It is our heritage as Quakers. It is most difficult to acquire quietness in the rush of every day. It is far easier and much quicker to react humanly than to act under the impulse of the Spirit.

It is so refreshing to find those who have succeeded in the art of moving with God. It has been done, but those who do are never aware of success—only dependence.

Who knows, in God's sight, how we or anyone else stands? There is such delightful diversity in His gifts. His ways are not our ways, and I am sure His judgments of others are not ours either, but there is a best for each of us. I hope we all find it. □

Elsie Craig

Called by the Master—to prayer

Matthew 6:6; 21:22;

John 16:24; Hebrews 11:6

In my mind I go back to when I was a youngster on the farm (there were 11 of us children). Very early in the morning, I'd hear Dad call the boys to go milk the cows or tend the horses; then mother's voice would sound up the stairwell. We knew it was time for us girls to roll out.

For several years I had tried to establish a regular Bible study and prayer time, knowing the leanness in my soul was due to a lack of feasting in the Lord. Later in the evening, when there was time, I found my mind skipping back over the day's activities, too weary to spend the time before the Lord. Again I tried noontime (I work in a busy office); even though the door was shut and locked, there was always interruption.

In reading E. M. Bounds, *A Treasury of Prayer*, I was challenged anew to start the day with the Lord. I began by setting my alarm clock one-half hour earlier. But then, sometimes I was too tired; sometimes I'd think, "I'll lie here just a minute longer" . . . the time would be gone. One morning, in sheer desperation, I prayed, "Lord, I've got to have this time with You—I have to have prayer time, a time with You, and I can't do it in my own strength. You know, Lord, how many times I've tried and failed; if You want me, You'll have to take over."

For over a year now I regularly awake at 5:30 (no more alarm clock even) with the Lord's touch on my shoulder. Will you believe it is easy to slide out of bed and meet the Lord on my knees in prayer—to read His Word and let it sink deep into my heart, giving strength for the day?

How do I know I'm called by the Master? I know because He is there waiting for me, as the song writer has so ably said:

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow
strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace." □

This personal testimony was submitted by Elsie Craig of Salem, Iowa.

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has been camouflaged so planes will not attack it, and are given a card that entitles them to one feeding. After they respond to the calling of their names, they proceed to the serving area under the shelter and are served their portion. From there they go through a gate to a second enclosed area, where they must eat what they have been given on the spot. When they have finished, they come out the end gate and return their card, which will be used for the next feeding in three days.

Many of the staff are Christians whose only material compensation is one adult portion at the feeding center twice a week, the same as the children receive. No word has been received at this printing regarding latest developments.

—M.N.S.

NAE CONVENTION, APRIL 7-9, KANSAS CITY

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A twenty-fifth anniversary luncheon will mark the Annual

Convention of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association to be held April 7-9, 1970, at the Muehlebach Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, in conjunction with the National Association of Evangelicals Convention.

The EFMA program will include a session on "Mobilizing for Evangelism," with the Rev. James Kennedy of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as speaker.

In conjunction with the Stewardship Commission, EFMA will study anticipated problems and opportunities in missions giving in the 1970s.

All this will be coordinated with the overall NAE Convention program, which will feature among its speakers: Dr. Paul S. Rees, Dr. Stephen Olford, Dr. Elliott Mason, Dr. Clyde Taylor, Dr. David McKenna, and Dr. Arnold Olson.

—M.N.S.

LITERATURE COOPERATION IN BURUNDI

GITEGA, BURUNDI—A Burundi Literature Centre has been established here as a cooperative project of the Friends (Kansas Yearly Meeting), Free Methodists, and World Gospel Mission.

The Centre consists of a joint publishing and distribution operation. Another cooperative project is the Grace Memorial Press, which provides an opportunity for the pooling of resources, personnel,

and equipment.

Plans are underway for a New Life for All campaign in Burundi during 1970, a cooperative program by the above and other missions in Burundi.

Bible Literature International, with international headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, will help provide literature for the nationwide evangelistic thrust. —M.N.S.

NHA HIRES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR—PLANS 1970 DETROIT CONVENTION

Dr. O. Dale Every of Marion, Indiana, became the executive director of the National Holiness Association on January 1, 1970. He served as the general director of youth for the Wesleyan Church prior to that date. A central office for NHA is being set up in Indianapolis, according to their president, Dr. Myron F. Boyd.

The 1970 NHA Convention will be held in the Detroit-Hilton Hotel in Detroit, Michigan, April 1-3. Speakers will include Dr. C. B. Cochran, United Methodist, Atlanta, Georgia; the Reverend James E. Massey, Church of God, Anderson, Indiana; Dr. W. T. Purkiser, editor, Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, Missouri; Dr. Robert Hess, Malone College, Friends, Canton, Ohio; Commissioner Samuel Hepburn, Salvation Army, New York City; Dr. Myron F. Boyd, Free Methodist, Winona Lake, Indiana.

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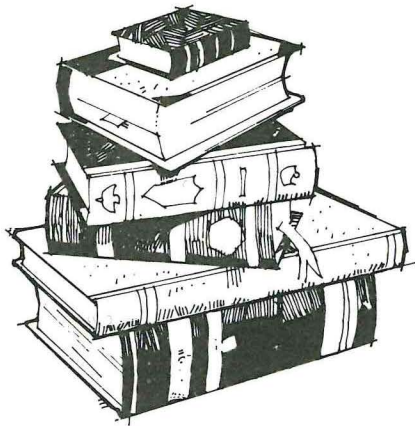
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Gladys Hunt, Honey for a Child's Heart, Zondervan Publishing House, 127 pages, \$3.50.

The author reminds us: "Children and books go together in a special way. I can't imagine any pleasure greater than bringing to the uncluttered, supple mind of a child the delight of knowing God and the many rich things He has given us to enjoy. This is every parent's privilege, and books are his keenest tools. Children don't stumble onto good books by themselves; they must be introduced to the wonder of words put together in such a way that they spin out pure joy and magic."

This very readable book encourages the imaginative use of books in family life. It also emphasizes the importance of sharing with our children the most important book of all, the Bible.

An excellent addition for a church library (with special encouragement for it to be read by parents of young children) or a wonderful gift for parents, it also is an inspirational volume for writers who aspire to create children's literature. Included in the contents is a fine list consisting of a wide variety of books and authors suitable for children of all ages.

Only the best literature is good enough for children. Use this handbook for helping to guide the reading habits of the children in your care!

—Betty M. Hockett

Charles Caldwell Ryrie, Balancing the Christian Life, Moody Press, 1969.

"Genuine and wholesome spirituality is the goal of all Christian living." This basic proposal is the thesis of the book. It is not written for sensational reading but for thoughtful study. Sanctification and Christian maturity are the general themes of the book. One entire section presents biblical concepts that are often accepted without much thought; these are carefully

defined and traced through the Scriptures. The author takes issue with proponents of the "victorious life" and holds forth the doctrine of eternal security.

Maturity is the key to the concept of spirituality and is the growth produced by the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian. The chapter entitled "Dedication" is excellent and deals primarily with the control of one's life. "Simply stated, dedication concerns whether I will direct my life or whether Christ will."

The author has a way of translating

biblical truths into practical living. One section of the book discusses such topics as: temptation, legalism, being filled with the Spirit, speaking in tongues, confession, and forgiveness.

The final two chapters present the "Lordship of Christ" and "Balancing the Christian Life." The spiritual life is "a dedicated life that is disciplined, dependent, and developing." Two difficulties Christians have are "keeping the various facets of the truth in proper balance, and then doing what we know is necessary." —Galen Hinshaw

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

MASTER KEY- FOR THE SEVENTIES



The curtain of the sixties has been drawn, and we stand before the doorway into the seventies. What is the magic key that will unlock its treasures for individuals, churches, and nations?

The *master key* is the greatest thing in the world, Christ's love for us and in us. The Scriptures declare, "Meanwhile these remain: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love." (TEV) Love is above all.

Love is a growing experience. The more we grow, the more we become aware that our love is imperfect. The more of His love we have, the more we are conscious of how imperfect our love can be. Every time we manifest love toward another, we learn a little more of the love of Christ. Love must ever give, no matter what the cost. Love is a principle that enables us to act for the highest good of another—often against our own human feelings.

In the early sixties I saw in print the kernel of the nonresistance movement in our nation.

"We will match your capacity to inflict suffering by our capacity to endure suffering.

"Do to us what you will, and we will continue to love you.

"Throw us in jail, and we will love you. Bomb our homes, threaten our children, and we will still love you.

"Be assured that we will wear you down by our capacity to suffer.

"One day we will win freedom, but not only for ourselves.

"We shall so appeal to your heart and conscience that we shall win you in the process, and our victory will be a double victory."

Love is the *master key*. Anything less is not enough. From the battered ghetto comes this dynamic insight: *It's not until love is felt that the message is heard*. Love is beyond justice, but it can't be a substitute for justice.

If *Friends in OYM* refuse to become involved in the love revolution, we will forfeit our right to be called the disciples of Christ. Our failure to profess and practice Christ's love will drive the oppressed to wage a revolution of violence.

If *your love fails to win*, increase the dose. It is the *master key* for this or any other decade.

—Russell Myers

MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

Two diplomats representing the Arab and Israeli positions were featured speakers at a conference on Middle East affairs at Malone College Thursday, December 11.

Hassan Abdullah, director of the Midwest Regional Office of the Arab Information Service, and Shaul Ramati, Consul General for the Midwest for Israel, were the participants. The program, jointly sponsored by the Divisions of Religion and Philosophy and Social Sciences, began at 5:00 p.m. with a lecture by Mr. Ramati, followed by a banquet for invited guests at 6:15. Mr. Abdullah lectured at 7:30 p.m. Both lectures were followed by question periods and were open to the public.

Mr. Abdullah, a native Palestinian, studied at Ibrahimya College in Jerusalem and the

American University of Beirut in Lebanon. He came to the United States in 1956 and received his master's degree in political science from the University of Chicago.

He taught at Ibrahimya College and served as Consul General for Jordan in Midwestern United States before accepting his present position. He recently returned from an extensive tour of Arab states.

Mr. Ramati was born in Poland and educated in Switzerland, Austria, and England, receiving a master's degree in politics and economics from Oxford University. He has served in several posts with the Israeli army and as a delegate to the Israel-Jordan mixed Armistice Commission.

He joined the foreign service in 1959 and held positions in the U.S., Thailand, Ceylon, and Israel before accepting his present post.

Contemporary Christian Witness

BY DR. ROGER L. WOOD

The other afternoon I sat in a seminar session with the eight post-doctoral participants in the Tri-University Project, along with three predoctoral students. We discussed some of the educational proposals being made in the light of current social questions. The immediate context was the impending visit to Seattle of Jonathan Kozol (*Death at an Early Age*) and Ivan Illich.

We discussed yesterday the alternatives our society faces, not only in education but in its total structure. We assumed that the many elements of society are interdependent and that much of our current educational system is being used to perpetuate that society.

Several ideas were proposed by our group in an attempt to go beyond symptoms to causes. Some were obviously concerned but do not know which way to turn. One feels that the time has come to put the means of production into public control so that exploitation and abuse will be decreased. Still another said the only answer, in his opinion, is a revolution that will eliminate the capitalistic system.

This kind of discussion is taking place frequently today. It was not our first, nor will it be our last here in Tri-University.

As I sat there quiet, many thoughts went through my mind. Certainly, there must be a Christian solution to our problems. But do I really know what it is and what practical guidance Christianity can give for our problems of racism, poverty, exploitation, and war? How can the ideal become real? Not feeling articulate, I kept quiet in order to be able to speak more clearly later.

While there, and since, I thought of Malone College and the opportunities we have there to consider fully the entire spectrum of human problems. There was not an idea expressed in our meeting yesterday that could not be expressed freely at Malone. Our advantage at Malone is in our total freedom to explore the Christian answer to today's dilemma.

We, as Christians, are often timid. We do not want to speak rashly, so we often do not speak at all. I urge you to learn to speak—thoughtfully, rationally—while at Malone. Allow your ideas to be analyzed and criticized. Believe me, the time will come when your ideas will have a less friendly audience, and you may have to stand alone. Will you be prepared?

