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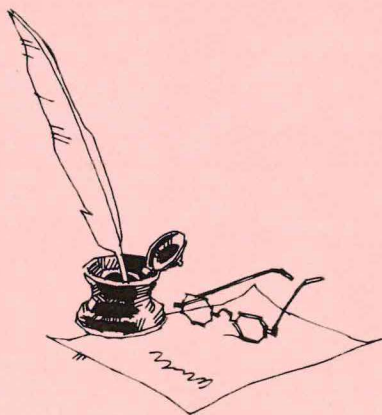
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Thanksgiving



Friends Write



(Many people responded to our request for opinions regarding receiving all four Supplements with the September issue. The following are only excerpts from some of the respondents. —H.T.A.)

Now as to the EVANGELICAL FRIEND: I think it is fine as is and would compare it favorably with any denominational magazine in America. The Supplements are good, but I would like to see them incorporated into the magazine. Edit out the "church dinner" and leave in the "authentic fire."

DAN NOLTA

Tacoma, Washington

I believe we would be very much in favor of your Alternative No. 2 "Including the major Supplement material within the main part of the magazine—doing away with the Supplements in their present form"—which possibly could be done without any added expense.

RALPH LEMMONS

Coyle, Oklahoma

I hope you have enough favorable reaction to continue sending the news of all the areas to each one.

RUTH KINCAID

Glenns Ferry, Idaho

In reply to the "Important Notice" in the September issue—the extra Supplements were interesting, but I wouldn't consistently read them. I would just as soon receive only the one for Ohio Yearly Meeting.

BEULAH WINTERS

Williamsport, Pennsylvania

We appreciated the extra Supplements and we would read them. It is always interesting and helpful to us to know what others are doing.

VERN L. ELLIS

Chinle, Arizona

My vote is for the four Supplements!

JACK CLAPPER

Canton, Ohio

I was thrilled when I received the September issue of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND

from the different yearly meetings. I appreciate the extra Supplements.

HAZEL WILSON

Nampa, Idaho

It was interesting and helpful to read the enclosures of the Supplements of all yearly meetings . . .

ELVA WHISENHUNT

Gate, Oklahoma

I would just as soon receive only the Southwest Supplement.

MRS. H. A. BUSHWEILER

Wantoma, Wisconsin

We certainly enjoyed the EVANGELICAL FRIEND this month, not only the magazine itself but the extra Supplements, too. We appreciate them very much and would read each of them every time.

C. C. MCOSHER

Nampa, Idaho

We were very happy to receive all the Supplements in one paper. Have often wished it could be possible to have them.

DENVER B. HEADRICK

Newberg, Oregon

The Supplements in the EVANGELICAL FRIEND were interesting although not knowing many in the other yearly meetings, don't think we'd like them every month.

CAROLANN PALMER

Seattle, Washington

We enjoyed the extra Supplements and would be glad to get them each month. It is interesting to read what other yearly meetings are doing.

THE ROY BEESONS

Homedale, Idaho

I love to receive news of the other yearly meetings. I get news of friends of former years. We will get better acquainted just to know what the other yearly meetings are doing.

MARY NORQUIST

Newberg, Oregon

Please continue all four yearly meeting special sections. I think that practice can do much in drawing together evangelical Friends.

CORNELIA HOLMES

Caldwell, Idaho

We deeply appreciate all of the Supplements; keep them coming in the best way you find advisable.

ALDEN PITTS

Rose Hill, Kansas

I appreciated the added news in the other Supplements to the EVANGELICAL FRIEND as some of our workers, pastors, and lay members have moved to the other yearly meetings.

EDITH L. FOLGER

Burr Oak, Kansas

News of Friends

Wichita's Northridge Church initiates team ministry

The recently merged Northridge Friends Church of Wichita, Kansas, to occupy a new plant at 2655 N. Bullinger December 1, has initiated a team ministry.

Leroy Brightup, professor of Bible and philosophy at Friends University is coordinator and pulpit minister; Carl D. Gordon, FU director of alumni and church relations, minister of worship; Weston F. Cox, the only full-time member of the team, is minister of visitation. These men are recorded ministers with pastoral experience. Greg Harris, an FU student, directs youth and athletic activities.

This team leads a congregation of "involved laymen" with plans for a full program of sharing Christian faith.

Other news of Friends

OHIO FRIENDS SET GIVING RECORD

Ohio Yearly Meeting surpassed by \$6,000 its 1970-71 outreach budget of \$225,100. The per capita giving was an all-time high of \$227.37. On the basis of this record, an outreach budget for the coming year of \$282,400 is set, which is an increase of 25 percent.

FRIENDS UNITED MEETING SCHEDULED IN 1972

RICHMOND, INDIANA—A brochure describing FUM's 1972 Triennial Sessions at Green Lake, Wisconsin, will soon be available. For detailed information, write C. Wayne Carter, chairman of the Program Committee, 651 West Main Street, Carmel, Indiana 46032. —F.U.M.

PEOPLE:

Gary Knight, son of Roscoe and Tina Knight, is now an associate pastor of Reedwood Friends Church, Portland, promoting missions.

Robert D. Kellum, Friendswood, Texas, was granted an L.H.D. by Azusa Pacific College May 31, with a Citation of Recognition for "outstanding leadership . . ."

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Antecedents

Managing editor Harlow Ankeny, whose comments are always read in the *Antecedents* was hospitalized shortly before the final run of this issue. For several weeks Harlow has not been well. Some will remember his inspiring testimony in the October issue regarding his battle with health problems. At this time it is not known how serious his illness may be nor just what the causes are, but the office staff and his many other friends have realized he has been working very hard with little time off when he needed it. Perhaps pushing too long and too hard has at last brought an enforced vacation.

At any rate, the Publication Board of Northwest Yearly Meeting has arranged for Harlow to take at least a few weeks for complete rest.

With his versatile talents, he has all but made himself indispensable to not only the magazine, but the entire operation of Barclay Press. Prayer is requested for Harlow. And, also for his wonderful wife Gertrude who is the Barclay Press bookkeeper and the mother of the five Ankeny youngsters.

—Jack L. Willcuts

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The Face of the World



AMERICANS CAN'T COPE WITH DEATH, PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR CHARGES

UNIVERSITY PARK, PENNSYLVANIA—In a day when Americans are killing more people than ever and showing it frequently on television, they are less able to cope with its reality, according to a professor of psychology at Royalton College, Vermont.

Speaking at a two-day conference on death and bereavement at Pennsylvania State University here, Dr. Edgar N. Jackson said the main problem of the dying person often is not death itself but the people around him trying to shield him from the knowledge that he is dying.

In the final days or weeks or hours, a man has the right to do some unfinished living, Jackson said.

Dr. Belvin J. Krant, professor of medicine at Tift College, Forsyth, Georgia, said dying is made hard in hospitals because doctors and nurses are taught they must not show their feelings.

"I say this is wrong," he declared. "The patient, especially the dying patient, needs feeling. He doesn't want to be treated as a thing that's no longer valuable."

"Doctors, nurses, and ministers," he said, "too often go their separate ways without consulting one another about the dying patient. The minister, the doctor, and the nurse should make their rounds together," Dr. Krant said. —E.P.

TESTS FIND CHURCHGOERS AHEAD IN CHANCES OF HEART DISEASE

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND—Exhaustive tests on 567 men by a physician in Johns Hopkins University have shown that men who attend church regularly stand twice the chance of avoiding fatal heart attacks, cancer, tuberculosis, chronic bronchitis, suicidal tendency, and cirrhosis of the liver.

The findings of Dr. George Comstock of the university were published in the *National Health Federation Bulletin*,

which does not involve itself in religion.

But this item in the October 1971 edition describes the finding as "so conclusive that we are reporting it." The editor goes on to say: "Apparently the psychic or emotional response to a religious-oriented life in church relieves stresses that otherwise have a deleterious physiological effect on our bodies. The original survey on which the study was based included 91,000 persons." —E.P.

'NO SMUT FOR ME,' SAY 500,000

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Acting under a new law, 500,000 citizens have formally notified the U.S. Postal Service they don't want to receive "sexually oriented" material in the mails.

Any dealer mailing obscene material to people so registered can be imprisoned for five years or fined \$5,000 or both.

There has never been such a strong reaction from the public, postal officials said.

"For half a million people in less than a year to go to the trouble of completing the form and sending it in is an indication this material is bothering and concerning many families," said Assistant Postmaster General William Cotter, head of the Postal Inspection Service. —E.P.

'ETERNITY' TO FULFILL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR CHANGING 'WORLD VISION'

PHILADELPHIA—Rising costs and the publisher's inability to find enough subscribers among missions-minded Christian people are the reasons *World Vision Magazine* will be discontinued in its present format December 1.

The subscription fulfillment will be picked up by *Eternity* magazine, published in Philadelphia by the Evangelical Foundation.

World Vision Magazine will merge with *Heartline*, a house organ also published by World Vision International, and will retain most of the standing features now running in the prestigious missions journal edited by Paul S. Rees and Frank E. Farrell.

"The new magazine will be called simply 'World Vision,'" explained the executive editor, Ted W. Engstrom. "It will feature also a page of commentary by Dr. Rees. Dr. Farrell will serve as editor."

Eternity editor, Russell T. Hitt, said *Eternity* would be receiving some 10,000 names of active subscribers but said after the *World Vision* subscription was satisfied *Eternity* could hope at best for a 30 percent conversion to subscriptions for the general periodical.

This transaction brings to five the number of periodicals absorbed by *Eternity* in its history of journalistic ministry.

"We're grateful to the Lord," Dr. Hitt told EP News Service, "that we've been

able to survive in a day when magazines are folding." —E.P.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT SEES ASIANS INCREASINGLY SUSPICIOUS OF U.S.


GROVE CITY, PENNSYLVANIA—"Asians increasingly view our involvement in Vietnam as an instance where a nation that is predominantly white, Christian, rich, and powerful comes to Asia and destroys a land and a people who are predominantly colored, non-Christian, poor, and oppressed—and does it in the name of saving them."

Dr. Gerald H. Anderson made these remarks at the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference at Grove City College.

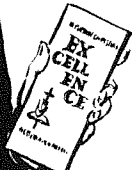
He said Asians wonder who gave the United States a license to treat them in such a manner.

Dr. Anderson, president of Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee, expressed the conviction that "it will be virtually impossible for any white American missionary to speak to a brown Buddhist Asian about the love of Jesus Christ for at least a generation after the Vietnam war ends."

What's needed, he said, is not neo-isolationism but a new internationalism. —E.P.



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A report: The Evangelical Friends Conference, 1971

Accurately speaking, it was not a conference but a series of committee meetings and business sessions of the Coordinating Council of the Evangelical Friends Alliance. This Council, composed of the six Commissions of the EFA (Missions, Evangelism and Church Extension, Youth Publications, Christian Education, Social Concerns), met for two and a half days in Omaha, October 5-7. Forty-six were registered from the four Yearly Meetings (Kansas, Ohio, Northwest, and Rocky Mountain). The time was divided between commission meetings, general sessions, reports, group discussions, and decisions by the Coordinating Council. The two evenings were given to worship centered on the themes of missions and evangelism. Roscoe Knight, just returned from Mexico City, spoke the first night; Mahlon Macy, pastor of the Omaha Friends Meeting, which began under the sponsorship of EFA, led the second evening reporting the recent "Lay Evangelism" programs.

The Executive Committee of the EFA, composed of the four Yearly Meeting superintendents and the president of the Alliance, directs the annual Coordinating Council meetings and the programs throughout the year. Visitors and observers this year included the executive secretary of the Friends United Meeting, Lorton Huesel, and General Superintendents Keith Sarver of California Yearly Meeting and William Wagner of Indiana Yearly Meeting, who, with their wives, were present for most of the general sessions.

Considerable time was taken reviewing the report of the Task Force Committee. This committee was named at the previous EFA General Conference held in Wichita in July 1970 "to study the feasibility of a 'national Friends Church.'" The Task Force began its work "by attempting to enumerate the reasons for forming a national Friends Church, both from what this would do to strengthen the existing Yearly Meetings within the EFA and what impact this might have on

evangelical Friends presently not members of the EFA."

