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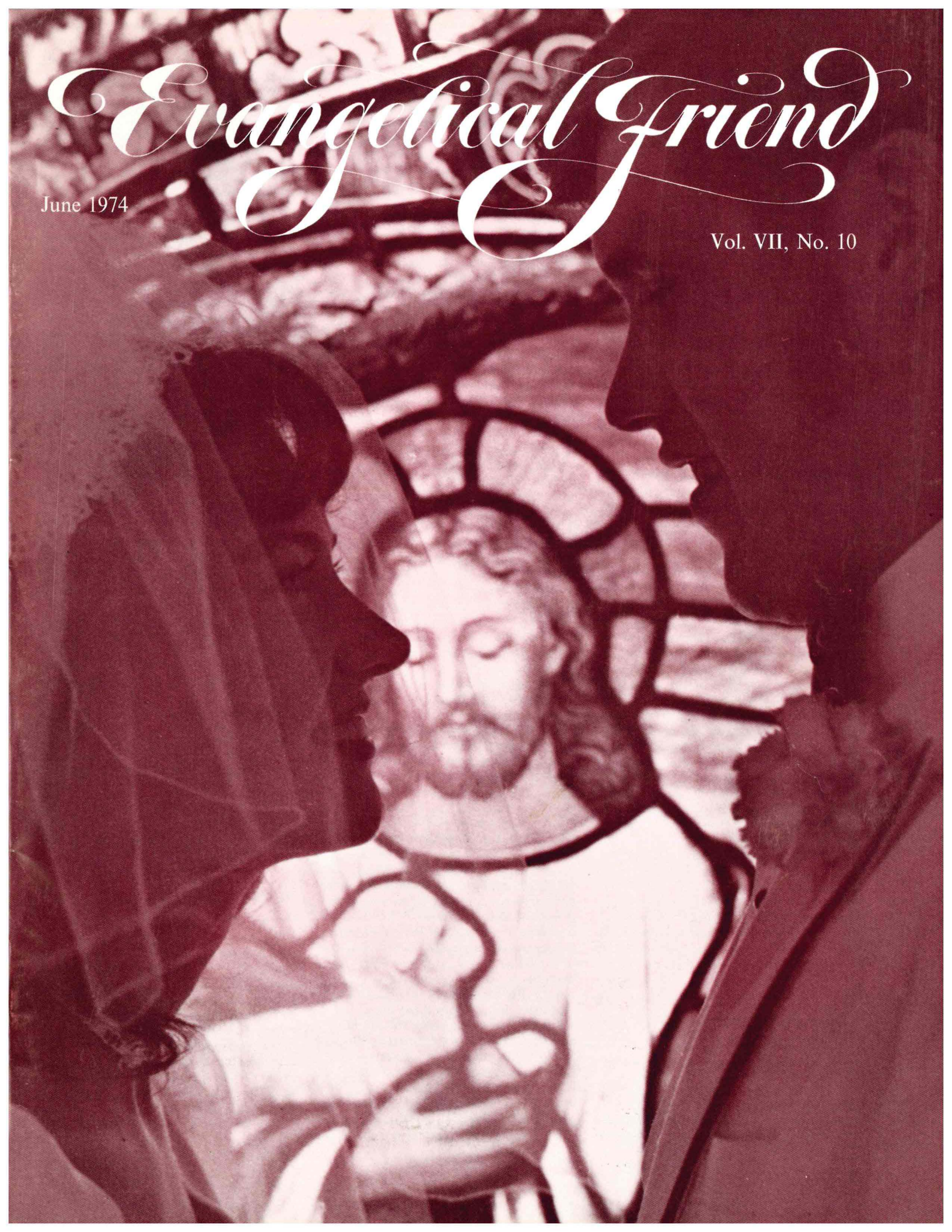
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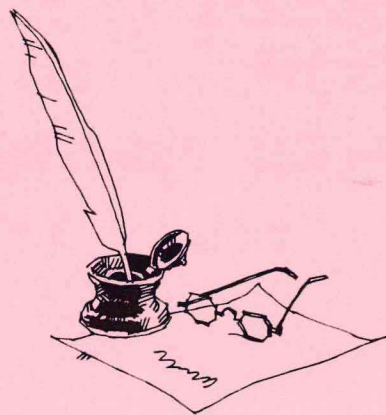
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Of Godly Friends and the President

I have read with interest the contributions that have appeared in the pages of the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* touching on Friends concern for the President. All have been significant, and I have valued the insight provided by each. My thought represents a development of some of these ideas in the light of recent events. For me, as for most Americans, these five years have been deeply perplexing—troubling, inasmuch as Friends are once again in the unusual position of having a member of our religious society in the Presidency.

Richard Nixon began his first administration during the conduct of a highly unpopular and signally immoral war. The Republic was sorely divided and campuses were in chaos. We of the Society of Friends felt deep concern. Rightly or wrongly, this general unrest was suddenly and abruptly submerged in the aftermath of the Kent State killings. The war itself was subsequently submerged and the draft became inoperative. The nation was quiescent, for a while. I confess that the apparent removal of these problems and especially the release from a certain gripping fear with which young people lived during the cold war and Johnson years induced me to lend my support to the present administration; I felt particularly good about the then seemingly pacific and Quakerly fruits of the first four years. In short, up until election time 1972, I would have agreed strongly with George T. Michael's sentiments (October 1973 *EF*) and exhorted "all godly

"I hope this [letter] may be helpful in giving expression to another Quaker approach to political thinking. The matter is timely and demands frankness." This is why we have chosen a letter of this length to appear in "Friends Write." Stephen Conte will begin a M.Div. program at Asbury Seminary this fall. He is a Malone College graduate. —Editors

Friends . . ." to pray our great President Richard Milhous Nixon through to more and more landslide victories.

But not now! Too much has become evident. My first serious doubts of the godliness of the Executive Branch began to form shortly before election time. We knew by then about the break-in, but little more. Watergate did not seriously enter my thinking at that time, although it was with some misgiving that I cast my vote into the landslide. Richard Nixon's carefully projected image had begun to fall apart for another reason: the war had "ended" too closely in conjunction with our national elections. Why not sooner? Why not later? Is a war an instrument of power in domestic politics to be manipulated by men in authority? And so I wondered.

It is scarcely necessary to recapitulate the events that have aggravated these issues. The President's credibility has been demolished. The floodgate of publicity has poured forth Washington atrocities for two years, and this shows indications of being only a beginning, the surface of the iceberg. Most Americans have appropriately awaited the appearance of documentary evidence before forming a judgment regarding the President's complicity. Without question, even with the transcripts, the issue of ultimate innocence or guilt is far from clear. But the perceptive reader can form judgments of another order based on what we now have before us. Christian forbearance must not be used as an excuse for a studied avoidance of confrontation with the evidence. In this spirit I compared chronologies and read the White House transcripts with great interest, as our President exhorted us to do.

The evidence presented by the transcribed conversations in the Oval Office reveals much about the nature of the present administration and its Chief. The transcripts indicate a man whose heart is far removed from the influences of the Gospel, but most especially removed from the distinctives that we hope characterize Friends. It is the Presidency at its worst; it is man at his worst. The vulgarity and profanity is only the superficial garb of a repulsive perversity that is itself shocking. Alone, it could be disregarded as unessential, but closer inspection reveals it to be the verbal exudation of a pervasive and profound mechanistic worldliness. The personality that emerges out of the transcripts is typical of "a reprobate mind, doing those things which are not convenient; being full of unjustice, wickedness, covetousness, ill will . . . full of argument, deceit, slander . . . whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, vindictive . . . inventors of evil things . . . without natural feeling, implacable, unmerciful." (Romans 1:28 ff.) These verses require no comment.

It is the office of the Spirit of God to search the souls of men. The Spirit and the Word do not direct us to countenance such among our company as conspicuously fail to bear testimony according to biblical authority.

Friends do not disown for impeachable offences or for suspicion thereof. Neither do they disown in order to use their membership lists as political instruments. Friends must, however, consider very carefully whether they can continue to allow Richard Nixon to employ his Quaker mystique in the construction of White House "scenarios." Are we free to allow the perpetuation of this myth by a man whose own words reveal him to be of a mind quite inimical to our principles?

In short, I am a Friend because I am a Christian with a concern for peace and human dignity; Friends have long held these values to be especially dear. Do Friends still believe in these things? Does Richard Nixon still believe?

STEPHEN C. CONTE
Salt Point, New York

'Meeting life's crises'

Kaye Leach's beautiful article [April, 1974] reminded me again of the value and healing power of work and service to others. When Dr. Skarstedt passed away, I wrote these lines:

Why am I here, why must I stay
When the one I love has gone away,
Days grow to weeks, and months to seasons,
Still I am here, is there a reason?
Yes, somewhere I know there is a need
For a friendly word and a kindly deed,
Somewhere a burden I can share
To make a day more bright and fair.
That's reason enough why I must stay
When the one I love has gone away.

I receive great pleasure and inspiration from the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*.

MRS. MARCUS SKARSTEDT
Santa Barbara, California

'A plea for balance'

"A Plea for Balance" by Roy Skeeter came just when I was needing encouragement. A morals issue had arisen in our state, and I felt I should write letters to four editors. This I did while wondering what good would come of my effort—since the condition was certainly fulfilling prophecy. And so few take time to do this necessary part of a Christian citizen's work for the Lord.

Here I was spending my limited energy on a "hopeless cause" when I had some free-lance writing just "itching" to be done.

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June—month of weddings! This unique picture well symbolizes the Christ-centered concept of marriage. (Photo by Hiroshi Iwaya).

Antecedents

For the first time since 1967, when the EVANGELICAL FRIEND joined the Evangelical Press Association, my wife and I had the privilege to attend its annual convention held May 6-8 in Colorado Springs. The fellowship with other editors; the inspirational ideas from seminars and speakers; the visits to the Air Force Academy, The Navigators at Glen Eyrie, and International Students at Star Ranch; and the un-hurried round trip by auto through our scenic West, were welcome diversions from deadlines.

One of the highlights of our trip, however, was spontaneous. Just before heading west on I-70 out of Denver, we made a one-hour stop at First Denver Friends Church, bustling with activity on a Thursday. A day care center with children everywhere captured our attention. Pastors Stan Perisho and David Hickman showed us their well-used but newly-organized plant. We caught a certain enthusiasm as they told of new ministries and building plans underway.

We traveled home inspired, assured that the Holy Spirit is working in different ways all across our world—at Denver Friends, in Colorado Springs, through evangelical publications.

This issue features the thrilling story of Canton Friends, another church that "has come alive" (see page 6). Reading of others' successes in our own magazine could be the catalyst for new life in many EFA churches. Let us pray to that end. —H.T.A.

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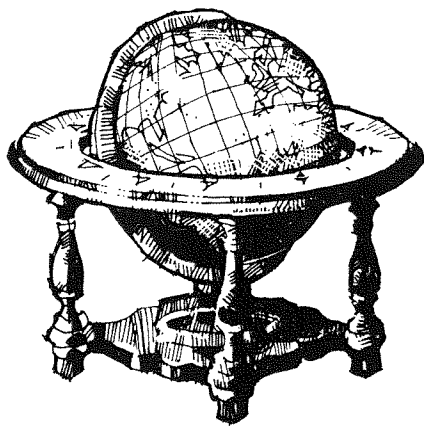
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The Face of the World



The EVANGELICAL FRIEND neither endorses nor necessarily approves subject matter used in Face of the World, but simply tries to publish material of general interest to Friends. —The Editors

NCC REPORT: 62.4% OF AMERICANS HOLD A RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

NEW YORK—The number of Americans having some religious affiliation has leveled out at 62.4 percent, according to the annual tabulation by the National Council of Churches.

A total of 131,424,564 members of churches and synagogues is reported in the 1974 *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches*, up only 35,000 from the previous tally—but at the same percent of population reported a year earlier.

If any trend is shown by the new figures, the National Council said it is that the older, so-called "mainline Protestant" denominations continue to lose members while theologically conservative or strongly evangelistic groups are generally gaining.

Statistics reflected in the 1974 yearbook published May 13 by Abingdon Press are largely from calendar 1972. They were supplied by 223 religious groups, the same number reporting for the 1973 yearbook.

The report shows 71,648,521 Protestants; 48,640,427 Roman Catholics (a 1972 figure), 6,115,000 Jews, and 3,739,620 members of Eastern churches.

The Assemblies of God increased by 21,274 to a membership of 1,078,332, while the Church of the Nazarene rose to 394,197 by the addition of 10,535 persons.

Sunday school figures, based on less comprehensive data than the membership totals, indicated a continued downward drift. The 1972 total was 36,697,785 pupils compared to 38,487,453 a year earlier.

The yearbook, citing surveys by the Gallup Poll, revealed that only 40 per-

cent of the American people attend Sunday worship in a typical week. Attendance was 49 percent in 1955.

The pace of construction of religious buildings continued to decline. While the 1972 dollar figure was 844 million, as compared to \$813 million in 1971, the rate of inflation wiped out any apparent increase, the National Council said.

—E.P.

CHANGING ROLE NOTED FOR CLERGY WIVES

NEW YORK—No longer are wives of clergymen and rabbis expected to share their husband's lifetime work, helping with every bazaar, supper, and committee meeting and wondering if she's living up to expectations, according to the *New York Times*.

A survey indicated that wives of ministers are managing shops, doing social work, writing for the theater, practicing medicine, teaching school, working as skilled laborers, leading art tours, and serving as executives.

"What she is almost certainly not doing is acting as half of a team in a church or synagogue—the unpaid half," the report stated.

—E.P.

CLYDE TAYLOR HONORED FOR 30 YEARS WITH NAE

■ BOSTON—Dr. Myron F. Boyd (foreground, right, in photo below), National Association of Evangelicals president and Bishop of the Free Methodist Church, presents a gift to Dr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Taylor at a special tribute banquet honoring Dr. Taylor for his 30 years of service to NAE. The presentation from NAE at its 32nd Annual Convention held here April 23-25 was a monetary gift to enable the Taylors to purchase a new car. Taking part in the presentation are past NAE presidents (back row from the left) Dr. Carl Armerding, president, Wheaton College; Dr. Stephen Paine, retired presi-

dent, Houghton College; Dr. Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent, Assemblies of God; and Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, president, Gordon College and Gordon-Conwell Seminary. At the far right is newly installed NAE president, Dr. Paul E. Toms, pastor, Park Street Church, Boston.

Dr. Taylor, who will retire at the end of this year, is currently general director of NAE, general secretary of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association (EFMA), and director of the World Evangelical Fellowship.

—N.A.E.

HIGH COURT MAY RULE ON BOB JONES CASE IN JUNE

NEW YORK—Bob Jones University's efforts to prevent the Internal Revenue Service from revoking its tax-exempt status may be ruled on by the U.S. Supreme Court in June, a spokesman for the independent fundamentalist school said.

In a telephone interview with Religious News Service, Harry Ward, executive assistant at the Greenville, South Carolina, university, said that published reports stating that the school's exemption has been revoked were incorrect.

According to Mr. Ward, in 1970 the university received a standard notification from Internal Revenue Service to the effect that colleges and universities that have discriminatory racial standards for admissions were in danger of losing their exemptions. Since Bob Jones University denies admission to black students on racial grounds, its exemption would have been revoked.

Before the IRS took action against the university, Mr. Ward related, the school brought suit in Federal District Court asking for an injunction to prevent the IRS from taking the action. Although the court granted the injunction, its ruling was reversed by the U.S. Court of Ap-

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Let our children go!

Are vacation Bible schools still going well? With so many changes in Christian education and evangelism methods, experimentation is also evident in this valuable religious tool. Backyard Bible schools—holding smaller schools in different neighborhoods—has caught on in some churches with great success. It may be not only a practical way of reaching nonchurch families, but it fits nicely into the energy crisis problem requiring busing and more elaborate organization.

Children's summer camps have also become popular, sometimes using several weekends during the school vacation to get the children into a new setting for Christian training. But with all these, the traditional, two-week VBS is still one of the most practical, effective efforts of the church, second only to the Sunday school. Some Christian education leaders even insist that two weeks of concentrated Bible study allows a more thorough in-depth understanding of Scripture and the Christian life than 52 45-minute sessions a week apart in a Sunday school class.

There are exciting new ways of making the old VBS program fresh and mean-

ingful. I remember my first vacation Bible school, riding horseback several miles along the Kansas roads to a country meetinghouse. It was fun and the most-looked-forward-to-event of the summer. Some of the spiritual impressions of those experiences are tattooed on my soul. How fine when the impressionable years of childhood are stamped by such spiritual branding! Probably going horseback to VBS today would be even more exciting for contemporary youngsters if such were possible.

The great concern right now is for today's parents, because it is not easy to rear children in our world. They face temptations I never heard of. It is still our assignment to teach our children how to behave and what to believe. We have to let them know God loves them and is with them day by day. They need to hear that God cares so much for them. He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus, to die in their place. They should know that they can call on God any time. They need to learn that God is faithful, He is sovereign and omnipotent, and though the world looks as if it is in a great big

mess, God is still there. Let young people know that God never changes. And let them know that the Bible is their sure guide and the Spirit may be heard in the quietness of waiting and listening. Let them learn to join hands in trust and love with others who are different in background, color, and opportunity. Let them learn to share, to give, to see beyond through the telescope of spiritual vision.

Nothing is much more important than vacation Bible school; it merits almost any sacrifice for teachers and parents to make this religious input available to all our children. It merits our best planning and preparation, our prayers and participation. Let all the innovations go into VBS that come to mind, but let it happen. Remember, the prodigal son finally used his round-trip ticket (to borrow an expression from Ruth Graham), and he did it because of childhood experiences that assured him there was a place and a belief to go home to.

Let our children go—to VBS!

—J.L.W.

Essential Quaker reading

In October 1970, 135 Friends from 24 American yearly meetings and associations of Friends met in St. Louis to consider "The Future of Friends." The idea of the conference was conceived by a group of evangelical Friends who had met the year before at the U.S. Congress on Evangelism in Minneapolis. The call was issued to all yearly meetings to send up to five delegates, and the surprise was that nearly all Friends in America responded. It was probably the most representative groups of Friends, at least by official appointment, to have ever come together on the North American continent.

