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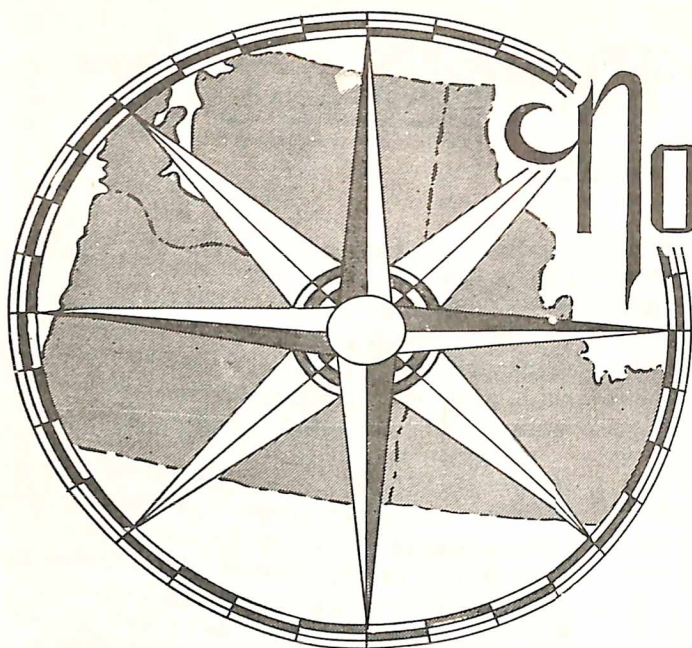
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In such times as these--

"GROW IN GRACE"

EDITORIAL

THIS is 1950! We have reached the half-way mark of the century. The first half of this 20th century has been troublous indeed. It has witnessed two devastating world wars, and, sandwiched in between them, the greatest depression in history.

What will the second half of the century bring? The whole world is looking distrustfully to the future. The outlook is ominous indeed to the average man, but to the believer it is as bright as the promises of God. Jesus himself says, "When these things begin to come to pass"—(and He refers to the very things we see taking place in this century—"distress of nations with perplexity," "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth")—"then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." (Lk. 21:28.) The redemption referred to is the complete redemption which will be ours when Christ returns to this earth. We are not saying when that will be, but we do say that the conditions prophetically described in the Word of God as prevailing just before He returns are the conditions that have prevailed so far this century. And they are getting worse instead of better. He could come in 1950—the mid-year of the century.

In view of these facts, what is our personal responsibility as Christians? Peter has a word to say about that in the last chapter of his second epistle. He says, "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless." Then he adds a word of warning, "Seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. BUT GROW IN GRACE."

Now it seems from this, and other scriptures, that in the days just before

Christ's return great pressure will be brought to bear upon the Christian to drift away from his supreme love to Christ. Jesus refers to it and says that many will fall away. "Because iniquity shall abound," He declares, "the love of many shall wax cold." (Matt. 24:12.)

Now our only place of safety in such times as these (or in any time for that matter) is in personal spiritual growth. "But grow in grace."

It takes time to grow. The year 1950 is a span of time—it is 12 months, 365 precious days. Those days are given to us to make the most of. When those 365 days draw to a close one year hence, we'll not be where we are now, spiritually. We'll either be farther up the road, having grown in grace, or we will have "cooled off" in our Christian experience. There is no standing still.

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THRICE GIVEN UP

By Charles C. Haworth

obvious are the good fruits of the modern scientific temper that we have practically made the laboratory the altar of our worship." (E.T. Elliott.) "Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness toying with the precarious secrets of life and death. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants." (Omar N. Bradley.) This attitude we call Materialism.

Being the second time given up, mankind sank still lower. "And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind to do those things which are not fitting." What can the expression, "they refused to have God in their knowledge" mean except atheism? Read the rest of the chapter to see to what depths they sank when thrice given up by God.

Are not these verses a true picture of the history of man? Once idolatry was almost world wide. Men became vain in their reasonings and reached what we lightly call "this materialistic age." Now we see our civilization, called Christian, tottering, and the whole world threatened with being swept by a tidal wave of atheism into destruction.

Reread those closing verses and see if they do not describe conditions existing in the world today.

Idolatry is bad, but there is still the instinct of worship which can be turned into the right direction and to the right object of worship with comparative ease. The indifference resulting from the greater degradation of materialism is much harder to overcome and to turn the individual to God. When we meet atheism we meet "haters of God". How terrible is the condition when men are thrice given up by God!

How good it is to go back and read verse 16. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

WHILE reading the first chapter of Romans, some time ago, I was impressed with the thrice-repeated expression, "God gave them up." (Revised Version.) After meeting these words for the third time, I looked back to see just the conditions under which they had been used before. Beginning with verse 19, Paul shows how God has manifested Himself to mankind, so that they are without excuse. In verse 21 he says: "Because that when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither gave thanks." Sir Charles Marston, F.S.A., and Stephen Langdon, S.A., B.D., Ph.D., F.B.A., Professor of Assyriology, Oxford, declare that monotheism was the primitive religion of mankind, "when they knew God." However they became vain and "professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image," that is idolatry. "Wherefore God gave them up to uncleanness."

In verse 25, man having been given up, sank still lower and "Changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature (that which is created) more than the Creator." "For this cause God gave them up unto vile passions." The second time they were given up because they had sunk lower than idolatry: man was worshipping and serving that which God had created. Even the instinct of worship, a recognition of spiritual values still expressed in idolatry, was disappearing, and man's whole interest and desire were centered on that which was created--the material world--that which can be seen and handled and possessed physically. "So



Bolivian Monthly Meetings

By Jack L. Willcuts

IT IS interesting to attend the church business sessions of our organized Monthly Meetings. Enough guidance and instruction has been extended our brethren here so that the general manner and forms of business are conducted similarly to yours at home. But the content of Monthly Meeting reports, the emphasis different clerks place on varying items of business, and other contrasts evidence a distinctive "Bolivian" Quaker viewpoint. The Friends here give more careful attention to the "acts" of the present day apostles than to resolutions, programming, or sermonizing. If anyone has engaged in private or public testimony, directed open air services, influenced any one to buy a Bible or seek the Lord—this constitutes a personal Monthly Meeting report. Very little time is given to the consideration of financial budgets, naming of representatives to forthcoming conferences, or "ways and means." There are here, too, itinerant preachers who carry real concerns and they enjoy sharing their experiences in the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting carries on what might be considered quite extensive out-post activities and the workers directing these points consume much time in business sessions explaining their work and problems and receiving advice from the general meeting. Occasionally special prayer is held in the meeting for these reported difficulties. These problems may be threatening opposition, unfaithful Christians, social or moral situations; a multitude of "spiritual" problems are handled at Monthly Meeting, some having already been considered by the Ministry and Oversight Body.