Attempting a definition of the *overall* purpose of "any evangelical church," to serve as a guideline for consideration of changes, the committee concluded such a purpose to be the "sharing of the Gospel with the lost, practicing Christian service, and nurturing the Body of Christ." It also concluded any "organizational structure" should be to strengthen the local meeting in reaching this purpose.

By insisting the local unit is of primary importance and that Friends are almost inherently fearful of any superstructure or religious hierarchy, the committee reported its judgment that "this is not the time for us to act upon the formation of a national church." Instead, a number of positive steps were recommended that could be taken to strengthen the *relationship* among members of the EFA Yearly Meetings and their area and local meetings. "As these steps are taken, we should leave the question of a national Friends Church open for review during coming years."

What are these steps? (1) Plan a general conference similar to the Wichita Conference, to be held at least every third year, perhaps oftener. (2) Encourage the commissions to attempt a closer and more comprehensive cooperative administration of their departmental work across yearly meeting boundaries. One example cited was that of the Foreign Missions Commission. Should it become a more effective administrative body for all the mission fields rather than with each Yearly Meeting being completely autonomous in its missionary efforts? This pattern might be extended to other departments, boards, and emphases of the Yearly Meetings, including stewardship, church extension, Christian education, etc. (3) Name a director of communications to assist in coordinating the programs, provide an exchange of information reaching the local meetings, and arrange and administer the triennial or biennial general conference planning

and other assignments given by the commissions through the Coordinating Council.

The latter step was approved "to be referred to the Yearly Meetings" for approval. The Task Force Committee was renamed for another year to be chaired by the new president of the Evangelical Friends Alliance, Russell Myers, general superintendent of Ohio Friends. A nomination for this office and a salary proposal is to be ready before the 1972 summer sessions of the four Yearly Meetings.

(Ohio Friends reported the changing of their name from Ohio Yearly Meeting to The Evangelical Friends Church, Eastern Region.)

The final sessions of the Omaha meetings brought before the Coordinating Council a problem related to the missionary ministries. This came from the Missions Commission budget recommended for the Mexican mission. An operating budget for the year of \$16,800 is substantially more than previously, but the consternation on the floor of the meeting came upon learning the Roscoe Knight family total salary was only \$4,000 plus furlough housing of \$1,035. Medical insurance, pension withholding, and other additions, including education assistance for college-age children total \$7,826. With the Quentin Nordyke family replacing the Knights most of this year in Mexico City, a similar amount is budgeted for their support.

A dilemma faces the EFA in this situation. Strong opposition was expressed to this low salary level for our missionaries while at the same time it was known that increase in total budget was not covered by the four Yearly Meetings. It was pointed out that before the Mexican missionaries could be paid a better salary (even though cost of living in Mexico City is probably higher than in most U.S. cities), the entire missionary support of all EFA missionaries must be reviewed to permit an equitable arrangement. Hence, a minuted action was taken as follows: "The Council approved the budget as a minimum and instructed the Missions Commission to consider it with a view to revising it upward as soon as possible. The Council approved the Missions Commission making a study of salaries of missionaries of our member Yearly Meetings compared with costs of living in the various countries involved and communicating with the mission boards of their four Yearly Meetings their findings."

The Youth Commission announced plans for a visit to Mexico during the summer of 1972 for about 40 young people of EFA. This will replace the leadership conference previously held. Details of the trip will be given soon to the youth leaders of the Yearly Meetings.

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The Friends Church—is now!

God's richest promises are not for yesterday or tomorrow but for today. The Friends Church is now! Our opportunity is for today. It is all we can manage and, to glorify God and fulfill our mission, it is all we need. If we rightly use today, we can leave yesterday and tomorrow in God's hands. But if we refuse to deal with our opportunities today, no obedience of yesterday and no dedication for tomorrow will enable us to be faithful stewards. NOW—is our chance, our day. As someone said, "It is a little gleam of light between two eternities and no second chance forevermore."

The doors of opportunity are open in 1971. The New York Times carried a story about a 74-year-old Japanese who had left his wife and son and who was recently discovered in a mountain cave where he had lived for 20 years. He rejected pleas to return home by saying, "I'm much more comfortable living in a cave." This can be the current parable of our church when we are content to stay within the four walls of a building. We must come forth from our sheltered caves of yesterday and tomorrow to really get with it today. Our church has an opportunity to recover the simplicity and dynamic of the Gospel. Once again there is hope we can penetrate our world with the living message of Jesus Christ. All the destructive tendencies loose in our country today give to the church—to you and to me—a unique opportunity for being, speaking, and ministering in Jesus' name. The Friends Church—is now!

I. NOW! It is time to exploit our opportunities. However, we must remember that the opportunities are only open and valid to churches that are not bogged down in the mire of conventionality. If we idolize our churches instead of vitalizing them, our opportunities will have vanished. But a vitalized church has all kinds of opportunities. Toynebee, the

This article is adapted from Superintendent Russell Myers' address to the session of Ohio Yearly Meeting, now the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region.



ILLUSTRATION BY STAN PUTMAN

"I'm much more comfortable living in a cave." This can be the current parable of our church when we are content to stay within the four walls of a building.

historian, gives us some clear insights about the institutionalized church:

"One generic evil of an institution of any kind is that people who have identified themselves with it are prone to make an idol of it . . . man's true end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever."

A stale and outmoded church, primarily concerned about its rich heritage, prestige, and unchanged methodology, will not meet the needs of today's people nor fulfill its God-given mission.

The church taking advantage of its opportunities is alive. It is on the move. Its

driving power is the Holy Spirit. Its head is Jesus Christ. Our churches must not remain behind iron gates. They must move out from their stronghold of worship and fellowship, attacking with the love of our Lord the very gates of hell that imprison people. We must see changing trends as definite opportunities. We must see destructive tendencies loose in the land as unique occasions to exploit them for Christ and His Church. We must be able to recognize general trends and turn them into dynamic moments for Christian ministry.

"We must come forth from our sheltered caves of yesterday and tomorrow to really get with it today. Our church has an opportunity to recover the simplicity and dynamic of the Gospel. There is hope we can penetrate our world with the living message of Jesus Christ."

How can a church go about finding its unique opportunities and exploiting them for Jesus Christ? The mark of a Spirit-filled church is not that it is always right but that it has the inclination and will for correction, rediscovery, reevaluation, and change. A Spirit-filled church is humble enough to ask God periodically if it is now performing adequately in terms of strategy and the right use of resources. Making the most of our open doors and finding Christ in them is the most exciting adventure on which a church may embark. Instead of being disgruntled over dwindling memberships, let's form our thinking, dedicated Christian members on the local level into small task forces, meeting monthly to ask ourselves and God what we should be doing. When that priority is discovered, then let us marshal our resources, update our strategy, mobilize our manpower, let God touch us afresh, and then march into the whitened harvest fields.

II. *NOW! It is time to go into our cities.*

We have an assignment from God. We are sent to proclaim the Gospel and to gather believers into reproducing churches. In the New Testament, geography had nothing to do with mission. Our mission is not primarily determined by where we go but by what we do where we are. In the early days of America, the church was the center of things. It greatly influenced the calendar of events. It married, buried, consecrated the newborn, cared for the sick and indigent, organized crusades, distributed food and clothing for the poor, and exhorted all to the good life. The church had a hand in events of importance. It was located in the center of town, and this typified its role in the community. Urbanization has radically shifted the church's place in modern society. Most often the church has not kept pace with the dramatic changes. But the city is where the people are. In 1900, eight out of ten Americans lived in rural areas. Now the figures are reversed. It is pre-

dicted by A.D. 2000 our urban population will double.

The great British statesman Disraeli revealed prophetic insight. Replying to a bishop who confessed that "the church would probably lose the city," Disraeli corrected, "Don't be mistaken, my lord; the church has nothing to lose, for she has never had the city." The Friends Church strategy for the most part has remained fixed to a rural setting. We hardly know the languages and customs of the megalopolis. We are aliens and exiles. How many inner city works do we have, even in the large cities? If we have even a superficial interest in God's mission in and to the world, we can't go on walking away from the cities and lulling ourselves to sleep in our rural and suburban captivity.

Jesus wept over the plight of Jerusalem.

"Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not." (Matthew 11:20)

St. Paul directed his ministry to the great cities of the Mediterranean world. Our church now must become more involved in the screaming needs of our cities. Because we can't do everything is no excuse for doing nothing. We must establish some priorities. A physician called to treat an accident victim suffering a punctured lung, a severed vein, and a broken finger will not care first for the broken finger. There is a much higher priority than that. Likewise, our church must review its priorities frequently. We must make sure we are about our most important work! Now is the time to challenge, recruit, train, and send into our major cities some of our most radiant, enthusiastic, and best trained members. A national in India confronted a missionary: "First, tell me what you did about the mess in your own nation before you preach here." Our foreign missionary work will rise to mock and haunt us at the judgment if we don't do

something much more significant for our poor, brokenhearted brothers who find themselves trapped in the walled, pagan cities of our homeland.

III. *NOW! It is time to make love supreme.*

"Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:33-35)

Love as a badge or symbol of our discipleship has no meaning for us or others until some very real, genuine content is put into it. Christ said the love Christians have for each other will demonstrate to the world that we are His very own. It is the lack of this love, the little things that are said and done by Christians when differences arise, that brings reproach on the name of Christ and negates our piously phrased testimonies. If we have Christian love, we must exhibit more patience with exasperating people. We must demonstrate more hope for the wicked. We will have more time for tedious people. Our love will be demonstrated time and again with forgiveness toward our opponents. Christian love always has time for simple human kindness. The essence of love is to become involved in the despair of others. If we are going to accomplish anything in our communities that will stand the test of God's consuming fire, observable love is an imperative. The world should be able to observe that we love one another. Our love must be "seeable."

There is probably not a church nor an individual member in our Yearly Meetings who doesn't need a fresh endowment of the love of God. Bitter words have sometimes been spoken. Hostile attitudes have flared into the open. Harsh judgments have been made because true motives could not be discerned. Petty selfishness has gotten in the way. Carnal pride has been coddled. Snobbishness has been openly practiced. Disdain and contempt for sinners has more than once reared its ugly head. Caucasian superiority has been clearly seen by minority groups. The poor and the lonely have been ignored in more than an isolated instance. Too often we have practiced the devastating but skillful art of belittling our Christian brother to a non-Christian acquaintance and then have wondered why we couldn't win him to faith in Christ. Love is too frequently seen as a stiff and wooden quality when it should have been warm, open, and easily entertained. "Now abide faith, hope, love
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Christian community

I have just returned from a month-long trip to Latin America. Last June I had traveled to Chile, Brazil, and Colombia to set up the fall series of the World Vision Pastors Conferences. The World Vision Pastors Conference program is administered by Dr. Paul Rees. Just after my return in June, Dr. Rees became ill and August 10 had delicate surgery to transplant the main arteries from his leg into the right side of his heart. He was not able to attend the pastors conferences, and therefore Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham, president of World Vision, asked me to come back to serve as administrator during the conferences.

It would be difficult to explain how beneficial it was for me with my new responsibilities to sit under the ministry of those three conferences. The conference in Valparaiso, Chile, gathered 500 pastors, among whom there were participants in each of the three political party campaigns in the last election. Now that the Communists have won and are in power some pastors were a bit suspicious of some others, and some were anxious about the future of the church. About Wednesday or Thursday of our conference week, we began to hear how timely the conference was in its emphasis on fellowship and love for one another in the body of Christ.

In Brazil we soon saw we were ministering to a live church, vibrant with new spiritual vitality and effectiveness in the ministry of the Gospel. Here we experienced unusual love for one another and fellowship in the body. In Colombia, where 800 pastors gathered from all over the nation, we found the church once more facing harassment and persecution as they have known in years past but now under the hand of the Communists. Once again the emphasis on fellowship and community in the body of Christ was

Norval Hadley, new superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting who just recently participated in pastors conferences in South America, brings back new insights on Christian community.

very strategic for this church, which faces so much.

One of the team speakers was Dr. Richard C. Halverson, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., and president of International Christian Leadership, the organization that sponsors the annual President's Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., and many governor and mayor prayer breakfasts across the world. As Dr. Halverson presented his message on community in a series on Church Growth in the book of Acts, I saw anew the importance of fellowship, or *koinonia*, in the life and work of the church. Many of the ideas that follow are from Dr. Halverson's messages. He made us feel that when community is right, growth is normal and automatic. When community is healthy, evangelism happens day after day.