One of the results of this conference was the development of a number of "Faith and Life Conferences," bringing together in smaller clusters these various

Friends to discuss not so much our commonality as our differences. These lie largely, as Wilmer Cooper has written, on the "crucial question over the issue of 'Christian Quaker' versus 'Universal Quaker.'" There is now just off the press a booklet titled *Quaker Understanding of Christ and of Authority*, with a provocative heading, "What are the roots of your faith?" The book contains five major papers written by representatives of the different segments of the Society of Friends. They are "A Quaker Approach to Christ," by Ferner Nuhn from Pacific Yearly Meeting; "An Evangelical Friend Looks at Christology," by Verlin Hinshaw of Kansas Yearly Meeting; "Christian Quakerism and Universal Quakerism," by Francis Hall of New

York Yearly Meeting; "The Early Quakers and 'Authority,'" by Dean Freiday of New York Yearly Meeting, and "Quakers and Religious Authority," by Arthur Roberts of Northwest Yearly Meeting. The book is edited by T. Canby Jones with an introduction by Wilmer Cooper, 68 pages, and is distributed by the Friends World Committee, American Section, 152-A North 15th St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102. The Friends World Committee has arranged the Faith and Life Conferences by direction of the St. Louis Conference and is beginning preliminary planning for a Western Hemisphere Friends Conference in 1977.

These papers are essential reading for all Friends concerned about the future of our church.

—J.L.W.

This church has come alive!

"We visited the Canton Friends Church once, but it was the coldest church we ever saw." Thus my new-found friends from Northwest Yearly Meeting told how they had visited my church while in Canton on business. Needless to say, they chose not to locate in Canton nor to worship at First Friends Church.

It might be different today. This church I attended for years without knowing the names of people I saw every Sunday has come alive. I still don't know the names of many of the people I see. How can I when there are new ones every week? Attendance has tripled in the last three years! But these days we are asking people who they are; we are asking them to join us in the Fellowship Hall for the coffee time; and we are getting to know them and are trying to learn their needs as they find warmth and love and fellowship among us.

What has made the difference at this church? How did our coldness turn to warmth? How did a declining attendance

and membership suddenly turn around? How did a church with only one Sunday morning service become the church where one hunts for a parking place and then waits in line to find a seat when the previous service has ended?

There are no simple answers. It was undoubtedly no one thing but a combination of several events God has used to bring renewal. Where it will lead, no one knows.

Canton was a difficult church—full of college professors hard to preach to, hard to keep in line, often critical. Sometimes they were undependable in their attendance because they were called elsewhere to serve in capacities unknown to the rest of the congregation. Meanwhile, those professors were longing for love and warmth and fellowship just like everyone else. Sometimes they left permanently, along with others, to find genuine acceptance in another church. Others stayed through the years, trying to be faithful and loyal to their church in spite of occasional feelings that they were not really wanted.

Then some things began to happen. A pastor was willing to say "Let's try it" when someone brought up a new idea. When someone suggested a coffee hour after the worship service, he said "Why

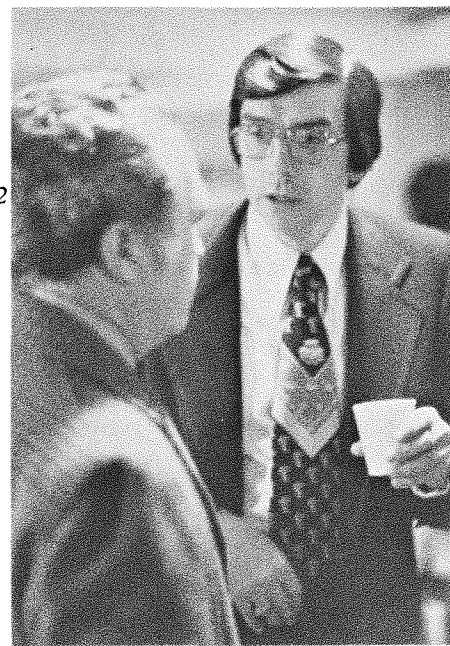
not?" When the mailing of a weekly newsletter to the congregation was proposed he said, "This is surely a worthwhile expenditure," and asked someone to do it. When another started a home prayer group, he did not say, "Don't neglect the prayer meeting on Wednesday night," but gave his personal encouragement instead. When someone suggested that we should have a Lay Witness Mission, he replied, "Yes, we need to schedule one. Let's do it."

People began to have hope as those interim pastors preached sound doctrine but accepted us and our ideas warmly. After all, one of them had already been one of "us." And he kept saying, "You need a full-time pastor." And after much

PHOTOS OF CANTON FRIENDS:

- (1) Members of the Lamplighters Class.
(2 & 3) Attenders of all ages chat over coffee between two of the three Sunday morning services. (4) A Bible study group meets in the church lounge.
(5) Jim Yost and Pastor Joe Rohrer (right) talk during coffee hour.

Dr. Roger Wood is a professor at Malone College and is prominent in the Evangelical Friends Church, Eastern Region. He is excited about his home meeting in Canton, Ohio, and expresses well his enthusiasm and optimism in this article.



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prayer, one was willing to come, and he even received a unanimous call from the congregation. He was young, not really tried. Could he handle this difficult situation?

We prayed for him. The Lay Witness Mission was already scheduled before he came. He worked hard for it, along with the rest of us. He counseled us about our personal problems, our troubled marriages, our "parent" attitudes toward each other. He told us how he felt, where he as a human being was hurting, too. He read from *The Living Bible* from the pulpit to the consternation of a few; he preached sermons that were not always homiletical masterpieces. He rarely men-

tioned the clichés we had heard all our lives, but in these sermons he told us where he was in his personal pilgrimage as a Christian, and we identified with him. He told us of the "this week to me" meanings of the Scriptures; he talked about real problems in our lives and his own and how God's grace really works to meet these problems.

He emphasized love. He was never judgmental. He was real.

Then the Lay Witness Mission came. That weekend saw the greatest manifestation of the Spirit's presence I have ever seen. Dozens of people found new depth of relationship with Christ, and those commitments made then are being kept to this day. Many others came to know the Lord for the first time. Apologies were many; cold relationships became warm and alive; love flowed among us.

We already had some prayer groups. But more than a dozen other groups came into being after the mission. Attendance and interest zoomed. But what effect would these groups have on the midweek prayer meeting? "I'll be here at the church on Wednesday night for any who want to come and make it their group," the pastor said. A few came for awhile, but when they saw that the small groups in the homes and elsewhere were

where the life of the church was, the pastor found himself without a group at the church. Was he threatened by this development? No, he was happy. Why? Now, instead of a handful at a traditional prayer meeting, four or five times as many people are meeting together in homes all over the community every week. They are meeting to share, to study, to pray, to grow, and to learn what Christian community can be. The prayer meeting has now become a meaningful experience to many more people than ever before.

The next question was, "Where are we going to put all the people on Sunday mornings?" "Let's try two services," was the answer. A year later, the same question arose again. This time the answer was three services, with Sunday school hours concurrent with two of them. And not long ago a group of people asked for the opportunity to have a different kind of service—one without program but devoted to sharing and prayer. This small meeting, held concurrently with another upstairs, has become a very significant experience in the lives of those who share in it.

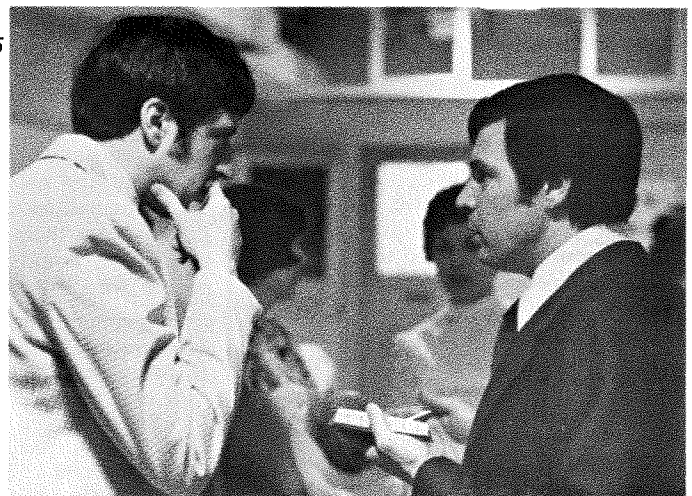
For a long time we had been planning to relocate, probably building a new church. Property had been purchased



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outside of Canton for a new rural edifice in a rapidly growing area. But we had not felt free to move. The church had been put up for sale, but it did not sell. What were we to do? In the summer of 1973 a questionnaire survey was made to determine the wishes of the people. We found that we did not really want a large sanctuary; we preferred the intimacy of a small congregation. Most wanted to stay here in the city, perhaps modifying our building to meet our needs better, even at the price of continuing multiple services.

Then a new plan was proposed. Why not carpet and redecorate and repair the present building and stay here in the city close to the people and their needs? Then, why not establish one or more satellite ministries in outlying communities where others from the congregation already live? So, this is the present plan. The minister now has an assistant who will help provide leadership for the satellite ministry. A committee has been set up to develop the plans. We are expecting to reach out with more of the same kind of love and acceptance that has come to mean so much at Canton Friends Church.

This satellite ministry may use a rented building, or it may even meet in homes at first. It may mean something other than simply establishing another church organization in a neighboring community. It may mean sending even more of our people out to minister on Sunday; it may mean expansion of the inner-city ministry to blacks being led by George Primes—we do not know now.

There have been many more influences in the changes at the Canton church. How did we learn to love one another? It may have been a black woman who joined the church with her husband and showed us what love and concern can be like as she ministered to the destitute of the community. It may have been the fellowship found through participation in the Friends softball league, the golf or bowling teams, or the three basketball leagues. The gymnasium, once considered a white elephant, now teems with activity throughout the week. Not only do the church teams use it, but men come for volleyball on Tuesday nights throughout the winter, and Fridays are reserved for mixed play.

Regardless of the cause, we are still growing. New faces continue to appear, and still more names need to be learned. These new people are still finding love, although some of us are still bound by our old habits of withdrawing into our shells at times—God help us! And we still have honest conflicts and struggles within ourselves and with each other. But the Holy Spirit is alive among us, and we intend to allow Him to continue to set us free to love one another. □

George Fox —fasting prophet

BY MIGNON MACY PIKE

Puritan England in the 1660s reeled as the pendulum of their national morality swung toward demonic vices with the return of Charles II from France. Oliver Cromwell had died, and the open Bible of the Puritans was being mocked by the house of Stuart after its exile in wicked France.

Frivolity and drunkenness took over the kingly palaces, where so short a time before daily Bible reading and prayers had permeated government proceedings. Prostitutes bounced on the kingly knee. Religious freedom for the Protestant faith was eroding away.

No one suffered more keenly than the Quakers, 12,000 of whom lay in stinking dungeons, dying from typhoid fever, wasting in want and privation.

God's answer to this Satanic crisis in England was not unlike His methods in history; George Fox was thrown off his horse one spring day in 1670 as he rode from London, where he had visited Friends in prison. Approaching Rochester, a "great weight and oppression" fell upon his spirit. He could not bear to ride and got to a Friend's house only with great difficulty. Taking to his bed, hardly able to eat or sleep, George Fox was so burdened with the evil spirits that his strength ebbed away. Finally, he became both deaf and blind.

In that condition of total travail, without any of the distractions that come with sound and sight, George Fox, spiritual giant and national prophet, wrestled the principalities and powers that held England in their diabolical grip. Although he could not see or hear the people who came into his bedchamber,

he could "discern their spirits," and he forbade entrance to anyone of a light or frivolous spirit.

Several Quaker doctors came to see George Fox as the alarming news spread throughout the Friends meetings that their beloved leader was close to death. These physicians tried to force strengthening medicine upon him, but he would have none of it. "I was sensible I had a travail to go through," he later wrote. Under "great sufferings and groanings and travails and sorrows" he lay prostrate, day after day.

After several weeks George Fox had himself moved to the widow Fry's house. Here he lay all that winter "warring with the evil spirits of the world, and could not endure the smell of any flesh meat."

"It was a cruel, bloody, persecuting time . . . wicked Informers set to work, so that a Friend could hardly speak a few words in a private family," he later wrote.

But in the highest councils of English government, George Fox's mighty fast, which had been laid upon him by the Holy Spirit and kept there, was moving political events in an amazing manner. Step by step, none other than King Charles himself was plotting a startling turn of official attitude toward religious toleration. Sly politician and secret Roman Catholic, King Charles was trying to force England to go to war with the Dutch to aid his beloved France. To secure funds for fighting that war he must at least go through the motions of gaining favor with his Protestant Parliament and cabinet by granting their deepest desire—religious toleration for his subjects.

With one stroke of his pen in 1672, by virtue of his ecclesiastical authority, King Charles II ended the prison nightmare for thousands upon thousands of suffering Christians. He had drawn up a far-reaching Declaration of Indulgence,

Minister's wife and daughter of Herman H. Macy, retired Quaker pastor, Mignon Pike and family operate a farm-camp for disadvantaged children near Oregon City. Her intense interest in George Fox and awareness of present social evils qualify her as a spokesman on this subject.



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George Fox visits Swarthmoor Hall, home of Judge and Margaret Fell.

to the astonishment of all, and signed it.

George Fox’s fast during those two crucial years of 1670-1671 forced the King’s hand to turn the rusty prison keys in jails all over England. Ministers of the Gospel climbed out of cells where they had been banished for years. Chapels were reopened. Jails were emptied. A certain Baptist minister, John Bunyan, stepped out of his cell clutching tattered manuscripts of his prison writings.

And thousands upon thousands of Quakers, who had been special objects of persecution, were set free to worship God after their own fashion.

Only one of George Fox’s many heroic fasts, it set an example for Quakers of all time what God can do with a man who will let God help Himself liberally to that man’s lifeblood. His prevailing prayer and fasting unleashed God’s heaviest artillery in the battle against invading demonic powers—and won.

Mathematically speaking, George Fox’s fasts seem balanced almost one for one with his times of liberty. One year’s fasting bought one year of complete liberty to preach and evangelize in the Isles, in America, and in Europe. We would have to say that his fasts were the price in blood he had to pay to hold back the powers of Satan and spread God’s truth far and wide.

As in that age, the air again is electric today with demonic power. Bold and brazen evil forces threaten to convert America into a pagan stronghold. God is looking for a man who will stand in the breach in the 20th century, as He did in the 17th century. Who in Christendom has the Spirit-filled power and courage to wield this heavy-duty weapon of the prevailing fast?

An objective observer of the current evangelical scene might sadly conclude, instead, that many Christians, anemic with materialism, seem to have taken

up residence in a kind of religious rest home. Fasting? It is a mark of dedication now to be a weight watcher—but an embarrassment to mention fasting. Comfort is equated with Christianity, respectability with redemption. Vision is dim and myopic; we cannot even focus on the harvest fields.

Among evangelical youth, reared in an age of affluence, powers of resistance to infectious sin-virus are dangerously low. Peer pressures of fashion are strong and nearly overwhelming: bikinis, miniskirts, and *Playboy* mentality violate Christian modesty.

Christian youth find it takes a lonely courage to be different in the crucial values of Christian modesty and sex purity. They need our prayers and love to stand against the gathering storm of anti-Christian strength now gaining hurricane force.

Vitamin S—sacrifice—so necessary to Christian growth and stamina, is a scarce commodity in our present Christian society. As a result, too many are unprepared, psychologically and spiritually, for resisting strong temptation and opposition. Persecution seems remote, only happening to Christians who live in other lands. Are Americans some sort of superior breed who are immune to the sufferings other Christians go through? What if a view of prophecy encourages Christian flabbiness and the Lord’s Second Coming is only an “escape hatch”? It is time we set about to reverently and soberly evaluate the storm warnings darkening the sky.

If the Lord tarries, American Christians may very well face in the next decade a totally different climate for toleration of their faith. One can imagine some of the forms this could take if the ferocity and grim determination of political investigation is turned toward exposing “crimes” of Christian leaders. This could bring suspicion and ridicule upon

their every word and deed—all before the guffawing unbelievers watching that circus on their television sets across the nation.

Public derision of religion, howling and bitter, is a weapon ready-made to be used by the rising revolutionary forces in our country. It is already history in many countries where Christian pastors and believers are swept out of their homes and churches, victims of that hurricane force. Like George Fox, they are arrested as political criminals. We may be coming back full cycle to state control of religion, and state religion is atheism—Satanism embodied in government.

George Fox did not set his own fasts, nor could he break them. They are the work of the Holy Spirit, striving and contending and resisting the work of hell. We should not be surprised but ready if God taps us on the shoulder in this demonic age and draws us aside. Perhaps He will take us into deep illness or into sacrificial positions of service or unforeseen suffering, where we are removed from the distractions of the marketplace and ordinary life. Then we must look upward to “groan and travail and wrestle with the evil spirits,” as George Fox did.

At a time when most of the Christian world must spend most of its time earning a living and being “busy,” a deep prayer deficit must of necessity be occurring. Someone must spend and spend and be spent and go out ahead to wrestle and travail and prevail to fill that awful vacuum that Satan is rushing into.

“And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, and said, I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments” (Nehemiah 1:4, 5) □

MEETING LIFE'S CRISES

"I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand." —Exodus 33:22, LB

WE WILL NEVER HAVE CHILDREN

BY SUE BRAWNER

Like most little girls, I spent quite a bit of my younger years mimicking my mother by playing house. This usually involved one or two playmates and pretend children. I often told my mother of my plans to marry and have at least four children. Both my parents made a conscientious effort to help prepare me for the task of being a wife and mother.

The first half of my dream came true when John and I were married following his junior year in college. For several years, we waited for children, learning to know each other better, finishing school, becoming settled, all the time establishing a good basis for our very happy marriage. The time came, though, when we started talking about our first child. All my childhood dream would be fulfilled.

Since that time, however, our plans have changed. After two years it became apparent that I might not be able to become pregnant. Our physician was not encouraging, and following hospitalization and further medical tests, the results showed that there is little hope that I will ever bear children.

