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We have implied repeatedly here that we cannot force people to read the EVANGELICAL FRIEND, or expect everyone to read all of each issue. However, as editors, writers, and production people we hope our efforts are not in vain; that what is published in these pages will be read, will inform, will inspire, will move to action, will do whatever it is intended to do.

Occasionally we are rewarded with kind words from some who express their appreciation for the magazine, that an article met their need, or that the magazine as a whole was devoured in one sitting resulting in great blessing.

We are the first to realize the imperfection of our efforts. At the same time we believe many are "missing the boat" by not taking time or making an effort to read our magazine. Many articles could be the springboard for a pastor's message, group discussion, further study, or for use in counseling someone in need. Thankfully, some use the magazine to this extent.

If what I have said seems like scolding, please forgive; but a sense of frustration prevails in neither knowing whether our pages are being read nor whether what is on them is what you need or want. We believe past, present, and future issues of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND include articles of intrinsic worth. But they and the magazine itself are worthless until you do your part. And if you think we are "missing the boat," let us know! —H.T.A.

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## The Face of the World



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### AMERICANS: 'ADJUSTING TO ABNORMALITY'

NEW YORK—"The horrors we have seen, the still greater horrors which we shall presently see, are not signs that rebels, insubordinate, untamable men, are increasing in constant numbers, but rather that there is a constant increase, a stupendously rapid increase, in the number of obedient, docile men."

This quote by Bernanos in *Tradition of Freedom* is used by Washington Post columnist, Colman McCarthy, to illustrate that Americans are growing accustomed to the abnormal in ever-quickenings paces.

Writing in the January 13 issue of *Newsweek*, Mr. McCarthy wonders how citizens of the United States who spent \$5 billion on dental bills last year and consumed \$6 billion in soft drinks . . . or pretend to be concerned about lung cancer and smoke cigarettes in greater volume each year can avoid becoming obedient and docile.

"If there is little concern among so many citizens about saving their own teeth and lungs, how can a population be aroused to saving distant countries from starvation?" Mr. McCarthy asks.

He called for "sustained outrage" in "these forbidding times," and for paying homage "to those citizens who keep alive in themselves a sense of defiance or resistance . . ."

—E.P.

### STAGGERING FOOD SHORTAGES FORESEEN IN BANGLADESH

TORONTO—Staggering food shortages are predicted for Bangladesh in March, a Canadian church editor reported here after returning from a visit to the beleaguered country.

The Rev. A. C. Forrest, editor of the *United Church Observer*, said that, while massive foreign aid has somewhat eased

the situation that followed floods last August, experts see a spring famine almost inevitable in Bangladesh.

Such predictions, he said in an interview with the *Toronto Star*, are being made by both church and government agencies.

—E.P.

### SENATE PASSES HATFIELD RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING FASTING

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Senate has unanimously approved a resolution introduced by Senator Mark O. Hatfield encouraging the practice of fasting and a permanent change in eating habits from overconsumption to food conservation as a means of contributing to alleviating world hunger.

Senator Hatfield's resolution calls for a spirit of self-sacrifice and periodic fasting through the coming year, culminating in a National Day of Fasting this year the Monday before Thanksgiving, November 24, 1975. It also encourages people to reevaluate their life-styles and to take the money they save and share it with the "starving millions of the world."

The sense of the Senate resolution first

### About visits to Rough Rock

The 1975 Missionary Prayer Calendar for the month of June carries a statement that could be misleading or bring misunderstanding. In order to correct such possible misunderstandings, the Outreach Board of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting has asked the EVANGELICAL FRIEND to issue the following statement:

"Student and various other youth groups have given valuable service at Rough Rock [Friends Mission in Arizona] for short periods of a few days, week, or perhaps a bit longer. However, there is a limit as to how many such groups can be used within a year's time. Any group desiring to give such service should contact Vern Ellis at Rough Rock as to the time, type of work that is to be done, etc. It is necessary that an adult sponsor accompany the group that can supervise their labor. They should bring their own tools for the labor involved.

"The labor already given is deeply appreciated and hearts have been blessed as a result. We do thank you for dedicated work at the Mission."

—Merle A. Roe, Chairman,  
Outreach Board, Rocky  
Mountain Yearly Meeting  
of the Friends Church

was proposed by Senator Hatfield at a "famine-ration" luncheon where the plans for Project FAST—Fight Against Starvation Today—were announced in cooperation with World Vision International.

—E.P.

### THREE 'LINGERING MYTHS' BAR ACTION ON HUNGER, ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

NEW YORK—David Rockefeller, chairman of the board of the Chase Manhattan Corporation, told an interreligious dinner here that there are "three lingering myths" that are hampering progress toward ending world hunger and financial unrest.

Addressing a dinner of the National Conference of Christians and Jews at which he was presented with the organization's annual Charles Evans Hughes Award, Mr. Rockefeller said the myths are "the myth of unlimited natural resources, the myth of the machine, with its supreme faith in the powers of industrialization, and finally the myth that effective population control is some form of genocide."

With regard to natural resources he commented, "While we have grown and

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## News of Friends

Frank and Genevieve Cole of Newberg, Oregon, were Quakers-in-Residence at Earlham School of Religion during January and early February.

Frank Cole, former dean of administration, associate professor of business, and director of institutional research at George Fox College in Oregon, volunteered his services to ESR as a consultant in management affairs.

Genevieve Cole, former assistant librarian at George Fox College, also volunteered her time in the Lilly Library at Earlham working on general reference projects.

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February 18-25, Everett Cattell, D.D., D.Litt., former president of Malone College, was the Staley lecturer for Earlham School of Religion. This lecture series is funded by the Thomas F. Staley Foundation on the assumption that "the message of the Christian Gospel when proclaimed in its historic fullness is always contemporary, relevant, and meaningful to any generation."

Dr. Cattell provided an evangelical perspective on the general topic of "Christian Witness in Today's World." During his week's visit, he delivered three lectures at Earlham School of Religion and Earlham College, and led a special conference for pastors at Quaker Hill Conference Center in Richmond.

## Roses, elephants, and Christians

What if you discovered an idea on this page in the next two minutes that made your soul tingle with *truth* and your church make more sense?

Dionicio was an Aymara Indian youth coming to a place quite a walk from his home (17 miles, I think) called Friends Bible School in Spanish. He was being taught how to evangelize—use of pamphlets, campaigns, planning, missions, and all the rest. At one point someone turned to Dionicio and said, “How did they decide to be Christians and start a church in your community?” “In our meeting,” said Dionicio, after a moment’s thought, “we didn’t have pamphlets to give to people or have any missions. We just watched one or two Christians who live in the village. And when people see what Christians are like, they want to be Christians themselves.”

It seems to me that this simplicity and artlessness is the key to evangelism always.

Belief and behavior are one. Spiritual reproduction and fellowship are inseparable; look at the Gospels and then at Acts. It is reported others said of the early Christians, “Look! How they love one another.” Peter wrote, “Now you can have real love for everyone because your souls have been cleansed from

selfishness and hatred when you trusted Christ . . . so see to it that you really do love each other warmly, with all your hearts.” (1 Peter 1:22 *The Living Bible*) This is not only true peace where peace must start; it is also pure evangelism.

There is nothing quite like a peaceful fellowship where the meeting is a laboratory of “what Christians are like.” But have you ever visited in a home when a family argument and fight developed? You wished you weren’t there; it is embarrassing if not frightening. Well, Christian family fights in what is supposed to be the wider fellowship of the church cancel out about all the pamphlets, campaigns, plans, and missions we can dream up.

Friends, we must be real friends. We need to become aware of one another. We will discover that people are a lot like us, that people hurt in ways that we hurt and that we—as Christians—can be God’s answer to one another within the fellowship of the church. When this happens, then the out-of-the-fellowship people notice.

Richard Wurmbrand, a Protestant minister who spent 14 years in a Communist prison in Romania, tells this story. He once asked a boy if he believed in the divinity of Christ. The boy answered, No. His reason: “If Jesus is God, He would

be able to do the things that God does. God made roses and roses make other roses. God made elephants and elephants make other elephants. If Jesus is God, He should be able to make other Jesuses. But I have never seen one. My mother has no time for me. My father is an alcoholic. Nobody was ever kind to me, so I never met Jesus.” Wurmbrand said he asked the boy then, “But wasn’t your pastor another Jesus?” “No!” came the emphatic reply. When Wurmbrand later told the pastor what the youth had said, the pastor answered, “That crazy kid!”

We are churning up the landscape of our lives with so much distortion and distress that the nurture of love becomes supremely difficult. Caring for others not only marks the level of life within the fellowship, but it marks the relationship that Friends are to have with everyone. Our lives must bear scrutiny first of the Spirit and then of society surrounding us before Christianity will grow. This kind of commitment goes beyond an initial step of faith to the whole shape of our lives. Christianity is more than a neat legal formula; evangelism is more than a kit of public relations tools and training.

Jesus “went about doing good,” loving the unlovely; He took people seriously. We want to see more Jesuses, everyone does—really. —J.L.W.

## Budget wheels

Most board meetings finally get around to the business of budgets. Even the frantic faith programs on the radio must have account books somewhere. The burden of living, including church action, is borne finally upon the wheels of dollars given—known by church budgeteers as stewardship. Like it or not, there comes the moment of truth (and faith) when serious-minded, mature “finance people” struggle with scratch paper, blackboards, Japanese-made pocket calculators to find

out what it costs to supply missionaries with grocery money and medical care, what inflation has done at the (ugh) Yearly Meeting Headquarters offices, what the light bill will be in the local church, and other unreligious matters.

Let’s pray for these good Friends, too, the budget-makers! Maybe God is calling you to be one. No church is complete without their ministry. I heard once about the impatient but undiscerning man who had driven his horse and

wagon a long time up a hill on an unfamiliar road. “This is the longest climb I ever made,” complained the weary traveler to a fellow he met. “This isn’t a hill,” exclaimed the neighbor, “your wagon’s lost the hind wheels!”

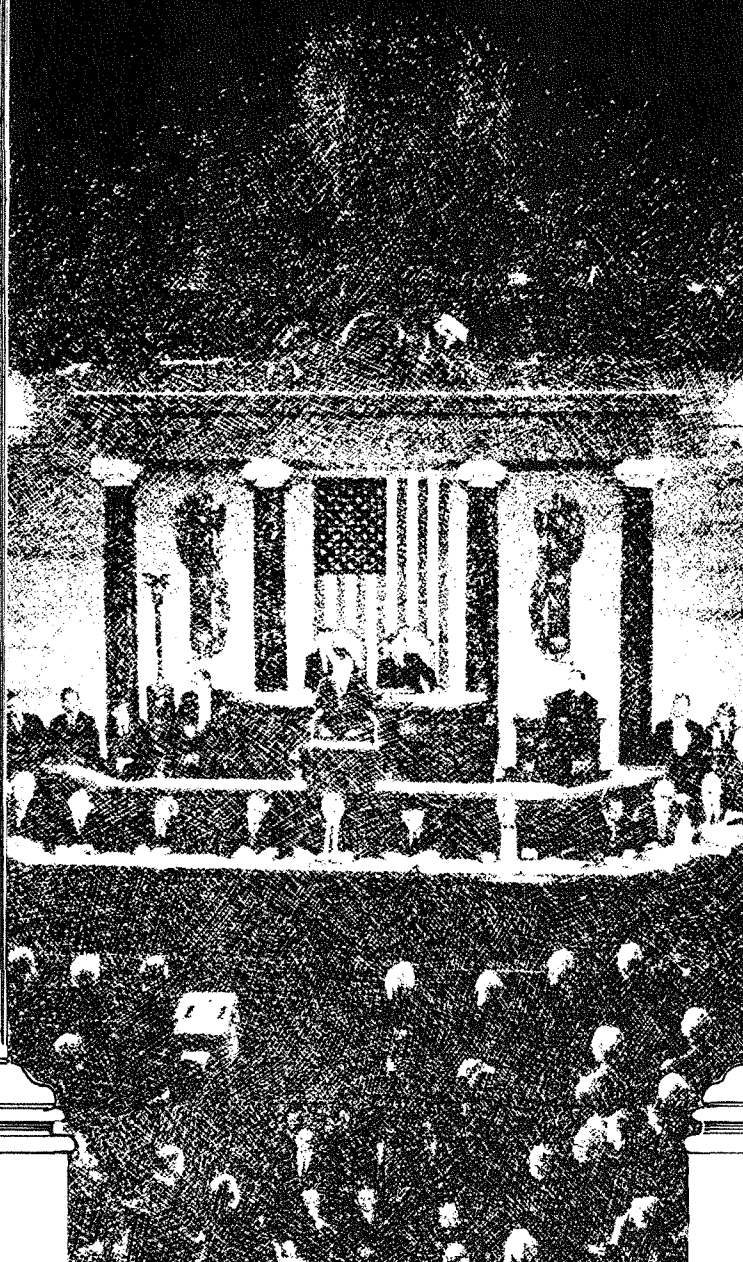
Budgets are the hind wheels of our church wagons; the Quaker wagon pulls hard without stewardship. What looks like an uphill future may turn out to be pretty level ground after all if the budget people do their work well. —J.L.W.

# Salt and light: Christians as disciples and citizens

BY DAVID ALLAN HUBBARD

There are two things that Christians should always be talking about—religion and politics. We have been told that it is prudent to avoid these topics, especially at parties. We do not want controversy to shatter the pleasantries. But religion and politics do go together, so much so that both must be the passionate concern of our lives as Christians. If talking about them ruins the party, too bad for the party!

Discipleship and citizenship are the commitments around which our lives ought to revolve. When a Christian renders unto Caesar what is Caesar's, he is also rendering unto God what is God's. Too long have evangelicals avoided political concerns and have either ignored the governmental system or naively supported it in every respect. John Wesley knew better. For him, not only was a scheme to reconstruct society that ignored the redemption of the individual unthinkable, but an effort to save sinners



with no aim to transform them into crusaders against social sin was unthinkable.

Faith in Christ and commitment to responsible social change go hand in hand. These two themes intertwine like melodies in a fugue, like the soprano and baritone in a Bach duet. These themes intermingle in Jesus' words from the mountain, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Salt and light are expressed in good works. If faith and loyalty are the form our commitment to God must take, so justice and righteousness best describe the shape of our commitment to others. The neglect of social responsibility is the neglect of righteousness, and the abuse of human rights is the abuse of the biblical concept of justice.

Believers ought to notice the combination of symbols on bumper stickers today. The fish and the elephant belong together. So do the fish and the donkey, if the fish helps train the elephant and the fish guides the donkey in its work. There is no room, however, on the bumper for the fish and the sloth. Apathy is never a Christian virtue.

No matter what we do in the private sector, if we cannot correct the evils in the political structure we cannot express truth, righteousness, and justice sufficiently to fulfill our Christian responsibility. There is no room on the bumper sticker for the fish and the chicken! We are living in a political world, and we are touched and shaped by it every day. There is no way to back away from it; we are in it. If we back away from being salt and light in public service, those with less tang and less brightness will move into the positions of power and influence, and society will suffer the results.

First of all, the Christian has the opportunity to monitor the power of the political system. The Christian doctrine of sin means that we are conscious of the system of checks and balances within our society. We understand the diabolical impact of uncontrolled power. We have stood by the sea in the book of the Revelation and have seen the beasts come out of the sea and have read that those beasts are governments. No one can ever look at the book of Revelation and feel easy about the concentrated power of government again. The most threatening power is not in the hands of small bands of anarchists but in the massive structures of depraved government. We tend to magnify the threats from the left, but in the long history of mankind anarchists have scarcely caused a pimple on the body politic. It is repressive governments that have caused the maiming, the wounding, and the killing. The Bible tells us about concentrated power, and as salt and light we must monitor that power in the public structures.

One special Christian method of monitoring power is in advocating and demonstrating the servant style of leadership. We have walked with Jesus to Jerusalem and heard Him contrast the Gentile patterns of authority with those of the Jews. We have listened as He denounced the Gentiles who bark their orders to hear the heels click, that write their memos and watch the secretaries scuffle to get the work done. We have heard Jesus say to us, "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first . . . must be your slave." We call our leaders "public servants" but believe it only part of the time.