When a married couple cannot have children, it does no good to give them a book on how to have children or to scold them for not having children. They must go to a doctor and deal with the health problem that prevents reproduction. The same is true of the church. Often we fail to reproduce because we have a health problem in the body of Christ, and this health problem very often has to do with lack of fellowship and community. Somehow, we have to realize, if the Holy Spirit is really filling His Church, that above everything else the world will know we love one another. Somehow, we have to see that not to love is heretical. Jesus and Paul and the other apostles wrote that the sum of everything the Bible has to say is that we are to love God and love our neighbors. We are even to love our enemy. This kind of love is the most radical force in history.

Look at what happened at Pentecost. When the Holy Spirit came upon those 120 individual disciples, they were galvanized by the supernatural action of the Spirit of God into an unprecedented new social entity. They were fused together into an indivisible and inseparable organ-

ism. That's what the baptism of the Holy Spirit does. They were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—Jews and Greeks, bond and free. All were one in Christ. Now every time someone comes to Christ, he too is united by the Spirit into that one body.

The thing so important for us to see is that this little, believing community became the matrix of all that happened later in the book of Acts and throughout the days of the primitive church. In spite of all the changes through the 1900 years since Pentecost, the believing community is still fundamental to everything else in the church. When the community suffers, everything else about the church suffers. We cannot have strong outreach without strong community. We cannot have vision without community. Everything depends on the health of the believing community. This is the emphasis in all of the New Testament.

Nearly the last thing Jesus said to His Church was to go into all the world and make disciples of every nation, baptizing and teaching them. But we never hear Paul say a thing about this. Not that it was unimportant. Paul may have talked about it, for we do not argue from silence, but the fact is Paul did not emphasize this in his Epistles nor do the other apostles emphasize the great commission. Why? Certainly it was important. It was Christ's mandate to His Church. It is not emphasized in the last of the New Testament because when community is healthy the great commission is being inevitably fulfilled. And so the burden of the instruction of the New Testament is to community.

Look at the description of that community in Acts 2:42-47. Individual believers were bound together eternally in that new selfless, caring unity. It was a loving unity. When the Holy Spirit really fills believers, this is the way they behave. And the world takes notice. No matter how much the world disagrees with Christians, they cannot gainsay our demonstration of love and sharing as seen

in this second chapter of Acts. The interesting thing was that this new loving society was formed out of one of the most pagan cultures in the history of humanity. Three out of five in that Roman culture were slaves. The intelligentsia, the sophisticates, the cultured folk of that day enjoyed, as their favorite spectator sport, sitting in the arena watching animals destroying human beings in the amphitheater below. History tells us that in those days, if parents did not like the baby that was born to them, they could literally dispose of that infant by throwing it into a trash heap. If a master was displeased with some little fault in his slave, he could cut off his head with impunity. It was an immoral culture. It was a violent culture. It was a revolutionary culture. So in that environment, when the Roman world wanted to know what Christians meant by their message of reconciliation, they just looked at the new believing community and saw what they meant. They were demonstrating by deeds what they were proclaiming by words. In the midst of all this hostility, here were people who loved one another.

What does the world see when it looks at our Christian community? Is there a demonstration among us of the reconciliation we preach? Is there demonstration of the love the Bible says fulfills all the law and the prophets? This should be the goal of everything we do in the church. This should be what we pray for and preach for. This is what the New Testament is all about—relationships. Accordingly it is very, very dangerous and grieves the Holy Spirit when any of us participates in anything that tends to divide the body of Christ. Community is tremendously important in God's system of things.

John the beloved apostle wrote in his first Epistle, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you." Why does he declare these things? "That ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." In the New Testament this fellowship is not something to be realized in order to accomplish something else. Fellowship is an end in itself. And when fellowship is realized, all other things are a result. Evangelism and mission happen automatically. And notice, New Testament fellowship is always with the Father and with the Son. Fellowship is not just having a little social time together, although there is nothing wrong with that. But it isn't real New Testament fellowship unless Jesus is present.

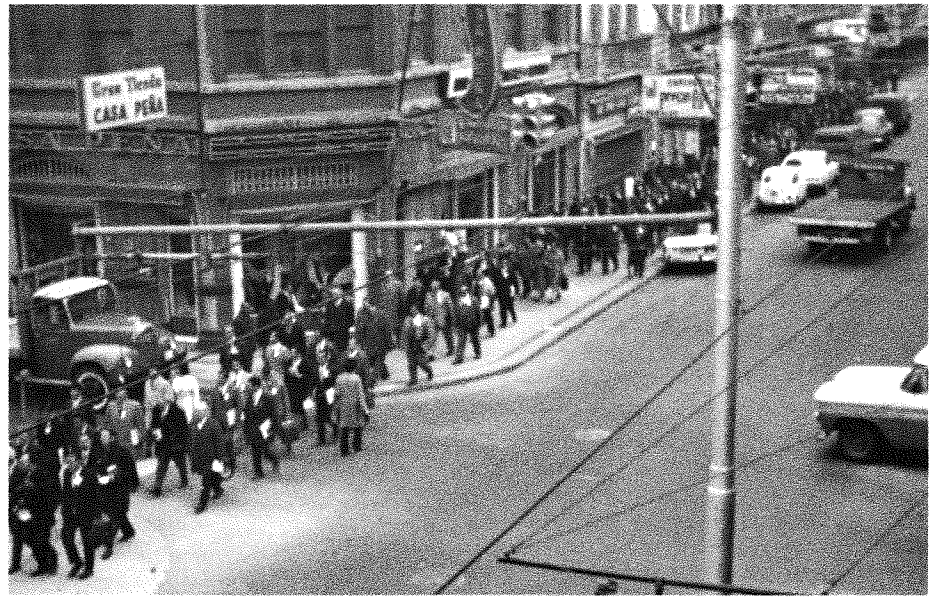
On the eve of our Lord's betrayal after He had taught His last discourse of John 14, 15, and 16, He prayed His high priestly prayer, John 17. What was the preoccupation of that prayer? What was

our Savior's deepest concern as He anticipated the cross? It was the unity of His disciples. He prayed that they might be one. Why? "That the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." (John 17:23) The world knows that the Father sent the Son when the disciples are united. Remember Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:35)

The model for our unity, according to Jesus' prayer, is the unity between the Father and the Son. He prayed, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee." Here we may be

right, we will be concerned first of all with our relationship with God through Christ, secondly our relationship in marriage and the family; and thirdly our relationship with brothers and sisters in the body of Christ.

In Acts 2:42 the Holy Spirit gives us in just a few words the program of the New Testament church. "They continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." This should be our church program too. None of us would forsake doctrine. We know prayer is important. We understand the importance of breaking of bread—of love feasts and communion together. But we need to under-



Over 300 Protestant pastors marched singing and quoting scripture through the business district of Valparaiso, Chile, a dynamic witness of Christian joy and unity during recent World Vision Pastors Conference in that Communist-controlled land.

dealing with one of the most profound truths in history. Before God created the universe of human beings, when there was only God in the eternity of the past, there was beautiful unity existing in the trinity. Now as God writes history, what is He doing? Ephesians 1:9, 10 explains that it is His eternal purpose to gather all things together in one in Christ. The unity that existed in the Godhead before there was anything but God is the pattern for God's purpose in history and beyond history.

It is very, very significant that the first thing God did after He made man was to make woman. "In the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Genesis 1:27) The image of God is not reflected in man alone but in man and woman together—in marriage. Marriage is the supreme human example of God's unity with His Church and with His people. This is what Paul teaches us in Ephesians 5. This is why marriage is so important. If we have our priorities

stand that fellowship is just as important. To neglect fellowship is just as bad as to neglect doctrine.

Dear Friends, let's give priority to fellowship. Let us have right relationships. The body of Christ is made up of many members, fitly joined together. If one member is not functioning correctly in the body because of lack of fellowship, the body is sick. When the body is sick, surely reproduction is hindered. Do you need to forgive anyone? After the Lord's prayer Jesus said, "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:15) If when you come in worship and offer your gift on the altar, you remember that any man has ought against you, leave your gift, "first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." (Matthew 5:24) Remember that community is the matrix of mission. The outreach of our church into our society and into the whole world is waiting for us to get right with one another. □

Have men failed?

BY ROSCOE KNIGHT

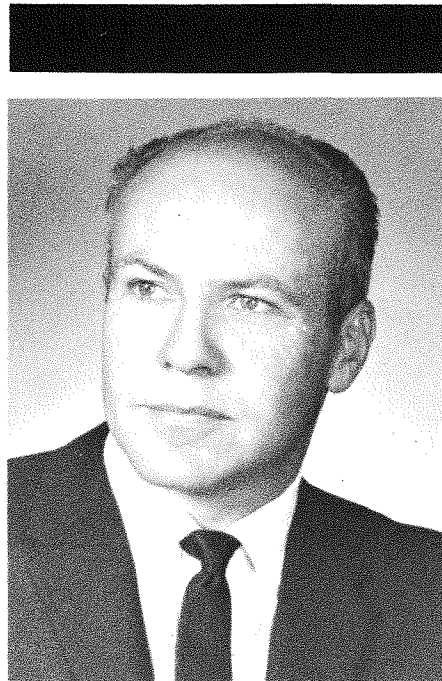
"Women's Lib" notwithstanding, God made man first and then created woman to be his helpmate. God intended man to be the head of the home, the breadwinner, the leader, the pacesetter, and the spiritual guide.

Almost all prophets of old were men. Christ chose 12 men to do His follow-up work and start the early Church. Today most of our pastors are men.

Then why is it, among the laymen of most churches, there are more women than men and the women usually participate more in church activities? It is because the men have failed.

From the very beginning of many churches, the greater emphasis is placed on Sunday school, women's meetings, or youth meetings. Now, all of these are good and necessary, but if we are to have a lasting church we must win the men. A missionary of my acquaintance has worked for years trying to organize a church. Regular meetings have been held, but it has been mostly the women and children who have responded. All attempts to win the husbands have failed. Why? Because, what man wants to join that which he considers a women's organization, especially here in Mexico where "machismo" or the "he-man" concept is so prominent. If an idea or action originates with the woman, the man wants no part of it.

Yet how many missionaries, pastors, and laymen continue working with the idea, "Get the kids and through them you can win the parents"! This sounds good in theory but how often does it work? On the other hand, if you win the parents first, you usually win the children also. When our Sunday school attendance is larger than the morning worship service, we should begin to wonder why! If we would start keeping records of adult attendance separately, we might be startled. Then by reducing this down to the active adult male attendance, we would have a better concept of the actual strength of our church.



Roscoe Knight, with his wife Tina, founded the mission work in Mexico City—a joint project of the Evangelical Friends Alliance. In this article he stresses "that strong churches develop when continued emphasis and attention in winning and training the men first becomes the basic rule." He urges men to "assert our rights as head of the home and church." Roscoe and Tina Knight are now on furlough from Mexico, participating in deputation around the EFA. Temporarily appointed to care for the ministry in Mexico City are Quentin and Florene Nordyke.

From personal experience, I have seen many strong churches develop on our mission fields. Continual emphasis and attention in winning and training the men first has been a basic rule. And God has honored by giving strong permanent churches. Are the women, children, and youth neglected? Of course not, but they are secondary in our evangelistic efforts. Now don't misunderstand! The fairer sex is welcome, but we are out to win the men!

In a recent door-to-door evangelistic campaign, we were assisted by missionaries experienced in this type of work. We insisted, however, that we work primarily during the evening hours or on days when a larger percentage of men would be found at home. Then we were to ask to speak with the man of the house. The results were thrilling, and the missionaries marveled at such, remarking that they had never experienced such an excellent male response before.

A man's church is being formed, but the women, youth, and children are also present. Sure, it is much harder to reach the men, and initially there is usually slower growth; thus, the attendance chart may not climb very fast. But what are we working for, records or a stable foundation for the church? In church planting we must first lay the foundation, and then the growth will follow. It is my firm opinion that Spirit-filled men should form that foundation for our Friends churches.