Many things crossed my mind as I tried in the next months to grasp the reality of this information. My childhood dream was being shattered, and I felt helpless. I experienced times of self-

pity and frustration. I wanted to give John a child, and this longing wasn't easily repressed.

Soon we met a couple who had adopted a cuddly little baby girl, and we became good friends. Through their acquaintance and that of another family who had adopted, we started considering this option. Both sets of friends encouraged us to check with our county welfare agency.

We called the agency, and they sent the preliminary forms, which we quickly filled out and returned. They notified us of a group meeting that would inform us of the next steps to be taken and answer any questions we might have. Three months later following our physicals and more paper work, the social worker called. Could we see her the next day? We were both so excited.

Arriving at the appointed hour, we were ushered down the hall to her office. Hardly before we were through greeting one another, she was telling us that our application for adoption was being turned down. Our immediate response was to ask why. The answer they gave referred back to a thyroidectomy John had had two and a half years earlier.

During a routine physical, a small growth had been located on his thyroid. Tests were run that indicated removal of the "cyst" would be necessary. After several weeks of anxious waiting, he entered the hospital for surgery. As the doctor spoke to me after the operation, I was shocked to learn that 7/8's of John's thyroid was removed because the growth had been cancerous. We had resumed

normal living, however, and weren't quite ready for the adoption agency decision.

The social worker said she was sorry but couples were not considered as prospective parents until five years following a major surgery involving cancer. She also commended us on what otherwise would have been a great-looking application. Somehow, this last bit of information did not soothe us.

As we walked to the car, we were both numb with disappointment. I think the only reason I did not come completely apart was that I knew how John felt. I had experienced the same guilt feeling and not wanting John to hold it against me for not being able to have children. Now, I did not want to make him take the whole brunt of this loss.

The real impact of their decision, however, didn't hit either of us for several days. We both experienced waves of self-pity and rejection, not from each other, but from the agency and others whom we were tempted to feel didn't care to understand. Personally, I fought the battle of feeling they were telling me that if John were to die I wouldn't be an adequate single parent. The doctor had reassured us that this type of cancer was in the high 90 percentile for never reappearing, and so we couldn't understand their reasoning. They were grouping all cancer statistics together and not seeing that John's survival statistic was so high.

It is now one and a half years after our experience at the welfare agency. We still do not have a child, and periodically I am depressed over the situation. God has been a real source of strength

How does our Christian faith enable us to meet life's crises? Does it make a difference? This beautiful testimony of John and Sue Brawner of First Denver Friends Church, Denver, Colorado, strengthens the faith of all of us who face disappointments. This is the second in a series.

through these times, however. I have learned that I cannot cope with this area of my life alone. Earlier, I experienced times of questioning God as to why He would not answer our prayers for a child. I asked why I had to be the one, for I dearly love children. When I was depressed, many times I preferred to hide my feelings instead of admitting to God how hurt I was. About a year ago, I decided that instead of questioning God I would turn the situation over to Him to handle as He knew best.

Now when I feel envious of others who are having children or begin to pity myself, I stop right then and pray. I have learned that indulging in self-pity hurts both me and those who are around me. God helps me deal with this problem on a day-to-day basis as I ask Him for strength.

As I have committed this area of my life to God, He has been able to teach me many lessons. I can see that He knows what is best for me even if I don't understand why at the time. He has shown both of us areas of ministry that might not have been developed if things had gone the way we planned.

We have not given up the idea of having children but rather have been brought to the place where we are willing to accept God's will. If we never add children to our family unit I can accept this, not through my own strength but through Christ living in me.

One of the greatest revelations throughout this situation has been the assurance that God cares about and understands my longings. I've learned to rely on Him for support. I've also committed a very short verse to memory that reenforces the peace this realization has given me. It's 1 Peter 5:7, "Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you." (RSV)



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EDITED BY STANLEY PERISHO

Have you wondered where a super conference was being held that would be especially helpful to your particular needs? Have you wondered who would be best to contact for a Lay Witness Mission in your church? Have you been wondering where there might be an excellent resource for materials for a Bible study or a good study in your Sunday school? PASTOR'S CORNER, a new feature of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND, is intended to provide some of these resources.

To help each other learn these things, we will have opportunity to share together what each has discovered. If you know of an excellent conference, book, or materials that would be helpful to pastors across the Evangelical Friends Alliance, please write to me at 4595 Eliot Street, Denver, Colorado 80211, and I will insert these items in a future issue of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND. The material must be received by the last day of the month in order for it to be included, so please get it to us as soon as possible.

The following items are samples:

Lay Witness Coordinators

Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Long (Methodist)
Box 777
Ada, Oklahoma 74820

Mr. and Mrs. James McMillen (Friends)
789 Wild Cherry Dr.
Akron, Ohio 44319

Notes of Interest to Church Educators

Nice, published monthly (except July and August) at \$5 a year is a new abstracting service that provides the busy church educator with abstracted materials from a number of educational publications. Shirley Jennings, 710 South 55th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68106.

How to Lead a Successful Small Group

This is the title of a pamphlet dealing with practical ideas and suggestions accumulated by Alan J. Hagenbuch (The Church of the Covenant, East Beau and Penn Streets, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301) who works with 14 small group

leaders each month. Part of a continuing series, the other pamphlets are "The Dynamics of Our Small Groups," and "Small Groups As an Instrument of Church Renewal." 25¢ each

Something for Children

Roger Grummer, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Houma, Louisiana, had a telephone installed in his pulpit as a device to hold children's attention during the service. When it rings Sunday morning the call always seems to come from a little French boy, *Pierre Poceaus*. Pierre is an imaginary character, but his "conversations" with Pastor Grummer provide real-life lessons for the children. A cassette record, some push buttons, and a large dose of imagination are his tools.

Seminary Credit Conference In the Rockies

A Fall Advance for the Colorado Association of Evangelicals is held at Estes Park, Colorado, and is opened to any who wish to spend a valuable weekend in the Rockies.

This year's theme is "Redeeming the Time," with seminars on the minister's priorities. The dates are September 9-12, with special speakers Dr. Edward Hayes, dean of Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary, and Dr. Charles Sell of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Also, Jim Mather, founder of Mr. Steak, Inc., will be a guest speaker.

Two hours of seminary credit may be gained from Conservative Baptist or Trinity during the workshops. For additional material write Stan Perisho, 4595 Eliot St., Denver, Colorado 80211.

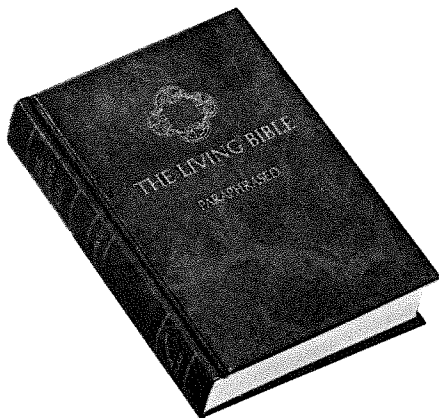
Basic Youth Conflicts Conference
Denver, Colorado
August 7-10

Alive Now

Published bimonthly by The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37203; this is an excellent magazine for personal devotions and sermon ideas. Subscriptions are \$3.75 per year and are well worth the subscription rate.



Looking at 'The Living Bible'



BY HAROLD B. WINN

Something significant recently appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*. It is an account of Kenneth Taylor's translation of the Bible into what is known as *The Living Bible*. Have you ever tried to read the Bible through? Have you succeeded? How many times have you read it through?

Jonathan Laing, who interviewed Kenneth Taylor, writes the following in the *Wall Street Journal*, March 1, 1974:

"As an ordained minister, Kenneth N. Taylor was concerned that the nine children he had at the time weren't getting the most out of the family's devotional reading of the venerable but archaic King James Version of the Bible.

"So one morning in 1954, as he rode the commuter train to his job as director of Chicago's Moody Bible Institute Press, he began paraphrasing the Bible into contemporary American idiom. Doing much of the work on the train, over the next 16 years he produced a version he called *The Living Bible*.

"Publishing it proved anything but easy. Before finishing the work, Mr. Taylor submitted a section to a number of publishers, including his employer, but he was turned down. Undaunted, he borrowed \$1,600 to start his own publishing house, Tyndale House Publishers, and printed the section himself.

"It sold well, as did subsequent sections of the paraphrase. When the full work came out, it did even better. Since

its debut in mid-1971, it has sold more than 14 million copies, making it possibly the hottest-selling Bible (or any other book) ever.

"I wasn't tied to the literal word-for-word translation style that has made the King James Version and many other translations stodgy and hard to understand," Mr. Taylor says. "By paraphrasing the Scriptures thought for thought and recasting them in conversational English, I feel I've been able to restore the fascination and gripping nature of the original work."

"At present, Tyndale publishes more than 140 titles, all of which are religious in nature. Last year the company, which is wholly owned by Mr. Taylor and his wife Margaret, earned a tidy profit of \$1.8 million on sales of \$29 million.

"With all this, Mr. Taylor lives simply on his salary as president of Tyndale. He drives a used 1971 Mercury and lives with his family in an unpretentious home in Wheaton. Over the years he has earned \$20 million on his paraphrases (1973's royalty take alone was an estimated \$8 million) but has given it all to the Tyndale House Foundation to be disbursed to various religious causes and to finance the translation of *The Living Bible* into some 100 foreign languages.

"I'm not the author of the Bible," Mr. Taylor says, "God is. So He should get the royalties."

Admittedly, there are some things about this I could wish were changed, but it does make the Bible come alive for many, many people. Thus, if you are having difficulty understanding the Bible, I would encourage you to buy one of these copies and read it through. □

Harold B. Winn is pastor of the Salem, Ohio, Friends Church and is writer of a regular column for Farm and Dairy, published in Salem. This article is condensed from a recent edition.

Face of the World

Continued

peals for the Fourth District. The university then appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Bob Jones University is arguing that its admissions policy is based on religious conviction and therefore falls under First Amendment protection. —E.P.

BILLY GRAHAM CALLS FOR RENEWED MISSIONS OUTREACH

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND — Evangelist Billy Graham believes that worldwide Christian missions need new leadership, and he is spending much of this year promoting a meeting that he hopes will encourage its development.

He is honorary chairman of the International Congress on World Evangelization, scheduled for Lausanne, Switzerland, July 16-25. He will be one of its major speakers, and he has been raising funds to bring church leaders from developing countries to the event.

"Now is the time for evangelicals to move ahead and provide a leadership that has been so sorely missed by Christians around the world," Graham wrote in an article for the 2,700 congress participants. "There is a desperate need for the changeless Gospel to be related to the changing world. The hour is late."

While churches in some nations are growing and increasing their missionary activity, Graham believes they face grave dangers to their continued effectiveness. Writing the lead article in the congress information bulletin, he urges Christian leaders to be alert to both external and internal threats.

Graham says that despite the turmoil and evangelistic impotence of many churches, "the evangelical position is stronger now than in many years. We are living at a moment in history when evangelical Christians have a unique opportunity, a unique stewardship."

—E.P.

106TH CHA CONVENTION

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA—The 106th Annual Christian Holiness Association Convention was held April 16-19 in Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary of the Church of the Nazarene, was elected to succeed Bishop Henry A. Ginder as CHA president. The 107th annual convention will be April 2-4, 1975, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Through the adoption of a resolution the CHA delegates expressed concern over legislation that would negate the right of deduction for recognized benevolences in income tax reporting. Also, a resolution was adopted urging all members of CHA to give prayerful and de-

liberate consideration and implementation to the Declaration of Evangelical Social Concern when conviction prescribes that such should be done. The resolution also reiterates the first paragraph of the declaration as our own conviction: "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 world." —C.H.A.

600 AT NAE'S 32ND CONVENTION HEAR WARNING OF NATIONAL JUDGMENT

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS—The 32nd annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) opened here April 23 with a stern reminder from Scripture that God calls all mankind to righteousness and justice.

Everett Graffam, executive vice-president of NAE's World Relief Commission, was named Layman of the Year at the meeting.

Dr. Myron F. Boyd, who finished his two-year term of office, was succeeded as president by Dr. Paul E. Toms, pastor of Park Street Church in the host city. Others elected included Dr. Nathan Bailey, president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, as first vice-president; and Dr. Carl Lundquist, president of Bethel College and Seminary, as second vice-president.

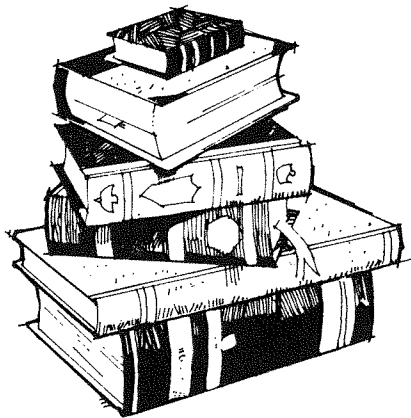
The association's 1975 meeting will be held at the International Hotel in Los Angeles, April 8-10. —E.P.

'CIVIL RELIGION' WARNING SOUNDED

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA—The present mood of "disillusionment and division" in the nation presents Christians with an unusual opportunity for united action—and at the same time poses a major threat, the National Workshop on Christian Unity was told here.

If the Christian churches do not "bend every effort to restore civic confidence," the nation "will plunge into anarchy or succumb to tyranny," said the Rev. Herbert J. Ryan, S.J., in the keynote address. However, he warned, "the temptation will be for them hastily to construct a least common denominator 'civil religion' or generally Christian inspiration with a gospel of civic virtues to be expounded by the clergy and practiced by all Christians Our united efforts are to witness to Christ and His Gospel, not George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, and the Constitution." —E.P.

Books



David and Pat Alexander, editors, *Erdman's Handbook to the Bible*, 1973, 680 pages, \$12.95.

Here is an exceptional book that will help any reader understand the Bible better. Five consulting editors and 32 contributors have produced an up-to-date handbook that has introductory articles, concise commentaries, numerous charts, and pictures.

Multicolored charts graphically outlining the biblical history of the Old and New Testaments and hundreds of beautiful colored pictures of Bible lands and artifacts are distinctive features. For example, the first 100 pages have more than 70 colored pictures. Some are full page, others are comparatively small, but all illustrate the holy Scriptures. The remainder of the book is equally well illustrated.

Fifty-four Old Testament maps and 14 on the New Testament are interspersed throughout the volume. The Old Testament maps illustrate particular periods in such a way that one can follow the movement of patriarchs, prophets and kings, and the neighboring nations.

While produced by recognized biblical scholars, the handbook is written for the average Bible reader. It really is a great book for the entire family and will be useful for many years. When one considers the size, the wealth of material, and the unique illustrations, the book is a good investment and not too expensive.

—Charles S. Ball

Gilbert Beers, *Learning to Read from the Bible*, series of four books entitled, *God Is My Helper*, *God Is My Friend*, *Jesus Is My Guide*, *Jesus Is My Teacher*, Zondervan Publishing House, \$3.95 each. These books are prepared for the beginning reader, and each contains 12 rephrased Bible stories that present important lessons and are grouped under general headings. Fine educational techniques are used, including a basic word list and a cumulative new word list in the back of the book. At the end of

each story is a list of new words learned, new thoughts to think about, and new things the child can do. A summary at the close of the book gives doctrinal objectives and present-day objectives of each story. The books are in attractive hardbacks, and each story is illustrated by fine color sketches. These books are adapted for supplementary reading in Christian day schools, Sunday schools, or for home reading and family devotions. They merit wide use.

—Walter P. Lee

Horace L. Fenton, Jr., *Myths about Missions*, Inter-Varsity Press, \$1.50.

This book contains over a hundred very readable pages about a host of misunderstandings held by evangelical Christians regarding the mission enterprise. It would be helpful reading for any individual or valuable study material for adult Sunday school classes, missionary societies, etc.

—Jottings

Charles H. Spurgeon, 12 *Striking Sermons*, Baker Book House, 152 pages, paperback, \$1.95.

This reprint makes available at low cost some of the great masterpieces from the pulpit ministry of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, a highly talented expository preacher of the 19th century with an unusual gift of oratory.

Ministers should find help here in improving sermon presentation. Theological students may take lessons from a master. Laymen will enjoy the range of topics with inspiring application to life.

Edited by Roger Elwood, *Signs and Wonders*, Fleming H. Revell Co., 157 pages, \$3.95.

An unusual book presenting 10 science fiction stories, each written by a different author and each with religious content and inspiration.

—Mary Staley

Arthur T. Pierson, *Outline Studies of Great Themes of the Bible—studies in outline form with brief development of the outlines*.

Croft M. Pentz, *Sunday Morning Sermon Outlines—outlines with one-sentence comment on each point*.

W. H. Compton, compiler, *Salvation Sermon Outlines—outlines with brief explanatory subpoints*.

Nathaniel A. Urshan, *Harvestime Sermons—fourteen sermons given on the Harvestime Radio program*.

Baker Book House, 62-64 pages each, paperback \$1 each.

These four booklets are part of the extensive Dollar Sermon Library produced by these publishers. Useful for ministers and laymen in developing a variety of Bible subjects. —Walter P. Lee

Esther—always there to help

BY JEANNE M. SAEGER

Two little girls jostled along on the back of the motorcycle that their father drove down the African path. With contented hearts they looked forward to telling Mother the thrills of safari with Father.

"It won't be long now, will it Father?" Esther had just shouted when, suddenly, the motorcycle came to a halt.

"Why are we stopping?" Rachel asked.

"We'll have to see," the father answered as the three of them scrambled to the ground.

They discovered the nut that held the flywheel in place had fallen off. As they retraced the tracks of their cycle Esther remarked confidently, "We'll surely find it right here in the sand."

But their search, mingled with prayer, was unfruitful. The father, knowing that he must get his daughters to shelter before night, watched the shadows lengthen around them.

Darkness was near when Esther happened to notice, in the hand of an African child who had come to watch them, the nut for which they were hunting. Soon the motorcycle was on its race against the falling night and three hearts rejoiced in God's faithful care.

Today, 50 years later, Esther Chilson Choate looks back on a full life, most of which has been spent in Africa. Like Esther of old, she says to her friends, "Don't hesitate to call on me whenever I can help you. That's what I'm here for."

