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...Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee to Egypt...

Matthew 2:13

**...that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord
by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.**

Matthew 2:15



OHIO FRIENDS SELECT NEW NAME

One action taken by the delegates to the 159th annual sessions of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends held in August 1971 was to change their name. Known previously in and out of "Quakerdom" as Ohio Yearly Meeting of the Friends Church since its establishing in 1812 by Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the new name adopted is: The Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region. This action was taken, according to General Superintendent Russell Myers, "in the interest of making the church more relevant and understandable to the constituencies served."

Other changes also made include the redesignation of other meetings. What had been known as quarterly meetings will now be geographically designated as districts; for example, the Damascus Quarterly Meeting will now be designated as the Northeastern Ohio District. Monthly meetings will now be called local Friends churches; example, Canton Friends Church instead of Canton Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Northwest, Kansas, and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meetings had previously renamed quarterly meetings as areas.

'IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT'

The next annual convention of the Christian Holiness Association (formerly the National Holiness Association) will be April 4-7, 1972, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The theme of the 104th annual convention will be "In the Power of the Spirit."

KANSAS YEARLY MEETING SUPERINTENDENT HONORED

John Robinson, general superintendent of Kansas Yearly Meeting, was recently honored by Friends University in being granted an honorary doctor's degree of divinity. Robinson served a number of years as pastor of the Haviland Friends Church, one of the largest congregations among Friends, before assuming the superintendency of the Yearly Meeting.

AMERICA'S 'CURRENT CENTRAL PROBLEM'

"National pessimism . . . the morosity, sullenness, anomie, and dispirited character of the American people is our current, central problem," recently declared theologian Dr. Martin Marty, professor of modern church history at the University of Chicago.

Writing in his newsletter *Context*, Dr. Marty suggests that "no one knows quite why this mood is so deep and so pervasive. Some imply that people are simply exhausted, having been knocked and dragged by too many forces and appeals during the decade past. People are testing the spirits, however lackadaisically and timidly, and finding few to be durable or promising. . . . Still others go scapegoat-hunting and find obvious enough targets in the administration of government, church, and private institutions."

ETERNITY PICKS FUTURE SHOCK

Alvin Toffler's best-selling book, *Future Shock*, was named most significant book of the year by *Eternity* magazine's book reviewers and writers. In the annual survey, two evangelical books tied for second place. They were *Church at the End of the 20th Century* by Francis Schaeffer and *Conflict and Conscience* by Senator Mark Hatfield.

'SENSEI' CALLED HOME AT 84

Irene Webster-Smith, stalwart missionary for more than half a century in Japan and a lifelong Irish Quaker, died in Edinburgh, Scotland, enroute to a speaking engagement. She was 84.

Sensei (Teacher) went to Japan in 1916 after graduating from Edinburgh's Faith Mission College. Until 1940 she worked under the Japan Evangelistic Band. From 1940 to 1946 she served with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in North America, returning to Japan in 1948, where she helped start IVCF. In 1950 she founded the Ochanomizu Student Christian Center in Tokyo.

NAE WORLD RELIEF COMMISSION ANNOUNCES 'SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONAL CHANGES'

"We must understand the present-day situation of the mission field," explains Dr. Everett Graffam, WRC director. "Today's communications and Westernizing of many areas of the world have brought about significant changes. High cost of shipping charges plus the change in the economic situation of various areas have greatly changed the picture. Perhaps Singapore and Hong Kong are the most ideal places to buy almost any item—and they are nearer to the Far Eastern countries. Children's clothing and blankets are still needed for disaster areas, such

as Peru and Pakistan, but in general sending used clothing half way around the world is a thing of the past and needs to be 'phased out.' The World Relief of the NAE is known for helping nationals to help themselves by teaching and training. This raises their own self-respect and is beneficial to them in more than one way. All of this is done with a spiritual emphasis, showing them love of Christ in action."

The greatest need for relief today is dollars. The missionaries know the people; they know the language, the need, and the source of supply and can purchase needed items in nearby areas.

However, to those wanting a tangible project, the sending of new, lightweight pajamas to the Hoa Khanh Children's Hospital is a very needy and worthy project. These should be sent direct to: Dr. Robert Long, Hoa Khanh Children's Hospital, Hdqts. 45th Engineers Grop. A.P.O. San Francisco, California 96317.

YOUTH 'NOT' REBELLING

The National Congress of Religious Education sponsored by Catholics, in a national survey of college freshmen, showed nearly 70 percent considered helping others in difficulty one of their essential goals in life; 86 percent of American youth "believe in God or some supreme being; 77 percent go to church; and 55 percent say that their religious beliefs are getting better."

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Shirley Putman is credited with the striking design for the cover of this Christmas issue.

Antecedents

Managing Editor Harlow Ankeny remains under doctor's care and has been released from all responsibilities temporarily for at least the next few weeks. His condition is described as "exhaustion" bordering on a nervous breakdown. The Ankeny family needs our prayers during these days of Harlow's enforced rest.

To keep the magazine and other publications of The Barclay Press on schedule, a number of people have been pressed into service. Stan Putman and his wife Shirley, both commercial artists, have spent many hours with Jack Willcuts and Dick Eichenberger in preparing this issue and planning for the first issues in 1972. Dr. Earl Barker, Kelsey and Rachel Hinshaw and others of the Barclay Press staff are co-operating in the production of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND.

In the December number, readers will enjoy the Christmas themes developed by Randall Brown who with his wife Sarah spent a number of years on the Friends field in Burundi, Africa. The Browns now live in Corvallis, Oregon, where Randall is completing work on his doctorate at Oregon State University.

Walter and Carol Lee have been named Book Review editors. Their work is already appreciated in planning for forthcoming reviews. Oh yes, Stan Putman is also the Art Director for the magazine. His name will be appearing on the masthead. (He has been doing this work for several months and the Editorial Board finally got around to making his status official.)

—J.L.W.

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God's Latest Gift

What a strange, almost fierce thing, is parental love! People who are not parents are often amazed at the sacrifices of parental love, but it is no mystery to those who feel the affection. A normal father and mother would give anything—life itself—for the good of their child. This is why Christmas is so wonderful; parents can give gifts with a clear conscience without fear of spoiling the youngsters. It is a time for deliberate extravagance in expressing love.

The heavenly Father gave us His most extravagant gift in Christ. But that was long ago, and we are really celebrating a birthday gift in remembering the manger scene. God's latest gift is just as wonderful and immediately contemporary. The Holy Spirit is the greatest gift that God can give. When He gives the Spirit, He gives Himself.

What would a good father most desire to give his child at any time: a *good* father? Surely it would be this—that his child should share his own aims and purposes. He would have his child grow to love what he has loved; to cherish the ideals that have been nearest to his own heart; to serve the cause to which his own life has been given. He would want to impart, if possible, something of his own spirit to his child. But, if that is what we men and women desire for our children, how much more must our heavenly Father wish it?

God did this in Jesus: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." He became our Savior and more; He is our model. To make this also a possibility, God gives us another personalized gift—the Holy Spirit—to enable our sonship to be Christlike.

One way of measuring our human growth in personality is to measure it by the requests we make known to our fathers. As small children we asked often: "Can I have a nickel, Daddy?" As we grew older, we asked for toys, books, a bicycle . . . always *things*. We were growing older when we began to ask for



"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 11:13 RSV)

counsel and advice. "Dad, what would you do in circumstances like these?"

Have we progressed as far spiritually? Paul said, "Covet the *best* gifts." Instead of asking for the Holy Spirit, we too often make trivial requests. When we receive the Spirit, all the most precious things of earth and heaven are ours.

There is an old story of a beggar who sought an audience with Alexander the Great, who had made the boast that any of his subjects could approach him at any time. When the beggar appeared, he seemed to onlookers to be impertinent. Without apology he forthrightly asked for a farm for himself, a dowry for his daughter, and an education for his son. To the surprise of the court, Alexander gave him all three, and when his ministers expressed amazement afterwards he said: "Oh, I get weary of these people who come in asking me for a gold piece.

That saucy beggar treated me like a king. He asked big."

Ask big! Ask for the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God's latest great gift!

—J.L.W.

Fatigue and Renewal

In our concern for the problems of life, which are blown up fantastically in the news media, concerned people can get worn out by feelings of worry, fear, and guilt to the point where they are actually

rendered incapable of acting constructively.

Any grade school science student knows that when a common housefly is magnified it looks like such a grotesque monster that even the bravest man would cringe in terror if he were to meet one. Life is under a microscope. Every man's problem is plopped right down in your own lap in your own living room. Cameras play for the most spectacular angle, reporters press for the most far-out or controversial situation, and anyone who is able to cope rationally and constructively has to perform a minor miracle. One is tempted to feel sorry for himself, or simply gasp in the overwhelming enormity of it all. But refusing to watch, to read, or to think is hardly the honest way to react.

Without attempting to play down the seriousness of the problems of the church, the society in which we live, and the ever-shrinking world, it may be wise for Christians to take a good look at themselves and at life—from God's perspective as well as the ever pressing and confusing perspective we receive from public sources. A housefly is bad, but it may not be a monster.