Men, let's take this "Women's Lib" business seriously! Let's assert our rights as head of the home and church! But don't forget, this demands, first of all, that we become the spiritual leaders. This includes every phase of our spiritual lives, from the family altar to church growth. Too long have we forced the women to do our job! They have been required to take our place as spiritual leaders in the home and in the church. We have failed long enough! Down with the "Women's Lib" in the church! □

A missionary diary during a revolution

BY RON STANSELL

Bloody revolutions are not new to Bolivia. The most recent such event took place August 19-22, with heavy fighting especially in the capital city of La Paz. An anti-Communist army colonel named Hugo Bánzer ousted leftist President Juan Torres in a battle that left about 300 dead and between 500 and 600 injured. Since many in the United States followed the major trends by television, perhaps you would be interested in our personal view of events. Radio and newspapers were heavily controlled beginning Thursday, August 19, until Sunday, August 22, so we knew little except what we ourselves could see and hear. Let me share a "diary" written in retrospect.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19. I leave La Paz for a youth conference an hour from town. We pass truckloads of youthful supporters of President Torres preparing a public demonstration, the only hint of trouble. I return to La Paz at 11 p.m. Checkpoint police warn me that a revolution has begun. I hurry home.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20. The news is everywhere: a military revolt has begun in southeast Bolivia against the leftist regime. After morning Bible school classes, we make hurried food purchases, anticipating possible isolation at home. At 3 p.m., 25,000 supporters rally in favor of President Torres. The radio is hot with anti-United States speeches. We wonder what is *really* going on. Censorship is complete. The evening shortwave Voice of America broadcast tells us that half of Bolivia is in rebel hands.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21. We stay home. Sporadic shooting begins in the early afternoon. We notice frantic movement of soldiers in the army base across the ravine and below our homes while several thousand civilian workers gather in the soccer stadium to receive weapons. Soon armed men appear both above and below our property. Firing begins over our heads. By 3 p.m. we retire to the kitchen floor of the Comfort house, cover the windows, and start a jigsaw puzzle with the children. Radio news says our suburb

is in a strategic position over the army base. We wonder who is fighting whom.

At 4:15 p.m. we hear banging at the front gate. Later the banging resumes, and Gene and I slip around the house to check. A neighbor motions to us frantically from a second floor window across the street. We cannot see who is at the gate, but we take the motion to be a warning, so we return to the kitchen. Heavy small-arms firing continues.

At 4:30 we hear shouts and a crash at the gate. We jump to our feet in time to hear steps in the front hall of the house. We open the kitchen door face to face with men armed with machine guns shouting, "We have heard that a CIA spy lives here with his radio." "Why didn't you open the gate." "We want your guns. If you don't show us everything, it will be hard on you."

After a quick look at Gene Comfort's amateur radio room, they seem satisfied and begin a room-by-room search of both the Comfort and Stansell homes. They take two old hunting guns, water canteens, two sets of binoculars—and drive away in the mission Volkswagen microbus. Amazingly, they leave behind the two heavy-duty GMC pickups, both much more valuable than the VW.

By 4:45 we are back on the kitchen floor, staring at each other. The nervous tension mounts as we realize how vulnerable our position is. Will they come back? Is there a way to evacuate? What happens now?

After a light supper prepared on the camp stove, we spread out sleeping bags in the kitchen and washroom, all ten of us. We pray together vocally for protection, yet thanking the Lord for help during the afternoon. We blow out candles and wait. Radio announcements turn from bad to worse: "Kill the imperialists." "Enter houses, confiscate property." "Kill those who won't cooperate." Then the futile command from retreating leftists: "Those who are in Villa Armonía (our suburb!) are to attack! Attack! Attack!"

About midnight Saturday the tone of radio announcements changes to anti-Communist slogans with word that the leftist president has fled. Evidently the radio stations have fallen to the rebels. Later in the night we all jerk as we hear Betty's voice: "Gene, there's a light in the hall." Gene cautiously opens the door. The light is coming from the bathroom. He leaves the kitchen to investigate. Soon he returns to tell us it was only a flashlight in the bathroom that mysteriously had flipped itself on. No one but us in the house. We stay in bed without sleeping.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22. Firing and mortar blasts slow down about 3 a.m. By sunrise, all is quiet. Badly shaken, we

begin the day with Psalm 34 and prayer, then games and quiet activities through the afternoon. In days following, the new anti-Communist regime finished its "mopping up." We discovered no damage to the buildings. Most of the shooting was only small rifles, and only a few bullets hit the house or landed in the yard despite continuous shooting for over 12 hours. We count our blessings, which include physical safety, no further theft, and friendly neighbors who spoke in our defense when the car theft occurred.

THE FUTURE? Some view the present government as a "breathing spell" at best for turbulent Bolivia. We are praying it will be more than that. Of one thing we are certain: the church flourishes most during extended periods of domestic tranquility. Currently our work with Bolivian Friends is advancing well, after several months of travel restrictions and fear of property confiscation. Attendance at recent quarterly meetings, district youth conferences, and evangelistic campaigns has been good. Growth is healthy, and we are optimistic about leadership training. Pray with us for the best use of our time for the Lord Jesus Christ in coming months, whether this be merely a "breather" or the hoped-for political stability that most Bolivians so greatly desire. □

Ron Stansell, youthful Northwest Yearly Meeting missionary, tells of day to day events of the recent revolution in Bolivia. Pictured is the Army base located below and taken from the mission home across a neighboring roof. Firing between the two revolutionary factions continued for hours directly over the mission house.



'Africans read'... true...or false?

Missionary Reta Stuart presents a realistic picture of the literacy rate and reading habits of Africans

BY RETA STUART

According to one popular Christian magazine dated February 1971, in Africa there is an "explosion in demand for Christian literature," a "clamor for evangelistic literature." These words introduce an article entitled "New Light Comes to the Dark Continent." At first glance, this enthusiastic description with its accompanying pictures gives one the impression that all over Africa hands are outstretched to receive the printed page. It would naturally follow, then, that people are reading, as well as buying, Christian literature astonishingly well.

But, sad to say, this just simply is not the actual case. Closer perusal of the article mentioned causes one to realize that it stresses the current evangelism-in-depth programs in many African countries and that the literature referred to is the give-away evangelistic material that is a major part of such programs. This changes the picture entirely. It is true that African arms reach out eagerly for literature—IF it's free!

However, Africans have not caught the reading habit. It has not yet "taken." In fact, those of us who work in literature sometimes seriously wonder if they've been inoculated against it! But don't take my word for it, because my experience is very limited and local. Listen to an expert, Dr. Donald K. Smith, director of Communications Research for Daystar Communications, whose work takes him all over Africa and who has been an outstanding Christian communicator for many years in this continent.

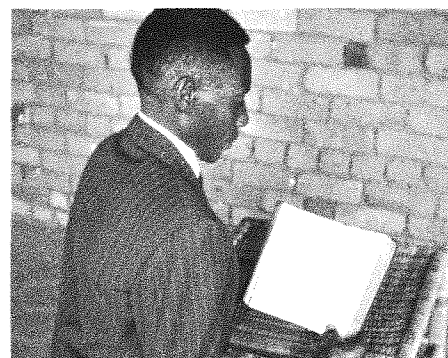
In the March-April issue of *Practical Anthropology* journal he writes, "Much has been said of the African thirst for books, newspapers, any kind of reading. Does this thirst really exist? . . . Africans today are not a reading people, with the exception of a very small educated elite who are avid readers of political and economic discussions." He adds, "There are many reasons why the reading habit has not developed significantly in Africa." Among those reasons he lists illiteracy, high costs of publications, poor

teaching, bad material conditions for learning and reading, inadequate format, and irrelevant content.

UNESCO's estimate of illiteracy in Africa as a whole today is 70-75 percent. Please notice . . . not literacy, *illiteracy*. And in our tiny but densely populated country of Burundi, the rate is even higher. One recent estimate is only 8 percent literacy for this country, which is strategically located at Africa's crossroads. The Burundi government is concerned and working to raise this rate. A UNESCO expert has been called in to direct the literacy campaign, according to the June 15 issue of "Ubumwe," official organ of Uprona political party. The Catholic Church, too, is fighting illiteracy with renewed efforts. Our own Protestant literature committee plans to accelerate its literacy program, and a study of literacy and readability is part of our current research project.

As Dr. Smith points out, however, increased literacy is only part of the answer. In one African country a survey revealed that 35-50 percent of all who had completed no more than four years' schooling had reverted to functional illiteracy. Many factors contribute to this sorry situation. The discouraging cycle involving low literacy, low demand for books and periodicals, high production and distribution costs per unit, high retail costs, inability to buy, and unavailability of reading matter seems to be a vicious and apparently closed one. Many times these circumstances cause the Christian literature worker in Africa to feel he's batting his head against a brick wall.

It is for this reason I present to you a realistic report—not because I have a bone to pick with the one whom I quoted earlier, who gave such an optimistic view. We are happy about the ready response to the written Word as it's being given out through evangelism-in-depth programs many places. But this does not apply to the overall Christian literature program in Africa. We missionaries would like to paint a rosy picture to our



Among the Burundi who do read are Christian leaders like Pastor Salomon Bahenda from Kibimba, shown here reading his Bible.

constituency. Sometimes we feel tempted to tell people what they want to hear, not what is really happening. But if we are to join together in this struggle against Satanic forces, you should understand what we are up against and be able to pray more intelligently. There is progress in some respects; there are encouraging aspects of our literature work but also many adversaries.

The topic of Dr. Smith's article is "People Must Change," and he declares that needed changes for African development must come from the people themselves, who need to change their attitudes. The mass media ought to help bring this about, but there are, as already stated, many problems. Until progress is made in solving such problems, the development of a true reading habit is a far-off dream. Christian communicators all over Africa are seeking to make that dream come true.

For a whole week during March, nearly 130 of us, representing over 20 African countries, grappled with problems and how to overcome them as we met in Kenya near Nairobi. Some recommendations were (1) that there be moves to accelerate training programs for African staffs, (2) that Christian communicators band together in use of multimedia technology in evangelistic campaigns, (3) that research become the main concern of all the communicators to determine what response actually occurs in target audiences and readers, and (4) that Christian publishers cooperate in direct programs of literacy. The timely, basic concern of all was how to make literature, radio-TV, and films serve Christ in evangelism and church growth.

Here in Burundi we are already involved in a major literature research project, making a serious attempt to determine how to make our work more effective, hoping to make the dream of reading and more real communication of the written Word come true. Our goal is that more Africans will read and receive the wonderful message of Christ. □

They chose a continuing memorial

Anna Nixon is home on furlough. She came ahead of schedule because her father, Fern Nixon of Delta, Colorado, was seriously ill. As it turned out, death was faster than the plane; the funeral was over before Anna arrived. Her consolation is that her father loved the Lord and that they shall meet again.

But there is more to the story. Anna writes about it in a letter:

"I have just sent \$157 to India. This was an amount which came in as a memorial for my father. My sister had this idea of giving the money to EFI, and so, when I heard of it, I asked her what she thought of using it to pipe city water into our new Jhansi headquarters. She said she thought father would like that.

"You see, as I was coming home on the plane thinking of how hot it was in Jhansi and knowing that the well had

gone dry and that they were having to carry their water from distant wells—pulling it up in the old-fashioned-rope-and-bucket way—I really prayed that the Lord would soon help them to get city water piped in there. That is a MUST if the place is to be developed as a small conference center."

There you have it. A family who had already given a beloved daughter and sister to open the minds of Indian Christians now gave the memorial flowers for a dear father to comfort fellow Christians in India.

Out of death—life. For water is life in that hot, dry country.

I picture the Jhansi headquarters of the Christian Education arm of the Evangelical Fellowship of India (CEEFI) recently purchased by them: a sturdy, red stone quadrangle (like four motels set to

form a square with the verandas facing the center) and a huge stone mission residence on the hill above, which is divided into apartments. Here for years Anna Nixon has led a small staff of Indians in the herculean task of producing Sunday school materials in 14 languages, along with VBS and Youth Fellowship materials.

Now, as CEEFI Supply Centre, under the direction of Mr. M. M. Das, it is a center of distribution for all Christian education supplies shipped to the churches. Located near an important railroad, it is also a natural conference center.

Flowers that wither in two or three days or water that flows on and on—water that helps the flowing of Christian education literature out to all India. The Nixon family chose well. □

Joy in sorrow

Sometimes God speaks in unique ways to the very young in the faith.

BY LEORA DEVOL

This week for the first time in the ten years of the history of the Wan Shen Lee women's meeting in our home, we had a man speaker. He was Luke Tseng, pastor of Valley Chapel, which we took over from the Peniel Mission about a month ago. He gave a remarkable testimony.