Ralph Choate is the present director of the Gitega Literature Center, Protestantism's outlet of Christian literature in Interior Burundi. While he is tied to managerial duties, Esther pursues her task of helping others.

One time it was to give counsel and prayer support to Pastor Simoni Sodja, who came to visit. He carried a small cloth bag, which he extended to Esther. "Eggs," she exclaimed in delight. "You know how scarce they are these days." The visit lasted through supper and the evening hours as the Choates shared Sodja's burdens in prayer.

At one moment Esther may be consoling an African mother grieving over a wayward daughter. The next moment she is driving to the post office to get the mail for her missionary colleagues. Then she drops her other work to go with Sandy and Glenda to the tomato farm, which "you'll never find if I don't go with you—it's down a little path off to the east"

One day her comment to a visitor was "I've just come in from hauling a load of cement blocks." Ralph came in from the building site on his way to the office and remarked to his wife, "You might take a look at that wall after a while. They're having a few difficulties."

Esther Choate's versatility in her African environment dates back to a letter written by Arthur B. Chilson in 1908 from Kaimosi, British East Africa. "Yesterday morning, February 1, Edna gave birth to the sweetest girl baby, weighing eight pounds. Both are doing nicely. Oh, how wonderfully the dear Lord has answered prayer . . . We are thinking of Esther for the name."

This letter announced a birth and set the tone for a life. Esther and her sister, born two years later, imbibed holy missionary living and service from their God-fearing parents. Their grass-roofed, mud-floored home was glorified by Mother's graciousness and Father's unwavering faith and courage.

Their lives were enriched by associating with African Christians. Esther says warmly, "Yosefu Ngayiri and his wife Mariya Mwayizi were like second parents to us." Mariya helped launder Esther's baby clothing, and later the Chilson girls found precious companionship with the Ngayiri children.

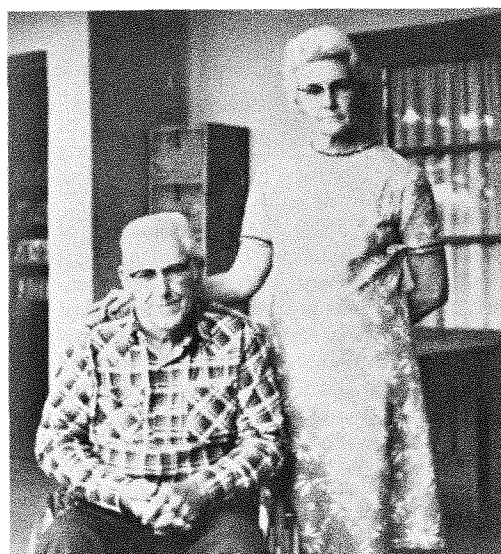
Tragedy was no stranger to them. Once Esther's father was caught on a rock in the river with a wide-mouthed hippopotamus between himself and shore. Having shot the last bullet in his gun he said, "Lord, you just take care of this." The hippo came within easy killing distance and suddenly swam away.



"Roses have to wiggle their toes a bit," Esther Choate comments as she loosens dirt around her favorite plants. Esther and Ralph Choate pictured in front of the Gitega Literature Center which they operate. Two African boys note that Bibles are available at the Center.

Teenage Esther Chilson was tested by the call of God to missionary service in India. "I'd always expected to be in Africa," she says, "so this was a heavy blow." How could she bear to leave her beloved Africa? Yet how could she disobey her beloved Lord? She confesses that she almost lost out spiritually through the heartache of that decision time. "Then the Lord made me willing to do whatever He asked, and I found peace." Later the definite call to Africa

"Esther—always there to help," is the life story of Esther Chilson Choate who has served the Friends Mission in Africa all of her life. "Her life has been of 100 percent fruitage both among the Barundi and her missionary colleagues," says writer Jeanne M. Seager, a World Gospel Mission missionary for several terms, teaching and ministering among women.



revealed this experience to have been a test of obedience.

The Chilson family furloughed periodically in the States, where they found Christian fellowship with three other families. One of these, the Calvin Choates, approximately the same age as the Chilson, had three children with whom Esther and Rachel played. Later, however, young Ralph Choate kept his distance from the two missionary girls. He had important business of his own. Even

meal times, where he was forced to confront them, were painful.

The picture changed during the 1928 furlough. Esther entered college and was active in the Friends youth organization. The young people were thrown together in youth meetings.

Recalling this time Ralph admits, "It was at the Twin Rocks Youth Conference that I first began to lose control of myself." One of the missionary girls from whom he had fled before now became essential to his life. Having been called in childhood to be a missionary in Africa, he now saw that he and Esther should go there together.

The young couple joined Esther's family in Burundi on December 31, 1935. Their first years were marked by both tragedy and triumph: the death of Esther's father, the birth of their own two children. They were the instruments of chiseling out a new mission station. They were part of the relief crew in the heartbreaking famine of 1944-45 and participants in the revival of 1950-52.

In 1953, with Larry and Ann in their teens, the Choate family lived at the Friends' station of Kibimba. Missionaries and nationals alike found their home a haven of wise, sympathetic counsel and cordial hospitality.

"One of the special joys of our life has been having other missionaries in our home," Esther declares warmly. Many missionary housewives have copied the recipe of "Esther's party cake" and remember the party for Ann's 16th birthday. Decorator's roses couldn't compare with the lovely buds from Esther's bushes that ringed the cake.

"We had to make our own yeast and baking powder in those days," Esther recalls with a smile. Her favorite dish is chicken and homemade noodles.

Finding the language of Burundi similar to that of her native Kenya, Esther has become a recognized expert in the Kirundi language. Her life is enriched by flowers and music. Fingering a plant in her flower box she remarked,

"Somehow I can't live without flowers," then, modestly, "and somehow they always seem to grow for me."

Her music used to be expressed in the tones of a marimba, which drifted from their home in the evenings. "I don't have time for it anymore, though," she says regretfully. "Even evening hours are full."

The most satisfying of Esther's missionary activities has been her work among the African women. Elizabeti, now a mature Christian woman, was one of her girls. After conversion the girl learned to read her Bible and became a successful preacher.

Esther chuckles at her matchmaking efforts for Elizabeti. "A young preacher sent me to ask her to marry him, and if I didn't arrive at her home the day after she promised to marry someone else!"

For a time the Choates served at Mweya Bible Institute and at the School for Missionary Children. Whether in the capacities of school principal, teachers, or dorm parents, they heartily and successfully filled their roles.

"We enjoyed the contacts with the Bible School students," they say reminiscently. "And we surely loved those missionary kids." Most of those influenced then are now in Christian service.

Now in their fourth year at the Literature Center, furlough for the Choates will come soon. Remembering Ralph's heart attack in August of 1970, they know that they'll not have another lifetime to give to Africa. Furlough will mean leaving the Gary Fuquas—daughter Ann, who with her husband is in her second term of missionary service in the land of her birth. However, Grandpa and Grandma want to get better acquainted with four children in the home of the Larry Choates of Tacoma, Washington. Then they will hurry back home to Burundi.

Commenting on their future, Esther says, "We don't want to be two senile old people hanging around in the way!"

No danger! Ralph and Esther Choate will be active and helpful until the Lord comes or takes them to heaven. □

IN theological education by extension, all-out attempts are being made to take theological education to the individual student in his own community. With this type of theological education, the student can carry on with his studies and at the same time live at home, care for his family, church, and community responsibilities. Further all-out attempts are made to adapt to the students seeking theological education by making sure the teaching is relevant to the students' cultural, educational, economic, and church life situations in which they are ministering now and will be in the future. Theological education by extension is an in-service, on-the-job training, at the very core and level of the student's daily life in his own environmental group. Therefore, the student maintains his identity within the community. He gains honor, confidence, and respect as his fellowmen see him develop in Christian maturity and leadership. This is the beauty of the student not being extracted from his community for theological education; he maintains his identity within the community structure, which in Latin America plays a key role in one's influence in the community.

There are two good tests for theological education by extension. First, does it produce growing, maturing Christian laymen and leaders? Second, is it producing new Christians and multiplying new churches? What is its basic purpose? Is it that of fulfilling the great commission—quantitative and qualitative growth of the church?

It soon became apparent after the birth of the Peruvian Friends Church among the Aymara Indians in 1961 that an effective program of theological education was needed that would not only train leaders but also be beneficial to training

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Theological education by extension—how

of laymen. The majority of the churches were located in farming communities, making it impossible for the prospective students to attend a residential institute. Three-week Bible classes were held for a couple of years, but it was quickly realized these would not fulfill the theological educational needs of the fast-growing Peruvian national church. Meanwhile, the Bolivian Friends missionaries were seeking for an educational program that would reach a greater number of students than the existing residential seminary was reaching. The crux of the problem was that some means of training the leaders and laymen was needed in each group where there were existing churches or where church planting was projected.

About this time theological education by extension was coming to the front as an effective method of theological education in Latin America. After some study and research on the part of Quentin Nordyke and Ron Stansell, they felt this program would answer the existing needs for the Peruvian and Bolivian national churches. Together they worked out a program that fit the particular needs. Ron wrote the first Bible course. A committee in the U.S. wrote the second. These were written in bilingual form in

order to be the most effective teaching tool.

The program is set up so that the student is able to graduate from the institute with full credit. In all he will be required to study and pass satisfactorily some 25 Bible, Christian education, homiletics, church growth, theology, church history, and music courses. These are all written on the programmed text style of studying. The student may have to study several years before he is able to finish the curriculum of study.

In June of 1969 the first semester of theological education by extension got under way in Peru with 60 students enrolled. This was a whole new concept of studying for the Aymara, but the majority of the students soon caught on and studied enthusiastically. By the end of the term 53 students received specially prepared certificates for finishing their courses satisfactorily.

Over the next seven semesters enrollment stayed around 60 each semester. Seven more courses were written and added to the curriculum. Each semester, as experience was gained, new methods and programs were put into use. It also became necessary to use top quality students as teachers as the number of courses and students increased. It also

Protein multiplication—rabbits

BY GARY AND ANN FUQUA

Case Study #1

World attention is being drawn to the starving people in Africa as the Sahara desert relentlessly creeps southward. But even in other parts of Africa protein deficiency, if not starvation, is a constant problem. Gary and Ann Fuqua, Burundi missionaries, tell of one possible solution now being tried.

"My name is Bujeniya. My child is sick so I took him to the Dispensary at Kwisumo. His skin isn't black anymore but is quite light, and his hair is white and straight. His face, hands, and feet are swollen, and he doesn't eat well. The nurse said he has a disease called kwashiorkor, whatever that is. She said he needs food to eat that builds a strong body, like meat, milk, eggs, beans, and peanuts. Now eggs and peanuts I can buy in the market and, of course, we have beans stored all the time. We also have a cow that gives milk, but I will have to quit selling the milk and give it

to my son. But how do I give him meat? I have a few goats and two cows, but it is too expensive to butcher one of them often, since I can't store the meat. Besides, that would be too much meat for one child. I asked one of the other mothers at the clinic what I could do, and do you know what she said? 'Raise rabbits!'"

Case Study #2

"My name is Didace. I am a fifth year teacher and my wife Gemima used to work for missionaries. We have three boys and one girl. We want them to be strong and healthy, and we know that they need a variety of good food to eat.

does it work?

BY ED CAMMACK

Ed Cammack, missionary in Peru under Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends, explains the concept and success of theological education by extension now used in both Bolivia and Peru.

became apparent that a national teacher was an effective teacher because he taught in the Aymara language and also understood the students.

In 1970 theological education by extension was started in Bolivia. Its development has been slower than that of Peru because of the transition from a residential seminar philosophy to the extension institute philosophy of theological education. With each term of study the Bolivian national church sees more and more effective results from the extension program, so momentum is picking up in its favor.

How does theological education by extension work? Various centers of study are set up in communities where prospective students live. The study center may be a church, school, community hall, or in someone's yard. The students come to the center of study weekly for 12 weeks for their classes. Previous to each week's class, the student is to have completed his assignments in his programmed workbook and practical field work. In class, the student has more opportunity to practice song leading, preaching, testimonies, and participation in class discussions of the practical, spiritual application of the lesson to his

personal life. Each week the student is tested over the week's lesson.

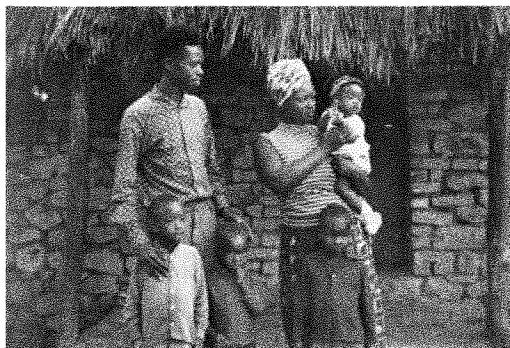
One very important part of the student's studies is his weekly field work assignments. Each student is required to put into practice what he is learning in the field of evangelism. This may be house-to-house visitation, preaching in the marketplaces, giving his testimony in evangelistic services, or a wide variety of other similar assignments. This helps the student to grow spiritually plus learning how to be effective in evangelism. This way the student gains valuable experience during his studies. He becomes both an experienced and knowledgeable student.

In June of 1973 the enrollment in the Extension Institute in Peru skyrocketed to more than double the previous semester's enrollment. Why? First, the institute had proven itself to the Peruvian national church as a means of effective theological education. Second, the Peruvian national church could now see positive results in the lives of the students and in church growth. Third, as a result of the students' studies and practical work, stable, maturing Christian leaders and laymen were very evident. Fourth, as a direct result of the institute, evangelism is at an all-time high. Fifth, mul-

tiplication of new Christians and churches is a direct result of the students' studies and field work.

The Peruvian Theological Educational Institute by Extension is now in its fourth year. This term marks another goal. There are now eight national teachers carrying the teaching load. They find themselves out teaching weekly among 152 students. Each of the 15 centers of study has been challenged to start new interest groups (church groups). Enthusiasm is high among the students as they seek the lost, gather the new Christians together, spiritually feed them, and establish them as active church groups. Within eight weeks they had 12 new interest groups started. Two of the centers set out to revive two church groups that had died out.

What about the future? My codirector, Eusebio Pilco, said he expects over 200 students to enroll in the fall term. We'll have to prepare for just that because he knows his people. The Bolivian national church has just recently decided to go all the way with the extension program in place of its residential seminary. Surely the Holy Spirit is using this type of theological education in Peru and Bolivia to build His church among the Aymara people. □



Didace, a fifth grade teacher, and his wife Gemima and their four children in Burundi.

I asked Gary Fuqua, our missionary, for help. He has given or sold us many different kinds of vegetable seeds or seedlings. He has given me bananas and fruit plants to put in the garden around the house I am building. But best of all he helped me with rabbit raising by building good pens for me and helping me improve my stock. My children like rabbit meat better than chicken, and Gemima says it is easier to cook. Now we can have meat more often—you know how quickly rabbits reproduce.”

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Rabbits are becoming popular as a fast-multiplying source of meat among

our people who have so little meat. They can't can or freeze meat when they butcher, so rabbits, which are family-sized, are ideal. If they butcher a goat or cow they must sell the extra, and if they can't find customers it is hard on the budget. For those who depend on buying meat, there is only a market held once a week and so they can buy only what can be eaten in one meal.

More of our people are becoming convinced that rabbit-raising is the best way of supplying animal protein for the family. In a protein-poor country, this is a step forward for a healthier population. □

Iowa Yearly Meeting Body of Representatives approves sending missionary couple to Mexico



Richard and Mary Ann Martens from Iowa Yearly Meeting will soon join the Evangelical Friends Mission in Mexico.

The Iowa Friends Body of Representatives took a historic step in approving the sending of a missionary couple to Mexico during their official spring session held in Grinnell Friends Church, April 16, 1974. The recommendation had originated with the Mission Board and had received the approval of the

Board on Coordination. The constituent churches had given the proposal much consideration, and it was the consensus that the Lord had directed the Mission Board and the Yearly Meeting to this decision.

Mrs. Miriam McDonald, chairperson of the Mission Board, announced follow-

ing the Mission Board meeting on April 18 that Richard and Mary Ann Martens had been approved as candidates for this new Iowa mission project. The approval of the Martens has been in full cooperation with the Evangelical Friends Mexican Mission with whom the Iowa Friends will be working in this new effort. It is expected the Martens will take initial training at Missionary Internship in Farmington, Michigan, this July, will spend the rest of the summer in visitation and preparation, and will enter language school in Mexico early in the fall.

In taking this action, it was made clear that Iowa Yearly Meeting intends to continue to fulfill its commitments to the Friends United Meeting and to the missionaries who are presently in missionary service.

Miriam McDonald emphasized the fact that this action was taken by faith as the Lord had directed; however, one of the greatest needs of the future was not only financial support but a great prayer support. The mission effort in Mexico City begun by Roscoe and Tina Knight has been born of prayer and has grown because a great amount of prayer has been offered on behalf of the work. Miriam pointed out that giving is easy, but praying regularly for the Martens and the Knights will take a special kind of dedication. She reported each church will be receiving a packet of information about the new mission work, and friends will be given an opportunity to commit themselves both to giving and praying.

—Taken from May, 1974,
issue of The Iowa Friend

Friends Write

Continued

Perhaps tomorrow I can get back to my writing (after a month in the hospital—including Easter—and doctor's orders are to spend most of my time in bed, I was too exhausted for creative writing).

But when husband Robert brought the mail, I read the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* from cover to cover.

And Mr. Skeeter's article encouraged me to keep plugging away until the trumpet sounds.

THELMA JAY

Haviland, Kansas

'Buttoned down boredom'

The most exciting experience I have had since coming to Africa has been to see the change in outlook of many people when they hear the concept, "If you meet the needs of others, then your needs will be met. Look about you! Kenya is filled

with needs. Use your abilities God has given you to meet the needs of others." This seems to be a completely new concept to many.

It is not just Americans who are bored with crab grass and charcoal smoke and wondering "is this all there is?" The whole country of Western Kenya is covered with people who hoe crab grass all day and smell charcoal smoke constantly because this is their only source of energy, people needing "motivation, creativity, purpose in work and living." The roads are lined with young people day after day, bored with life for lack of purpose in living.