Spurgeon once said, "The Holy Spirit has not preserved the sermons of the disciples nor their missionary plans, but recorded for us their Acts." Perhaps our Bolivian Friends have caught a clearer vision of correct spiritual emphasis and values that is more corresponding to the early church than we have. True, they have

room for growth along other lines both doctrinal and practical, but who would wish to disturb their sense of spiritual balance?

Last week I visited a one-year-old Preparative Monthly Meeting at Pucarani in order to help them name the new clerks for the coming year. I was gratified to see the careful way they had kept the minutes and financial reports and to note the serious consideration given to outpost work, open air meetings, and personal spiritual concerns. They have actively engaged in the support of their pastor, have a new church building well on the way to completion, and have generously contributed to the work of the mission (Bolivian Yearly Meeting) by their donations of potatoes and labor to the National Society of Bolivian Friends. Remember, these Christians making their first year's report were completely inexperienced, uninformed Altoplano Indians. Their church treasurer was tempted at times as he had the most money and greatest responsibility of his life, but his reports and forwarded funds were found satisfactory.

The La Paz and Amacari meetings are the best organized of the field. They direct their regular meetings without requesting missionary assistance. However, we try to attend regularly and I bring a monthly report as pastor of the La Paz Meeting. Occasionally amusing things happen. If a brother deviates from pertinent remarks in his reporting or strays from the facts of the case, the clerk may advise him of this error in the face of the meeting. Sometimes arguments ensue as to what is right, but such disturbances do not detract from the decorum of the meeting here as they are accustomed to such incidents. The La Paz clerk often starts a chorus or song after a lengthy report and has the group stand so people may rest a bit. Of course the ushers are busy during the meeting prodding those on the shoulder who are prone to slumber.

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Amacari Conference

By Ralph Chapman

WE feel that our Amacari conference this year was definitely a success.

To the Indians, a successful conference is one in which all the classes and services are conducted more or less after an already established pattern. This year Howard Pearson directed the class on Holiness. Julia Pearson had a class on Hygiene, as well as directing a class for the women. Marie Chapman had charge of the childrens' classes, and as usual the ages of those in her class varied considerably. Jack Willcuts had a class on the Church, and specifically on the work of our national organization within our own mission work. Ralph Chapman was the conference evangelist and brought messages in the morning services along the theme of Sanctification and of general evangelistic nature in the night services. We do thank the Lord for each one with whom God was dealing, and who had a yielded heart. There were, consequently, a large number at the altar in the various services. There were testimonies given of victory in salvation, sanctification, and other existing spiritual needs.

The largest attendance, of 350, was on Sunday morning, and on Tuesday afternoon at the roll-call of churches and communities represented, the attendance was 250.

So far as the missionaries were concerned, the success of the conference was evidenced not alone by the victories won at the altar, but also in definite ground gained in relationship with our Bible School and the national organization. We feel that the semi-annual meeting of the national organization gave evidence of the fact that more and more the Indians are growing conscious of the importance of our organization and its place in the future of the mission program. It was also a blessing to see the Aymara young people, about sixteen in number, who stood before the conference in testimony of their intentions to attend the Bible School this coming year. These together with other prospective students throughout the field, who were unable

to attend the conference, give promise of an enlarged student-body. We are praying that as the time for school approaches (February), those who have expressed their desire to attend shall not be side-tracked, but that the way shall open and that they will walk forward as the Lord leads.

Since travel in Bolivia invariably holds the unexpected in store, this year's travel to Amacari conference was no exception. The truck hired to take the La Paz believers to Puerto Perez, where they could get a boat, broke down a few miles out of La Paz, and their journey had to be continued on another truck, and finally on foot. A blow-out on one of the supposedly better pick-up tires caused the mission pick-up to be left in Puerto Perez, and Howard and Jack experienced a rough crossing of Lake Titicaca in one of the native sail-boats.

Nevertheless, in spite of the many things sometimes arrayed against the fulfillment of all our aims, we feel that the Lord definitely blesses in these times of our gathering together in conference. Thereby, all are blessed, strengthened, and encouraged to go forth to stand up before the world with the challenge of new life in Christ Jesus.

BOLIVIAN MONTHLY MEETINGS

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Monthly Meeting usually draws a good crowd and lasts late. In La Paz they commence at 8:00 and often do not close until 10:00 or 10:30.

The Monthly Meeting is a necessary and important training for the Mission Meeting, and the Mission Council envisions this part of the work as a stepping stone toward a real indigenous Bolivian Friends Yearly Meeting. Mature Christians must learn to receive and discharge responsibility and to work together as well as separately if a strong work becomes established.

WHITNEY WINS CONTEST

By Rosella Moon

WHITNEY church won first place in its class in the recent Sunday school membership booster drive, which was sponsored by the Boise Evangelical Fellowship, from October 30 to December 3rd.

Our superintendent, Howard Gardin, spent days and nights working on the contest. Our assistant superintendent, Gilbert Nettleton, the Sunday school officers and teachers, the pastor, and about 100% of the lay members of the church all worked faithfully too. There was cooperation from the youngest to the oldest throughout the whole campaign, but the children carried off most of the awards for bringing others in.

It is estimated that over 1000 people in the city of Boise, and on Whitney Bench, are now attending Sunday school who were not attending before the contest. **WHITNEY GAINED AN INCREASE OF 77 1/2%.**

Our purpose was not just to add numbers to the roll, but to see souls brought to Christ. During the six weeks of the contest, Whitney held evangelistic meetings on each Sunday evening, with Howard Gardin, our superintendent, bringing soul-searching messages. The altar was lined with seekers at every service. Some of the children who accepted Christ are now praying for their parents, and some of the parents have been saved. The Lord is working in our midst, but there are many others out of the fold, so please pray for Whitney.



Howard Gardin (left), dynamic S.S. superintendent. At right is Dillon W. Mills, pastor at Whitney.



WHITNEY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS



One corner of the auditorium.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Announcement

The second Conference of Evangelical Friends is planned for June 21-25, 1950, at Friends University Church, Wichita, Kansas.