WITH OUR CHURCHES

ADRIAN QUARTERLY MEETING

RAISIN CENTER—*Dan Frost, pastor*

Earl Kelbaugh spoke on the subject of Peace and Service on Wednesday, December 3.

On Sunday morning, December 21, our adult choir presented the cantata, "Sing Hallelujah" by Geneva Stark. The director was Dan Frost; the accompanist, Marcia Mitchell. Vickie Dull assisted on the violin, and Wanda Frost on the organ. Sunday evening, the Sunday school youth presented a play on the Christmas spirit for their annual program. It was a special inspiration to the 140 people present.

The Adrian City, Raisin Center, Raisin Valley, and Tecumseh Friends Churches participated in a union Christmas Eve service at the Adrian City Friends Church, December 24 at 9:00 p.m. Each of the churches furnished special music or readings, and each of the pastors spoke on one of the names of Jesus.

YPSILANTI—*Herbert E. Burch, pastor*

Our pastor, Herbert E. Burch, left in October and was gone through November on his around-the-world missions trip. During his absence, the services were aptly and interestingly cared for by various local persons, groups, and visiting speakers. Among the latter were Lawrence Ehinger of Tecumseh, Michigan, and Rev. Mr. Theo. Amolsch of Dundee, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Johnson of Tecumseh, Elsie Dodd, the Rev. Mr. Owen Haifley, and Robert Malick. The cooperation and services rendered by all were to the praise of God, and those participating, deserving of thanks.

The Christmas choir program was given Sunday evening, December 21, using carols and stories of their origin. Special arrangements and various solos added to the beauty of the program.

The Sunday school Christmas program was presented on Christmas Eve with an original playlet depicting greeting card scenes, which included home scenes, praying hands, carolers, shepherds, wisemen, and the nativity. It was a Christ-centered program that was well-attended and tenderly presented.

On Sunday evening, December 28, the pastor spoke and showed color slides of Israel, giving both humorous and serious happenings and circumstances.

ALUM CREEK QUARTERLY MEETING

ALUM CREEK—*James Brantingham, pastor*

The Christmas Choir presented their program on December 21 in the morning service. Pauline Wigton was the narrator for this program.

"A Gift for the Christ Child" was the play presented that evening for the annual Christmas program sponsored by the Christian Education Committee.

The Messengers Sunday School Class, taught by Nola Gale, baked 300 cookies for Christmas for the elderly people in the

Colonial Manor Nursing Home at Fulton, Ohio. The class president is Florence Truax.

Pastor Brantingham mentioned a very needy family shortly before Christmas. The congregation responded quickly and quietly with food, clothing, money, and some gifts for the children. One week later, Pastor Brantingham spoke appreciatively of the love shown by the congregation in this needy situation. May we as a congregation continue to show love to those about us during their hours of need. —*Elma E. Black, correspondent*

CLEVELAND QUARTERLY MEETING

BARBERTON—*Charles Bancroft, pastor*

This past summer saw the breaking of ground for our new parsonage, which is being completed on a lot adjoining our church property. This lovely ranch-type home will soon be ready for our pastor and his family.

During the morning worship hour of December 7, our guest speaker was William Zoellner of the East Milan Friends Church. His message was on stewardship.

On December 21 for the morning worship services, the children presented a Christmas program entitled "Unto Us a King." For the evening service, a play entitled "Christmas Glory" was presented by the adult members of our church, in which again the glorious birth of the Christ Child was retold.

—*Arlie W. Lupardus, correspondent*

WEST PARK—*Earl M. Smith, pastor*

December 7 we were glad to have James Morris and his wife with us for all services.

NEW TRUSTEE ADDED TO MALONE COLLEGE BOARD

A Salem, Ohio, funeral director, W. Ray Pearce, has been elected to the Malone College Board of Trustees, Dr. Everett L. Cattell, college president, announced.

Mr. Pearce has accepted the appointment, which was confirmed by the trustees at their October 1969 meeting, and will serve a one-year term.

A senior member of the board of the Home Savings and Loan Company of Salem, he is widely known as the owner of the Arbaugh-Pearce Funeral Home.

He is a trustee of the First United Methodist Church and has served as chairman of its building committee. He is a past commander and charter member of the Charles H. Carey Post of the American Legion and a past president and 30-year member of the Salem Rotary Club.

A past president of the Mahoning-Trumbull Counties Funeral Directors' Association, he is also a member of the National and Ohio Funeral Directors' Associations.

For 24 years he served on the Salem Civil Service Commission and at present is a trustee of the Salem Community Foundation.

Along with other memberships, he is past president of the Salem Advisory Board of the Salvation Army.

They are members of Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends and missionaries to Burundi.

Special speaker at the monthly Men in Missions meeting on December 11 was Robert Devine—the "Clock Watcher" from WCRF-FM.

December 14 was the first Sunday in our new church, after a long delay. We are thanking the Lord for His faithfulness. We were happy to have the Miller family, missionaries to Ecuador, with us that Sunday morning.

Our Sunday school Christmas program was given at 7 p.m., December 21. "God's Christmas Vessels" was presented, with all departments of the Sunday school taking part.

—*Matilda Kuch, correspondent*

DAMASCUS QUARTERLY MEETING

ALLIANCE—*Galen Weingart, pastor*

The morning worship service December 14 was presented by the Malone College Chorale. Prof. Donald Murray directed the sacred concert, which was presented in two parts. Part one included Psalms in various settings; part two was a folk cantata for Christmas by John F. Wilson titled "Shepherds Rejoice."

The Alliance Music Study Club's annual Christmas Vespers were held December 14 at 4 p.m. at the church. Mrs. Edward Phillips, club president, played the organ offertory.

The Christmas cantata, "Born a King," was presented by the Sanctuary Choir at the evening service December 21. Mrs. Fred Williamson was director.

Lewis Berger from the Ohio Council on Alcohol Problems was our guest speaker in the morning worship service December 28. It was a presentation by the Moral Action Committee in our "Year of Responsibility."

Joe Shriver, who is a member of our church and a ministerial student, delivered the evening message December 28.

—*Ruth Hoff, correspondent*

BELOIT—*Gilbert Thomas, pastor*

Spiritual Renewal services were held December 5-7. Morton Dorsey of Findlay, Ohio, delivered soul-searching messages. Don and Gary Abraham and their pianist, John Porrazzo, brought gospel music in the Saturday evening and Sunday morning services.

On December 21 at 7:30, we had a mixed Christmas program by the Primary and Junior Departments. A one-act play, "Little Brother of Mankind," was given by our young adults.

CANTON—*William Atchison, pastor*

Robert Hess, professor at Malone College, preached in the Sunday evening service, December 7. Boy Scout Banquet was held in the church social room. Awards were presented to the members. Parents were guests.

We have had special music by a Malone women's musical group. The missionary women have packed boxes for boys in the Armed Services, sent gifts to the girls and workers at Friends' Rescue Home in Columbus, and baked cookies for shut-ins of the church.

The Children's Choir presented Christmas musical numbers in the morning service of

December 21. They were under the direction of Carolyn Collins. The same day at 5:30 p.m., the Adult Choir, directed by Donald Murray, presented the Christmas cantata, "Son of God." A Family Fellowship covered-dish dinner followed, also a carol sing.

Everett Cattell, president of Malone College, delivered the message on December 28 in the morning service; New Year's Eve service was given by Senior FY and counselors.

DEERFIELD—Duane Rice, pastor

The FY group presented the play, "The Greatest of These," on Sunday evening, December 14.

On December 21, the children's Christmas program was given during the Sunday school hour. A cantata, "A Voice in the Wilderness," was presented in the morning service, directed by William Kehres, Jr. There were 179 in attendance for this service. A candlelight service was held in the evening.

Herbert Hallman spoke on the Unified Budget of the Yearly Meeting on December 28. —Catherine James, correspondent

EAST GOSHEN—E. Roy Skeeter, pastor

On November 30, for the opening part of our worship service, we had dedication and baptism of children, ten in all. One item of interest was the water Pastor Skeeter used for the baptism. It was from the River Jordan. He purchased it on his trip to the Holy Land.

On December 21 the primary department put on their Christmas program consisting of exercises and songs, and the junior department put on a play. The choir was directed by Mae Smith.

On Sunday evening the Christmas cantata, "Love Transcending," by John Peterson, was presented by the combined choirs of Damascus and Winona United Methodist and East Goshen Friends Churches.

On Christmas Eve we had a candlelight service of music and meditation. Special music consisted of a cornet solo by Greg Phillips and a medley of Christmas hymns on the organ by Sara Lou Biery. For our meditation, Pastor Skeeter used his text from Malachi, 3rd chapter, followed by the lighting of the candles.

—Mary Mercer, correspondent

QUAKER HILL—William Waltz, pastor

The children's Christmas program centered around "The Talking Christmas Tree." There were many recitations and poems commemorating Christ's birth. On December 21 the young people of our church presented an original play, "God's Will Be Done," written and directed by Melody Clark.

GOSHEN QUARTERLY MEETING

BYHALIA—James Thompson, pastor

The weekend of December 5-7, evangelistic services were conducted by Mark Headland of Lansing, Michigan. The Penhorwood sisters of Mt. Victory, Ohio, had charge of special music. On Saturday evening, a fellowship supper was held, and Mark was honored on his birthday. The church also gave the Thompsons a surprise pounding.

On December 21 the Sunday school children gave a short Christmas program. In the evening another program was presented by FYF, reading appropriate Scripture and singing of songs by the choir. The program was

closed with an impressive candle-lighting service.

The FYF then went caroling and ended at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Eastman to get warm and have a little food. The next evening they held their Christmas party at the Smorgasbord at Marion, Ohio.

On December 28 the Thompson family held open house for the church family.

—Ethel Eastman, correspondent

URBANA—

Don and Georgia Kensler, pastors

A Christmas program was presented the Sunday night before Christmas, followed by a cantata, "The Night the Angels Sang," by our Senior Choir.

We had a New Year's Eve watch night service from 8:30 to 12. Refreshments were served, and prayers were offered for the New Year.

We were glad to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Carey and Rev. and Mrs. Chat Oranhood into our membership as transfers.

—Ethel Barnett, correspondent

TRINITY—Jason Sherwood, pastor

A family Christmas potluck was held December 10 at the Fellowship House. Following supper, we had a singspiration with special guests, "The Singing Strings."

The annual Christmas program, "In the Fullness of Time," was presented the morning of December 21 by children of the Sunday school and featured group singing, sceno-felt, and recitations. Sacked treats were given to the 201 persons in attendance, and 18 babies of the Cradle Roll received handmade pillows with their names on them.

Twenty-five of our teens participated in the evening presentation of "It's Christmas Around the World" and "He Came to Bethlehem." Soloists were Roy Stuckey, Helen Eberle, Juno Kesler, Larry Claypool, Cheryl Crider, and Esther Sherwood. The very impressive climax of the play was when all who came to worship at the manger lighted their candles at that of the Spirit of Christianity, who in turn urged all to accept the gift of Christianity and thus extend Christ's great kingdom by loyal discipleship. Elizabeth Emans served as director of both programs, assisted by Marilyn Haines, Helen Eberle, and Helen Murphy.

—Helen Murphy, correspondent

GRINNELL QUARTERLY MEETING

GRINNELL-NORTHSIDE—

Myron Harris, pastor

An American Bible Society service was held December 11 with Francis Graves in charge. He showed the film, *Potter's Wheel*, and told of the Society's work.

A combination prayer meeting and candlelight service was held December 17, over which the Women's Missionary Society presided.

On December 19 the children presented their Christmas program. On December 21 the youth and adults gave a most meaningful play, "The True Gift of Christmas."

—Linda Doane, correspondent

HAMPTON ROADS QUARTERLY MEETING

HANOVER—George Robinson, pastor

The Hanover Friends Extension Congrega-

tion moved into its new building the Sunday before Thanksgiving. December 7, our fourth Sunday in the new sanctuary, we had 145 in Sunday school and 152 in worship; it looked good. We are in and enjoying the new building, which has a sanctuary to seat 280 with an overflow to take care of another 100. It also has four large classrooms and a lovely pastor's study. The dedication is planned for early spring.

PORTSMOUTH—Bryan C. Teague, pastor

Sunday school open house was held December 17. The rooms were gaily decorated for the holiday season, and parents were invited to visit their child's room, and Sunday school teachers were on hand to greet them. Following open house, a drama entitled, "The True Gift of Christmas," was presented by the young people of the church, under the direction of Nancy Teague.