Jack Willcut's editorial in the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*, April 1974, hints at the thought that large, successful corporations have found the secret to motivation of people in their advertising by using the basic concepts of what the Good News is all about. The church has lagged miserably at this point, though a few fellowships are catching the idea in these last days. The church should be and must become through its salesmen (members) the motivating force of society!

It really *isn't* too bad that the airplane manufacturer or the 3M Company uses real values of life to motivate people. Certainly, if they accomplish their task their companies will profit, "pressed down and running over." That is what the Good News is all about. Find a need. Meet that need, and your needs will be met also. But the point is, if they profit, then they will have met the needs of people *first*.

A business is any enterprise that provides the goods and services that people need.

The church is a business. The church that fails to provide the services that people need deserves to shrivel and die like any other business. Let the church meet people's needs where they are, and it will prosper.

"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings." (1 Peter 4:10 LB)

A. ELDON HELM

Partnership for Productivity
Kakamega, Kenya

Wait! Wait! Wait!

(Another Perry and Patsy Story)

CHAPTER I

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

Perry Masters took a good look at the beautiful hotel lobby filled with soft chairs and potted plants. His heart hammered hard as the feeling of excitement grew.

His twin sister, Patsy, looked around the lobby, too. "This is sure a pretty hotel," she observed. "Do you think we'll have to wait long for the airport bus?"

Mrs. Masters shook her head. "It will come in about ten minutes. I am really glad that Mr. Trotter could bring us this far."

Patsy sighed, though she really felt like jumping up and down. "I can hardly wait 'til we get to Chicago. Daddy's been gone so long it seems like."

"Only a week," answered Perry. "But I can hardly wait, too. What I can't really wait for, though, is that plane ride. Just think, Patsy, we've never flown anywhere before."

"I know, Perry. Now next time when Michael and Martin and Mitchell come to visit Mr. and Mrs. Trotter we'll have something really exciting to tell them. I'll bet their dad's never had to drive a new car home from the factory. That sure was nice of Daddy's manager to say that we could go and ride home with him. That's the neatest way to start our summer vacation."

"Just think of all the things we'll get to see. Big cities like Chicago and Philadelphia and important things like the liberty bell." Then Perry's face saddened. "But I'll sure miss Chico. Wish he could've come along."

Their mother laughed. "Now that's all we need! I can just see that fuzzy little dog tearing around hotel lobbies and airport terminals. Wouldn't he have the time of his life! Well, he'll enjoy being at home with Trotters. They're really his second family, anyway; he's next door at their house a lot even when we're home."

Patsy sat down on the plush green davenport close by their suitcases. Suddenly she popped up again and grabbed her red case. "There it is! There's the blue and yellow airport bus. Come on, hurry!"

Mrs. Masters and the twins joined the other waiting passengers as everyone

scurried out to the hotel loading zone. "This is neat," whispered Perry as they settled themselves for the ride to the out-of-town airport.

"Yeah, it's fun," agreed Patsy.

The little snub-nosed bus soon pulled up by the main door of the airport terminal. Mrs. Masters paid their fare while the twins eagerly looked at all that was going on at this busy place.

"This is where we will check our baggage," their mother said. "Then we will have plenty of time to get to the boarding gate."

"I can hardly wait," sighed Perry for about the hundredth time that morning.

When their luggage was checked in and safely tagged, they began the walk down the long concourse to where they would board their plane. Their carry-on cases went through the security check. Perry watched anxiously lest something in his pocket would cause the machine to loudly beep as he walked through the little archway. "Whew," he exclaimed as they passed that area. "Guess we were all okay. No lights flashed and no bells rang. I sure wish it was time to get on the plane right now."

However, before they had much time to worry about waiting, the attendant was announcing that it was time to board the plane.

This is what I've been waiting for, thought Perry as he followed the stewardess who showed them their row of three seats. He tried to act like an old professional traveler when he sat down by the window and quickly fastened his seat belt. Actually, his heart pounded harder than ever and the inside of his hands felt wet and sticky.

Patsy sat in the middle seat. Her legs just barely touched the carpeted floor. She watched while others stowed away their coats and handbags.

The huge jet engines began to purr into action. "We won't have to wait much longer. I think we're about ready to take off," Perry said.

"I sure hope so. I'm ready, anyway," replied Patsy.

Mrs. Masters nodded. She felt ready, too.

But there they sat, the engines sounding completely ready and willing. The pilot's voice began to explain over the loud speaker, "I suppose that you have been wondering why we are just sitting here. We've been advised that we are having a bit of mechanical difficulty. The mechanics are checking it all out, but it looks as though we will have to wait awhile for a little part to be replaced. This shouldn't take long, so make yourselves comfortable. The flight attendants will be offering you something to drink while you wait."

"Oh dear!" said Perry.

"Oh, no! More waiting after all," said Patsy as she frowned.

"Well, I am glad they found the trouble now while it could still be fixed, instead of later after we were in the air," Mrs. Masters said comfortingly. "Here comes the stewardess with some pop. That should help you feel better."

Drinking the pop and looking at the airline magazine occupied the minutes until the pilot next announced, "Good news, folks. The valve has been replaced and it looks like we'll have our flight clearance in a very short while. Thank you for being so patient."

"Patient?" questioned Perry. "I didn't feel very patient."

"Life is full of waits," Mrs. Masters said. "That's something we have to learn to deal with. It's good to remember that, as Christians, God is always directing our lives. We just have to trust that these times of waiting are for our good. That's hard, though, because we can't see all the things about each situation that God can see."

Soon the big plane was up in the air. The twins watched as the ground went farther and farther away. Cars and houses began to look like teeny toys as the swirling clouds came within easy reach.

Then it was time to eat. The stewardess brought trays of good food. The flight was going very well. Perry kept looking at his watch. "It won't be long now," he whispered between bites.

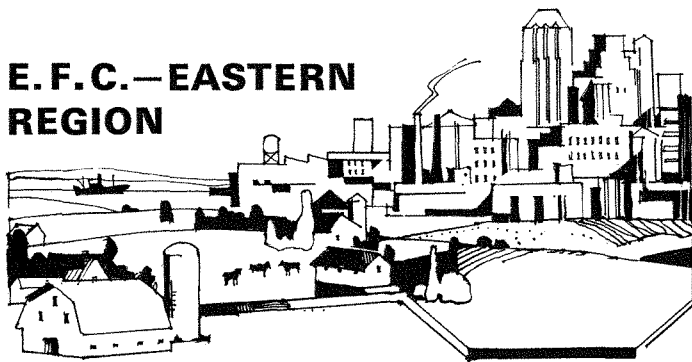
"This is Captain Crakes speaking," said the unseen voice on the intercom system. "We've just been advised by the control tower at Chicago's O'Hare Field that we will be in a holding pattern out here over western Illinois for some time. The air traffic into O'Hare is very heavy today. They will advise us when it will be our turn for landing, but we hope that the extra wait won't be too long."

Perry looked at Patsy with raised eyebrows. "Well, guess what!"

Patsy returned the look. "Yeah! Guess what! Wait, wait, wait! Will we ever be done waiting to see Dad?"

To be continued

E.F.C.—EASTERN REGION



Friends Aid Tornado-Stricken Xenia, Ohio

Members of the newly-organized Friends Disaster Service got an introduction to the monumental task of cleaning up after a major disaster when Friends from several Eastern Region churches, including Alliance, Boston Heights, Damascus, and Winona, traveled to Xenia, Ohio, where tornadoes devastated the city on April 3.

The Alliance delegation of 21 members reported that upon arriving in Xenia they could not grasp the fact that so large an area could be destroyed in just three minutes. They helped a man sort the wreckage of his home into three piles—bricks, lumber, and rubble. They also spent time at the Warner Junior High School, built in 1970, where they carried desks, books, etc., outside to be loaded on trucks.

The spirit of the people of Xenia was seen in the American flags that

Friends in small groups have continued to travel to Xenia on weekends to demonstrate in small ways their love and concern for the people of Xenia.

—from reports by *Lola Aufrance* and *Richard Johnson*

Key 73 Is Alive and Well In Central Ohio

Churches in the Cardington, Marengo, Mt. Gilead, and Fulton communities of central Ohio have kept the spirit of Key 73 alive by inaugurating a program of cooperation they call Key Ministries. Lutherans, United Methodists, Nazarenes, and Friends have participated together in several services. On Palm Sunday, a 65-voice community choir presented the John Peterson cantata, "Hallelujah for the Cross," to a congregation of 650 in the Cardington Church of the Nazarene.

Key Ministries also planned an Easter sunrise service at the Lutheran Memorial Camp's outdoor chapel; 350 persons gathered to hear laymen speak on the subject, "What the Resurrection Means to Me."

In another Key Ministries activity, the Young Friends Singers of Gilead Friends presented a 40-minute assembly program at Cardington High School. Even though rival high schools were represented in this assembly, the love of Jesus reached to all. The local principal remarked, "This is one of the most unusual and deeply moving assemblies we have ever had."

Local clergymen and laymen from these cooperating churches have begun regular visits to area high schools. There they are available for counseling with students. Friends churches participating in this program are Alum Creek and Gilead.

—from reports by *Alma Black*, *Margaret Mosher*, and *Charles Robinson*

Bills to Remove Tax Exemption

Editor's Note: Many Eastern Region Friends have been concerned over the word that two bills in Congress, if made into law as currently written, would eliminate charitable tax exemptions. Nick Block, a member of the staff of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, has written the following report, which helps to clarify the meaning and status of these bills.

In the 92nd Congress Wilbur Mills offered a bill proposing that all tax deductions be reviewed to determine whether or not they were desirable. Further, in his bill he proposed that unless action was taken to continue a certain deduction, it would automatically be terminated. Chairman Mills is not opposed to charitable deductions, but he felt a review was needed and believed that a termination date would get action.

That proposal never got out of committee, and it was not reintroduced in the 93rd Congress.

However, on January 3, 1973, John Heinz, Representative from Pennsylvania, introduced a substantially similar bill, H.R. 636. The idea is simply that of a periodic review of tax deductions. It does not include any automatic termination with no opportunity for consideration.

One way of illustrating the need for what Mr. Heinz' bill seeks to do is as follows: Annually the potential revenue lost through *loopholes* (tax incentives, tax breaks, and other allowances) amounts to about \$100 billion. Each of these *loopholes* in effect does much the same as a welfare payment does: (a) it provides a direct subsidy to an individual or corporation, and (b) money that could be used for other needed government programs is not available. In this sense tax credits increase the overall tax burden just as welfare checks do.

These tax credits may be anything from tax-deductible municipal bonds, oil depletion allowances, mortgage write-offs, down to the lowly charitable contribution. When we realize how much money is thus lost through loopholes because of special-interest laws, a good argument can be made for a periodic reappraisal of tax credits. Only those that are actually beneficial should, of course, be maintained. I would hope that Friends would correspond with their Representatives to Congress and urge them to look carefully at the effects of special-interest tax subsidies on the tax burden placed on working Americans. —Nick Block

Focus on Malone

Ninety-six persons, participating in the Malone College Educational Tour of the Orient, left Los Angeles on June 4 bound for Tokyo, Japan, the first stop on the trip. Forty members of the chorale under the direction of Donald Murray will present 17 concerts during the 26-day tour. One highlight will be the June 16 anniversary service in Taipei, celebrating 20 years in Taiwan by the Friends Mission. Other places to be visited include Seoul, Korea; Manila, the Philippines; Hong Kong (with an optional tour to Bangkok, Thailand), and Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mrs. Jean Nisbet, lecturer in mathematics at Malone, was named the winner of the first Malone Faculty Forum. On April 23 Dr. Richard Chambers introduced her to the entire faculty, at which time she read her prize-winning paper entitled: "Higher Level Questions in Mathe-

Friends concerns

matics." Mrs. Nisbet adapted part of her doctoral dissertation to produce her manuscript, which was submitted to the Reading Committee for review.

"The Psychology of Christian Inaction" was the title of the paper Dr. Alvin Anderson, professor of education and psychology, delivered at the national convention of the Christian Association for Psychological Study (CAPS) held in Atlanta, Georgia, April 20-22.

YEARBOOK DEDICATED TO DR. ROBERT HESS

Dr. Robert Hess, professor of philosophy and history, received a pleasant surprise at the April 29 chapel when Betsy Fisher, *Philos* editor, announced the 1974 Malone yearbook was dedicated to him.

Dr. Hess came to Malone in 1968 to serve as chairman of the Religion and Philosophy Division. The following are excerpts from the dedication page:

"Whether Dr. Robert Hess is instructing a class, preaching from the pulpit, or sharing from his wealth of personal experiences, his energetic



Dr. Robert Hess (left) with Dr. L. A. King, retiring Professor of English.

attitude founded in a vital Christian commitment is evident. . . .

"Students in Dr. Hess' classes enjoy a distinctive atmosphere of his subtle humor, fascinating anecdotes, and openness. Not only does he teach that life is challenging, but he lives it this way.

"In the five years Robert Hess has been at Malone, he has inspired students to explore the realms of philosophy, history, and religion, but most important—themselves. With joy and admiration we dedicate the 1974 *PHILOS* to Dr. W. Robert Hess."



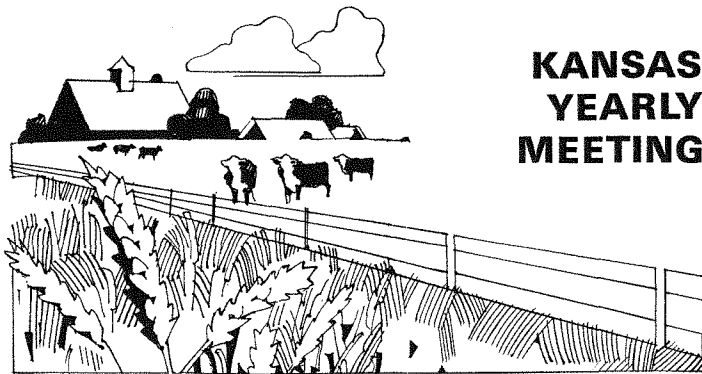
None of the 146 nursery school children in the basement of this Xenia, Ohio, Nazarene Church were injured when the huge ceiling arches (foreground) were ripped from the building.



A group of Friends from Alliance, Ohio, cleaning up what was once a home.

waved on broken masts just above the littered ground in front of wrecked homes.

Sobered by the devastation of much of Xenia, one Alliance youth stated, "It makes you realize that some of the things we devote so much time to are not very lasting after all."



KANSAS YEARLY MEETING

Full-time Pastoral Support Program

A promise, dear to all of us, is found in Romans 10:13, "Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." However, Paul continues with a line of argument that concerns each of us who are involved in the pastor-church relationship. He says, "How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" (Romans 10:14, 15a NASB) This brings responsibility to both those who have been called to preach and those who employ them—namely, the local church.

Early Friends did not have a pastoral system, as we know it, but relied on the leading of the Lord to lay a message upon someone for each service and, I presume, for the pastoral ministry at other times as well. In our day we have adopted a pastoral system and charged certain individuals with these responsibilities. Without arguing the merits of either system, I merely point out that we do have the pastoral system and that in retaining this system we also incur certain responsibilities and obligations that need to be prayerfully considered by pastor and church.

Understanding

The first of these responsibilities is to have a complete understanding of what is expected of the pastor by the church so that the members of the church know what the pastor is supposed to do and also the pastor will know what is expected of him. This will involve a complete job description. It is not my purpose at this time to try to tell what a job description should contain, only that the Spiritual Life Committee needs to take the time and effort to arrive at a rather complete job description for their local church prior to the renewal of a pastoral contract.

Admittedly a pastor must work under a rather loose job description because of the nature of his work and demands that will be made on his time. Therefore, a great deal of responsibility falls upon the pastor to structure his schedule and discipline himself to be the best leader possible. In working with struggling churches, the Pastor-Church Relation Division of the Spiritual Life Board has had to conclude that in many cases the problem has been a lack of leadership. By this I mean that new ideas or practices have not been innovated and difficult situations have not been resolved. Perhaps there are more reasons for this lack of leadership than could be

listed here, but many times the reason has been because resources were not available to free the pastor to devote enough time and effort to the task of the moment and to renew himself through training for the future.

Support

This brings up a second responsibility for the local congregation, which is adequate financial support for the pastor. What is adequate? In an effort to answer that question and resolve some of our problems, the KYM Spiritual Life Board through its Pastor-Church Relation Division has developed a program of full-time pastoral support.

Addressing ourselves to the financial responsibilities, we would support the pastor with base salary of \$6,500 and add fringe benefits in the form of health insurance, retirement, and housing, which would further be supplemented with professional expenses such as annual conference expenses, continuing education, and mileage reimbursement, with annual vacation and a built-in cost-of-living increase each year. This entire package would vary with the individual as to continuing education, basic utilities, mileage, etc., but would approach or exceed \$10,000. According to Yearly Meeting records this would be a gigantic leap for pastor salaries, but remember we are going to ask a man to be a full-time pastor for this salary. This will cut out the extra job.

You ask, "Isn't that a lot of money?" The teachers have had a great deal to say about the low pay scale of teachers. As recently reported in the newspaper, negotiation is going on now with Kansas City school teachers whereby a teacher with a master's degree and 15 years' experience will receive well over \$14,000 next year. Is God's work any less important? How many of our pastors have that many years experience or more? This program is intended to be a minimum for full-time ministry.

The program would also have a complete job description worked out between the local congregation and the pastor, which would include some provision for training programs or continuing education.

To qualify for the program a local church would need to provide a minimum cash support of \$2,400 plus housing and be willing to do a self-analysis that would show potential for growth.

Believing that the apostles were fulfilling a divine calling when they said, "But we will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4 NASB), we have felt that full-time pastoral leadership would be a partial answer to the dilemma faced by many churches—and thus, have developed this program!