The theme of the conference is "The Message of Friends for Such a Time as This".

The emphases of the conference will be definitely constructive.

Prominent evangelical Friends will participate in the program.

Each quarterly meeting is urged to send a delegation to the conference, which promises to be an occasion of pronounced spiritual blessing and inspiration.

For further particulars, write:

Byron L. Osborne, Conference Chairman, 3201 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 15, Ohio.

The Whites in Kansas

In September we held meetings at Las Animas and at Miami, Oklahoma, and began a meeting at Alba, Missouri. We felt the Lord helped in all of these meetings. We attended a part of the sessions of Kansas Yearly Meeting at Wichita in October, and then went to Vera, Oklahoma, for a meeting. The Lord blessed there, and several found the Lord in saving and sanctifying grace. From there we went to Friends Chapel in Wichita and were blessed by the large group of students from Friends University which attended. Amongst others who were helped in this meeting were two, a man and wife, with whom the Lord especially dealt. The man told me that he had not been in church for fourteen years, and came to the Lord the second meeting he attended. We certainly praise the Lord for this. We went from Friends Chapel to the Glenview Church at Glen Elder, Kansas, and fourteen knelt at the altar during that meeting. Most of these were young people and children, but one young couple were converted for the first time in their lives. They have a little girl in school. She was also reached for the Lord. From Glenview we came

here, (Chandler, Oklahoma). This is our second week at the Union Friends meeting about eight miles from Chandler. The battle is hard but the promises of the Lord are bright and we are believing for victory.

—Alden, Esther and Lois White

SPOKANE

Many have made inquiry as to the exact status of our projected Spokane work. It has been necessary to move slowly because of a shortage of ministers in the Yearly Meeting. But we are happy to announce that, according to present plans, Clark Smith will move to the Spokane area the middle of January. He will temporarily occupy the parsonage at Hayden Lake. Pray for the opening of this work!

BIRTHS

HAYES.—To John and Barbara Hays (nee Magee), Newberg, Oregon, a daughter, Theresa Marie, born December 12.

POTTS.—To Harold and Leona Potts, Camas, Washington, a daughter, Anita Jean, born November 11th.

DEATHS

DILLON.—Paul Harrison Dillon, son of Dallas and Faye Dillon, of star, Idaho, died October 22nd, at the age of one and one-half years.

McNICHOLS.—Perry McNichols, of Star, Idaho, died October 5th, age 81. His wife, Mary McNichols, died November 10th, age 78.

MENDENHALL.—Lydia Mendenhall, an old-time resident of Greenleaf, Idaho, and a member of the Friends church, passed away December 9th. Her funeral was conducted by Fred Harris, assisted by the pastor. John Baxter.

BROWN.—William Brown died November 25th, at Newberg. He was the father of Douglas Brown, and had lived at Newberg for some time.

AROUND GEORGE FOX COLLEGE

Northwest Educators Meet in Spokane

By Paul E. Parker

On December 5 and 6 Professor Robert Jordan and Dean Paul E. Parker were in attendance at the Northwest Regional Convention on Higher Education in Spokane, Washington. This was sponsored by the National Education Association, and was composed of representatives from colleges in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and a few representatives from California.

The principal topics for discussion and study were the curriculum, the faculty, the student, and college support. Professor Jordan joined the group in the study of the faculty. This gave special attention to modern methods of faculty growth and the ever present problem of academic freedom. Dean Parker attended the curriculum study group which gave much discussion to the meaning and objectives of general education. It was observed in this discussion that universities have become centers of high specialization, but are now concentrating their efforts on giving their undergraduate students a good foundation in general education similar to that given by the smaller, privately controlled colleges.

It was the consensus of opinion in this curriculum study that all undergraduate students should be well founded in Social Science, Physical Science, English, and humanities.

It is believed that George Fox College is complying very well with the ideals set forth in this conference of higher education. Besides a splendid program of general education, our personnel program of student guidance is rapidly developing. Most important of all, our spiritual life is growing. One of the greatest problems in education today is to create in the minds of students a proper sense of values. Only the college that is Christian in its atmosphere, in its teachings, and in its practice can do this. Let us be deeply grateful for George Fox College.

Revival

Charles Beals, minister of the First Friends Church of Portland will conduct the midwinter revival services at the Newberg Friends Church February 8-19, and will be speaking each school day of the week in the college chapel at 10:40 a.m. Your prayers for these services are solicited.



Fivecoat Places Second in State

Second-place winner in the State Extemporaneous Speech contest (Women's Division) was Miss Louise Fivecoat, of Greenleaf, Idaho, a junior at George Fox College. The contest was held at Linfield College on Thursday morning, December 8.

Contestants in the women's division were required to speak on the general topic, "The Industrial Future of the Pacific Northwest". Miss Fivecoat drew the specific subject "The C.V.A." and in the ten minutes allotted to her, she pointed out the possibilities of C.V.A. being a threat to small business.

Represented at the speech meet were speakers from eight Oregon colleges and universities—University of Oregon, Oregon State College, Willamette University, Pacific University, Portland University, Linfield College, and George Fox College. These eight schools comprise the Intercollegiate Forensics Association of Oregon. Miss Mary Jackson, senior at George Fox, is president of the I.F.A.O. this year and presided at the Extemporaneous Speech Contest.

Maurice Magee represented the college in the Men's division, whose general subject was "The Present Crisis in Labor Relations".

Linfield's representative won first

Notice, Alumni

All college alumni are urged to attend the bi-annual Alumni Association meeting at the residence of Mr. Frank Cole, association president, in Portland, January 3rd, at 8:00 p.m. Business items will include new presidential nominations, and the annual spring banquet.

Musicians Present Christmas Musicale

The annual Christmas Musicale was presented by the George Fox College music department the evening of December 15, in the Wood-Mar Hall auditorium.

Miss Barbara Sill, of the music faculty, opened the program with a piano prelude, playing a medley of Christmas carols. The a cappella choir, in their first local appearance of the year, were directed by Prof. Roy P. Clark in three groups of numbers, all of which were enthusiastically received by the large audience in attendance. Christiansen's "Praise to the Lord", Beethoven's "Choral Prayer", Nevin's "This Holy Hour", and the sprightly "The Holly and the Ivy", by Boughton, made up the first group of numbers.

