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# Northwest conference— Faith and Life

Representatives from Northwest Yearly Meeting and North Pacific Yearly Meeting met at Camp Tilikum near Newberg, Oregon, October 10-14 to get acquainted with one another in the things of the Spirit and to discuss differences between the two groups of Friends. The conference was one in a series conducted across the United States and Canada as a result of the St. Louis Conference in 1970. Ten participants from each yearly meeting were there. David Le Shana, member of the Continuation Committee; Robert Rumsey, associate secretary, Friends World Committee, American Section; and Arthur O. Roberts, member of the National Faith and Life Panel, also participated.

Through background reading in David Le Shana's book, *Quakers in California*, and Ralph Beebe's story of Northwest Yearly Meeting, *Garden of the Lord*, the participants discovered a common ancestry in the western movement from Iowa Yearly Meeting. This led 100 years ago to the formation of San Jose Meeting in California and 20 years later to Oregon Yearly Meeting in the Northwest. Divergence stemmed from disagreements over incorporation of revival and pastoral methods within Quakerdom, so that the present yearly meetings represent the results of these divergent ways. North Pacific Yearly Meeting (set off from Pacific just last year) consists of ten meetings and five other groups of Friends in the Northwest and Montana. Unprogramed and nonpastoral, it comprises some 500 Friends who exhibit strong loyalty to one another in their yearly meeting fellowship and share common concerns for service work in education in addition to certain traditional forms of Quaker worship.

Northwest Yearly Meeting is comprised of 7,300 members within 60 churches in the Northwest. It is pastoral with meetings largely programed but retaining elements of open worship as well. Representatives of the two yearly meetings shared information about each other

helpfully. Both groups indicated a lively interest in increasing the meaning of worship and being open to new ways. Other positive results of the dialogue are (1) the recognition of how basic love is for dialogue over differences of belief and practices; (2) a renewed interest in our common rootage in the Quaker heritage and how it has been shaped by social environment and strong leaders; (3) the recognition of the importance of a symbiotic approach, to which Everett Cattell has spoken in his address at the St. Louis Conference, whereby we complement each other rather than cancel out the efforts and ministries of each other.

Two major papers were presented. Myron Goldsmith, professor at George Fox College, read a paper on the Quaker view of authority. He gave the historical resumé of the development of the doctrines about the Bible and the Holy Spirit within Quakerdom from Robert Barclay through Joseph John Gurney and to the uniting conferences of 1887. He showed how the 17th century stressed the authority of the Holy Spirit because this was the needed emphasis at the time and how subsequent evangelical statements of faith reiterated the authority of Scripture.

Due to the illness of Ferner Nuhn of Claremont, his paper, "Quaker Understanding of Christ," was read by Lee Bennett of Seattle. The paper described the author's own pilgrimage through skepticism engendered by the scientific theories of the '20s, first to a clear understanding of God and then to learning who Jesus is. The paper showed his concern, as a liberal Friend, to show the universality of Christ as the power, principle, or basic energy in our world and thus not to portray Christ as an offense to all who seek truth. He sought to retain the personal meaning of Christ, Jesus of Nazareth, as well as the universal meaning of Christ as the good or principle within the world, feeling that the tension of this position was necessary within the love of God, which provides the magnetic field for these polarities.

Margaret Jump, North Pacific Yearly Meeting, and Norval Hadley, Northwest Yearly Meeting, provided the leadership for this conference, not only chairing the discussions gracefully but also providing opportunities for worship together. □

## Unity of concern marks meeting of Superintendents

There was an interesting unity of concern when the United States Friends yearly meeting secretaries and superintendents met in their annual conference in Richmond, Indiana, October 27-29. Nineteen were in attendance including

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## Antecedents

Although it is not a major article in terms of length, "East Whittier Friends Church and the Membership of Richard M. Nixon," may elicit as much reader interest as any in this issue.

In late November, Pastor T. Eugene Coffin visited Oregon on matters of family business. Knowing of the national attention he and his church were receiving we asked him for a brief article clarifying the church's position. In addition an interview was arranged with Velma Clyde, religion editor of *The Oregonian*, Portland's major daily newspaper. This accurate, well-written summation of the church's stand was published in its November 24 edition and picked up by a national wire service. Since that time both *Time* and *Newsweek* (and perhaps others) have featured the subject.

All may not agree with the position of East Whittier Friends or their pastor, but they should be commended for taking a stand, and for the fact their Ministry and Counsel prayerfully reached a position as a "family" matter three years ago before the heat of Watergate.

It was in the interest of truth, freedom of the press, and fair play that we felt compelled to ask Eugene Coffin to express himself as pastor and friend of the President. It is with this same feeling that we ask you—a reader—to express yourself by writing us. And if you would like a copy of either Velma Clyde's article in *The Oregonian* or the formal statement of East Whittier's Ministry and Counsel, we would be happy to send them to you upon request by writing the EVANGELICAL FRIEND, P.O. Box 232, Newberg, Oregon 97132. —H.T.A.

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## The Face of the World



### NEW VICE-PRESIDENT PREFERS TO SHARE FAITH BY ACTION

WASHINGTON—Vice-president Gerald R. Ford is a quietly committed Christian who prefers to share his faith by action rather than vocally, according to an article in a recent (December 7) issue of *Christianity Today*.

In interviews with Ford's son, Michael, a 23-year-old divinity student, and evangelist Billy Zeoli, an old friend and constituent of the Michigan Congressman, *Christianity Today* pieced together a picture of a man living a quiet faith while faced with the greatest challenge of his life.

"I can say he has accepted Christ as his Savior and that he is a growing Christian," says Zeoli. To son Michael, the former House minority leader is a man "very committed to God."

Zeoli, president of a film company and an evangelist working among professional football players, told the magazine that Ford "accepted Christ" at a Dallas Cowboys-Washington Redskins pregame chapel service Zeoli conducted two years ago. Ford was a football star at the University of Michigan and is still a fan.

Young Ford, now attending Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Wenham, Massachusetts, says the family found "spiritual unity through prayer" as they waited through the steps necessary to confirm Ford in the vice-presidency.

### WORLD RELIEF COMMISSION ASSISTS SURVIVORS OF TYPHOON SARAH IN VIETNAM

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA—By telephone communication from Vietnam on November 15, the World Relief Commission learned that Typhoon Sarah devastated three provinces with water 18 feet above flood stage. Over 200,000 people are homeless.

WRC, through their counterpart agency, the Christian Youth Social Service, immediately shipped blankets and canned food by air to Quang Nam Prov-

ince (includes Danang), the emergency area assigned to WRC by the Government of South Vietnam.

The Commission allotted \$12,000 to this relief project to provide a thousand blankets, rice, and 15,600 pounds of flour, from which CYSS will bake French-style loaves of bread. These commodities will be trucked to the homeless people. Where trucks cannot get through, the province chief and the Vietnam navy will provide helicopters and boats.

CYSS has dispatched a team of 25 relief workers, including two doctors. All CYSS personnel are evangelicals and bring a Gospel witness in some form to those they help.

### FRIENDS CHURCH PREFERS TO RENT QUARTERS

SEATTLE—A church is built of people, not of bricks, so the Friends Memorial Church here has decided not to tie up a lot of money in the latter.

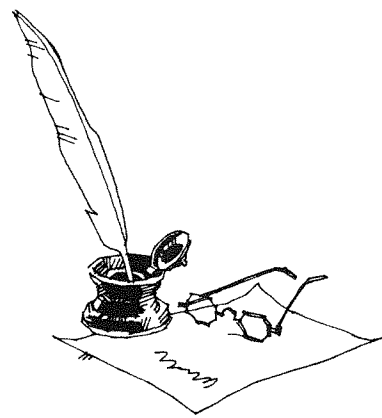
The church has decided to rent quarters, according to Pastor David M. Leach, rather than construct a new building.

Mr. Leach said he found a church of 130 people "just seething with energy," when he joined them two years ago, and eager for "the aggressive coaching ministry" that is his style.

In his role he said with a laugh that he "sometimes sends in a play from the sidelines."

Every person has become a minister in his or her own right, the pastor observed, adding that his congregation has been turned off by the church as a spectator sport. He uses the word *transdenominational* to describe his diverse church, and said the ministry is geared to minister to people who hurt. —E.P.

## Friends Write



That first article in "Friends Write" in the November issue of the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* seemed to say nothing. I thought perhaps it was because a good many of the words were beyond my vocabulary. But I got out my good old (or new) dictionary and still thought it was taking up space that might be better used.

EDITH MAGEE

Silverton, Oregon

The article, "The Church and Rock Music," in the October 1973 issue of the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* [by Wes Voth] is outstanding. The thorough analysis of this subject, plus the seemingly unbiased insight, shows a deep intellectual maturity with a balanced spiritual discernment.

Congratulations [to Wes Voth] on a job well done.

DAVID M. LEACH  
Pastor

Friends Memorial Church  
Seattle, Washington

First, thank you for your editorials and contributors for many good things, in particular that article by the Friend who was "degraded" to elevator driver [September, 1973] and there found his 20-year prayer answered. (I read the article at our prayer-group this week, then someone borrowed it so I can't quote month and page.) Thank you also for Bob Trimble's "A Working Faith," May 1973, pages 6-8.

Our prayer group has the needs of Worthington Friends Preparatory School on their hearts and minds—125 children, aged 3½ to 11 years, six teachers, but just now we are two staff short, and we have not one Quaker-oriented staff.

This letter may meet the eye of someone who will find it God's call to him or her. It's a challenging situation that tends to drive anyone not committed to Christ to despair; we have in Jamaica affluence and dire poverty, increasing crime and dependence upon a materialis-

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# So, you want it calm in '74

Joseph Kurtwright, pastor of our neighborhood Presbyterian church, and I were talking the other day. Both of us are old enough to remember rationing and shortages in World War II, and while we are not looking forward to the pinch that shortages bring, there is an overall reaction that can become a positive. As Christians and indeed as world citizens, there may be less to fear from shortages than there is from prosperity and luxury. Prosperity has a way of turning our heads and our hearts away from God, giving us a faulty sense of control and of calmness. History is full of examples of how personal and national integrity has disappeared in prosperity. While news pundits and reporters are wringing their hands for something good to report, there is a very contemporary ring from the prophet Amos:

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel come . . . O you who put far away the evil day, and bring near the seat of violence . . . Woe to those who lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the midst of the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David invent for themselves instruments of music; who drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils . . . Therefore, they shall now be the first of those to go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves shall pass away." (RSV)

Instead of marching into a new year, some are being dragged into 1974. Crisis, not calmness, is in control. How do followers of Jesus Christ respond to this? Is there a difference? We think not only of the newspaper stories but of those whose bank books are also bad news; of those whose homes seem to be tearing apart with misunderstandings, tensions, fear; of loneliness, weariness, uncertainty; of illness—our own or of someone we love—

all this is background music for beginning 1974.

Life is hard for many. With all our progress we have not found it easier to live at ease with ourselves in this world. Which then is really normal, calmness or crisis? Peace or turbulence? If peace and calm are possible, then why not now, completely? This really may be our mistake. The quiet society appears to be the perfect society. A quiet life and existence appears to be the ideal. It seems so important to some that rather than face a threatening, challenging situation, they will close their eyes and ears to it. Jesus said, "I have not come to bring peace, but a sword."

Struggle is really the norm even though to many it is a sure sign that all is not well. Life is a contrast; one continual mood would be monotonous; the pathway of human emotions as well as spiritual growth makes use of constant tensions. Jesus also makes it clear in the beatitudes: we find happiness from being hungry and thirsty; peace comes to those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. One can look at it from this standpoint: it is a great pleasure to eat a good meal when you are hungry but not much fun when you aren't hungry. Appetite is created by putting forth effort and hard work.

In one of his books, Gerald Kennedy tells of a lady who once asked, "I suppose that you enjoy writing?" "Madam," he replied, "writers do not enjoy writing, they enjoy having written." Remember the invitation of Jesus when he said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," which is not to say, Come unto me all who have been resting, or loafing, or keeping cool—or—Come unto me all who have refused to get involved in anything risky.

Peace is a by-product. Calmness is a result. Neither are to be goals. This is God's way and it is also our way. H. H. Farmer once said, "If you go against the grain of the universe, you will get splinters."

If we want to be calm in 1974, we won't find it by looking for it. Charlie Brown is right. You don't find happiness looking for happiness—"happiness is a warm puppy," "happiness is having the right answers at school," "happiness is winning an argument with your sister." This should be remembered by those who believe calmness comes in not getting involved with the problems of other people, playing it cool, withdrawing and playing it safe. Staying away from responsibilities and schedules—this isn't what the Gospel teaches. "For the joy that was set before him [Jesus] endured the cross."

Year 1974 probably won't be calm. Or safe. But God will be in it. —J.L.W.

## 'And they walked no more with him.'

In his review of 1973, Norman Rohrer, editor of the Evangelical Press (see page 7), remarked that "Philosopher Will Herberg in 1973 observed that the masses want the Gospel, not social issues." By masses, it is assumed reference is made to the Church in America.

This may be true (the groundswell of social concern found in many evangelical churches still is not the majority perhaps), but if Will Herberg is correct, does this still make the "masses" right? The swinging pendulum of church interests and wants may not be the best criteria for measuring the Lord's leading. On each occasion in history when the church was called back or renewed, it has come from a focus upon some neglected truth of the Gospel, and usually those who did the focusing were suspect, even persecuted. Martin Luther was not popular with the majority; William Carey was suspect and ridiculed by the church "masses" and leadership; reform and renewal usually start with a few voices in the wilderness.

The danger in this statement, of course, is the implication that there is a choice, as though a Christian must be either spiritual and evangelical or with social concerns. The Lord demonstrates both at once in balance.

A few days ago the black evangelical leader, Rev. John Perkins, whose remarkable ministry in Mississippi has attracted national attention, was visited by a leader of our Yearly Meeting who happens to be white. "What would happen if we were to go together to worship Sunday morning at the First ..... Church in Jackson?" John was asked as they drove by this lovely building. "Well," John Perkins thoughtfully replied (he recently spent several months in a hospital recovering from beatings at the hands of local police officers), "I would be immediately thrown out, but you would be the one in real danger from the whites."

Many evangelical Christians of the South and elsewhere are deeply burdened by this situation, of course, with great efforts made to effect changes, but the fact remains that the masses of America still seem to want a Gospel that either ignores or avoids any comprehension of involvement with issues that must be resolved for conscience sake. *The Gospel without social issues is a mockery; social issues without the Gospel are hopeless.*

—J.L.W.

Betty L. Robinson of Wichita, Kansas, is the wife of John Robinson, superintendent of Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends Church. During the first part of 1973 she visited England and Africa with her husband on behalf of their Friends mission in Burundi. Betty's vibrant faith is enhanced by a background of service to her Lord, her church, her children, and her husband.



# THROUGH THE UNCERTAIN WITH THE UNFAILING

BY BETTY L. ROBINSON

Do you remember the person in *Pilgrim's Progress* referred to as "Mr. Facing Bothways"? Bunyan had him pictured as an individual never sure of directions or goals, wanting at once spiritual blessing and the pleasures of the world.

In quite another sense, we stand at the doorway of another year, facing both ways. But we do so with the prayer of the psalmist upon our lips, "Lord . . . teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should . . . Let us see your miracles again; let our children see glorious things, the kind you used to do, and let the Lord our God favor us and give us success." (Psalm 90:12, 16, 17 LB)

A person would be very naive if he did not admit this is a time of great difficulty and uncertainty. In fact, the year 1973 has left us with much apprehension and a big question, What will happen next? Racial problems, immorality, corruption in government, crime, and war

only scratch the surface of difficulty and uncertainty confronting our lives. Now the energy crisis will have an important effect on every life in our nation and perhaps the entire world.

Little did we know one year ago that our National Government would be in such a turmoil. Our ghettos are still a national disgrace, with miserable housing conditions. There have been strikes interfering with daily life and in some cases posing health problems or a threat to the national interest. Traffic in pornography continues. And we are still involved in distressing international conflicts. In fact, the world is experiencing a depression syndrome.

As a Christian wife, mother, and grandmother, I am trying to face these uncertain times realistically, but I ask, "Will it be a long, lonesome road, Lord; a road full of pitfalls, of troubles or barren stretches of sorrow and suffering? Or will it be only a very short road for me, after all?"

But there is something great about the human race. It can be dirty; it can be violent, it can be rotten and wicked; but it can also be truly and tremendously great. So, let us remember, in the face of all that may dishearten, there are some great certainties.