The Christmas program was presented Sunday, December 21, at the close of the Sunday school hour. Children of the Beginner and Primary Departments presented recitations and Christmas songs.

The choir sang a very moving cantata, "Joy to the World," at the evening worship service December 21.

The junior and senior youth of our church went caroling on December 23. Hot chocolate and cookies were served to them by ladies of the church.

—Barbara A. Brown, correspondent

PENN QUARTERLY MEETING

WILLIAMSPORT—A. Dane Ruff, pastor

The annual Sunday school Christmas program was given on Sunday morning, December 21, with all the children in the Sunday school taking part.

The Adult and Youth Choirs presented the Christmas cantata, "The Lost Carol," on Sunday evening, December 21. The church was nearly full for this presentation.

Tuesday, December 23, a group of 35 from the church went caroling to several homes for the aged and to a number of private homes of our elderly people and to several others just home from the hospital. All then returned to the church for warming refreshments.

PIEDMONT QUARTERLY MEETING

EDEN IMMANUEL—Don Luellen, pastor

On December 21 we had our Christmas play called "Who Will Be a Vessel," including the adult and youth choir. The play was under the direction of Mrs. Richard Martin. After the play, treats were presented to everyone present.

The youth of the church went Christmas caroling on December 22.

—Cynthia Wray, correspondent

TRINITY—Jack W. Tebbs, pastor

On the evening of December 14, the choir presented "Love Transcending" by John Peterson. The cantata was under the direction of Jewel Tebbs with Mary Ziglar as pianist and Marvin Wright, narrator.

The Christmas program entitled "God's Christmas Vessels" was presented in the evening service on December 21 by the Junior, Youth and Adult Departments. Treats were given at the close to all attending.

Family Night was held December 23 featur-

ing carol singing, special numbers, and a film-strip entitled the *Little Donkey*.

—Mildred F. Eure, correspondent

SHORT CREEK QUARTERLY MEETING EAST RICHLAND—Wayne F. Ickes, pastor

We were privileged to have Russell Myers speak to us during the Quarterly Meeting in November.

The Senior Choir presented their annual cantata, "Carol of Christmas," under the direction of Mrs. James Watson, accompanied by Mrs. Galen Martin.

The small children gave recitations, and the Junior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Wayne Ickes accompanied by Rae Ann Miller, presented a cantata, "Shepherds Found Him."

The annual candlelight service was December 24 with the junior and senior choirs tak-

ing part. The message was given by Pastor Ickes. —Lois Lee Pickering, correspondent

SMITHFIELD—Harry Marshall, pastor

During this past Christmas season, our church tried something new that raised funds for the mission work. Those who had Christmas cards to give to friends of the church placed them in a box and put their postage money in another box. These cards were then delivered at church or to the individual homes. A total of \$31.92 was received for the work of missions.

For our Christmas party, held December 22, we were privileged and honored to have as our speaker Joe Schultz, magician and ventriloquist from Canton, Ohio. He was enjoyed by all ages.

On Christmas Eve a Communion service was held and New Year's Eve, a candlelight service. —Gloria Rouch, correspondent

WITH OUR PEOPLE

MARRIAGES

CHAMBERS-KING. Patricia Chambers from Worthington, Ohio, and James King from Beloit, Ohio, were wed in the Orange Friends Church on January 3, 1970, with pastor Rendel L. Cosand officiating.

HAKES-DUNKLEBERGER. Mary Jane Hakes and James Alan Dunkleberger, October 23, 1969, in Redeemer Lutheran Church, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Pastor A. Dane Ruff performed the ceremony.

LANE-MITCHELL. Dianne Lane and Gary Mitchell were married in the First Friends Church, Portsmouth, Virginia. The ceremony was performed by Bryan Teague.

PEELING-REARICK. Barbara Louise Peeling and Dennis Robert Rearick, November 8, 1969, in First Friends Church, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Pastor A. Dane Ruff performed the ceremony.

POHL-LANGDON. Patricia Pohl and Robert Langdon, both members of Westgate Friends Church, were united in marriage by their pastor, Edward Baldwin, December 27, 1969.

WAGGONER-GALBREATH. Lois Waggoner and Alan Galbreath were wed December 27, 1969, in the Alliance First Friends Church. Pastor Galen Weingart performed the ceremony.

BIRTHS

AGLER—To James and Mary Agler of Trinity Friends Church, Van Wert, Ohio, a daughter, Pauletta Marie, on December 20, 1969.

BOETTICHER—To Myron and Donna Boetticher of Smithfield Friends Church, Smithfield, Ohio, a son, Evan Ellsworth, born December 19, 1969.

CARPENTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carpenter of St. Clairsville, Ohio, a son, Phillip Wayne, November 20, 1969.

CREEKMORE—To Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Creekmore of First Friends Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, a girl, Amy Beth, born De-

cember 9, 1969.

JOHNSON—To Tom and JoDee Johnson of Alliance First Friends Church, a son, Mark Allen, December 25, 1969.

KLEVER—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Klever of Westgate Friends Church, a daughter, Mary Ann, December 7, 1969.

TATSCH—To Eugene and Carolyn Tatsch, a son, Clinton E. III, born on November 29, 1969. The Tatsches of Norman, Oklahoma, are members of the Orange Church.

TIMPE—To Jack and Karen (Armstrong) Timpe of Alliance First Friends Church, a son, John Stewart, November 25, 1969. The family is stationed in Yokosuka, Japan.

WEINGART—To Duane and Barbara Weingart, East Goshen Friends Church, a girl, Charlene Ann, born December 6, 1969.

DEATHS

HOGG—Artis Hogg, 40, Ypsilanti Friends Church, passed away December 3, 1969, after many months of illness. She is survived by her husband Doyle and two sons, Darwin and Kenneth.

JONES—Myrtle Jones, 79, Ypsilanti Friends Church, mother of Woodrow Jones, choir director, passed away November 16. Lawrence Cox conducted the funeral service.

LIPPIATT—Carl Lippiatt of Salem, Ohio, and a member of the Southeast Friends Church, passed away December 14, 1969. Sherman and Ben Brantingham conducted the funeral service.

MCCLLOUD—Paul McCloud, 66, passed away December 22, 1969. He was a member of Westgate Friends Church. Pastor Edward Baldwin officiated.

PARKER—The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Parker of the Grinnell Northside Friends Church passed away on December 28, 1969.

REDRICK—Mrs. Carrie Redrick, 83, of Northside Friends Church, Grinnell, Iowa, passed away November 30, 1969. Pastor Myron Harris conducted the services.

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The Individual- A Person Or a Tool?

BY VERLIN O. HINSHAW

It is clear, I think, that no one person has the prerogative of establishing the *raison d'être*, the justification for existence, for Quakerism as a whole or for any of its segments. (Those who know Quakers will recognize that this is a practical impossibility anyway!) Indeed we may further question whether any officially appointed representative group should have the privilege of making such a decision for its appointive body. It may well be that this right belongs only to the realm of the Spirit and must therefore be handed down to us from ABOVE through avenues accessible only to God. Hopefully, however, man's awareness of his need and his discussion of it will facilitate, rather than hinder, the moving of the Spirit in our midst. The following is written in this hope.

I venture to propose for consideration and reaction that, whatever else may be included in our sense of mission as Friends, *it must involve a Christian concern for persons as persons*. This means, at the outset, that in whatever we seek to do for and with persons through our various ministries, we will treat them as ends in themselves rather than as means for whatever ends we might otherwise have in mind. As I view contemporary *institutional* Christianity, that would be a truly revolutionary change. More about this and other implications of my proposal will be given later.

I can hear some knowledgeable Friend exclaiming, "But that is humanistic." So what? Should not Christianity be *at least* humanistic? There surely is nothing wrong with recognizing that all humanity is cut from the same fabric of existence, that we all share common aspirations, needs, fears, and whatever else is involved in being human! But my proposal goes beyond humanism because it has a more secure foundation than does that ideology. My suggestion is patterned after the example and teachings of Jesus who placed persons and personal relationships above His own comfort and convenience as well as above the ritual requirements of the Law, ecclesiastical institutions, the state, and everything else that tended to enslave men. Then, when we take seriously our conviction that Jesus is our best clue to what God is like, we realize that our heavenly Father is also preoccupied in seeking the best for each individual.

Again let the writer disclaim any pretense of infallibility. It is possible for a person to

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCOPE

CHURCH-PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP



"By the immediate operation of the Holy Spirit, He, as the Head of the church, alone selects and qualifies those who are to present His messages or engage in other service for Him; and, hence, we cannot commit any formal arrangement to any one in our regular meetings for worship. We are well aware that the Lord has provided a diversity of gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-6) for the needs both of the church and of the world, and we desire that the church may feel her responsibility, under the government of her Great Head, in doing her part to foster these gifts, and in making arrangements for their proper exercise.

"We believe the preaching of the Gospel to be one of the chief means, divinely appointed, for the spreading of the glad tidings of life and salvation through our crucified Redeemer, for the awakening and conversion of sinners, and for the comfort and edification of believers. As it is the prerogative of the Great Head of the church alone to select and call the ministers of His Gospel, so we believe that both the gift and the qualification to exercise it must be derived immediately from Him, and that, as in the primitive church, so now also, He confers spiritual gifts upon women as well as upon men.

"Spiritual gifts, precious as they are, must not be mistaken for grace; they add to our responsibility, but do not raise the minister above his brethren or sisters. They must be exercised in continued dependence upon our Lord, and blessed is that ministry in which man is humbled, and Christ and His grace exalted.

"While the church cannot confer spiritual gifts, it is its duty to recognize and foster them, and to promote their efficiency by all the means in its power. And while, on the one hand, the Gospel should never be preached for money (Acts 8:20, 20:33-35), on the other, it is the duty of the church to make such provision that it shall never be hindered for want of it."

Here is set forth in quotations from our official Statement of Faith (*Discipline*) the basic Friends concept of the ministry.

It is the happy privilege and duty of each church and pastor to work out satisfactory arrangements for the maximum efficiency of the pastor and the entire church organization.

In our new arrangement, the pastoral year begins July 1. This means that any consideration for updating pastoral arrangements, such as salary adjustments, etc., as well as pastoral changes, ought to be considered no later than March each year. Other

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become so engrossed with his thoughts that he overlooks that which is obvious to others. If you disagree, or if you find a flaw in the argument, speak up. Careful thought and creative dialogue, at this point, are far more important than agreement. Disagreement can be healthy, but thoughtless acquiescence and apathy are portals of death.

PASTOR'S ALLIANCE

April 21-23

at

Topeka, Kansas

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Tennis court (36' x 78') concrete with backstop and net	\$1,000.00
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Paint dining hall walls	60.00
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Durable outdoor shuffleboard set	35.00

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Superintendent's Scope

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yearly meetings are following this same practice.

I am most hopeful that our pastoral terms can be longer than is now the three or four years average length of service. In a questionnaire presented to one yearly meeting (pastors and laymen), the predominant ideal term listed was ten years or more, with most answers indicating the necessity for a continual growth in both the pastor and the church if longer tenure is advisable.

Here are a few points to ponder:

1. The church and pastor both need to sense the divine call for a full-orbed ministry to the whole community in meeting both spiritual and social needs of people.

2. A pervading sense of mutual trust, appreciation, and Christian love must characterize the church-pastoral relationship at all times if any success is to be achieved.

3. A pastor must give fully of himself and his time to his pastoral functions, commensurate with his financial support, keeping in mind that caring well for his family is higher in its divine demands than any service to an organization, even the church.

4. The church must liberate the pastor, as fully as possible, for full-time pastoral work. The salary and other considerations should be updated annually. Inflation alone requires a 4 to 6 percent increase in living costs each year. It *does* cost as much for a pastor to live and support his family as for anyone else! An annual increment in salary would improve the morale of both congregation and pastor.

5. In light of the increasing shortage of pastors, some meetings ought to consider merging with nearby Friends meetings, or working out a circuit arrangement, so that a pastor could be on full support.

6. A committee is working on a pension plan for our retiring pastors. This is highly important and ought to have high priority in our financial planning. We can no longer neglect this urgent need.

7. Pastors must find ways for constant self-improvement. New books, magazines, re-

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3. Discovery. The discovery method, which involves students in finding God's answers to their problems.