Dr. Paul Tournier has written a fine little book entitled *Fatigue in Modern Society*, in which he insists we too often are worn out with the wrong feelings. Constructive action is blunted by feelings of self-pity and worry. Reflective meditation before God, he says, is the greatest agent in reducing the fatigue that saps the creative energies of man.

When we are tired and frustrated, we too often either retire into defeat or step up our activities—a product of frustration rather than creative energy. "Be still, and know that I am God," says the Lord. How tremendously helpful those old words are today!

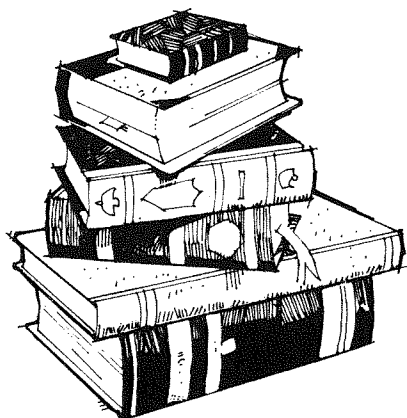
—J.L.W.

Statement for the Editorial Page

The written responses to an editorial in the October issue, "Religious Balance," have been rather overwhelming. If every letter and response were printed, it would take more than half the magazine. The pros and cons are not exactly in religious balance—the major reaction has been negative to the position assumed in the editorial. Most of the writers believe the editor (and apparently Friends) is in error regarding our position on the gift of tongues. Rather than responding to these letters and concerns at this time, another article may appear later. Others wishing to reread this editorial and respond are invited to do so.

—J.L.W.

Books



Robert L. Johnson, *Counter Culture and the Vision of God*, Augsburg Publishing House, 1971, \$4.50, 168 pages.

Oriental mysticism—psychedelic drugs—

the psychology of alienation—experiments in communal living—these are the makings of a counter culture, a way of life espoused by the young and opposed in many ways to the values of the older generation—a culture analyzed by writers like Theodore Roszak (*The Making of a Counter Culture*), Charles Reich (*The Greening of America*), and now by Robert L. Johnson, campus pastor at the University of North Carolina.

Drawing on his experience with college students, Johnson analyzes the reasons for the counter culture, its present manifestations, and its significance for the Christian faith. And from his graduate study in Christian mysticism and in Buddhism, he is able to offer a critique from a theological perspective. He encourages the church to rediscover its mystical heritage, to come to grips with the developing counter culture, and to help shape it according to the Christian vision of the kingdom of God.

Robert L. Johnson is director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of North Carolina. As a campus pastor he observed firsthand the emerging interest of young people in mysticism and the Eastern religions. A Danforth grant enabled him to explore these subjects in a year of graduate study at Harvard.

William Hulme, *Living with Myself*, Augsburg Publishing House, 1971, paperback, \$2.95, 160 pages.

Sometimes we try to escape from our problems—in busyness, alcohol, even in religion and psychology. But to be totally free from anxiety, guilt, and insecurity we must eventually face ourselves as we are, go beyond our defenses, and build a new image of self.

"This book deals with the problems we experience in living with ourselves—problems that come from the estrangement we experience from ourselves and from others." It gives down-to-earth counsel on how to live in the present, accepting ourselves with an eye toward the victory of the resurrection in the future. It examines the concepts of guilt, anxiety, hostilities, fantasies, and other aspects of personality. It helps solve emotional problems.

Inner freedom, peace, and joy can be an integral part of life, and William E. Hulme's program of action—drawn from years of experience in counseling—is a positive one based on the Gospel, one that will enable the reader to face life with a new awareness of self.

William E. Hulme is professor of pastoral care at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. His many books on counseling and the Christian life have brought him a national reputation.

Hope for the Hopeless



Dr. and Mrs. Ercil Beane find real joy in their close-knit family life on an Iowa farm, where their four sons and one daughter matured. Various business, professional, social, and religious foci extend from this home. Over the years work assignments for Friends, the healing profession, and spiritual fronts have taken them to many lands and peoples. Having returned last year from analysis and lecture work in nine countries of the Mediterranean area, they invite you, in response to a request from the editor, to join them here as they move intimately in the life of Arabs and Israelis during a dramatic war of attitudes and attrition. Ercil Beane is president of the Quaker Men of Friends United Meeting; Maxine has been president of the United Society of Friends Women.

A shepherd, wearing kaffiyeh headdress and long, flowing robe, picked his way among the rocks on a remote Judean hill. He was followed by his flock of shaggy sheep, nibbling at the sparse grass.

A gay and swarthy Arab steadied a stick plow in the rocky soil as he guided his donkey around boulders in his tiny hillside field. His helper, walking before him, rhythmically flung from side to side the seed from his bag.

As a part of this scene, we seemed transported back 2,000 years to the time when Jesus walked these hills—"The shepherd of the sheep . . . goeth before them, and the sheep follow him." "A sower went forth to sow." "Two men shall be in the field."

Abruptly, we were pulled back to today's reality as a fleet of Israeli jets overhead streaked into the distance—toward Egypt.

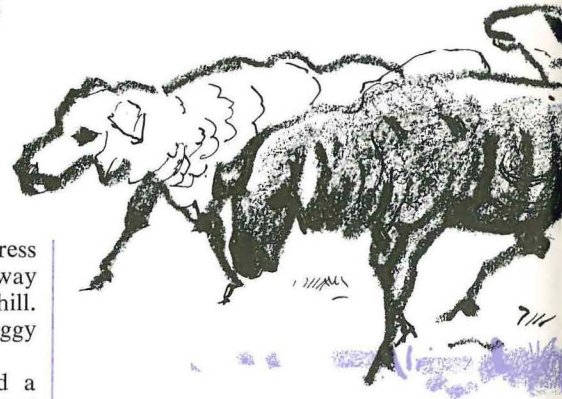
This was to be a constant experience during our time in the Holy Land—the sharp thrust from mystic and holy imagination into the present, the tragic present.

On Christmas we moved through military road checks, through Bethlehem, and to the Shepherd's Field. We followed a path under olive trees, passing sheep being corralled for the night. On the edge of a cave we stood with other pilgrims; we watched the sun go down, the stars and the lights of the villages dotting the hills appear.

We sang, "While shepherds watched their flocks by night," and in spirit we were one of them on those peaceful hills. But the peace was marred by the purposeful obviousness of Israeli soldiers, marching back and forth, watching closely the modest crowds for any disturbance.

We followed the path back; the sheep were settled for the night; a boy held a lamb in his arms. We returned to Bethlehem through Boaz' field, where Ruth gleaned grain in the field of her kinsman.

We mingled with the crowds that thronged the streets of Bethlehem—was it so crowded that night when there was



"no room . . . in the inn"? The crowd was orderly, sometimes hushed, expectant. And there were the soldiers, hundreds of them, some hardly more than boys—but all with the menacing guns pointed straight ahead, everywhere.

Passing armed guards as we stooped to enter the Church of the Nativity, we groped our way down a narrow passageway and steps to the grotto beneath. German nuns, singing carols in their own language, sat before the star that marks the traditional spot where Jesus was born. A varied procession passed through—a robed priest and his helpers, bowing and repeating their ritual; a group with running commentary by their guide; a young woman urging a friend to come closer for the picture she would show her friends at home; a poor peasant woman, kneeling to kiss the star; the reverent and the curious. The flicker of candles purchased and lighted by pilgrims, golden lamps, gilt icons, the heavy smell of incense—all seemed intrusions on this place of a stable where Mary brought forth her firstborn son.

Two days later from the Mount of Temptation, we looked to our right over bleak and hostile hills. "And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan." To the left we looked down on the refugee village of Jericho—tiny huts where thousands of refugees fled when driven from their homes by the Israeli occupation in 1948. Since June of 1967, the village stands deserted; its inhabitants were forced by fear to flee a second time across the Jordan River as the Israeli occupation spread.



This is the story of the Holy Land today: Nazareth, blue Galilee, the mounts of the Beatitudes and Transfiguration, Jerusalem, a holy sepulcher—and platoons of soldiers on the roads and trails, the sound of gunfire and bombs in the hills, Arab homes and villages destroyed, uprootings from ancestral homes, separation of families, restrictions, reprisals.

And this is where Friends have ministered for over 100 years.

It is exactly 102 years ago that the first Friends went to Ramallah—Hill of God—a small village ten miles north of Jerusalem. When Eli and Sybil Jones of New England Yearly Meeting arrived in Ramallah, there was a small boys' school there. A young woman begged them to start a school for girls. So impressed were they by her sincerity and by the neglect of education for girls, they left money for a school.

They returned to America with the story and the concern. Friends responded; a mission and a boarding school for girls were started, and later a meetinghouse was built.

So successful was the girls' school that the people of Ramallah asked for a school to do for their boys what the girls' school was doing for their girls. Thus in 1901 a boys' school was started.