For instance, I know the first four words with which the Bible begins: "In the beginning God." (Genesis 1:1) This verse is so short that all you need to do is to write it on your consciousness. This will see you through the beginning, the middle, and the end of the year regardless how uncertain the days become.

Norman Vincent Peale relates a conversation with his father: "Papa, what do you think 1911 will be like?"

"My father always shot from the hip. He turned and leveled a finger at me and said, 'Norman, I tell you this: it will be just exactly what you and I and God do with it.' And he added, 'Don't forget it. That goes for every year you'll ever live.'"

Ralph Waldo Emerson suggested that one should write on his heart that every year can be the best year he ever lived.

Well, it is God's world we live in. It is a good life. And despite all our faults and failures it is a good year ending and a good year beginning. And here "in the beginning God." That is the chart by which to set our course.

An important but patience-testing thing to do is to live a day at a time and take it as it comes. Do you realize if we get to January 2 we have to live through January 1. There's no other way.

Also, it's a good idea to live each day as though it were our last. Most of us build and save and store up like we thought we would live forever.

If we believe "In the beginning God . . ." we will be a person who is calm, collected, controlled, peaceful, and serene—but not so serene that we forget there is a great world outside that we have to enter. God needs us out there so much—especially those of us who can start doing our bit to redeem American society.

Finally, in order to make 1974 a wonderful year, we need to expect great things and put our lives in God's hands. Have high hopes. Dream great dreams. And have great faith. See visions of God at work and believe in them. Believe that life is good, that it is going to be better, and the best is yet to come.

What more positive thought do we need? "In the beginning God . . ." "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all the day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35-39 *The New International Version*)

I like the expressions of this prayer from an anonymous source:

"God of the Ages, once again we face a new year. Give us strength to forget our failures, our mistakes, and our fears; and approach this year with faith and confidence. We thank Thee for the gift of time, for years, for days, for hours, for moments. Grant that this year shall be for us a year of change, of growth, of discipline, of hard work. Give us greater wisdom and more patience and fill our hearts with love. Please God, now and throughout the year, may we seek divine direction. Help us from our hearts to say, 'Thy will be done.'" □



## THE END WAS NOT YET— RELIGION IN REVIEW

As we begin 1974, the EVANGELICAL FRIEND is happy to share once again excerpts from the Evangelical Press News Service's year-end feature "Religion in Review." Norman B. Rohrer is director of the EP News Service and executive secretary of the Evangelical Press Association, Inc. of which this magazine is a member.

BY NORMAN B. ROHRER

The tumultuous year of 1973 was surfeited with surprise, bringing a succession of shocks that put hope on hold as a decade of violence ground to a close.

Church leaders who applauded the President's inauguration, his hand resting on Isaiah 2:4, squirmed with embarrassment when he was later forced to declare, "I am not a crook!"

Charges of immorality toppled one government official after another. Watergate, and all it implied, raised a debate over pietistic religion versus situation ethics: Was the strategy of Richard Nixon to blame? Or was Jeb Magruder's admission that William Sloan Coffin's "end justifies the means" the demon?

In a historic, unprecedented move, Congress approved a Presidentially-appointed Vice-president—an Episcopalian

layman—without the popular vote.

The 11-year Indochina War, which took 46,000 American lives, wounded 304,000, and cost the U.S. a minimum of \$110 billion, finally ground to a halt. The devastation to Indochinese was incalculable. POWs marched home in 1973, ending as many as seven years of agonizing waiting.

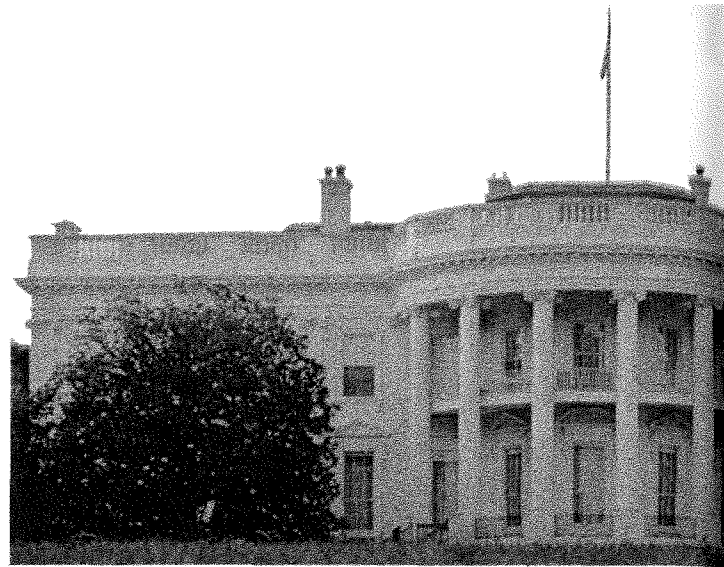
While killing in Vietnam stopped [supposedly], it was made legal in hospitals when the Supreme Court gave women the constitutional right to an abortion during the first six months of pregnancy. Groups like the National Right to Life Committee and many church leaders fought the decree unsuccessfully. "Pro-Life" bracelets sprouted. Legal battles were fought over the personhood of the

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# East Whittier Friends Church and the membership of Richard M. Nixon

BY T. EUGENE COFFIN



Because of an article that appeared in the *Christian Century*, October 8, 1973, titled "Disownment, The Quakers and Their President," by Milton Mayer, East Whittier Friends Church has been the recipient of numerous national news service inquiries, radio and television requests for interviews.

The subject of the President's membership was questioned by some concerned

*Because of recent attention given to the subject in the national news media, the EVANGELICAL FRIEND requested that T. Eugene Coffin as pastor of the East Whittier Friends Church in California bring an up-to-date report of that church's relationship to its most prominent member, President Richard M. Nixon.*

Friends and Friends meetings three years ago during the "Cambodian Incursion" by letters to East Whittier. The Ministry and Counsel Committee considered the concerns prayerfully and replied that it would be an unchristian act to drop his membership and that the role of a meeting should be one of prayerful support and counsel. The matter had been kept as a "family" matter until the article referred to above made it a national issue.

As pastor of East Whittier Friends Church, my response to the interviews was based on the original statement of Ministry and Counsel.

This discussion of President Nixon's membership has brought to the surface the consideration of the meaning of membership in any and all churches. Requirements vary, but the role of the fellowship of Christians with regard to members of that fellowship is fairly constant.

Support of fellow members by the fellowship does not condone wrongdoing if a member engages in such activity. Rath-

er, the responsibility of members toward one another requires the kind of spiritual climate in which a wayward member would be able to confess sin, repent of it, and start life anew. The question of "morality" rests with the attitude of the group just as it does with an "offender." There is compassion as well as judgment in love. Compassion is the Christian's responsibility; judgment belongs to God. In the instance of President Nixon's troubles, however, we feel he has been convicted in the minds of many before the evidence is all in.

As President of the United States, Richard Nixon is President of all the people in this pluralistic society. He cannot impose a "religious bias" upon the country, but as fellow Quakers we can pray that his judgment will be informed by his Quaker heritage and Christian experience in the evaluation of information and pressures attendant to the great issues of our time. We want to keep the lines of communication open so that concerns

## News of Friends

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two wives. Superintendent Russell Myers from Evangelical Friends Church, Eastern Region, gave a report on Key 73. There was a discussion of the London Conference on Mission and Service led by five of the superintendents who had attended.

There was a very helpful discussion on the merits and deficiencies of the traditional Friends business procedures. Louis Marstaller of New England Yearly Meeting passed around a very well-written brochure on Friends business practices.

Norval Hadley of Northwest Yearly Meeting was asked to report on his concern for a Christian alternative to war

that he had expressed at the meeting the year before. He had written to many influential leaders helping to plan the World Congress on Evangelism to be held in Switzerland in 1974. He had urged them, when Christians are gathered from around the world at that conference, to appoint a board of arbiters that could step into crisis situations in an effort to prevent war. This effort was unproductive, but the superintendents felt the concern should not die. Out of the discussion a letter was drafted and approved to be sent to North American Friends yearly meetings and other Friends bodies interested in peace.

### MALONE PROFESSOR GIVEN NATIONAL AWARD

Dr. Dale A. Young, director of continuing education at Malone College, was honored December 6 with the national "Award for Patriotism" given by the American Federation of Police. Lt. Jack Brandt, national president of the organization, said that Dr. Young was honored for his outstanding example of citizenship in assisting local law enforcement agencies in the war on crime.

The presentation was made by Keith E. Smith of the American Federation of Police, who made the nomination. Assisting in the presentation was Dr. Lon D. Randall, president of Malone College.

For three years Malone College has offered courses through its Continuing Education program for law enforcement officers. Dr. Young has coordinated these



# A declaration of evangelical social concern

can be shared relative to decisions to be made.

As an autonomous Christian Quaker fellowship, we urge the search for alternatives to war and exploitation in settling international as well as national and community problems. All the while we hold in respect personality and the individual's right to act according to his conscience, the responsibility to accept the result of decisions, and accountability to God and his fellowmen.

The Christian fellowship is not an exclusive club trying to maintain a certain status by its own effort, but is a caring community that refuses to abandon those in trouble and seeks to restore rather than destroy, heal rather than hurt, reconcile rather than divide, and accepts the risks involved.

It is in this spirit that we regard the membership of Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, and all other members of East Whittier Friends Church. □

each term with guest speakers and specialists coming to campus and emphasizing such topics as community relations, understanding the law, coping with violence, racial conflicts, human relationships, and many others. Over 300 officers have completed the courses during the three years. □



Keith Smith, Dr. Young, and Dr. Randall

Fifty evangelical Christian leaders from a wide variety of backgrounds met in Chicago over the Thanksgiving weekend to explore the importance of social concern for contemporary biblical faith. After three days of lively debate and prayer, they came out with the following, "A Declaration of Evangelical Social Concern," which in essence declares biblical faith and social concern are inseparable. It also merits mention that they also confessed their involvement as evangelicals in individual and institutional racism. They insisted that biblical repentance is inseparable from a Christian discipleship that confronts the social and political injustice of America.

Is it possible that this year the evangelical Christians can change the thinking of our land rather than leaving these questions only to liberals and legislators who, however earnest they may be, are not getting to the real root of the problem?

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As evangelical Christians committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and the full authority of the Word of God, we affirm that God lays total claim upon the lives of His people. We cannot, therefore, separate our lives in Christ from the situation in which God has placed us in the United States and the world.

We confess that we have not acknowledged the complete claims of God on our lives.

We acknowledge that God requires love. But we have not demonstrated the love of God to those suffering social abuses.

We acknowledge that God requires justice. But we have not proclaimed or

*(Adopted November 25, 1973, Chicago, Illinois. This declaration was originally signed by 52 churchmen of various persuasions and levels of leadership. The list of original signers will be furnished upon request of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND.)*

demonstrated His justice to an unjust American society. Although the Lord calls us to defend the social and economic rights of the poor and the oppressed, we have mostly remained silent. We deplore the historic involvement of the church in America with racism and the conspicuous responsibility of the evangelical community for perpetuating the personal attitudes and institutional structures that have divided the body of Christ along color lines. Further, we have failed to condemn the exploitation of racism at home and abroad by our economic system.

We affirm that God abounds in mercy and that He forgives all who repent and turn from their sins. So we call our fellow evangelical Christians to demonstrate repentance in a Christian discipleship that confronts the social and political injustice of our nation.

We must attack the materialism of our culture and the maldistribution of the nation's wealth and services. We recognize that as a nation we play a crucial role in the imbalance and injustice of international trade and development. Before God and a billion hungry neighbors we must rethink our values regarding our present standard of living and promote more just acquisition and distribution of the world's resources.

We acknowledge our Christian responsibilities of citizenship. Therefore, we must challenge the misplaced trust of the nation in economic and military might—a proud trust that promotes a national pathology of war and violence which victimizes our neighbors at home and abroad. We must resist the temptation to make the nation and its institutions objects of near-religious loyalty.

We acknowledge that we have encouraged men to prideful domination and women to irresponsible passivity. So we call both men and women to mutual submission and active discipleship.

We proclaim no new gospel, but the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ who, through the power of the Holy Spirit, frees people from sin so that they might praise God through works of righteousness.

By this declaration, we endorse no political ideology or party, but call our nation's leaders and people to that righteousness that exalts a nation.

We make this declaration in the biblical hope that Christ is coming to consummate the kingdom and we accept His claim on our total discipleship till He comes. □



# Religion in Review

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fetus, and anguished cries of antiabortionists were heard in the land.

The 130 religious groups participating in Key 73 were energetic in their evangelistic advances but fell short of the theme: "Calling a Continent to Christ." Jews termed it a "dangerous threat," and some evangelical groups were suspicious of its ecumenicity. But Key 73 resulted in a massive distribution of more than 35 million copies of the Scriptures and organized some 50,000 house Bible study groups still meeting.

## TRENDS

As skylab orbited overhead, the pace on earth slowed to conserve finite resources of fossil fuel. Violent crime increased 4 percent. Capital punishment was outlawed nationally but revived in some state governments. Some churches introduced credit-card donations. A team tried unsuccessfully to find Noah's Ark on Mt. Ararat. Educators found increasing flaws in evolutionary views of man's origins. Americans consumed nearly five billion gallons of alcoholic beverages—spending more than two and a half times as much on the drug as on religious and welfare projects.

Pennsylvania introduced "no fault" divorce. Increased sightings of UFOs terrorized some, entertained others. More than half the people (53 percent) supported euthanasia for persons with incurable diseases.

Views on premarital sex in the U.S. were significantly liberalized in 1973. Most people, pollsters discovered, prefer a quick, sudden death. One-third of all seventh graders questioned in one city admitted drinking alcoholic beverages. Pot smoking rose by 10 percent. Around the world 1,000 people each day committed suicide. Scientists discovered chemical seeds of life on moon dirt, needing only water to sprout and grow. *Laugh In* went off TV because its directors lamented, "There's nothing sacred left to ridicule in this country." Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen stated that the "ascetic principle" that traditionally served American society had passed to the totalitarian countries—Russia and China. The U.S., in his view, had become "worldly," while the "natural morals" of the Soviets and Chinese eclipsed the morals of Americans.

## DENOMINATIONS

After a steady decline in church attendance for a decade, churchgoing in the U.S. leveled off in 1973. Last year 40 percent of adults attended church or synagogue; this year was slightly lower than 1970's 42 percent.

Evangelicals were "gaining momentum" in the U.S., Evangelist Billy Graham observed as NAE entered its fourth decade. Roman Catholics were described as "nearly insolvent." Both groups looked with fascination on the burgeoning charismatics. David Wilkerson predicted an era of persecution for tongues-speaking Christians, but their numbers continued to swell in 1973. Catholics alone counted 400,000 among their 48,460,427 U.S. communicants.

The Assemblies of God announced this year an increase of 10.7 percent overseas and a 100 percent increase during the past six years. Up also were memberships of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Southern Baptist Convention (which drafted a \$35 million budget), the Evangelical Free Church, Baptist General Conference, Conservative Baptists, Mennonites, to show a trend.

Some 20,000 black church members marked the 93rd anniversary of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., the nation's largest black church group. Tom Bradley, Los Angeles' first black mayor, credited the churches with having helped him win the election. The Africa Inland Mission began sponsoring black evangelists among U.S. urban areas as well as white workers among black Africans overseas.

Sentiment moved toward taxing churches. A Delaware minister urged Christians to free themselves from their "privileged status" in relation to state government and fight for better government.

## MISSIONS

The spotlight of international missionizing, held so long by North America, gradually began swinging to Asia this year. Twenty-five Asian delegates from 13 countries met in Seoul to form the First All-Asia Mission Consultation. "Africasia" was also born—a mission advance led by Samuel Kim of Korea—to serve developing nations. More than 200 indigenous mission agencies are operating in the Third World already. The 84-member Asian Seminar on Religion and Development challenged the Christian church to "unscientization"—the raising of consciousness among the poor and oppressed.

Christian work flourished in Eastern European countries, especially in Rumania, where believers pressed for freedoms guaranteed by their constitution. Soviets eased pressures on believers in many areas, but the price remained high for the faithful.

Zambia criticized missionaries for failing to combat racism and social evils. All but three missionaries were withdrawn from Somali Republic. Uganda President Idi Amin warned he would deport all religious leaders "who make trouble,"

and the government of South Africa barred a trio of missionaries from Namibia (Southwest Africa). Israelis also called for concerted action against Christian missionaries within their borders, and officials in Muslim Afghanistan razed the beautiful Kabul Community Church, the only Protestant sanctuary in the nation, erected to serve Christians there.

Algeria suddenly allowed Protestant missionaries back in, doing an almost 180-degree turn in the official attitude. China watchers warned against optimism that Communist China would soon do the same.