4. *Biblical and Educationally Sound Teachings* where the student will be confronted

with fresher courses, conferences, and study courses are a few tools needed.

8. Here is a new idea: Pastoral tenure might be lengthened if a church would agree to allow the pastor two full weeks of vacation for each of the first two years of service, three full weeks each for the third and fourth years, and a three-month sabbatical leave with full salary or at least an adjusted salary at the end of the fifth year, to be used by the pastor for self-improvement. This plan could be expanded and further clarified if any church sees possibilities in it.

Nothing much is ever accomplished without dreaming and planning for what might be. No church ought to exist merely for itself. Great things are ahead for *any church* that will dare to launch out in new paths of endeavor under the Holy Spirit's leading.

—Dean Gregory

with choices that lead him:

To enter into a personal relationship with Christ as Lord;

To mature in Christian life through discipline and sharing;

To reflect Christlike attitudes;

To act with Christian concern to help solve the problems of persons and the world.

—Dorothy Barratt, *Christian education consultant for George Fox Press*

THE 1970 KANSAS SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

"A Spiritual Solution in the Age of Revolution" is the theme for the 1970 Kansas Sunday School Convention, April 2 and 3, at Asbury Methodist Church in Wichita.

Free admittance for your teachers, superintendents, and pastors if . . . your Sunday school has an average attendance under 150 and contributes \$15.00 or your Sunday school has an average attendance over 150 and contributes \$25.00 to Kansas State Sunday School Association, Box 1251, Wichita, Kansas 67201. Register and enroll your staff NOW!

COMMITTEE OF FRIENDS ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The 101st annual sessions of the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs will be held May 1 through 3, 1970, as guest of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Sessions will be held at the Homewood Monthly Meeting of Friends at 3107 S. Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218. Reservations for hospitality will be received by Mrs. John Stewart, 1101 McHenry Drive, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061, or by Oscar E. Bonny, executive secretary of the Homewood Meeting at the meetinghouse address. We are looking forward to meeting representatives from all yearly meetings at these sessions. If you are interested in auxiliary trips before or after the sessions, such as visits to the Smithsonian Institute and the Indian Bureau on Friday or Monday, it is suggested that you contact Mrs. Daniel Hughton, 919 S. 16th Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202 for arrangements.

Friends University

MASTER LESSONS IN MUSIC

The Fine Arts Division sponsored a Master Lesson Day on Saturday, January 31. High school students interested in music were guests for the day and attended special classes conducted by the music faculty. Interested students were able to participate in classes and also realize a taste of private instruction, which is a part of the music major's program at Friends University.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WINNERS

The Friends University basketball season is showing that the Falcons are living up to early predictions as favorites in the Kansas Conference. In pursuit of a 2nd consecutive KCAC Championship, Coach Jack Kater's squad recently was victorious in the Iowa Corn Classic Basketball Tournament in Fairfield, Iowa.

NEW BUILDINGS NEAR COMPLETION

The new gymnasium and the Edmund Stanley Library are both nearing the point of occupancy. Because of the material delays, the gymnasium has been behind schedule. It is expected that this physical education unit can be utilized in the latter stages of the basketball season. The Edmund Stanley Library building is complete with the exception of some of the furnishings. The library is expected to be occupied in the spring quarter.

KANSAS EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

For the second year, the Friends University campus has been chosen as the meeting place of the annual convention of the Kansas Evangelical Association on Monday, March 16. Dr. Clyde Taylor will be the guest speaker as the convention commemorates his 25 years of service to the National Association of Evangelicals.

CORRECTION

Through error these figures for Gardner Monthly Meeting were omitted from the "Statistics and Finance" page of the 1969 Yearly Meeting *Minutes*.

Church extension	\$ 209.73
Missions budget	685.68
CABCO	84.45
Friends Special Schools	50.00
Sunday school	460.82
Friends Youth	62.00
Amount paid evangelist	126.11
Friends University	148.65
New buildings and improvements	5,170.78
Amount paid out for other purposes	1,128.04

The total of these newly added figures plus the ones already listed is \$12,034.61.

Noble Goals And Things that Are Excellent

Dorothy Barratt, Christian education consultant for George Fox Press, conducted a series of workshops throughout our Yearly Meeting. One challenge that she presented caught my attention: Whatever we do for Christ and the church ought to be our *best*. We need to learn to "approve things that are excellent." (Philippians 1:10)

Many of the correlated activities of Christian education and Sunday school soon become routine. If persons involved are not careful, there is a dullness that prevails. This is the challenge before us, to make our teaching excellent, to do our best in whatever task we perform, to go a little further in what is expected of us. This excellency is the key to a growing and successful Sunday school, DVBS, or Friends Youth group.

In the Total Stewardship Program, the Christian Education (Bible School) Board established three noble goals as our aims for the 1969-72 period. These are: (1) Increased Sunday school attendance; (2) Leadership training; and (3) Upgrading of our Sunday schools and Christian education ministries through the Achievement Goals.

Increased Attendance. For our Yearly Meeting, the goal is to increase from a total Sunday school attendance of 5,500 in 1969 to 6,000 by 1972. What can be a realistic goal for your Sunday school? Five percent of your present average attendance—that is not beyond any school's possibility. For each Sunday school class, a realistic goal would be a gain of two a year—one in the fall and one in the spring. Be willing to share the Gospel with others and become involved in Christian outreach!

Leadership Training. I am personally elated over the Aldersgate Christian Training Program. Previously, we have never had such a program of our own, a program that includes approved courses to be taught in group sessions or taken as home study. Credits and certificates are issued to those persons completing the courses. Our goals as the Yearly Meeting board and our challenge to you as local churches are to have 25 percent of our Sunday school teachers certified by 1972. This means each church conducting at least two training courses per year. ACT handbooks are available upon request from the Yearly Meeting office.

Upgrading Sunday Schools. The *Achievement Goals* serve as a standard for Christian education ministries throughout the Evangelical Friends Alliance. These goals deal with four areas: evangelism, education, enlargement, and efficiency. Practical goals and helps are included for every Sunday school and teacher who take their work seriously and want to improve. If each church could increase their school's rating by 10 percent, this would be a noble and realistic goal.

"Approve things . . . excellent." Do your best as a Sunday school, as a teacher, or as a concerned person.

—Galen Hinshaw, chairman
Christian Education Board

Praise and Prayer for Burundi

NYANKANDA

1. Praise for the Lord's direction and help in setting into motion new treatment and rehabilitation program under the direction of Mr. James Maforo (R.N.).

2. Praise for converts who were to be entered in the church as probationers during the month of December. Pray that God will sustain them. (This holds for all the churches—this is the time to take in new members.)

3. Praise that God has answered the request for the establishment of a strong church here.

4. Pray for some who should be strong Christians but are being stunted by the cares of this life.

KIBIMBA

1. Pray for Scripture Union Conference at the Normal School in March.

2. Pray for finances to come through for the Normal School. Government subsidies have been slow and too small.

3. Pray that the Christians will get a new concern to tithe. Pastors are poorly paid in most churches.

4. Pray and praise for the women and girls who have repented recently in services at Kibimba.

KWIBUKA

1. Continue to pray for several of the teachers here who have not yet changed their way of living.

2. Pray for the elders. They need revival

in their own hearts so they will be examples to the lost around them.

CENE

Continue to pray for this church that they will once again have the burden to reach the lost.

CERU

Pray for the leaders at Ceru that their concern for the salvation of souls takes priority, and that they will live Christlike lives before younger believers and sinners.

MUTAHO

Praise the Lord for victories in a recent revival for women. Pray for some in the church who are trying to undermine the authority of the church. Where there is blessing, there are also many new onslaughts of the enemy.

CAGURA

Pray for this church as they try to build a classroom in order to free the church building for church activities.

GENERAL

1. Pray for the prayer cells as they get started that people will be burdened for the lost.

2. Pray for each of the pastors that they will keep their testimonies during this time when they are so poorly paid and the cost of living rises daily.

3. Continue to pray for New Life for All program.

CHURCH CONCERNS

ROSE HILL

Alden Pitts, Pastor

NEW PARSONAGE AT ROSE HILL

In May of 1967, the Finance and Ministry and Oversight Committees of our church met to discuss the possibility of building a new parsonage. During the summer, a lifetime member of our church, who has been an invalid in the Walnut Valley Nursing Home for several years, sent \$10 to the church with the

concern that it be used on a building fund. In September, the Trustees and Finance Committee met for further consideration and decided to recommend to the Monthly Meeting that we set a goal of raising \$7,500 for a building fund and that construction was not to begin until we had this much cash on hand. In October, the Monthly Meeting approved the recommendation and appointed a promotion committee. In December, we had a sup-



New Rose Hill parsonage—dedicated September 21, 1969. A corner of the old parsonage is shown at the left.

per to kick off a fund-raising plan to have \$7,500 in six months time. Dr. Roy Ray, president of Friends University, was invited to be the guest speaker. He served very well to give us impetus and helpful suggestions in our project. We did not reach the goal of \$7,500 in six months, but we did have sufficient funds and interest to continue the project.

In September 1968, the Monthly Meeting approved making plans for construction of a new parsonage as soon as arrangements could be made, and a building committee was appointed in October. The committee met with contractor Hubert Cox, of Rose Hill, to consider floor plans and a contract for construction. Negotiations were made to build a house, 50' x 28', to begin in the spring of 1969.

On Sunday, April 27, 1969, a ground-breaking service was held, with the pastor bringing the message. Fred Littlefield, who was then Yearly Meeting superintendent, gave special instrumental and vocal numbers and led in reading a ground-breaking ceremony. Frank Keeler, chairman of the building committee; Waldena Showalter, clerk of the monthly meeting; and Paul Chance, chairman of the Ministry and Oversight, respectively, turned the first shovels of dirt. On May 5, Hubert Cox arrived and began construction.

The dedication service was held Sunday, September 21, 1969. At the morning worship hour, Yearly Meeting Superintendent Dean Gregory read the Scripture and offered prayer, and the pastor, Alden Pitts, gave the message. There was a basket dinner at noon in the annex of the church. In the afternoon, Dean Gregory gave a fitting message, and Weston Cox, pastor of the Wichita Chapel Friends Church, and who was raised in the church here, led us in a dedication ceremony. Following this there was open house and many viewed the new building. Flowers and other gifts were received in honor of this important occasion in the history of our church.

We received generous financial support from former members, nonresident members, various interested friends and neighbors, and from our congregation, so that we only had to borrow \$2,600 to complete the payment of \$15,500 to Hubert Cox for his work and materials.

Many expressed themselves that dedication day was a day of blessing and inspiration and that a fine and commodious home had been erected for the parsonage family.

COLLINSVILLE

Cooper Beaty, Pastor

December at the Collinsville Friends Church was filled with activities. The first Sunday of the month all who had a birthday in 1969 gave a special birthday offering. The Sunday school superintendent, Charles Cox, reported \$136.68 was received. It was all used to help pay the missionary budget.

On the second Sunday in December a 30-minute movie on world relief was shown. The offering of about \$20 was sent through our Yearly Meeting designated for the World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The annual Christmas program was attended by 54 persons Sunday evening, December 21. The following Tuesday night, about 20

people sang Christmas carols at the local rest home. Later about a dozen people went Christmas caroling in the community. They gathered at the parsonage afterward for refreshments.

The main feature of the New Year's watch night service was the showing of the Martin Luther film. The First Christian Church joined with us.

DENISON

Joe Durham, Pastor

Former pastors, Lloyd and Alice Fitzsimons, are in Portland, Oregon, with their son and family. Lloyd and his son, Lloyd, Jr., just returned from a tour of the Holy Land. They said it was a trip of a lifetime and have pictures and information of their trip.

The church participated in the Denison city-wide Thanksgiving service at Eisenhower Auditorium.

Pastor Joe Durham is the teacher for the newly organized Young Marrieds Class.

A building repair program is underway. A new roof has been completed on the church and annex. Painting trim and screens are for next work times.

The church had a "tacky party," sponsored by the young people. Donald Stapp won first prize for the tackiest.

A Christmas dinner was served by Geraldine Coe at the last WMU meeting. Our individual gifts go to workers at San Antonio Special School, and the church will collect food and clothing for the school.