Two weeks ago his wife gave birth to their first baby. Before the baby was born, Luke made a prayer of dedication. He put it on a tape so the child could hear it in later years. While his wife was in labor, she had a vision and saw a beautiful garden in which there were many beautiful flowers. She felt each flower represented a person.

Finally the baby was born. He looked very healthy. But the second day he developed a fever; the doctor came and gave him medicine and said he would be all right, but he wasn't. The temperature did not go down. The second night the wife had another vision. This time she saw a beautiful valley, very bright with no shadows under the trees or mountains. She saw four beautiful children. Just outside she heard a terrifying noise like that of a devil saying, "Let's go and get one." But another voice answered, "No, you cannot go in there and get one of them."

After a time everything became very quiet, and they noticed the baby could hardly breathe, and soon after this his heart stopped beating. Mrs. Tseng cried and cried. But when she quieted down, she saw a third vision. This was a beauti-

ful man all dressed in a pure white garment with white hair and a radiant face, who came near, stood in a doorway, and held out his hands to receive one of the flowers (her baby). Immediately her heart was comforted, for she knew Jesus had taken her baby to heaven.

We are praying that God will use this to touch the hearts of many. Mrs. Tseng's parents are not Christians. Luke preached at one of our Chiayi area chapels while a student at the Free Methodist Holy Light Seminary. Next month he will be going south to take over the pastorate of the Bamboo Ridge Church.

Mrs. Tseng had never seen a vision before this. She does not know the Bible too well, and when she told her vision to her husband he told her how her description of the one she had seen coincided with John's description of Jesus. □

Leora Devol is the wife of Dr. Charles Devol, missionaries under Ohio Yearly Meeting on Taiwan.

The responsibility of Ministry and Oversight to the Pastor

Permit me to call attention to paragraphs 960 to 967 of the *Discipline* of Ohio Yearly Meeting, 1961 edition.

These paragraphs deal with the following related subjects: Election of Elders and Overseers, Qualifications of Elders, Duties of Elders, Qualifications of Overseers, Duties of Overseers, Procedures for Work of Overseers. Paragraph 978 deals with Meetings of Ministry and Oversight.

A knowledge of this portion of our *Discipline* is essential to an understanding of our subject, namely, "The Responsibility of the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight to the Pastor."

Permit me, first of all, to express my sense of personal indebtedness to the ministers, elders, and overseers who through the years have brought spiritual blessing and inspiration to me.

Just what does a pastor have the right to expect of his Ministry and Oversight body? The answer is in the very name of this group of Christian workers. The pastor has the right to expect both ministry and oversight.

A chairman of a local meeting of Ministry and Oversight asked what his duties were. He was told that it was to get the answers to the queries in on time. Answering the queries is certainly an important matter, and getting those answers sent off in time to whom they should go is also important. But surely there is more to being an elder or an overseer than caring for the queries. Even the matter of arranging for pastoral care and for evangelistic meetings scarcely

This article is being presented just as printed in the July 1965 edition of The Evangelical Friend then published by Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends. We realize that terms may have been changed since then as well as the name of Ohio Yearly Meeting itself, but Contributing Editor Gerald Dillon has suggested that its contents are still timely and practical for our readers of today.



ly exhausts the duties of the members of the body now under consideration.

How wonderful it would be if each elder and overseer were responsible for a given number of members of the church, whether 10, 15, or 20, for a definite period of time, such as three months or six months, with the understanding that during that period each elder and overseer would pray with and for those assigned to his or her care! Also they would be expected to pay special attention to those under their care. If such were absent one Sunday, they would get in touch with them immediately, and if absent two Sundays or

if the elder or the overseer knew that sickness or some emergency situation prevailed they would notify the pastor.

May we suggest, also, that the meeting of *Ministry and Oversight* owes unquestioned loyalty to its pastor. God bless the elders and overseers who let their pastor know that they are loyal to him and that they are giving him their moral and spiritual as well as their financial support. A loyal Ministry and Oversight can get wonderful messages out of a very ordinary preacher. Just prove it. It works.

Elders and overseers need to cultivate the habit of encouraging their pastors. Talk faith. Speak in terms of encourage-

Of course, a pastor must have the mind and spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister. A pastor must be truly humble and Christlike in his whole life. That is the other side of the matter under consideration.

But if a pastor knows from experience that a certain principle or method works in the life of a church, he ought not to be frustrated at every turn by a failure on the part of elders and overseers to cooperate. Particularly is this so if elders and overseers hold a pastor in any way responsible for the progress of a church. A pastor should be given reasonable freedom and authority to develop new ideas and to attempt new ways of doing things.

The four men of whom we read in Mark 2:1-12, who carried their paralyzed friend to Christ our Lord, give to those of us who are elders, overseers, and pastors a fine example of Christian service.

1. They worked together in a spirit of fine cooperation. Such should be the spirit that prevails between a Ministry and Oversight body and the pastor.

2. They worked in a spirit of mutual love. There is no substitute for this spirit. Christian love must be present and permeate all the relationships of elders and overseers and their pastor.

3. They worked in a spirit of faith. Great things are accomplished when faith provides the guidelines for Christian service.

4. They worked in a spirit of determination. The task they had undertaken was a difficult one, but they held on. There are times when we need bulldog tenacity. Someone has pointed out that a bulldog has its nose set back so that it can hang on and still breathe. Members of a meeting of Ministry and Oversight must demonstrate similar perseverance.

5. Finally, they worked in a spirit of resourcefulness. The ordinary avenue of approach to Christ was shut off, so these four men hit upon a new approach to the Lord Jesus Christ. They carried their friend up to the rooftop; then they uncovered the roof where Jesus was and lowered the helpless man into the immediate presence of our Lord. They discovered a new way of getting their man to Christ.

It is true that there are those who shrink from both the joy and the pain of a new idea. They are wedded to the past. But let all members of a meeting of Ministry and Oversight be open to new ideas and new ways of doing things.

These four men got their man to the Lord Jesus. Christ was impressed by their faith and by their faithfulness, and He imparted physical and spiritual healing to the helpless man. □

The Friends Church— is now!

Continued

... but the greatest of these is love." God's love must not end on a printed page. It must be taken from the page to become incarnate in the lives of people like you and me. Our greatest need is not to be able to analyze love but to know it, to be changed people because of it, and to practice it daily.

Let us never forget that love is the one way of life that can never be wrong. In our faith, our knowledge, and our ecstasies we can make terrible mistakes. But every act that conforms to the picture of love is eternally right. Love is the real, radical part of our Christian faith. Now is the time for all of us to become the daring and prodigal lovers of Jesus Christ. Now is the time for the world to observe that we are truly Christ's because they see the love we have for one another. The cashiers on a Virginia turnpike this summer wore buttons that declared, "Virginia is for Lovers." The Friends Church is for lovers—the lovers of Christ and people everywhere. We hope it won't be necessary to wear buttons on our coat lapels. *May our lives declare it.*

Methodology will be extremely important if we wisely exploit our exciting opportunities. How we plan to go effectively into our cities, how we make love supreme, how we develop trained leadership and multiply our resources are of utmost importance. Dr. Medford Jones suggests that "poor methodology is the number one culprit in strangulation of church growth. For growth is not predicated on the size, type, or place of a congregation so much as the methods practiced by the congregation. Remember, internal structure and method primarily influence church growth." Dr. Jones is a deeply committed Christian and knows the power of life in Christ through the Holy Spirit; nevertheless he is pointing out to us that we can't use our orthodoxy as a bribe with God to make our churches grow.

The Friends Church is NOW—if we will trust and obey the Holy Spirit as He guides us to employ creative, biblical methodology. Let us ever remember that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." Right now in our time, evidences of fantastic church growth are to be seen across our nation. At the heart of this thrilling growth one sees a startling new methodology, particularly when viewed against the methods used a few decades ago. Christ's Church is a living body in a changing world. □

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ment. Brag on your pastor. Support your pastor when he sets forth challenging goals. Never break a pastor's heart by disloyalty. Don't take the heart out of a pastor by indifference.

A meeting of Ministry and Oversight is responsible for seeing to it that a pastor has authority equal to his responsibility. If a pastor is called to be an errand boy's assistant, he won't need much authority. But if he is expected to be in some real sense a spiritual leader, then the elders and overseers have a moral obligation to see to it that the pastor is vested with a degree of authority that is at least equal to what is expected of him.

Looking ahead

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

"Is it true, Mother, what Benjamin said this morning? I mean about it only being two weeks until the Feast of Tabernacles?" asked Ruth anxiously as she watched her mother grinding grain into flour.

"Yes, my daughter, your brother was right. My, how fast the time has gone! It hardly seems that again it is almost the seventh month!"

"The Feast of Tabernacles?" little Joanna questioned in her tiny-sounding high toned voice. "I don't remember what that is."

The mother smiled at her youngest daughter. "Of course you don't. Last year you were only four, just barely big enough to help with making the booths."

"Oh! is that when we made little houses out of branches?" Joanna asked.

"Yes," answered Ruth, feeling very wise now that she had just passed her tenth birthday. "We all helped Father and Benjamin gather the branches, and then we came up here on the rooftop and made cozy booths. Remember how you thought ours were the nicest ones of any here in Bethlehem?"

Joanna, tired of watching the flour-making process, stood up and stretched as tall as her five-year-old legs would allow. "But this year I'm very big. I can help lots!"

Ruth scooted closer to her mother. "Father will soon have the grapes harvested, and the olives, too." She smiled the kind of smile girls do when they are deeply happy. "I like this time of year the very best!" Then she sighed softly.

"You are a girl after my own heart, dear Ruth," said Mother. "I, too, always felt that way. And still it seems this season brings the most happiness to my heart. Just to remember what God has done for His people makes my heart beat faster."

Slowly the grain became flour under the experienced hands of the mother. Ruth almost felt hypnotized as she watched the smooth hands go round and

round, up and down, lightly pounding the grain. "Tell me again about the Feast of Tabernacles. Why do we have it?"

Mother laughed gently. "Oh, Ruth. You are teasing. You know the story as well as I do. It has long been your favorite story."

"I know, but I never get tired of hearing you tell about the feast. Come on, Joanna, this is something you ought to hear again."

"A story?" asked Joanna hopefully. She settled herself quickly, snuggling up to Ruth. The very thought of a story could quiet her busy self quicker than anything else!

"It was a long time ago," began Mother. "God told Moses that the children of Israel"

"That's us, isn't it?" interrupted Joanna.

"Yes, but be quiet," scolded Ruth. "Just listen!"

"Where was I? Oh yes! The children of Israel were to have a Feast of Tabernacles for eight days beginning on the fifteenth day of the seventh month. This would be the time when the harvest was finished. The eight days were to be days of thanksgiving and honor and praise to God for all He had done. The first day would be a sabbath and the last day a sabbath. There were to be offerings to God and a special holy convocation or gathering on the first day."

Joanna wriggled and frowned. "But you didn't say anything about the little houses out of branches!"

Ruth frowned at her sister, but their mother smiled. "Give me time," she said. "I was just coming to that."

Joanna settled herself again, much as a mother hen settles herself cozily over her chicks. Ruth waited eagerly for the rest of the well-known and loved story.

"God also told Moses that on the first day of the feast all of the people in Israel (here Ruth put her hand quickly over

Joanna's mouth before she could say, "That's us!" again) were to take branches and make booths. They were to use branches of palm trees and willow trees and other good, thick trees. Then, the families were to live in the booths for those seven days. This was to be a sign for all generations, reminding how God had brought His people out of the land of Egypt."

"I'm glad we make our booths up here on the rooftop," decided Ruth. "That's lots nicer than where some families make them down in their courtyards or even along the streets." She sighed again and then said in a kind of dreamy voice, "Just think! God has done so much for us!"

"Indeed He has," her mother agreed.

"I know what God has done," bragged Joanna cheerfully. "He gave us grain and grapes and olives and figs."

"And lots more, too, dear little sister," said Ruth with a quick hug for little Joanna. "I know all about what He has done, like helping His people get out of Egypt and then leading them to the promised land and then protecting them from their enemies and all those things!" She stretched her arms and legs. "I'm going to sing songs of praise to God every day of the eight days of the Feast!" Joanna promised loudly.