A Letter from Burundi

Dear John and Betty Robinson
To His Honor the Superintendent
of Kansas Yearly Meeting:

I greet you in the name of Jesus our saviour. It is the first time I greet you. I haven't before had a good opportunity to write as writing to a leader like you. I praise the Lord who caused you to send us missionaries here in Burundi to tell us the word of God. I am thankful for the unity that comes from Christ which unites white or black. In these two years which followed each other, the way you took the trouble to come here even though the trip was not short you came to comfort our hearts along with your wife, which is something for which to praise the Lord very much. I thank you for the gifts you sent us after you got back there to America. You sent us bags to carry our books in. I, Gabriel Daradangwa, put in front of you [lay on your heart] to pray that the youth will go forward in the things of the Lord, because the youth is what we mainly have in our churches. As you travel among the churches there, remember us. And we do not forget you.

Greet your whole family as well as the church you are in charge of.

I bid you goodbye.

It is I, Gabriel Daradangwa, pastor of the church of Ceru.

The Lord bless you.

The above is an example of our reason for being in Burundi.

Pastor Daradangwa's thanks are directed to all of KYM for providing support to our missionaries; to those of you in particular who assisted in supplying our travel funds, and to the Wichita Area men who helped send small briefcases to the pastors.

He thanks you—and we thank you.

—John and Betty Robinson

KYM Friends Ministry Fellowship Retreat

Over 130 ministers and their spouses of Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends churches met at the Center for Christian Renewal, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 22-25, for their annual fellowship retreat. The theme of "Confident Ministry" was expressed throughout the conference.

Inspiring messages were brought each evening as John Robinson, general superintendent, led off with "A Touch of Warmth"; Gerald Teague, associate superintendent, spoke on "Jungle Survival," and John Williams, academic dean at Friends University, called us to "Rekindle the Fire."

Guest speakers were Robert and Esther Hess from Canton, Ohio. He is chairman of the Religion and Philosophy Division at Malone College, and she is a librarian and editor of the Missionary Voice section of the *Evangelical Friend*. Robert Hess stressed "Crises in Confidence" in regard to self-confidence and public confidence, with establishment of values that will give ministers security in service for Christ. Esther Hess, in speaking to the women, used as a motto, "Be a growing person—bloom where you are planted."

Dr. Leroy Brightup, professor of Bible at Friends University, conducted a class each day titled "Ezekiel—Pastor in Turbulent Times."

John Havens, pastor of the Federated Church at Mt. Hope, Kansas, led a panel discussion on funerals. John Robinson led a discussion on weddings and presented Catalyst,

which is a tape lending library with helps for ministers.

After the evening refreshments Don Crist, pastor at Topeka, was in charge of small sharing groups.

—Submitted by the Press

Committee: Steve Harmon,
Betty Foster, Wayne Conant

WMU—Home Christian Service

WMU ladies across KYM are faithful each March in taking an offering to help with the maintenance of our two homes for missionaries on furlough. The Ed Dealy family has been living in the Haviland home since August and have now left to visit relatives in the Northwest before returning to Burundi. Oliver Kent lived in the Wichita home for several months before the arrival of Gary and Ann Fuqua on March 13.

Rough Rock Friends Mission and Friends Special School have been blessed by the retirement of Elwood and Mary Harrison, who now live in Colorado Springs. When leaving their farm in northern Kansas, they felt the Lord calling them to do "delivery service" to these two home missions. Their pickup has made many trips hauling a variety of needed and useful things.

Praying is the greatest thing you can do to help our home mission work. Be faithful.

—Gladys Chenoweth

Becky Wins Honors

Rebecca J. Thomas, Newberg, Oregon, received the 1974 PGE National Merit Scholarship. Presented by Portland General Electric Company, the four-year college scholarship will enable Becky to enter George Fox College next fall.

Rebecca, the daughter of George and Dorothy Thomas—KYM missionaries on extended furlough from Burundi—spent her first two years at Rift Valley Academy in East Africa. She has maintained a straight "A" average through her four years of high school and ranks first in her senior class of 213. Her extracurricular activities include drama, speech, and officer positions in Thespians and Friends Youth groups.

Burundi Prayer and Praise

PRAISE God for the good conferences we had.

The Catechism teachers were at Kwibuka late March and early April and pastors from April 17-25 for times of blessing and encouragement. Many testified they were going home to do a better job. Pray for them. George Thomas, who came to Africa on a short-term speaking mission, taught most of the classes, assisted by the Choates and Jim Morris.

PRAY for the new church elders. Each church presented several new elders to the Quarterly Meeting for approval. Pray that God will help them realize their new responsibilities.

PRAY for our missionaries in transition—Choates recently arrived home on furlough; Rileys, Gerry Custer, and Morris will be going home soon. Pray for the Dealys and Thornburgs as they prepare to return to Burundi.

PRAY for Sodiya as he assumes the pastoral leadership at Kwisumo.

PRAY for Radio Cordac as they are facing problems due to personnel changes.

PRAY that God will speak to some young couple about serving as dorm parents for Windy Hill next year. WGM and Free Methodists have teachers and are looking to us for dorm parents.

NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING

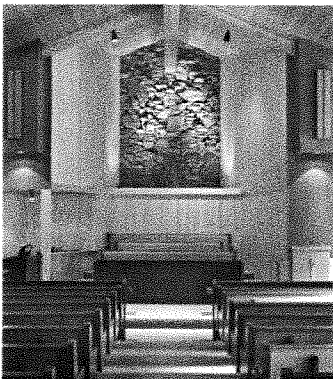


Church Afire!

Ours was, one cold night in December 1972. In the predawn, subzero weather, ice-encrusted volunteers saved four classrooms, two musical instruments, hymnals, pews, and the concrete floor of the Fellowship Hall. Soon after, preparations were underway for our new building, which was dedicated to Christ on March 10, 1974.

Harley Adams, one of our former pastors, gave the morning message. In the afternoon 450-500 guests heard Norval Hadley, NWYM superintendent, deliver the dedicatory charge. Church architect Ed Arnold and wife Connie of Alabama shared their love for Christ in testimony and song. Architectural services were donated.

All 9,000 square feet of the building (built for \$70,000) are paid for—one of God's miracles in Melba. Other miracles: during the last two



months of construction the local congregation provided \$14,000; the pastor plus 79 volunteers gave 5,500 man-power hours; the entire church is furnished and in use, with the sanctuary used only for worship.

Interesting facts: (a) the Prayer Room, built because of multiple re-

quests, is open 24 hours a day for anyone who wishes to pray; (b) materials were priced and bought from four states to save on costs; (c) WMU ladies did most of the painting, furnished the kitchen, and helped furnish our very active library (housed in a special library room); (d) rock used is native Owyhee rock, selected and hauled by volunteers and installed by Gordon Bennett; (e) primary rooms are color-coded for the children's benefit: Grasshopper Room (green), Bluebird Room, and Buttercup Room.

We praise God for His miracles in Melba and pray that He will help us to be a church on fire for Him in our community.

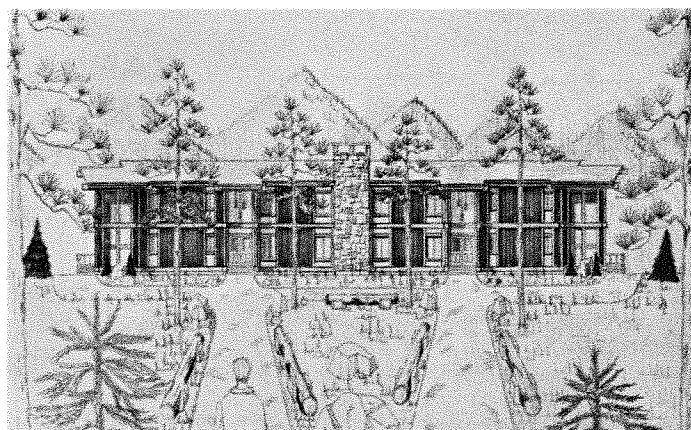
If you are in Idaho, we invite you to visit the Melba Friends Church.

—Gwen Fodge

Quaker Hill Plans New Winter Lodge

The great depression 1929-1930—can you imagine a more untimely year to purchase property and start to construct a church camp? The challenge and concern for an Idaho conference grounds was placed before eight Friends churches in southern Idaho during those dark 1930s—a time when there simply was no money. Yet the money was forthcoming; Quaker Hill was born; many lives have been changed and many decisions made; hundreds of persons have accepted Christ.

Years have a way of creating wear and tear and reminding us that continued progress requires more vision, sacrifice, and effort. The present Quaker Hill board, sensing a whole new era and concept of Christian camping, has launched a \$150,000 fund-raising drive to build a winter lodge. The new building will allow Quaker Hill to be used for the first time on a year-round basis. The recent trends toward winter recreation open many new and exciting opportunities for snow camps, winter retreats, ski camps, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing.



Front elevation of proposed lodge for year-round use at Quaker Hill.

The new building will be self-contained, housing a much needed new kitchen and dining hall. This will serve the entire camp even during peak summer attendance. Motel-type sleeping accommodations for 100 people will rate the lodge as one of the finest in the Northwest. The three-level structure will feature a large recreation area as well as conference rooms, camp office, store, and caretakers' apartment.

When pledges reach \$25,000 and cash on hand amounts to \$25,000, the Quaker Hill board has authorized construction to begin. As of May 1, \$7,500 cash is in savings and some \$30,000 have been pledged. It is hoped that construction can begin this summer. Should you like to have a part in this exciting ministry, send your contributions and pledges to Verla May Armstrong, 1814 Howard St., Caldwell, Idaho 83605.

—Glenn Koch

George Fox College

Tim Bletscher, a biology major from Portland, is the new president of the GFC student body. Bletscher, a 21-year-old junior, was elected on a

platform calling for more cooperation between students and administration and for more awareness of student body functions.

GFC Professor Michael Graves has been named an Outstanding Educator of America for 1974. Graves, associate professor of speech communication, has been a faculty member for two years.

Fiddler on the Roof, the long-running Broadway musical, was performed by the George Fox Music Theater organization before more than 1,200 persons in early May. The three-hour musical featured a 40-member stage cast and a 22-piece orchestra directed by Joseph E. Gilmore.

Sixty-ninth annual May Day activities were held May 4 with Queen Kathy Huffman, a Muncie, Indiana, junior home economics major, reigning. Other court members were Debbie Goins, Marion, Indiana; Ruth Ricarte, Elma, Washington; Julia Whitaker, Salem, Oregon; and Sharon Fodge, Caldwell, Idaho.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING

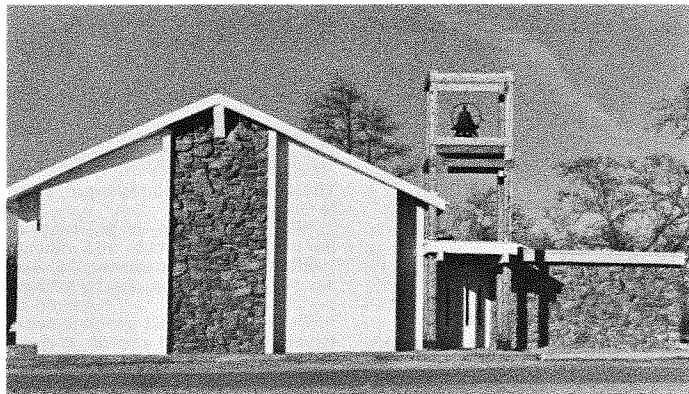
Programs for Youth Camp Announced

Each summer, Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting young people gather at Quaker Ridge Camp for times of inspiration, fellowship, and fun. Paul and Sharon Moser, Yearly Meeting youth directors, will be directing our camp programs, and they have put together programs to interest each age group. As in past years, we will have four camps, which will be divided by age groups.

The theme for our total camping program is found in Luke 2:52, "And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." The emphasis will be to reach the total young person—spiritual,

physical, social, and mental—with a special emphasis for each particular age group.

Campers will have opportunity to experience stress camping with the juniors being taken on a late-night hike with a snack cookout along the way. The junior highers will be spending one night out, with the girls going early in the week and the boys taking their turn at the end of the camp. The senior high young people will fix a snack and breakfast in-the-rough and will go out by cabins, taking turns throughout the week. Small cluster groups will be experiencing stress camping during the College/



Recently dedicated church in Melba, Idaho.

PHOTOS BY DAN HEDEL, AUSA

Career Camp. Experienced backpackers and advanced Scouts will head these programs.

The following groupings are the camps and items of interest for each. Physicals will be required for each camper; check your church office to obtain the proper form. More information on each camp may be obtained from Paul and Sharon Moser, 3113½ North 55th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68104.

Young people from 4th grade through college/career should start making plans now to participate with others throughout the Yearly Meeting.

JUNIOR CAMP

JULY 5-12
For: 4th, 5th, 6th graders
(in the fall of 1974)
Cost: \$22.50

SPEAKERS: Paul and Sharon Moser
EMPHASIS: Spiritual

THEME: "And that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 3:15)

SEMINARS: How to Know God's Will; Paul, the Slave of the Lord; How to Study Your Bible; How to Share Your Faith; Total Personality Dating; and Different Way to Look and Act.

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP

JULY 12-19
For: 7th, 8th, and 9th graders
(in fall of 1974)
Cost: \$22.50

SPEAKERS: Larry and Mileta Kinser
EMPHASIS: Physical

THEME: "For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Thy works, and my soul knows it very well." (Psalm 139:13, 14)

SENIOR HIGH CAMP

JULY 19-26
For: 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th graders
(in fall of 1974)
Cost: \$23.50

SPEAKERS: Cyril and Beverly Carr
EMPHASIS: Social

THEME: "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31)

COLLEGE/CAREER CAMP

JULY 26-28
For: College age and singles
EMPHASIS: Mental

THEME: "For as he thinks within himself, so he is." (Proverbs 23:7)

Counselor Training Set

About 20 college and high school aged people will meet July 1-5 at Rockcliff, a Friends-directed camping center near Green Mountain Falls, Colorado, for training to serve as camp counselors. They will attend seminars conducted by Paul and Sharon Moser on Prayer, Characteristics of Campers, Personal Testimony, Scripture Memory, Leadership, Positive Thinking, Devotions, Listening and Communication, Evangelism, Quiet Time, "Help, I'm a Camp Counselor," Recreation, Discipline, Case Studies, Schedules, and Stress Camping. Two nights will be spent in stress camping situations to get the counselors acquainted with being in the out-of-doors. The theme for the training will be: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth."

(2 Timothy 2:15) These trained counselors will then serve in the camping programs of the Yearly Meeting.

Daily Life Becomes a Pulpit

How easy it is to view others' lives—analyze and see their faults and failures. However, they should be examples by which we search our own hearts for need of corrections.

A number of instances from daily life have spoken to us recently. There have been those who succumbed to indulging in excessive drinking of alcohol. Some of these have culminated in accidents that took their lives. One wonders the reasons for their resorting to the terrible habit of drink, even after some of their closest relatives have even met with death because of such behavior. An obvious reason, of course, is the addiction by sin's power, until there remains no strength to resist. However, in some cases the one who indulges only seems to do it at times of frustration or difficult places. Thus, it appears to be an escape from facing the reality of the situation, and finding a solution.

It is easy for us who never have been addicted to such a habit to severely censure those who are. Nevertheless, they serve as a warning to us. How do we meet frustration and hard places? Is it possible that other avenues could be as

equally harmful to others, although inwardly rather than outwardly, as alcohol is? Those who meet with disappointments with attitudes such as resentment, self-pity, or bitterness hurt themselves and others. Although they would not think of hurting anyone outwardly, their attitudes have done the work inwardly. Therefore, we as Christians are admonished to watch the inward workings of our heart and keep them right before God.

A person is reminded of Jesus asking the question of why we look at the speck in our brother's eye and pay no attention to the log in our own eye. There are so many sermons to gain from the examples from daily life. We need to watch, as we view the sins and mistakes of others, that we do not react as the Pharisee, who looked down on the publicans and thanked God that he was not like them. Thus, daily life preaches a sermon through its happenings for a twofold purpose: (1) that we might be able to analyze it to the point of intelligently praying and interceding for the persons involved, and (2) that it be an admonition and warning to us, lest we be tempted in some way—whether in attitude or conduct—that would displease God and hurt our fellowmen. We need not wait until Sunday for a sermon; the Holy Spirit can use each day's events and God's Word to speak to us.

—Mary Gafford



Friends gather

ALLIANCE, Ohio

It's nice to be appreciated! A "thank you" hour for teachers and assistants was held by the director of Christian education prior to an evening service. We discovered that several of our teachers have been at their jobs for nearly 20 years.

Rev. Len Evans spoke to us in a recent service and stressed that the only way we Christians can prove our love to God is by giving our love to our fellowman.

A reception for our new pastor and his wife, Richard and Pat Bower, was held following the evening service on April 28. Richard Bower will assume duties on July 1, succeeding Dr. Robert Hess, who has served as interim pastor for one year.

ALUM CREEK, Marengo, Ohio

On Sunday, April 28, we experienced a wonderful, spontaneous healing service. Our pastor came to the service prepared to ask a mother to be anointed in behalf of her only daughter, who was hospitalized and suffering much pain. When the service was opened for words of praise another request for special prayer was indicated. Finally, all with spe-

cial needs were invited to come to the front of the church for prayer. The pastor, our elders, and Dr. W. Ezra DeVol joined in offering prayer for each of these. By evening we had received reports of definite benefits to many, including the hospitalized daughter. The joy and refreshment linger.

BARBERTON, Ohio

We experienced revival during services in the first week of March. Eddie Lockwood from our Peniel Friends Church was the very capable evangelist. Many received spiritual help and a number were saved.

We held a Sunday School Workers Conference recently. During that conference it was decided that for the rest of 1974 the last Sunday of each month would be designated as Missions Sunday. Our offerings on these Sundays will go toward the Missionary Outreach Budget.

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio

The District Men in Missions meeting was held in our Fireside Room on April 6 with 140 men attending. Sherman Brantingham was the

speaker, and music was provided by the Bellefontaine Friends Teen Choir.

Lenore Burch, our pastor's mother, from Michigan spoke to us on April 21. She shared about our Friends heritage and experiences. She brought along authentic Quaker costumes and had them on display.