Through wars, changes of governments and of boundaries, the work of both schools continued and expanded. When Friends started their work, Ramallah was in Palestine, which at that time was part of the Turkish Empire. Following World War I, Palestine became a mandate of Great Britain. After World War II,

Palestine was divided, the Jewish state of Israel was designed, and the remainder, which includes Ramallah, became part of Jordan. Following the June 1967 war, Israel occupied all of the west bank of the Jordan River. So now Friends are living and working under their fourth government—the government of Israel in occupied Jordan.

What has this last change meant to Friends?

The enrollment in the school has been cut nearly in half; some potential students have emigrated; others outside the occupied area cannot enter. The resulting decreased income along with rising prices has caused serious economic problems.

At the present time, over 500 boys and girls, both Christian and Moslem, grades one through 12, are being educated in the Friends schools. The quality of the education is evidenced by remarks made by members of the community: "We send our children to the Friends schools because they get a value we do not find in the government schools." "If you want your son to be a gentleman, send him to the Friends Boys School." At the United Nations Refugee Training Center for Women we were told, "We can tell without asking which teachers are graduates of the Friends schools because of their leadership, dependability, and character."

Donn Hutchinson of Pennsylvania is now serving as principal of the Girls School—coping with financial crises, the educational program, maintenance, restrictions, and curfews. Max Carter, a

young Friend, a CO from Indiana, is giving educational, social, and moral leadership in the Boys School. The remainder of the school's staff is chiefly Arab.

The Friends Meeting is small. Seeking an explanation is to discover some of the complexities in the area. Within sight of the stone meetinghouse, which sits in a courtyard on the main street, are the tall Moslem minarets, the spires of Orthodox, Catholic, and other churches. To us, with our easy transition from one denomination to another, it is difficult to understand the feeling of finality in being born into one church, the pressure against change.

Friends, because of the nature of their worship and way of life, and because it is an English-speaking church, have attracted the more educated Arabs. And it is often these who have seen more opportunity in the United States and other countries and have emigrated.

To find ways to present a stronger Christian witness in the schools and from the meeting should be a real concern for both Arab and American Friends. Yet we cannot overlook the witness of service and loving concern given by members of the meeting.

When Dr. Jirius Mansur, clerk of the meeting, was forced from his new home and clinic in Jerusalem, he and his family made a simple home in Ramallah. Aside from his private practice, every morning he visits the refugee villages, the frontiers, with his mobile clinic, ministering to the needs of these homeless people. His wife Ellen promotes the work of a needlework cooperative, enabling refugee and needy women to earn something to support their families.

Fuad Zaru, a former graduate, is now principal of the Friends Boys School. His wife Jean, clerk of Near East Yearly Meeting, a leader in the local meeting and community, is the dedicated mother of three young children.

Violet Zaru is head of the teacher training department at the UN training school for refugees. Najla Shahla uses

both her home and the facilities of the school for Laubach literacy classes. Nimeh Mikhail serves as a nursing officer for refugees in Jerusalem.

One of the most exciting and promising projects of the meeting is the Sunday school, enrolling 125 to 160 youngsters. Because most churches do not have Sunday schools, the children who come represent both Moslem and Christian homes.

Nearly two years ago a new ministry in addition to the schools and meeting was inaugurated. It is one answer to the need for friendship and understanding. Our daughter, Marian Beane, served in Ramallah with the assignment to "work with young adults, creating opportunities for dialogue, social and musical activities, adult education, meaningful experiences." She returned from this appointment early in 1971.

Through English classes for young adults—teachers, mechanics, technicians—through visits to homes in the community; through outings and educational tours organized for students, young people, socially restricted housewives; through individual relationships she has been able to express friendship and Christian concern. Often it is an encounter of hope speaking to the hopeless, joy to the somber, faith to the fearful, of Christian to Moslem.

Friends are continuing to minister and witness in this atmosphere of fear and hate, suspicion and hostility, curfews, conflicts, death.

This is the country in which Jesus lived and loved, taught and healed, died and rose again. He proclaimed His message to an occupied people, announcing a kingdom that had arrived and in which to believe, to love, to serve were requirements.

What shall be the message, the ministry, the work of Friends today? ☐

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Christmas Letter (Seldom Sent)

December, 1971

Dear Marie,

How nice to get your letter telling all about the family! I can hardly believe the baby has grown so much and is doing all that running around already. I suppose they learn faster with older brothers and sisters around. But I am disturbed, Marie, that you feel frustrated and "frantic" about Christmas.

One reason I am disturbed is because I know just how you feel. And now I am going to be a little grandmotherly and make some suggestions. Hope you don't mind, but Christmas, even for a family like yours just now, should be a relaxed, happy time, and with a little pre-Christmas planning it can be.

It took me awhile to learn that as a wife and mother I must play a double role of being both Mary and Martha. (You remember what Jesus said to them one day in Luke 10:41 RSV, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her.")

Christmas surely should be a time for meditation, remembering, listening to Jesus through music, reading, and all that. But more often it is not. It is acting like Martha. You know—running around, gift buying, card sending, baking, house trimming, and decorations—is all this necessary? Yes, I think some of it is; it is a part of our culture and family life that is wonderful. But how we do it is so terribly important, and the attitudes the children catch from us about *why* we do all this are too. We are celebrating the birthday of our Lord and Savior. We exchange gifts and cards to honor Him. That some give gifts only as a tradition doesn't mean we cannot give presents and

ourselves as an expression of our love and gratitude to God for His first Gift to us in sending His Son.

But back to Mary and Martha—my experience has been that planning is the main difference. It is important that Christmas doesn't slip up on me and I find myself rushing into Christmas activities. It can become a complete hassle. It is the last-minute stuff, postponed work that was supposed to be fun and meaningful—like finding addresses for cards, last-minute purchases, cookies to bake, and the house to clean. I remember feeling almost bitter upon hearing "Joy to the World," "Peace on Earth," when there was neither joy nor peace in my hectic Christmas. Then I realized that most of *my* problem in missing the joyful, peaceful mood was simply due to lack of planning and preparation. I left too much to the last minute.

Rather than doing Martha's work last and Mary's meditation first, it is necessary to mix them up a little. Meditate, and actually pray that the Lord will help you have a happy Christmas (which is the best way to make those around you have one too), then do a Martha and get working on the preparation. For me, at least, this has brought a new joy to the holiday season. The apostle Paul, you know, talked much about the fruit of the Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." It seems to me that when celebrating the birthday of the One who brought us all these precious gifts should be the time above all times for us to exercise them too!

In considering the merits of planning, let us look to the Lord. God does every-





BY MARJORIE LANDWERT

GIFTS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Since this is the season for gifts, how about some gifts to make your Sunday school more effective? Classes, departments, or individuals can express their love to God by giving to the Christian education work of a church. Here are some ideas.

Books! It seems that leaders never have enough resource books to help them in their work. Nor do Sunday school children, youth, and adults have available enough Christian books to satisfy their reading appetites.

AV! Audiovisual equipment is always a great need and, what a variety of such items is available to us in this technological age. Consider giving an overhead projector, filmstrips and/or projector, split strip projector and films, cassette recorders and tapes, or record players.

If you want something really new and unusual, think about a Slide Sponder from Edutronix. This is a new programmed learning service developed at George Fox College. It has fascinating possibilities for communicating the Gospel.

Christian education magazine subscriptions are inexpensive and one of the most helpful tools for inspiration and ideas that will benefit your workers.

WHY SUNDAY SCHOOLS GROW

Did you expect a dissertation on this vital issue? Thousands of words have been written on the subject but look at the answer revealed in the latest research done by Scripture Press Ministries. Hold your hat; here it is in a nutshell!

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Need more be said? What we must do is get to work at the tasks that will bring the most results.

NEW FRIENDS LEADERSHIP TRAINING

January has been designated as Leadership Training Month across the EFA.

Any of the courses suggested in the new simplified training program would be profitable to study in January. Maybe you will be interested in the new "course of the year." For 1971-72 this course will be on evangelism, using the book, *Evangelize Through Christian Education*, by Elmer Townes. This may fit right into your church growth needs. Your Christian Education Resource Notebook has all the details on how to do it, credits, etc.

FRIENDS ALIVE PHASE II FOR '72

Friends just must be alive to their spiritual opportunities today. This new program, if followed, can help your church to be alive. Here is what you can be doing with this emphasis.

Fall—Set goals and make plans to reach them.

January—Training Month. Training course.

February—Fellowship Month. Get to know your people and your community.

March—Visitation Month. It pays to contact people.

April—Record Attendance Sunday. Begin now to help the EFA have a grand total of 23,627 people in Sunday school on Easter Sunday, April 2, 1972. Plan ways in which each of your pupils can be involved in a love offering for our work in Mexico.

May—Love in Action Month. "Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions." *Living Bible*

More details and ideas will be coming to you from the Christian education consultant. Study, then use them to make your Friends Alive. □

thing in an orderly fashion. In planning the first Christmas, He first revealed our Savior's coming to our first parents; He renewed the promise many times such as in the covenant to King David, possibly 3,000 years before Bethlehem. He so carefully prepared His people, the lineage, the Messianic family. So much of the Bible is a written preparation for celebrating Christmas! This suggests a lesson to me.