"Soon Ah Will Be Done", by Dawson, and the merry, laughable, and difficult "Haste thee Nymph", by Handel, delighted the audience for the second choir group.

Several campus singing groups and soloists were presented during intermission periods. The girls' sextet, composed of Bethlin Judd, Wilma Piersall, Louise Fivecoat, Norma Dillon, Maizie Oberst, and Jeanette Saucy, sang the Austrian carol "As Lately We Watched", and Petro Yon's "Jesu Bambino". The Freshman quartet, made up of Jack Snow, Klane Robison, Gene Mulkey, and Harry Ryan, sang "I'm Redeemed", and "Angels from the Realm of Glory". Klane Robison, tenor soloist, presented Neidlinger's "Birthday of a King", and Adam's "Cantique Noel". Harry Ryan played a special hymn arrangement on the trumpet.

The a cappella choir concluded the program with a lovely group of Christmas compositions including the Appalachian carol, "I Wonder as I Wander", Liebhold's "Lo! to Us is Born an Infant", Fischer's "Song of Mary", and Wasner's "Angels We Have Heard on High". The program was concluded with the choral benediction, "The Lord Bless You".

in the women's division and the speaker from Pacific University won first place in the men's section.

The next major speech event will be the After-Dinner Speaking Contest to be held in January at Pacific University.

Students Hear Top Speakers

Four speakers of national reputation in religious circles have appeared in recent chapel services during November and December.

HERB TYLER who is regional chairman of Youth For Christ in the Northwest spoke on Wednesday morning, November 23. By way of introduction he expressed enthusiastic appreciation for the work of the Four Flats Quartet and urged the student body to continue praying specifically for them in their travels. Basing his message upon experiences in Europe last summer, Rev. Tyler challenged Christians to abandon the "let-well-enough-alone" attitude and instead to "bombard" Europe with the Gospel. "Europe is hungry—spiritually hungry," he said. "It is up to us to take them the Bread of Life".

WINSTON I. NUNES, featured in two chapel services—December 9 and 16—is a native of Trinidad, and an evangelist in the Assembly of God Church. Rev. Nunes was currently holding a three-week revival campaign at the Newberg Assembly of God Church which closed on Sunday, December 18. Speaking on both occasions on an evangelistic theme, he clearly and forcefully pointed out to college students the merits of choosing Christ as one's personal Saviour.

MISS BETH ALBERTS, a registered nurse on furlough from China, spoke on Monday, December 12, of the crying need for Christian workers and missionaries in the Orient. Miss Alberts worked with the China Leprosy Mission in North China (Yunnan Province) where unassisted she supervised a leper colony with 400 patients in residence. Of special interest to George Fox students was the fact that Miss Alberts is the nurse who appears in Bob Pierces's film "China Challenge" which was seen by many last year. Forced to leave when the Communists took over, Miss Alberts expressed optimism over the future of Christianity in China and urged all to pray that Chinese Christians might remain true in spite of persecution.

Dr. PAUL PETTICORD, president of Western School of Evangelical Religion, appeared on Wednesday morning, December 14, and spoke on the verse, "Let love be perfectly sincere" (Rom. 12:9—Berkley Translation). He pointed out the sincerity of David Livingstone and of the Wise Men of old in pursuing a purpose. In conclusion Dr. Petticord stated that whatever task a person is confronted with, he must be "perfectly sincere".



A scene from the warmly-received Dickens' "Christmas Carol" sponsored by Actors on December 9th and 10th portrays the Ghost of the Future showing Scrooge into his past. Scrooge cringes as he recognizes himself and his lover as she breaks their engagement. From left to right are: Betty May Street, Shirley Flaughter, Dick Beebe, and Waldo Haworth.

Campus Hoopsters Start Season

Contrary to reports in most newspapers, the George Fox College varsity basketball crew of 1949-50 lost their first game of the season by a 43-36 count to a talented lot of hoopsters from Western School of Evangelical Religion, of Jennings Lodge.

The game, played in Hester Mem-

orial gymnasium, saw the Quakers trailing all the way through the game. In the final minutes, however, the GFC'ers made a valiant try to get back into the game with a desperate scoring drive. The surge of points which brought them within four points of tying it up at one time, was staved off by two quick W.S.E.R. baskets.

Speed and ability to find the hoop on the part of Bob Bletcher, W.S.E.R.'s star guard, made the difference in the scoring column. Bletcher pocketed 21 points during the session to take high scoring honors for the game.

Waldo Haworth and Clair Smith, both starters for the Quakers pushed in 11 points apiece to lead the local scoring efforts.

Again, as in a previous practice game this season, free-throws technically made the difference in the final count. Each team made 16 field goals, but in the free-throw department the W.S.E.R. five made 11 of 21 tries while the Quakers connected with only 4 out of 18.

The official opening game came just before the basketball players and students at George Fox left for the Christmas vacation. Coach George Bales' hoopsters will resume action January 6 when they play Multnomah College in Portland in the first game of the Metropolitan Collegiate Conference, five-member small college league, on the Portland area.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 13.—Basketball, W.S.C. There.
- Jan. 15.—Choir, Camas Friends (Afternoon). Choir, Vancouver Friends (Evening).
- Jan. 20.—Basketball, Oregon Dental School. Here.
- Jan. 21.—Basketball, O.C.E. There.
- Jan. 22.—Choir, Canby E.U.B. (Afternoon). Choir, Portland Second Friends (Evening).
- Jan. 24-25-26.—Semester Examinations.
- Jan. 27.—Basketball, Reed College. Here.
- Jan. 30.—Registration for 2nd Semester. Choir, W.S.E.R. (Evening).
- Jan. 31.—Basketball, Multnomah. Here.
- Feb. 5.—Choir, Salem First Friends (Afternoon).

Christian Endeavor Doings

...NEWS

The HOMEDALE C.E. reports that their average attendance is fifteen. Their officers this year are, Ralph Beebe, president; Marilyn Barnes, vice-president; Jacquie Stimmel, secretary; and Avadna Peterson, treasurer. Margaret Crichton is the social committee chairman; Mardee Henderson, look-out committee chairman; Ames Lake, prayer-meeting chairman; and Mardee Henderson, Northwest Friend reporter.

As a project during the fall the HOMEDALE group has been collecting Swan soap wrappers for CARE. They plan also to present a gospel band service in the evening of the fifth Sunday of those months which have five Sundays. The first of these will be in January.