We have to provide the insights from the Christian Gospel. It is an axiom of Christian thought that power is given to help the powerless and authority is to be wielded for the sake of those who do not have it. If there is anything that came out of the cesspool of Watergate, it is the awareness that certain individuals were willing to pay any price to see that powerful persons could retain their power. Where was the Christian salt? Where was the Christian light in public service?

We have inherited the biblical concern for the underprivileged. One of my friends was in the furniture business in Michigan during the depression. At that time the practice was to hire men on Monday morning and let them go at noon on Tuesday if that was all the work there was. At that time my friend had a time of spiritual renewal. He began to grasp in a new way the biblical teaching regarding the poor, the afflicted, the humble, and the oppressed. He adopted a simple axiom that transformed

his business. He concluded that if the Bible was right, the employment practices in the furniture business were wrong and he set out to change them. Salt and light in public service!

I am a member of the California Board of Education, which is responsible for the educational needs of 3.3 million youngsters. I often think about the 80,000 youngsters who are in California who have come from Mexico, Texas, and Arizona as migrant farm workers. Only 45,000 are in the public schools, and the rest are literally lost in California and never spend a day in a classroom during the working season. Only one out of 20 of these young people ever finishes high school. The majority drop out of school at 11 or 12 years of age. The economics of farm labor requires them to work in the fields or care for their brothers and sisters while their mothers work.

I cannot help relate their problems to the biblical concern for the "stranger," the resident alien. I read the story of Ruth being allowed to glean in the fields as a Moabitess. I remember that the political structure of Israel protected the rights of the person who was not a citizen. This does not square with the dilemma of workers who often cannot vote. Even if they are citizens and want to challenge the town council or the school board, they find it impossible to overcome the political power of their bosses.

I ask who will be the power brokers for the aliens, for the strangers, and for the farm workers on whom our bounty and our economy depend? Where is the Christian salt? Where is the Christian light? Where is the application of the biblical principles of concern for the oppressed and the underprivileged in public service? Who of us can stand strong against the powerful on behalf of the powerless? Those who are called to be salt and light, who draw their power and flavor from the strong Servant of God.

Another public expression and application of righteousness is in enriching the values of society. Think of the appalling relativism of our times! There are those who are advocating that abortion be as readily available as aspirin. Court decisions and common practice have cheapened life in the United States in the last two years. The issue was viewed flatly by the Supreme Court as a personal and medical question. See your doctor and if you and he agree, that's it. Where are the Christians who should ask the probing questions of the sanctity of life and the rights of the unborn?

Values are also notably deficient in the abundance of pornography, the display of sex as public entertainment, the preoccupation on technique without any

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context of permanent relationship. The Christian believes that sex is not for display but for covenant purposes. It is akin to the relationship between Christ and His Church, between God and His people. Sex is too important to be displayed in the slick paper magazines or in the triple-X film.

Think of the network of hurt around the philanderer and the homosexual. Someone came to me the other day with a sad account of her husband, a practicing homosexual. She began to detail the ramifications of his conduct, professional by day, picking up men at night—two life-styles unknown to his parents, his children, and his professional associates. The Christian says consenting adults are never alone. They are tied up in a bundle of life that can become a network of hurt.

Even more subtle distortions of truth are found in family behavior, advertising claims, invasion of privacy by espionage and by public media, and by the abuse of the consumer. It seems to me that in view of the biblical statements about a just balance and about a measure that is not too large or small, Christians have an obligation in the areas of consumer investigation and responsibility, making sure that the corporate mercantile structure of our land delivers honest products for honest dollars. Who is going to protest the flood of corrupting materials, of harmful ideas, and of false values that inundate our society? The Christian is there to bring tang and illumination to these areas in the name of One who knows human need better than men and women themselves do. Salt and light in public service!

Christians have the opportunity to defend the truth in the public sector. We wrestle in California with the way science textbooks deal with evolutionary theory. We wrestle with moral guidelines. We wrestle with a social studies framework that has a great deal to say about human engineering and a human value system. I have found repeatedly that by trying to be Christ's person in that situation I can influence the wording or the voting, I can make a difference in what is taught in every social studies classroom in the state. By influencing the tone of the textbooks in the state, I can have an impact on public schools across the nation. Salt and light can be tasted and received in the public sector.

Still another opportunity is in the witness to grace in our personal relationships. People in high places need friends. I have never seen any bumper stickers that said, "Politicians need love, too"; "City councilmen are lonely"; "Boards of education are uptight about whether their kids are going to drop out of school." I have been amazed at the relationship I

have established in the public sector, with the openness of people to love and friendship in the name of Christ. If we are not there in Christ's name, who will there be to provide a Christian witness, a Christian presence?

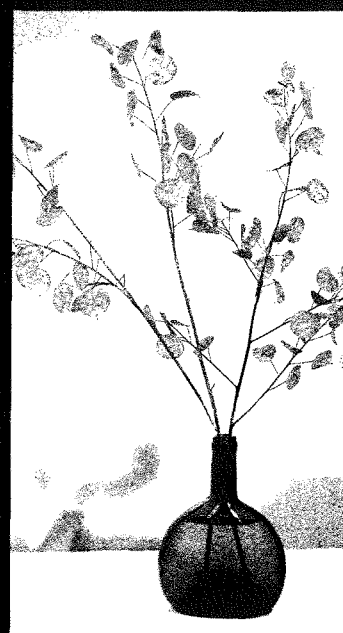
At the same time, one of the things we must do is keep in mind that the public sector is not messianic. As much as I believe in public education, I must hasten to point out that many of the things I believe in most deeply in life cannot be taught in the public schools. There must also be Christian education, the church, and the home.

My identity as a Christian means I have already made a determination as to who the Messiah is. By determining who the Messiah is, I have also identified everything else that is not the Messiah, such as government, public education, and the free enterprise system. So I do not expect the ultimate hope and salvation from anyone but Jesus Christ. The very fact that we have the perspective to look beyond what the public sector can accomplish means we are better able to be good public servants.

Salt and light in public service! Ours is the opportunity and ours is the perspective. We have that combination of long hope and tough love that keeps us steady in the midst of the struggles and the messiness of politics. The apostle Paul says, "Through the Spirit, by faith, we wait for the hope of righteousness." God's Spirit in our hearts tells us that there is hope in the future because the outcome of history is already settled. We can plunge into the public sector without wondering what is going to happen.

Jesus Christ is Lord. This gives us freedom and poise to engage in public service because of our hope in the second coming of Jesus Christ. At the same time, we are set free to love. We are not overwhelmed by statistics. We are not overcome by bad reactions. We have the theological perspective to deal with the bitterness and the brokenness of our society and to believe that love never fails. Ours is the opportunity and ours is the perspective, so ours should be the confidence.

When Jesus speaks of salt and light, He is talking about good things. He is talking about a life being enriched by the flavor of Christian presence. He is talking about a life that is dimly lit being brightened by the power of Christ's word and Christ's love. Let us go to the parties and talk about religion and politics. Let us share our personal faith in Christ the Redeemer and let us work for justice. Let us beseech men and women to be reconciled to God and to treat each other in fairness and in kindness. That is discipleship and that is citizenship. □



## *Morning meditation in a hospital*

The morning wakes and the Lord Himself draws near, and what words can describe the preciousness of His infinite presence? How can I tell it—the utter peace, the knowledge that *He* is here, the grasp of His hand, the "I love you" from His lips, the "I am with you," the "Just trust Me"—all these assurances that seem to wrap me around and hover over! Nothing can compare with the joy, the ecstasy, the thrill of just knowing that He is holding me in His mighty hand and nothing—nothing—can touch me without His permission. I cannot praise Him enough. He is my life, my joy, my everlasting portion—all praise to my faithful Redeemer who makes life worthwhile and fills me with His love.

—Gwen Winters

December, 1974

# The place of preaching in the Friends Church

*"It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."  
1 Corinthians 1:21b*

A question frequently asked, and one we often ask ourselves as members of this department is, "Who is eligible for recording as a minister of the Gospel?" The answer is not easy. However, the present membership has concluded that those who are preachers or proclaimers of gospel truth are candidates for recording. This is the usual and proper interpretation of the *Discipline*: "When a member, man or woman, has spoken as a minister (see Gifts in the Ministry) so that the church is edified and spiritually helped thereby, the local spiritual life committee carefully considers whether he has received from the Head of the Church a gift in the ministry. Persons may occasionally speak, even fluently, to edification, or engage in exhortation, or give testimony to their experience, or offer vocal prayer with evidence of spiritual power, without having received, necessarily, a gift in the ministry."

The department's position is further supported by the Richmond Declaration of Faith (1887) found elsewhere in the *Friends Constitution and Discipline*, under the heading, The Bestowment of Gifts:

"The spiritual gifts are bestowed by the Holy Spirit, and by His incoming in cleansing baptism, the essential power for their most efficient employment is given. It is thus that the Head of the Church has been pleased to make use of human instrumentalities in the accomplishment of His purposes; to this end He bestows special gifts upon certain members of

the body for the propagation of the gospel, for the perfecting of the believers, and for the edifying and strengthening of the whole body in faith and life and power. The exercise of these gifts is a potent means by which the Church brings the truth to the individual consciousness, interprets its message, and reveals its scope and purpose. There are a variety of gifts in the ministry, and in a properly organized body provision is made for the exercise and development of them all. It is not easy to draw a sharp distinction between the different types of ministry; frequently they are united in one person, who is thus peculiarly qualified for helpful service.

"There is a gift for the ministry of instruction and exposition or of teaching the truth. Those who possess this gift are enabled to contribute in different degrees to the establishment of the membership, and to the expansion of the conception of divine things. This ministry of teaching requires a balanced, trained, and well-stored mind, and the consecration of that mind to the service of Him who is truth.

"There is a gift of speaking to states and needs of individuals, and congregations. This prophetic ministry is characterized by its spiritual vision, the self-evidence of its message, and its fitness for the situation. It is the gift of seeing truth immediately and of teaching it effectively to others.

"There is the gift of exhortation, which is an ability for making an appeal to the hearts of men, stirring them to a sense of God's love and of His purposes for them; it is the power of moving and convincing souls. Those who possess this gift are peculiarly fitted for evangelistic work.

"There is also the pastoral gift, which consists especially of ability to do personal work with individuals or with families. This gift fits the possessor of it to comfort those who mourn, to lead the members into a deeper religious life, to arouse in the young an interest in the things of the Spirit, and to impress others with a sense of the scope and reality of

the spiritual life. It is the gift of shepherding and feeding the flock.

"The church cannot make or appoint ministers; it can only recognize gifts where they exist and properly provide for their exercise and development as a sacred bestowal of the Head of the Church.

"A gift of the Spirit is given to 'every man to profit withal.' There are many gifts set forth in the Scriptures in addition to those for the ministry of the Word. All should prayerfully await and receive the divine leading, to be open to the movings of the Spirit on any line that He may bring as a concern for special service. He who calls will empower, will equip, and will lead into avenues of blessed usefulness."

We seek to maintain an open mind and welcome candidates who manifest a call and show evidence of one or more of the gifts described above. While we feel strongly that recorded ministers should be proclaimers of gospel truth, they need not necessarily always be pastors or evangelists in the usual sense.

Preaching is one of God's methods. In Ephesians 4 Paul names five specific functional gifts for the building up of the Church. In cataloging these, *apostles* come first. Vincent states, "The distinguishing features of an apostle in the New Testament sense were, a commission directly from Christ; being a witness of the resurrection; special inspiration; supreme authority; accrediting by miracles; unlimited commission to preach and found churches."

*Prophets* form the second order of the divine gifts to the Church. A prophet in the New Testament sense was one who uttered truth whether this was a prediction, or a doctrine, or an exhortation—a foreteller and a forthteller. They are distinguished from teachers by the fact that they are preachers and expounders of God's truth.

The third order of gifts to the Church is *evangelists*. The word *evangelist* is

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used only three times in the New Testament: in this passage, in Acts 21:8 of Philip, and in 2 Timothy 4:5 as a description of one phase of the ministry of Timothy. John Eadie thinks the evangelists may have served in an auxiliary capacity to the apostles. He further regards them as "furnished with clear perception of saving truth, and possessed of wondrous power in recommending it to others . . . passing from place to place with the wondrous story of salvation and the cross, they preached Christ on man's acceptance, their hands being freed all the while from matters of detail in matters of organization, ritual and discipline (1 Corinthians 4:17; 16:10)." Wesley regards apostles, prophets, and evangelists as being the "extraordinary officers, while pastors and teachers were the ordinary officers," a *ranking* not usually accepted by Friends.

Pastors fall into the apostle's fourth category of Christ's gifts to the Church. Some scholars hold that pastors and teachers form one category of church officers, and thus the two words should be taken together to designate both aspects or functions of one office. Eadie holds that this dual office "comprised government and instructional, and the former subordinate to the latter." *The Wesleyan Commentary* observes that "the unity of these two offices is further supported by the absence of the Greek article from teachers—thus the two go together—no man is truly a pastor who cannot teach, urge some. Conversely, this teacher of religion is dependent upon the knowledge derived from pastoral experience."

Paul exhorted Timothy, "Preach the word," or "Proclaim the word," or "Proclaim the message." (NEB) That emphasis permeates the pastoral Epistles. "Don't forget to pray for us too, that God will give many chances to preach the Good News of Christ for which I am here in jail." (Colossians 4:3 LB) "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." (Acts 20:27) This charge is needed today when it is popular to "preach" philosophy, politics, civic reform, and digests of fiction. These may have a helpful place in our reading and discussion but should not replace preaching the Word or be a substitute for proclamation. "Faithfulness to this charge, according to one, requires *persistence*: in season, and out of season; *courage*: for one must reprove and rebuke forbidding things however popular they may be and however unpopular his censures may make him; *earnestness*: for one must exhort, with all longsuffering." (*The Wesleyan Commentary*)

If our church is biblically based and Holy Spirit led, as we profess, God still

calls and endows some to preach His Word. As the aged apostle stood upon the threshold of eternity, he unveiled his lifelong burden, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine."

Friends Pastor Glenn Armstrong's thesis, "Concepts of the Friends Minister," reviews the Friends position historically and currently: "An observer of the Quaker movement will find that from the very beginning there have been references to Quaker ministers. There were great and powerful men of the ministry from the time of George Fox." In fact, Fox was perhaps best known for his preaching. His journal reports many instances of preaching to groups and individuals. He preached in open country, in churches (steeplehouses), at fairs, etc. Francis Howgill, upon hearing him, cried, "This man speaks with authority and not as the scribes." It appears that from the time of his conversion he was constantly witnessing and preaching, and with good response. Glenn Armstrong refers to "The Valiant Sixty" in these words, "Around Fox was gathered a group of men who were motivated to preach the Gospel of love and redemption . . . there were at least sixty men and women who formed the hard core of ministers who were the Publishers of Truth—these came from all walks of life." A few of the better known were John Audland, Edward Burrough, Thomas Taylor, Richard Farnsworth, and William Dewsbury.

Robert Barclay wrote, "We do believe and affirm that some are more particularly called to the work of the ministry and therefore are fitted of the Lord for that purpose; whose work is more constantly and particularly to instruct, exhort, admonish, oversee, and watch over the brethren, and that . . . there is something more incumbent upon them and in that respect than upon every common believer."

The *Pastoral System* in the Friends Church, as we know it, came into being around 1890. Necessity seemed to dictate some kind of spiritual leadership. Lorton Heusel of Friends United Meeting writes in "The Quaker Pastor" (1956), "Those meetings which opened their doors to the mighty spiritual thrust of Evangelical Christianity suddenly recognized their inadequacy in providing competent leadership which could train and amalgamate the new converts into the life of the church." But this idea is not entirely new as we glean from Elton Trueblood's

lecture, "The Paradox of the Quaker Ministry": "After the return of Fox from America, he set up the 'Second Day Morning Meeting' for ministers, in order for them to supervise books and to distribute the ministry. They believed in divine guidance, but they also believed in using their human powers to do some deliberate planning, in order to make their movement more truly alive. They thus established a kind of pastoral system, with the purpose of nourishing the various flocks."

In our opinion there should be some differences in the concept and function of the Friends pastor and the typical Protestant pastor. Let me quote from Lorton Heusel again, "Here is something that must be preserved by the Pastoral Friends Meeting. Every minister and certainly every pastor must feel the commission of divine command. He must speak and live under orders; he is a servant not primarily of the people, but of the King. Secondly, the meeting for worship must be free from the rigidity which prevents the workings of the Spirit. Third, the corporate body should wait upon the Lord together so that there can be spontaneous participation or a free ministry. And finally, we must cultivate an awareness in our meetings of the personal responsibility to respond to the leading of the Light of Christ within."