I like to have the housecleaning done the best I can as soon after Thanksgiving as possible, and my gift buying also. The gifts I make I often work on throughout the year and try to have them done early in December. With shopping done, cards mailed early (encouraged by Uncle Sam too, of course!), I find myself looking forward to Christmas just like the children. With freezers, one can do a lot of baking of cookies and other goodies early too. It is much easier then to do my share in church and school programs and enjoy the festivities, relax, and be swept up in the wonder of a blessed Christmas. The awe and anticipation of Christmas comes back as we put to practice, "Be still, and know that I am God."

Jesus spoke to Martha not only because of her lack of planning but also because of her unwillingness to use the right time in the right way. It is inevitable that some things won't get done at the last or until the last minute. Then, a mother's attitude is also important. It just may be better to let them go and "sit at His feet" than upset everyone else and miss a once-in-a-year opportunity to enjoy Christmas.

Have a happy Christmas, Marie. I will be thinking of you and the family.

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Focus on Burundi's Medical Needs

By PERRY RAWSON, M.D.

A few weeks ago I brought home a WHO (World Health Organization) report for 1970 for the Africa Area. The subtitle was "ONE REGION, ONE PROBLEM, LACK OF QUALIFIED HEALTH PERSONNEL." "Out of the 30 African countries who are listed as members of the O.M.S. in Africa, I found one country, Burundi, had a population of 3,400,000 and for each doctor in the country there were 81,000 people." There are 161 nurses in the whole country, and with the double qualifications of Geraldine Custer, nurse and midwife, only 14! There is a lack of nurses at nearly all levels, also nutritional experts, maternal and child welfare workers, and probably family planning experts, too.

In spite of the figures, I am probably not the doctor to 81,000 people, even though some years our clinic visits plus days of patient hospitalization have totaled over 90,000 per year. Some of those people won't need a doctor. Some will be treated by Africans more or less of the witch-doctor sort. Many will be treated in government or mission clinics, and some come here.

We have at KIBIMBA a hospital that can hold 62 patients, 4 beds being re-

served for maternity cases. The clinics here include Kwashiorkor (protein and calorie deficiency disease) clinic two times per week. Two days per week we have a Well-Baby Clinic. We have one Prenatal Clinic weekly and see gynecological problems the same day. Our maternity can have 250 deliveries per year. This is a small number in this part of Africa. Recently we've had three premature babies in two incubators. Surgery ranges from stomach operations and fractures to taking off extra little fingers or toes and sewing up injuries. Medical cases can be as simple as common colds and as complicated as severe diabetes and tetanus. Many diarrheal diseases are also seen. We've had 18 cases of smallpox and about 100 cases of louse-borne typhus during the last year.

ANN CHOATE FUQUA will be re-opening the KWISUMO Dispensary soon. Gary and Ann recently returned from furlough. Kwisumo is 73 miles away, about a 3½-hour drive. NYANKANDA is a Leprosy Control Center eight miles beyond Kwisumo. They treat there between 30 and 40 resident patients and a total of about 600 by ambulatory treatment near their own homes. JAMES MAFORO, our African expert, heads up the treatment in the RUYIGI sector. JOAN RAWSON, our son Ed's wife, is the nurse there and ED, the general manager. DORIS FERGUSON is another qualified married nurse. Her job is that of being mother and nurse to her own four and the rest of the missionaries' children in school at MWEYA near GITEGA, about 25 miles from here.

GERALDINE CUSTER is our one missionary nurse here at KIBIMBA. We have three nurses aides, all men, and three women midwifery aides, one of whom has a family of four but works part time. The men have had beyond some five to six years of primary school or a little secondary education; in one case, a year only in a state approved school for nurses aides. The women have had two years of midwifery and nursing

training but mostly less primary schooling. They, with some workers without any official certificates, make up our team.

If I want and need a doctor with more surgical skills, I can and do call on Dr. Ogden of the Free Methodist Mission at KIBUYE, 35 miles away. He is a highly qualified surgeon from California, now on furlough, who has for about the past two years worked three months out here, then in California one month, and supported himself and family, including all that travel, to give good surgical care to Africans. As his daughter Kathy said, "Dad, you can't just let them die." We hope he can come back after two years to KIBIMBA and to a hospital modernized and supported in part by the three American missions in the field—Free Methodist, World Gospel Mission, and Friends.

Throughout our work we lean hard on our African staff. In KIBIMBA we have two laboratory men who can type and cross match blood donors and patients and do the necessary occasional transfusions. The head lab man, JAMES NCENGETERE, also does first and second assisting in surgery and many of the sewing up chores besides pulling teeth or treating dental cases. But he will probably move to KWISUMO soon. Our chief of wards is STEPHEN BANDEREKEYE, who is first assistant in surgery, also, and does many of the simpler surgical procedures; he probably could do a Caesarean section. He has the keenest sense of patient needs in serious illness of any of our African helpers. He helps on ward rounds. He and Gerry actually write orders for medicines if the problems don't need my actual intervention. The chief dispenser in the clinic is STEPHEN BARANYIZIGIYE. He is our accountant and treasurer of the hospital and has had honest and balanced books. He is head clerk of our highest church council, also ambulance driver. ANA helps run the hospital pharmacy.

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Dr. Perry Rawson, M.D., and his wife Marjory have been missionaries on the Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends field for 20 years. He is the Overseer of the Mission Hospital at Kibimba station, and also has oversight of a Hospital for lepers at Nyankanda. Dr. Rawson has special skills in surgery and orthopedics. The mission board is searching for a replacement for the Rawsons as they have passed retirement age. Their son Edward and wife Joan (who is a nurse), are in charge of the leprosarium. At the present time the Edward Rawsons are on furlough.

Photo taken from Kivu (Images of the Congo), 1955, Charles Dessart.

"Burundi has a population of 3,400,000 and for each doctor in the country there were 81,000 people."



Focus on Burundi's Medical Needs

Missionary Voice

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The certified medical staff at *NYANKANDA* consists of three persons: (1) *MAFORO*, who had five years in a government nursing school plus six months special leprosy study at Addis Ababa, plus nearly ten years experience after graduation. (2) *JOAN RAWSON*, who needs more time at home for teaching her daughter Beth. So we need another single nurse or two here. We also need another African assistant with schooling equal to *Maforo's*. (3) *KAR-EGA*, an aide-infirmier, who is in the laboratory and treatment clinic. He can do surgical assisting, too. He goes with *Maforo* on the long outpatient safaris, to give medicines and help in many ways. *Maforo* drives the Land-Rover, teaches hand and foot care, and diagnoses and plans patient treatment. Sometimes we can do plaster casts for outpatients, who now are nearly all treated near their homes. If recent research is telling the truth, these patients after three months of proper treatment will no longer give leprosy to anyone else, and almost none of them should ever be cripples.

Things are changing here. We finally have in our local church group *LIVINGSTONE BAZENDORE*, ready for university and aiming to be a doctor. He is *Baranyizigiye's* son. He turned down scholarships in Russia for hope of getting to a university in Africa or Europe. We have one student in a government medical technicians' school in *Bujumbura*, who will graduate in June. We asked to use him part of next year, but the government service does have a claim on him.

The Russians have recently sent 12 doctors and a dentist to help. They work in government hospitals. Two French doctors are soon to be installed in a government hospital at *Muhinga*, on the very northern edge of the country, where help is badly needed.

Looking ahead, we believe our own work needs two doctors and at least three nurses. We shall maybe eventually be replaced by African workers but not for a long time. The most needy spot now is for extra nursing care to help *MAFORO* at *NYANKANDA*, as the director and family are going home on furlough in July.

We get small comfort from the fact that our neighbor to the North, *Rwanda*, had only one doctor for 97,000, the highest in the 30 WHO countries in Africa. Maybe you are the one God wants to help us here. "Pray . . . the Lord of the harvest" and then don't say, "Lord, please send my sister or my brother." □

It is Good

BY TINA KNIGHT

What does God see as He looks down on our small world? I wonder We are small in His universe—sooooo very small. But He looks beyond that spinning mass of material to see His more detailed creation: Rugged snow-capped peaks piercing blue sky. Sparkling lakes appearing as jewels set in a dark green carpet of forest. Rivers snaking their way across jungle, desert, pampa, or tumbling through mountains. The brown of the desert. Green grass and trees. And the wild flowers adding that splash of color to the picture that only God can paint. Cover it all with fleecy white clouds, angry thunderheads, or flashes of lightning, and you will see what God sees as He looks down on His creation, a creation of which He has said **IT IS GOOD**.

But God looks beyond the material to the human . . . His most prized creation, man.

He sees those who haven't heard the Truth:

. . . the Mexican family crawling over a concrete plaza to pray at the shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe. They stop to wipe blood from their knees. They pray as they crawl. Mama cries. The children tire. But on they go, for they've been taught they will be saved through much suffering.

. . . into the little thatch-roofed hut on the shores of Lake Titicaca, He listens to the cry of the Aymara man who has been cursed by the witch doctor.