Clynton and Marjorie Crisman, Helen Wilson, Marilyn Barnes, and Mardee Henderson, from this society, attended the C.E. rally at Ontario Heights recently.

The WHITNEY C.E. group have been having get-togethers and parties practically every Saturday evening. One of the most interesting of these was a surprise birthday party for Ruth Ellingson held at the home of Alfred and David Nettleton. Bertha Porter had charge of the games, and at the close of the evening Ruth was presented with a new Bible with her name engraved on it.

A group from Greenleaf Academy led the Christian Endeavor service at WHITNEY December 4. A girls' trio sang, and Albert Clark and Orville Winters brought special talks. Mark Roberts and Howard Titterton, of Northwest Nazarene College, led the C.E. service here December 18.

A number of C.E. members received special help from evangelistic services held in the WHITNEY church with Howard Gardin speaking. During a six-weeks' Sunday School contest, the Sunday evening services were set aside for this purpose.

Eighteen boys and girls of the PARK-ROSE junior C.E. society met in the church basement early in the evening of December

4. After a light lunch was served, officers were elected. This group had a Christmas party December 16. Paul Lund, of the high school group, led the junior-intermediate society one recent Sunday evening.

The junior C.E. at HOMEDALE has seventeen members. Their recently elected officers are, Jack Beavers, president; Judy Stephan, vice-president; Alice Beam, secretary; Ella Mae Zilby, treasurer; and Keith Smith, jr., Jack Stephens, Brice Peterson, social committee.

What are the rest of you doing? Let us hear from you!

The PRINGLE C.E. had a potluck dinner and then a decorating party, to get the church dressed up for Christmas. They went caroling on Christmas eve.

EDITORIAL (Concluded from page 2.)

But the apostle Peter makes the exigencies of these dark days in which we live put a special demand on us that we "grow in grace."

Christ is coming soon. He will come as a thief in the night. The days immediately before His coming will be ominous and troublous. Fear will possess many hearts. But (and this means you and me as Christians), "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

That's the only alternative to turning back. In growing in grace we will be prepared to resist the pressure of the world in these last days, and to be ready for Christ when He comes.



LOREN AND BETTY MILLS
Assistant pastors at Newberg

AMONG THE CHURCHES

Boise Valley Quarterly Meeting

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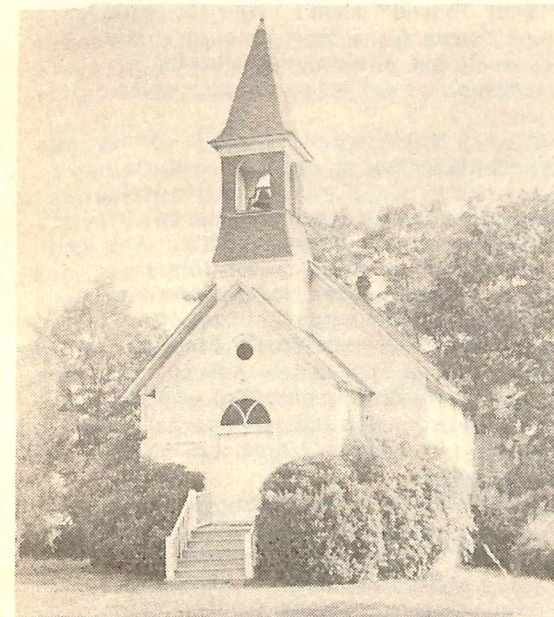
Nathan B. Pierson, Pastor

A gracious two-weeks' revival closed December 11 with Paul and Madeline Todd as evangelists. Quite a number of conversions and definite victories were won, and the church built up in the faith. Various members from Greenleaf were in attendance at almost every evening service, and a number from other meetings joined us in the effort. Several from the community attended who are not regular attenders. Meetings were held in the afternoon as well as the evening.

New entrance steps have been built on the outside of the church, as the old ones were getting hazardous.

Thanks to J. Will Jones, a new electric clock has been installed in the church auditorium.

The Women's Missionary Society rejoices that due to the generosity of one of its members who is moving, Mrs. Anna Burkner, their home project is financially cared for for the church year. Mrs. Burke sold her refrigerator before moving, with the entire proceeds going to the Missionary Society project. Maybe one of you readers will get some good ideas for your society now! At another time members of the society scoured their homes for articles no longer needed but still of value, gave them to George



FRIENDS CHURCH AT WEST CHEHALEM

Ireland, member of the church and auctioneer at Nampa, who auctioned them off at a public sale, proceeds going to the society.

The Junior C.E. has recently re-organized and they are having some fine meetings.

The young people are doing fine, too. Their meetings have been well planned and there is a good interest. The pre-prayer service is a definite contributing power.

The Sunday school Christmas program was given Friday evening, December 23, with a miscellaneous program by the youngsters and oldsters, and a definite Christmas spirit in the air. Treats were given out at the close of the fine program.

Salem Quarterly Meeting

PRINGLE

Gordon St. George, Pastor

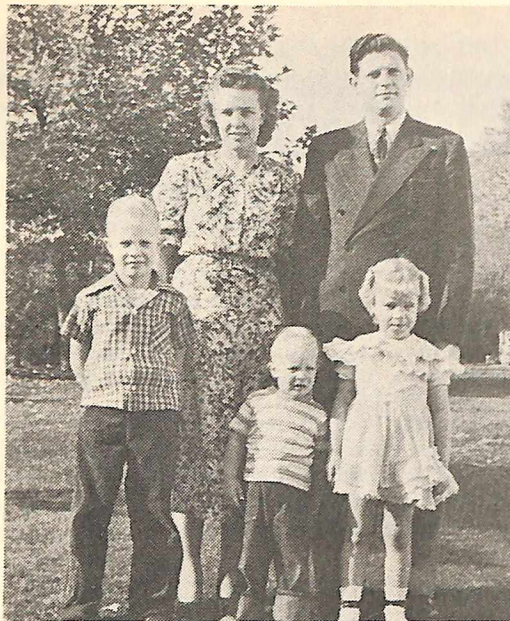
Our little building was nearly packed to capacity December 1st, when about 100 people came to see two good Christian films shown here by Mr. Stanley Pierce. We pray for the day when as many people gather to hear God's Word preached in an ordinary Sunday morning worship!

December 13th the Women's Missionary Union met for their second meeting. This was the Christmas meeting and the Christmas story was read from the Scripture by Mrs. Johnson; a duet was sung by Mrs. Thornburg and Mrs. St. George. A baby shower was the main event, given for a needy woman in the community. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Moyer and Mrs. Johnson.