"This will be sufficient flour for today's baking," pronounced the girls' mother as she gathered her work materials into her arms. "Come, girls, there is work to be done!"

Joanna skipped fairy-like down the narrow steps that led to the street level of their home. Ruth walked more slowly, with her mind busy at thinking of happy little tunes that could match the words of joy and praise she would express to God.

Looking ahead, the two remaining weeks until the joyous days of thanksgiving seemed ages long. Time could not possibly pass fast enough to suit the very anxious Israelite girl named Ruth! □

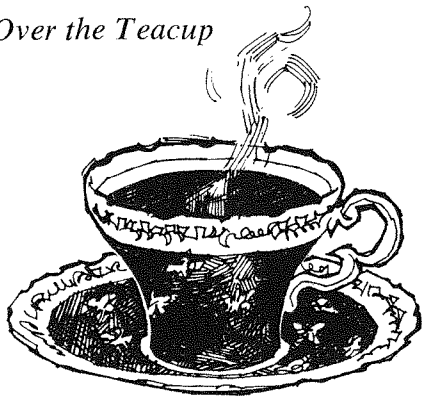
Word puzzle

Use the underlined letters in the paragraph below to make a word.

Our special day of thanks celebrated in November every year was first begun in this country by the Pilgrims. Canada, our neighbor to the north, celebrates Thanksgiving in October. However, long before either country gave up its land to settlers, God had commanded His people to enjoy a special time of thanks. Read about this in Leviticus 23:33-44 and Nehemiah 8:13-18.

(Solution on page 20)

Over the Teacup



Thanksgiving

By CATHERINE CATTELL

Things have been a bit hectic lately, and I woke up tired enough to go back to bed again. (You probably know the feeling.) I sat down to collect my thoughts for the day, and I suddenly realized how fine the people were, mostly students, who were here last night. Some of them were fine Christian young people with purpose. There was such potential. There was talent and personality. What a privilege is mine to have a part, however insignificant, in their college years.

Then I thought about the faculty members who were here as cohosts and hostesses. They were so thoughtful and cooperative and did such a fine job of helping to clean up afterward. Actually, today will be much easier because of the help they gave last night. How great to have a loving relationship with Christian educators these days when news from the college campus is not always characterized by consideration! How very wonderful to have a community of dedicated Christian educators picked from around the world so close to us as co-workers, yes, as friends!

Next week we are to have an Indian evangelist here. He is one of three Indian leaders in the evangelical leadership of India we met last winter who are now in America. How thankful I am that I know people who are chosen of God and called out to lead their people! They show me what God can do with people when He is obeyed.

I was just interrupted by a call from a woman in one of our Bible Study groups who wanted to tell me that God was helping her to rise above bitterness in her home situation. She said, "The situation does not change too much, but God is changing me." It has been a long, hard road, but she is finding God's way.

Anna Nixon is making her home with us this furlough. How about that for sheer privilege? God has used her in a very special way in India. She is a real friend. This makes me remember the years we have lived in other places and the friendships around the world, as well

as the ones close by, and I know that what God has done for others He can also do for me.

I guess I just want to thank God for people, all kinds of people—for Stella, my black friend who fasts and prays for the rest of us and who praises God while she dusts and irons—and I am glad I can be where I can hear her and share her victories. I wonder if I would have the courage she has if I were in her place.

Years ago when we left India, my heart overflowed with love for my missionary colleagues, so I wrote a poem, and I feel so much better thinking about the people I know today that I want to "sing" it to you. It is not a song without words—only words without a tune.

MISSIONARY FRIENDSHIPS

I thank Thee, Lord, for every blessing,
For every joy that Thou dost send,
The beauty of the world around me,
The fellowship of friend with friend.

I thank Thee for true kindred spirits,
For those who care and those who pray,
For those who bring us cheer and gladness,
For all the friends I've met today.

I thank Thee, Lord, for Thine anointed,
For all the saints whom I have known,
The richness of the words they've spoken,
For all of God that they have shown.

I thank Thee that we work together,
I thank Thee for the burdens shared,
For those who lead to new horizons,
For those who rugged paths have dared.

I thank Thee Thou dost stand among us.
Thy mercy we would now confess.
I thank Thee for Thy love unbounded;
I thank Thee for Thy faithfulness.

And now when life, in changing patterns,
Tears us apart from those we love,
Bless these our ties and earthly friendships
And lead us on to meet above.

OK, now let's all have a cup of tea. ☐

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Reach and Teach



BY MARJORIE LANDWERT

YOUR COMMISSION IN OMAHA

Your Evangelical Friends Alliance Christian Education Commission members were hard at work again in Omaha the first week in October. Besides taking a look at the accomplishments of the past (remember KORO, ACT, Achievement Goals, children's church program, full-time Christian education consultant—a first for EFA?), the commission is planning for even better things to come.

You can anticipate a five-year planned program for growth through Christian education, additions to the EFA resource notebook, more "Children's Lessons and Activities," new youth-oriented and adult elective ideas, and a new promotional and training film from George Fox Press.

What a privilege it was to be in the new Omaha Friends Church! You would be thrilled with its location, its attractiveness, its equipment (nearly \$1,000 of which was purchased by EFA VBS offering), and most of all by its people and pastor. How refreshing it was to hear men and women share experiences in personal evangelism! It's happening in Omaha. Keep up the good work.

BOARD MEMBER HONORED

Weston Cox of Wichita, Kansas, was honored by the George Fox Press Board for 24 years of faithful service to the board. Congratulations, Weston, on a fine record!

NEW IN YOUR CHURCH

If you see someone around your church carrying a model of a VW, a couple of bottles of Pepsi, or singing, "Jesus Loves Me," in Spanish, don't panic. They are just putting into action some ideas from the new "Children's Lessons and Activities" made available free to all EFA churches by the Christian Education Commission through George Fox Press.

"Children's Lessons and Activities" is a booklet published quarterly containing a unit of three lessons on Friends missions or history. They are designed to meet these special needs among Friends

and are flexible so they may be used for primaries and juniors in FY, prayer meeting, children's church, weekday activities, Bible clubs, mission bands, VBS or Sunday school opening assemblies.

Also, floating around somewhere should be a brand-new Christian education resource notebook from the EFA Christian Education Commission. The notebook contains helps, ideas, guides, and materials for helping your church have an expanding ministry through Christian education.

If you haven't seen these two things popping up around your local church, you should. Each pastor and Christian Education Committee chairman has received these from his Yearly Meeting. Ask about how they are being used in your church.

A FIRST FOR GEORGE FOX PRESS

For the first time in its history, the George Fox Press sent four of its editors to hold Christian Education Conferences in the Evangelical Friends Church, Eastern Region. This became possible when editors were attending the EFA meeting in Omaha and were enroute to Aldersgate Graded Curriculum meetings in Wilmore, Kentucky.

Dorothy Barratt, Christian education consultant, led her team of editors, which included youth editor, Harold Antrim from Boise, Idaho; preschool editor, Betty Hockett from Newberg, Oregon; and children's editor, Marjorie Landwert from Salem, Ohio. Conferences were held on four consecutive days in four districts: Tecumseh, Michigan; West Park, Cleveland, Ohio; First Friends in Salem, Ohio; and Alum Creek, not far from Columbus, Ohio.

Dorothy Barratt conducted one-hour age-level workshops for all age groups, nursery through adults, with nearly 500 people attending. In addition she presented an inspirational challenge and interviewed some very interesting characters known as "Kara Less," "Noah Tall," and "Ima Late." Keep your eyes and ears open—these people may show up in your area. ☐

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Edwin Baldwin of Ohio is chairman of the Youth Commission; Don Lamm of Oregon chairs the Missions Commission.

Verlin Hinshaw of Kansas is chairman of the Publications Commission. One recommendation of this Commission approved by the Council was the naming of Jack L. Willcuts as editor of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND to fill the unexpired term of Dean Gregory or "unless the appointment of a director of communications necessitates a change." Harlow Ankeny is retained as managing editor; both editor and managing editor terms expire August 31, 1973.

The Evangelism and Church Extension Commission will continue primary attention to the Omaha Friends Church another year with some study being given to a possible new church extension venture in the future. Leonard Borton of Ohio serves as chairman.

The newest Commission, called Social Concerns, approved assuming partial support for Aaron Hamlin, field secretary of the National Negro Evangelical Association. This will commence in 1972 rather than the current year. Aaron Hamlin currently receives support jointly from California Yearly Meeting and the Friends Action Board of Northwest Yearly Meeting.

The Social Concerns Commission plans to have a display of Friends materials at the 1972 convention of the Inter-Varsity Fellowship. Tom Mercer of Ohio was named commission chairman for the coming year.

The Christian Education Commission

reviewed the success of the Friends Alive campaign with the announcement it will continue through January to May 1972. Monthly goals for this period will be: January, Leadership training; February, Fellowship and Home Bible Studies; March, Visitation; April, Attendance; May, Love in Action.

An Easter offering will be taken throughout the Alliance for the work of Friends in Mexico City.

Longer range goals of the Christian Education Commission will be to cooperate in the Key '73 program. New officers of the commission are Lon Fendall, chairman, Nancy Teague, secretary.

The Women's Missionary Unions of

the four Yearly Meetings have been sending representatives to the Coordinating Council to share and discuss their activities and programs. One joint project has been the preparation of a uniform lesson and study book. Beatrice Benham of Oregon has served as chairman of these meetings and was replaced by Catherine Cattell of Ohio as the new chairman.

New officers for the Evangelical Friends Alliance are Russell Myers, president; Maurice Roberts, vice-president; John Robinson, secretary (both are from Kansas Yearly Meeting), and Mahlon Macy of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, treasurer.

—J.L.W.



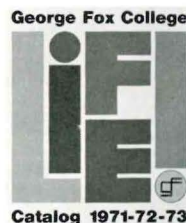
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Have you read Jeremiah lately?

"Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord." (Jeremiah 1:8)

Without exception, the great men of the Bible passed through periods of feeling great personal inadequacies. This seems to be a sort of spiritual leadership screening process—the confrontation one has with his own lacks when it comes to Christian responsibility. Moses went through it, as did Gideon, Amos, Elisha,

and many more. The question that comes to mind in this affair, however, is why did Jeremiah feel he had to tell the world about his battles with himself and God? Perhaps it was to help us. (Eugenia Price tells of picking up a Gideon Bible in a hotel, and it fell open in Jeremiah. She couldn't lay it down until she had read Jeremiah through; it began her return to God.)

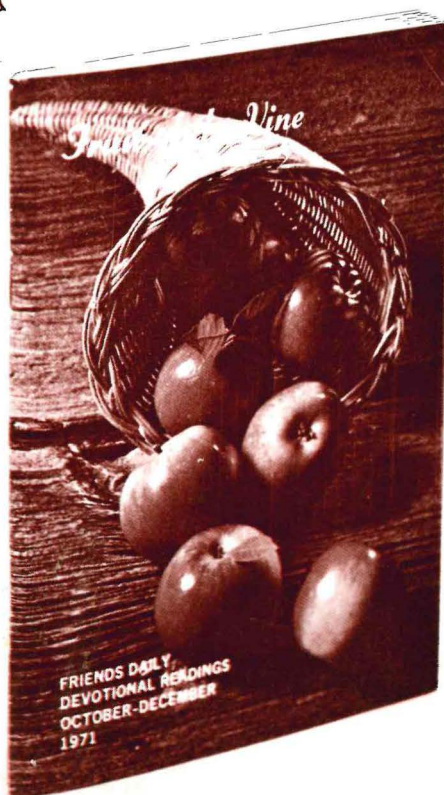
In Alcoholics Anonymous' 12 steps to recovery, the fifth step is, "We admit to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our weakness." Doesn't this show that the human conscience is terribly delicate and must be met at its own highest point and that individuals need not only to know the forgiveness and voice of God but to verify to others this experience through deliberate admission? This is one form of testimony.

It is reassuring to discover God really does use reluctant people. In fact, he may use no other kind! Are there any natural spiritually self-confident people? Everyone is subject to moods, temptations of discouragement and disillusion-

ment, and some degree of consternation with his own shortcomings. The danger is to lie down in that kind of defeat, wallow in it, even use it to get sympathy. Humility can become inverted to the point it becomes a source of pride. But the wonderful truth is that this battle can be won, the battle with reluctance and fear, and one can, like Jeremiah, emerge into a place of usefulness. To be sure, Jeremiah never got over this problem in the manner that Moses apparently did, but then Jeremiah was called to a different life style and service from that of Moses, and therein is a lesson for us as well.