. . . the little black boy who brings the herd home in the evening, carefully securing them in the thorn corral before bending low to enter a smoke-filled kitchen to eat a meager meal of cornmeal mush and pumpkin blossoms—too meager. But father has spent his few centimes on banana beer, and the gardens didn't produce well this year.

. . . the Aymara man killing the sheep, catching the blood in a bowl, and splashing it across the end of his house. It will bring protection from evil spirits and sickness.

. . . Mrs. Ong as she prepares an elaborate feast for their household gods. Chicken, pork, and fish . . . only the best, for it is to be offered to idols.

. . . the Navajo who gathers his family for a peyote meeting—celebrated "sing" with the medicine man.

. . . the fear, misery, heartache, and sickness for those who obey the call of the drums as they echo across the rolling green hills of Burundi—drums that invite men to evil.

. . . the hungry child with sunken eyes and distended stomach, the trudging family of refugees escaping the terrors of war, the disconsolate father in the midst of hurricane ruins.

God surveys the scene . . . and is sad!

God sees the lonely and discouraged: . . . that lonely Indian pastor imprisoned for preaching Jesus.

. . . that discouraged pastor who has faithfully preached the Word for years with so little apparent results.

. . . the sad ones after death has knocked at their door.

. . . that lonely missionary family off the beaten path who faithfully pushes a program of evangelism in India and Taiwan, Burundi and Bolivia, Peru and Navajoland.

. . . the Christian family that is shunned and disowned by family and friends—just because they are Christians!

. . . the homesick missionary child in school hundreds of miles away from his family.

. . . the aged one who quietly waits to be taken home to heaven, whose family is far away or just doesn't care.

God sees . . . and comforts.

God sees the godly . . . the modern-day saint:

. . . that proud black man who rises from an altar of prayer to make restitution for eggs stolen months before.

. . . the bamboo chapel where praying believers are meeting for prayer and new

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BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

Aaron turned slowly on his flat pallet-bed. He knew it was time to get up, but being warm and comfortable made him want to stay that way a bit longer.

"Aaron!" whispered his brother Josias from the pallet on the other side of the room. "Remember? This is the day we go with Father into Bethlehem!"

The younger boy sat up as fast as if he'd been a marionette whose string had been jerked! "I'd almost forgotten. This is the day we've been waiting for so long. I guess I was still dreaming!"

"Well, come on! Put your dreams aside! I already hear Mother getting our morning food ready. And no doubt Father will be wanting some help with the animals before we go." Josias promptly put his words into action as he got up and carefully folded his pallet, putting it away for the day.

Aaron was not quite so hasty. "You know something, Josias? In the night I heard the most beautiful music. It seemed as if it was floating to my ears. Oh, Josias, it seemed so close. It surely must have been real, not just a dream. Someone was singing 'Glory to God.'"

"Of course you were dreaming, silly boy," rebuked Josias. He felt, at 12 years of age, that dreams were childish. "When you get to be as old as I you will not repeat your dreams. I guess since you are only ten it does not matter. But Father will have no patience with a dreamer this morning. He will be in a hurry."

Aaron slowly got up and followed Josias' example of getting ready for the day. "And on earth peace, good will . . . Those were some more of the words that I heard. I would like to hear music like that again."

The Angel's Song

"Do not be funny, Aaron," Josias said crossly. "Where would music like that come from at night? There's nothing by our house but the shepherd's field and Uncle Jacob's house. Sometimes the shepherds play their flutes while they are watching the sheep, but they do not sing. The people in Uncle's household are not music makers, either. See, it's all a dream. Come, forget it!" Josias stamped out of the sleeping room. He was through with such foolishness!

I don't think I can forget those words, or the beautiful sound, either. Josias can make fun if he wants, but I know I heard something! Aaron thought to himself as he followed his brother to their breakfast.

After their satisfying meal, the boys helped to feed the donkey and to make sure the lambs were safe until their return. Then came the walk into Bethlehem.

"Will we be there long?" Aaron asked his father.

"Not longer than necessary," was the reply. "We only will need to add our family names to the census book. Of course the city will be crowded. We will have to await our turn. I am hoping, too, to see some of our relatives from a distance. We may stop to visit with them for a bit."

Soon they could see the hustle of a city bursting with travelers. "Look, Father," said Josias as he squinted against the winter sun. "The streets are already crowded."

"You are right, my son. And there seems to be a great bit of excitement."

"Writing one's name on the census book must be an exciting thing," ob-

served Aaron. "Everyone seems to be talking and shouting at once."

The boys' father was thoughtful for a moment. "I am thinking that something must have happened. This is an unusual sort of excitement. Probably there was an accident. With this many people in town something like that is bound to happen!"

"Greetings!" shouted a well-known voice. Out from the crowd ran Uncle Jacob, breathless with excitement.

"You are just in time. There's great news abroad this morning. The men who were out in the field by our house last night are telling it!"

"What is it! What is it!" chorused the boys.

Their uncle breathed heavily and continued. "A baby was born in the manger behind that inn over yonder last night. The shepherds heard about it in the night because angels—real angels—appeared in the sky suddenly and told them. I heard one of the men telling about it. He said the angel told about there being a Savior who is Christ the Lord! Oh, do you think it could be the Messiah? Could it be?"

Without realizing it, the four were walking faster, headed in the direction of the inn. Uncle Jacob continued his recitation of what he had heard. "So the shepherds went into Bethlehem and found the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes just as the angel had said. Oh, my heart swells up with joy even this very morning! Such news we did not expect. It was Abram who was telling me. And he said the great multitude of angels praised God. He could hardly talk he was still so struck!"

Suddenly Aaron gasped. "Uncle Jacob! Uncle Jacob! Did Abram say whether the angels sang?"

"Oh yes, my boy. Such sweet music as never was heard before, friend Abram said. 'Glory to God, peace, good will to men' were some of the words the chorus sang. Ah, I would give much to have been one of the shepherds last night!"

Aaron pulled on his father's arm. "I heard it! It was real, it was not a dream. I heard the angel chorus. See, Josias, I said it was real. Just think! I HEARD THE ANGELS' SONG!"

Josias and his father looked at Aaron in amazement. Uncle Jacob stared.

"Are you sure?" they questioned.

"Oh yes, I am sure. I heard those very words. And the music was sweeter than anything I have ever heard. It's true! It was not a dream!"

Then, before anyone could quite realize where he had gone, Aaron was ahead of his family group, weaving his way through the hurrying crowds, heading towards a manger where lay a baby special enough to bring out an angel chorus! □

My Memory of Christmas in Burundi

BY RANDALL E. BROWN

Christmas in Burundi is a church-centered day, beautifully free of commercialism. Neither does exchange of gifts play a prominent part among the Africans' celebration of "Noeli."

For many years "sports day" was part of the Christmas celebration. (It now comes at the end of the school year). This was a sort of track meet with foot races, three-legged races, wheelbarrow races, and spear throwing. A fascinating event was the bottle race, possible only because of the African habit of carrying loads on one's head. Contestants raced with a tall vinegar bottle balanced on their heads. To drop it or even to touch it with the hands disqualified a person. Winners ran with sinuous grace, their heads moving in an unbelievably steady line.

The greased pole was the great spectator attraction. Early in the morning a eucalyptus sapling was cut and peeled. Several pounds of melted laundry soap was brushed on. A crossarm with pres-

ents tied on with string was nailed to the end. Then with the help of a truck and many hands, the pole was raised and the end dropped into a deep hole. Climbers—boys and young men—would fill their pockets with dirt, hug the pole, scrape off the soap and rub in dirt, climb a few inches, then make way for the next in line. Sometimes climbers would begin reaching the top in two hours. I remember one "sports day" when it rained. After hours of effort, a halt was called—climbers reached the presents only the next morning after the sun had dried the soap. Presents would be a dish, knife, shirt, shorts, or even (some people are mean) a bar of soap!

Christmas day itself begins with the insistent beat of drums at dawn announcing the "big day" to people in their hillside houses hidden among the banana trees. By midmorning hundreds of people from the district arrive, some having come many miles on foot or by bicycle.

The church service will be the longest of the year, since each of the dozen or so participating outschool congregations and some of the classes in the mission school will have a "special." Sometimes a group quotes a passage of Scripture by heart. Some will sing a song from the hymnal. Some groups will put new words to an old tune or even compose an entirely new song. Originality is more often evident than great musical ability.

Central in the Christmas service is the pageant. Props are more realistic than what we usually see at home. The shepherd scene always includes shepherds warming themselves at an open fire (rough tile floors don't ignite easily) with their long-haired fat-tailed sheep in attendance. The white-winged black angel comes announcing the glorious news of the birth of the Savior. The shepherds then go to see Mary, Joseph, and the Christ child in their thatched manger at the side of the platform. Then come the three wise men inquiring the way of King Herod, going on to Bethlehem singing, "We Three Kings of Orient Are" in Kirundi, worshipping, and going home another way. The dramatic climax of the pageant is reached after Herod finds he has been tricked by the wise men. His towering rage is something to behold. Especially vivid in memory is the Christmas when Sodiya, a pastor from Mutaho, played the part. He had borrowed an ornately carved ebony walking stick from Ralph Choate. One blow on the floor and it shattered. Shock and anxiety registered for a moment on Sodiya's face, then anger returned and the play went on!