Many Friends have struggled with the problem of proper support for the pastor. George Fox frowned on the ministry being supported by the state. Early Friends were critical of what they referred to as "the hireling ministry." There is little doubt but that the practice of the state's collecting tithes from which the ministry was then paid led to corruptions that were abominable.

The temptations in any kind of a paid ministry are obvious. The early Friends did, however, assist in the support of their preachers. From Elton Trueblood again: "Though no salaries were paid, there were family allowances, even in the earliest period, particularly in connection with long journeys." Some might ask, "If God calls to full-time ministry, why should the pastor provide even partial support?" When such persons are not liberated from the necessity of holding a job in the commercial world, it implies that the pastoral ministry is not held in the high esteem it deserves. Naturally, this tends to discourage some of our young people when they are considering the ministry as a vocation.

In summary:

1. The first century church produced powerful and persuasive preachers.
2. George Fox and many of his peers were strong preachers. William Penn said, "It is a living ministry that begets a

living people; and by a living ministry at first we were reached and turned to truth."

3. I have been impressed to discover that Friends have adapted themselves to the needs of the hour from George Fox to the present.

Seth B. Hinshaw, formerly a superintendent of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, says that the pastoral system was adopted for three basic reasons:

- a. The spoken ministry as exercised by local Friends was inadequate.
- b. Members were in need of more spiritual care than they were receiving.
- c. Organizational and promotional help was needed.

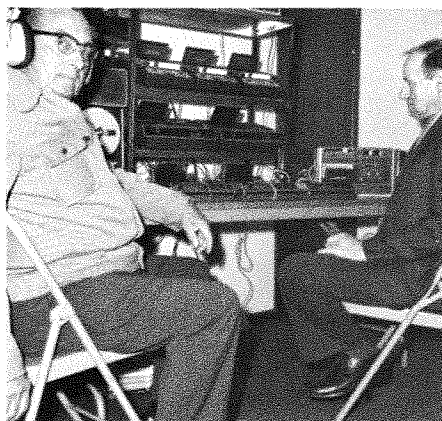
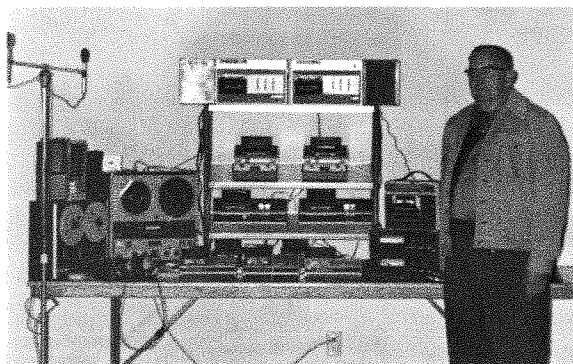
4. In the book on church growth, prepared a few years ago by Jack Willcuts and Myron Goldsmith, it is evident that strong preaching is important in the growing churches.

Lorton Heusel closes his lecture as follows: "Let us be done with apology for Quaker pastors! And let us be done, too, with careless contentment with what has been or with what is. Rather, let us move forward with a zeal for the unexplored, knowing that only those streams are fresh which flow, and knowing, too, that the answer to life's persistent riddles are perceived more clearly when we step confidently into the path of risk with reckless abandon. They are not perceived when we retreat to the safety of yesterday or tarry with the security of today. Expect great things! Now, if ever, is the time for Friends to raise the level of their vision, to see the Quaker pastorate as a key instead of a chain—a key to set free the latent power of the Quaker message and mission. Surely the season is right for Quakers to break new ground, and the pastoral type of meeting may be one of the most exciting experiments in contemporary Quakerism. 'And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?' (Esther 4:14)"

Let me close with my personal testimony. The call was clear, so I have had a good sense of direction through the years; the call was confirmed frequently by Scripture passages in times of pressure. Housing has been provided, and I have never been unemployed. The anointing of God while preaching has been a joy indescribable. The daily walk with God has been beautiful. I have never seriously considered quitting until recently as I approach retirement age. There have been heartaches and frustrations, but no more than "is common to man." God has been faithful. When I step from the pastorate, I intend to be as clearly led as when I entered 40 years ago. □

Henry Harvey

# Million and a half feet of service at Northridge



Worth Nichols (above) is shown with an array of tape recording equipment used at Northridge Friends Church, Wichita, Kansas. Assisting Worth in the tape ministry is Dale Powers.

Bob unlocks the door, sets up and takes down tables and chairs for every function, maintains the church plant, operates PA and projection systems, waters, cuts and trims grass and shrubs, serves on the Board of Stewards, heads up a weekly men's prayer breakfast, and like a dedicated Christian, accepts any other responsibilities requested of him.

Bob Busby (pronounced buzz-bee) is a radio technician for the Wichita, Kansas, Police Department, and a layman at Northridge Friends Church. In addition to all his other church involvements, he felt a concern to start a tape ministry at

*Former TV personality Henry Harvey, a leader in Kansas Yearly Meeting, tells how the vision of one man has expanded into a widely-used tape recording ministry.*

North Wichita Friends (before it entered the Northridge merger) and personally conducted the ministry to sick and shut-in members of the congregation for several years.

Two years ago Outreach Board member Worth Nichols felt the need for an expanded tape ministry, and the board went into action.

Aided financially by church budget, Faith-Promise funds (plus generous gifts from his own pocketbook) and physically by Dale and Duane Powers, Nichols has guided the Northridge Tape Ministry to a highly important place in the total program of the church.

So far in 1974, 3,000 services have been recorded on more than one and a half million feet of tape that would stretch nearly 300 miles. From the sanctuary of Northridge each Sunday service goes to homes, hospitals, and college

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# MEETING LIFE'S CRISES

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

## BUT GOD DID IT ALL!

BY MARY CATHERINE HENDRICKS

I have learned many things about myself and about what God means for my life to be. Perhaps the most important thing I have learned is that the unsundered area of my life affects all areas of my life. That is something I knew, but, never *really knew*. I never thought about it. I guess I expected God to work in spite of me; but, He isn't like that.

God limits Himself by our free will. Certainly He has all the power necessary to step in and countermand all commands we give to our arms and legs. But, He loves us enough to allow us to make mistakes. Without mistakes there is no opportunity for growth.

All parents come to the point when finally they have to say, "I guess he or she just has to learn the hard way." We counsel all we can, but all children need learning and growing experiences. And after all, we are children—children of our heavenly Father.

Well, what has all that to do with losing weight? Just everything!

I am sure we have all read or heard 1 Corinthians 6:19, "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost." My body used to be a much bigger area of my life than it is now. And this verse is the one my heavenly Father used first to point out to me how unchristlike this area of my life was.

The first thought that struck me was *yuk*, who wants to live in this?

It is wonderful how God uses verses that are familiar to us. I don't know how many times I have read 1 Corinthians 6:19 and all of the others, but in the quiet of a sleepless night He brought it to mind. Uncomfortable, sleepless night? Yes indeed! It is bad enough to lose sleep, but under God's scrutiny it is a thousand times worse. I guess He had to use my sleepless nights because He couldn't get my attention any other way.

Romans 12:1 says, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your *reasonable service*."

Several thoughts went through my mind. First, who would want my body for a present?

Then I remembered what kind of sacrifice the Bible presents. Nothing with any kind of blemish was ever to be offered, and yet we find the sacrifices made were corrupted until Christ came. Christ, the only perfect sacrifice, was prepared by God, with a perfect will and totally surrendered to His Father.

So my body, which is far from perfect, was surrendered to God, and He is preparing me the way He wants.

Third, He pointed out just how reasonable this is. After all that Christ has done for me, nothing could ever be more reasonable.



*Mary Catherine (Cathy) Hendricks is active in the Friends Memorial Church, Seattle, Washington. The spiritual experience of her losing weight is being shared in our "Meeting Life's Crises" column at the request of many of Cathy's friends in hope that her clear-cut testimony of victory will help others in similar straits. At the request of her pastor, Cathy gave her testimony at her church on the Sunday following the attainment of her weight "goal." Pictures of Cathy "before" and "after" are at the left.*

After sleepless nights He must have felt He could reach me other ways, for He started pointing out words in the Bible—words like gluttony. And that really hurt. I had tried to call it over-eating, which doesn't sound so bad.

Then, finally, God used James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." The good that I knew was to lose weight, and my Father showed me that my disobedience was sin.

I confessed that sin, and then I was ready for the answer that my Father had prepared. I was ready to listen, and three very enthusiastic friends told me about their weight problems and the solution they had found. I listened, was very doubtful, but also intrigued.

June 26, 1973, was one of the most important days of my life, for I joined Weight Watchers. I said that it was impossible, that I couldn't lose 135 pounds. But God said, "All things are possible."

I told the Lord all right and then prayed very similar to King David when he told God that there wasn't anything God didn't know about him. I just prayed to the Father about His knowing my appetite and the foods I loved to eat, and then I asked Him to take all that desire from me. And that is just what He did.

Since then, as I lost fat from my body, I have felt my soul getting fat as in Isaiah 55:22, where God says, "Let your soul delight itself in fatness."

I reached a point of being able to thank God that I was having to lose weight. God did not make me fat, but He is making me into what He desires. He is working for my good, which so often differs from my concept of good. And He has freed me to be me.

The changes that have taken place are not all physical. There are vast emotional changes—from hating myself to really being able to love me. And because I love and accept me, I relate to people differently. I find others really interesting and I can accept them for who they are.

I am a much calmer person. I can do things that are spur-of-the-moment without feeling panicked. Life is more fun. Listening to God and doing His thing is more fun. Now no one area of my life is all important, nor is it the sum total of my Christian experience. God comes first—what He says, however and whatever I am to do. Everything else comes second.

Now, when I look in a mirror I am startled into saying, "Hey! Lord! This is me!" He answers, "Yes, I told you we could do it." But, God did it all. He lost the weight; it just shows on me. □

## Million and a half feet of service

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dormitories throughout the U.S. and to the missionaries in Burundi, Africa.

A bank of recorders enables Nichols and Powers to have 14 copies of a service on cassette and ready for distribution when the benediction is pronounced. The service is first recorded on a master reel-to-reel tape, then dubbed to the cassettes.

Altogether Northridge owns 26 tape recorders with 12 permanently in homes and eight in the church's tape lending library, which contains a wide variety of tapes for use of church members.

One regular listener to Northridge tapes, Harley Davis (a member of University Friends, Wichita) is reaping the reality of Ecclesiastes 11:1 since he listens to University tapes also. Davis captured the vision for a tape ministry at University meeting two decades ago, and for years he carried heavy recording equipment in and out of church, homes, and hospitals to make sure the Gospel was available to shut-ins. In this day of pocket-sized electronic devices, Davis and his wife are residents of a Wichita retirement home.

David Riley, Radio CORDAC engineer, and Bob Winters, Booker, Texas, pastor, assisted Nichols in recording Kansas Yearly Meeting sessions in their entirety this year (see *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*, November 1974). In addition,

Women's Missionary Union Retreat, KYM Pastors' Retreat, Corrie ten Boom's recent appearance for Wichita Youth for Christ, and broadcast samples from Radio CORDAC have all been recorded by Northridge.

A look at today's Northridge Tape Ministry seems overwhelming, but then God's love is even more so, and it is through His love that the ministry has developed to its present proportion. Northridge people are excited about it and recommend a similar ministry for any church with a real concern for outreach. This is outreach that can be conducted by dedicated laymen and need not infringe on the schedule of a pastor.

Only a small original investment is needed, and as God blesses the ministry it can expand limitlessly. One recorder and one cassette is enough to start a tape ministry. Both may be used over and over many times. (Northridge has acquired many recorders at prices of less than \$25 and some less than \$20—"just watch the sales"!.) Better grades of tape retain high fidelity over a longer period of time.

Rich blessings have been shared many times over by those who receive the tapes as well as those who are responsible for sending them.

Northridge considers it a "real to reel" investment in the kingdom of God. □

## Face of the World

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prospered, we have also wasted much of our natural heritage and fostered habits that have hindered our ability to conserve what we have left. In the past, we have consumed and demanded without restraint; our aim now must be to preserve and to grow in a more thoughtful and measured way." —E.P.

### JUDGE ORDERS POLICEMAN'S PAYMENT TO QUAKERS HELD IN ILLEGAL ARREST

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A Federal judge has ordered a police inspector to pay \$500 of a total of \$2,764 awarded to 27 Quakers who were illegally arrested at his order during a 1971 protest in front of the White House.

U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch said the \$500 payment by Inspector William Trussell "is sufficient compensation for him to pay for his negligence but not so gross as to inhibit him and other police officers from vigorously enforcing laws in the future."

Earlier in 1974 Judge Gasch had ruled

that the arrest of 123 Quakers at the antiwar protest, 27 of whom brought the suit, had been "illegal and unreasonable." The demonstrators had had a permit to cover a gathering of 100 and were arrested when the crowd exceeded that number. —E.P.

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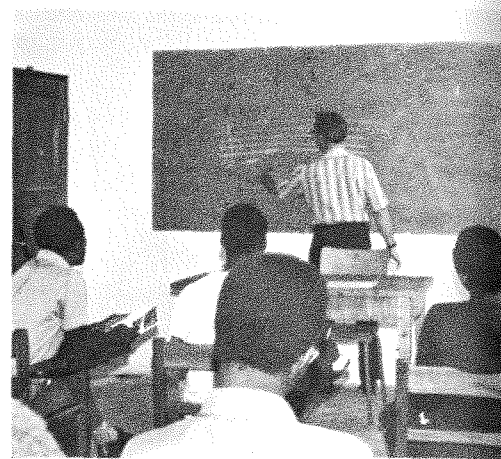
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*The Bible School building near Gitega, Burundi. Paul Thornburg teaching music to seminary students. Five young men from the Bible School minister in music.*



# It's happy birthday— and 25 years old

BY PAUL THORNBURG

Perhaps you didn't know it but the *Institute Biblique* of Mweya, near Gitega, Burundi, is 25 years old this year. Would you like to help us celebrate, light the candles, and cut the cake? If you came you would see 68 young men studying, reciting, practicing piano, guitar, and accordion, singing in groups, playing trumpets, trombones, etc. These men are active and happy in their preparation to serve the Lord in Burundi, Rwanda, and Zaire. They have classes six days a week and on Sunday some walk as far as eight or more miles to minister and teach Sunday school classes, lead singing, and help youth groups.

What has happened in 25 years? Here are a few of the past leaders and teachers over that period. Virgil Kirkpatrick of WGM (now independent) started the school in 1950, and Clayton and Louella Brown (Friends) helped. Margaret Thompson (WGM) taught for many

years. James and Doris Morris (Friends) taught, and James directed several years; Ralph and Esther Choate (Friends) taught, and Ralph was director several years; Jim Kirkpatrick (Free Methodist), son of the founder and brother of Tim Kirkpatrick of Cordac, with his wife Martha, taught and directed several years. Warren Land (Free Methodist) was the last teacher-director before our arrival. There have been many teachers over the years from the various churches, and several Burundi nationals have taught and are now teaching. We have neither time nor space to list them all.

The number of students who have begun in the school in the last 25 years is 394. Of that number, 66 have received two-year certificates; 50 have received three-year diplomas, and 103 have received four-year diplomas. There have been 175 failures or dropouts. Our students come mainly from the three founding sources—Friends, Free Methodists, and World Gospel Mission churches. However, we have students from the Baptists and Anglican and Emmanuel Brethren churches. It would be safe to say that no Protestant church has escaped the influence of this institute.