Joe Durham has been bringing a series of sermons on Individual Total Involvement.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES

HAISCH-WEST. Sarah Haisch and Jerry West were united in matrimony on November 23, 1969, at Lawrence Friends Church by Eldon Cox.

LEOPOLD-McCRACKEN. Mildred Leopold and Rev. John McCracken, Walsh, Colorado, were united in marriage on Wednesday evening, November 10, at the Springfield, Colorado, parsonage.

SALINAS-NEWBY. Elizabeth Salinas and James R. Newby were married in University Friends Church, Wichita, Kansas, December 21, 1969. The vows were read by Richard P. Newby, father of the groom, with Earl Prignitz, uncle of the groom, assisting.

BIRTHS

THORNBURG—To Larry and Esther Thornburg of Haviland Friends, a girl, Christie Lee, born October 28, 1969.

STAPP—To Donald and Sandra (Coe) of Denison Friends, a girl, Robin Christine, born November 29, 1969.

DEATHS

MILLER—Marie Miller, wife of Ralph Miller, died December 2, 1969, at the age of 55. She was an active member of Liberal Friends Church and served faithfully through the years wherever needed.

ANDERSON—Earl D. Anderson, age 79, died January 1, 1970, at Chandler, Oklahoma. He was an active member of the Friends Church and father of Grace Key,

PLAINS

Francis McKinney, Pastor

Our Friends Youth group had charge of the Sunday evening service November 30. Their curiosity, aroused by mention of the Apocrypha in Sunday School, sent them searching in the church library, and some of their findings were presented in this service.

The next night they spent a profitable evening on a flapjack supper. Townspeople responded warmly, and their treasury was replenished nicely.

Even the children listened intently as Gerry Custer told of her experiences in Africa the evening of December 3. Ferne Cook was in the service also.

Frank and Erlene Littlefield were honorees at a basket dinner December 7, commemorating their 25th Wedding Anniversary. A decorated cake and gift of a "silver tree" were other features of the occasion.

Our float, depicting the manger scene, was awarded a third place in the Christmas-in-Plains parade, and several of our people participated in the Community Sing downtown in the evening.

A two-part Christmas program was presented the evening of December 21. Readings, music, and exercises by nursery-through-junior-high children were followed by a cantata, "The Christmas Story," by the church choir. Arranged and directed by Sheila Ratzlaff, with Jim Ratzlaff as narrator, the presentation was illustrated with a chalk picture by Esther Powell. The traditional love gift to our pastors was made at the close of the program.

Arkansas City, Kansas. Leroy Rogers and Marie Thornburg ministered at the memorial services.

VAN PELT—Lee Van Pelt, member of University Friends Church, died November 26, 1969, at the age of 44 years.

BAKER—Major Marshall H. Baker, husband of Irene Vickers Baker, a member of University Friends, passed away November 27, 1969, at the age of 82 years. Services were held in the University church, conducted by the pastor, Richard Newby.

HAWTHORNE—Wanda (Hutchinson) Hawthorne, 36, a member of Wichita Friends Chapel, died October 14, 1969. She is survived by her husband Donald and children, Darrel and Dalene. Weston Cox conducted the funeral service. Interment was in Westhaven Memorial, Wichita, Kansas.

McCARTY—Orville Lee McCarty, born at Hayworth, Kansas August 16, 1883, passed away December 6 in the Washington County Hospital at the age of 86.

On November 24, 1904, he was united in marriage to Minnie Andrews. He was one of the last of the charter members of the Belleville Friends Church.

Survivors are: his faithful companion of 65 years, three sons, Lee and Kenneth of Denver, Keith of Wichita, and one daughter, Ulene of Washington, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday December 9 at the Belleville Friends Church with Robert Storms officiating. Interment was at the Hawks cemetery.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

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From the Superintendent



A MESSAGE TO THE YOUTH

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21) Here is a great testimony from a godly, productive life. Writing from a prison in Rome, Paul could have been discouraged, baffled, and bitter. But we find no complaint nor hint of frustration. Rather, he is rejoicing that his bonds have given him access to official circles. He even had some converts in Nero's court. So he is not ashamed but determined that Christ shall be glorified through his body "by life, or by death." How victorious! For the Apostle Paul, life was Christ, and even death would be gain. This is holiness—Christ completely in command and constantly in control in a life made pure by His blood and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Occasionally someone will ask in an offhand way, "What gives?" This brings up one of the most important considerations: What gives in your life? With each of us there is something or someone of supreme importance, something toward which all else bends, some controlling interest. The difficulty comes when we give our lives to secondary or unworthy pursuits. In sharp contrast to Paul, the natural man is controlled by self. He might honestly say: For me to live is self, and to die is total loss. Herein lies the number one problem of man. This accounts for the tensions among nations, between neighbors, and within households. More couples drag one another to divorce courts because of selfishness than for any other reason.

Our biggest problem, then, is not poverty, sickness, or communism, but selfishness; and basic to most problems, whether they be delinquency, infidelity, or racial injustice, is selfishness. If pride is the most basic sin, selfishness is inseparably related. It was so with Adam and Eve. Pride and selfishness brought on rebellion against God, and rebellion resulted in disobedience. This brought guilt, and guilt made them afraid, and man outside of Jesus Christ has been guilty and afraid ever since.

PERSONAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 30, we journeyed to Pueblo, where I ministered to our church congregation in the morning service. God was faithful to speak, and hungry hearts found victory. Joe and Dorothea Hodges are the new pastors and are doing a good work.

Sunday evening, November 30, I ministered in the Colorado Springs church in a youth service. Burdened hearts found their answer in Christ.

Saturday, December 6, we motored to Grand Junction, Colorado, where I ministered in the Sunday morning service on December 7. God's presence and leading was evident. We then hurried to Paonia for the sessions of Western Slope Quarterly Meeting. I spoke in the afternoon service. Kenneth and Nadyne Kinser are the new pastors at Paonia, and God is blessing their ministry.

Thursday, December 18, I helped move Clio and Marva Brown into the Medalion Retirement Residence here in Colorado Springs. It is good to have this godly couple in our community and church.

Sunday, December 21, we enjoyed the Christmas cantata and program in the Colorado Springs church, in both the morning and evening services. Our hearts were blessed.

We spent Christmas with our daughter and family in St. Joseph, Missouri. These were enjoyable hours together with loved ones. We visited my mother and brother and family at Mankato, Kansas, as we went to and from St. Joseph.

Your prayer and financial support is coveted for our Yearly Meeting program. Our church extension and mission work demands our best.

Prayerfully yours, Merle A. Roe

Christ— The Answer

BY PHIL SMITH

Just a few short years ago when still a teen, I just couldn't wait to grow up! I thought over and over, When I'm an adult there won't be all these stupid temptations, frustrations, and pressures!

There were pressures—at home, school, and church. I had so many frustrations within that I often wished I could die. The temptations I met I seemingly could do nothing about, except go along with them.

I was raised in a very religious home, and my folks always took us to Sunday school and church. I must have been about 15 years old when I began to wonder if something was really wrong with me. There I was, supposed to be a Christian, and I was beginning to realize that the things I did and said were anything but Christlike.

I began to sense my sins, and this realization resulted in many guilt feelings. I started feeling more empty and alone than ever before. I also sensed that I was lost and headed for hell. And do you know, even though I was raised in church, I didn't have the faintest idea what to do about my lost condition?

I thought no one loved me and no one really cared. I told myself, You can't live the Christian life, why try? So I gave up—I just didn't care anymore. Naturally, I started going from bad to worse.

Then May 11, 1960, rolled around. I was sick in bed, home alone that night. We didn't know it at the time, but I was coming down with the mumps. I was so hot, it seemed I would burn up, and I wanted relief. I thought to myself: If God is real, maybe He can help. I said a simple prayer asking God to take away my burning fever.

Instantly, I started sweating all over, a condition that happens when a fever breaks. I believed God heard and answered, just like that, and I felt the divine presence. For the first time in my life I knew someone cared, someone really loved me, more than anyone else could; it was Jesus! I cried bitter tears. I indicated to Him that I had made a mess of my life and asked Him to take over from then on. Suddenly, something flooded into me; it was divine love, joy, and peace! It was literally Christ coming into my life, by His Spirit. Why? Because I believed! I was so happy and excited I wanted to shout to the whole world about Christ. My sins and guilt were gone and so was my emptiness. Jesus forgave me and filled the gap.

I thought I was so strong the devil couldn't
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CHURCH EXTENSION COMMISSION MEETS

From left to right are Roger Smith of Oregon Yearly Meeting, Leonard Borton of Ohio Yearly Meeting, David Leach and Paul Smith of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, John Retherford of Kansas Yearly Meeting, and Harry Dillon, pastor of the Omaha Friends Church. Also present was Merle A. Roe, superintendent of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, who took the picture.

The Church Extension Commission of the Evangelical Friends Alliance met in the Friends Church, Omaha, Nebraska, January 8-9, 1970. All four yearly meetings of the alliance were represented. Financial needs were discussed, and action taken to meet these needs. The Omaha congregation is now meeting in the new church building. The challenge is tremendous.

—Merle A. Roe

Christ—the Answer

Continued

hurt me anymore. But, before I realized it, I was back in my old life again.

A little over a year later, I recommitted myself to Jesus. I wanted to be completely His and I wanted Him to use me. I felt His warm acceptance as I cried at an altar of prayer.

The Lord has been teaching me many things ever since then. One important thing is that growing up does not remove temptation. Sure, the temptations change, but you don't get away from them as long as you live. Temptation is more correctly rendered as anything that *tries your faith*. A second thing is that we must learn to depend less on ourselves, to live the Christian life, and depend more on Him. The third thing is that we must walk daily with Jesus, if we are to be successful. Why let down and wait till camp or something else, then get right with Jesus again? Stop and take time to share your fears and your hopes with Him each day. Read and study His Word; it will encourage and strengthen your faith.

Don't wait till you get old to learn to battle Satan, who is the constant enemy of your soul. It might just be too late, before then. You can have victory in living the Christian life, right now, but only in Jesus! For it is Jesus alone who "is able to keep you from slipping and falling away, and to bring you, sinless and perfect, into His glorious presence with mighty shouts of everlasting joy. AMEN." (Jude 24, 25 *Living New Testament*)

Phil Smith is pastor of the Penrose, Colorado, Friends Church and youth director for Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting.

Mexican Prayer and Praise Notes

PRaise

1. For a new sense of direction in the Mexican work. The Lord is opening new homes among those of the middle class. New ones have been converted and others are showing definite interest. The middle-class Mexican is comparable economically to those of the same class in the U.S. and is the largest unevangelized group in this country.

2. Two special meetings during December brought a number of persons to the Knight home. The first meeting was for those of the middle class, with over 40 attending. The other meeting was a Christmas program for those of the lower class, with 53 in attendance. Great enthusiasm was shown by all and a new interest is very evident.

PRAY

1. For three new interested families; Miguel and Maricela Melo, Raul and Rosario Peralez, Heriberto and Graciela Lopez.

2. That the new converts of the last two months will continue to have a hunger for spiritual things and that they will grow spiritually.

3. That God will give wisdom and direction to your missionaries as they strive to reach into the homes and hearts of these people.

4. A new missionary couple is needed soon to work in this promising and growing field of Mexico. Pray that God's chosen ones will respond to His call.

—Roscoe and Tina Knight

WESTERN SLOPE QUARTERLY MEETING

We had a very nice and profitable Quarterly Meeting December 7, with the Paonia congregation as host. Seventy partook of a delicious dinner at noon in the church basement. Christmas flowers and greens were used for a beautiful table decor.

About 30 attended the Ministry and Counsel session. Jim Ellis led the devotions. There is much to discourage the individual in our society. The person who accepts Jesus Christ as a person and his personal Savior is a Christian and has an anchor to help him through troublesome times and situations.

Neal Rusco led the discussion, and his topic was, "Relationships of Home and Family to the Church." His thoughts followed along the same trend as the devotional thought. Individuals make up the family, the families make up the church, and the church is made up of individuals.

Our Yearly Meeting superintendent brought the inspirational message. His text was John 2:13-17. Revolution has taken place in all ages. After one has been reborn he is in the world but not of the world. A great change has taken place in the individual's life.

There were about 30 present at the business session, which went smoothly and well. There is much to be thankful for and to praise the Lord for, even though the goal in several areas has not been reached.