Our job, as Christians, is to be in the world and not of it—to penetrate it with our own spiritual witness and not be penetrated by it. Withdrawing, retreating Christians are no good, for they do not get near to the world. Jeremiah could not quit because of the deep, burning convictions of his heart. This we all need. —J.L.W.

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Where the Action Is

What is Happening at Friends Memorial, Seattle!

... Ah, come on Joe, Sunday school on Sunday evening? You've got to be kidding! ... you're not? I went when I was a kid, but not on Sunday evening; why that's *always* on Sunday morning ... you say you've changed the name to *what*? ... Hour of what? ... Biblical Studies? That's a mouthful. ... you think more people will come? Honestly Joe, don't you think that's ridiculous to get people out on Sunday evening—why, it's hard enough to get the family ready on Sunday morning; anyway, we like to spend our evenings at home with the family. Say, if you have Sunday sch ... I mean Hour of Biblical Studies on Sunday evening, what on earth do you do on Sunday morning? ... Oh, I see, you need two worship services because of so many people, and since worship and fellowship are such strong points you think this would work. Isn't that like having two congregations? ... Oh, you have a Coffee Hour Fellowship Time between the two services—that makes sense to me. ... What time does it start? ... 9:30 with fellowship at 10:30 and second service at 11:00.

That sounds neat. We'll be there next Sunday.

Next Week—

Hi Joe, this is Bob ... Oh we're all fine! Wow! You didn't tell me what your worship services are like at church; that really got to me. Does your pastor ask for some kind of personal response every Sunday? ... oh, sort of gets people involved, huh? It seemed strange, too, to have so many different people taking part ... Oh yeah, we really liked the Coffee Hour; everyone was so friendly and it gave us time to talk to many and make new friends. You know, we didn't leave until the second service was over, we talked so long. We'll be back next week. By the way, we were out Sunday evening, even though the kids said it seemed funny to go to Sunday sch ... I mean Hour of Biblical Studies, in the evening. You should see the way they are working on their lessons each day—and our teen-agers are really turned on about reading their Bibles to find answers for themselves. Our adult class went past the 90-minute time, we got so involved. Count us in—we can see that God is working and we want to be where the action is!

—Carolann Palmer

Reflections on Summer Service

Greenleaf FYers Conduct VBS for Migrants

The Friends Youth at Greenleaf had a satisfying ministry conducting a Vacation Bible School for the nearby Spanish-speaking migrants. They had dreamed of a trip to Mexico, but instead answered the request of Ramero Reyes, pastor among the labor camps, that Bible classes be held.

The facilities were meager, but the months of planning and preparing materials resulted in a fruitful "missionary" venture. Twenty-eight youth and seven adults ministered to 157 children over a three-week period. Using supplies they themselves purchased and gathered together, the youth, assisted by their sponsor, Lois Smith, and youth minister, Samuel Drinnon, thanked the Lord for being used in the harvest of souls among the families who had come to harvest the crops.

J. Emel Swanson and the Wayne Antrim of Springfield, Oregon, members of the Eugene church, would like to express their thanks for the many cards and prayers in their behalf during their time of bereavement and illness.

Newberg Youth Serve at Rough Rock

The thirty-five youth and four adults were able to stay at Rough Rock Friends Mission only four days, but they packed a great deal of activity into that time, and it was the culmination of an entire year of planning and fund raising.

The August trip lasted ten days and combined the objectives of serving at the mission, drawing the group together spiritually, and enjoying the scenic beauties along the way.

Under the direction of Vern Ellis at Rough Rock, the youth applied sheetrock to the interior of a church, helped finish off a house for one of the Navajo Friends, put a culvert across the entrance road (and put it in again after a second flash flood), helped prepare cabins for the sessions of the adult Bible school, and participated in camp meeting.

Peter Fertello, youth minister at Newberg Friends, who advised on the fund raising, arrangements for the trip, and the activities at Rough Rock, reports that the project was very fruitful in drawing the group together and providing an outlet for their Christian love.

Board of Missions Appoints Harold and Nancy Thomas

The Board of Missions of Northwest Yearly Meeting is happy to announce the appointment of Harold and Nancy Thomas for a short term to the work in Bolivia. Harold and Nancy will fill the gap left when Quentin and Florene Nordyke were sent to Mexico City to work with the Evangelical Friends Alliance Mission there. The Nordykes will be re-assigned to Bolivia in June.

Harold is the son of William and Esther May Thomas of Quincy, Washington. David Thomas, who just returned from Bolivia in July, is Harold's uncle. Nancy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Forsythe, live in Fallbrook, California. Harold and Nancy have one 15-month-old son, David. Harold and Nancy both have had short-term missionary experience in Guatemala, where Harold did his alternate service in work connected with California Yearly Meeting. Harold subsequently returned to Guatemala in the summer of 1970 to do research on a project related to his schooling. He is just completing his work for a master of arts degree in missions at the Institute of Church Growth and School of World Missions at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California. Harold and Nancy expect to be able to leave for Bolivia by the middle of January.

Both Harold and Nancy are fluent in Spanish and already have good understanding of the Latin culture. Nancy is gifted in writing, teaching, and dramatics. While at George Fox College she wrote the book, *God and the Children*, a series of Sunday school lessons in Spanish. Next month a book of her poems is expected to come off the press. She holds a masters degree in education. Northwest Yearly Meeting is confident that God has answered prayer for laborers and requests that Friends now add the names of Harold and Nancy Thomas and son David to their missionary prayer lists.

HOLINESS ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT WES IN FEBRUARY

The annual convention of the Oregon State Holiness Association will be February 15-17, 1972, at Western Evangelical Seminary campus. Guest speakers will be Dr. Myron F. Boyd, president of the Christian Holiness Association (formerly National Holiness Association), and Dr. O. Dale Emery, CHA executive secretary.

GOOD SEED

I've been thinking very much these days about the world out there for which Christ died and into which God sends His Church. We are thoroughly convinced that the world is lost without Christ—doomed and damned for all eternity. We really believe that in the Gospel we have the only message that will save. From the beginning of the New Testament era, God has chosen to work through the little believing community—His Church. He hasn't changed that. His strategy to reach the world is still the local Christian community. I have been taking a hard look at the gap between the man in the world, the youth in the ghetto, and our average local Quaker church. I wonder if we are really doing the best job we can of bridging the gap between that man and Christ. Let me suggest a way we can be better bridge builders: through dispersion—dispersion of the Church out into the community.

It is good for the Church to gather together. But we don't gather just for the sake of gathering. We gather in order to go. The measure of the effectiveness of the gathering is what happens in the going. Our whole orientation in American Christianity influences us to measure the success of the church in materialistic terms—by the size and newness of the building, the number in Sunday school or church, the size of the budget. I wish we had bigger churches and larger budgets. But this is not necessarily the best measure of success. The real test of the effectiveness of the pastor and congregation is what happens between Sundays, when the church building is empty and the congregation is in dispersion.

In explaining the parable of the good and bad seed, Jesus said, "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom." (Matthew 13:37-38) This is exciting. Christ says we are good seed. Pastors, your task is to equip your congregation so they can be effective seed. You don't do the planting. Christ does. You don't decide where your people can best service Christ. He does that. He has planted us in homes, in offices, in schools, on construction jobs, on farms all through our society, and He expects us to bear fruit. This is where the church is between Sundays. Some of us act as though the church ceases to exist when the benediction is pronounced on Sunday. But the church has its greatest ministry between Sundays.

Seed is useless as long as you keep it in the bin. If it stays there too long it will spoil. In order for seed to be effective, it has to be scattered.

We have been too busy about church work and too little concerned about the church at work. Church work is the work of the com-

mittees, the choir, the ushers, and other things we do to maintain the ecclesiastical establishment. The church at work is what we do out in the world between Sundays, and every member should be active at this work. As seed sinks into the soil, we should be penetrating all the social structure around us. We consume ourselves with the program of the church when it is gathered, when really the most important part of the work of the church is what is happening when it is scattered. Everything that happens when we are gathered should make us more effective when we are scattered. This is where pastors should be putting emphasis. This makes a pastor's job thrilling. He can be only one place at a time, but if he is doing his job he can have influence throughout his community all week long.

Every Christian should know that through the week he is where Christ has placed him. He is doing what Christ has called him to do. And in his place he is a minister just as his pastor is. He is a missionary where Christ has planted him. Every Christian is in full-time service for Jesus Christ. Everything he does should be for the glory of God. For everything he does he is accountable to the Lord Jesus Christ. This is why everyone in our churches must be filled with the Holy Spirit and nurtured in the Word of God. This is why at every service the pastor must feed his people bread, not stones—must minister from the depths of the Word of God, not just talk about the Bible. This is why the pastor must intercede for his people and the people must pray for each other and care for each other.

Let us be good seed.

—Norval Hadley



Board of Missions Field Coordinator

The Board of Missions after prolonged and prayerful consideration of the mission work has asked John Fankhauser to serve as field coordinator during the 1971-72 church year. For a number of years the need has been studied and seriously considered. With the growth of the mission has come a corresponding growth in the amount of work at home relating to the mission field, necessitating the creation of this new office.

In cooperation with the Yearly Meeting superintendent, John Fankhauser will be working with local churches, communicating information of the work, assisting in the missionary program, and doing what is needed to help the local churches in the missionary work of the Yearly Meeting. He will also assist the missionaries in communicating official discussions of the board, giving counsel and direction concerning missionary affairs such as housing, transportation, shipping, air travel, etc. Finally, he will work with the board assisting as business manager and helping in other areas of need.

The help of the churches in praying for John is earnestly coveted. Relay freely to him the needs you have, questions you may have concerning our mission work, and other areas where he or the board can be of assistance.

—Gerald Dillon

President of the Board of Missions

The slide presentation on Bolivia and Peru shown during recent Yearly Meeting sessions to the WMU have been made available to the Board of Missions as a gift from Delbert and Ruth Replogle of New York Yearly Meeting. These slides with tape narration are being scheduled through the Missions office. Requests should be sent to John Fankhauser, mission field coordinator, Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132. Please send 50 cents to cover postage and mailing when ordering the slides.



NWYM Superintendent Norval Hadley (seated, with sunglasses) is shown here as he visited with our missionaries and their children at Urmiri Hot Springs in Bolivia last October.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

BOISE VALLEY AREA

Boise—Dale Field, pastor

Mobs demanding their rights are appearing with more and more alarming regularity. It is frightening to realize how these groups are springing up and making their voices heard. The church of Jesus Christ must be heard also. The conversion of the sinner is a greater miracle than the raising of Lazarus from the tomb. He was restored to physical life and lived a few more years in the flesh, but the regenerated sinner is given eternal life with God. With concerted effort on the part of our pastors and laymen, arrangements were made to have "Drive-In" church services Sunday evenings during the month of August. Special musical groups were featured, and expository messages from the pulpit emphasized the atoning work of Christ on the cross. The average attendance was 200, with 283 the last night.

It was announced in August that our church won the FRIENDS ALIVE contest in this division.

Our church was represented at Senior Citizen's Camp from August 31 to September 3 and Family Camp from September 3 to 6.

A special meeting was held at the church Saturday, September 25—"PEGS" for growth (Planning Evaluation Goals).

—Margaret Peterson, reporter

Star—Harold S. Clark, pastor

Terry and Jan Hibbs, who are going into Missionary Aviation service, spoke at our church September 26. They also showed slides and explained what they plan to do in South America.

The month of October is Sunday school contest month at Star. We are increasing our number of attenders and bringing them closer to God. —Leona Ireland, reporter

Whitney—Charles Cox, pastor

Welcome visitors at Whitney are Kenneth and Rosalie Pitts, who have recently moved from Star to their new home at 2205 North 33rd Street, Boise.

Thursday and Friday, September 23-24, John Wimber of Yorba Linda, California, conducted meetings at Whitney. John Wimber specializes in leading Bible studies, also in musical numbers.

Sunday, September 26, was family day at Whitney, with a potluck dinner.

Guests on Sunday, October 10, were our missionaries from La Paz, Bolivia, David and Florence Thomas.