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## Answered prayer

BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

For one month, December 15 to January 15, Harold and Nancy Thomas and family were in Tacna, Peru, with the Everett Clarksons in what was a longer

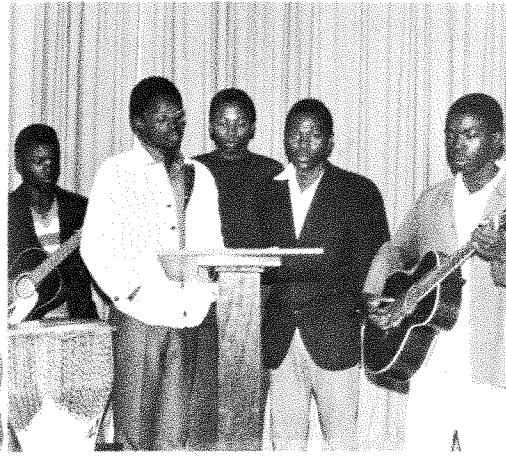
*Jack L. Willcuts, editor of EVANGELICAL FRIEND and chairman of the Department of Missions of the Outreach Board of Northwest Yearly Meeting, reveals the facts concerning an urgent prayer request issued in December and the miracle of answered prayer.*

"vacation" than they had intended. The fact that they were able to return within a month is felt to be an answer to prayer.

Recent changes in Peruvian immigration rules for foreigners do not always reach tourists or our missionaries, who cross the borders between Bolivia and Peru many times in a rather routine fashion.

Recently Peru passed a law requiring those crossing into their country to declare not only all possessions but foreign currency as well. Not knowing this, Harold and Nancy Thomas and children

drove a mission pickup the 50 miles from La Paz to the border, then on to the coast at Tacna, planning for a short vacation before returning for a retreat during the Christmas holidays planned for the entire staff of missionaries of both fields. They went through the usual procedures of getting passports stamped, entrance permits approved, and other registration required at the border, and asked the Peruvian official (he was quite intoxicated at the time) if everything was in order. He assured the Thomases they could continue their journey.



In 1970, a four-year higher level seminary was started. The first class graduated last year in 1974, and all are employed in some Christian service. We now have a first-year class of nine in the seminary, four of whom are married and have families. We will need to continue to have teachers qualified to teach seminary level subjects in French. If God has called you to help the emerging church of the third world, consider getting your French and coming to help in this work.

As the seminary goes forward and we get qualified teachers for it, we may be able to diminish the emphasis on the institute. The seminary is now being prepared for accreditation with the State. At present we will try to adapt to existing needs of the churches here.

Will you pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit that the church and leaders will be empowered and aflame with undying zeal and energy of the Holy Spirit? Come, come to work, to visit, to use any talent God has given you to help train African young people to use their talents and find their places in the service of the King. "Rejoice and Sing . . . Happy Birthday." □

# Christ is the Lord of India

BY ANNA NIXON

For the first time the Evangelical Fellowship of India held its conference in the northeast section of India, in Gauhati, known as "Gateway to Assam." As a result, this 24th annual conference held January 4-8, 1975, was attended by many people who had never before had the privilege of this broad spiritual fellowship. This drew the Christians from the hill tribes, most of whom a century ago were thoroughly immersed in animistic religious beliefs and practices. But now the state of Nagaland is the only one in India with a majority of Christian people. The Mizo tribe is nearly all at least nominally Christian. And present at the conference were the first converts from some other tribes. More young people attended than perhaps ever before, and there was a lot of hopefulness, joyous music, and freshness in the atmosphere.

For the first time since 1956, Norma Freer was able to attend such a conference. (Continued on page 16)

*Anna Nixon, a teacher at Union Biblical Seminary, Yeotmal, reports on the 24th annual conference at the Evangelical Fellowship of India.*

*During the EFI conference, Likha Takha, former animist priest, gives his testimony of conversion to Christ.*



Upon reaching Tacna, Harold presented some U.S. traveler's checks at a Peruvian bank to exchange for Peruvian currency and was summarily informed he had illegally brought U.S. dollars into the country without proper registration at the border. To Harold's complete astonishment, he was arrested, his passport taken by the authorities, and he was told the minimum penalty for such a violation was two years in prison and a heavy fine! Every effort to explain his attempts to secure proper documentation at the border was ignored, but the Tacna au-

thorities did agree to place him under "house arrest" with the Clarksons until the matter could be cleared up. This action would have to come from the capital in Lima.

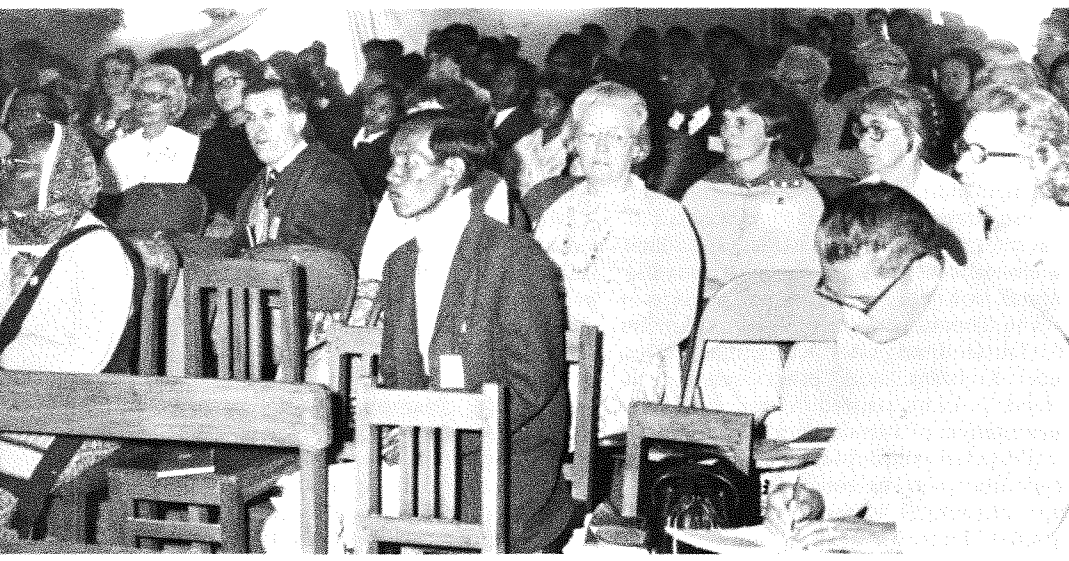
The Thomases were obliged to remain in Tacna until after Christmas. The U.S. Embassy and other missionary friends in Lima assisted in securing a fair presentation of the situation to the proper Peruvian authorities, but such legal work always takes time. So the Christmas missionary retreat was postponed, and the Thomases spent a longer time at

the coast than they had intended.

Members of the Department of Missions and others joined the mission staff in prayer that God would care for this problem. Finally, on January 21, just one month later, word was received that Harold was completely exonerated of any unlawful action and the family was then free to drive back to Bolivia.

We are grateful to the Lord for His help during this time; one good result was a much-needed period of rest at a lower altitude for the Thomases as they enter their last year of this term. □





ence, and it was a privilege for the two Friends missionaries now in India to meet there and enjoy the ministry of Dr. John Stott, hear the three hill tribe choirs sing, and to be in the initial opening of a "chain of prayer" that EFI is sponsoring for the year of 1975 until the next EFI conference.

"EFI exists, first of all, for God's glory," said Dr. I. Ben Wati in his opening remarks of the conference, "second, for spiritual welfare for India, and third for spiritual awakening of Christ's Church in India."

The conference was sponsored in the area by many Christian groups and was held on the compound of one of the churches of the Council of Baptist Churches in Northeast India, the largest church body among Protestants in the area with 3,000 local churches and 700,000 members.

One thrilling testimony of the conference was given by Likha Takha, a former animist priest and preacher whom God has used to bring many to Christ since his conversion. It was through his son, whom he brought down to the Christian Hospital when he found that he could do nothing. It was too late; the son died,

but the love and compassion that Likha Takha experienced at that time caused him to turn to Christ. He is sometimes called the Billy Graham of his tribe. He said, "I thank God for saving me from the bondage of Satan. Since then I have been preaching in the villages." And he is a man who stands firm for Christ against many difficulties and encourages his people to stand firm.

Many inspiring reports of EFI ministries were given. ELFI spoke of peak production and peak distribution during this last year. CEEFI reported some publications now in 20 languages and a vigorous training program. India's penetration plan, which has reached Chhatarpur, too, is continuing with further emphasis in 1975. The Council of Evangelists reported a wide variety of ministries covering all parts of India and many foreign countries. The new Federation of Evangelical Churches gives promise of mission thrust and church growth under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

One new delegate attending for the first time said, "I am impressed most of all by the challenge to us to be men of the Word of God as well as men of the

*Photos on this page were taken at the 24th annual conference of the Evangelical Fellowship of India. (Top): The Mizo choir shown here with Arundhal friends sang for nearly every service. (Center): Some of the new Christians who were at the conference sit on speaker's platform. (Left): I. Ben Wati, EFI's director, sits on front row while Friends missionary Norma Freer is at extreme left of photo (back several rows) in white sweater.*

## Reaction to Rough Rock

By KAY BURZI

times. I feel there is a great need for this; in fact, I am thrilled about it."

Dr. John Stott said as a parting word, "One of the main areas in which evangelicals need to think and debate and write is this area between Christianity and culture. It's true in many different spheres: (1) in our interpretation of the Bible and passages of the Bible that are culturally dated; (2) in evangelism, how we relate the unchanging Gospel to the changing cultures of the world; (3) in church life, how much of our church life in India is really a reflection of European or American culture and how far (in Stanley Jones' phrase) Christianity really is naturalized in Indian soil. These are three vital areas in which I believe a great deal more study needs to be done, and one longs for Indian Christians to wrestle with this problem of communication, as Stanley Jones did—and I've been impressed by what I've read of him."

Eight new group members were taken in, making the total churches and groups who are members of EFI now 117. Present at the conference were 23 graduates of Union Biblical Seminary, now actively at work in Christian leadership in their churches. □

What a poor impression of the Rough Rock Mission our juniors had after that hot, dusty ride in the back of a camper! All they could think of was a glass of water and lying down in the shade. Lois won them over right away with her homemade ice cream!

These 15 juniors from the Denver Friends Church were here as a prize for a year-long contest. Most of them had never been in Arizona, and none had had any contact with the Navajo Indians. A missionary's way of life was unknown to them.

The children's reaction to the four-day visit was mostly a reaction to Vern and Lois Ellis. Since they ate their meals in the Ellis home, they were very aware of the long hours Vern and Lois kept. They saw Vern leave in the middle of a meal to be with a Navajo family in need. Lois couldn't do enough to make them feel welcome in her home. These priorities in the Ellises' lives were so different from the values in their homes back in Denver.

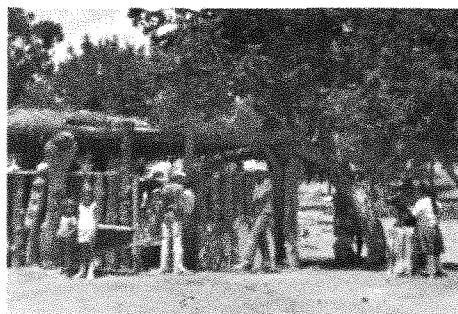
A picnic up on the rocks behind the mission was another of Lois' treats to the kids. The informality of the setting opened the way for the juniors to ask her questions about her own call to the

mission field and their vision for the work with the Navajos. As she shared some of the problems they have in working around the Navajo culture, the children were burdened because of their concern for her.

The Sunday spent at the Oak Ridge was a totally new experience for them. They were prepared to sing in the service, but other than that they were curious to see what would happen. We had barely sat down when a Navajo lady put a necklace on each of the women sponsors. What a demonstration of brotherly love! The Navajos prepared a meal for us and served it with such respect. The juniors weren't used to such attention! We sponsors were amazed ourselves at their attitude of worship even though the service was all in Navajo. They felt the Spirit of God in the service and had a greater understanding of the greatness of God.

If you asked one of the juniors what they thought of Rough Rock, you would probably get an "It-was-all-right" answer. But their impressionable minds saw a Christianity so different from their own church experience. The dedication of the Ellises and the sincerity of the Navajos are now a part of their own spiritual growth. □

*Phil and Kay Burzi, along with Stan and Faye Campbell, have sponsored the junior youth program of Denver Friends for several years. Kay is also chairman of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting's Christian Education Board. She is a homemaker with two young children.*



WHAT started out to be a very good afternoon for Matthew Corley had quite suddenly and unexpectedly turned out to be a bad one. His feet plodded deliberately up one stair at a time, then on into the kitchen. He was very slow about taking the empty black-handled leash out of his pocket. As long as the leash was safe down deep inside his blue jeans the badness of the afternoon could be a secret. But, on the other hand, he wanted the leash out because the burden of guilt about Peppy was too much to bear alone.

He sighed and began to look around for someone else of the family. When he found his mother in the family room, he did not know what to say that would make things any easier. He gulped hard and told the sad news all in one big breath.

"Peppy's gone and I tried to get hold of him again but he just ran and ran and wouldn't pay attention to me; you know how he is when he's loose!" He stood without breathing, wondering what his mother would say.

Mrs. Corley looked up from her sewing. "Oh dear, that dog! What happened this time?"

Matthew breathed again. So far it wasn't as bad as he thought it might be. "Well, we were walking along and you know those bushes down by Pike's? He got all tangled up in there and I tried to get him unwound. I couldn't get him loose so I undid the leash. I thought I had a good hold of him with one hand while I pulled out the leash with the other, but before I knew it he had gotten away. I didn't mean to let him go, honest I didn't. I know you and Dad and Roger'll be awful mad at me for not hangin' on to him."

"Oh, no, Matt, we won't be mad. We'll just be disappointed that he got loose. You know we've been trying so hard to keep him here at home."

"I know. Especially ever since that man down the street said he'd shoot him if he saw Peppy in his yard again." That disturbing memory made Matthew think of another scary thing. "Some of the guys at school were talking about dogs getting stolen, too. Richard Henry had his dog stolen. He says people drive around lookin' for neat dogs and then they hold out meat so the dogs'll get in the car with them. And you know, Peppy is an important kind of poodle. What if someone steals him? It'll all be my fault."

Matthew sat down to worry about this new idea. It seemed like things had gone from bad to worse.

"Oh, I'm sure he'll come home after a while. Cheer up, Matt; I know—let's ask God to help Peppy remember to come right home. It's great that God is interested in everything that interests us."

## A BAD AFTERNOON

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

Matthew felt a bit better after they had prayed together. But he couldn't keep from remembering all the times when the fluffy black poodle had accidentally gotten away, not coming home for hours. Once he was even gone all night.

While Matthew was busy daydreaming about Peppy and his problems, eight-year-old Roger whirled into the room, dipping from one side to another like a big jet out on maneuvers. He suddenly stopped, changing his jet motor into his Roger voice. "Hey, how come the leash is out in the kitchen and Peppy isn't here?"

"He got away," Matthew replied casually.

"Oh no! He's probably gone forever. I've even heard of dogs getting stolen around here. Or maybe the dog catcher'll get him and take him away or maybe that man will shoot him. Peppy-dog, you've gotta come home!" Roger's voice trailed off out the back door as he was once again a jet in flight.

The little bit of encouragement that Matthew had felt disappeared with those gloomy predictions. His spirits dipped lower yet, and it seemed like the whole afternoon just hung until finally it was time to go to the church for the pre-Easter Family Night potluck dinner.

There in the church basement, the sight of the great table of food erased remembrances of Matthew's troubles. Even Peppy was momentarily forgotten as he concentrated on choosing between chocolate or white cake, apple or lemon pie. It was a happy time around the tables. The atmosphere was buzzing with pleasant talk and laughter amongst the church friends. Matthew and Roger joked and teased with their buddies.

It wasn't until after dinner that Matthew began to feel all prickly with sadness again. It happened while Pastor Richards was reading the Easter story from his big black Bible. "Then Jesus shouted out again, dismissed his spirit, and died. . . . And many women who had come down from Galilee with Jesus to care for him were watching from a

distance.'" (Matthew 27:50, 55 *The Living Bible*)

The sadness made Matthew feel as shivery as if a great white-capped ocean wave had just poured cold salty water all over him. For a minute he even wondered if he was going to be sick right there in front of everyone.

Next thing he knew, the kindly voice was reading, "Then the angel spoke to the women. 'Don't be frightened!' he said. 'I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified, but he isn't here! For He has come back to life again, just as he said he would . . .'" (Matthew 28: 5, 6 *The Living Bible*)

With his next breath, Matthew's sick feeling was gone, and in its place was a different kind of feeling that churned around inside, along with the sadness. He even smiled. *Jesus didn't have to stay dead, he thought. That's great! That means He's alive; and I even know where He is. He's in heaven.* This new sensation of gladness and excitement was crowding out the sickening feeling of sadness. He felt better all the rest of the Family Night Easter program.