The general secretary of the All-Africa Conference of Churches called for the abolition of Western mission boards and societies to rid the world of categories like "native," "heathen," and "pagan." Throughout 1973, Wycliffe Bible Translators recorded one new tribal language project begun every 13 days.



ILLUSTRATION BY STAN PUTMAN

Missionaries were among returning Indochina POWs, including Plymouth Brethren missionaries Samuel Mattix and Lloyd Opel. Henry F. Blood, 53-year-old Wycliffe translator, had died in prison only 90 days before the war ended.

#### PUBLISHING

High-speed presses hummed for religious publishing in 1973, despite the twin troubles of paper shortages and postal increases.

Many magazines serving the major denominations sank deeper into production woes. *Together* (United Methodist Church) dropped from 650,000 to 250,000, combined with *Christian Advocate* and went to *Reader's Digest* format. *The Episcopalian* was threatened with extinction by rising costs and lowering

circulation. *Presbyterian Life* and the *United Church Herald* combined into a single magazine titled *A.D.*

EPA publications enjoyed circulation increases (*Decision* at the top with more than 5 million). *Moody Monthly* climbed over 200,000. *Christianity Today*, *Eternity*, and others showed significant gains.

1973 was the first year in centuries that the King James Version of the Bible dropped below sales of other editions. Top runner was *The Living Bible*, Kenneth Taylor's paraphrased edition issued in many different forms, with 10,000 copies selling every 24 hours seven days a week (double at Christmas), bringing to 10 million the number of copies in print.

The complete Bible, now printed in 1,500 languages since movable type was invented, this year was issued in picture ("comic strip") form by David C. Cook. *The Common Bible* appeared as an ecumenical edition endorsed by liberal Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Eastern Orthodox leaders. The New York Bible Society International issued *The New International Version*, marketed by Zondervan.

Prophetic writer, Hal Lindsey, rode highest in sales with *The Late Great Planet Earth* (5 million in print), *Satan Is Alive and Well on Planet Earth* (2 million in print), and *There's a New World Coming* (375,000 sold in three weeks of 1973).

Pointing to the eroding of press freedom in the U.S. (as revealed by a global survey of the International Press Institute), religion writers warned that Christians would be living in a dream world if they were not alert to the dangers of these infringements of basic rights guaranteed by the Constitution. IRS threats to examine financial records of some church bodies . . . wiretaps of church telephone lines . . . the illegal seizure of bank accounts of church groups disagreeing with governmental policies . . . the threat of withdrawing tax-exempt privileges for churches engaged in social action—all these excesses surfaced in 1973.

#### EDUCATION

Trends in all sectors of Christian education showed this arm of the church alive and growing.

Parental alarm about academic and moral laxity in public schools gave Christian schools increased enrollments.

President Nixon led the fight for governmental aid to nonpublic schools, sending a 175-page tax reform proposal to Congress providing income tax credit for parents paying tuition in nonpublic institutions. But the U.S. Supreme Court repeatedly struck down tax credits, tui-

tion aid, and services payment provided by state laws designed to support sectarian schools. Fifty bills for parochial aid were pending in Congress by the end of the year as the issue snowballed.

More balanced instruction concerning origins (creation versus evolution) was demanded and obtained in California, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Michigan. More than 1,000 high schools across the land offered nondevotional courses on religion. Stories persisted about "underground" prayer cells on public campuses.

The Supreme Court reinstated a North Carolina teacher fired for expressing liberal views on the inspiration of the Scriptures and for teaching there is no life after death.

#### EVANGELISM

Philosopher Will Herberg in 1973 observed that the masses want the Gospel, not social issues. Multitudes of God's servants stood ready to provide it. Billy Graham, following crusades in South Africa, Georgia, Minneapolis, Korea, Missouri, and North Carolina was so moved by evident spiritual hunger that he cancelled retirement plans to continue his demanding crusade schedule. A record crowd of 1,100,000 Koreans heard the evangelist during one meeting of his midyear Seoul crusade. A total of 4,361,750 people heard the evangelist in 1973. Of that number 222,365 made inquiry concerning Jesus Christ.

European youth showed their colors in SPRE-E (Spiritual Re-Emphasis) in Great Britain. South African Christians from 30 denominations assembled in Durban for the South African Congress on Mission and Evangelism. "Jews for Jesus" also developed the slogan, "Christians for Moses," for fruitful evangelization among the chosen; Leighton Ford's "Reachout" series . . . Campus Crusade's new "Agape Movement" . . . 20,000 Lutheran youth at "Discovery '73" . . . the new "comic book" evangelism—all contributed to what Campus Crusade for Christ president, Bill Bright, described as "the greatest revival since Pentecost."

Early in the year, 142 church leaders of many traditions met in Los Angeles to organize the 1974 International Congress on World Evangelization to meet in Lausanne, building upon the 1966 Berlin congress and successive area meetings worldwide.

Federal officials curbed the activities of Evangelist Rex Humbard for allegedly violating Securities and Exchange Commission laws by soliciting investment funds without adequate collateral and once more withheld tax-exempt status from Billy James Hargis.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith tried repeatedly to ban campus ac-





tivities of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Campus Life Clubs, Youth for Christ, Student Life, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Christian Ethics Club, Teen Challenge, and Campus Crusade for Christ. Athletes in Action were thwarted during their assembly programs on campuses in Georgia and Nebraska. But the opposition was ruled out of order, and the message in muscle went on.

Although the klieg lights of the media have long since faded on The Jesus Movement, many Jesus People are still vigorously functioning. Some, of course, have dropped out of sight, phasing in and out with the wave of the fad. Others have meshed into more traditional evangelical ministries. But some have endured and are thriving, showing consistent, healthy growth.

Ministries that have stood the test of time (a few have reached the ripe old age of five or six years now) have successfully hurdled the double barriers of quality leadership and financial support. The strongest seem to be completely—or nearly—self-supporting. In a recent assessment, Dr. Ronald M. Enroth, co-author of *The Jesus People*, says: "Except for certain extremist elements, it [the Jesus Movement] has largely gone the way of a more enlightened, balanced maturation."

This includes growing interest in serious Bible study and more involvement in the larger society, especially on college campuses. Jesus Movement publications are taking a slightly more scholarly, "academically oriented" profile, says leader Duane Pederson of Hollywood.

Another trend is the proliferation of Jesus communes, "chain" style, under central management.

Michigan State University social scientists found in surveys that younger adolescents were more attuned to religious orthodoxy than older ones. Orthodoxy, they declared, declines with age and girls are more oriented toward authority than boys.

Seventy-one percent in a Capital teenage survey was sympathetic to religion. Throughout 1973, Jesus Christ was still the Hero at Large of the youth culture.

#### PEOPLE

Changing hair styles carpeted the floors of barber shops as wild styles for men turned conservative. Women succeeded in eliminating male-oriented phraseology in church constitutions. Claire Randall became the National Council of Churches' first woman chief executive officer upon her election as NCC general secretary. More women were in theological seminaries. The first woman military chaplain was commissioned.

Pornography, Satan worship, Eastern cults, and "sexual masses" increased in

1973. A 15-year-old Guru, hailed as "the Perfect Master" who would bring a thousand years of peace, developed an ulcer on a U.S. tour and was arrested for trying to smuggle \$46,000 in contraband back into India. Deprogramming of cult victims continued apace. The energy crisis drew people closer together. The "slavery of consumerism" was despised. Biblical advice on moderation was hailed.

Americans gave generously in continued support of Managua earthquake victims. Food for the Hungry, Inc., issued a book declaring famine is upon us. United effort channeled funds to stricken African countries rimming the Southern Sahara.

#### DEATHS

Notables who passed from the scene in 1973 were Pearl S. Buck, daughter of Presbyterian missionaries and the only American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. She died at 80. L. Nelson Bell, distinguished missionary physician, writer, Presbyterian leader, died at 79. Bernice T. Cory, cofounder and senior vice-president of Scripture Press, joined her late husband in death. E. Stanley Jones was found dead at 89, closing a long career as evangelist, missionary, and author. Haven of Rest's "First Mate Bob," Paul Myers, passed on at 76. Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President of the United States, died four years and two days after retirement. David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister, died November 30 at the age of 87 in Tel Aviv.

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1973—what a year! Brigitte Bardot, a woman whose fans had seemingly given everything, announced this year she had come to "hate humanity." But plenty of people were ready to love it for Christ's sake and to serve it expendably. Repeated disappointments may have accounted for a trend toward simplicity and nostalgia. Many were ready to worship the God of this nation rather than making a god of this nation. Most were willing to admit there's a little bit of Watergate in us all. An anthropologist concluded, "Man being what he is, violence is forever."

Forever? The verse upon which the President's hand rested at his January inauguration provided a fitting reminder at year's end: "The Lord will settle international disputes; all the nations will convert their weapons of war into implements of peace. Then at the last all wars will stop and all military training will end. O Israel, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord, and be obedient to his laws!"

*Time passes; youth fades.*

*Golden leaves of friendship fall.*

*The "Blessed Hope" outlasts them all!* □

## Energy crisis: God's hand shortened?

BY MARK MENDENHALL

The other day I was leafing through the morning edition of the *Celestial Observer*. The headlines on the front page jumped out at me . . . ENERGY CRISIS. I did not think the crunch would reach us here, but the headlines told me that at last we too were to be affected. The article explained that due to the worldwide energy shortage certain emergency measures would have to be taken. Here are some examples of the drastic steps taken to counteract the shortages: "From now on," it said, "whenever the word *all* is used in conjunction with a comprehensive promise it is to be changed to 80 percent." The article said that allowance would be made for the effect this would have upon individuals and the work as a whole. So, perhaps from now on, Philippians 4:13 will read, "I can do four-fifths through Him who strengthens me." "Go ye therefore and make disciples of 80 percent of the people . . ." I suppose some will be relieved that they won't be expected to live up to such impossible standards anymore. Now it is "Be ye therefore four-fifths pure." A few may even say this is the best thing that ever happened to Christianity.

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I am thoroughly grateful that we have a God of boundless power and energy. We are told in Colossians that Jesus is the creator of all things and in Hebrews that He upholds "all things by the word of his power." Jesus said that all power was given to Him in heaven and in earth. Though we may think that we are running short of power for God's work, we have only to realize that God's strength is made perfect in weakness and rely on Him. Then we are equal to any task He sets before us. Then we can say with the angels, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever." (NASB) □

William Barton, a London Friend, reflects on . . .

# A VISIT TO FRIENDS IN BOLIVIA



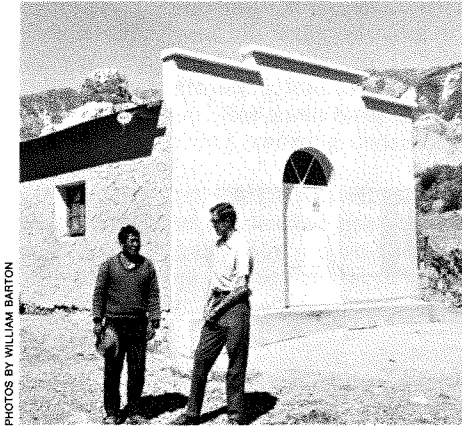
*William E. Barton, general secretary of Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), London, visited Bolivia for a week in late July 1973 while en route to the FWCC meetings in Sydney, Australia. This article represents his personal interpretation of this experience. Photo above is of Severino Bartalama, secretary of the Bolivian Friends Mesa Directiva, with his wife Salome and their son Orlando.*

"Friends in Bolivia? Never heard of them!" That has been the occasional reaction of Quakers when I referred to my recent visit. Such comments reflect the kind of communication gap the Friends World Committee for Consultation is trying to fill. I was grateful for the opportunity of learning in this context provided by my South American-Pacific route to the FWCC Triennial Meeting in Sydney, Australia.

Quakers are not fond of superlatives, but I will risk quoting the fact that Bolivian Friends belong to a land where the capital, La Paz, is situated at almost 12,000 feet, the highest in the world. Many of them live there as well as on the shores of Lake Titicaca, the globe's loftiest navigable lake with a length of 125 miles. By Quaker standards the Bolivian Friends form a very substantial group (7,000 plus) and, except for the Seventh Day



*"I was not surprised to find a strong evangelical faith among Bolivian Friends . . ."*



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM BARTON

*Missionaries Ronald and Carolyn Stansell, right, with their daughters Sara and Anita. Above, Ron Stansell with a Bolivian Friend, Limache, outside the Friends Church at Jahirkhatu.*



Adventists, are the largest Protestant body in the country. They are nearly all Aymara Indians, a good number working as small farmers.

Like most newcomers to La Paz, I felt a surge of excitement as I looked at Mount Illimani (21,000 feet) and other snowcapped peaks round the city. But I was soon aware that the scenery was breathtaking in rather too literal a sense and that there can be unpleasant side effects of life at high altitude. I perceived more clearly what a tough environment surrounds the Friends whose homes are in remote mountain situations. When Bolivian Quakers asked me about the FWCC concern for the right sharing of world resources, one could see the realist edge to their queries, which came from the background of a daily existence much more demanding than that of most Friends elsewhere.

Knowing the association of Quaker work in Bolivia with Northwest Yearly Meeting, I was not surprised to find a strong evangelical faith among Bolivian Friends, together with programmed meetings for worship and a pastoral system. There are more than 125 meetings and about 35 recorded pastors. Pastoral work is often combined with some other form of employment. All of the churches have functional pastors of some sort. Bolivian

Friends churches vary in size, and I especially remember the huge tabernacle outside La Paz at Altiplano where, I understand, 4,500 Friends came together for their Easter (Yearly Meeting) gathering in 1973.

Missionaries from Northwest Yearly Meeting (continuing an outreach that began in 1930) received me with caring hospitality. In the devoted and sensitive service of Friends like Ronald and Carolyn Stansell and Harold and Nancy Thomas, I felt both a sense of commitment and a firm grasp of the realities of the local situation. It was good also to see the positive role of short-term workers (especially on practical assignments) as exemplified in the contributions of Russell Baker (a retired farmer and member of Northwest Yearly Meeting Board of Missions) and of Denny Conant, a young American volunteer.

One of the features that particularly encouraged me was the advanced degree of indigenous control among Friends in Bolivia. They are "running their own show" with a distinctive flavor and with the kind of inner impetus that usually goes along with healthy independence. At the *Mesa Directiva* (directive board) I attended, I saw indications of the shrewd and lively central leadership with

people's sense of responsibility and involvement. Their activities include an agricultural project.

One of the common threads running through Quaker work round the world is an intense interest in education. Bolivia is no exception. Friends are active both in specifically religious instruction and in general literacy efforts. There are a number of Quaker "grade" schools and a Bible school program that helps with the training of pastors. The residential aspect of this program has been temporarily suspended because of financial stringency. However, about 80 extension students are working on Bible material, and it is anticipated that some of them will become pastors.

I had a deep sense in Bolivia of the vitality and forward movement of Friends work there. One reflection of these characteristics is a membership growth rate of at least 10 percent per annum. This expansion is significant enough in terms of the health of Bolivian Quakerism and its role in the spiritual life of the country. But it also raises profound issues for Friends elsewhere, among some of whom increase in membership is sluggish or nonexistent and perhaps not given very high priority. Questions of this kind might well be relevant to the ongoing international consideration by Friends of our mission and service work and, indeed, to the whole future of Quakerism. For this and other reasons, I hope there will be an openness to dialogue between Bolivian Friends and the rest of the Quaker world community. Such a hope received a preliminary nurturing when Bolivian Friends asked me to take their greetings to the Sydney Triennial of FWCC and when I was able to give participants there a few swift glimpses of my visit.

As I approach the end of this article, I am all too conscious that these brief comments cannot do justice to an important sector of Quakerism. Moreover, I have not referred to related aspects—e.g., the Friends in Peru (about 1,500) who are closely linked with Bolivian Quakers, under Northwest Yearly Meeting; and the missionary work of Central Yearly Meeting (based in Indiana, U.S.A.) in Bolivia. Nevertheless, these overselective observations may stimulate other Friends to a deeper exercise in understanding this field.

Coming away from La Paz one's impressions could be dominated by the stark beauty of the high Andes, the pellucid atmosphere of the high plateau, or the intense blue of Lake Titicaca. Yet my abiding memory is of the power of the Spirit working through these Aymara Indian Friends and providing yet another witness to Christ's transforming love for the whole human family. □

## Missionary Voice

# Missions in the next ten years

BY DR. P. BEYERHAUS

The most urgent task for missions in the next ten years is a thorough clarification of our motivation. The church of Christ once again in her history is attacked by a worldwide heretical wave. In its menace to the faith it can be compared only to the gnostic movement in the first two centuries or to theological rationalism in the age of enlightenment. The issues mentioned in the Frankfurt Declaration ought to be taken up on all levels of the worldwide mission. They must be answered by clear-cut confessional statements that are binding for our missionary activities.