—Dorothy Stadler, reporter

GREENLEAF AREA

Greenleaf—Gordon St. George, pastor

Cornelia Holmes, Greenleaf Academy librarian, attended the Evangelical Friends Alliance meeting in Omaha, and Elsie Hockett substituted in the library during her absence.

Ken Smitherman, principal of Greenleaf Academy, attended a Friends Headmasters' Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Merl and Vera Wilhite had a two-week vacation in Hawaii. They were accompanied by Marion and Ruth Wilhite, who now live in John Day, Oregon.

Denzil and Ruth Davis attended the wedding of their grandson, Dan Emry, to Rosie Campbell in Medford, Oregon.

—Iverna Hibbs, reporter

INLAND AREA

Hayden Lake—Bob Schneider, pastor

Friends Youth are in the limelight here; a drive is on to raise money to purchase a bus. A recent walkathon netted the group more than \$400, and a yard sale raised the total earned to \$575.

New officers of WMU opened the fall season with a salad luncheon.

Plans for a new parsonage have been approved, and work on it was begun in October.

The Sunday school is enjoying an attendance campaign. Superintendent Pauline Miller reports special growth in the Junior Department. Overall weekly attendance is now about 140; our goal is 200 in Sunday school every week by July 1, 1972!

Two new families were recently added to the church membership—the Elvin Clarksons and the Claude Careys.

—Jerry Carey, reporter

NEWBERG AREA

Newberg—Fred Littlefield, pastor

Fred Littlefield attended the Institute for Successful Church Leadership in Garden Grove, California, September 1-5.

A Lay Witness Mission was held in our church October 8-10. Many people received God's blessings while sharing in these meetings.

Clifton Ross of Friendsview Manor observed his 90th birthday at the home of his son, Milo Ross, on September 29.

—Margaret Weesner, reporter

North Valley—Roger Knox, pastor

On September 9 our church was burned. The fire was caused by faulty wiring. The shell is still standing, but it is beyond repair. We are holding all our services, including Sunday school, at George Fox College.

Sunday, September 12, North Valley joined Springbrook in a joint service with Ed and Marie Cammack. A potluck dinner was enjoyed by all after the morning service.

An auction was held November 6 at the Chehalem Center Community Hall to raise money for our building fund.

Much prayer has been entered into for the leading of the Holy Spirit in every move that is being made. We would like to ask each of you to pray for us. If there are any of you who feel the Lord would have you help us in any way, we would give the praise and thanks to our heavenly Father.

—Lois Shires, reporter

Tigard—Lowell L. Kester, pastor

At a 5 p.m. service on Sunday, October 3, Arlene Zeller played a dedicatory concert on the Hammond organ recently given to the church by Bill and Nora Potter in memory of Bill's aunt.

A double blessing was enjoyed by church families one Saturday morning in October—a breakfast to benefit the choir's fund for music, and an opportunity to help the trustees do some painting and cleaning in the church.

The high school and junior high Friends Youth groups are both involved in fall activities. The high schoolers, with Carol Jean Hadley as their president, are sponsoring a service once a month in the newly opened convalescent home in Mountain Park.

Tigard Friends Day Care Center continues to expand and is filling a real need in our community.

PORTLAND AREA

Clackamas Park—Howard E. Harmon, pastor

We celebrated our sixth anniversary September 12. Highlights were a challenging message by Norval Hadley and a choir number, "I'll Travel On," composed by Arlene Zeller. The service closed with the dedication of the new Christian education unit.

The Christian counseling service offered by the church continues to expand. There are five counselors serving on a part-time basis. An average of 35 meet weekly in individual or group sessions.

Fifteen of our men journeyed to the Ochoco Mountains in eastern Oregon for deer hunting October 15-16.

The WMU was challenged by Sue Harmon's presentation of the program at ACT II, the Drop-In Center sponsored by the Friends Action Board.

During September our average attendance in Sunday school reached 195 and in morning worship 217.

Our pastor and Louis and Betty Coffin attended the Institute on Church Leadership in Garden Grove, California, the last week in October.

—Frances Hicks, reporter

Reedwood—Jack Willcuts, pastor

Our pastor, Jack Willcuts, was the speaker recently for a series of meetings at High Point Friends Church in North Carolina.

On a recent Sunday morning, the right hand of fellowship was extended to 22 new members.

The young people of our Friends Youth netted "at least \$300" at a flea market they held the first part of October. Money received from this project goes toward their goal of a summer trip "for musical and witnessing plans."

The Corbin Sunday School Class has taken on a most mundane project in the way of gardening chores around the church.

Among the special ministries at Reedwood has emerged a new "young, young adult" fellowship consisting of the youngest married adults.

Arthur Roberts is teaching a special class for Reed Christian students and others twice a month on Saturday evenings.

Walter and Gladys Cook are doing a tremendous job in making contacts in the nursing homes in the Portland area.

Lents—I. Marion Clarkson, pastor

The Multnomah County Community Action Board held canning classes at our church from August through November 15.

On Sunday mornings, Kenneth Williams, principal of Sherwood High School, is teaching a six-week class on family living.

We joined in a special evening service with the Timber Friends Church on September 12.

The Project LOVE music classes began October 4. We are offering piano and guitar lessons to children in our community.

A garage sale was held recently to raise money for new drapes and wallpaper for the parsonage.
—Shirley Bancroft, reporter

PUGET SOUND AREA

Olympic View—Dan Nolte, pastor

We had an all-church picnic at Dash Point State Park as a good-bye to Gladys and Bill Knutson, who have moved to Burns, Wyoming.

A work day was held in September, and much was accomplished in the landscaping and the fellowship at dinner time.

Our all-church retreat at Camp Calvinwood was a great time of inspiration and sharing as well as planning for the future.

The Bible studies are a discovery session in different homes and truly a blessed hour together.

We are so happy to have Katrina and Jerry Warner as the new sponsors for our junior high Friends Youth. May the Lord bless them in this work.

Pews for Easter is one of our exciting goals. This was set at retreat.

The senior high FY is having Bible study in the homes of their group on Thursday evenings.

October 10 Louis and Helen Long, coordinators of the Lay Witness Mission at Newberg, were with us. Fenton and Karan Tuck and Eleanor and Joel Sierra attended the mission in Newberg and came back with glowing reports.
—Mary Harmon, reporter

SALEM AREA

Klamath Falls—Evert Tuning, pastor

We are truly thankful for the wonderful way the Lord has been working in the Klamath Falls church.

On October 10 the Home Builders class, under the direction of their teacher, Ross McIntyre, held a round table discussion at the morning worship service. The subject was "How to set a goal and how to accomplish that goal."

On October 24, we were happy to have Ed and Marie Cammack and their children, Danny and Betty, with us to tell us the wonderful way the Lord is blessing the missionary work in Peru.

Miss Marie Trachsel was with us Tuesday evening, November 2, to tell us about the missionary work in Kenya, Africa.

During the month of October, special prayer meetings were held in the homes to ask God's blessing on our special meetings conducted by Ron Crecelius.

—Miriam Carmichael, reporter

Pringle—Ray W. Moore, pastor

On Sunday morning, September 5, a trio composed of Carl and Richard Duhrakoop and Steve Hoerauf accompanied by Suzanne Swaren from George Fox College brought special music for our Sunday school and worship service.

While our pastor and his wife vacationed, Ed Bruerd had our morning worship September 12.

God has answered prayer in our music department by sending Marilyn Wilhite for the year as she completes her senior year in college at OCE.

More than half the money to "burn" our church mortgage by December 10 has come in. We trust that as we believe and faithfully

do our part this goal will be met.

—Josephine Gesner, reporter

Silverton—Paul W. Barnett, pastor

We are greatly enjoying the ministry of Paul and Alice Barnett. We gather to feed on the Word and go away feeling encouraged. Many prayers have been answered. We have been given the motto, "Each one bring one."

A welcome for the pastors was enjoyed in their lovely big patio.

Edwin and Marie Cammack and family were welcomed to our services September 19. One of the means of missionary emphasis in our midst is a full-size manikin of an Aymara woman, who sometimes appears in Sunday school and sometimes children's church. Thank you for making her, Georgia Fleming.

The church has also enjoyed a salmon bake with accompanying salads and desserts. The salmon was cooked in an outdoor pit by our chief outdoor cook, Gene Mulkey.

A "Treasure Chest" contest is underway in Sunday school. Our purpose, of course, is to bring in new children and adults.

We are rejoicing over the healing touch of God upon many members.

Talent—Roy V. Dunagan, pastor

Highlight this quarter was Harvest Homecoming Day on October 17. Leroy and Elva Neifert from Everett were guest speakers in the morning. There was a planned dinner at noon, and in the afternoon program letters were read from our first pastor, Milo Ross, and others who have moved and couldn't be here for the day. Slides of past events and musical numbers completed the afternoon.

The evening service guests were Edwin Cammack and family. He showed slides and

talked of their work in Peru.

—Florence Hartley, reporter

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON AREA

Camas—Dorwin Smith, pastor

Our pastor attended the EFA Coordinating Council meetings in Omaha, and Clyde Hartman filled the pulpit October 11.

Dorothy and Vern Stockner went to Prosser as lay witnesses, and Jean Stockner and Charles Hanson went to Portland to witness there. What a blessing they have been!

At our September WMU meeting, Jean Hanson reported on the trip she and her husband took to the Holy Land; she also showed her slides of the trip.

Millie Attebery and her husband made a trip to England in September to visit her three sisters.
—Millie Attebery, reporter

Vancouver—J. Earl Geil, pastor

The Fred Meyer luncheon on September 17 sponsored by the WMU at PUD was well attended.

September 26 Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Macy were honored on their golden wedding anniversary. A reception was held from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Dr. Willard Aldrich was our guest speaker at the morning services October 24. Clinton Keely was guest speaker in the evening.

The spaghetti dinner served by the Friends high school group October 26 was well attended. October 30, the group witnessed and shared Christ at the Portland zoo; they handed out 300 Hollywood Press pamphlets. This group has an early start collecting canned goods for the needy for the holiday time.
—Bunny Middlewood, reporter

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

BAKER—To Keith and Anna Baker of Pringle Friends a boy, Andrew Dean, born October 23, 1971.

CARR—To Jerry and Yvonne Carr of Newberg Friends a daughter, Kerri Ann, born October 6, 1971.

PETERS—To Norman and Doris Peters of Clackamas Park Friends a son, Norman Cecil, born September 23, 1971.

MARRIAGES

BEESON-JOY. Ellen Beeson and Charles Eugene Joy were married at the Meridian Friends Church September 3, 1971. Earl Tycksen and Bruce Webb officiated.

COLLINS-COFFIN. Pamela Collins and David Coffin were married August 21, 1971.

CROWELL-ST. GEORGE. Marlene Kay Crowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crowell, and David St. George, son of Gordon and Colleene St. George, were married September 24 at Greenleaf.

DIXON-JOHNSON. Laura Ann Dixon and William Johnson were united in marriage Friday evening, October 1, with pastor Earl Geil officiating.

CAMPBELL-EMRY. Rosalie Campbell and Daniel Emry, son of Randall and Norma Emry, were married September 18 at Central Church of Christ in Medford.

FITCH-SAYLOR. Brenda Fitch and George

Saylor were married in the Boise Friends Church August 27.

INMAN-KEELY. Sheryl Inman and Clinton Keely were united in marriage at Olympia, Washington, on September 11, 1971.

MISSMAN-CLARK. Judy Missman and Leon Clark were married August 11 in Boise, Idaho.

PALMER-BARRERO. Roseann Palmer and Franklin Barrero were married at Clackamas Park Friends Church on June 19, 1971.

DEATHS

ASTLEFORD—Ruth Astleford, 87, of Friendsview Manor passed away September 24, 1971. Memorial service was held at Newberg Friends with Clyde Thomas and Charles Beals officiating.

BIRCH—Orlie Birch, 85, of Greenleaf passed away September 24. Final interment was in Pleasant Plain, Iowa.

HADLEY—Ella Hadley, 94, died in Eugene, Oregon, September 12. She was the mother of Mildred H. Brown and Gladys H. Cook.

HICKMAN—Florence Hickman, 86, of Newberg passed away September 25, 1971. Memorial service was held at Newberg Friends with David Le Shana and Fred Littlefield officiating.

SWANSON—Alberta Schneider Swanson, 74, died September 29, 1971. Funeral services were held at Springfield, Oregon, with Don Lamm officiating.