Afterwards, as the Corleys walked the short way home, Matthew's mind whirled with grown-up thoughts. *I think I kinda know how Jesus' friends must have felt when they saw Him die. I'll bet they even felt worse than I did this afternoon. I may have a chance to see Peppy again—that is if he comes back ever—but Jesus' friends didn't think they ever would see Him again. Wow! That'd sure be awful. But since Jesus didn't stay dead, maybe sad things don't have to be so sad after all.*

Instead of the old icy-cold feeling, Matthew felt a feathery-soft warmth way down deep inside. He wished he was in a church worship service so that he could stand up and say, "I love Jesus." However, it didn't really seem like the appropriate thing to say while walking along home with everyone else busy in other conversation. So, quietly to himself, Matthew Corley said, "I love You, Jesus."

Then, quick as the snap of a finger, out from no-one-knew-where came a wiggly, panting black shape that barked a familiar sounding "Woof!"

"Peppy!" shouted four happy Corley voices.

Peppy bounded from one family member to the next, licking each one eagerly. It was hard to tell whether the dog or his people were the happiest.

Matthew sighed happily. *Boy, I'm probably 'bout as happy as Jesus' friends were when they found out He wasn't dead anymore. And wowee—were they ever happy! After all, they loved Jesus just like I do.* "Hey, come on, Peppy, me 'n Roger'll race you home!" □





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## **tulsa—a growing sunday school in a growing city**

BY DOROTHY E. BARRATT

*A successful EFA  
"Pilot Church" for 1973-74  
continues to experience  
growth through a  
combination of dreaming,  
planning, and training.*



*Pastor Joe Watkins, Jr.;  
Lula Jean Schafer,  
Christian Education  
chairman; and Pauline  
McClure, Junior  
Department superin-  
tendent of Tulsa,  
Oklahoma, Friends  
Church.*

A growing Sunday school in a growing city—that's what Tulsa Friends is!

Tulsa Friends Church is a young church with an increasing vision for growth. Their pastors, Joe and Joanne Watkins, and other deeply involved people are beginning to experience the fulfillment and joy of their successful outreach efforts.

When asked how they felt about their church's growth and potential for more growth, one said, "I believe that Tulsa Friends Church has a great potential for growth and we are going to do much in the Lord's work in 1975." Another said, "Fantastic! We are expecting many miracles from God." A teenager remarked, "I feel as the church is growing it is getting better."

Tulsa Friends was a "Pilot Church" for the program conducted by the EFA Christian education consultant during the year 1973-74. During that year they experienced a 40 percent increase in Sunday school attendance. Attendance continues to grow this year also.

There is no *one* secret for Tulsa's spurt of growth. It has been a combination of many things—much dreaming, planning, and setting of goals, leadership training, crusades, and special days.

The church made a valiant effort to let their community know that Friends are alive and well in Tulsa. In the fall of

1973 during a one-week community contact program they talked to 600 families, letting them know about the church and its activities. Literature was left at 300 other homes, making a total of 900 contacts.

In a similar campaign in the fall of 1974, the people of the church talked to 950 families and left literature at 385 other homes, making a total of 1,335 families contacted during one week.

The Christian education staff at Tulsa received additional inspiration and training when the EFA team of editors led a workshop at their church. One member remarked, "The potential for growth in our church is as great as the vision of our members, which has been exceptional this past year, thanks to the EFA team's enthusiasm and encouragement."

The effort to build a bigger and better Christian education program is also supported through a prayer partner program.

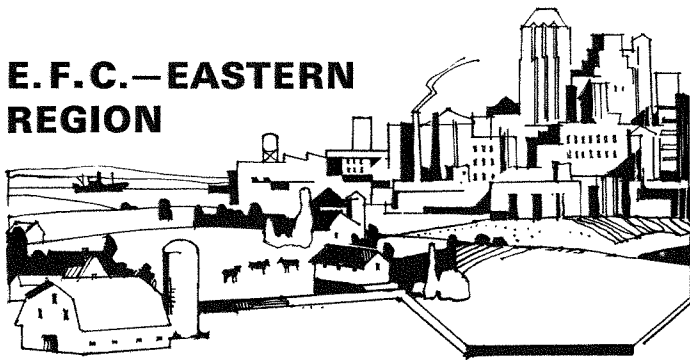
A Sunday school seldom—if ever—experiences significant growth without the enthusiastic support and leadership of a pastor. Pastor Joe at Tulsa believes in and supports the Sunday school. Working with him is an efficient Christian education chairman, Lulu Jean Schafer, and a core of dedicated, hard-working people who love God and care about others. □

*Children with their  
award pennants for  
bringing people to  
Sunday school. They  
received seashells to  
glue on their pennants  
as awards.*





## E.F.C.—EASTERN REGION



### Family Night Emphasis Brings Midweek Increase

#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

*Beginning this month we present a series of articles describing midweek service formats used by some of our Eastern Region churches. What is your church doing for its midweek service? Your contributions to this series are welcomed.*

Damascus Friends Church recently launched a new program on Wednesday evenings designed to provide worship, study, and fellowship opportunities for the entire family. As a result of this new program, attendance has substantially increased.

The plan utilizes a period of one and a half hours from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and is divided into two equal portions. Beginning at 7:30 the group from junior high and above meets for Bible study and worship under the leadership of the pastor. At the same time two groups of children meet downstairs. One group, composed of those in grades one through six, meets for a time of singing, Bible lessons, and missionary stories. This group is called the "Merry Minors." The other group, ages 4 and 5, meets separately for a similar type program. A supervised nursery is provided for ages 3 and under during the entire evening.

From 8:15 to 9:00 p.m. the minister of Christian education meets with the Sunday school staff for periods of discussion and instruction relative to their work. At the same time the choir has its weekly practice, and the junior high and youth groups meet separately for their own programs.

For those who are not involved in one of the other group meetings during this time, there is a meeting for prayer in the downstairs chapel. Quite a number gather weekly for this time of prayer. The children's groups during this period have a variety of supervised activities. Occasionally this second period is used for committee meetings; however, we have kept most of our committee meetings to another night rather than interrupt the regular group meetings that we have.

The second Wednesday of the month is the time for our business meeting. On this evening we follow the regular schedule from 7:30 to 8:15. The children's groups are extended to 9:00 p.m., and all the remaining groups gather at 8:15 for the business meeting.

Response to this new format has been very good, and we are well pleased with the substantial increase in attendance. During the three months prior to the initiation of this program, we had an average Wednesday attendance of 79. Two

months under this program has given us an average attendance of 103—a 30 percent increase. This has come during our winter months, and we feel confident that as warm weather comes we will see an even greater increase.

I feel this program has added substantially to our church life. It has moved our midweek services from a purely adult gathering to include the entire family. It provides both a worship and fellowship opportunity for our people. And it provides a number of opportunities to involve people, thus becoming essentially a training period for church leaders. Our main thrust in these meetings has been on the development of spiritual life and development of skills in serving the church. We have not left out opportunity for Christian fellowship, but we have allowed this to take second place in our overall activities.

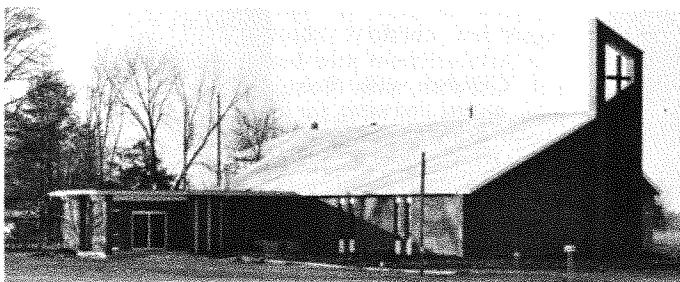
We feel the people have reflected in their attendance a wholesome attitude for spiritual growth and a strong desire for greater Bible knowledge and more effective Christian service.

—Ralph E. Smallwood, pastor

### Orange Road Friends Dedicate New Sanctuary

On January 19 members of the Orange Road Evangelical Friends Church dedicated a new sanctuary building. The new building stands adjacent to the old church. It is the first and main part of a three-stage plan. Stage two will include Sunday school rooms, and stage three will be a fellowship hall.

The new building has a large foyer, rest rooms, nursery, and one large room that can be made into



New sanctuary at Orange Road.

two Sunday school rooms by use of an accordion door. The new sanctuary seats 260 and has choir space for an additional 30. Approximate cost of the building was \$96,000. The congregation had already given approximately \$44,000 in cash by the time of occupancy.

The old church building on Orange Road was built in 1904, shortly after the congregation was organized as a Friends church. The church has had 21 pastors over the past 75 years. The present pastor, Rendel L. Cosand, has served the church since 1964.

While the old building will continue its usefulness as Sunday school space, the new building is dedicated as a *house of worship*. The prayer of those attending the dedication was that this new building "increasingly become a revival center characterized by the glorious presence and manifestation of God's Holy Spirit."

#### Did You Know?

■ That 1974 Missionary Outreach Budget receipts were \$379,165? That amount exceeded the 1974 budget by \$54,052. Praise the Lord!

■ That Trinity Friends Church, Lisbon, Ohio, received an anonymous letter that contained a check for over \$34,000? What a boost to their faith in the midst of their building project!

#### Focus on Malone

David Burnham, pastor of the Chapel in University Park in Akron, was guest speaker for Malone Founders Week February 4, 5, 6. David Burnham is in great demand as a speaker in the area, and his daily chapel messages were much appreciated by Malone listeners.

At this writing Malone's varsity basketball team has 17 wins and only three losses for the season—from Capital, Denison, and Milligan—and stands an excellent chance to

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win the MOC championship again. Coach Bowerman continues to rely on his strong starting lineup composed of Ben Tillman, Larry Arrington, Mark Klein, Phil Marzick, and Charles Cox. Strong bench support is provided by Rufus Johnson, Scott Gephart, and Roger Carlson. Fan support for the current brand of Pioneer basketball is evident as enthusiastic crowds fill the bleachers at each home game. The team now has a 21-game winning streak on the home court.

"The Imperials" were featured at the February 14 Homecoming Concert. As part of a varied, well-planned weekend, the concert was but one of many activities that students, faculty, alumni, and friends turned out to enjoy the weekend of February 13 to 16.

From the Development Office this news: two grants have recently been received by the college. The Stark County Foundation trustees approved a grant of \$30,000 for the purchase of library books for Cattell Library. Also the Deuble Foundation is providing a \$5,000 grant to be used for student loans for 1975-76. Both of these gifts will be of great help in providing enrollment and institutional stability. The administrators are deeply appreciative.

Fifteen Malone seniors have been elected to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. From Salem are Roger Carlson, Clark Hoopes, Becky Johnson, David and Debra Paxson; from Canton: Barbara Johnson, Wendy Kandel, Ann Wunderle; Alliance: Joyce McElroy; Massillon: Jeff Perkins; Beloit: Fred Sams; Topeka, Indiana: Mervin Yoder; Imlay City, Michigan: Ric Thompson; San Salvador, El Salvador: Maria Martinez; East Cleveland: Norm Raymond.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 8-10—Ministers' Institute: Dr. Myron Augsburger, speaker  
April 16—Canton Symphony and Malone choruses, Osborne Hall, 8:30 p.m.  
April 22—Forum Lecture: Jill Ruckelshaus, lecturer, Osborne Hall, 8:00 p.m.

#### Be Sure to Read in 'Friends Gather' . . .

■ About the exciting youth rally and bus ministry of First Friends, Newport News, Virginia.  
■ About the interesting series of stewardship talks at Alum Creek Friends.



## KANSAS YEARLY MEETING

### The View from Overlook Mountain

If you have ever driven along the Skyline Drive in Virginia, or through the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee, or even across the Great Divide in the Rockies, you know how impossible it is to pass up one of the viewing places strategically located to give you a stirring "overlook" of a spectacular scene. They are invariably rewarding!

Now, no one in their right mind would describe in the same words (let alone think of in the same dimension) the lovely vistas of nature indicated above and board meetings of any Yearly Meeting. For such events as the latter are, at best, viewed as "good news/bad news" occasions. "Good news" in the light of the fellowship they provide, the individual input, and the personal involvement demonstrated, and especially the survey of achievements and anticipation of things to be done. "Bad news" due to the weight of work, tension, and weariness, and the frustrations and struggles over hard decisions made against the backdrop of lack of time and shortness of funds.

However, for three days—February 6, 7, 8—over 100 responsible people of KYM met in Wichita in just such sessions—midyear board meetings, which provided a spectacular view!

Sure, there were the usual frustrations over the long agendas and short days, and the perennially harried chairmen dealing with some people who speak too much and others who speak too little (the "Quakees" and the "Quakors" of a recent editorial in this magazine), and the all-too-frequent agony of trying to match the many needs with the few dollars . . .

However (as we have already said), the view from the top was delightful.

#### OUTREACH BOARD

Action was taken to approve the return to Burundi of Ralph and Esther Choate, pioneer missionaries, now retired but in demand as translators and advisors; and the sending of Dean and Irene Getting as dorm parents to Mweya, in Burundi (subject, of course, to final health clearance).

Plans were finalized for the "field visit" of General Superintendent and Mrs. John Robinson and James Morris. For the Robinsons, this visit falls on the heels of a similar one made in 1973. It comes at the request of the field staff and the national church, and will involve opportunities for board and council meetings, as well as preaching and pastoral ministries. Reports and evaluations will be heard from Dr. Don Smith, representing Daystar Communications, who has been involved in special field studies and

consultation. The schedule calls for departure March 11 and return April 18.

Approval was given for a full-time pastor—for Tyler Extension Church, in Tyler, Texas. This to start in July.

Too, joyful acceptance was recorded of the programs of the Dallas enterprise, for the support from the local scene has provided for a second "Man in Dallas" by the name of Eddy Willmon. Eddy, with his wife Peggy and two children, William 7, and Cindy 6, were among the early recruits of Wendell and Donita Barnett. He will minister as pastor/counselor to some of the solidifying groups, as well as "team" with Wendell in the continued development of Friends in Dallas.

#### SPIRITUAL LIFE BOARD

A three-month evaluation of the Full-time Pastoral Program now under way at Willow Creek Friends Church in Kansas City, Missouri, indicated the worthwhileness of this investment. Fred and Sharon Jones, pastors, report measurable increase in interest, participation, and support. Attendance and financial commitments have reflected the value of pastors who are financially freed to fulfill their calling and devote full time to the ministry of the local church.

#### EDUCATION BOARD

April 12, 1975—6 p.m. at Friends University Cafe—is the time and place of an open Fellowship/Forum on Quaker educational institutions. The program includes presentations by Friends Bible College, Friends University, and Earlham School of Religion encased in the general format: "Friends: Frontiers in Education." Write Friends University for details.

"YOUTHQUAKE," a youth "happening" hosted by California Yearly Meeting, is to be planned and participated in by member yearly meetings of Evangelical Friends Alliance and Friends United Meeting. We encourage your planning for and attendance on December 27-31, 1975, at Azusa, California.

#### STEWARDS

Something new and intriguing came out of the activities of a board that usually just "sweats and fumes because of the conflict of the ages—Impossible Requests in conflict with Improbable Resources," to quote a Friend.

A new KYM Financial/Faith Program was approved by the Executive Council, in line with a Stewards Board recommendation, that totaled approximately \$218,000. An additional amount—about \$40,000—was placed in a special budget package for possible consideration as a

dynamic dimension challenge for undertakings deserving funding—projects such as additional missionaries to the field, additional full-time pastor/church subsidy, additional "internships" for developing pastoral leadership, new church extension possibilities, and other enterprises that are replete with challenge and daring. THE VIEW FROM THE TOP WAS DELIGHTFUL!

### Let's Get Growing! . . .

with Win Arn Church Growth Seminars—soon to be held in every area of Kansas Yearly Meeting.

#### HAVE YOU EVER WISHED . . .

You had been there . . . when Moses raised his arm . . . to see the waters part!

You had been a part . . . of the masses when Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount . . . or fed the 5,000 . . . or cleansed the Temple . . . or rose from the tomb!

To have been in Jerusalem on Pentecost day when the church began . . . or in Rome when Paul preached before the Emperor . . . in Germany to see Martin Luther defy the Pope and start the Reformation . . . in England when George Fox turned it upside down for Christ!