Nearly a full house viewed the film, *Visitors Only*. Those who have seen this report it to be very good, with a timely message.

Twenty-three from Grand Junction attended the afternoon sessions this time.

Merle Roe brought the morning message in the Grand Junction worship service, which was held an hour earlier than usual so we could dismiss by 11 o'clock and reach Paonia in time for dinner.

—Helen E. Carpenter, reporter

COMING EVENTS

February 26-27—Rocky Mountain Evangelical Sunday School Convention, Calvary Temple, Denver, Colorado

March 8—Western Slope Quarterly Meeting, Grand Junction Friends Church, Grand Junction, Colorado

June 16-17—Executive Council and Board Meetings, Quaker Ridge Camp

June 18-21—Yearly Meeting Sessions of RMYM, Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, Colorado

July 6-10—Junior and Junior High Camps, Quaker Ridge Camp

August 17-21—Senior Camp, Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, Colorado

Christmas Is Giving

Around December 1 we start sorting into boxes the jacks, jump ropes, gloves, combs, etc., that the different churches send to Rough Rock.

We have around 160 kids who attend our release time Bible classes at Many Farms and Rough Rock Demonstration Schools. We fix a little pile for each child, including color book, crayons, puzzle, truck or doll, pencil, etc. We then put their name on a tote bag and put their gifts in it. At our last Bible class before Christmas, we had our party. After a lesson and film, each received a sack. Also a sack of treats was given to each, including an orange, candy, and peanuts.

It is all worthwhile when you see their faces and know that for some it is the only Christmas they will receive.

Along with the help of the traders, we fix sacks for 550 people for our community Christmas service. We have an assembly line. For instance, 100 men's sacks are passed along the line, each person putting in something different, like comb, then gloves, soap, pen, pencil, nail clippers, etc. Then women's, big and little girls', big and little boys', and babies' are filled. The trading post furnishes treats.

This year the weather was perfect for community Christmas, December 20. We had around 400 in attendance. Amos Redhair, our native pastor, brought a wonderful message, and then each person received a sack. Rolls and coffee were served. I wish you who send all the things down could get in on some of the "thank-yous" we receive. —Elizabeth Ellis

FRIENDLY LINES

GRAND JUNCTION FRIENDS

Grand Junction, Colorado

Olen R. and Martha E. Ellis, pastors

December has been a very busy month for our folks. To start the holiday festivities, the Women's Missionary Union enjoyed their annual Christmas luncheon and gift exchange in the home of Dorothy Whitaker December 2.

December 4 the men's group were hosts to the Family Fun Night. They showed two films. One was on the scenic beauties of Arizona, the other, different attractions in the U.S.A. These fun nights are proving to be profitable and encouraging.

Nineteen of our people rode the bus, which we have just purchased for church use, to Paonia for Quarterly Meeting December 7. We were happy so many folks could go. They all reported an enjoyable trip.

We had our Christmas program on Wednesday evening, December 17. Many of our people planned to be out of town on the weekend and during Christmas week.

Mrs. Pearl Barber is in La Junta where she can be near her daughter.

The Social Committee planned an interesting New Year's Eve watch party, with a talent show, then games and refreshments, followed by a candlelight devotional service.

Our pastors, Mrs. Alice Ellis, and the Jim Ellis family spent Christmas in Center, Colorado, with Lowell and Opal Stanley. Then Olen's, Jim's and Alice Ellis went to Rough Rock to visit with Vern and his family. Alice Ellis stayed for a longer visit with Vern and Keith and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Carpenter and son Bert spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Clyde and Helen Carpenter, and his sister and her husband, Walter and Naomi Fritzlan. Milton brought the morning message

at our worship service January 4.

—Helen E. Carpenter, reporter

LAS ANIMAS FRIENDS

Las Animas, Colorado

Dwain and Barbara Ellis, pastors

Among the many Christmas activities were included the preparation of two Christmas services that kept several busy during the month of December.

Sunday morning, December 21, the youth of the Sunday school department presented "Come to Bethlehem." In the evening service, the junior high, high school, and young adults presented a play, "Cindy Copes with Christmas." Those having a part in the play were Linda Patterson, Quentin Delaney, Linda Marlaman, Larry Huddleston, and Sandy Brittain. It was very well presented and gave a timely message to all those in attendance. Ray

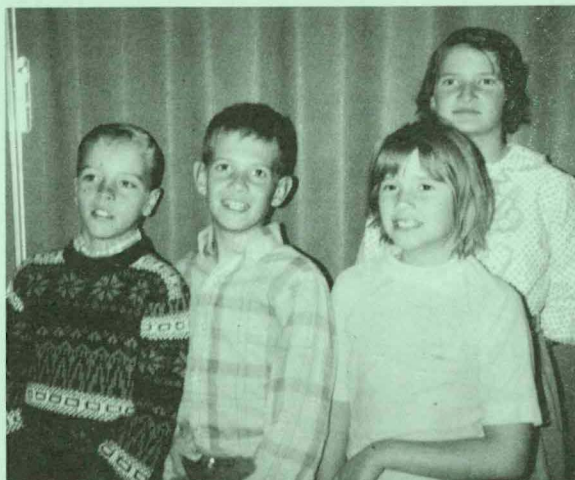
Kersey and Dale Harper painted and built the background scenes and props for the programs, which added to the impressiveness of the presentations.

Harl and Vera Brittain were very pleased to have their sons home for Christmas—Jay Dee and Victor of Denver, and Verl and his family of Colorado Springs.

Carolyn Caporale and children, Michael and Michele, of Littleton, Colorado, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Weir, and brother Gene.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Delaney have had as guests Don's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Delaney of Roseburg, Oregon, for the past several months. They were joined by their son and grandson during the Christmas holidays when Rev. and Mrs. Don Delaney and daughter Laurie came from Kansas.

Pastors Dwain and Barbara Ellis and family spent Christmas week in Allen, Nebraska,



Las Animas juniors pictured at their first meeting on November 23, reading from left to right, are Ricky Brittain, Michael England, Diana Forbes, and Donna England.

visiting with their parents. Le Roy Boyd filled the pulpit in Dwain's absence, and Norman spoke in the evening service on Sunday, December 28.

Ray and Joyce Kersey and family went to Muleshoe, Texas, to visit with Ray's family.

Bill and Luella Marlam and children, Linda, Karen, and Fred, left the day after Christmas for a winter vacation. They went to El Paso, Texas, and plan to visit various points of interest in Old Mexico.

Clarence and Pearl Nelson spent Christmas day with their daughter Carolyn and family in Fort Collins. On their return trip home they visited another daughter Martie, in Colorado Springs, and their grandson Gregory accompanied them home for a longer visit.

Clyde and Marjorie Albertson went by train to Kansas City, Missouri, to attend a Farmer's Co-op convention. They were entertained in one of the meetings by Pat Boone, whose Christian witness impressed them, and they felt the time was very well spent. After the convention sessions were over, they visited with Clyde's relatives before returning home.

We are encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by the junior and primary youth groups of the church. The junior group had their first meeting on November 23, with four in attendance. They now have eight enrolled. They have been studying a series of lessons on "Discovering Who God Is," and "Sin and Its Effect on Man." They made plaques in the handicrafts class to present to their parents as Christmas gifts.

The Women's Missionary Union held an all day meeting at the parsonage on December 18. They spent the day sewing and discussing plans and projects for the near future. On Saturday, December 20, they sponsored a bake sale of Christmas food items. Dorothy Weir is the president of the group.

Lela Flinn went to Denver recently to welcome her new grandson, Jason Erick Bishop, born on November 17, 1969, to daughter Carrie Lee Bishop.

Barbara Ellis gave the Christmas message to the Las Animas Business and Professional Women's annual Christmas meeting on December 12. She entitled her message "Three Wisemen from the West." The response was very favorable, and the women appreciated the spiritual message Barbara presented.

—Leona Langdon, reporter

PAONIA FRIENDS, Paonia, Colorado *Kenneth and Nadyne Kinser, pastors*

Western Slope Quarterly Meeting met at Paonia December 7, beginning with a turkey dinner at 12:30. Merle and Ruth Roe were with us. Merle brought the message of the devotional hour and presented needs and interests of the Yearly Meeting in the business session. At the evening service, the combined youth of Paonia and Grand Junction brought some very fine musical numbers directed by Kenneth Kinser.

Our pastor, with some help from laymen and much help from his sons, has been remodeling two rooms in the parsonage basement. A new ceiling with attractive light fixtures, paneling on the walls, tile on the floor, and a Franklin Fireplace have created a very attractive and usable area. It will be enjoyed by our young people's group, Sunday school classes, et cetera.

We had a fine Christmas program Sunday evening, December 21. The production was arranged by Mrs. Rea Sutliff and directed by Mrs. Granville King. It was well presented by our Sunday school children and our young people. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated, and the entire program was given by candlelight.

Our pastors and their family spent a short Christmas reunion with loved ones and friends at Center, Colorado.

Emory and Beebe Townsend left December 29 to take another load of live plants to the Ball Seed Company in Florida.

Our group had a New Year's Eve party with fun, food, and a film entitled, *A Four Letter Word*.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCord of Springfield, Oregon, spent the holidays with their son-in-law and daughter, Dick and Faye Mott, and their four children. They got acquainted with their newest granddaughter, Sandy Mott.

—Esther Lund, reporter

COLORADO SPRINGS FIRST FRIENDS *Colorado Springs, Colorado* *Lloyd and Doris Hinshaw, pastors*

We are now having Junior Church again. Becky Edwards has felt inspired to direct this service. We appreciate Becky's concern. The attenders, from four years through the sixth grade, are very enthusiastic.

Our Christmas cantata was given on the morning of December 21, with the Christmas program following. That evening, Christmas Eve, a candle-lighting, carol-singing, and Scripture-reading hour was enjoyed by all.

New Year's Eve, the youth group had their annual evening of devotionals, games, and fellowship, beginning with a pancake supper.

—Ruth Royston, reporter

FORT COLLINS FRIENDS *Fort Collins, Colorado* *Floyd Penna, pastor*

One Sunday evening of each month the Fort Collins Friends Church gathers for a Sunday night sing. This is a special time when a lot of the talent of our church, and even some outside talent, is combined into a sing-spersion. We have a guitar trio, which was just recently changed to a guitar quartet, that does an excellent job of playing three or four songs together. We have Ed Townsend and Chuck Bolty who aren't in the guitar quartet but play and sing for their specials. Other instrumental specials include a young man from the Salvation Army playing his accordion, a viola and cello duet by Maren and Miriam Nielsen, and a flute solo by Becky Wilson—plus, of course, solos, duets, trios, and quartets done by various vocalists.

November 2, Dave Leach from Denver Friends came and showed some of his slides of his world tour and added his comments to the pictures.

Our young people have met together as a group at the Frank Terrel's house for our College-Career Get Aways. They have sat around a fire singing popular songs of today, playing games, eating food, and having general fun.

November 21, we had our Thanksgiving Banquet. Our guest speaker was Dr. Robert Alden from Conservative Baptist Theological

Seminary in Denver. There were 30 people who attended, including some from Wiggins Friends Church and First Denver Friends Church.

December 14 and 21 were two days set off for caroling. On the 14th some of the young people caroled in a wide area on the sidewalks of Fort Collins. Then they returned in time for the evening church service. On the 21st, the adults and smaller children joined the young people in caroling at specific houses. After the fun time, we went back to the basement of the church for refreshments and a time of fellowship.

The last night of 1969 was a great time for our Watchnight get-together. Thirty people met at the Ron Wemple's home. Everyone participated in the games, the food, the talk, and the time spent in our service and prayer time bringing in the new year.

—Diana Piller, reporter

HARMONY FRIENDS *Wessington Springs, South Dakota* *D. Robert Short, pastor*

The Harmony men have started singing practice one evening a week, except during the holidays and school vacation.

Pastor Short conducted chapel services at Weskota Manor on the afternoon of December 14. The Harmony men sang four songs.

Several of the Harmony Friends young people were among the singers when the high school chorus presented the *Messiah* on the evening of December 21 in the grade school gym in Wessington Springs.

—Ed Helm, reporter

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

PRATER—A daughter, Diana Kay, was born to Bruce and Goldie Prater, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, on November 24, 1969.