A preacher concludes with a short gospel message to one of his largest congregations of the year. Often some would stay to give their hearts to Jesus, a fitting close to the celebration of the day God gave His Son to us.

It is Good

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strength from God's Word, where all pray aloud at the same time, with tears streaming down brown cheeks, and arise to testify of victory over sin and a new-found peace.

... the three or four families who meet in a one-room adobe hut on a cold, wind-swept altiplano to study God's Word by candlelight.

... the Indian colporteurs who pass out millions of pieces of literature—walking miles and miles with packs or pedaling bicycles over narrow trails to witness in small villages.

... the faithful national leaders who carry on His work in city, village, or country areas—those who ask no more than to serve Him and win souls for Him.

... that small group of Mexican believers meeting each Sunday to learn of Him. He watches them grow in grace, watches them drop their pesos into the offering box, and listens as they testify to their neighbors of their newfound faith.

... the hearts of those who faithfully pray for missions, who faithfully support the church with tithes and offerings, who remember to put God first.

God sees when songs praise Him, when pastors teach of Him, when laymen testify of Him, when evangelists preach of Him, and when Christians obey Him.

God sees and says IT IS GOOD. □



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Over the Teacup



Giving at Christmas

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Did you ever notice how different one Christmas is from another? I used to want them all just exactly the same, with the same ornaments put on the tree in the same corner of the living room and the same people (family) for dinner. Life is not that way for many and neither are Christmas celebrations. We have had Christmases at sea, in Mainland China, and in Central India, and in Florida, and good old Ohio—on the farm—and in a college community.

It has been great fun making Christ-

mas for all kinds of people—our children, first of all, for the orphans in India, for the servants, for outstations, and for hospital patients. We have made Christmas for guests who were far from home, and there have been so many ways of sharing the joy.

We all have our very special years I'm sure, but last Christmas was my outstanding one and will probably remain so for time to come. It was the priceless gift of going around the world where every country we touched was celebrating, in some way, the birth of Christ. Christmas was in the air, American style, before we left, and as the sparkling lights faded from the American coast, I thought I had said goodbye to bright lights, Christmas carols, and decorated trees, but in Japan and Hong Kong there was celebration everywhere. On the planes and trains, in hotels, came Christmas carols over the loud speaker—"Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King." It was nice to see and hear familiar Christmas sights and sounds around the world. I wonder how the celebration of Christmas has outrun the reality of the meaning of the Incarnation, or the acceptance of Christ.

And then we were in Taiwan. Here, all was in reverse. Our children and grandchildren made Christmas for *us*. What a day it was! The church gave *us* gifts. Nearly a thousand Friends from the churches in the area gathered together for fellowship in a rented hall. (No church was large enough.) We worshiped together and shared the day in music and preaching and fellowship. The programs were put on by each church, and each department of every church represented took part. Our little family was there—the grandchildren, a brother and wife, and many from Mainland China, as well as converts from Taiwanese. It was the church, gathered from far and near, celebrating the birth of the Savior of the world. The gift of that wonderful day will be treasured forever.

Christmas is not just a tree in the corner of the parlor nor the gifts piled under it. It is not just our tradition. Christmas is God made flesh. It is universal. It goes "as far as the curse is found." It is the day for all people everywhere to sing:

"Joy to the world!
The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King." □

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A Personal Testimony

*Ken Forseth, 23, boys class teacher,
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My visit to Duluth, Minnesota, was a memorable and rewarding experience. Upon arriving there, I visited my grandmother and an uncle whom I had not seen for 15 years.

After resting from the trip, I went out to look up some old buddies I had previously known. Next door to grandmother's house were the McKeevers, whom I had known from childhood. I had heard a year earlier of the tragedy in their family. One son had been killed in South Vietnam. Mike had been just my age. Steve, 18, was another son, and as I entered the house I saw he was in a wheelchair. Imagine my astonishment to learn that as the result of a diving accident, Steve is paralyzed for life, a quadriplegic (loss of all four limbs).

So, I decided to spend most of my vacation with Steve. We talked about many things, sharing experiences back and forth. I learned that shortly after this had happened to him, Dan Devine, coach and general manager of the Green Bay Packers, had come to see him, for Steve had dreamed of becoming a professional football player.

It occurred to me what a thrill it would be now for Steve to become acquainted with a professional player, and then I remembered reading in a Sunday school paper that Bart Starr, the famous quarterback, was a Christian. Upon returning home I checked out the story and learned it was true and that Bart Starr had written of how his faith had enabled him to overcome great difficulties to get into the big time. He wrote that "he realized his own shortcoming had made him trust more and more in Christ." So I wrote a letter to Bart Starr telling him about Steve. I shortly received a letter from Bart Starr's secretary saying he was in Cincinnati, Ohio, and that he was interested in seeing Steve sometime.

Imagine my surprise about a week later to get a letter from my grandmother saying that Mrs. McKeever had been to visit with the report that Coach Dan Devine, Quarterback Bart Starr, and Lineman Ray Nitchkie, and Dave Robinson had all been to see Steve! The Christian witness of these men has had an enormous effect on my friend and his faith. □

An unusual revival

While the technique of revival format is traditional, the method of genuine revival can often bring surprising innovations. George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, during the first month of this school year, experienced an unusual moving of the Holy Spirit.

The story began during the spring and summer months, as Chaplain Ron Crecelius scheduled speakers and dates for the fall Spiritual Emphasis Week. Then, just two weeks before the dates scheduled, speakers were forced to cancel due to health reasons.

By this time it was evident to Chaplain Crecelius and his committee that God was indicating other plans, especially after numerous contacts for speakers drew blanks. After several sessions of prayer and consultations it was decided to hold the week of meetings without a speaker and to depend upon the ministry of the Holy Spirit and the sharing of spiritual witness by students, faculty, and staff of the college.

Revival spirit was kindled the week before the meetings began when students in prayer groups found new experiences of spiritual victory.

Services were scheduled in the chapel each morning and evening for one week. There was no preaching. There was no formal altar call, only an invitation to remain afterwards for prayer. Simple testimonies of their own experiences were given by students, faculty, and staff. The effect was spontaneous and impressive. Hearts were touched. Tears were shed. Confessions were made. A sense of openness, honesty, and unity prevailed.

The results speak for themselves. Chaplain Crecelius helped more than 60 students find spiritual victory in prayer in his office during the week. Many of these found Christ for the first time. Others experienced the reality of the Holy Spirit, and still others found assurance of God's will for their lives. When President Le Shana, at the concluding service, asked for a show of hands of those who had made new spiri-

tual commitments during the week, nearly 200 students indicated decisions.

An analysis of this phenomenon reveals several patterns indicating the secret of the results. There was a great emphasis upon the Holy Spirit and His leading and filling. The sense of openness and honesty in witness tended to disarm and melt opposition. The program of involvement was contagious. The pattern of simple witness was highly communica-

tive. The often repeated theme of the reality of Christ as Lord brought conviction to hungry hearts.

The fresh wind of spiritual renewal has brought to the George Fox College campus a new sense of "divine mission" in its academic enterprise, a new faith in the validity of Christian higher education in today's secular world, and a deeper commitment to Christ as Lord of both teaching and learning. ☐

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Pastors Attend Evangelism Clinic

A highly successful Pastors' Clinic on Evangelism was held at the Lynwood Friends Church October 18-22. Twenty-four ministers from Northwest Yearly Meeting were involved in this "daughter clinic" of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church Pastors' Clinic on Evangelism. The program for these ministers involved training films, lectures, discussions, designated study times, and actual field experience of evangelism.

Preparations for the clinic began in February 1970 when Roger Smith, pastor of the Lynwood Friends Church and president of the Northwest Yearly Meeting Board of Evangelism and Church Extension, was sent by the church and the board to the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church annual Pastors'

Clinic in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Dr. James Kennedy, pastor of that church, challenged pastors in different areas and denominations to sponsor daughter clinics. This challenge was accepted and the October dates were set. From February to October, Roger Smith worked with the Lynwood congregation and some fellow pastors in preparing a group of trainers for the October clinic. Eight lay-evangelists from the Lynwood congregation were prepared, who actually gave the field training to the ministers during that week.

In advance of the clinic, the church prayed for 11 decisions for Christ to be made during the three nights of visitation. A great sense of praise overwhelmed the group when the last team reported and exactly 11 decisions were recorded.

All the ministers seemed to be highly excited about the possibilities of applying the training at their churches. The ensuing developments proved this to be so. Within three days after the clinic, reports began to come in of people being led to Christ. Three weeks after the clinic, 20 decisions were reported back to the Lynwood church, and at least 12 churches were in the process of

beginning training programs within their churches. Within three months, a whole host of trained lay-evangelists will become trainers of others. At every training session, the teams go out and share the Gospel with the people of the community. An evangelism explosion is beginning.

A second clinic will be conducted April 10-14. For information, contact Lynwood Friends Church directly at 835 S.E. 162 Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97233.