(These would have been exciting events to have witnessed!)

None of us were there . . . then! But we are here . . . now . . . and can be a part of equally exciting events.

We can witness God write a new page—open a new way—revive a people—perform new miracles!

There is one thing better than seeing . . . that's doing!

"Let's get ready—get set—GROW!" "God is doing His work in His world."

"Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."

These were the *battle cries* we all heard at Yearly Meeting. They still echo through our consciences and resound through the corridors of our aspirations for a new day of renewal and revival . . . and growth for Kansas Yearly Meeting.

If you are of the metal to answer to such a "call to arms" . . .

If you are so muscled as to dare to stand with Moses . . . in this new age of miracles when God is moving . . . speaking . . . being God!

If your resolve is such . . . YOU CAN, like Luther and Fox, not only see visions, and dream dreams . . . but do deeds to usher in another age of renewal and growth. . . .

Make note of the seminar near you and plan now to attend.

### Win Arn Seminar Schedule

Friendswood Area  
April 8-10, 7 p.m. at Friendswood  
Tri-State Area  
April 11, 7 p.m.; April 12, a.m. and afternoon at Independence  
Northeast Area  
April 13, afternoon and evening; April 14, 7 p.m. at Lawrence  
Wichita Area  
April 15-17, 7 p.m. at FU campus  
Western Area  
April 25, 7 p.m.; April 26, a.m. and afternoon at Bethel  
North Central Area  
April 27, afternoon and evening; April 28, 7 p.m. at Glen Elder  
Haviland Area  
April 29-May 1, 7 p.m. at Pratt  
Central Oklahoma Area  
May 2, 7 p.m.; May 3, a.m. and afternoon at Oklahoma City

### Burundi Prayer and Praise

#### KIBIMBA

1. Pray for the special meetings that are being planned in our area. There are meetings being planned in all the churches in the next few months.

2. Pray for the director of the Kibimba primary school. Recently a director in the Kibimba area died from injuries he received in an accident. His death has been a shock to the teachers and the other director.

#### MWEYA

Praise for the new workers at Mweya. The Shingledeckers in the Bible School, from World Gospel Mission. Tim King, a printer, from the Free Methodist mission. He is single and will be living in the Windy Hill dorm.

Pray for Sandy Dealy and Leona Thornburg, who are helping with some of the teaching at Windy Hill school.

#### KWIBUKA

Praise for the good pastors' prayer meetings that are held every Friday. Pray for our five recorded pastors as they work in their churches.

Pray for the quarterly meeting superintendent, Bikomagu, Mariko, and David Kellum as they do pastor and church visitation through our Burundi QM.

Pray for the Robinsons and Jim Morris as they visit Burundi this month—for their traveling safety, and God's hand on their ministering to the mission.

#### KWISUMO

Pray for Pastor Sodiya as he works in that area. One person has given Sodiya a lot of problems. Pray for the people in the area who are capable but are not supporting the church nor the pastor as they should.

Pray for Kabaziro, the youth director of the church. He is in the Kibimba hospital with a mental break. We do not know what brought this on, but it may have been malaria. He is the church treasurer at Kwisumo and has attended Bible School.

#### MUTAHO

Pray for the pastor and church elders.

Pray for the special meetings that are being planned in this area.

### WMU Treasurer's Project Report

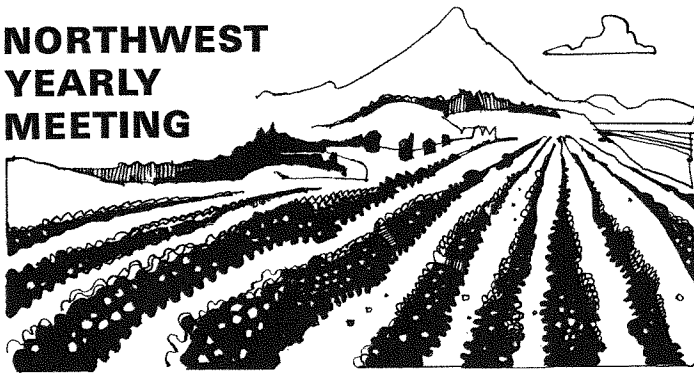
The women continued their project from last year since we didn't quite reach our goal for the Volkswagen Double-cab Pickup for use at Radio CORDAC in Burundi, Africa. We have sent in \$6,906.53. We hope it can be purchased soon. We also added to this project \$1,000 for VBS supplies and expenses—supplies for women's classes and a metal file cabinet for the Bible School director at Mweya.

Our area project is a generator for the power plant at Mweya, plus \$1,000 for buying mattresses and pillows for 30 beds at the Kibimba hospital.

The WMU Yearly Meeting Banquet offering of \$488 was used for freight on the barrels of jars of Carnation Instant Breakfast to Burundi.

The junior and youth current project is articles for the dormitory for missionary children at Windy Hill in Africa. They went over their last year's goal of \$600 for a motorcycle.

## NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING



### Superintendent's Corner

At midyear board meeting time in Idaho the boards and departments in the opening sessions spent some time in communion with God and with each other seeking to be sure we had the mind of the Lord and the will of God as we planned the program of the Yearly Meeting for 1975-76. We have strong confidence that God answered our prayers.

It is very interesting to me to note that in spite of inflation and recession the boards and Executive Council had no liberty to cut back on the work we do together to proclaim the Good News and fulfill the great commission. The Department on Evangelism is seeking to start new work in at least two places. The Department on World Missions is sending a new couple to the mission field, felt impressed to increase missionary salaries 15 percent because of inflation, and was impelled to increase the transportation budget because of inflation. The Executive Council, taking a course of action previously planned, put George Fox College into the regular budget for \$10,000. Other boards and departments felt they should continue the programs to which they are already committed. This involved about a \$10,000 increase because of inflation. Altogether the 1975-76 Unified Budget is up from \$229,000 to \$291,000—a 27 percent increase.

If you think to reach such a budget would take a miracle, we agree with you. But we felt we were led to plan for the miracle. The Executive Council appointed a task force of qualified people, one from each area, who met together February 15 to rethink the whole fund-raising policy for the Yearly Meeting. This task force will also help to present new policies and the new budget back to the local churches. They did some remarkable work, and we have a strong feeling that God led their thinking. Generally they concluded:

1. We do not want to give up the Unified Budget concept.
2. We would not like to return to the idea of cold assessment.
3. We like Faith Promise giving.
4. We will change the name from Unified Budget to the Great Commission Budget.
5. We need to communicate better to show what we are doing together to the local churches. We will do that (a) through a slide series that will be taken to the local churches, (b) through a Great Commission booklet that can be passed out when the slide series is shown, and (c) through teaching in the Sunday school and membership classes.
6. We established a new policy for distribution of receipts to the Great Commission Budget: (a) From undesignated giving the Boards of Stewardship, Publication, Education, George Fox College, and the smaller

items like board travel, financial secretary, archivist will receive 1/12th of their budget each month. The balance of undesignated giving goes by percentage each month to the Spiritual Life Board and the Outreach Board. (b) Money designated for outreach goes to the Spiritual Life Board and Outreach Board 100 percent without affecting any other giving or distribution. This means we still encourage giving to the whole Unified Budget, for it is all important and it all goes to help fulfill the Great Commission. But if churches or individuals want to give just for outreach, they may. A church designating its Faith Promise money for outreach must give instructions in writing to the Yearly Meeting treasurer, and should plan to give 40 percent of its giving to the Yearly Meeting budget undesignated. Some are already planning to send that undesignated giving out of their general fund so that all their Faith Promise money can go for outreach.

7. We felt churches could start giving under these new policies right away.

This does several things that the task force saw as needed: It takes the "lid" off of giving to outreach. The Spiritual Life Board and Outreach Board will receive all that is given to them each month whether or not it is in excess of their 1/12th. This encourages large donor giving. Now one can give to outreach without affecting what anybody else does or any of the obligations of the other churches. This allows for some "glamor" appeal giving. Some of the newer Christians and people in our church who are less informed about the activities of the Yearly Meeting may be interested in giving to help the missionary they have met, and hopefully the new policy will challenge some of that kind of giving.

I have wondered and prayed about how the impending financial crisis in our country and our society and in our world may affect the work of the church, particularly of missions. It seems to me God was saying through our boards, "Trust me." I feel each of the churches should make it a project to pray specifically for its members who are out of work or who need special help and that all of us corporately should seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these (needed) things will be added unto us.

—Norval Hadley

**NOTE: Important change  
in NWYM dates to . . .  
July 19-23, 1975**

### George Fox College

Winter term enrollment at George Fox College is up 4 percent over registration a year ago. On campus are 465 students, compared to 447 winter term last year. The enrollment gain reflects a 10 percent gain over a two-year period.

The total is higher than opening day enrollment of 463 in the fall a year ago. The increase continues to make George Fox one of Oregon's fastest growing colleges. Enrollment fall term was 481. None of the registration figures include students enrolled at the college's branch campus in Kotzebue, Alaska.

Performances are being scheduled throughout the Northwest for the 1975 edition of the George Fox repertory drama group "Inter-mission."

Continuing tradition of chancel drama by the college, the 12 students picked for the group will be performing three plays, in addition to improvisational theater. Performances will be in churches and schools and before civic organizations.

The troupe experiments in new religious dramatic formats arising from improvisations—creative episodes, often without formal dialogue, with a symbolic structure similar to a parable. Improvisational drama broadens the scope and flexibility of

April 11-13 — Young Friends Conference, Inn of the Seventh Mountain, Bend, Oregon.

April 21-25 — Ministers' Conference, Twin Rocks.

the group, according to director Michael Graves. Students, with no script, rely only on themselves and their experiences for creative, spontaneous dramatic situations.

### Death Takes GFC's Mary Sutton

Mary C. Sutton, who for more than a half century guided hundreds of students through George Fox College, died February 4. She served the 84-year-old college longer than any other person.

Dr. Sutton joined the George Fox staff in 1911, the year the college erected its landmark building, Wood-Mar Hall, and the same year Levi Pennington, now 99, became president. She served in his 30-year administration and that of three other presidents before retiring in 1962.

In June of 1961 the college awarded her an honorary doctorate for "a most significant impact upon the lives of student generations who have sat under her teaching."

"She inspired others with a vision of excellence . . . During periods of crises in the school's history, Mary Sutton has exhibited patience, prayer, and vision; in so doing she has encouraged the faint-hearted. To many of us she has epitomized the Quaker concern," the citation read in part.

In addition to her work at the college, Mary Sutton was a Sunday school teacher at Newberg Friends for decades, and served 27 years as recording clerk of Oregon (Northwest) Yearly Meeting.

The college was Miss Sutton's family. She is survived by nieces and nephews and generations of students.



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING

### Yearly Meeting Schedule Announced

Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting is scheduled to convene Thursday, June 19, 1975, at 8:30 a.m. at Quaker Ridge Camp. At this opening session, there will be a roll call of the Nominating and Finance Representatives.

The keynote address will begin at 9 a.m., followed by reports from the Yearly Meeting treasurer and financial secretary. Other reports will be given throughout the day. In the evening, a service of recording is scheduled for 6:30, and at 7:30 there will be an inspirational message.

Friday morning's sessions will begin at 8:40 a.m. A devotional service will precede this session of business at 8. At 5 p.m., our Women's Missionary Union will be sponsoring a Missionary Banquet that is open for all to attend. A Missionary Rally will be held at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of the Board of Outreach.

The time schedule for Saturday morning will follow the same as Friday. All Yearly Meeting boards will

be meeting at 1 p.m. followed by the Executive Council meeting at 2:30 p.m. For the evening service at 7:30 p.m., there will be a Youth Rally and message.

### Yearly Meeting Representatives

Each church in Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting is entitled to at least one representative to the Yearly Meeting Finance and Representative bodies. These groups will meet during the Yearly Meeting sessions. At the present time, they are scheduled to meet Thursday, June 19, 1975, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; and Friday, June 20, at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

If you are asked to represent your church, you will need to be in attendance at the opening session, Thursday, June 19, 8:30 a.m. for roll call. This is an important job, and we encourage you to begin praying now concerning these sessions.

## Coming Events

Junior Youth Camp . . . . . July 5-12  
 Junior High Youth Camp . July 12-19  
 Senior High Youth Camp . July 19-26  
 College-Career Camp . . . July 26-27

## Medicine Men Versus Medical Doctors

Woven within the culture of our people has been the superstition and fear related to sickness and death. Those having sickness due to emotional problems may appear to benefit from resorting to the medicine man, since herein lies the basis of his work. Thus, by influencing the emotions, the patient may seem to be better.

However, if there is serious illness due to the disease of some organ of the body, those who seek the help of the medicine man are playing with death itself.

It is very difficult for our people to understand the difference between the work of the medical doctor and the medicine man. A mechanic, who works on machines, must study how the parts of a motor or machine work, before he can determine what is needed for the machine to work properly. God gives wisdom by way of medical science to understand the working of the human body. This is in line with the way God created our body and intended its various parts to work together for our health. As man studies, he then learns how to repair and help cure those organs when they are diseased or not working properly. Then God administers healing. Therefore, it is impossible for a medicine man to treat physical illness properly when he has no knowledge of how the body works.

Medicine men are aware of this themselves. Not long ago we stepped into the home of an important medicine man. It was evident his wife had become victim of a serious disease. In a few weeks she had more physical problems and was rushed to the hospital for major surgery. She came through surgery, however, with no hope of recovery because of the serious nature of the disease.

Another man in our area was enroute to a distant town on business. He became very ill and had to stop at a hospital for major surgery. We are hearing of more illnesses in which our people are seeking medical help. This is encouraging to see them do this, when delaying to seek a medicine man's help might mean death.

A much more serious concern is that they would recognize that Jesus, the great Physician, is the only true source for help for their soul, which is spiritually sick with the disease of sin. Satan really fights this by blinding their eyes. Jesus, alone, understands their soul and knows just how to minister forgiveness and healing. —Mary Gafford

## Rough Rock Prayer and Praise PRAYER REQUESTS

1. For a medicine man whose wife recently passed away.
2. For young people in our Bible classes.
3. For our Navajo pastor, as he leads his people.

## PRaise NOTES

1. For a good session of Bible School with our Christians.
2. That one of our men was reclaimed.
3. For God's keeping power in a man recently converted from the habit of drinking.

# Friends gather



from our church attending. They reported on the retreat in a Sunday evening service, and our hearts were warmed as they told of the fun, fellowship, and spiritual refreshment they enjoyed.

## EAST RICHLAND St. Clairsville, Ohio

The Sosan Missionary Friends are sponsoring the class, "Learning to Be a Woman," on Wednesday mornings at the church from 10 to 11:30. Groups are kept small, and different leaders prepare to guide the study each week. The class has met with much enthusiasm among the ladies of the church and the community. Coffee and pastries are served prior to the meeting. Babysitters are provided for the morning. The class will run for 19 weeks. Over 40 ladies attend the classes, which began January 8.

## FIRST DENVER, Colorado

A highlight of this past month was the snow camps held at Quaker Ridge Camp. Two of our adult classes spent weekends at the camp enjoying the atmosphere, relaxing, and fellowshiping.

## FIRST FRIENDS Newport News, Virginia

"The Master's Plan" was with us in January for a Youth Rally. Our church invited all the young people from our district churches to come, stay over night, and fellowship together. Friday night the church was full, and it was stimulating. After a covered-dish supper the "Master's Plan" had the service. A local bowling alley was secured for all night; two Christian films were shown; breakfast was served at the church; and then the youth were bused to homes for a few hours' rest. After lunch they were picked up, taken to see a karate performance, and then brought to the church for a spaghetti supper and an early service with the "Master's Plan." Youth from other cities then left for home. The weekend was a complete success!

Our bus ministry is going great under the direction of Linda and Glenwood Strickland. The first Sunday (November 10) the bus brought four new children. By the end of January, 45 were being brought to Sunday school. We have started a Junior Church program and also a children's singing group.

## GREENLEAF, Idaho

Ted Winslow observed his 90th birthday at an open house on December 29.

Cornelia Holmes is a national officer of the teachers' honorary society, Delta Kappa Gamma, and flew to Chicago to attend a meeting of that group in January.

## HAYDEN LAKE, Idaho

Our assistant pastor, Buz Bloodgood, attended the EFA conference at the Center for Christian Renewal in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 20-23.