BELOIT, Ohio

Our annual "Thirty Pieces of Silver" Love Offering reached \$1007.09. Half this amount will go to missions and the other half will be used to launch a pew fund for new pews.

BETHANY, Wadsworth, Ohio

Greetings from Bethany Friends! The month of March was a time of special emphasis in our Sunday school with activities planned for each Sunday. One Sunday, helium-filled balloons were released with the address of the church on them. Cards have returned from Pennsylvania and Virginia and three houses away from the church!

C. T. Mangrum led Bethany through ten days of Spiritual Renewal services. His theme was "The Fullness and Ministry of the Holy Spirit." The Spirit moved upon us in a way we had never experienced before. Many received the baptism of the Spirit; many received a fresh anointing, and some came back to the Lord who had been away too long. Praise the Lord!

CALVARY, Columbus, Ohio

Thirteen new members were received into our fellowship on a recent Sunday. We praise the Lord for this growth. A Scout troop has been started in our church. When the idea was presented, five men responded immediately as volunteers to lead this program.

CHANDLER, Oklahoma

Shawnee-Cherokee Area Rally was held here the first part of March. A wonderful time was experienced by all. Guest speakers were Ed and Sandra Dealy; Ross McClellan, State senator, who gave information on some of the bills coming up, and Bud and Letha Lawrence, giving camp information.

Important events have been a baby dedication, with the baby wearing a dress over 100 years old that had been used in many similar occasions.

Sam and Rachel Dunn have been accepted under the Wycliffe Bible Translators to serve in Brazil. Mother of twin boys, aged 1½ years, Rachel is a member of our meeting and the daughter of Richard and Florence Ratcliff, Agra, Oklahoma. While raising their assured salary, the Duns have accepted the pastorate of Union Friends for the coming year.

In accordance to the will and call of God, Chandler Friends Church recognized the hand of God upon Sam and Rachel Dunn in short-term work to Brazil. In recognition of this call, Sunday evening, March 31, was set as a time of challenge and commitment. Pledges were taken toward the support of the Duns while they work in Brazil.

Something new has been started: Mens Fellowship. James Ratliff is our chairman, Wendell Helm is program director, and Kenneth Routon is money holder.

COUNCIL HOUSE Wyandotte, Oklahoma

Council House Friends has a number of smaller organizations in it. We have the monthly meeting, the Sunday school, and various committees. We have Ladies Aid, missionary society, and the junior and senior youth

groups, and the choir. Each group is a definite part of the church.

The Ladies Aid held its annual Memorial Day Sale of fancy work, woven products, rugs, bags, etc., at the church on Memorial Day. The Junior Friends Youth served lunch, with proceeds going to send youth to Quivering Arrow Camp.

Quivering Arrow Friends Camp is held on the Council House grounds. Children attend from the four Friends Indian Centers in Oklahoma. Camp dates are July 22-27.

Last year there were 70 campers ranging in age from 4th to 12th grade.

This year's theme will be "Love Is the Greatest" based on 1 Corinthians 13. Chapel speaker will be Tim Henley, youth director of Iowa Yearly Meeting. Camp director is Bob Williams, Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

DAMASCUS, Ohio

Holy Week services began in our church on Sunday, April 14, with Dr. Roger Barrett, clinical psychologist from Malone College, speaking through Wednesday. His messages dealt with the theme, "The Christian and His Emotions." The cantata, "The Last Week," was presented in our church at sunrise services Easter morning by the Community Choir. Easter evening our senior Friends Youth performed the drama, "The Centurion."

April 21 we were privileged to have Miss Flo Price, Christian actress, recording artist, and television hostess of *Treehouse Club* for a sacred concert in the morning worship service.

EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

Holy Week services in our community included a midweek trip to Howland Friends to participate with four Friends churches in a special "Tenebrae" observance; community Good Friday services at East Goshen; Easter Sunday sunrise service at Damascus; and our own Junior Choir and Youth Group presenting the Easter evening service, "Truly the Son of God," in Scripture and song.

Our pastor has presented several very effective "sermons in dialogue," structuring his message around a conversation between two or more Bible characters.

EAST RICHLAND St. Clairsville, Ohio

A record number of people attended our services on Easter Sunday with a total of 407 attending the two morning worship services. This is also the first time two services have been conducted on Sunday morning. We expect completion of the new addition to our sanctuary in early summer.

Thirty-five lay persons from Canada and the Salem-Canton, Ohio, areas participated in a mini Lay Witness Mission for a recent weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Don Roher of Salem, Ohio, acted as coordinators. Over 150 attended the banquet and sharing sessions on Saturday evening.

EMPORIA, Kansas

Holiday seasons are special in our church programs for youth and adults. Our family life is strengthened by college students home for vacation. Those who are shut-ins and those who have special needs are always in our thoughts and prayers.

The spiritual life program, "Under Shepherd," is encouraging and helpful.

The parsonage has been carpeted. Special contributions and the

Verl Weaver memorial have made this possible.

The J. Will Patton and Clarence Greenwood memorials were used for the new electric mimeograph.

A new amplifier for the church public address system came from the Gertrude Walsh memorial.

Charles Kirkpatrick, Radio Cordac, and Ed and Sandra Dealy, Grace Memorial Press, all on furlough from Burundi, Africa, were special guests and speakers recently.

Our Church Evaluation Survey questionnaires, analyzed by Leroy Brightup and Merl Kinser, have given a valuable introspection of ourselves as to our weaknesses and strengths. We are now more aware of these. They challenge us as to our future responsibilities and commitments to Christ and the work of the church. We are happy that Veryl Hinshaw, with his wife Beth and children, Gary and Donita, have accepted our call as pastors for 1974-75.

ENID, Oklahoma

Communication from the Kansas Yearly Meeting Stewards Committee expressed concern that several meetings in KYM have not made payment toward the Unified Financial Program. They encouraged as many meetings as possible to pay more than their committed amount to compensate for the churches who cannot make their payment. Our Stewards Committee recommends that our local meeting pay an additional \$20 per month, effective March, 1974, through June, 1974, to help meet the KYM financial goal. This recommendation was approved.

Our Faith Promise Mission was a high point in May. We began with an explanation of the Faith Promise concept and Faith Promise cards, closing with a time for questions. Following a fellowship sandwich and salad supper, there was a film titled "How God Taught Me to Give." We then discussed the specific projects our Faith Promises will be supporting and together made our Faith Promise Commitments, and the amount was totaled and announced.

FIRST DENVER, Colorado

Dr. Donald Chittick, professor at George Fox College, was with us for a weekend series on "Science and the Bible."

A special highlight this month was the presentation of "The Boy Who Caught the Fish." Given by our junior department (4th-6th graders), this musical drama had a great message.

We continue to be excited about our building plans. We are presently in a Stewardship of Life thrust that is reaching each of our church homes.

FRIENDS MEMORIAL Seattle, Washington

Two of our long-time members passed away recently, and we would like to honor their memories.

Wendell Woodward died of a heart attack March 4 at the age of 69 in the desert of the Southwest (Arizona), where he and his wife Esther were spending the winter months. Wendell was a life-long Quaker and had been a member here for the last 20 years. Prior to his retirement, he had been with the U.S. Weather Bureau for 39 years. He was deeply concerned with the local meeting wherever he was and had been active in the Seattle church.

Mary Isabelle Hendricks, sister of Esther White and Richard Hendricks, died May 6, 1974, at the age of 66 as a result of cancer. She had been a member of the Friends Church for

over 50 years, and the church was her love. She prayed daily for the church, for missions and missionaries, and for our Yearly Meeting superintendent.

FRIENDSWOOD, Texas

"Days of Evangelism" was the theme of the May conference at our meeting, with Dr. Milo Ross of Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon, as guest speaker. Jerry and Mary Louthan assisted by bringing the music. "Into the Word" was the topic of the daily Bible study each morning at 10 a.m.; a men's breakfast was on Monday morning and a ladies' luncheon on Thursday. These were five great days of wonderful happenings in our meeting.

In April our church planted a tree on the grounds of the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) in appreciation for their help during our "Encounter with Christ" and as an expression of friendship.

Jerry Louthan, who served as our youth director for the past four years, has resigned from this position. His work as a school counselor requires additional college work in the summer. They will continue to live in Friendswood.

A "surprise" 25th Wedding Anniversary party was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Weaver in the Trammel Home, Friendswood.

FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio

Hello from Fulton Creek Friends Church! On Easter Sunday morning all the children of our church brought their pennies for Mexico. The count showed \$107.10!

Many of our members, friends, and neighbors have either been ill or in the hospital, including our pastor. We covet your prayers for all who are ill, confined to homes or hospitals.

GILEAD, Mt. Gilead, Ohio

There has been a quiet and wonderful moving of the Holy Spirit in our services, resulting in physical and spiritual healing and increased attendance at all meetings. Twenty-seven new members were received on Easter Sunday morning.

A new format for the midweek service was begun on April 17. On the first and third Wednesdays of the month we meet for inspiration from the Word and then go into the community for an hour of visitation. Following our visits we return to the church for fellowship and sharing of victories.

Gilead Friends have received much blessing by ministering at home and to others in song and testimony. There are many in our congregation who minister in this way, but we have the following organized groups: The Young Friends Singers (eight youth), The New Friends Singers (our choir), The Friendsmen Quartet, The Ladies Trio, and the Bond of Love Singers (six couples). These groups have participated in services all through our area.

HAVILAND, Kansas

The Christian Education Committee sponsored a Teacher Appreciation Banquet in April, honoring all teachers and assistants of the Sunday school and youth work. Cyril Carr, minister of youth; Inez Kendall, chairman of the Christian Education Committee, and Mrs. William Goldsmith were in charge of planning.

Love for our missionaries was expressed as the Ambassadors' Sunday School Class gave funds originally earmarked for new carpet in their classroom to the Ed Dealy

family. The Dealys are gathering clothing for the next four years in Africa, and the gift of over \$500 will go a long way in supplying this need.

HIGHLAND AVENUE Salem, Oregon

Salem Area Rallies at Marion and Silverton have been well attended by Friends from Highland Avenue.

A Tuesday morning prayer meeting held at the parsonage weekly has been a great strength in prayer and fellowship with the Lord. Many prayers have been answered.

Wendell Barnett, son of our pastor, and his wife Donita and children renewed their friendship with us at a potluck supper, after which Wendell presented a challenging message telling of their many experiences with Friends in Dallas, Texas.

Our church has undertaken a new project of helping send Sunday school quarterlies, the *Teacher's Friend* and *Adult Friend*, to Kenya, East Africa, as they currently need printed material for English-speaking teachers.

Many years of faithful devotion to our Lord were ended as Guy T. Turner quietly slipped away to be with the Lord on April 11, 1974.

Released time from Highland Grade School has been most carefully used by Child Evangelism instructors with the regular assistance of Erma DeLapp, Linda Barton, and Pastor Paul Barnett.

HOWLAND, Warren, Ohio

Fourteen new members were accepted into our fellowship in the month of March. We have been greatly helped by several laymen who have visited our church in recent weeks as "lay witnesses." We realize we have a very short time remaining and we should use every opportunity for doing the Lord's work.

HUNTER HILLS Greensboro, North Carolina

God is really blessing our church. We have had several opportunities to serve our fellowman in a number of ways, and it has challenged us as a church. We are praying that God will give us additional opportunities to serve and to witness.

During Holy Week we participated with five other churches in two co-operative services. Our Chancel Choir presented John Peterson's cantata, "Hallelujah, What a Savior." The spiritually inspired music was a blessing to those who sang as well as those who heard.

HUTCHINSON, Kansas

We are thankful for an interested, working Education Committee.

Our Sunday school is well staffed with 11 classes meeting each Sunday. Each class has a teacher and assistant. Children's Church meets twice a month and interest is growing. We recently had a "Money Board" to collect coins and bills for the Mexico City Mission work.

We are concerned about leadership training and have worked to aid our staff in this area.

Enthusiastic leadership by Shirley Pendergrass helped provide an interesting Vacation Bible School again this year. For the second consecutive year we had an evening, family style Bible school. Preprayer meetings were an important factor in making the school a success.

The Homebuilders and Kumjoints classes are sharing in different types of study these days and finding tapes on "Home and Family Relationships and Responsibilities" very helpful.

KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon

The Klamath Falls holiness churches held Easter sunrise service on the shore of Upper Klamath Lake, followed by a breakfast at the Salvation Army. In the evening, youth and adults of the church met together for a rich time of sharing "What Easter Means to Me."

For their April meeting, the WMU ladies met at the Talk o' the Town restaurant, where they were exposed to a sample of Aymaraland. They ate an Aymara style dinner, examined curios from Peru, and listened to Alice Maurer, in Aymara costume, tell about the life of an Aymara woman.

The church young people are innovators! They are producing a church newspaper that is informative, inspirational, and carries a very helpful calendar of church events.

We were very pleased to have the Duane Comfort family, missionaries to Peru, with us for morning and evening services May 12. Their ministry to us was challenging and inspiring.

LISBON, Ohio

Nearly 120 persons attended the Sunday afternoon ground-breaking service for our new church building. The service was one of challenge and praise to the Lord for His having led the congregation to this point. It is expected that actual construc-



tion of the building will be underway by early summer. The building will house a sanctuary for 235, 10 classrooms, a kitchen, a fellowship hall, and a pastor's study.

MARYSVILLE, Ohio

Easter Sunday our church was awakened to the fact that we need to get started on a new church building. It is possible we may need to begin two morning worship services. Praise the Lord for good attendance! One of our members has recently been blessed with a van. Every Sunday he loads it to capacity (including two folding chairs in the rear) and comes to church. What next? Perhaps a Greyhound bus!

NEWPORT NEWS, Virginia

A Girls' Missionary Society was recently established for girls nine years old and up. They held their first meeting in February.

The men of our church have formed a softball team and have begun to play regular games.

NORTHBRIDGE, Wichita, Kansas

Larry Lewis, son of Pastor Dale and Judy Lewis and a student at Ft. Wayne Bible College, has been chosen for the Venture for Victory Team to play basketball in South Africa this summer. From Faith Promise funds, Northridge has designated a gift of \$200 to assist Larry on the expenses of this missionary venture.

Other recipients of Faith Promise money have been tornado-stricken Friends churches in Ohio and Indi-

ana who were hard hit in the recent rash of twisters; \$200 was designated for this cause. Others are George Thomas, for his African evangelistic expenses; Kenneth Lygrisse toward his summer travel with the Continentals in Europe and the U.S.; \$200 for freight expenses on the shipment of barrels to Burundi. A tape recorder was purchased for Arden Sanders to be used in his work with Wycliffe Bible Translators, and 40 new cassette tape cartridges were given to Paul Thornburg to be used in Africa. The sum of \$50 went to purchase supplies for our food pantry. The Lord has graciously kept His promise to supply our needs when we trust in Him.

NORTHSHORE, Houston, Texas

Pastor Frank Gordy gave special emphasis on the family unit as he prepared for our Easter services. Families were urged to attend together. Again this year we participated in a union sunrise service with the Memorial Christian Church. Dr. Carl Williams of Gulf Coast Bible College was speaker. Breakfast was served following the sunrise service. Our Sunday school Easter love offering was for the mission work in Mexico.

Our spring revival was called a *Preaching Mission*. Wendell Barnett, pastor of Friends in Dallas, was speaker, and Henry Harvey and Friends Bible College Singers presented music.

We have been happy with the addition of a Children's Church to our services.

NORTHSIDE, Grinnell, Iowa

On a recent Sunday the opening exercises of our Sunday school, featuring our children, were taped. This tape will be used at the Friendship Manor Nursing Home to celebrate the birthdays of the residents there.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma

Pastor Sheldon Cox held special services recently for Chandler Friends. In honor of his 36th birthday, on April 28, the congregation had a reception following the Sunday evening service.

Guest speaker for our Easter sunrise service was Oliver Kent from Wichita. We had a wonderful time and the people appreciated his message very much.

Our pastors enjoyed a week at Pastors' Retreat. It was a time of learning and sharing.

May activities included a trip to the Farm for softball, hiking, and a big weiner roast.

PENIEL, Onemo, Virginia

Peniel Friends welcomed Dr. Jimmie Gibson to its pulpit for Spring Revival services. These services included inspiring messages, flannelgraph lessons, and special music. Many were spiritually helped. A large number of ladies from our church and the community met each day during these services in the morning with Mrs. Jimmie Gibson. Her talks centered around Christian homemaking, and these were enlightening and encouraging.

PLEASANT VIEW Robbins, North Carolina

We have a new Fellowship Hall at Pleasant View, and at a recent "shower" for this new addition many useful gifts were presented as well as money offerings. Several members of the church have donated tables and chairs for this room. Pic-

tured below is a group at a recent party in this new room.



ROLLIN, Addison, Michigan

The Rollin Friends Church participated in the union Good Friday services at the Addison United Congregational Church with choir music and the message by Rev. Roger Carr. An Easter sunrise service was hosted by our church with members of Rollin Center United Methodist Church and others as guests. In place of our regular Sunday school on Easter Sunday, we viewed the film, *I Beheld His Glory*. Following the film the children participated in an Easter egg hunt.

SALEM FIRST, Ohio

Salem First broke all previous records in attendance on Easter Sunday with 1,112 in the morning worship services. We have for more than a year now held two Sunday morning services.

April 21-24 we had Stan Scott from Steubenville with us in evangelistic services. The attendance was excellent with over 500 in attendance each evening. Many people found spiritual help in the Lord.

SMITHFIELD, Ohio

Praise the Lord! God has been truly answering definite prayers for us. We have prayed for several years for more parking space, and now we have obtained new property next to the parsonage and are anticipating a bigger and better parking area. The Lord has done wonders for us financially also.

Several members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes visited us for a recent service. Several boys and their leaders gave their testimonies and told what the FCA and the church has meant to them.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio

Our church family was blessed during the week preceding Easter as Larry and Mileta Kinser from Havi-land, Kansas, ministered at special services. The influence of the Holy Spirit was evident.