New Direction for Peace and Service Board

The Alternate Service Committee of the Board of Peace and Service has been abolished. Because of a growing demand from people to become involved in various Christian ministries, the board felt the need to broaden its concept of Christian service. Because of limiting the scope to alternate service, people who did not have government service obligations were excluded from involvement. The board is developing a new program that will provide avenues of service for anyone wanting to involve themselves in this way.

The new Volunteer Christian Service Committee is under the direction of Eldon Helm and will still provide services for fellows who do have alternate service obligations. A practical reason for changing emphasis is the possibility of changes in the draft laws that could eliminate our present draft system. There is great concern that Friends in the Northwest maintain a witness and avenue for Christian service even if the government ceases to demand a period of service. Christ calls us to serve others, and our willingness should not be dependent upon government demands but should be in glad response to God and in thankfulness for what he has done in our lives.

The board wants to be an arm of the Friends Church and to contribute to the building of the kingdom of God. If you would like more information, contact the Volunteer Christian Service Committee in care of Eldon Helm, 205 N.E. 67th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97213.

MIDWINTER CONVENTION

The annual Midwinter Friends Youth Convention will be held on December 28 through January 1 at Twin Rocks Friends conference grounds. David Leach, pastor of Friends Memorial Church in Seattle, Washington, will be the speaker. Randy Morse and Peter Fertello will direct the team of Friends Youth officers in charge of the conference. Registrants will pay \$19 for the four-day gathering on the Oregon coast.



The "Pilgrims," winners of the music competition at the recent Friends Youth conference in Bolivia. Elias, playing the reed flute, is new Friends Youth president for 1972.

THAT'S LOVE



"God so greatly loved the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him shall not be lost but have everlasting life." The most radical fact of history was the entrance of Jesus into it. God loved the world, but the world did not really understand how much He loved them. To demonstrate that love He gave up His most precious possession—His only begotten Son. In doing so He actually was saying to the world, Here is my most precious possession, take it—take Him. I know you killed the prophets who went before Him, but here He is anyway, my only Son. I know He will be stripped of the glory that He had with me from the beginning of time, of glory He deserves totally, but here He is anyway. I know He will suffer in indescribable ways, but here He is anyway. I know He will die the death of a common criminal, but here He is anyway.

"And the Word [Christ] became flesh and lived awhile among us; and we actually saw His glory—His honor, His majesty; such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14 ANT)

The finest commentary of this verse is Philippians 2:5-8. Here Paul shows us the anatomy of the love of God through Christ. He "being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained; but stripped Himself so as to assume the guise of a servant, in that He became like men and was born a human being . . . and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of [the] cross!" (Philippians 2:6-8 ANT)

This is how Jesus loved. And verse 5 says, "Let Him be your example in humility." If we are to serve God, then this anatomy of His love must be the anatomy of our love. If we love as God loves then we too must let go of glory, of position, of status, of ambition in order to do God's will. As long as we insist on grasping to our prerogative, the love of God cannot show through us. Jesus emptied Himself. This is how God's love works. When God loves, He becomes the servant.

Supper was over. Jesus rose and washed His disciples' feet (John 13). That's love. We too must demonstrate our love in action as God and Jesus did.

He not only became a servant. He died. God's love suffers death. As long as we will not die, God's love cannot be shown through us. "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone." Oh, the awful tragic aloneness of those who will not die. "But if it dies, it produces many others and yields a rich harvest." (John 12:24) This willing-to-die kind of love is the most radical force in history. And we live in a day when wives are starved for this kind of love, when youth and church members and the world is starved for this kind of love.

If we begin to love this way, as God loves, we can be the most revolutionary force in our day. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." —Norval Hadley

FLUTTERING THINGS

I saw leaves fluttering today
As the wind coaxed them out to play.
They swirled and they swooshed,
They swished and they swooped,
So light were they.

Like fine parchment
They floated down, then
Were caught up—
Up high
Climbing the sky.
Then, crash!
Back to earth they were hurled
In a gush of full wind
Were crushed to the ground.

Up and down
This way and that—
Masters not of their own souls
But whirled to and fro
By the wind—that held them
In its grasp.

O Lord, may I not be a fluttering,
Swirled or swooshed,
Swished or swooped
Up to the sky, then
Downward hurled,
But—
Strong and deep
Steady and true
Firmly anchored
To You,
The Master of my soul. —Carolann Palmer

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Information for a history of Quaker Hill Conferences. If you have any information about the conferences at Perry or Wallowa Lake that would be useful for historical purposes, please send it to

Glenn Armstrong
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Information is also wanted for a history of the settling of Greenleaf. Please send any pertinent information you may have to one of the following:

Rosella Moon
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Good pictures will be needed for both of these histories if anyone has pictures they are willing to loan.

NOTICE

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WRC Aids Typhoon Victims

Five thousand families in Quang Ngai province of Vietnam are being helped by

World Relief Commission (NAE) following 90 percent devastation of homes by Typhoon Hester. Bread supplied by WRC is the only food available at present, according to a telephoned message from Stuart Willcuts, WRC's deputy director in Vietnam.

Christian Youth Social Service, WRC's Vietnamese counterpart agency, is distributing the bread, clothing, and blankets. CYSS is an arm of The Evangelical Church of Vietnam.

Stuart Willcuts reported all WRC personnel safe. The only serious damage was to the electrical system in the Hoa Khanh Children's Hospital, where they were without power for five days.

MIDYEAR BOARD MEETINGS

February 10-11—Board of Evangelism

February 11-12—All other boards except Finance

February 17—Finance

February 18-19—Executive Council

(Note: The meetings on February 12 will conclude early enough to allow attendance at late afternoon activities of Homecoming at George Fox College.)

AMONG THE CHURCHES

GREENLEAF AREA

Caldwell—Glenn K. Armstrong, pastor

Teryl and Janet Hibbs, with their family, met with us Sunday evening, October 18. It was a time of blessed fellowship as they told of their aspirations and plans for their field of labor under Missionary Aviation Fellowship to New Guinea. They showed a color film, *In a Quiet Place*, a 39-minute youth film.

Some remodeling has been done in the nursery room, which makes it much more convenient.

A covered-dish luncheon honoring Olive Miller was held at the church September 24. She sold her home and moved back to Burr Oak, Kansas. This faithful worker will be greatly missed from our church.

We held our annual Thanksgiving Harvest Dinner at the church October 31 with our missionaries, David and Florence Thomas, as special guests. They spoke at the morning service and told of their missionary work in Bolivia.

Quaker Hill Board has announced that some innerspring mattresses have been purchased in Portland—quite an improvement over the present uncomfortable ones or the straw ticks used at one time.

Our WMU held the October meeting in the church Fellowship Hall. Reports were given from the WMU retreat held in Pendleton. Janet Hibbs was the special speaker and told how she and Teryl were called to the mission field. A "Silent Auction" was also a feature of the meeting.

Our treasurer, Cliff Metcalf, reports having made the final payment of the mortgage on the parsonage, and the title deed is now in the vault at Greenleaf Academy.

A "Greater Caldwell-Nampa" Association of Evangelical Ministers was organized in our church September 30, affiliated with the National Association of Evangelicals.

Our pastor was one of five pastors from Idaho who attended the Kennedy Pastors' Clinic on Evangelism at Lynwood Friends Church in October.

Our pastor attended the Board of Evangelism of Northwest Yearly Meeting at the

regular fall retreat at Harbor House, Twin Rocks, Oregon, the 5th and 6th of November.

Greenleaf—Gordon St. George, pastor

Roy Clark was the special speaker at the Area Rally held at Greenleaf November 13. The Youth Rally on Sunday afternoon featured Malcolm MacGregor from Maplewood Friends of Portland and was held at the Caldwell church.

The Los Amigos Sunday School Class is buying a tape recorder for the use of the Sunday school. Derrol Hockett is teacher of the class.

Sue Rinard and Jana Binford, Greenleaf Academy students, returned November 17 from Abington Friends School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they were guests of the school for three weeks. The school will send two of its students to Greenleaf Academy next year for a similar exchange of ideas and impressions.

—Iverna Hibbs, reporter

NEWBERG AREA

Netarts—Irwin Alger, pastor

The Netarts Friends Church has enjoyed having David and Florence Thomas in the congregation. Their talks and films on Bolivia have been inspiring and greatly enjoyed.

Ernie Taylor gave an account of his trip to the Boy Scouts World Jamboree held in Japan at the base of Mt. Fuji. Sharing his adventures and pictures was interesting.

The attendance contest ended with the losers treating the winners to a Halloween party.

David and Judy Strait were guests on November 7. Pictures were shown and a presentation given by David on his CO work in Bolivia under World Gospel Mission as a pilot.

Our church group joined with Nehalem Bay Friends Church at Twin Rocks Conference Grounds in a fellowship dinner and special program by Roscoe and Tina Knight. The local choir sang.

An informal dinner get-together was held November 11 in honor of Pastor and Mrs.

Alger's wedding anniversary. Their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wilks, accompanied by Judi Birch, all members of Caldwell Friends Church, were here for the occasion and presented pictures of Korea.