On January 25, the members of the Spiritual Life Committee, along with our Yearly Meeting superintendent, attended a Spiritual Retreat. This was a time of vital spiritual uplift, sharing, and an evaluation of our church body. We were made aware of the fact that our attendance thus far in 1975 (at morning worship) is exceeding that of a year ago by 40. We thank and praise God for this growth!

The weekend of February 7-9, our high school youth held a retreat at the Flying-H Ranch near Hayden

## ALLIANCE, Ohio

Our youth have been very busy. Six of our youth and Gary Macy, our associate pastor, participated in a 24-hour "rock-a-thon," and they used the money to pay their way to a midwinter youth retreat at Malone. They also went skiing at Clearfork.

A newly formed quartet from Malone College called the "Boanerges" directed by Gary Macy made their debut at our church Sunday, January 19.

Praise the Lord! It is reported that 96 percent of our goal for the Faith Promise of 1974 was reached.

## ALUM CREEK, Marengo, Ohio

Stewardship becomes exciting when it is presented over a period of FOUR months by lay persons. Stella Cowgill, the stewardship superintendent, and Pastor Brantingham planned a program with the theme, "How I see my responsibilities in Christian stewardship as a (an) \_\_\_\_\_." Grandmother, United States citizen, college student, nurse, retired person, high school youth, businessman, farmer, bus driver, employee, doctor, pastor's wife (the list goes on and on) were used one at a time to fill in the blank. We have been hearing from one person in the morning service and one in the evening service each Sunday on one of these topics. Most persons asked to participate have done so. The response of the congregation has been enthusiastic and continues to be as we wonder, "Who will be next and what will he (she) be speaking to us about?"

## BARBERTON, Ohio

Our Missionary Conference was very successful, as God spoke to many individuals during this series of services. One individual received Christ as his Lord and Savior, while on another occasion 14 persons said they were available to God for His service. The Lord has been very good to us and has blessed our church abundantly during the year of 1974. The mortgage on our new church was paid off in the early summer months of the past year, and we were able to meet all our other financial commitments, including our outreach missionary goal of over \$9,000. For all these blessings we thank and praise God.

For our evening service of January 26, a children's choir from Akron, Ohio, under the direction of Rita Kessler presented a very fine musical program.

## BAYSHORE, Texas

Our missionaries, Ralph and Esther Choate, visited our Area Meeting in February.

We have started a new "Birthday Anniversary" Celebration on the last Sunday of the month at the parsonage. Anyone who had a birthday or anniversary during the month is invited to come to the parsonage after church for a short time of fellowship. Pastors Dave and Jan Robinson host this special time.

## BOISE, Idaho

Our Annual Soup Supper, sponsored by the FY, was held December 5. The proceeds were used to help defray the expense of sending our young people to Midwinter convention at Twin Rocks, Oregon.

A "wrong-number" telephone call to one of our laymen resulted in the saving of the soul, and possibly the life, of a young married man, who had been in a bad traffic accident. Our minister made a follow-up visit to the hospital, where the man and his wife both accepted the Lord.

Midyear board meetings, held in Caldwell, Idaho, January 31 to February 2, were well attended. Workshops were conducted by presidents of the Spiritual Life, Outreach, Education, and Stewardship Boards. The speaker for the evening rally was NWYM superintendent, Norval Hadley.

## CALVARY, Columbus, Ohio

On January 26, we were pleased to welcome seven new members to our church. We hope this will be a continuing trend to enlarge our membership. We also started a new project this same day to promote church attendance. We have divided our members into two groups to see which one can bring in the most attendance, including new families and visitors, from now through Easter.

## CANTON, Ohio

On a recent Sunday, Dr. Dick Weaver and his wife Cheri shared with us during the Vesper Hour. Dick and Cheri are working with the Sioux Indians in South Dakota for a year. (See February *Evangelical Friend*, page 14.)

January 17-19 found us involved in our second Lay Witness Mission. It was a time when God spoke in various ways and moved among us to make us an even more loving and caring fellowship.

## EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

Through the year our Christian Education Committee has been honoring the department teachers, officers, and leaders of our Sunday school and FY for their faithfulness, love, and hard work.

A midwinter retreat for teens was held at Malone College with 12 teens



Lake. This was a special time of fun and sharing.

February 14-16 was our Missionary Conference. We were pleased to have Ron Stansell and Quentin Nurdyke with us.

### KENT, Washington

Christ has answered many of our prayers this year. We have seen growth in our youth group, in our music with the new choir, and in each and every one of us. We have faced several situations that have brought strains on us as a body. Because we have upheld our unity in Christ, we have matured in each situation. There have been real commitments, gifts within our body, and a distinct direction in which the Lord is leading us for His purpose and glory.

We have accomplished much spiritual growth through our Wednesday night prayer and Bible study time, filling a real need to get steeped in the Word of God.

Recently our youth group spent a wonderful day at Holly Park Friends as part of our Area Youth Rally, in fellowship with youth from five other Friends churches. The following weekend we shared testimonies and dinner with other Friends at our Area Rally, and then, on Sunday evening, we offered our musical talents to the Lord at Holly Park.

### LIBERAL, Kansas

Winter activities at Liberal Friends Church have included the annual Holiday Supper, the Christmas Program, and the Birthday Party for Jesus, during which gloves, caps, socks, etc. for the Oklahoma Indian Missions were placed under the tree.

Quaker Men's Fellowship had a chill supper in January. Proceeds will go toward a new projector for the church.

On Wednesday evenings the Prayer and Share Groups have for several months been following the plan of the Lay Witness Missions, with satisfying results. People of all ages are really communicating and growing in their Christian experience.

Dorothy Barratt, EFA Christian education consultant, visited our Sunday school and church and gave helpful suggestions, praise, and constructive criticism.

### MARYSVILLE, Ohio

The Lord has been working in our church. Our altar has greeted many born-again Christians in the past month. We ask for your prayers for our upcoming revival.

On a recent Sunday we had the pleasure of listening to the Lithopolis United Methodist Choir and their presentation of the "Alleluia" cantata by Bill Gaither. This was followed with a time of fellowship in the annex.

### MERIDIAN, Idaho

Armin Gesswein spent several days with us giving inspiration on how to make our lives more fulfilled through prayer and Bible study.

December found us preparing for Christmas and the Sunday school program.

The New Year was brought in by a watch-night service at the church.

January's messages have been on the family. It is important to have unity with Christ being the center.

Looking into the coming months, we are expecting great blessings from the Lord. We will be hearing from a musical group from NNC, the "New Dimensions," on February 9. The "New Life" quartet from Hillsboro Friends will be with us on March 16 for the morning worship.

### MT. PLEASANT, Ohio

The Mildred M. Jones Missionary Society, with 19 members, had a good year and earned \$1,556.65 for missions. They hope to do better next year.

Special meetings are planned for March 13-16 with evangelist Stan Scott. We ask your prayers for revival. Five area churches are planning for a united Lay Witness Mission in April. The opening session will be held in the high school auditorium, and other sessions will be held in the various churches of the community. Coordinator for the mission will be James Ruth of Marion, Ohio.

### NAMPA, Idaho

Eleven new members were received in the church recently.

The WMU has provided the church with a new drinking fountain and fluorescent lights in the basement and also new lighting in the foyer. This is much appreciated.

The Friends Youth along with Star's youth group held a snow party the last part of December with over 30 attending from the two churches.

The Ambassador Christmas party was held at Elmer and Louella Crew's home. Afterwards over 100 bags of candy were bagged for the church. Also some of the church families went caroling.

We are now planning our Outreach Conference coming up April 16-20. Remember to pray for this.

### NEWBERG, Oregon

The Community Service Committee hosted a Christmas party at Hancock Commons on December 20.

Friends Bible College Singers presented their program of music and testimony on January 14.

Larry Ward of "Food for the Hungry" was speaker in our church on January 19. This was the beginning of GFC Missions Conference.

The Newberg-Portland Area church choir festival was held as the Area Rally at our church on January 26. Participating choirs sang, and the festival was concluded with three mass choir numbers directed by Dr. David Wilson, director of choral music at Portland State University and conductor for the Portland Symphonic Choir.

Lawrence and Vannie Roberts were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary at a reception at Friendsview Manor on January 26.

### NORTH LEWISBURG, Ohio

The older young people, those out of high school and older, have formed a new group at our church. They meet at 6:30 p.m. each Sunday for a time of extensive study on witnessing.

In an effort to inform area residents of the harmful effects of beer, a service was held in our church. Two other community churches were represented, and each offered a special musical number. The health department and county sheriff's department gave much information in the way of ingredients and statistics connected with the use of beer.

### NORTH OLMSTED, Ohio

Our Faith Promise goal of \$3,000 during our Fall Missionary Conference was tripled to a total of \$9,015, with added promises forthcoming.

Our Choir recently presented an "Alleluia" service, with solos, Scripture readings, and testimonials by the members.

Our youth group hosted Robert Sepkovich as a weekend event in mid-February.

We wish to announce our membership for 1974, which increased from 63 to 78, with another new member in January.

### NORTHRIDGE, Wichita, Kansas

Forty youth and sponsors went to Homestead Friends for an evening service in February. The Youth singing group—directed by Ken Lygrisse and accompanied by Renae Schmucker, sang two numbers, and several duets completed the musical program. Dan Robinson directed the play, *One Clear Star*, given by the youth. Bus drivers, Ray Stinson and Don Hickey, have both worked hard on the purchase and preparation of the bus, and their labors proved worthy during this trip.

The Choralliers from Haviland visited our meeting in February.

### NORTHSIDE, Grinnell, Iowa

We recently dedicated all our Sunday school workers in a morning worship service. Our pastor, Myron Harris, has been ill with a heart condition. The pulpit has been filled by Jay Seldon of Vennard College and Delbert Elliott, a member of our church.

### PLAINS, Kansas

Our 1974 Christmas wreath provided a special fund for the Missionary Children's School at Mweya, in Burundi.

Christmas services were held two evenings, as one evening our children presented the Christmas story in music and verse while nativity slides were shown. Among the illustrations were scenes from a program given at West Glendale when some of their parents were also the performers. Refreshments were served after the service.

Our evening service just before Christmas was a "Christmas Joy" service, climaxed with viewing the film, *Holy Night*.

In January we had a Stewardship of Talents Night. Many talents besides music and speaking were presented, with baking arts sampled after the service.

### PRINGLE, Salem, Oregon

Sunday, January 5, LeRoy Benham shared his testimony of God's blessing in his life and business, after which we made our Faith Promises for the coming year.

Our pastors, Ray and Edna Moore, presented Mexico in slides and display table on Sunday, January 19. They spent several weeks with Roscoe and Tina Knight in Mexico in October on a delayed 25th wedding anniversary trip.

God poured out His Spirit on us in evangelistic meetings with John and Dorothy Sinton January 26 to 31. Praise God for many victories won.

### PLEASANT VIEW

#### Eagle Springs, North Carolina

In a recent Sunday school contest we held numerous events, one being "The Third Generation Sunday."

Pictured are nine families who received this honor. The most amus-

ing thing is they are all regular members here at Pleasant View. We are a growing church with special events like this often, always trying to include every member of the family.

We have a new pastor, Roy Taylor, formerly of Mountain View Church in Galax, Virginia.

### REEDWOOD, Portland, Oregon

*Church for Late Risers* is happening with great success. A second worship at Reedwood commenced on January 12. It begins with a complimentary Continental breakfast at 12 followed by worship at 12:30 p.m. Dr. Milo Ross has been bringing the inspiring messages with the added feature of hearing different members of "working people" in the community share their experience with God. The new service is planned to appeal to the apartment people and those whose life-style favors afternoon worship. This has not changed our Sunday morning or evening schedule of worship.

The Young at Heart group is continuing to be active. Dorothy Morse is leading a series of Bible studies on Monday mornings followed by a sack lunch. Kay Carpenter drove 5,000 miles last year in her Young at Heart ministry, which involves more than 50 people.

A mission series is underway at Reedwood during the educational hour with a number of key Friends missionary-related people as speakers.

### SALEM FIRST, Ohio

The statistical computations for 1974, now complete, reveal another successful, aggressive year in church life. The morning worship service—two services year-round—averaged 691 with 203 returning for the evening. Giving rose substantially over the previous year to a total of \$151,142.11. In addition, the Raymond and Ruth Ingram Trust Estate of \$64,123.25 was given to church control. This estate was bequeathed for the perpetual funding of foreign missions, and the first quarter of earned interest has been paid to that purpose. Of the \$151,000, \$72,000 went to foreign missions and other ministries outside the local church.

A highlight of Sunday school activity has been the conducting of elective classes. Adults of all ages sign up for a course and spend the entire quarter in the special class. "Body Life," a study of the church; "Help! I'm a Parent," a study of the home and young parents' relationship to it; "The Edge of Adventure," a study of experiments in the Christian faith; "How to Be a Christian in a Non-Christian World," and "A Study of Beginnings," a study of Genesis, have been among the courses offered this past year.

The new year began on a high spiritual note with a four-day meeting—Sunday through Wednesday—conducted by Stan Scott of Stuebenville, Ohio, and the Walter Krauss family of Cleveland as singers.



## SEBRING, Ohio

Sherman and Dorothy Brantingham visited us on a recent Sunday evening and were surprised to find the congregation in the basement seated at decorated tables and taking part in a "Year of Birthdays" program. The program included prayer by our pastor, songs by the congregation, special music by Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, a reading by Gladys Hicks on the names of the months, and other readings compiled by Mrs. Atchison.

## SEILING, Oklahoma

We are appreciating our pastors, Phil and Iris Smith, who came to us from Penrose, Colorado, last July.

Our Thanksgiving supper was a bountiful feast, with an inspiring program. The offering taken for the World Relief Commission was \$111.45.

The Christmas cantata, "So Great a Gift," was presented, directed by Ronnie Redinger. All the Sunday school classes were represented in the program. A Christmas wreath of money was presented to our pastors (over \$200 was given) and toys for their children. Treats were given to all at the close of the program.

A Witnessing Class has been conducted by our pastor during the Wednesday night prayer meeting.

## SHERWOOD, Oregon

We were privileged to have John and Dorothy Sinton for a week-long evangelistic series. These leading Irish Quakers were a blessing to all who attended with many seekers at the altar.

The college-careers sponsored a gym night for the church and a pizza feed at the church while many of our college students were home for Christmas vacation; 60 attended the active evening.

The George Fox College musical group, "Forever Trusting," presented a sacred concert the Sunday evening of February 9. Their ministry was enjoyable and inspiring.

Three home Bible studies have been started.

## SPRINGBANK Allen, Nebraska

Our youth recently had a Youth Week. Climax of the week was the youth banquet served by mothers of the young people. Theme for the evening was "Happiness is . . . Sharing." Speaker Ken Smith challenged the group around the story of Rahab. Our youth group is a combined effort with the young people of the Methodist Church, and we are excited that 20 young people gathered for this evening.

## SPRINGFIELD, Colorado

In our Wednesday evening Prayer and Share Group we have been studying the book, *The Spirit Controlled Temperament*, by Tim La Haye.

Just before Christmas, our pastors hosted the church to an open house party in the parsonage so recent improvements to the parsonage could be seen. Carpet is soon to be laid in the living room and hallway.

Our Christmas program began with a family potluck supper. Different ones shared with songs, readings, and instrumental solos. It concluded with a candlelight testimony service.

On February 23 we hosted Ralph and Esther Choate, veteran missionaries from Burundi, Africa.

We are planning now for a Lay Witness Mission in the spring. We have seen evidence of growth since

our first mission in August 1973, but we need to be refreshed.

## TULSA, Oklahoma

During February we had a special service with "The Ward Boys," a musical family from Fayetteville, Arkansas. This group was both entertaining and spiritually uplifting. Some of our group attended the February 15 Tri-State Area Rally at Wyandotte, Oklahoma. February 21-23 was our Lay Witness Mission. We found this to be a time of renewal as we shared with laypeople from surrounding areas what Christ means in our lives.

## UNIVERSITY, Wichita, Kansas

"The way of the Spirit runs deep and dares the impossible. If the roots call for something, the branches must respond." These words by Errol Elliott in his book, *Quakers on the American Frontier*, are appropriate to the worship service at University Friends Meeting, Wichita, in which Errol Elliott and Evelyn Clark were married February 2, 1975. Following the message given by pastor David Kingrey, who took as his theme thoughts from the above quoted lines, letters were read from West Richmond and University Friends Meetings. After the exchange of vows, Lela Gordon Chance, sister of the groom, led in prayer. It was indeed an occasion in which the enduring Spirit of God was deep among the nearly 500 worshippers.