We have held a clothing drive in the last few weeks and now plan to distribute the clothing to needy families in the community for Christmas.

The church was very nicely decorated for the first time by the young people. They spent most of the day, December 17th, decorating and followed with a good potluck supper around the Christmas tree. It was climaxed with a gift exchange. Price of each gift?—just 5¢! They very greatly surprised their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. St. George, with a lovely Parker fountain pen.

The Sunday school children and the older ones had their part in the Christmas program Friday night, December 23rd. Everyone enjoyed hearing the children give their little recitations and songs. The older ones presented the play, "Why The Chimes Rang". Hard work was done by Mrs. Johnson, the director, and by the actors, Lois Adams, Jeanadrian Patton, Ed Hower, Colleen St. George, Ruth Ann Patton, Mrs. Moyer, Mr. Wooldridge, Mr. Scott; and by the lighting and sound man, Gordon St. George.



Earl Geil, pastor at Camas, with his family.

SCOTTS MILLS Calvin Hull, Pastor

We are glad to report that Ethel Cox is able to be in the services. She recently spent a few days in the hospital in Salem.

Worth Coutson is still in the hospital in Portland, but is on the mend, for which we are very thankful.

Forty-eight people gathered in the church basement Friday evening, December 16th, for the annual W.M.U. potluck and program.

George Thomas gave us some insight into the African mission work by word and pictures. We very much appreciated having George and Dorothy Thomas and little Rosemary with us.

Our Christmas program was held Sunday evening, December 8th. The program wasn't as well attended as we had hoped—the icy roads may have been responsible.

TALENT Irwin P. Alger, Pastor

The Young Friends intermediate Sunday school class, with their teacher, Irwin Alger, enjoyed a treasure hunt recently.

There is a drive on in our church to raise funds to pay off the indebtedness on the lots where our new church is to be built. Some progress is being made. When the Church Banks are opened the first Sunday in January there should be a real addition to the shaded area on our church lot chart.

For 8:00 p.m. service Sunday, December 11, Leslie Dunnigan and Bob McAtte, two Greyhound bus drivers who operate out of Medford, gave testimonies, Scripture verses and led in singing.

Our pastor met these Christian men while waiting for a bus at the Medford Greyhound depot, and invited them to visit our church sometime and take part in the services.

The evening of December 15 our W.M.U. had their Christmas meeting at the home of Bessie Hill. Home-made gifts were exchanged and a pleasant time was enjoyed by those present.

December 16 p.m. ladies of Talent W.M.U. were guests of Medford W.M.U.

Christmas Sunday school program will be at 7:30 December 25.

Quite a number of our group have been ill with influenza. Our pianist, Louise Sample, and substitute pianist, Joan Joanis, were greatly missed, as well as Olive Ogle, superintendent and teacher of Beginners class. Bert Hill, who is teacher of young adult Bible class and leader of adult Christian Endeavor, did a good job substituting as superintendent. Bessie Hill, Agnes Hackler and others who were ill are able to be present again. Others are having their turn with illness.

Verda Craven, teacher of young people's class, as well as leader of junior church, is always faithfully present. She is doing a great work for the young people and children.

We are helped and blessed by our pastor's messages: such as; "The Presence of the Lord", "Prayer, Effective Prayer", and others as good.

Those able to attend evangelism study Wednesday evenings find there a source of interest and blessing.

Portland Quarterly Meeting

CAMAS Earl Geil, Pastor

"Your Friend" hadn't made its appearance at our church for a long time. We missed it very much, but since the purchasing of a new mimeograph we are happy to again welcome this "friend".

"Church Nite", a monthly get-to-gether, with pot-luck dinner and an evening's entertainment, has been revived. It was abandoned during "rationing days", and when "Youth for Christ" meetings were held in our locality. The adult Bible class were sponsors for this event, and our last one marked the tenth anniversary of our graduation from an outpost to that of a Friends Church of the Oregon Yearly Meeting. Will Priebe made an appropriate speech, and Mary Geil cut the beautiful, pink and white birthday cake. Approximately sixty fine persons were in attendance. A motion picture was shown later in the evening.

The Missionary Union, through the Service Committee, delivered well-filled baskets to two families the day before Thanksgiving. Thirty pounds of warm clothing were mailed to the N. A.E. War Relief. The Missionary Union sent six boxes of clothing, games and books to the

Tunings and McIntyres at Sprague River.

The pastor and a group of our men spent two different days at Cherry Grove, lending a helping hand to Harley Adams in the work of remodeling the church.

Among the several students home from college for the Thanksgiving Vacation were John Williams, who was guest speaker for the evening service on November 28th and Dorothy Barrat, who sang a solo, entitled "Nothing but Leaves".

The newly organized junior choir is very promising and a great asset to our services.

We are encouraged to see how the Lord is working in our midst. Attendance in the meetings is noticeably increased—new faces appear and re-appear.

Our staff of Sunday school teachers, superintendent and choir leader are all very busy with the Christmas program which promises to be very good. Can tell you more about it the next time.

PARKROSE Dorwin E. Smith, Pastor

The Women's Missionary Union met at the home of Veva Miller—December 13 for our Christmas meeting.

A bridal shower honoring Barbara Edmundson was given by the Builders class on Thursday, December 8.

Our pastor, Dorwin Smith, just recently closed a revival meeting at Chehalem Center. A goodly attendance was reported. The presence of the Lord was felt in every service.

The Tuesday evening work—night was spent decorating the church for Christmas. The children enjoyed the evening by stringing pop corn for the Christmas tree.

The two Sundays our pastor was away the pulpit was filled by Cora Gregory, James Raymond, a Gospel team from Cascade College, and Ernest Heacock.

Our Sunday school and church attendance has kept up unusually well the past month, despite all the sickness in the community. We feel that the Lord is blessing our church here at Parkrose.

The boys and girls have been working on Christmas gifts at their club meetings.

Arthur Dorlington and Rose Boyd have each started clubs for the seven and eight-year-old boys and girls. A good interest is being shown in our boys and girls work.

Our Sunday school Christmas program is being held Friday night, December 23.

Newberg Quarterly Meeting

SHERWOOD MONTHLY MEETING Kenneth Williams, Pastor

As a meeting, we had much for which to thank God at this Thanksgiving season. Especially do

we thank God for sending Roy Knight, of George Fox College, to us with his concern on "Prayer". He was with us for three Sundays, and two weeks of prayer meetings every evening. It was a time of inspiration and deepening in our spiritual lives, and praying for definite needs in our midst.