—Betty Taylor, reporter

Sherwood—Lloyd A. Melhorn, pastor

We had a total of 56 at Family Camp over Labor Day.

September 12 we had Sunday school promotions and the annual Sunday school picnic at Camp Tilikum.

There were 54 people from the church who spent the weekend of October 18-19 on a campout at Three Creeks. They had their own Sunday service led by Dave Fendall.

September 26 there was a church potluck followed by a survey of the community. A total of 120 homes were contacted and asked what they thought the church should be doing for the community.

There was an all-church skating party September 27 at Hillsboro.

The high school young people went bowling and ice skating the 9th of October. The next day they went into "Peoples Park" in Portland to do personal witnessing. Eighteen young people participated.

Our volleyball team beat the GFC varsity girls at a game October 23.

Ten people from our church attended the Union Gospel annual dinner the 8th of November.

Our old church and parsonage have been sold, and we had our annual community Thanksgiving dinner at the new church November 20. The first service was held November 21. How we rejoice at being able to complete the new church in six months! Much volunteer work went into the building, and many families spent hours together working on the church. We pray we may have a more effective ministry to the community. Already a Head Start program is using the church five mornings a week. *—Jerri Bishop, reporter*

PORTLAND AREA

Hillsboro—Oscar Brown, pastor

Things are happening at Hillsboro Friends, so a news sheet, "Hillsboro Happenings," is being sent bimonthly to constituents and prospects, keeping them informed of church activities.

The Sunday school has broken the 100 barrier, and the goal is to bring the year's average up to that figure at least by June 30. Average for October was 97. Peggy Cadd is superintendent.

Fun Night is being held twice a month at a nearby school gym, with activities for all ages, chief of which is a men's basketball team. This is sponsored by the Friends Men and is being coordinated by Milt Asher.

The annual missionary dinner was held in October, featuring home missions this year. An offering of \$105 was received to assist the Holly Park church. Paul Greenidge provided organ dinner music for the evening.

New easily accessible offices have been constructed for the pastor and the church secretary, and the fireplace room has been converted to a spacious library-lounge. Karen McConaughy, new librarian, initiated a "library dinner" in November, at which time William Loewen of George Fox College was the speaker. He displayed many outstanding

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and current books. Over \$100 was presented by those in attendance, both in books and book certificates. Our library, in this lovely new setting, will become a vital part of our church.

Youth night was observed November 7, with ten of our high school youth and their sponsor, Steve Magee, presenting the evening service, stressing effectively the message of "Peace." They served refreshments to the congregation following the service.

Two youth Bible studies have been inaugurated this fall. The high school youth meet each Thursday evening with their sponsor. A group of college and career youth meet at 5 a.m. Thursdays at the close of the cannery night shift (at their request) with the pastor.

A new schedule of morning services has been adopted, featuring "The Church at Worship" at 9:30 a.m.; "The Church at Study" at 10:30 a.m.; "The Church at Fellowship" at 11:30 a.m. Following the worship hour, the pastor is available for prayer or counseling. This change of schedule has been well received.

God is working. Lives have been touched physically and spiritually, and the church is working together unitedly to win others, both at home and abroad. —*John Hays, reporter*

Maplewood—J. Harley Adams, pastor

Our Sunday school rally day opened with special music. Duncan McKenzie told about his bagpipe, its age, how it works, the way it was put together, and materials used. Then he gave us a good demonstration including marching. The Junior Department gave a special number on the bird whistles.

Maplewood has cooperated with the John Wesley Crusade by canvassing the community, holding special prayer meetings, and furnishing personal workers.

Carol Trachsel spoke to the adult Sunday school on Mission Sunday. Bolivian mission pictures were shown in the Junior Department.

A foreign dinner was held at the church. The program featured Rudrea Shrestha and Carol Trachsel speaking and showing pictures.

We are happy to report an increase in Sunday school attendance.

The Junior Department has a contest on climbing a mountain, with goodies all the way up.

Our pastor attended Ministers' Evangelism Institute at Lynwood.

Visitation evangelism began November 11.

PUGET SOUND AREA

Holly Park—Ralph Greenidge, pastor

On October 3 Bill Moss, Campus Life club coordinator, Seattle Youth for Christ, was our guest speaker.

A special combination service was held at our church October 10 with the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa to celebrate their "White Sunday," which is a time set apart to honor the children. The year is used to teach, train, and prepare the children in the families to lead and perform in the service of this special day. Since that Sunday, quite a few of the Samoans are attending our Sunday morning worship service.

The new Billy Graham film, *His Land*, was shown at our church October 31. It depicts

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

BROWN—To Don and Alfreda Brown, pastors of Nampa Friends Church, a boy, Troy Michael Brown, born August 22, 1971.

BROWN—To Robert and Barbara Brown of Newberg a daughter, Rhonda Jeanette, born November 3, 1971.

GUDGEL—To Tom and Peggy Gudgel of Kent, Washington, a boy, Robert Thomas, born October 4, 1971.

MARRIAGES

ANDERSON-WRIGHT. Sandy Anderson and Ralph Wright, both members of Lynwood Friends Church, were married October 22 in the church.

CHILDS-SAMUELSON. Leta Childs and Cliff Samuelson, recent George Fox College graduates, were married June 19 in the Lynwood Friends Church.

GRIFFITH-SHERMAN. Cathy Griffith and

scenes of the Holy Land and God's purpose and plan concerning the nation of Israel through quoted Scriptures of prophecy. Also, we were privileged to hear Mrs. Lorna Brown, guest from New York City, sing.

Starting this fall we have had Sunday evening Bible Study and Fellowship with Dick and Jan Wood as instructors, using the book, *The Taste of New Wine*, as a guide for discussion. Our young people are taken by bus to Friends Memorial for youth activity there. —*Ruth Alder, reporter*

Kent—Eugene McDonald, pastor

October was anniversary month for the new Kent Friends Sunday school. One year ago a group of 37 met at the Cedar Valley School east of Kent, Washington, for the opening of a new Friends work in the area. On the last Sunday of October this year, the attendance reached 75 for an all-time high. A fine teaching staff has made our unique format attractive to many new ones, and the interest and excitement continue to grow.

Four Bible study groups are meeting in homes with 18 people involved. A new women's group is beginning a series of studies using the book, *Fascinating Womanhood*.

—*Eugene McDonald, reporter*

SALEM AREA

Silverton—Paul W. Barnett, pastor

"Prophetic Signs of Our Times" is the general theme of a series of messages brought by our pastor during the past several weeks.

A wheelbarrow load of groceries was presented to our pastors, Paul and Alice Barnett. A box of groceries was taken to the home of one of our members. November 21 the Sunday school had a "Penny Walk," each marching by the altar and placing coins on a long tape. The money is to be used for a gift for a missionary child. Our pastor was main speaker for the union Thanksgiving service held at the First Baptist Church, Silverton.

November 21 we entered into the spirit of a thank offering to be used for local church expenses.

Each month we enjoy a delicious potluck dinner prior to Workers' Conference. This

David Sherman were married September 5 at Lynwood Friends Church.

PARKS-SARGENT. Nancy Parks of Lynwood Friends Church and David Sargent of Cherry Grove Friends Church were married at Lynwood September 17, 1971.

PRESSNALL-HALTOM. Jean Pressnall of Lynwood Friends and Fred Haltom were married August 20 in the Lynwood Friends Church.

ROBERTS-WILLIAMS. Arline Roberts and Paul D. Williams were married September 11 at Lynwood Friends Church. Paul is a member of Lynwood Friends.

DEATHS

BARNES—Bessie Amanda Barnes, 76, wife of J. Ray Barnes, died in Caldwell, Idaho, November 9. She and her husband were charter members of the Homedale Friends Church.

HILL—Andrew Hill, 84, a long-time member of Nampa Friends, died June 19, 1971. Pastor Don Brown officiated at the funeral services.

month we appreciated the presence of Dorothy Barratt and Betty Hockett and family. Dorothy and Betty had helpful suggestions for the conference.

—*Flodene Jarvill, reporter*

BOISE VALLEY AREA

Star—Harold Clark, pastor

Young people from George Fox College—Dave Kelly, Ron Rittenhouse, Dave Powell, Elaine King, and Kathy Hinshaw—spent a weekend with our youth in October. They shared their love and enthusiasm for Christ with us Sunday morning.

The Meridian Friends and Star Christian Churches met with us the evening of October 31 to see the gospel film, *Like a Mighty Army*. Many came to see the story of a local church getting involved in a lay witness ministry. —*Leona Ireland, reporter*

NEWS FOR THE SUPPLEMENT

The purpose of the Northwest Supplement to the EVANGELICAL FRIEND is to provide readers in our Yearly Meeting with news and information of special interest to Northwest Yearly Meeting. In addition to the local church news scheduled on a bimonthly basis, board presidents and other Friends are invited to submit news for the main part of the Supplement. The news items should be brief and when possible should be accompanied by black and white pictures. News should be of general interest to the Yearly Meeting. This could include activities on a local level of an unusual nature. Articles and inquiries should be submitted to Lon Fendall, editor of the Supplement.