The whole of Christianity needs a new awakening and strengthening of its life by the Holy Spirit. Only thus can we be joyful witnesses of the good news of salvation. Very often even missionaries themselves are neglecting dangerously the care of their own souls. Mission orders and younger churches are hectically engaged in all kinds of meetings and social and educational activities, but the dimensions of prayer, worship, Bible meditation, and spiritual counseling are left aside. Even some annual retreats of mission orders prefer to introduce the problems of modern exegesis rather than to distribute the bread of life. The secret of missionary fruit is the inner life of the church. Here the spiritual program and pastoral counseling system of our churches and missions ought to be reviewed drastically. It is, of course, not first of all a matter of program but of faith.

The still-open doors for the Gospel call for an all-out effort in evangelism. Once again the churches and missions should make it their target to reach every living person with the good news within the next ten years. It is clear that we thereby should make the best use of all modern means of communication and prepare excellent programs for radio and TV. But

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which Bolivian Friends are blessed. The development of leadership is, of course, a critical task among a group like the Aymara Indians where illiteracy has been up to 50 percent.

Two of the members of the *Mesa Directiva* are secretaries for evangelism. Their offices are related to a persistent outreach partly expressed through a missionary society and much voluntary work. Spreading the good news of Christ is obviously an integral element of this work. But this sharing is also accompanied by practical caring—for example, a doctor and a dentist sometimes form part of missionary expeditions beyond the geographical limits of the present Friends groups.

At a Sunday worship gathering in the Max Paredes Friends Church, La Paz, I saw an example of the role young people play in Bolivian Friends work. The gathering was led by a young Quaker, and those contributing ranged from three- to eight-year-old children (called "Sunbeams" and "Starlets") to a fluent speaker who was in his 20s. The older Friends (who formed a majority at the gathering) clearly had a good rapport with the younger element, and I felt I was in a Christian fellowship transcending all age barriers. Through their own organization women Friends match the young

wherever it is legally possible, our evangelistic outreach should culminate by personal visitation and by a face-to-face encounter.

In many parts of the world evangelism needs to be combined with social service. The deepened personal contact with the people will unveil both their spiritual and their bodily needs. Here it will be essential that the diaconal function is not just added to the evangelizing one or even separated from it. Rather, the rootedness of all physical, social, economic, and political problems in the spiritual dimension of man's thirst for God should be made evident. On the other hand, true evangelism will show that no single aspect of human life and human suffering lies outside the concern of Christ and His church. Here the doctrine of the different *charismata* and assignments of the members of Christ's body should be pointed out and developed practically.

The assignment of mission is also to develop the internal life of the church by deepening spiritual knowledge and fellowship and relating the church to the needs of its environment. Bible classes, Bible schools, Christian academies, and leadership training centers will have to fulfill a decisive role in educating Christians to become responsible members of their churches and vigorous citizens rather than sheep who are simply attended to. Here the hierarchical models of the past are still exercising a stifling influence on developing lay activities, especially where the authority of the priest or pastor simply continued in the monarchic traditions of the Sinsei-Teacher in the Confucian education system. Here we have much to learn from the fast-growing Japanese new religions, which are bursting by lay activities.

One aspect of developing lay activities is Christian youth work. I have the impression that Asia's hope and riches are its Christian youth. The International Fellowship of Evangelical Students has real strongholds in Asian countries today. The question is, how far are churches able to integrate these student movements into their life without paternalizing them? For while total independence might eventually lead toward secularization, total incorporation might stifle the spirit of initiative that is vital to young people.

New insistence on the role of the priesthood of all believers must not divert our concern for improving theological education for the ministry of the younger churches. Within the next ten years the process of complete nationalization of the ordinary ministry of the Third World churches will have to be concluded. This means that they must have a fully indigenous leadership on all levels—shepherds and teachers who are able to up-

hold, defend, and spread the Christian faith both in genuine continuity with the historic tradition and in relevant relation to the specific environment of these churches. Within Protestantism both the ecumenical and the evangelical wings are developing comprehensive and vigorous schemes of theological education in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. In both cases two aspects are being given particular consideration:

One is that the realm of the younger churches' theological education must not simply be on one academic level set by the standard of education of western society. Rather, it has to be flexible, adjusting itself carefully to the real cultural situation of the congregation where the minister is to serve. The other consideration concerns the relevancy of seminary theology to the thought patterns and questions of the people to whom the Christian message is to be communicated. The new term coined for this task of adjusting theology to the indigenous situation is "contextuality." The danger that has to be avoided, however, is that under this program the non-Christian addressee suddenly determines not only the form but also the content of the message communicated to him.

This brings us to the big question of the place of dialogue within the Christian mission. Many people seem to regard dialogue as the modern substitute for evangelism. Evangelism still should be the only legitimate form of Christian mission during the forthcoming years. But it could mean also to find out in which way the other person is encountering ultimate reality or limitations of life. Then dialogue can be regarded as an indispensable stage in preparing for the relevant communication of the Gospel.

The church must address itself to the still unsolved missiological task of developing a truly biblically based theology of religions. This must not simply deduce its statements speculatively from some general dogmatical principles; it must also take the dialectical witness of the prophets and apostles seriously that man's religions are both expressions of God's general revelation and also realms of activity of demonic forces.

In this way I believe that during the next ten years we shall be witnesses of a double event in the history of religion. On the one hand, there will be a growing incorporation into our understanding of Christ of all elements in non-Christian religions that are expressions of man's abiding relatedness to God and of God's prevenient grace. On the other hand, there will also be a growing together of all religions in their demonic, antidivine tendencies toward one syncretistic world religion. It will be the ultimate expression of men's rejection of Christ as the

only Lord and Savior. Christian mission should become extremely sensitive to both developments and act accordingly.

Finally, Christian mission within the next ten years really should draw all consequences from our insight that there is only one mission of Christ directed to the whole world. Mission will no longer be regarded as compartmentalized foreign activities of separate western churches to separate fields in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. This concept is already obsolete, and any further practice of such an outdated concept of western mission will be frustrated by national resentment in the Third World countries and churches. If Christian mission according to the irrevocable injunction of Christ is to continue in spite of Afro-Asian and Latin American self-assertion, it must be freed from the stigma of colonialism. This means that during the next ten years all mission structures will become truly internationalized in order to express catholicity of the church and its mission. Evangelistic teams in each country will be led by national leaders and be composed by an international membership. National missionary societies will merge into international missionary fellowships serving in several countries, including, of course, the countries of Europe and America.

Wherever this has already been tried during the last years, the new receptiveness of the non-Christian population has been most encouraging, and the mutual spiritual enrichment of the members has been tremendous. Isolated local evangelists and frustrated missionaries have received a new vision of their task and of the victories Christ as Lord of mission still wants to accomplish through them.

I still have to make one last point, which actually draws our whole theme into question: "Mission in the next ten years." Do we really know whether Christian missions still have ten whole years more to go? We wholeheartedly hope so, but we have no guarantee. Can we really make plans for a whole decade of organized mission activities ahead of us? God's mission can express itself in our plans, but He is not bound by them. On the contrary, His mission can proceed even in a situation of persecution where any organized mission is no longer possible. There He uses instead the confessing testimony of individual Christians and small groups. This is already the situation in most countries behind the Iron Curtain. Let us support these our brethren and sisters by our intercessions. And let us prepare ourselves and our constituencies for such time when such martyrdom may await us, too. Christ, the sending Lord, says: "He who endures to the end will be saved." (Matthew 24: 13) □





# senior adults à part of the action

BY DOROTHY E. BARRATT

*EFA's Christian education consultant tells how some churches are helping Senior Adults recapture a sense of personal worth.*

## BATTLE CREEK FRIENDS CHURCH

Battle Creek Friends Church in Battle Creek, Michigan, has set a pace by hiring a full-time lay pastor, Vern Stearman, who directs the senior adult ministry of their church. Vern is a retired district manager for the FMC Corporation, Fire Truck division. This extremely personable gentleman with a youthful spirit is finding a new and rewarding ministry with the adults of the church and community.

Mr. Stearman teaches the growing senior adult class and is finding remarkable success with a variety of involvement techniques.



*Senior Adults at Battle Creek try their hand at Youth Center recreation.*

A "Young at Heart" group meets the second Tuesday of each month with approximately 40 participating. This fellowship includes a number of adults who are not members of the Friends congregation but who need this kind of activity.

The "Young at Hearts" have some exciting programs and have taken a number of tours on the church bus. They took a "color tour" in the fall, visited a bird sanctuary, and enjoyed dinner at the Turkey Farm. They have plans to visit a pharmaceutical plant and the Ford Museum.

One Thursday was spent at the Teen Center, where the group enjoyed a variety of games available for recreation.

The adult program is not just fun and frolic but also offers opportunities to serve others. They are involved in the church visitation program and are especially active in visits to shut-ins and to those in hospitals. Some participate in sharing the cassette tape ministry, where they take the pastor's message to shut-ins. They also have a Bible study every other Thursday morning.

So, "Right On" Vern Stearman and the "Young at Hearts" at Battle Creek!



## FIRST DENVER FRIENDS CHURCH

A recent survey revealed that there are over 9,000 senior adults living within 1½ miles of the First Denver Friends Church. This information spurred the church on to initiate their V.I.P. program. V.I.P. (Vision Is People) is a program designed for adults over 62 years of age.

Besides the trips and fellowship they have also had a cassette ministry through which there have been at least two conversions.

The church honored the V.I.P.s at a special banquet with the theme "You Can Dream Again." On this Sunday families of the church adopted a V.I.P. single or couple for the day, picked them up, hosted them at dinner and took them home.



*Photos in this column show First Denver Friends honoring Senior Adults at banquet.*

## BELLEFONTAINE FRIENDS CHURCH

First Friends Church in Bellefontaine, Ohio, has a "Senior Citizens Day" on a special Sunday. The morning service was not planned for them but by them. The Senior Adults were in charge of the entire morning service. They ushered, made the announcements, had the special music, and brought the morning message. After the service they were guests at a luncheon prepared for them. □

Doors are opening for Senior Adults to recapture a sense of personal worth and to discover meaningful avenues of service. Creative programs for this valuable segment of our church population are being initiated in many churches across the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

# Tricked and trapped

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

Derek thought for sure that his heart would thump itself right out through his blue striped shirt. He felt hot and sweaty as his legs went back and forth so fast that his feet just barely touched the sidewalk. Down inside he felt cold and shivery.

He puffed around the last corner and crossed his own back lawn. Wondering what he would tell his mother, he stood at the back door a minute. She was sure to ask what was the matter.

His legs were shaky as he tried to walk casually up the back stairs and into the kitchen. "Hi, Derek," greeted his older brother Tim from the kitchen table.

Without looking up his mother said despairingly, "Look at these pants. I've only washed them twice and already they are falling apart. They looked like such a good buy when I got them on sale. They sure didn't turn out that way."

She added the brown corduroy pants to the growing pile of folded clothes. "How are you, Derek? Goodness, you must have been running. Your hair is standing on end and your face is all red. What was all the hurry?"

Derek wished he could make his heart quit racing. The rush was over now. He took a deep breath and tried hard to answer in a normal tone of voice. "I guess I was just in a hurry."

Tim gulped down the last bit of milk left from his after-school snack. "You sure look funny, Derek. Weren't you playing basketball?"

Derek shifted his weight from one foot to the other. His knees still were unsteady. His hands were cold and sticky. "We played a little ball."

"You'd better sit down and catch your breath, Son," said his mother. "I'm going to get out the sewing machine and try to mend these brown pants. I guess this will teach me to be more careful with bargains."

"But they looked all right; how did you know they would wear out so soon?" Tim asked.

"I didn't take time to really look at the pants carefully enough. I liked the price and the color seemed okay, so I just bought them. Now I can see that the seams aren't very well done and

the material isn't a good quality. Well, we'll do what we can now, but after this I'll examine things to make sure they are worthwhile."

Tim put his arms out flat on the table and looked straight at Derek. "What's eating you? You look like you'd seen a ghost or something. Playing basketball can't be all that bad."

Derek plopped down in a chair, glad for the chance to give his legs a rest. His heart was beginning to slow down. His face felt hot but he still shivered and tingled inside. "Playing ball was okay. Should he tell about the other thing?"

It seemed like a very long time that he sat there looking at the colored dots on the kitchen floor. Thoughts and questions crisscrossed rapidly through his mind.

His mother looked at him as she patted his shoulder. "Derek, what's the matter? Were you running away from something?"

"Well yeah, sort of."

"Sort of!" laughed Tim. "Anybody who came in puffing that hard was more than just sort of running."

"Okay, I was running away from something. But I don't know if I should tell or not."

"Come on. It can't be that bad," urged Tim.

"I think you'd better tell us, Derek. Maybe we can help."

Derek slid his cold, wet hands along his pants leg. "Well, Ron and Mike and Alan and a couple of guys I don't really know and I were playing basketball in Ron's driveway. Then Mike said why didn't we go over to his Aunt Ellen's house for awhile. He said she had some real neat things. I thought it sounded okay so I went with them. I walked along with Alan, and the others were in front of us. I couldn't hear what all they were saying because they were whispering to each other. I didn't know anything was up until we got over there. Then I found out! Boy, I sure wish I hadn't gone with them. But it seemed okay at the time."

Derek cleared his throat and continued his story. "Mike's Aunt Ellen wasn't home. I didn't know it until we went around the back of the house. Mike

and the guys I don't know started tampering with the basement window. Then I knew what they planned to do! So when they told me to go around to the front and make sure no one was coming I just lit out for home!"

His eyes filled with tears. "I didn't want to go in to somebody's house when they weren't home. They planned to steal stuff. I know that's what they were going to do."

"Oh, Derek, I'm so glad that you ran from them." His mother shook her head. "Those boys didn't seem like trouble-makers. You've played basketball with them and some of them have come here a time or two. I thought they were all right."

"Me, too. I didn't know them very well, but I never thought they would get into trouble like that."

Tim raised his eyebrows. "I think it sounds like what I heard Mom say about those pants awhile ago. They looked all right on the outside, but they weren't really so good after all."

"You know, Boys, I think these brown pants and now this experience of Derek's can be real lessons to us. The devil just loves to make sin seem perfectly all right. He makes it look interesting and very harmless so that we will be tricked into doing it. These pants *looked* perfectly all right and just going to Mike's Aunt Ellen's house *seemed* okay. But we were fooled, weren't we, Derek? If I had looked closer I would have bought more wisely. And if you had asked a little more about what the boys were going to do, you wouldn't have gone with them. But you did do right by leaving them as fast as you did."

"Yeah, Derek. I know some guys at high school that got tricked at a party. They drank a bottle of pop and unbeknowns to them it had some kind of a pill in it. That got them started taking drugs. Boy, don't ever take candy or something to drink from anybody you don't know."

Derek finally looked up. "I know. And I won't ever go anyplace with people I don't know, either. Even with guys my own age. I sure don't want to be tricked and trapped anymore. That's an awful scary feeling!"

"God is so good about helping us every day. That's why it is important to pray often that He will help us." Mother put her arm around Derek as he stood. "We've learned some lessons today, haven't we!"

Suddenly Derek felt lots better. His heart was beating at a normal speed again and he didn't feel tingly inside anymore. A smile slowly widened across his face. "Yeah, I guess we have. I'm going to be watching harder from now on for the devil's tricks and traps." □



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING

### Can I Believe What I See?

A thrilling scene meets our people's eyes as they wend their way up and down the mountain. A change is really being made in the surface of the road. Fresh in their minds are the happenings of a year ago when the attempts of clearing the road by means of a bulldozer were too frightening to pursue. Rain, snow, and ice had caused the road to become impassable.

Could they really believe their sight? Were the bulldozers really improving the road? Not only were ruts being smoothed but huge rocks too large for human power were being loosened by dynamite. The whole course of the road was being changed in places, and a one-track road was becoming wide enough for two-way traffic in many places. It was evident much manpower plus the use of machinery was being utilized.

One wonders what motivated this project, which had been needed for a long time. Such motivation could be traced to some concerned Navajos who "barged" at the door of their tribal leaders for action to be taken. Another factor helped to trigger the operation. The missionary, Vern Ellis, volunteered his services, without any remuneration, to run a bulldozer if one was furnished. Navajos found it difficult to understand such generosity. Thus, it led them to investigate the matter. After consulting with Vern, they awakened to a need they hadn't realized existed to such a degree. After coming to see for themselves, a number of offices at Window Rock were contacted as to their contribution. A coordinated effort of several branches of the tribe was the result.