Revival is breaking out among the youth of our church, and the main instrument has been a Bible study and fellowship at the home of a Friends Youth member each Tuesday night. The fellowship has grown to over 20 persons, and a number of our young people have drawn closer to Jesus through the prayer ministry of these junior and senior high school students. Other young people are being won to God through the love, lives, and testimonies of some of these young people. Prayers are being answered continually. Pray with us that this new life will spread to older age groups.

STAR, Idaho

John Taffin taught a series of eight Bible lessons on prophecy on Sunday nights. We were challenged with the great amount of evidence that Christ's second coming is near. With this motivation, we must take full advantage of every opportunity to win people to Christ. An average

of 65 came each week to the prophecy series.

A Sunday School Contest with the "Climbin' Up the Mountain" theme was held during the five Sundays of March. We reached an average of 110 for the month, the highest for several years.

A ministry of prayer by the elders for special needs among us known as "Anointing for Needs" began in January. Definite answers to prayer have been noted as well as a visible demonstration of what the Scripture admonishes us to do in bearing one another's burdens.

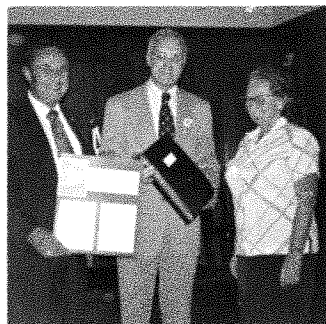
The Outreach Conference held March 27-31 boosted our faith. Our Faith Promise goal of \$5,425 was exceeded by our promising \$7,095.

TECUMSEH, Michigan

We experienced a thrilling missionary conference April 5, 6, 7 with Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Anderson of Malone College and their three teenagers, Marva, Paul, and Stanley, along with Oliver Kent, a national from Africa. The Andersons shared their experiences in Colombia, Ecuador, and the Dominican Republic, illustrated with slides. As a family they presented many songs with guitar accompaniment. Oliver Kent spoke Saturday and Sunday evenings and at the breakfast. He told many things about his native Africa.

There were special youth activities, a breakfast for the men, a tea for the ladies, and special children's meetings. The primary and junior departments decorated their classrooms to represent one of our Evangelical Friends mission fields.

TYLER, Texas



Superintendents John Robinson and Gerald Teague were in the Texas Area for the Rally Day that marked the official beginning of the Tyler Extension Church. Pictured are Alva Cunningham, pastor; Gerald Teague; and Margaret Baublitz, clerk.

WEST MANSFIELD, Ohio

The Calvaryland Quartet of Toledo, Ohio, presented an evening of inspirational singing and testimony at our church recently. We highly recommend this quartet. A quartet of Malone College students had a weekend of services at our church March 15, 16, 17. Just recently work has been started on new rest room facilities for our church.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania

On April 13 the youth group of our Martinsville, Virginia, church presented the music-drama, "I Wonder." It was directed by Jewel Tebbis, wife of the Martinsville pastor, and was very well-done. The message of this program was timely and an inspiration to the capacity crowd. The group also presented this program at the Hughesville, Pennsylvania, Friends Church.

Friends record

BIRTHS

ARNOLD—Sam and Martha Arnold, Willoughby Hills Friends, Willoughby, Ohio, a daughter Sarah, April 8, 1974.

BARBER—Don and Rhonda Barber, Willoughby Hills Friends, Ohio, a son, April 17, 1974.

BECK—Mr. and Mrs. Jay Beck, East Richland Friends, St. Clairsville, Ohio, a daughter, Dena Marlene, April 1, 1974.

BURKET—A son, Brian Russell, to Charles and Carol Burket December 26, 1973, in Derby, Kansas.

BURNS—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burns, Smithville, Ohio, a daughter, December, 1973.

CARNER—Mr. and Mrs. Russell Carner, Damascus, Ohio, a daughter, Tina Lynn, April 10, 1974.

CLARK—To Gary and Jo Ann Clark of Star, Idaho, a daughter, Kristi Lynn, December 20, 1973.

COATES—James Edward and Terry Coates, Achilles, Virginia, a daughter, Andrea Lynn, March 19, 1974.

COMFORT—To Dwight and Leanna Comfort of Star, Idaho, a son, Scott Eugene, October 5, 1973.

COOK—A daughter, Darla Jo, April 8, 1974, to Pastors Erwin and Ardith Cook, Glen Elder, Kansas.

FUQUA—A girl, Leslie Lynn, to Gary and Ann Fuqua, May 14, 1974, Wichita, Kansas.

GRIFFITH—Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Griffith, Jr., Damascus, Ohio, a son, Lance Robert, April 2, 1974.

GWYN—A girl, Kimberly Anne, to Lewis and Beverly (Jones) Gwyn, Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 6, 1974.

HENNING—Mr. and Mrs. James Henning, East Richland Friends, St. Clairsville, Ohio, adopted 16-month-old James Russell Henning, III, on April 3, 1974.

HISKEY—To Sam and Margaret Hiskey of Star, Idaho, a daughter, Sheri Cathleen, September 30, 1973.

HULSE—A girl, Jennifer Dean, March 6, 1974, to David and Nancy Hulse, Friendswood, Texas.

KNAG—Mr. and Mrs. Mark Knag, Damascus, Ohio, a daughter, Carrie Kay, April 15, 1974.

LOUDEN—Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Louden, Damascus, Ohio, adopted an infant daughter, Nicole Jo, April 11, 1974.

MARKLEY—A daughter, Erika Dawn, March 8, 1974, to Larry and Donna Markley, Hutchinson, Kansas.

OSWALT—Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Oswalt, Damascus, Ohio, a daughter, Kassie Elise, April 9, 1974.

PAGE—Bob and Carolyn Page, Achilles, Virginia, a son, Robert Gregory, April 21, 1974.

PICKETT—A daughter, Sherri Lynn, to Walter and Becky Pickett, April 25, Rose Hill, Kansas.

THOMAS—To John and Marilyn Thomas of North Valley Friends, Newberg, Oregon, a daughter, Pamela Kay, April 25, 1974.

WEHBA—A girl, Michelle Cathlene, March 14, 1974, to Ernie and Joyce (Parsons) Wehba, Bayshore, Texas.

WHITCHER—Mr. and Mrs. Roger Whitcher, Damascus, Ohio, a son, Gregory Martin, April 17, 1974.

MARRIAGES

BASINGER-BERRY. Cheri Marie Basinger and Rev. Russell Berry at Adrian, Michigan, February 9, 1974.

BOOR-HARMON. Becky Boor and Dean Harmon, March 9, 1974, at Great Bend, Kansas.

CLARK-LAWRENCE. Kathy Clark and Richard Lawrence, March 9, 1974, Bayshore, Texas, Friends.

COFFINDAFFER-SAYLOR. Thelma Coffindaffer and Dann Saylor at Marion, Ohio, March 30, 1974.

HILLIARD-ROBERTS. Jenean Hilliard and Rick Roberts, Council House, Wyandotte, Oklahoma, March 16, 1974.

MORRIS-DODSON. Ruth Ann Morris and Henry Dodson at Bethany Friends, Wadsworth, Ohio, October 4, 1973.

PENZLER-POPE. Perry Penzler and Jim Pope of University Friends, Wichita, April 6, 1974.

SCALEN-BEICKER. Jonet Scalen and Karl Beicker, March 30, 1974, Friendswood, Texas.

WEBB-FRASE. Joyce Webb and Curtis Frase at River Styx, Ohio, January 4, 1974.

DEATHS

DODSON—Henry Dodson of Bethany Friends, Wadsworth, Ohio, March 12, 1974.

ENGLE—Bert Engle, 79, of West Mansfield, Ohio, Friends, February 27, 1974.

FIELD—Harry Field, Booker Texas, February 3, 1974.

GIBBONS—Mrs. Ethel Gibbons, 81, of Beloit, Ohio, Friends, March 22, 1974.

HAFNER—Verna Hafner, Oklahoma City, formerly University Friends, Wichita, Kansas, was killed in an auto accident, April 11, near Edmond, Oklahoma.

HENDRICKS—Mary Isabelle Hendricks, 66, of Friends Memorial, Seattle, Washington, May 6, 1974.

HYMAN—Laura Fulbright Hyman, April 14, member of Springfield, Colorado, Friends.

LAWSHE—Mary Alice Lawshe of Bethany Friends, Wadsworth, Ohio, November 12, 1973.

MCGRATH—Susan McGrath, December 18, 1973, at Caldwell, Idaho.

RICHEY—Willie Richey, 97, of Lents Friends, Portland, Oregon, January 6, 1974.

McKINNON—Mrs. Virgil (Matilda) McKinnon, 50, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Friends, April 11, 1974.

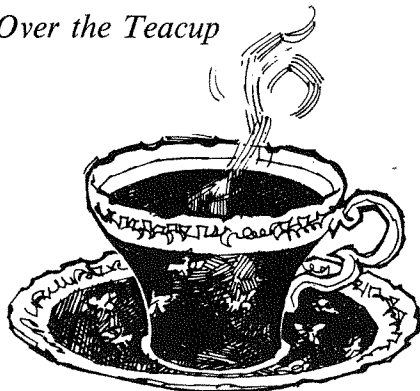
TURNER—Guy T. Turner, 81, of Highland Avenue Friends, Salem, Oregon, April 11, 1974.

VIRDEN—Mrs. Porter Virden of Beloit, Ohio, Friends, March 8, 1974.

WOODS—Etta Angeline Woods, 84, January 28, 1974, member, Independence, Kansas.

WOODWARD—Wendell H. Woodward of Friends Memorial, Seattle, Washington, March 4, 1974, in Arizona.

Over the Teacup



The real thing

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

The "tea" today is Chinese tea with jasmine flowers in it for this special time together. What is so special today? Nothing really. Jasmine tea makes any occasion special, served in real Chinese bowls with lids and saucers fitting snugly around the bowls. But—where are they? I have been trying to find some to use here and take home, but people now use plastic or American-type cups or Japanese cups. I keep looking for the real thing.

I heard this morning that much of the objects of art in Taiwan is imitation of the real authentic jade, lacquer, painting. Tourists through the years have robbed the island of much of her true heritage in her antiques and priceless treasures. These are found in the museum, and yet, still some may be found here and there in shops. But you must know true art to distinguish from the imitations.

Now the island is possessed with the desire to make money. The doubling of costs recently has increased the pressure for quick returns, and the ancient arts are languishing. The Japanese are buying the scrolls for which China has been famous. We have gone utilitarian.

The stores are still full of art objects, but what I mean is, it is harder to find the real thing. Some of the imitation looks very good.

Yesterday a friend from my Bible class came to call, and we sat by the fire together with a pot of tea between us, drinking from cheap cups I was able to buy locally. She was telling me about a Chinese friend whom she had taken out to lunch. In the midst of the conversa-

tion, the girl turned to my friend and, with great animation, said, "Oh, God is so real to me. I have only been a Christian for a short time, but I know I have the real thing. My fellowship with God is so real. Isn't it great to be sure we know Him?"

My friend was startled and fumbled for an answer—"Well, yes, of course," she managed, but that was why she came to me. She really *wasn't* sure. She had been a Christian for years, but "knowing God" was not the way she expressed her faith. She wasn't sure if maybe her faith really was not an imitation of what her parents had. She certainly had not thought of it as a "pearl of great price"—a priceless treasure!

So many real things are being bartered off these days under pressure. I felt like looking around for the realities. The treasures we have left in our homes, in our nation, our heritage, our Friends' distinctives, and in our relationship with God. There—more than anywhere—it must be the real thing, or it is of no value at all.

Let us be collectors of *real* values! *We must be sure.* □

EFA Coordinating Council sends letter to President Nixon

The following letter was approved by the Evangelical Friends Alliance Coordinating Council, January 17, 1974, and sent to President Richard M. Nixon:

Dear Mr. President:

Greetings!

The Coordinating Council of the Evangelical Friends Alliance, representing 27,000 Quakers in 18 states, in plenary session held January 17, 1974, expresses the following message and concern:

We cannot speak for Quakers at large nor are we a voice for any segment of Friends or Friends churches.

Mr. President, we wish to assure you of our prayers, deep Christian love and concern. It is our prayer that the high office God has permitted you to occupy project sound moral standards consistent with the teachings of Jesus. We are confident that God can guide you, grant wisdom, discernment, and daily strength for the enormous responsibilities upon you. We bring to your remembrance the promise from Proverbs 3:6, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths."

We take seriously the scriptural instructions to pray for those in authority over us (1 Timothy 2:2) and to obey and honor government leaders who do right (1 Peter 3:13-14). Be assured of our continued prayers that you seek to find and follow God's will. While we sincerely pray that certain charges against

you will be proven false, we also want you to know that whatever happens, you will still have our prayers, love, and deep concern as a fellow Quaker. Our loyalty and love is not dependent, as Christians, upon political or popular success.

In Christian love,

Respectfully,

Russell Myers, President

EIGHT QUAKERS ATTEND NATIONAL BLACK CONVENTION

The 11th National Black Evangelical Association met in Dallas, Texas, in April with eight Friends registered (four of them blacks) and other Quakers attending. It was the largest convention in the NBEA history with a particular emphasis on strengthening the evangelical church among U.S. blacks. Speakers included Tom Skinner, Ralph Greenidge, George Perry, John Perkins, and Robert LaVelle. Jack Willcuts was asked to lead a workshop on church growth. The next convention will be in Los Angeles, according to Aaron Hamlin, field director of the NBEA.

QUAKER WRITERS CONFER AT RICHMOND

RICHMOND, INDIANA—Quakerism at its best is a dynamic kind of faith, and one of the best ways to keep it dynamic and alive is to sell it, said Tom Mullen, a Quaker author and educator.

"We must be in communion with God, stressing the life of the Spirit," said Mullen before some 60 Quaker writers gathered for a conference at Quaker Hill in Richmond.

Charles Wells, editor of the newsletter, *Between the Lines*, called for Quaker dedication to truth that isn't fixed and finished. The Quaker editor said the world needs a Quaker sense of truth "that hasn't lost touch with reality."

"Don't get your mind closed over any set of beliefs," Wells said. "God moves through history and through people. It's throbbing in this very day."

The Quaker Writers' Conference will be held at Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina, next year, at a date to be set in May.

FRIENDS CREATE NEW COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITY

The initial meeting of the Friends Committee on Economic Responsibility was held in Philadelphia February 14. The purpose of the FCER is to help Friends institutions and individuals to implement the concerns of Friends relating to the social and ethical aspects of our economic responsibilities, with emphasis on investment-related opportunities but not limited to them.

This new organization is an outgrowth of the second National Friends Conference on Investments held last October at Quaker Hill in Richmond, Indiana, and attended by 33 Quaker trustees and investment officers representing 14 yearly meetings affiliated with the Friends United Meeting, the Friends General Conference, and the Evangelical Friends Alliance, eight Friends colleges, and seven Friends organizations.

Among the activities planned for 1974-75 are the following: 1. Secure a full-time staff and set up an office. 2. Secure financial support initially from special funds and sources and on a subscription fee basis from Friends organizations with invested funds. 3. Plan for discussion of investment and social responsibility issues at major Quaker gatherings. 4. Plan for another National Friends Investment Conference. 5. Launch a periodic publication on investments and economic responsibility issues for Friends.

COMMITTEE FORMED TO CLARIFY ELECTION ISSUES

WASHINGTON — Clarification of critical moral issues in the present crisis; justice for the President and the American people; campaign reform, including public financing of campaigns, and restoration of constitutional checks and balances in Federal Government are among the five initial objectives of the Religious Committee for Integrity in Government.

The committee includes the Friends Committee on National Legislation. The fifth objective is clarification of critical moral issues facing the electorate in 1974 and 1976.

The committee has issued a packet of relevant materials that includes a paper on "Watergate and the Obligations of the Religious Community," a pamphlet on "No Substitute for Campaign Reform," and another paper on "Restoration of System of Checks and Balances."

The packet also includes the FCNL "Statement on the Issue of Presidential Impeachment," "Legislative Memorandum—Campaign Financing," and the December 1973 Congressional Voting Record Newsletter. Packets (\$1) may be ordered from FCNL, 245 2nd St., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

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What's New!



Dorothy Barratt
EFA Christian education
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program of the year september 1974 —september 1975

The EFA Christian
Education Commission
develops a Planning Calendar
for 1974-75 designed
to give special
attention to the family.

Looking for some help to get started on your planning for next year? The Evangelical Friends Alliance Christian Education Commission has prepared a year's program with the overall theme, "Christian Education and the Family."

Planning Calendars with dates and details of the program have been sent to every church. You are encouraged to use the calendar as a starting place for planning. The program has some suggested dates for the various emphases,

but churches may adjust these to meet local needs. There is still room for much creative planning.

To encourage Sunday school growth, phase one of an *EFA Enlargement Campaign* is scheduled for September 15 to October 6. Divisions for the competition will be: A. 251-up; B. 151-250; C. 91-150; D. 51-90; E. 1-50. The second phase of the campaign, based on the conservation of gains, will end on Easter Sunday, about six months later. The winners in both phases will be recognized and rewarded.

October 27 to November 17 is *Christian Education Month*. The goal for these weeks is to acquaint the whole congregation with the Christian education ministry of the church as well as to gain their interest and support. Through the recognition and sharing of the various Sunday school departments in the morning worship services, recruitment of prayer partners, teacher dedication services, Christian Education Appreciation Banquets, and other means, it is hoped that the total church family will appreciate and become more involved in this vital ministry.

Leadership Training Month is scheduled for February. If this time is not con-

venient, you may choose another month. The important thing is that you do have a training program. Texts for the "Course of the Year" will be related to the family.

During the month of March it is hoped there will be many *Family Retreats* where whole families can take time for spiritual renewal and the deepening of family relationships.

May is a great month for all kinds of family activities—family fun nights, recreation nights, picnics, family prayer groups, Mother's Day, etc. Special placemats will be printed and available to use for a unique family devotional experience during the month. Games, puzzles, and other involvement activities will be included on the placemats.

The summer brings numerous opportunities for family activities. Besides the regular scheduled family camps provided in some areas, your own church might sponsor some overnight camps on either a small or large scale. Family cluster groups may take their trailers, campers, or tents for short outings.

The Christian Education Commission urges you to plug in to this great year of *Christian Education and the Family*. □



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