The Sunday school presented its Christmas program Sunday morning, December 18th, during the Sunday school hour to a well-filled church, with 156 present. The church was beautifully decorated with holly and greenery. At the close of the morning service treats were passed out to all present. In the evening, the young people presented a play entitled, "The Perfect Gift", under the direction of our pastor. Priscilla Doble, of George Fox College, favored us with two vocal solos.

Wednesday evening, December 21st, the Young Adult Sunday school class are sponsoring an evening of caroling in the town and community, ending with refreshments in the church basement.

SPRINGBROOK Leland M. Hibbs, Pastor

New Year's Greetings from Springbrook!

Our junior church is growing by leaps and bounds. In fact the last time I visited the juniors in the south room, yours truly stood the entire service, for every inch was taken by a lively organism. The visit was very worthwhile. Edna Peck is doing remarkable work with her flannel graph. The little ones enjoyed watching their stories live.

We are sorry to report little Wandel Wells recently fell from the dryer on their property and broke his leg near the hip. Consequently Wandel is spending Christmas in the hospital.

A surprise Christmas box is being readied for our pastors. It will be presented at our Christmas program.

NEWBERG Carl D. Byrd, Pastor

This church cooperated in the union Thanksgiving service held this year at the Methodist church. The offering was sent to the Children's Farm Home at Corvallis.

Universal Bible Sunday was observed with a fine table of unusual Bibles. One, that dated back to the 17th century, was smuggled out of Scotland when Bibles were being burned by the Catholics at the risk of the owner's life. There were more than thirty copies on display under the direction of Mrs. Loyde Osburn.

"Playtime," which is the evening for the children and youth at the college gym, sponsored by the Bible school, began Monday night, December 5th. Clifton Ralphs is in charge of the

older group, and Mrs. Leona Lyda is in charge of the children, assisted by others.

Through the month we have been enjoying the Christmas music put on by the choir. Numbers have been furnished by the Junior High Triple Trio and the Girls' Trio from the senior high.

The Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Harlan Jones with a Christmas program. The home-project selected was in finishing some things at the parsonage. A mantel was secured for the fireplace. A cupboard was built in. The fireplace was furnished with andirons and a screen. The fireplace downstairs was wired and fans installed so it would be available for the Bible school class of young married people meeting there under the leadership of Carl Byrd.

We were happy to receive eight members into fellowship with us at our last monthly meeting.

The Naomians Bible school class, under the leadership of Mary Sutton, held a Christmas party with Mrs. Frankie Martin.

The Home Builders Bible school class held a social at the church Tuesday evening, December 20th, with Mrs. Stuart Richey, social chairman in charge. A program and exchange of presents was enjoyed along with the refreshments. A gift for Holly Park is being made up. Prof. Paul Parker is teacher of this class.

Charles Beals, pastor of First Friends, Portland, has been secured as evangelist for the revival February 8-19 at this church. The college cooperates with it, and thus it becomes their revival, too. The morning service is held at the college and the evening services at the church. Prayer plans and visitation has been under way for some time. The prayers of the Yearly Meeting are solicited for this event.

The church participated largely in the Teachers' Reception, an occasion when all the teachers of schools in this vicinity are brought together for an evening. More than 225 invitations were sent out and over 150 responded. Carl Byrd, pastor, was chairman of the committee on arrangements, as well as president of the Ministerial Association, through which this was sponsored. It was highly successful.

WEST CHEHALEM

Herman H. Macy, Pastor

We much enjoyed having Helen Willcuts, of George Fox College, with us on a recent Sunday night. Her story of her visit with our missionaries in Bolivia, together with her impressions of the work being done, were very interesting and inspiring.

Recently we have been missing from our meetings Mrs. Anna Nelson, a faithful member, who has been kept home by a heart ailment.

A Sunday school Christmas program is being prepared, consisting of a short play given by

the young people, and some miscellaneous parts by the children. On the same evening our sixteen-voice choir, directed by Kenneth Fendall, is presenting the Christmas cantata, "The Great Light," by Ogdon and Lillenas.

We have much appreciated the help our church received this fall from students of George Fox College. Floyd and Arline Watson, Cyrus and Quila Littlefield, John and Betty Lou Williams, and David and Beverly Fendall have attended regularly, and have taken places of responsibility.

Our church and pastors greatly enjoyed a ten-day visit, in November, from Samuel and Gladys Smith, missionaries to Bolivia who are working under the Union Bible Seminary board, of Westfield, Indiana.

Charlotte Fendall, who is attending Cascade College, was a real help to the church, musically, during the Christmas vacation by singing inspiring special numbers in the various meetings.

Phillip and Faith Fendall, in addition to their work in Cascade College, have been doing some most commendable service in ministering physical and spiritual help to a needy, isolated family with eleven children up near Larch Mountain. Our church contributed a substantial amount of food and new and used clothing, which was greatly appreciated by this family. Phillip and Faith go regularly to bring the gospel to these people in their home.

Greenleaf Quarterly Meeting

GREENLEAF

John Baxter, Pastor

On Sunday morning, November 20, a Thanksgiving offering was taken for the new Greenleaf Academy building. Those in charge asked for \$2000 but we went over the top, and over \$3000 was received. We ask an interest in your prayers that the work on the building may continue to go forward.

A miscellaneous shower was given in honor

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of Mr. and Mrs. Letus Williams on Tuesday evening, November 22nd. Their home and much of their household goods were recently destroyed by fire. They received many useful and lovely gifts.

Our pastor and his wife were surprised Wednesday evening, November 23rd, after the prayer meeting when the church presented them with a shower of food stuff.

Thanksgiving morning, from 8 to 9 o'clock, a large number of people gathered at the church for the annual Thanksgiving service. Many testimonies of thanksgiving and praise to God were given followed by a message by our pastor.

On Wednesday evening, November 30, Miss Belle Thompson spoke and showed pictures of her work among the Indians on the Flathead Reservation in Montana. She has also worked among the Indian tribes of North Dakota and Minnesota.

On December 2nd Mr. and Mrs. Harlan B. Macy celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary with open house during the afternoon and evening hours. Some ninety guests registered at their home and offered congratulations during the day. All of their children and grandchildren were present. Two of their children, Charlotte and Mahlon, brought the evening messages on November 27th and December 4th.