Not one bulldozer but four were obtained. A local group of approximately 20 Navajo men also helped in the project. One day, the school and community turned out in large numbers to view the work and assist in removing rocks from the road.

A profound remark was made by one who was very familiar with the road and its landmarks. Having frequently traveled the road, he knew many places by the varied rocks that protruded, often in the wrong places. The road was now so free of such obstructions he felt he would hardly

recognize the particular location through which he was traveling.

We appreciated having lovely weather during much of the time the road was being worked on; however, some rather wintery weather arrived to delay the final completion of the road. Sincere expressions of gratitude have been given by our people for this work that has been done on their behalf. —Mary Gafford

### Area Rallies Held

About 65 people attended Springbank Area Meeting, which was held November 4, 1973. The afternoon service was in charge of Joy Jay of the Omaha meeting. A film was shown giving the history of the African broadcasting station. A time of fellowship was enjoyed during the dinner hour, which followed the business meeting. The evening service was held at 7 with the message by Walter Flickenger. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Conant closed the meeting with a duet, "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

Friends in the Rocky View Area met for a rally and business meeting on November 10. The event started with men's and women's meetings followed by a potluck dinner. During the business session, plans were discussed for our May meeting. Tentative plans are to meet at Quaker Ridge Camp for Friday evening and Saturday. For the evening rally, representatives from Child Evangelism Fellowship challenged us concerning reaching children at an early age.

### Dorothy Barratt Speaks

Several churches of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting were privileged in November to have Dorothy Barratt of George Fox Press meet with them. Dorothy shared practical tips for teachers at workshop sessions for each church where she spoke. Dorothy's enthusiasm is catching, and we all expect to be better teachers.

### Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Ten years ago, an outpost meeting started at Wiggins, Colorado, under the Denver church. Instrumental in the beginning of this fellowship were John and Virginia Jones, residents of this small community. For several years, the family of six had traveled 65 miles each Sunday to worship at Denver Friends, and then a week-night Bible study was started in the community.

On November 10, 1963, the church building was dedicated, launching this community into a decade of change and growth.

Today, under pastors Dave and Donna Ellis, this church is growing numerically as well as spiritually. Records indicate that church atten-

dance is growing each month, and reports tell of people accepting Christ.

As a part of their fall program, the Wiggins Friends Church had a Tenth Anniversary Celebration on Sunday evening, November 11. Seventy-five people from Denver and Wiggins gathered for this festive occasion. The service was composed of a variety of musical packages and the presentation of a gift to the Joneses in thanks for their years of loyalty and support. At the close of the service, a cake and coffee hour was held.

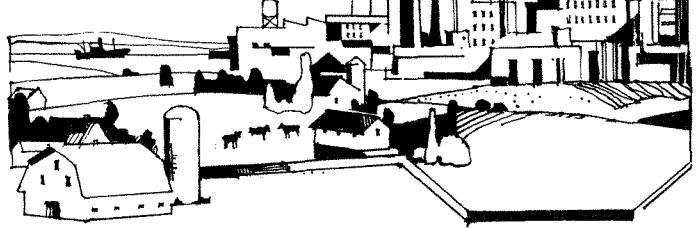
## Friends concerns

The people of Wiggins invite you to drop by and worship with them any time you are in the area.

### RYM Clerk Earns Doctorate

A. J. Ellis, presiding clerk of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, received his doctorate in ceremonies at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado, on Saturday, December 8. Dr. Ellis' area of specialty is education. Currently serving as curriculum director for the public schools of Goodland, Kansas, Dr. Ellis is in his third year as presiding clerk.

### E. F. C.—EASTERN REGION



### Sunday Store Openings Opposed

Friends in the Salem, Ohio, area joined other Christians in their community during the pre-Christmas season to oppose the opening of local department stores on Sunday.

Traditionally, the only stores in Salem open on Sunday have been drug stores and a few small neighborhood groceries. But this fall the local W. T. Grant store announced plans to begin Sunday sales on November 18.

Immediately community leaders requested the store to conform



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to Salem's long-standing tradition. Representatives of the local ministerial association and the Chamber of Commerce spoke privately with the store manager and presented their opposition to Sunday openings. Contacts were also made with district and regional managers of the W. T. Grant Company. These attempts failed to reverse the decision of the local manager, and the store was open the succeeding Sundays. As expected, other merchants let it be known that they could not afford to stay closed while their competition was open.

On Sunday, December 2, more than 60 Christian laymen representing 12 churches picketed the Grant store with signs that read, "On the Seventh Day He Rested" and "Grant Us Sunday." Five hundred pieces of literature were distributed to prospective shoppers, and several returned to their cars without entering the store. The decision to picket was unanimously endorsed by the Salem Ministerial Association.

As Christmas approached, the local store manager was vowing to encourage Sunday business with special discounts, but area Christians vowed to continue picketing and to publicly witness to the value of making Sunday a day of rest and worship.

### Faith Promise Plan Spreads

Reports keep coming to the Eastern Region Headquarters of churches adopting the Faith Promise Plan of giving to the work of missions. These reports indicate God's blessing on the plan.

After a cooperative Missionary Conference in November, churches



*Pastor Brian Teague on behalf of First Friends Church, Portsmouth, presents Dr. Ezra DeVol a check for \$1048 to help erase the Missionary Outreach Budget deficit.*

of the Northern Ohio District tallied a total of more than \$68,000 in Faith Promises for the Missionary Outreach Budget. Last year the actual giving of these same churches for the same purpose was about \$20,000. Friends in the Northern Ohio District are trusting God to enable them to more than triple their missionary giving!

In the Virginia District on November 11 Friends of the Richmond Hanover Extension Church together made Faith Promises totaling \$10,500.00. In Portsmouth, Virginia, the First Friends Church donated over \$1,000 above and beyond their regular giving to help erase last year's MOB deficit.

Friends in North Olmsted, Ohio, set a goal of giving \$1,000 to the Eastern Region MOB. But when their Faith Promises were tallied, the total came to more than double their goal. Another goal was surpassed in Alliance, Ohio, when the congregation there made Faith Promises of

\$25,000 instead of the \$15,000 projected.

What is the Faith Promise Plan? It should not be confused with a "pledge" made to an organization. The plan involves no individual solicitations of gifts. No names are made public, no cards are kept on file, and no reminders are sent.

The plan treats giving as a spiritual activity. Each person seeks God on his own and is urged to trust Him. Faith is called for. People ask God for guidance in knowing the amount He will enable them to give each week for missions. The basis of the plan is a step of faith and a promise between the individual and God made in a service of worship. For the purposes of future budget planning, individuals are asked to write on a card the amount only of their Faith Promise to God. The amounts are totaled and the cards destroyed.

The Faith Promise Plan has been used by other groups for years with wonderful blessing by God on both the givers and the mission projects. Apparently God wants to do for Friends what He's already doing for others.

### Youth Groups Cooperate For Retreat

Youth from the Poland, Bethel, East Goshen, Howland, and Salem Southeast Friends Churches joined together to plan and enjoy a retreat at the Burr Oak State Park in southern Ohio December 27-29. Their purpose was to (1) have fun together, (2) talk about current needs and issues of youth, (3) worship together, (4) receive a spiritual challenge, and (5) plan for the future of their respective youth groups.

About 60 teens and their sponsors stayed in cabins at Burr Oak and met for group meetings in the nearby lodge. Organizers of the retreat saw great value in small youth groups joining together for this kind of major retreat. Teens from the various churches got to know each other and make new friends even in the planning process before the retreat took place. It is hoped that further cooperation can be encouraged in the district.

### Did You Know?

■ That the New Point Friends Church in the Virginia District has a new pastor? He is Byrd L. Puffenbarger, a skilled bricklayer and a part-time teacher in the Rappahannock College. He comes to the New Point church from the Wesleyan Church.

■ That Lee and Iris Murphy of Alliance, Ohio, will be managing the Friends Book Store in Damascus as of January 1? They will be working on a part-time basis in conjunction with Virginia (Winn) Ball.

■ That the Taiwan missionaries were all together on Thanksgiving weekend? They had special services Friday and Saturday mornings with Charles DeVol and Everett Cattell speaking. The Goffs, Halls, and Henrys from the U.S. joined them.

■ That Canton Friends Church has a new assistant? Vernon Diggs is helping Pastor Joe Roher and furthering his studies at Malone College on the side.

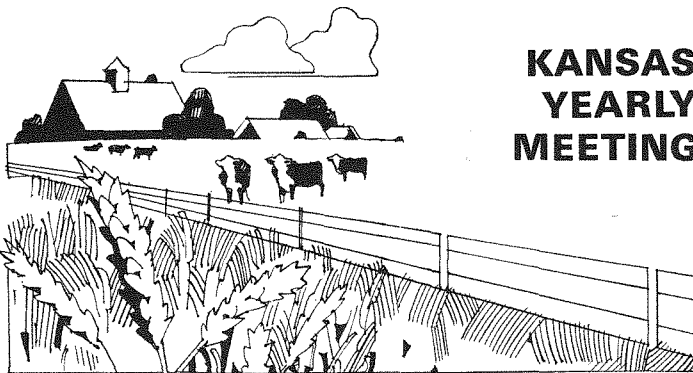
■ That Malone College Gospel Teams are available? Contact the Public Relations Office to schedule a single service or possibly a weekend youth revival.

### Focus on Malone

Malone students and alumni are taking an active role in local elections.

Dean Young, a senior, who was elected to Springfield local Board of Education (Summit County, Ohio) a year ago, is now vice-president of the board. Arthur Fach, a sophomore, was elected in November to the Osnaburg Township Board to begin duties this month. Keith Martig, who graduated in 1970, was elected to the West Branch School Board last November. He lives in Salem and serves as guidance counselor at United High School.

The Malone community was thrilled to hear the sacred concert on January 4 with guest soloists, Robert Hale and Dean Wilder. The public program was sponsored by the Creative Arts Committee and had



### Texas Doings—Tyler Tremors

"Rome wasn't built in a day."

Well, it is doubtful they had the Lord on their side! The Friends work in Tyler, Texas, was like a red-hot piece of molten metal ready for striking and shaping and molding—we didn't want to miss the "time to strike."

In recent months developments have been rapid but solid. People have become involved, the need of a meetinghouse has become crucial, and the purchasing of an excellent facility has been completed.

This brought the work to the stage where a change of status was required. A change from the status of Mission Point (outpost of South Houston Meeting) to the status of Extension Church.

On December 9 there was a "rallying" of the Tyler Friends to make the historic step of calling the first Monthly Meeting of the charter members, and by the action of the Home Ministries Division the Extension Friends Church of Tyler was inaugurated.

The meeting was all the more significant in that it was held in the facilities acquired from a relocated Lutheran congregation (Missouri Synod). These facilities are attractive and well maintained, consisting of two main buildings of stone construction and a frame educational building, situated on five lots in a well-kept, stable residential area near the center of Tyler. A purchase price of \$37,000 was agreed upon, and with the establishing of a valid organized congregation, the purchase was consummated.

Rejoice in what God has done! Pray for what He is doing!

Trust Him for what He will do . . . in Tyler, Texas.

In Texas—what else would you expect?

special appeal to churches of the area.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 11-15—Founders Week  
February 22-23—Homecoming Weekend

### Need an Idea?

■ For your Friends Action Committee? Read the report of Springfield, Ohio, Friends in the "Friends Gather" section.

■ For your evening service? Read the report of the Newport News, Virginia, First Church in "Friends Gather."

## KANSAS YEARLY MEETING

### WMU—Secretary of Youth

A booklet entitled "Miracles in Missions Through Prayer" was sent to over 50 churches. The devotions written by missionaries home on furlough told of how God worked miracles in their everyday lives. They also wrote about the different phases of work on the field, such as the Print Shop, "Kelly's Garage," and the different schools.

A motorcycle for the Burundi Quarterly Meeting superintendent is the project for the youth, including the juniors. Be sure to support and encourage your youth in this exciting project.

*Youth Secretary,  
Patsy Warner*

### Friends University

#### KANSAS ATTORNEY GENERAL TALKS WITH STUDENTS

Smiles and laughter were the order of the day when FU alumnus, Vern Miller, Kansas attorney general, spoke in convocation recently.

Miller, whose crusade against illegal gambling and illegal drug and liquor usage has earned him the reputation of a strict lawman in Kansas, entertained students and faculty with anecdotes about gambling raids and other incidents. He also recalled the days when, as a young Wichita deputy, he commuted more than 100 miles to law school in Oklahoma City.

After the speech, Miller answered questions from students and lunched with them in Sumpter Hall's newly remodeled cafeteria. He was escorted on a tour of his alma mater by President Harold Cope.

Miller was elected attorney general after several years as sheriff of Sedgwick County. There has been speculation that he will be the next Democratic candidate for the governorship of Kansas.

#### DR. RINEY RECEIVES AWARD

Dr. Cecil Riney was presented with the Wichita Fine Arts Council

Recognition Award by Wichita Mayor James Donnel in October. This award is presented annually to a person who, in the council's estimation, has contributed outstandingly to the cultural climate of Wichita. Dr. Riney is chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Friends University.

## Burundi Prayer and Praise

### GENERAL REQUESTS

Praise for . . .

. . . a good missionary retreat at Kwisumo.

. . . the opportunity of having Ferne Cook with us. She's an inspiration to us and to the African people.

### CORDAC

Praise for . . .

. . . the addition of Lois Luesing to the staff.

. . . the special Christmas and New Year's programs.

Pray for . . .

. . . the Howard Clayton family as they study French in Switzerland before going to Burundi.

. . . definite commitments to Christ among the listeners.

### KIBIMBA

Praise for . . .

. . . the good meetings held by Paulo Rutwe from Cordac in the normal school.

Pray for . . .

. . . those who accepted Christ, as well as those who refused to yield that they will let Christ into their lives.

### MUTAHU

Pray for . . .

. . . the elders. This church has

been going through a very difficult time.

. . . the pastor Nziguye that God will bless and use him.

. . . Kambayeko Philipo, a very talented young man, a Bible school graduate, but backslidden for several years, who recently has shown much interest in coming back to the Lord.

### KWIBUKA

Pray for . . .

. . . the girls Bible Club just started in this area.

. . . the weekly pastor's prayer meeting.

Praise for . . .

. . . the young people who are helping with the singing and other departments of our church and Sunday school.

. . . the 150 school children who stayed for prayer during special meetings held in our school. Many of the children are Catholic or pagans so they need much prayer.

### KWISUMO

Pray that . . .

. . . God will send a pastor to this area.

. . . God will send us some Christian qualified to help at the dispensary.

Pray for the elders, church, and youth group.

### MWEYA

Pray for . . .

. . . the Dirks in the Windy Hill dorm.

. . . the 3rd and 4th year students and the seminary students. Jim Morris held meetings here recently.

. . . Ralph and Esther Choate in Gitega, at the Literature Center.

believing Christians. But already the wave is beginning to be dissipated on the shores of indifference. I think we may be moving from this time when evangelical Christianity is extremely popular to a time when, at least among many, it will be very unpopular. This current attitude will not last forever. I expect a time to come before long when Christians will be under increasing pressure. We must "work . . . while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." (John 9:4) And part of our work must be helping believers to become thoroughly grounded in the Word so they will be able to stand against the pressures that may be coming.

## Friendship House

Friendship House, a day-care home for adults, was opened December 3 in Portland as a part of the ministry of Reedwood Friends Church. Friendship House will minister not only to the aged but also to persons suffering some disability. Its purpose is to assist people to stay in their own homes rather than having to enter a nursing home. It is a place where a family can leave a feeble mother, knowing she will have good care until they call for her in the evening. The ground level, family style house located at 9400 S.E. 41 Avenue has a warm, inviting interior and plenty of room for outdoor exercise.

The director is Anne Richey of Clackamas Park Friends Church. She is an RN with a good deal of experience in work with senior citizens. She has an assistant director and a cook to aid her and a good group of cheerful volunteers.

Friendship House is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Persons may also come for shorter periods of time on an hourly basis. The daily program includes morning coffee, a hot nutritious lunch (with diets considered), and afternoon snacks. Each day is highlighted by some activity such as crafts, film presentation, table games. It is a comfortable, friendly, relaxing atmosphere that merits the name *Friendship House*.