DENNIS—Randy and Nila Dennis, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, are the proud parents of a daughter, Angela Kay, born December 15, 1969.

MICZANKO—A son, Steven Wayne, was born January 3, 1970, to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miczanko, of Denver, Colorado. Gladys Allison is the maternal great-grandmother.

MARRIAGES

LUND-ALBERS. Janet Lund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lund, was united in marriage December 30, 1969, to Gary J. Albers of Brownsmead, Oregon. Gary is a 1969 graduate and Janet is a senior at George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon. The ceremony took place in the Paonia Friends Church with Olen Ellis of Grand Junction officiating.

PEARSON-SIMMONS. Maris Ann Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne W. Pearson of Boulder, Colorado, and Robert Simmons, of Wichita, Kansas, were united in marriage on December 13, 1969, at First Denver Friends Church, Denver, Colorado. David Leach officiated. Maris is a 1969 graduate of Friends University, Wichita, Kansas. The couple will make their home in Wichita, where Robert is employed.

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TO THE EVANGELICAL FRIEND

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DORLAN AND EUNICE BALES REPORT FROM VIETNAM

"We've moved into our office now. The past week or so we've been busy exchanging what was the office with what was the pharmacy. It'll give more room for office space. We tore out the shelves of the old pharmacy and put them in the new pharmacy, and now there's room for three desks—one for Chief Motte, one for Eunice, and one for me. Most of what I've been doing has been involved with the different supplies out in the building where the supplies are kept.

"We have a friend who is in the shipping department; he lives not too far from us. He's a Negro fellow who has a wife and three children in Memphis, Tennessee. He's really an interesting person, and we enjoy talking to him. We first met him at the Christmas Eve caroling service at the chapel. Our conversation is not as superficial as some for, although we don't know him very well, the fact that he's a nondrinker, like us, makes an easy atmosphere, for most men here drink and they think it strange we do not even drink wine with our Italian food!

"The weather has been mostly wet but cool for here. We'd just as soon have it wet and cool as hot.

"We've had almost two weeks of English classes with the Vietnamese nurses, and they are going well. Half of the class, at least, are quite interested in it, and we seem to be able to communicate quite well. I usually have one of the nurses along who can speak English, so they do the translating of the Vietnamese words that I don't know.

"Things are starting to settle down into more of a routine. Now that we have an office we can work in, we go over there and do our work during the days."



Dorlan and Eunice Bales with General Chapman, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The Lord's Blessings

What is happening now in church growth developments? This is a question often asked. It might be well to report some encouraging reports from many places. While not all of these can be traced to specific *Church Growth Study* results, some can, and all will contribute to the same end result. Who was it said, "It's amazing what can be done if you don't care who gets the credit for it"? We want to thank the Lord for His blessings and help. In some situations, the fact that things are going along on an even keel is in itself a stride forward. But maybe the mention of certain progress developments will be helpful to everyone.

MEDFORD reports 38 completely new attenders one Sunday; they plan to introduce the "computer Sunday school record system."

GREENLEAF is almost ready to move into a brand new parsonage, and the momentum of the splendid, cooperative effort may carry on to the addition of nursery facilities, foyer, restrooms, etc., as recommended in the church growth meetings.

CHERRY GROVE dedicated, on February 1, five complete new units (trailer house size), each equipped with separate heating, plumbing, carpeting, and furniture to add Sunday school, nursery, fellowship space. They had a public open house February 15. The units are a direct result of their church growth committee recommendations. It will allow at least 100 percent increase in attendance and efficiency by going ultimately to two worship services.

BOISE FRIENDS are counting the days

NEW ASSIGNEES TO WORLD RELIEF COMMISSION

James and Garyanna Linhart left Portland February 2 for Santiago, Chile, where Jim begins a two-year assignment in his alternate service work as director of the World Relief Commission in Chile. The Linharts are graduates of George Fox College and have recently been active in the Highland Friends Church. He was a social worker with the State of Oregon; Garyanna taught in the Salem school system.

Jerry Sandoz returned in early February to Korea, where he serves as administrator of WRC programs with central offices in Seoul, Korea. Jerry completed his alternate service in Vietnam and Korea and has voluntarily returned for another two-year term. Both Linhart and Sandoz are in charge of the management and distribution of relief programs of the National Association of Evangelicals.

until they will move into their new sanctuary. It is lovely, built on the same basic plan of the Olympic View building, which allows the fellowship hall to become overflow seating for the auditorium. It is carpeted throughout; a local young member is building the pews, and they will be beautiful, tailor-made, and less expensive (with this donated skill). A *Share Call* will go out soon for Boise's new church.

EAST WENATCHEE has just moved into a new Christian education and pastor's study unit with increased attendance. They also have recently raised the pastor's salary. They report between 30 and 40 young people in their youth group.

EUGENE—The church growth committee has introduced several programs including specific attendance goals for the next five years. They are already reaching these goals on schedule. They hope to start eight new classes soon, have several Bible study classes going, have an ushering class planned, have raised their pastor's salary substantially, and have recommendations for another Christian education unit.

FRIENDS MEMORIAL recently held a church growth planning retreat with the Goldsmiths, resulting in several new programs reviewed and planned. They started a double worship service the first of the year. They find 58 new attenders have each been present at least three times since September.

NEWBERG has started two worship services also with significant total increased attendance. They have several other programs underway, according to pastor Fred Littlefield. Newberg is now the parent meeting of the Nehalem Bay meeting with ministerial students from GFC leading the services.

SHERWOOD has plans to start their new building this spring. This was a direct result of the church growth recommendations. A new building committee has been named along with revised plans other than the proposals they had considered two or three years ago.

CHEHALEM CENTER is enjoying their largest attendance in Sunday school, morning worship, and Sunday evenings in recent years—more than 100 in the morning with the college students.

KLAMATH FALLS is having a 100 percent increase over last year—above 50 now.

PIEDMONT has an enlarged ministry in the community with significantly increased attendance since early last fall.

FIRST FRIENDS TACOMA (McKinley Avenue)—Clark Smith reports they have the

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QUIET TIME

The father of a friend of mine died at the age of 92. According to my friend, his father had not missed an early morning *quiet time* with God for more than 60 years.

This quiet time with God is more than a commendable practice; it is absolutely essential to a life of sustained spirituality, effectiveness, and love. It is the barometer of Christian life.

We are talking about when a person quiets his mind and soul for a few minutes of prayer, meditation, and Bible reading. This experience is vital to spiritual health whether you are newly converted or a mature Christian. "With my whole heart have I sought thee," says the psalmist, "O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin . . ."

This day-by-day personal worship is our only protection against *wandering*. It is our main equipment for Christian conflict. Christ's counsel and cleansing come in the quiet time.

Important as these reasons are, yet the greatest incentive of all for having a quiet time every day is that God wants to meet with you! It is more than a duty; it is breaking an appointment with *someone very important* to skip the quiet time. There is no sustained glow of Christian joy without close friendship with God.

To really get acquainted with anyone takes time. Someday we will all be 92 or else already with the Lord. In either case, it is well to have our quiet hour appointments up-to-date.

—Jack L. Willcuts

The Lord's Blessings

Continued

"highest attendance in the history of the church" with 12 members coming in by request last month (four of them Negroes); they have raised the pastor's salary and increased their United Budget pledge in midyear from \$600 to \$1,000.

OLYMPIC VIEW Friends are now in their new building. A loyalty dinner was held last week with 40 adults present.

MERIDIAN reports a significant growth this year with 76 in morning worship compared to 43 the same Sunday one year previous; 69 in Sunday school, 52 for evening service, and 16 in their youth group.

MAPLEWOOD'S Church Growth Committee has prepared a detailed job description for each officer of the church, and the meeting has been reorganized along the lines recommended in the Church Growth studies. They continue to experience regular growth.

This attempt to bring a progress report is given to encourage us all in the work of the Lord. Taking the time to record these encouraging developments does not mean the effort made by any pastor and meeting is overlooked, and the fact that church growth is slow or nonexistent is no indication of failure. I am keenly aware of certain conditions in various meetings, of health factors, of financial pressures, and the numerous difficulties faced by Christian workers today. Fortunately, we are not ministering in any competitive way but are serving the Lord, and He knows our hearts, our efforts, our problems, and our progress. One of the fine things about Oregon Yearly Meeting pastoral team is our sense of unity, mutual love, and fellowship. Let this be a reinforcing influence to each of us as we fill our individual places of service. The success and the setbacks are both in God's hands; His measure of these may be different than our own. It is the nature of Christian stewardship "that a man be found faithful," not merely successful.

—J.L.W.

(from "Notes for Now")

George Fox College

Enrollment for the winter term is 412, six higher than the fall term. The 1.5 percent increase is contrary to normally expected drops between terms at most colleges and has been getting statewide attention. Enrollment represents a 7 percent hike over the 384 winter term registration one year ago.

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Oregon Gov. Tom McCall and Mrs. McCall were among the special guests attending the dedication and benefit concert program for the college's new Allen organ. President David Le Shana led the audience-participation dedication ceremonies, and an offering raised \$1,100 through donations and pledges toward the final \$11,000 purchase price. More than 350 persons attended the concert program carried live over a local radio station. Featured was David Howard, assistant professor of music.

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A 10 percent increase in faculty salaries was approved by the college's Board of Trustees in their annual sessions on campus. It is the third salary hike in as many years. At the same time, the board approved a record budget of \$1,243,375, up more than \$16,000 from the current fiscal year. Board members approved a \$25,000 challenge program instigated by four members who each agreed to give \$2,500 to challenge the remaining 38 trustees to 100 percent participation in meeting the \$25,000 goal. Purchase of a six-plex and a duplex living unit on East Sherman Street was approved to provide additional housing for married students. The purchase also will give the college another access to the campus on the east side.

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Months of effort and planning by members of the George Fox Women's Auxiliary pro-

Pastor Comments on Youth Ambassador

Gwen McConaughy's article, "I Did My Thing for Christ," deserves comment from the fortunate pastor and church constituency who were witness of this "thing." June, July, and August of 1969 were exciting months for Svensen Friends Church. This was our third Youth Ambassador summer program . . . each a success and blessing.

The question, "Should we request a Youth Ambassador?" was purely academic. However, our part of the "thing" included the need for a VBS teacher—but time was so short. Did we dare expect any Youth Ambassador to assume a task normally requiring several weeks of preparation? We needed a teacher for junior girls in Sunday school to replace Barbara Morse, who was preparing to leave for a term of teaching in the Carachipampa Christian School in Bolivia. The pastor was praying for a part-time office secretary for the strategic summer months. A versatile and accomplished pianist was needed for VBS, Sunday school, and FY in addition to the present staff of musicians.

All in all, we wanted and needed a *leader*, a Christian whose first impressions would be consistently confirmed by each subsequent experience and encounter. This seemed to be more than could be reasonably hoped for in any one individual. However, looking back upon last summer and the one preceding it, our church of young and elderly alike have gained in personal faith and increased confidence in the capability of modern youth who know the meaning of commitment. We expected much. We received much.

—Willard L. Kennon

duced nearly \$1,200 in a one-day bazaar, sale, and dinner on campus. Funds will be used to equip a planned remedial study center to be located in Minthorn Hall.

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A new Student Affairs Center has been created in Wood-Mar Hall. The new office complex contains the offices of Dean of Students Harold Ankeny, Chaplain Ronald Crecelius, and a secretarial-reception area. The new complex is in space formerly occupied by the religion department, which now has a new office complex through an earlier project. Meantime, construction has started to create a new presidential office.

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A \$13,500 gift, the largest individual contribution made to the college in its history, has been received. An anonymous Oregon donor contributed the funds, which were not restricted and have been placed in the college's annual (general) fund.

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Future Freshman Day, designed to acquaint high school seniors with the educational, cultural, and social activities on campus, was held February 7 under direction of Allen Hadley, director of admissions. Highlights included campus tours, sports and musical performances, and discussions with faculty members.

GREENLEAF ACADEMY NEEDS BAND INSTRUMENTS

An appeal for musical band instruments for loan or sale has been made by Professor Gene Pumphrey. They hope to have a 50-piece band and have particular need for bass clarinet, French horn, bassoon, tuba, baritone saxophones, and snare drum, as well as other bass instruments.