## WEST PARK, Cleveland, Ohio

Our New Year's Eve service started at 9 p.m. The program for the evening was the showing of the film, *So Long, Joey*, with light refreshments, singing and music by Walt, Marian, and Dave Christianson, William and Lois Miller, and William and Jackie Miller III.

A very special "How To" session was held for all teachers, assistant teachers, Sunday school officers, and church leaders.

In the past our FY's have had "Slave Days"; however, they are starting a new project called "HALF-n-HALF." They have listed on their bulletin board their names and jobs for which they are available such as car wash, snow shoveling, lawn work, tutoring, baby-sitting, etc. Of the income, 50 percent goes to the FY Missionary Shares and 50 percent goes to the individual involved. Any job for the elderly is free.

## WINONA, Ohio

In January several ladies of the Lydia missionary society visited the Columbiana County Home for the aged. They read Scriptures, sang hymns, and personally witnessed to the elderly folk there. It was a real spiritual uplift to all concerned.

The young people of our church enjoyed a progressive dinner. A program for the evening followed in charge of Mike Grogan, pastor of Poland Friends Church.

DICKEY-MILLER. Miriam Dickey and Mike Miller, December 12, 1974, First Friends, Canton, Ohio.

FLETCHER-GERIG. Patty Fletcher and Leon Gerig, December 22, 1974, First Friends, Canton, Ohio.

JARRETT-DENTLER. Beth Jarrett and Dick Dentler, December 14, 1974, First Friends, Canton, Ohio.

KENSLE-FITZPATRICK. Leora Jean Kensler and Timothy Lee Fitzpatrick, December 7, 1974, Urbana, Ohio.

LAMAR-RYNEER. Texie Lamar and Albert Ryneer, November 30, 1974, Bethany Friends, Ohio.

MCBRIDE - HAILEY. Cindra Lee McBride and Larry Lee Hailey of Newberg Friends, Oregon, December 14, 1974.

NOEL-KELLEY. Grace Noel and Dan Kelley, January 10, 1975, Boise, Idaho.

SHEPARD-BAUMGARDNER. Laura Ellen Shepard and Carl A. Baumgardner, December 3, 1974, Urbana, Ohio.

SHEPPEARD - MIKSOVSKY. Lera Sheppard and Robert Miksovsky, January 4, 1975, in Jerome, Idaho, formerly from Westgate Friends in Cleveland, Ohio.

SMITH-WIKFORS. Coleen Smith of Greenleaf Friends and Douglas Jay Wikfors of Kennewick, Washington, January 18, 1975.

STEELE-SNELL. Zelda Steele and Norman Snell, October 11, 1974, Bethany Friends, Bethany, Ohio.

## DEATHS

BAUMAN—Iva Bauman, Damascus, Ohio, January 21, 1975.

BENBOW—Louie Benbow, 66, of Greenleaf Friends, Idaho, January 11, 1975.

BOHNERT—Albert Bohnert, Fountain City, Indiana, former pastor of Orange Friends, Westerville, Ohio, December 20, 1974.

COPLEY—Ruth Elizabeth Copley, 85, of Hesper Friends, Eudora, Kansas, January 13, 1975.

COULSON—Worth Coulson, 92, member Scotts Mills Friends, January 12, 1975, in Newberg.

DeWEESE—Isaac DeWeese, 69, Winona, Ohio, December 5, 1974.

ECKENRODE—I. F. Eckenrode, Be-  
loit, Ohio, January 7, 1975.

GARDNER—Claude Mabry Gardner, 65, Newport News, Virginia, December 8, 1974.

HAMILTON—Matthew Hamilton, baby, December 7, 1974, Canton, Ohio.

MACY—Maynard O. Macy, 54, member Newberg Friends, January 15, 1975, Eugene, Oregon.

McKINNEY—Louisa McKinney, 80, Fulton, Ohio, January 13, 1975.

NOLING—Helen Mae Noling, 58, Kensington, Ohio, January 8, 1975.

PIRRONE—Hazel Pirrone, 56, Cleveland, Ohio, January 2, 1975.

SHOEMAKER—Bertha Shoemaker, Cleveland, Ohio, December 26, 1974.

SMITH—Nina Smith of Newberg Friends, Oregon, December 10, 1974.

STALL—Mrs. Floyd (Shirley Cory) Stall, 43, Newport News, Virginia, November 30, 1974.

STANLEY—Ernest Stanley, 79, Be-  
loit, Ohio, December 5, 1974.

# Friends record

## BIRTHS

BAYS—To Larry and Julia (Graves) Bays of Alva, Oklahoma, a son, Jerrod Lee, November 25, 1974.

EMRY—To Doug and Linda Emry of Boise, Idaho, a son, Christian Douglas, December 18, 1975.

GOSSARD—To Derry and Mary Gossard of Greenleaf, Idaho, a boy, Troy Mac, January 2, 1975.

GUILEY—A son, Craig Allen, November 27, 1974, to Gene and Janet Guiley of Canton, Ohio.

HAMILTON—A son, Benjamin Hamilton, December 6, 1974, to Clyde and Janice Hamilton, Canton, Ohio.

HOLLOWAY—To Darrell and Jerry Holloway of Boise, Idaho, a son, Eric Chester, December 11, 1974.

JONES—A daughter, Ann Katherine, August 20, 1974, to Steve and Janie Jones, North Olmsted, Ohio.

KENSLE—A daughter, Michelle Renee, January 8, 1975, to Fred and Linda Kensler, Urbana, Ohio.

LASKY—A son, Eric Glen, December 20, 1974, to Glen and Linda Lasky, Salem, Ohio.

LOY—A son, Shana Michael, January 15, 1975, to Cheryl and Terry Loy, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

MARSHALL—A son, Aaron Daniel, December 28, 1974, to Skip and Linda Marshall, Canton, Ohio.

SCHULTZ—A son, Jason Allen, January 5, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schultz, Fulton Creek, Radnor, Ohio.

SKEETER—A daughter, Sara Lynn, December 17, 1974, to Pastor E. Roy

and Susan Skeeter, North Olmsted, Ohio.

SMUCK—A son, Jeremy Eugene, January 20, 1975 to Homer and Lois Smuck, Miami, Oklahoma.

STOCKTON—A daughter, Ericka, to Joe and Katrina Stockton of Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas, December 30, 1974.

TAYLOR—To Vance and Sherrill (Cloud) Taylor of Newberg, Oregon, a girl, Christie Marie, December 30, 1974.

TRIMBLE—A son, Richard Wade Trimble III, to Linda (Godsey) and Richard Trimble, Jr., Hampton, Virginia, December 17, 1974.

WALKER—To Marvin and Linda (Wilhite) Walker of North Valley Friends, Newberg, Oregon, a son, Alex Adrien, October 17, 1974.

WHISENHUNT—A son, Robert Jason, October 6, 1974, to Dennis and Debbie Whisenhunt of Gate, Oklahoma.

WORDEN—A daughter, Natalie Michelle, January 18, 1975, to Dennis and Darla Worden, Friendswood, Texas.

## MARRIAGES

BENNETT-LUND. Dorothy Bennett and Wayne Lund, January 5, 1975, at Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

BURCH-CAZAN. Carolyn Burch and George Cazan, December 20, 1974, First Friends, Canton, Ohio.

CLARK-ELLIOTT. Evelyn Clark and Errol Elliott, February 2, 1975, at University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

## Over the Teacup



## Prespring

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Everywhere I have lived, March is a windy, blustery, changeable, unpredictable month that is very unfriendly to well-laid plans and frustrating for those who make them. It is so close to spring, and being tired of winter, one thinks of housecleaning, flower gardens, and sunshine. But—March is still so undecided that, living where I do, one is likely to wake in the morning snowbound! One can, and often does, get the blahs—feeling a little low, particularly if there are troubling things on the mind to coincide with either the dull or the tempestuous day outdoors.

Whether the "lows" are caused by the

economy, poor health, or the state of the nation, or a very private heartache, there are days when even the most cheerful soul feels a heaviness settle down like a deep fog.

This is particularly true when one has been flying high with the approval of friends and no discernible noise from foes (should there be any); all is well until suddenly things fall apart and we are not so sure anymore. The ego takes a severe blow.

Such times have to come, and they will, and to an excellent purpose. At such times one sits down alone (preferably with a cup of tea) and begins to sort out priorities. We see that we are not special but heir to the sufferings as well as to the joys of the human race. We settle down to a size that really fits instead of the size we imagine we are. We recognize we need help. We see ourselves as we are, and in humility of heart we, though unknowing, are in a splendid condition to let the Lord lift us up solidly and realistically, depending on Him alone to help—as He has promised to do individually.

This is not being morbid. It should not be. It is only getting basic on a low day. When else do we have the incentive or the time to take inventory? It just may be that Friends will have some difficult days ahead, particularly if we take seriously our discipleship. Popularity and exhilarations may be rarer experiences if we are true to our innermost convictions. But do we really know the difference between strong personal opinions and deep inner convictions that come from God? It would help so much if we did and if we knew *where* we could "give a little" to preserve harmony. It would also help those low times if we were a little more respectful of the convictions of others. But if I am wrong, let me know it; let me admit it; let me correct it—now! It takes magnificent courage, but on a prespring day, let me prepare for victory, for the fulfilling of God's purpose for me.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart."

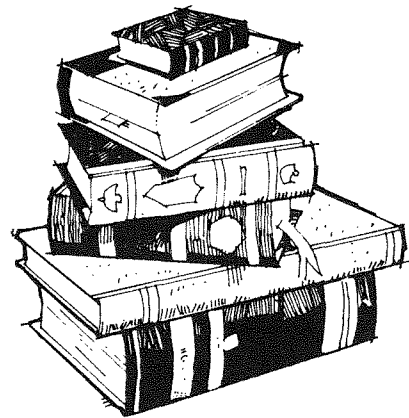
Prespring means that spring is soon to be here in all its glory, and beauty, and awakening to life!

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They frankly tell their story of God's work with them that they may communicate with and help others who have similar problems. —Carol Lee

Howard H. Brinton, *The Religious Philosophy of Quakerism*, Wallingford, Pennsylvania, Pendle Hill, 1973, 115 pages, \$3.00.

Beliefs of Fox, Barclay, and Penn, as based on the Gospel of John, constitute the framework by which four Pendle Hill pamphlets are bound together in this book by the recently deceased Quaker writer who is best known for his interpretive *History of Friends for 300 Years* (1952).

—Arthur O. Roberts

## New books

*Prayer and You*, by Cecil G. Osborne (Word), \$3.95. *Scientific Creationism*, by Henry M. Morris (Kivar), \$3.95; Cloth, \$5.95. *Love My Children*, by Rose Butler Browne and James W. English (David C. Cook), \$1.95. *Straw Houses in the Wind*, by C. C. Carlson (Harvest House), \$2.25. *The Promise*, by Hal Lindsey (Harvest House), \$5.95. *How to Stay Younger While Growing Older*, by Reuel L. Howe (Word), \$5.95. *The Cry of a Baby*, by Roy McKeown (World Opportunities).

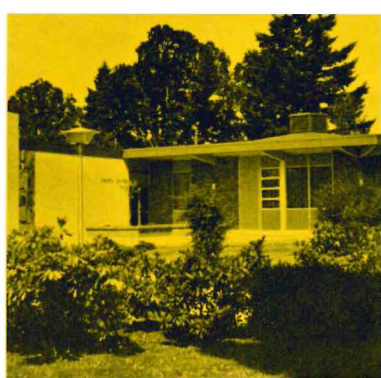
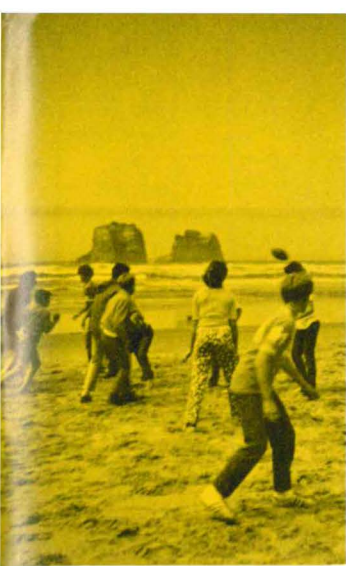
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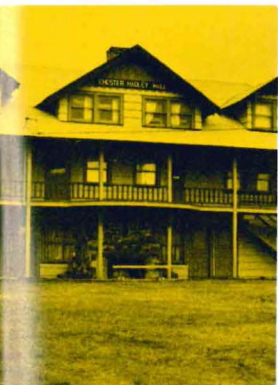
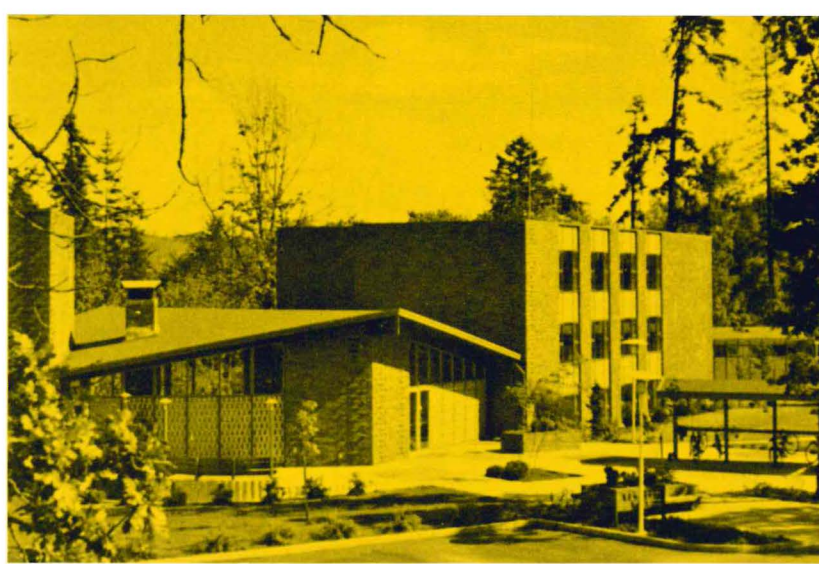
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*Calder Center, above, and Edwards Hall, right, on the George Fox College campus are among the facilities to be used during the conference.*



*Twin Rocks Friends Conference grounds, at the beach, will be site of youth activities (above three photos).*

## EVANGELICAL FRIENDS ALLIANCE GENERAL CONFERENCE, JULY 23-27, NEWBERG, OREGON

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Activities are planned for all ages with the youth meeting to be held at Twin Rocks Conference Grounds on the Oregon coast. The children will meet at beautiful Camp Tilikum just a few miles out of Newberg, and nursery care will be available for infants and toddlers in Newberg.

The program features guest speakers Dr. Paul S. Rees, well-known writer and speaker for World Vision, and Sam Kamalesan, Indian evangelist.

Everett Cattell will be the keynote speaker at a banquet Wednesday evening, July 23. Position papers on Church Growth, the Ministry of the Holy Spirit, Missions and the Personal Devotional

Life will be presented and responded to by well-known Friends such as Verl Lindley and Milo Ross during the morning hour. Other inspirational hour speakers will be Lowell Roberts and Aaron Hamlin. A series of workshops designed to give understanding and expertise on such subjects as Team Ministry, Pastor/Lay Relationships, Church Growth, Christian Education, Faith Promise Giving, Social Action, Peace, Youth Programs, and Legislative Influence will be featured on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Foreign missions will be emphasized Saturday afternoon by a missionary panel and special Missionary Rally directed by the Missions Commission of the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

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*Day sessions are to be scheduled for children at Camp Tilikum near Newberg (above).*

*At far left are superintendents Norval Hadley, Northwest; Olen Ellis, Rocky Mountain; John Robinson, Kansas; and Russell Myers, Eastern Region. In the center photo are delegates from Iowa Yearly Meeting, Mahlon and Hazel Macy and Wayne and Miriam McDonald. Below are presiding clerks David Smitherman, Kansas, and Richard Beebe, Northwest. These three photos are from the EFA Coordinating Council sessions held at Oklahoma City in January.*

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