—Gladys Cook

## High Calling Conference

The Board of Evangelism, in cooperation with the GFC Religion Department, is planning a conference for individuals who have felt God's call to serve in some area of full-time Christian service. The purpose is to encourage these young people and provide them an opportunity for dialogue with individuals who are fulfilling their call in various ministries of the church.

The High Calling Conference is planned for March 1-3 at Twin Rocks. High school young people who are involved in the leadership of their local youth will be encouraged to attend, along with college and seminary students. Paul Meier, pastor of Silverton Friends Church, is chairman of the planning committee.

## Unified Budget

We need \$18,755 each month to reach our \$225,000 budget this year. During the fifth month our total was \$14,063. At the end of five months of the church year we are behind in our giving by \$13,887. This means every board is receiving less than its budgeted amount. Even the Board of Missions is over \$5,500 behind.

Giving to George Fox College has totaled \$3,082, and at this point it should be \$10,417 if we are to reach

our \$25,000 total. Remember that your gifts to the college must be sent through the Yearly Meeting office designated for the college in order to apply toward this \$25,000 amount.

Most of the churches are just about on schedule with what they have pledged. I feel the area where we need encouragement this year is on that over-pledge giving. Some of our boards, including the Board of Missions, are faced with heavy and binding commitments. Pray that God will supply needs. —Norval Hadley

## Midyear Board Meetings

The weekend schedule of midyear board meetings this year includes a Sunday evening rally with guest speaker, Russell Myers. Board meetings will be held in Idaho February 1 and 2, followed by a rally on Sunday, February 3, and Executive Council on Monday, February 4.

Board members will arrive by late afternoon Friday. The first meeting, a 6 p.m. dinner meeting, will be an orientation meeting with the Committee on Reorganization, at which time all board members will receive information on how the reorganization will affect the functions and plans of their boards. Boards will meet individually later Friday night and through the day Saturday.

On Sunday morning members who stay in Idaho will be used in various church services throughout the area. Early Sunday evening there will be a gathering of all interested Friends with the Yearly Meeting leadership in Jewett Auditorium at the College of Idaho in Caldwell. A youth meeting is planned and probably several rap sessions with the various boards. Later in the evening there will be a mass rally with guest speaker, Russell Myers, president of EFA and superintendent of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region.

## Youth Pastor Receives Jaycees Award

Ken VandenHoek, youth pastor at Clackamas Park Friends Church and director of their day-care kindergarten, was one of two men receiving the Milwaukie Jaycees distinguished service award recently. He was cited for his work as a minister of outreach and youth counseling. The former live-in supervisor of Jackson County Detention Home also has worked with Youth Adventures, Oregon Corrections Association, and Oregon Child Welfare Services in addition to church groups.

## George Fox College

Ten George Fox College students will be listed in the 1973-74 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Selection is the highest honor awarded annually on campus. The students, all seniors, were selected on the basis of academic achievement, leadership, and activities on and off campus.

Picked for the national honors volume were Curt Ankeny, Newberg; Doug Flaming, Caldwell, Idaho; Sharon Fodge, Caldwell, Idaho; Ruth Ann Hadley, Portland; Peggy Johnson, Bell, California; Nancy Lehman, Tulalake, California; Marjorie May, Vancouver, Washington; Ellen Perry Morse, Denair, California; Randy Thornburg, Booker, Texas; and David Votaw, Newberg.

More than 160 persons attended the fifth annual dinner for George Fox College held in Idaho. The dinner was arranged by alumni in the

# NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING



## Superintendent's Corner

I now have spent just over a week in Rocky Mountain and two weeks in the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region (Ohio Yearly Meeting). This is in fulfillment of the request by the Evangelical Friends Alliance Coordinating Council, approved by Northwest Yearly Meeting, that the superintendents give a certain amount of time visiting other yearly meetings to communicate regarding the combined work of evangelical Friends. It is hoped that after we have shared across yearly meeting lines over a two-year period, participating Friends will approve the appointment of a director of communications or a coordinator of EFA, thus relieving the superintendents of this extra load. Because there was a general feeling when the superintendents met recently that I had already done my share, I am canceling plans to spend a week in Kansas Yearly

Meeting, so my commitments outside the yearly meeting are completed.

I would like to report that this fellowship and sharing across yearly meeting lines has proven to be tremendously helpful. I have gathered numbers of very good ideas and helpful information that will make me a better leader at home. I have sensed keen interest in what God is doing in Northwest Yearly Meeting. There is also a great deal of interest in some kind of getting together in our missionary programs across yearly meeting lines.

I have also attended retreats of the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Evangelism, and the Board of Missions, and have been in some outstanding meetings in local churches. I am impressed that we are working in a time of wonderful receptivity. We are riding a wave just now. People really want and need answers, and they are more disposed now to seek them in the Bible and in fellowship with Bible-

area with Earl Tycksen, pastor of the Meridian Friends Church, as chairman. The main speaker was GFC President David Le Shana, who gave the address, "Lovers and Critics." GFC students provided the music, and emcee was Harold Antrim, youth minister of the Boise Friends Church. The dinner was attended by alumni, friends of the college, and prospective students.

A Portland area foundation that wishes to remain anonymous has awarded George Fox a \$90,000 grant for three areas at the college. Part will aid in the recruiting of students for the college, part will be set aside to allow faculty travel and miniterms and special workshops on campus, and another portion will expand the economics offerings at the college.

High school students from throughout the Northwest gathered on campus Thanksgiving weekend for a three-day youth conference hosted by the college's Admissions Department. Purpose of the conference was to allow the Christian high school students opportunity of interaction with college faculty and students about their personal faith. Speakers were Dean of Faculty William Green, Professor of Chemistry Donald Chittick, Chaplain Ron Crecelius, and Jim Settle, director of admissions. GFC students conducted small "interaction" groups.

The national premier performance of the new musical, "Requiem for a

Nobody," was held on campus November 15 through 17. The work was written by Tedd Smith, pianist with the Billy Graham Association, and is a combination of cathedral style and rock music. Performance was held by the 57-member George Fox Music Theater directed by Joseph Gilmore. Directed to the organized church, the musical is about people and involves the use of multimedia techniques and an accompanying orchestra.

A 116-voice oratorio choir entertained the Newberg community and again in Salem December 9 with the performance of *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn. The annual oratorio presentation is the college's Christmas gift to the community. It was directed by Jerry Friesen.

Bill Hopper, manager of the Northeast Multnomah branch of the Oregon State Public Welfare Division, has been reelected president of the George Fox College Alumni Association. Hopper, a 1958 GFC graduate and a member of the Hillsboro Friends Church, is one of six persons elected to top alumni posts. New vice-president is Rod Vickers, Hood River. Secretary will be Dean Rinard, Portland.

Verne Martin, Tigard, will head the GFC alumni fund, and on-campus events will be coordinated by Yvonne Carr and Mary Hadley, both of Newberg.

membership in the Word Book Club of Waco, Texas.

Pastor Brantingham has begun a weekly radio broadcast, "Morning Vesper," over a local radio station on Sunday mornings. This is a faith venture and will continue as long as funds are available.

#### BARBERTON, Ohio

On October 4, 38 Christian education workers from our Northern Ohio District met at Barberton Friends Church with Dorothy Barratt, Christian education consultant for the EFA. She gave many ideas and helpful tips to those involved in the church's educational program, and her message was a challenge to all.

#### BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio

We have moved into our new building! Our first official service was held Tuesday night, November 20. It was our annual Thanksgiving service. Over 200 enjoyed the evening as Rev. and Mrs. Earl Smith of Cleveland, Ohio, sang and spoke to us. Our Teen Choir and Junior Choir also provided music. The Holy Spirit came to fill our hearts afresh and make it a night of true thanksgiving. The new building is composed of seven new classrooms, a kitchen, rest rooms, a storage room, janitor's room, and a very large fireside room. This room is convertible into an additional six classrooms plus a children's church area. It will seat 360 persons in a service or 240 for a banquet. We thank the Lord for this much needed facility and trust to use it for His glory.

#### BENKELMAN, Nebraska

On October 29, the Young Adult Sunday School Class, sponsored by teacher Nason Wilson and Pastor Bob Sander, enjoyed an evening out for good Mexican food in Wray, Colorado. Ten couples attended.

The Sunday school teachers sponsored a Halloween party for the junior department. They all wore costumes and spent the time playing games. Roasted hot dogs and marshmallows were shared around a glowing campfire.

Town and Country Missionary Union met for a day's work in the church dining hall. Boxes were packed for the Navajo Christmas and for our college kids. Fruit and cookie baskets were packed for 15 elderly persons and shut-ins.

#### BOISE, Idaho

The young people conducted two evening services on October 21. At both the 6 and 8 p.m. meetings a film, *The Rapture*, was shown. There was special music by the singing group, Children of the Son. The film was a dramatic news media portrayal of possible events one day after Christ returns. A dessert and coffee hour was held in the Fellowship Hall following the last service.

Jim Settle, GFC director of admissions, was a guest speaker in our Sunday morning service on November 4.

The Boise Valley Area Rally was held at Nampa Sunday, November 4. Several staff members of GFC conducted one-hour workshops prior to the rally. Those attending had their choice of "Managing Family Finances," "Foundations of Christian Faith," "Estate Planning," and "Life Changing Ministry of the Church Through Christian Education." Dr. David Le Shana was the inspirational speaker at the Rally.

Beverly Lewis was a guest missionary speaker in our morning service on November 18. She reminded

us that missionaries are shepherds, taking orders from the Good Shepherd, and He is never unconcerned.

We had a Thanksgiving service at 4 p.m. on November 18, followed by a dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Later we surprised our pastors with a "Food" shower.

The youth's annual Soup Supper was held Tuesday, November 27, from 5 to 9 p.m. The proceeds (\$132) are to be used toward helping the young people go to Midwinter Convention.

#### BOOKER, Texas

Our annual Thanksgiving supper was held November 15. The WMU sponsored this event and planned a short program with a "Thank Offering" for missions taken.

The Community Thanksgiving Service was held in the Christian Church. Our male quartet furnished special music. Quartet members are Daryl Pitts, Paul Thornburg, Delbert Howard, and Bruce Newby.

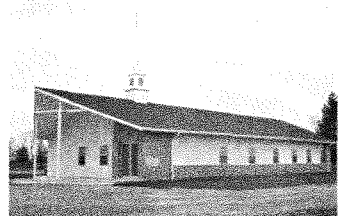
The film, *A Thief in the Night*, was shown on Sunday evening, December 2. This film followed a series of messages our pastor has delivered on the book of Revelation.

Our Christmas program was Sunday evening, December 16. The junior choir furnished several numbers. The senior high and adult classes combined forces to present a play.

A junior choir has been organized under the direction of Ruth Howard. This choir practices on Wednesday evenings. Several of the children are unable to attend Sunday school, so this is a real opportunity to reach out into the community.

#### CALVARY, Columbus, Ohio

Calvary Evangelical Friends Church held its opening service at their new location, 3030 Clime Road, Sunday, November 25. Open house was observed the same afternoon. Calvary Friends was known as Sullivant Avenue Friends for 70 years. The new building is the educational unit,



where worship services will also be held for the present. We hope to begin the sanctuary in the near future. The church is located in a large housing area. We feel the Lord definitely led us to this location and has given us a challenge to reach many people with the Gospel.

#### CANTON, Ohio

Sam Dalton, a black evangelist from Denver, Colorado, spent a recent weekend at our church. Our members were inspired by the way he talked, lived, and breathed Jesus. "There's no sense dealing with issues," he said, "let's talk about Jesus." His ministry was greatly appreciated.

Our Missionary Society has "adopted" a pastor and his family serving one of the smaller churches in the Eastern Region. The ladies have committed themselves to regularly send partial financial support for this pastor, whose own church does not have the resources to pay full support.

## Friends gather



#### ALLIANCE, Ohio

The theme for our services through the month of November was "Love Sets the Standard in Giving." That was also the theme of our weekend missions conference held November 30-December 2. Our Faith Promise Outreach Budget was presented by missionary chairman, Glenn Aurance, and this was followed by a message by Christian businessman, Melvin Nine of New Brighton, Pennsylvania, on the subject of Faith Promise giving.

#### ALUM CREEK, Marengo, Ohio

Our services on November 18 broke with tradition; in the morning we heard a Quaker of the unprogrammed (quiet) heritage, and in the evening a film was shown, followed by informal fellowship. Edward Atkinson, M.D., from Greenville, Pennsylvania, was the speaker for our morning worship service. At present

he is not practicing medicine, retains membership with Pennsylvania Friends, and is president of the Youngstown, Ohio, chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. The young people of our church planned and conducted the evening service with the Moody science film, *Dust or Destiny*. Our oldest adult Sunday school class provided the film for the youth. The working together of these several age groups was noted with thanksgiving.

The Pioneer Girls' Pal Banquet was held November 20. Bibles were presented to 16 new members. The girls meet every week through the school year, and the "Pals" are ladies who give their time in prayer and fellowship to individual girls. This work is a Christian outreach ministry.

New books are being added to our church library as the result of our



We have recently remodeled our sanctuary. New paint, refinishing, and carpeting have greatly enhanced our worship facility.

### **DAMASCUS, Ohio**

On November 23 the senior Friends Youth of our church gathered at the homes of their counselors for their annual Bake Day. More than 40 young people participated in the baking of over 100 pounds of cakes, cookies, and candies for servicemen and shut-ins of our church. They concluded the day with a trip to Akron to hear Bob Harrington speak.

### **DEERFIELD, Ohio**

Our Sunday school engaged in an attendance contest with the Lisbon, Ohio, Trinity Sunday school for a period of five weeks ending November 4. We felt it was a profitable contest for both churches, and each Sunday school experienced an increase in attendance. Deerfield was the winner.

Our Teens for Christ have organized a singing group they call "The New Creations."

### **DERBY, Kansas**

An important milestone was reached on November 18, 1973, when we celebrated achieving our initial facility goal by having a mortgage burning service. We praise God for His faithfulness and help in realizing this goal. The first service of the day was a Thanksgiving service. Robert Hutson, former pastor, brought the message. This service was followed by a fellowship dinner and slides of various members and pastors of the past.

At 2:30 we had our special Mortgage Burning Service, with Pastor Lowell Rasmussen presiding and John Robinson, general superintendent of KYM, bringing the message. The highlight of the service was the actual burning of the mortgage paper by our Monthly Meeting clerk, Richard Long, and the chairman of our Board of Stewards, Dwight Knight, while the congregation sang, "To God Be the Glory." Others taking part in this significant service were Lorna Long, George and Bernadine Ballinger, Jerry Kintzel, Ida Beryl Brace, Charlene Littlefield, Walter O'Neal, and associate superintendent, Gerald Teague. Many former members and pastors joined us for all or part of the day. Praise the Lord!

### **EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio**

Our members are awaiting the publication of our pictorial church directory, which will include portraits of 85 of our families and names and addresses of all our members. Information on regular church activities will also be included in the directory.

One of our members came up with a bright idea for leftover Halloween candy. Candy was collected from our members and delivered to a local orphanage, where children will enjoy the sweets as a bedtime treat.

The animals of Noah's Ark came to life for us recently when Junior Department students, under direction of Mrs. Kenneth Byham, presented the story in skit form with music.



Open house was held in our new parsonage on December 23. The four-bedroom home includes a large finished recreation area in the basement, which will be used for some church functions.

### **EAST RICHLAND St. Clairsville, Ohio**

A special building fund offering was received Sunday, November 18, in the amount of \$8,246.81. Construction of the new sanctuary and Sunday school additions began in October.

Sosan Missionary Friends took gifts to the residents of the County Home in November as a surprise. Gifts were items brought and wrapped from the homes of our members, such as purses, ties, jewelry, etc. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving, pies were taken for the residents.

The senior high youth sponsored a garage sale in October to raise money for their missionary commitment. In the two-day sale \$200 was raised. Items for the sale were donated by members of the congregation. The youth hosted a "Keen-ange Banquet" at the church in November for members of the congregation over 65.

### **FERRY ROAD Danville, Virginia**

December 2 was set aside at Ferry Road Friends Church as Murphy Day. We honored our former pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Tom Murphy. Tom Murphy was not only the pastor of a flock, but a father, friend, and most of all a God-fearing man.

God laid it upon his heart that we needed a church. He and Rev. Tommie Mangrum worked and prayed that we might have our dream come true. Brother Tom Mangrum and his wife Frances labored hard in a little garage, but the love of God and love for men kept them going on. Today, as we look about us at Ferry Road, our hearts swell with pride for having been a part of this, and we are deeply grateful for all that has been done for us.

### **FIRST DENVER, Colorado**

Members from Denver and Ft. Collins joined together on Saturday afternoon, November 10, for a Media Festival. The time was spent learning different techniques that can be used in audiovisuals.