There were about fifty present at our W.F.M.S. meeting which was held at Eva Fivecoat's on Thursday afternoon, December 8th. Gifts were brought for the Childrens Home at Boise. Greenleaf quilts were presented to Madeline Todd and Hazel Ruth Tucker.

CALDWELL

Everett V. Puckett, Pastor

In November, just before Thanksgiving the pastors were given a lovely appreciation shower in the way of groceries and money.

Friday evening December 16, we met in the new parsonage basement for the first time for a social gathering. It climaxed a contest in the Sunday school between the two sides (the Boats and the Airplanes) for better Sunday school and church attendance. A good time was manifested by all in their participation in games, awarding of prizes for Sunday school contests, and refreshments at the close. We had our first classes here in basement Sunday a.m., December 18.

Wednesday, December 28th, Caldwell preparatory meeting will be set up as a monthly meeting with about 40 members. "This is the Lord's working and it is marvelous to us." We rejoice and give Him thanks for all He has done.

The senior endeavor has organized with Loren Smith as president, Dona Aplan vice-president, and Bertha Watson as secretary and treasurer.

We are planning a visitation program which we hope will begin a revival in our church. We are looking forward to a revival meeting some-

time in the near future. Since last writing we have had two gracious altar services in which two expressed definite victory.

The missionary society has launched a new project. They have purchased material and engaged carpenters to make new seats for the church. They will match the knotty-pine finish of the church.

RIVERSIDE

Lewis C. Russell, Pastor

Two carloads of our members braved the fog on the Saturday morning of Greenleaf Quarterly Meeting and drove to Ontario Heights. They reported the services worth all the effort, giving details and high lights from each service.

On the Thanksgiving week-end various college groups conducted services here—Friday evening, Saturday evening, and both services Sunday. All the sessions brought inspiration and help to the good number of young people and adults present. Perhaps the high point was reached Saturday evening when Charlotte Macy and Lucy Clark encouraged, warned and stirred our hearts. Special music added much to each service.

Several from our meeting drove to Greenleaf December 2 to greet Clara and Harlan Macy on their 40th wedding anniversary.

The first of November marked the completion of 30 years' active pastoral service in Oregon Yearly Meeting for our pastors. Beginning in 1912, with "time out" from September 1st, 1940, to October, 1947, they served in every Quarterly Meeting during the years.

Laura Birch was home December 10 and 11. All were glad to greet her at church Sunday morning.

Our meeting is encouraged by the addition of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hodson. They moved here recently from Homedale.

Puget Sound Quarterly Meeting

SEATTLE

Milo C. Ross, Pastor

The work on the new meeting house has progressed until we are now ready to start on the walls. Our pastor had the misfortune of dislocating his left shoulder in a fall on the job.

Over the first week-end of December we were favored in having Laura Shook with us. She spoke before the Sunday school, and brought an inspiring message at the 11 o'clock meeting. Later in the afternoon there was a social time, with the Woodward girls as hostesses. Our group was host to several from Holly Park and Kirkland, and a carload from Seattle Pacific College. A buffet supper was served to over 20 guests, mainly of college age.

Christmas plans include a short program by the beginners and primaries with treats provided

by the adult Bible class. Friends House has been tastefully decorated by the college youth. A "white-gift" service was planned in cooperation with the missionary society in its project to aid a needy north-end family.

The missionary society met for its December meeting with Clara Neals and Mrs. George Hughes as co-hostesses.

Herbert and Vera York have been spending a holiday with their daughter and son-in-law, the George Kenneys, of Monrovia, California.

An attractive sign, announcing the meetings, and pointing out the location of the new church, has been erected on the sightly corner of our property.

Minnie Myers has been active in securing new names for the cradle roll, and a new roll has been mounted at the front of the Sunday school.

AGNEW

Zenas E. Perisho, Pastor

Among the things Agnew had to be thankful for this Thanksgiving time was the increased Sunday school attendance. The first ten months of 1949 showed an average of seventy in attendance on Sunday mornings, with some Sundays reaching eighty-five. Our highest point came on Easter Sunday, with 92. The first Sunday in November was eighty-five.

Early in November Agnew united with the other churches in the Jefferson-Clallam County Holiness Association in a two-weeks, holiness rally, with Floyd Cydrees as evangelist. The services were held three days in each church, with the closing services at Agnew on November 20. The messages, given under the leadership and anointing of the Holy Spirit, brought real blessing to those attending, and some found new places of blessing in Christian experience.

There has been some sickness amongst our people, mostly colds, "Flu" and bad sore throats. We have enjoyed much beautiful weather this fall, but since the first of November have had quite a bit of rain.

The church has had gravel spread on the parking area in hopes of keeping out of the mud this

winter.

We are looking forward to having Laura Shook with us in December.

A junior choir in Sunday morning services, both adding to the services and providing added interest for the juniors. They seem to enjoy taking this part in the service. We are hoping that the young peoples choir, which has just started singing in the evening services, will prove as interesting to the young people.

On November 2 we were favored with a visit by Joseph and Pearl Reece in our mid-week prayer meeting. Hazel Porter and her aunt came with them to visit Hazels sister, Evangeline Cook.

Joseph and Pearl's exhortations brought timely blessing to the meeting, and we surely enjoyed hearing Hazel Porter tell of the Hillsboro work. Evangeline's and Hazel's aunt, Alice Young, is still with the Cooks and we appreciate having her in the services.

We would like so much to have frequent visits by, not only our superintendent but also by others from over the yearly meeting. Have you ever thought how much you might be able to help out-post work by visiting these meetings, and meeting these people who are not acquainted with Friends and Oregon Yearly Meeting? We enjoyed so much having Carl and Alice Wardlaw and their family and Leroy and Hazel Frazier visit our meeting this summer. And by the way, ask the Fraziers or the Wardlaws if they would not recommend routing the family car by the Olympic peninsula and Agnew for a pleasant vacation trip.

If you are not already doing as much praying as the Lord will let you do, and unless your prayer-list is already full, why not ask the Lord if He would like you to make Agnew a regular subject of your prayer? Pray for the salvation of the children and young people in the Agnew Sunday School. Pray for those in the community not in Sunday school. Pray for the adults in the community who, if saved, would be likely timber to build a permanent work in Agnew. Pray for the Sunday school workers and pastor and family at Agnew.

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