U.S. CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM TAPES

During the U.S. Congress on Evangelism held last September in Minneapolis, the major lectures were tape recorded. These are now available and may be ordered through the Yearly Meeting office. Billy Graham, Paul Rees, Leighton Ford, Tom Skinner, Keith Miller, and others may be heard in these 34 speed tapes (not cassette form), costing \$3 each plus postage.

LOVE OFFERING FOR BOLIVIAN TABERNACLE GROWING

Many churches and area rallies across the Yearly Meeting have been receiving offerings to assist the Bolivian Friends in the completion of their new auditorium with seating for 5,000. As of February 15, \$1,371.74 had been forwarded for this purpose. Gifts may be sent to P.O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132, designated "Tabernacle Fund."

WIDE RESPONSE TO FIXED EXPENSE AND UNITED BUDGET APPEAL

The reports and letters circulated among the churches the first of the year have brought an encouraging response. While the United Budget is still less than one-half paid at mid-year, the Fixed Expense (14.08 per resident active member) has received a total of \$19,264.74, as of February 15, toward the year's need of \$38,497.00.

Special Notice to All Monthly Meetings and Extension Churches

The revised Constitution and Discipline, which was adopted last August, places new responsibilities on the monthly meetings and extension churches.

1. Every meeting is to appoint one member to serve on the Area nominating committee, and to notify the Area Superintendent of the appointment. This should be done in the March business meeting of the church.

2. Every meeting is to appoint its own representatives to Yearly Meeting, one for every fifty resident active members or major fraction thereof. The plan is that appointment be made of persons who expect to attend the Yearly Meeting sessions. Alternates may be appointed at the discretion of the meeting. Names of those appointed are to be sent to the Yearly Meeting clerk.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

SALEM AREA

Eugene—Donald D. Lamm, pastor

After the Sunday school Christmas program, an adult contemporary drama, *Christ in the Concrete City*, was presented. The players were Marian Powell, Rae Hickman, Wayne Antrim, Dick Beebe, John Coleman,

and Stan Thornburg, with Bruce Hickman directing.

Linda Meissner, from Seattle, Washington, was our guest speaker January 11. She was associated with Dave Wilkerson when he began his Teen Challenge ministry in New York City. Miss Meissner works with youth in the Seattle area.

Mrs. Ella Hadley celebrated her 94th birthday on December 23.

—Donna Coleman, reporter

Midwinter

Midwinter 1969 started out in the fashion of most conferences. There was the hustle and stir of registration and room assignments. Thus the start of the conference began, and it was evident that in the days from December 29, 1969, to January 2, 1970, all the hours of preparation the conference staff had so far done would be tried and proved.

It had been hoped at least 200 high schoolers would be at Midwinter. It was thrilling to find the final number of staff and counselors at the conference numbered 258.

This year's conference brought many different types of high schoolers. In the words of guest speaker, Don Mardock, as he addressed the first counselors' meeting, "Most of these kids have come with preconceived ideas that they will or will not be open to receive a spiritual blessing from this conference."

Don Mardock is a member of the Seattle Friends Memorial Church and the vice-president of the Pacific Northwest area of Youth for Christ International. His messages were given in young people's language, were thought-provoking and inspiring, challenging high schoolers to become the person God designed each of them to be.

The responses of the kids toward the classes offered seemed to be very positive. Classes were "Passive or Active Witnessing" by Harold Clark, "You and the Bible" by Denver Headrick, and "Are You for Real" by Ted Lindbeck. Afternoon speakers were Fred Littlefield, Ron Crecelius, and LeRoy Kropf.

Much appreciation is due to Ed Meier and his wife Georgia for the delicious meals served at the conference.

One of the highlights was the New Year's Eve musical presentation of the Fast Brothers of Eugene and the New Perspective Singers of George Fox College. These two groups really made a terrific impact with messages in song.

The moving of the Holy Spirit upon the lives of the campers was most evident in the last two nights. Regardless of past experiences it was amazing and thrilling to see the response in the lives of teens as they came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. How thrilling it was to have the conference end on such a note of positive and vital witness of the power of God to direct each and everyone to be the person that He has designed us to be!

Appreciation is expressed to Paul Cammack, who served as camp director, and Paul Baker, head counselor, and to all of those who put time and effort into the conference. Praise God for all the many and marvelous ways in which He worked out the details to make the 1969 Midwinter Conference a spiritual blessing and a new way of life for many.

—Randy Morse

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON AREA

Camas—Dorwin E. Smith, pastor

A number of our men are having a prayer breakfast at Boyles Cafe. Some of the ladies are having Child Evangelism meetings in their homes.

December 21 we had a Christmas program by all Sunday school classes. December 23 our WMU met at the parsonage for our Christmas meeting, to which we took gifts for Montezuma School.

We closed the year 1969 with prayer and a candlelight service.

—Millie Attebery, reporter

Vancouver—J. Earl Geil, pastor

Our Christmas program was held December 21 at 6:00 p.m. under the direction of Dick Johnson. An offering was taken for the Vancouver Boys Academy, and we also collected canned goods and staple groceries for them.

December 19 the junior high FY took the primaries Christmas caroling. Afterwards, they went back to the church for a party.

Our church people extended congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baker on their 50th wedding anniversary. An open house was held for them December 21.

Our December WMU meeting was held at Esther Brougher's home. Our speaker was Dorothy Monte, a returned missionary from Japan. She told us how they celebrate Christmas and the New Year.

—Beverly Richey, reporter

BOISE VALLEY AREA

Woodland—Marvin E. Hall, pastor

The Halloween hay ride for the young people was a big success, followed by savory refreshments and a social time at the home of Dean Simler.

A group of young people who are building a summer camp on the South Fork of the Clearwater River under the direction of the American Sunday School Union had a service at our church in the interest of their work November 16. A social time with refreshments followed the service. Our young people have helped with this work.

Saturday night, December 6, the film, *The Other Wise Man*, was shown for the young people with visitors from neighboring churches. The same film was shown to the church at large Sunday night.

—Lydia George, reporter

Star—Kenneth and Rosalie Pitts, pastors

The Christmas program on December 21 consisted of a play with the Singing Friends

Choir providing the music. The play showed how three families reacted to Christmas. Preschool and first-grade pupils also participated. It was an excellent program for the Christmas season.

Raymond and Hilma Haworth showed slides and told of their recent tour of the Holy Land. It was a fascinating journey for all who attended Sunday evening.

—Leona Ireland, reporter

Whitney—Charles Cox, pastor

The Whitney Church had a special Christmas program Sunday evening, December 21, with the primary and intermediate departments of the Sunday school. The church choir presented a special concert.

On December 28, a layman's sermon was given during the regular church time. Several testimonials were given by working members.

For New Year's Eve, a special watch was participated in by interested members to welcome in the New Year.

—Louise Reynolds, reporter

GREENLEAF AREA

Greenleaf—Gordon St. George, pastor

The Outstanding Americans Foundation announced in November that Sharon Fodge, daughter of Quincy and Eilene Fodge, and Jim Wilhite, son of Merl A. and Vera Wilhite, had been selected as Outstanding Teen-agers of America for 1970.

A missionary rally January 4 gave time to our Yearly Meeting superintendent, Jack Willcuts, and Harley Adams to bring up-to-date news of their recent trip to Bolivia and Peru.

New members accepted into the church in December were Bill and Pearl Dawson and sons Mike and Larry; Marilyn Andrews and son Dan; Nettie (Mrs. Howard) Craven and sons, Steve and Brett Roth.

Dan Clarkson, who was home for the holidays, is a member of the Glee Club at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, and sang with the group at the White House at the invitation of President Nixon for the party held for underprivileged children on December 19.

Cornelia Holmes, librarian at Caldwell's senior high school, plans to retire from teaching at the end of this year.

The Peace and Service Committee is asking for donations for some needy folk. Some of the money may go into a revolving fund if the recipients are able to repay the "loan" in the future.

Area Rally with a missionary emphasis was held Saturday evening, February 7, at the Academy dining hall.—Iverna Hibbs, reporter

PORTLAND AREA

Clackamas Park—Howard E. Harmon, pastor

Plans for our new education building have been approved by the church with the expectation of building this summer.

January was missionary emphasis month. Two morning and two evening services as well as Sunday school opening assemblies were devoted to missions around the world and our related duties.

Our church has instituted "Operation Friendship" to help take care of the needs of individuals in our church and community. Needs include such things as taking an elderly person to the doctor, distributing food and

clothing, helping the sick, and other problems that people may have. We feel this to be a vital operation of the church, and the response has been good.

In trying to meet the spiritual needs of people in the community, we have organized prayer and Bible study groups that meet in various homes during our Sunday evening hour. Members and friends have the choice of meeting for worship in the church or helping in the home Bible studies. By this method we hope to reach people who will not meet in the church. This is working!

What was intended to be a small progressive dinner with various mission field menus for about ten couples turned into a full-scale banquet. Fifty-six people came and enjoyed a time of fellowship and gained an appreciation for missionary food.—Preston Mills, reporter



Gary and Judy (Charlie Two Shoes) Callahan greeting arrivals to Clackamas Park Friends WMU progressive dinner.



Four young people of the church dressed in native costumes waited on the tables.

Maplewood—Roy P. Clark, pastor

In the fall contest with other Sunday schools, Maplewood had the highest net gain in our division—38.9 percent over last year. One Sunday with "Rusty Nails" our attendance was 135.

Our Christmas cantata, "Joy to the World," was held the evening of December 14. It was directed by Bill Pruitt with Roy Clark at the organ. The evening of December 21, we had our Christmas program, directed by Marita Bishop.

Our public address system has been rebuilt, and even in the nursery one can hear the message.

We thank God for our new projector, which was used again at our New Year's Eve service. From 11:30 to 12, a Quaker communion service was held around the altar.

We rejoice with Leona and Harold Richardson in the remarkable improvement of their daughter, Ann Parker. She has had a rapid recovery from an accident July 26, and we know God will see her through the hip opera-

tion and six weeks in traction before she can come home.

Evangelist Herschel Thornburg held revival services January 4-11. Much good resulted from the work of this dedicated minister of God.

Open house was held November 24 for Grandma Mardock on her 95th birthday. What an inspiration she is to all who know her!

PUGET SOUND AREA

Seattle Memorial—Clynton Crisman, pastor

Seattle Memorial closed the year by taking in 14 new members.

Because we believe we have reached the point where it is needful, we started January 11 to hold two morning worship services on Sundays.

Fifteen of our young people attended the Friends Youth Midwinter Convention at Cannon Beach, Oregon, in December; Don Mardock was the evangelist.

Kinder Kampus Day Care Center has continued to grow. Attendance is now at 30, and our license is for 35. Before we can go beyond this, a fire alarm system must be installed, and work has begun on this.

—Anna Neifert, reporter

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

ANDERSON—To Don and Barbara Anderson of Greenleaf, a daughter, Cary Dawn, born December 21, 1969.

ENRICO—To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Enrico of Greenleaf, a boy, born November 29.

HISKEY—To Sam and Margaret Hiskey, a daughter, Sandra Kim, born December 17, 1969, at Caldwell, Idaho.

JACKSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jackson, a daughter, born Thanksgiving Day, 1969.

KERN—To David and Evangelyn (Green) Kern of Everett, Washington, a son, Kenneth Merle, born December 29, 1969.

LAMM—To Mel and Margaret Lamm of Vancouver, a boy, Randal Dean, born November 29, 1969.

MARRIAGES

CLARK-PRUITT. Faye Clark and Bill Pruitt, both of Maplewood Friends, were united in marriage December 20, with Harold Clark, brother of the bride, officiating.

DEATHS

BUTLER—Asa B. Butler, 75, of Springbrook near Newberg, Oregon, passed away at his home January 5, 1970. He was a long-time faithful member and leader in the Springbrook Friends Church. A memorial service was held at the church with Walter Lee and Denver Headrick officiating.

KLECK—Ruth Kleck, a member of Spokane Friends Church who lived in Kennewick, Washington, passed away January 8, 1970.

STROHMAYER—Otto P. Strohmayer, 79, died October 21, 1969. Funeral services were held in the Hillsboro Friends Church with Russell Stands officiating assisted by Frederick Baker. He and his wife Lulu had celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary earlier in the year. During the building of the Hillsboro church, he donated 1,000 hours of labor.