For the weekend of November 15-17, over 50 young people from area Friends meetings gathered for our second annual Youth Weekend. Special events were planned throughout the weekend with music provided by the FBC Singers with Mauri and Margaret-Rose Macy.

We were privileged to have Vern and Lois Ellis with us November 24 and 25. On Saturday evening, the ladies joined Lois for a Navajo Papoose Shower while the men met with Vern. Vern presented a challenging message during the Sunday morning worship hour.

### **FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio**

Hello from Fulton Creek Friends! On November 4 the 11 children and their families of Mr. and Mrs. George Schultz were in attendance to honor the 45th Wedding Anniversary of their parents. The elder daughter read a paper on "Family Memories," and all the hymns used in the service were favorites of the couple. The special music was presented by three of the Schultz boys. When "Mom" rose and quietly gave her

testimony, the tears of love, joy, and praise overflowed throughout the church.

### **GREAT BEND, Kansas**

Medals for Ministry go to Ruth Miller, Flurry Kemper, and Euleta Fisher. Since the opening of the fall term last September, these students of Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, have been traveling the 80 miles to Great Bend each Sunday to minister in music, teaching in the Sunday school, and helping in a children's club held on Sunday afternoon. In addition, they have assisted many times in a program of community survey and visitation.

### **GREENLEAF, Idaho**

Greenleaf's first election as a full-fledged city put Lloyd Puntene in the mayor's chair, with Derrol Hockett and Jesse Kennison in the City Council for four-year terms, and Olen Fountain and Merl Wilhite for two-year terms.

Quaker Hill Thanksgiving Banquet was held at the NNC dining hall November 12.

Glenn Leppert, now a student at WES, spoke to the Sunday evening group November 11.

The team ministry of the church includes John Ehrlich, Lois Binford, Ken Smitherman, Jesse Kennison, Walter Lee, Lavonda Ehrlich, Winona Selby, Harry Selby, and Leland Hibbs. They breakfast and pray together at 6:30 a.m. each Wednesday morning at the Academy.

An under-shepherd program, with a leader in charge of each group, is being considered in order to keep better contact with our church family.

The Friendliness Committee, with Lois Smith as chairman, is taking the responsibility of having entertainment for special speakers.

Bennie and Ember Roberts helped their son Merlin (pastor at Meadows) and family celebrate Merlin's birthday October 1. During the night of November 17, the Meadows Church was completely destroyed by fire.

### **HARMONY, Wessington Springs, South Dakota**

Reverend Lutz delivered the message October 28, in the absence of Pastor Short.

We recently hauled in two loads of gravel for the two driveways on both sides of the church.

Pastor Short, who is involved in the Alcohol Narcotics Education Association, lectured 60 times and traveled 3,000 miles for the association in October. His tours took him into North and South Dakota.

### **MELBA, Idaho**

Many man-power hours have been given to the construction of our new church building. Beside volunteers from our own church we wish to thank others from Friends churches in Boise, Star, Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell, Homedale, and Forest Home.

Our pastor and his wife, Gordon and Norma Bennett, attended the November Invitational Short Course for Young Friends Ministers in Newberg, Oregon. It was sponsored by the Religion Department of George Fox College and included "The Current Tongues Movement," "Divorce and Remarriage," and "New Modes of Worship."

The junior high and high school kids have spent December studying Christmas. A special project was to make candle arrangements to give to the oldsters in our church who are unable to get out much; these

were given away during a caroling party on December 19, 1973.

Our church Christmas program was the evening of December 23. The theme was "Giving Gifts to Christ," and people of all ages participated. The choir ended the service by singing John W. Peterson's arrangement of "Angels We Have Heard on High."

The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders have a special two hours every Tuesday after school. The first 45 minutes is spent in Junior Choir practice. Then, after refreshments, the remaining time is spent in a variety of supervised activities. The Sunday morning Sunday school attendance in the Junior Department has really climbed since the Tuesday Activity was started two months ago.

The WMU Family Night (Theme—"Christmas in Mexico") was December 4. It included a slide presentation by Marvin and Janice Jennings of Greenleaf, who recently vacationed in Mexico, a Piñata for the children (made by Jean Buckles), and the revealing of Secret Pals.

### **NEWBERG, Oregon**

Leo Thornton, vice-president of Western Evangelical Seminary at Jennings Lodge, Oregon, was speaker at the Sunday morning worship services on October 14.

Norval Hadley, superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting, was speaker at our worship services on October 21. This was a part of George Fox College Christian Emphasis Week.

The Ralph Chapman family were speakers at our church on October 28. They presented the missionary literature program of the Yearly Meeting.

Ken Stroman, director of the orphanage at Ensenada, Mexico, was speaker at our church on October 28.

The All-church Retreat was held at Twin Rocks Conference Grounds November 2-4. Oscar Brown, pastor of Hillsboro Friends Church, was speaker.

The weekend of Discipline and Discovery was held at our church on November 9-11. William Bayne of Kelso, Washington, was coordinator.

Kathleen Gregory and Divonna Cossel shared some of their recent experiences in visiting Bangladesh at the morning worship services on November 18.

The Newberg Area Rally was held at our church on November 18. David Brown, area stewardship chairman, was in charge of the program on "Christian Life Management."

Armin Gesswein, director of Revival Prayer Fellowship, was our guest minister on November 25.

Charlotte Macy showed slides of the Twin Rocks Camp November 25.

The Christmas presentation, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," was given December 2, under the direction of Burt Rosevear, George Fox College music senior. Dennis Hagen was director of the choir and orchestra.

Mendelssohn's *Elijah* was presented by the George Fox College Oratorio Choir in our church on Sunday afternoon, December 9, under the direction of Jerry Friesen.

### **NEWPORT NEWS, Virginia**

On the second Sunday of each month we have been gathering after the evening service in our church annex for fellowship, which includes singing around the piano and sharing refreshments.

Each Sunday night our pastor has been leading us in a Bible study that we call "Digging Nuggets from the Scriptures." The chapter to be studied is announced at least one week in advance, and a study guide sheet is made available for each person. The questions on this sheet are to be filled in and answered ahead of time by each person. Many are able to learn more from the Scriptures by taking part in this program.

### NORTH OLMSTED, Ohio

Our church participated in the district-wide Missionary Conference of the Northern Ohio District, and we were inspired by excellent speakers from many places. Some of our members wore costumes from foreign lands at our Family Night Service during the conference, and international desserts, prepared by our ladies, were served. Our financial goal of \$1,000 was not only reached, but doubled. This money will be used to pay for mission work in Taiwan.

### NORTHSIDE, Grinnell, Iowa

We have a newly formed youth choir at Northside Friends Church, and recently they presented a service at the nearby Friendship Manor.

Our church participated in annual Community Thanksgiving Services on November 21 when Reverend McCallum, Grinnell's newest pastor, gave the message entitled "On Expressing Gratitude."

### PENIEL, Laban, Virginia

Peniel had a wonderful Rally Day October 28 with lunch and afternoon services and an enjoyable sing-spiration in the evening.

For Pastor and Mrs. Lockwood's birthday the church gave them a surprise birthday party. They were presented with flowers and a money tree containing several dollars.

### PIEDMONT, Portland, Oregon

Our people are committed to the sharing of Christ's love in a very desperate and needy world. They are to be commended for a loyal, sacrificial giving that is expressed in so many ways in our Albina Model Cities Community.

Thanksgiving was another happy occasion as 140 people were served a delicious turkey dinner in a Christian fellowship that included many community neighbors. We were grateful for the help of Evelyn Knittle, Gary and Fay Miller, and Louise, Renita, Zena, and Dorissa Echols, all from Rose Valley, Washington. We are so appreciative of their help in this annual expression of love to our community at Thanksgiving.

Glenn and Sue Leppert have recently come to be a part of Piedmont's serving ministry. Glenn is a student at WES, having just returned this past summer from three years of service in Nigeria, Africa, with the Mennonite Central Committee. We appreciate their assistance much.

Our ministries are continuing with a seven-day week of service for Christ—the Friends for Kids meeting Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays; junior high Wednesday nights at Ockley Green School gym; high school fellows at Cascade gym Fridays, plus the specials for the various age groups that we continually give.

The Friends in A-Chord from Hillsboro Friends were a great blessing to our people in a recent service. Their ministry in song and testimony was inspiring.

### PLAINS, Kansas

The highlight of our past fall season was a Sunday School Crusade. Each Sunday was a special day, with Children's Day being the most unique. With a few exceptions, Sunday school and worship hour programming was conducted by children through junior age. Sheila Ratzlaff trained them for the occasion. We were encouraged by a 22.5 percent increase over last year.

We had a successful Lay Witness Mission in which Friends and Baptists joined together. Witnesses came from several points in Kansas and Colorado. New commitments and enthusiasm were engendered through their dedicated leadership. Local Christians are continuing a joint program of group study and discussion instead of the usual midweek prayer meetings in separate churches.

Pastor McKinney served as guest instructor in the Bible Department of Friends Special School in December. His wife Bulah accompanied him on the trip.

### PLAINVIEW, Nebraska

The church enjoyed our annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Banquet, Thursday evening, November 15, at 6:30. Approximately 65 people gathered in the dining room to partake of the delicious turkey and ham with all the trimmings, which were prepared by the ladies of the church with Lillie Foster as chairman. A short program in keeping with the season followed the meal. No charge was made for the meal but a freewill offering was taken for the mission at Rough Rock.

### PORTSMOUTH, Virginia

Special emphasis was given to the Sunday school teacher at the "An Apple for the Teacher" Banquet held on October 19 for all Christian education workers. A "Golden Apple Award" was presented to Margaret Light, a teacher in the Senior High



Class, for her acts of loving service and kindness given unselfishly to our church family.

A "Mini-Conference" on missions was held November 9-11. George Primes spoke and showed slides of the inner-city work being done in the Canton, Ohio, area. David Gould of Eden, North Carolina, spoke and showed slides of a missions trip to Colombia and Ecuador, South America. The conference was closed with a message by General Superintendent Russell Myers on Sunday night.

October 14 we were privileged to have Dr. Ezra DeVol speak in our morning worship hour. At the close of the service our pastor presented to Dr. DeVol a check for \$1,048, which was to be given toward the Missionary Outreach Budget deficit. The Men-in-Missions group of our church gave \$250 of this amount, which they earned by painting the parsonage trim. The rest was raised by individual pledges, the Ladies Missionary Society, and special offerings.

### PRINGLE, Salem, Oregon

Sunday night, November 18, Clair Lund, missionary to Southwest Indian School under WGM, shared by slide and word the thrilling things God is doing in the lives of Indian youth.

Speaker for our WMU on November 27 was Mrs. Ted Wilkinson. She and her husband are missionaries to Japan. Proceeds from our Christmas tasting party will be used to provide Christmas gifts for two nursing home patients.

Clarence and Carol Ferguson came in December to assist in the ministry of music and youth. Clarence is a brother of our pastor's wife. We thank God for sending this much-needed help.

A high school boys basketball team has been formed and will participate in Salem City Church League.

### ROSE HILL, Kansas

We are happy to announce the addition of a new public address system that has recently been installed in our sanctuary. This came as a memorial gift from Mr. and Mrs. Aubert L. Ruddell and Donna of Jacksonville, North Carolina, and Angela and Steve Brooks in memory of Aubert's grandmother, Mrs. O. B. (Essie) Pitts, and his aunt, Ada Pitts Engberg.

Our congregation contributed to the World Relief Offering this November as part of our outreach program.

Gerald Teague, associate Yearly Meeting superintendent, assisted by his wife Marjorie, recently conducted evangelistic services here. In addition to the ministry of the Word, Gerald and Marjorie brought special violin and vocal music each evening. A warm expression was voiced for their talent, and our people were faithful in attendance.

### SALEM FIRST, Ohio

First Friends was privileged to have guests to minister to our congregation in the month of November. The Andrew Taharas from Japan were with us November 11 for both the morning and evening services. A film of Mrs. Tahara's life was screened in the evening service. The film, entitled *Yonako*, depicts the story of Mrs. Tahara's miraculous conversion.

Later in the month, Dave Boyer presented a program of music and testimony. Mr. Boyer, a converted night club singer, now is engaged in Christian musical evangelism.

Our youth under the leadership of Janet McLaughlin and our capable counselors helped with two retreats this fall. Twenty-two junior highs were at Quaker Canyon for a weekend and 42 senior highs were at Salt Fork State Park. Tim Queen, pastor of the Howland Friends Church, was guest minister at Salt Fork.

The annual Ladies Missionary Banquet was held in the church Fellowship Hall with Esther Hess bringing an inspiring message entitled "Miracles." Special music was furnished by the ladies trio, and Beverlee Shivers, representing our newest missionary circle, gave devotions.

### SHERWOOD, Oregon

The annual Thanksgiving dinner was served in the fellowship hall on November 17 with about 190 in attendance. The Mel Lamm family of the Portland Lynwood Friends Church presented a meaningful musical program.

Six Sherwood churches joined together for a Key 73 Union Thanksgiving Eve Service in the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Each church provided a musical selection and a layman who gave a witness. The music from our church was a men's quartet (Charles Gribble, John Lundy, John Wood, and Lloyd Melhorn) and a solo by Charles Gribble. The witness was given by Roger Minthorne.

A pre-Thanksgiving dessert and fellowship was provided for the older individuals of the church. This provided an outreach ministry into the community, with 20 attending. This ministry will be continued on a regular basis with individuals of this age in the community being invited to share in it.

The Dave Fendall family has moved to the West Chehalis area of Newberg. The Mel Wonderly family has moved to Davis, California. Mel has been transferred by his employer, Saga Food Service.

Home Bible studies are being encouraged and will begin at the start of the new year.

Occasional nonprogramed Men's Fellowship Breakfasts are held in a restaurant. The response to this has been good.

A new large solid cedar plank sign has been placed in front of the church. Lights will be added and landscaping completed when weather permits. Conrad Schmeltzer did the routing.

Karla Martin (Tigard High School) and Sandra Hollenback (Sherwood High School) have had lead roles in recent school dramas.

The youth presented the play, "Coping with Christmas," the evening of December 16. This three-act play has been written by Jan Schmeltzer.

On December 23 the Sunday school program was under the direction of Sylvia Littlefield; special music and pastor's message were combined into a 1½ hour service. That evening the Music Committee arranged for a Christmas musical, using the talent of our church family.

### SOMERSVILLE, Ohio

Old Friends and new enjoyed a blessed Fellowship Day on December 2 when former pastor, Kenneth Carey, presented the morning message. A potluck dinner followed the service.

The Junior Choir from the Bellefontaine Friends Church recently gave their musical presentation of "The Boy Who Caught a Fish," directed by Marcia Michael and Judy Cosand.

We praise the Lord for our new piano! A dedication service was held with former pastor, Evangelina Smith Stalker, giving the dedicatory prayer.

### SPOKANE, Washington

Our Thanksgiving dinner with four turkeys served 112 people. This offered us a delightful dinner with time for sharing and fellowship.

On the evening of November 11, we were privileged to learn more about Christians for Expo, the Christians' exhibit for the 1974 World's Fair in Spokane. Herb Monro, the director, came to our church and told of their progress and needs. What an opportunity to reach thousands for the Lord in just one summer! Counselors and other personnel are still needed.

The Sunday school teachers enjoyed a dessert in their honor December 2.

One of the most exciting happenings in our church fellowship is the

mission of Dwaine and Becky Williams. They will be leaving January 2, 1974, for a two-year term in South Vietnam. Dwaine will be training physical therapists in a hospital there. Their ministry to our congregation has been very encouraging these past four years, and we know the Lord will continue to bless and guide them as they begin this new field of service.

### SPRINGFIELD, Colorado

We were privileged to have our Yearly Meeting general superintendent, John Robinson, and his wife Betty with us in our evening service recently. John brought us a message and showed pictures of their trip to England, Israel, and our foreign mission field, Burundi, which they visited in January and February.

We had a baby dedication service for our pastor's baby, Danny, who was a year old in November. Clayton Bowers, a retired minister and member of our church, had the service.

We were privileged to host the Springfield Union Thanksgiving service on November 20. That same month, Lola Steen, a visiting friend from Reedwood Friends Church in Portland, Oregon, very ably ministered to us. She is a former pastor here. We thank God for the ministry He has given her and the strength He has given her to carry it through.

### SPRINGFIELD, Ohio

Ten teenaged young women recently completed a "Charm-Plus" course sponsored by the Friends Action and Ecumenical Concerns Committee of our church. The five-session course included training on physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual charm with emphasis on the inner beauty only Jesus can give. Some of the girls attending the sessions were from our church, some were their friends, and some were residents of the county Children's Home. Two girls expressed an increased interest in the Christian life as a result of their participation.

Other projects undertaken by our Friends Action Committee include bringing a local Probation Officer to the church to explain how Christians can take part in efforts to rehabilitate criminals.

### STARK, Kansas

We welcome back Temple Lee as our pastor. In October a church bell was dedicated in memory of Ernest Lee, who served with his wife as our pastor until his death in 1967.

Roman Ward, our area superintendent and pastor of Ramona Friends, was speaker at a recent morning service. In the afternoon he and his

three brothers and sister presented a beautiful musical program of gospel music.

We have many things for which to praise the Lord. Our young people are taking a wonderful interest in God's work and are going calling each Wednesday night. Souls are being saved and lives rededicated. A Children's Bible Club meets on Wednesday after school and a Sunday school contest ran five weeks. Our Sunday school is increasing by leaps and bounds, and new rooms are being enclosed.

Other activities are two ladies prayer groups, singspirations the first and third Sunday nights and a Thanksgiving dinner in November. The Missionary Society held a luncheon in connection with an arts and hobby show; Temple Lee gave a scene-o-felt lesson, and a white elephant auction was held. Much fun was had by all.

Much is due our pastor, Temple Lee, who is untiring in her zeal and desire to accomplish things for the Lord.

### WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania

The Missionary Society recently began regular prayer breakfasts. Our first breakfast was well attended, and many participated in the hour of prayer and sharing. Our excellent speaker, Linda Newhart, and the good fellowship were a blessing to all.

### WINONA, Ohio

Our church was included in a recent self-guided tour sponsored by the United Young Farmers. Several hundred people toured the church.

The music committee is working and praying much about the Organ Fund. The fund is now growing by leaps and bounds. The committee has recently sponsored a Request Night and a Talent Night.

### YPSILANTI, Michigan

The Michigan District Ladies Missionary Retreat was held here on September 29. Delores Johnson of Tecumseh, Michigan, showed slides and told of her work in the winter time with the Mexican Border Mission in Texas. Marjorie Myers spoke concerning the mission trip to India and Taiwan that she and her husband completed this year.

Our Junior Choir participated for the tenth year in the Mid-America Sunday School Convention's 1,000-voice children's choir at Cobo Hall in Detroit on October 26. They were busy with practices and recording sessions for two months prior to the convention.

Friends, a son, Bradley Scott, September 12, 1973.

DYCHE—To Norman and Hazel Dyche of Sherwood, Oregon, a son, Douglas Doyle, August 25, 1973.

FOSTER—Bill and Shelly (Hill) Foster of Winona, Ohio, Friends, a daughter, Elizabeth Inez, October 16, 1973.

GOLDY—Charles and Nola Goldy of Canton, Ohio, First Friends, a son, Scott, November 25, 1973.

KAHN—A son, Jason Dean, November 3, 1973, to Milton Dean and Mary Kahn, of Friendswood, Texas.

LAUTZENHEISER—Mr. and Mrs. Dean Lautzenheiser, Damascus, Ohio, a son, Dale Luray, October 29, 1973.

MARSHALL—Paul and Linda Marshall of Canton, Ohio, First Friends, a son, Eric Paul, June 28, 1973.

MILLER—A boy, Brady Lynn, November 20, 1973, to Merle and Jan Miller, Booker, Texas.

QUEEN—Dr. Herbert and Virginia Queen of Poland, Ohio, a daughter, Holly Jennifer, October 22, 1973.

ROBERTS—Major and Rosalie Roberts of Canton, Ohio, First Friends, a son, Jonathan David, October 26, 1973.

ROSE—Don and Carol Rose of Trinity Friends, Lisbon, Ohio, a son, Ryan Eric, November 3, 1973.

SCHROEDER—Gerald and Edie Schroeder of Canton, Ohio, First Friends, a son, Scott Alan, November 27, 1973.

TRUCKS—A son, Michael Eugene, November 5, 1973, to Clement and Lenda Trucks, formerly Friendswood, Texas, now Star, North Carolina.

WARNER—PFC Robert and Vicky Warner of East Goshen Friends, currently with the U.S. Army in Mannheim, Germany, a son, Scott Allen, October 8, 1973.

WERSTLER—Larry and Edie Werstler of Canton, Ohio, First Friends, a daughter, Tanya Marie, June 29, 1973.

WHITMORE—To Keith and Jan Whitmore of Sherwood, Oregon, a son, Tiffany Lee, December 4, 1973.

WILLIAMS—John and Melina Williams, a son, James Robert, June 24, 1973, Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

WONDERLY—To Melvin and Joyce Wonderly of Milwaukie, Oregon, a son, Kyle Edward, October 9, 1973.

### MARRIAGES

AULT-STEVENS. Judy Ault and Gary Stevens at Canton, Ohio, First Friends, July 14, 1973.

BINFORD-FINE. Jana Binford of Greenleaf, Idaho, and Steven Fine of Melba, Idaho, July 12, 1973.

DOLENCE-OWEN. Lynne Dolence and Steve Owen of Winona, Ohio, Friends Church, September 29, 1973.

HAYE-BOZMAN. Karen Haye and Ross Bozman at Canton, Ohio, First Friends, November 3, 1973.

JONES-CODAY. Twila Jones, Tahl-aquah, Oklahoma, and Calvin Coday, Elsmore, Kansas, November 11, 1973.

KAHLER - HONABARGER. Marla Kahler and Neal Honabarger at Canton, Ohio, First Friends, July 7, 1973.

KELLY-BEESON. Mary Lou Kelly and Donn Beeson of Salem, Ohio, First Friends, October 19, 1973.

McINTYRE-DIEHL. Debbie McIntyre and Chris Diehl at Deerfield, Ohio, Friends, November 3, 1973.

MONCMAN-BALOGH. Chris Moncman and Ed Balogh at Canton, Ohio, First Friends, June 23, 1973.

PRICE-SPENCER. Judy Price and Robert Spencer at East Goshen Friends Church, Ohio, November 10, 1973.

RIGGS-SMITH. Cherie Riggs and Warren Smith at Alum Creek Friends, Ohio, October 20, 1973.

SELL-BRICKER. Janet Sell and Tim Bricker at Canton, Ohio, First Friends, August 25, 1973.

SEARS-LONG. Peggy Sears and William Long, Derby Friends, Kansas, September 22, 1973.

SELL-HAYWOOD. Paula Sell and Paul Haywood at Canton, Ohio, First Friends, August 11, 1973.

SHEMKO-LAMPMAN. June Shemko and Wayne Lampman at Pelham, Ontario, Canada, July 28, 1973.

WEST-ROTH. Connie West and Greg Roth at Canton, Ohio, First Friends, September 1, 1973.

WRACAR-RUFF. Karen Wracar and Timothy Ruff of Willoughby Hills Friends, Willoughby, Ohio, September 29, 1973.

YOHE-KLAGGE. Karen Yohe and Timothy Klagge of Eastlake, Ohio, November 3, 1973.

### DEATHS

BEAN—John Bean, 94, East Richland, Ohio, November 18, 1973.

COX—Elizabeth A. Cox of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, First Friends, November 18, 1973.

FROESE—Ben Froese, November 18, Enid, Oklahoma.

HYMAN—Roy Hyman, member of Springfield, Colorado, Friends, October 27, 1973.

INGRAM—Raymond Ingram, 79, Salem, Ohio, First Friends, November 13, 1973.

JONES—Clara Jones, 84, of Newberg, Oregon, November 5, 1973.

KELLY—Hilda Kelly, 80, Salem, Ohio, November 10, 1973.

MARTIN—Louis Martin, 90, Willoughby Hills Friends, Willoughby, Ohio, September 28, 1973.

MUIRHEAD—William Muirhead at Pelham, Ontario, Canada, October 11, 1973.

MURPHY—Joyce Murphy of Alliance, Ohio, Friends, November 29, 1973.

MURPHY—Kathryn Murphy, 46, of Deerfield, Ohio, Friends, November 12, 1973.

NEWTON—Dessie Newton, 77, North Valley Friends, Newberg, Oregon, November 7, 1973.

TODD—John Todd, 92, Salem, Ohio, First Friends, October, 1973.

WILLIAMS—Generva Williams, 89, of Friendsview Manor, Newberg, Oregon, October 22, 1973.

VRZAK—Jean Vrzak of Alliance, Ohio, Friends in Phoenix, Arizona, November 13, 1973.

# Friends record

### BIRTHS

AFENTUL—George and Rosanna Afentul of Salem, Ohio, First Friends, a daughter, Jill Christine, October 19, 1973.

BELVIN—Dave and Delores Belvin of Peniel Friends, Laban, Virginia, a daughter, Tracy Lynne, August 23, 1973.

BRIER—To Eddie and Magdalene Brier, a son, Jonathan Edwards, November 15 at Hugoton, Kansas.

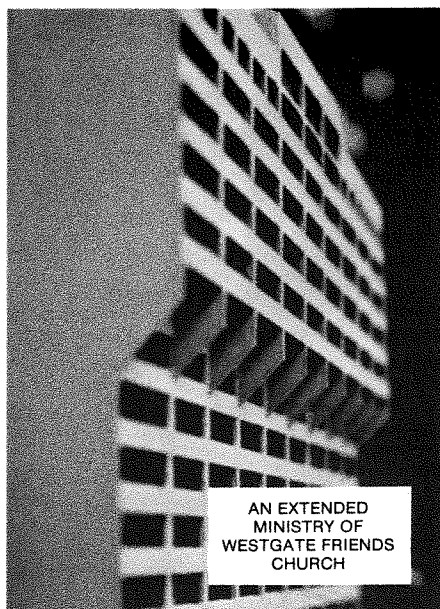
BUSHER—Michael and Cheryl Bush-er, a boy, Kim Michael, October 28, 1973, Denver, Colorado.

CRAWFORD—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crawford, Damascus, Ohio, a daughter, Susan Deborah, November 23, 1973.

CSEAK—Daniel and Cheryl Cseak of Canton, Ohio, First Friends, a daughter, Angie Lynn, October 5, 1973.

DOERSCHUK—Lynn and Barbara Doerschuk of Canton, Ohio, First





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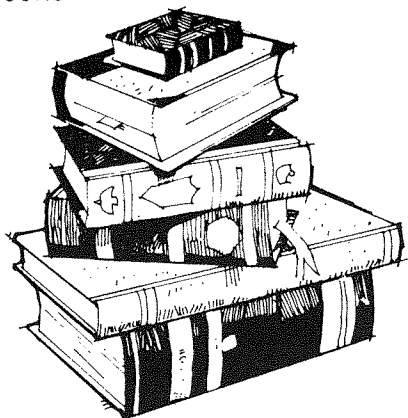
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## Books



*Fran Johnston, Please Don't Strike That Match! Zondervan Publishing House, 1970, 133 pages, \$3.50.*

A period of 13 years filled with more of physical suffering and mental anguish would be difficult to find, or even to imagine. In and out of the hospital six times in two years for different members of her family and herself, this mother in a missionary family in Paris tells her story with poignant realism that makes the reader another member—dreading, hurting, weeping along with the rest.

Why the striking title? Actually it is a frantic petition, praying God not to light the flame of suffering, the "fiery trial" of which Peter wrote. On the verge of a nervous breakdown and threatened with cancer, this heroic soul felt that her burden was unbearable. The story is filled out, however, when in each instance of apprehension the full sufficiency of divine grace is proved over and over.

Mrs. Johnston tells of precious souls redeemed and made happy in Christ through her ministry and that of her husband Rod, who is a tower of strength to her through all adversity. Trials and difficulties are overshadowed by the glow of victory through Christ.

—Earl P. Barker

*Sallie Lou Bell, Until the Day Break, Zondervan, 244 pages, \$1.25, paperback.*

On one level, this is an interesting story of the difficult romance of Mara, a slave girl, and Judah, a young follower of John the Baptist in Palestine at the time of Christ. Their love is complicated by the fact that Mara is Herod's concubine, and the jealous ruler finds a peculiarly horrible way to punish the young pair. Many details of this book, including torture scenes, make it unsuitable for young people, but unsqueamish adults may enjoy it. On another level, this sort of novel can be dangerous to those who are not well informed on the original Bible passages. Sallie Bell identifies Judah with the man whose devils were driven into the swine, and Mara is identified

with the woman who anointed Christ's feet with costly ointment. Such identifications are dangerous because the reader may take them for established fact, which is far from the truth. The late great Lloyd C. Douglass wrote this sort of novel much better, for he was more careful of his historical background than Sallie Bell is.

—Barbara Worden

*Colena M. Anderson, Don't Put On Your Slippers Yet, Zondervan Publishing House, 1971, 120 pages, \$3.50.*

Interestingly written, this book proposes various ideas for making the sunset years of life worthwhile, thus giving the elderly the sense of being useful and needed and also the bringing of joy and hope to others.

Mrs. Anderson lost her husband some years ago. Sometime before his death he had expressed a desire to teach when he retired from the presidency of the University of Redlands.

Many difficulties were faced, but she decided to complete her husband's unfinished dream, so enrolled in graduate school for her doctorate in Far East Studies. Two years later she was on the faculty of Linfield College.

She briefly reviews the retirement experiences of some and the sorrows of many of her acquaintances—and their determination to become involved in service to others.

She quotes from Grace Bennett, Oregon's Mother of the Year in 1969: "Most people can do a lot more than they think they can." Some *have* completed their college work when they were past 80.

I quote from the final paragraph: "And in warm Christian fellowship let me tell you—one and all—that I trust it will be a long time yet before you reach for your slippers."

—Carol Lee

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## Over the Teacup



## Some fires

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

I love a fireplace, don't you? In our Malone years we had two—one that worked beautifully and one for show. There is nothing I like better for sheer coziness than a fire in the fireplace, a friend or family with whom to share its warmth, and a cup of tea nearby to sip. Many precious hours have been spent that way—in India, in Canton, and I was delighted to find there was a fireplace here in Taiwan in the house rented for us. Last night it was a bit chilly and guests were coming, so just as the guests arrived we lit a match to the paper and sawdust logs. We greeted them with clouds of smoke pouring out onto our newly-painted walls and into our eyes as well as upon our guests! What a time we had opening up windows, doors, trying to undo the damage to what was to have been an especially proper evening!

What I have now—the next day—are afterthoughts. How could this have been avoided? The answer is so utterly simple. We should have looked up the chimney to see if it was clear. Chimneys have to be blocked and sealed for typhoon season, but we did not think of that—we only bought sawdust logs, which is the fuel used here in fireplaces.

We managed to have a pleasant evening, but not a cozy one, and in some ways it was spoiled by a lingering smell of smoke and a lingering sense of embarrassment.

I am thinking, too, of how often the coziness and warmth of "home fires"—family life and fellowship—are suddenly spoiled by an emergency that could have been avoided with a bit of thought, looking into "choked flues" and paying attention to hidden needs.

A fireplace for show is cold comfort in these days of energy crisis. It needs to work well these days when the air is cold with disillusionment and the atmosphere is heavy with the smoke of suspicion. It is more important than ever to make our homes happy, cozy places where the atmosphere is happy and charged with

love and caring. It takes a lot of thought to make it so and attention to detail day by day and season by season. An open flue would cause a flood in the house later in the year.

The current excuse is "I was too busy to think of it." But being that busy could result in not only embarrassment but heartache.

Is your home fire burning brightly, and is your home a comfort and delight? Or is it a place filled with smoke of bickering and criticism? It is sad when some other place looks better and feels more comfortable than home!

If we have to stay home more, let us fill it with good cheer and warmth. □

## Friends Write

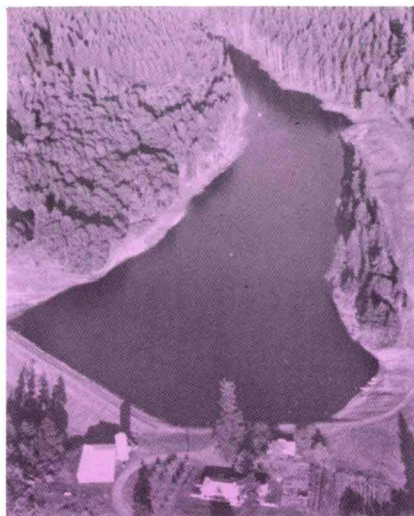
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tic culture, but it's a wonderful opportunity to share teaching and worship and nonviolence with these young people.

May I send particulars and application form, and possibly we could arrange a preliminary interview in the States with someone who knows Worthington Friends and the general situation here?

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