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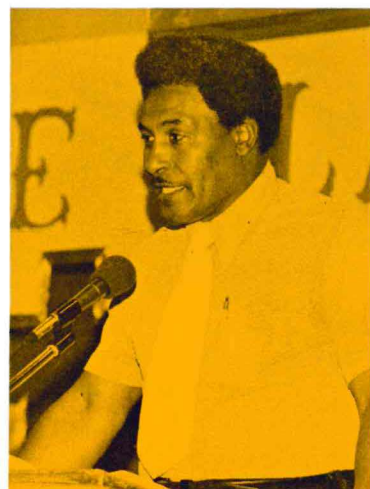
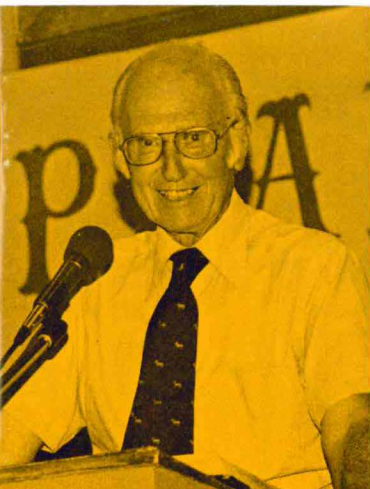
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## **GAME PLAN FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER: TIME OUT FOR CONFERENCE EVALUATION**





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## Cover/Antecedents

Friends from all over America fellowship under towering oak trees on the campus of George Fox College during an afternoon break at the EFA General Conference. While Friends basked in the warmth of a typical Oregon July, they also felt the warmth of concern and challenge from those who played major roles in the Conference.

Pictured on the cover are eight of the many participants: Top row (left to right) Lowell Roberts, chairman, Division of Philosophy and Religion, Asbury College, Hour of Challenge speaker; Norval Hadley, general superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting, new president of EFA; Everett Cattell, former Friends missionary, college president, pastor, and superintendent, who was the Conference keynote speaker; Charlotte Macy, executive director of Oregon's Twin Rocks Friends Camp, as she responded to the position paper on "Church Growth."

Bottom row (left to right) includes Paul Rees, retiring vice-president-at-large of World Vision International, who delivered a position paper on "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Contemporary Church" and four other major messages; Sam Kamaleson, new vice-president-at-large for World Vision International, who delivered a position paper on "Missions Today" and two other messages; Verl Lindley, pastor of Granada Heights Friends Church, California, delivering his position paper on "Church Growth"; and Aaron Hamlin, field director and cofounder of the National Black Evangelical Association, delivering an Hour of Challenge message. —H.T.A.

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## The Face of the World

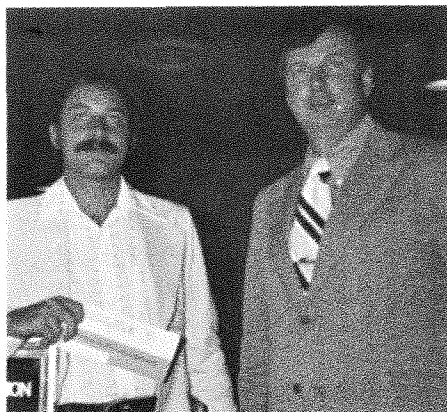


*The EVANGELICAL FRIEND neither endorses nor necessarily approves subject matter used in Face of the World, but simply tries to publish material of general interest to Friends. —The Editors*

### STUART WILLCUTS APPOINTED TO WRC NORTHWEST POST

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA—Stuart C. Willcuts, formerly field director in Vietnam for the World Relief Commission, has been named WRC representative for the Pacific Northwest. Willcuts will be based in Portland, Oregon.

Until the recent offensive by North Vietnamese forces that resulted in the fall of South Vietnam, Stuart Willcuts was stationed in Saigon, where he was responsible for overseeing WRC projects in that country. As the offensive grew, Willcuts arranged for the safe evacuation of all American personnel from the 100-bed Hoa Khanh Children's Hospital and



*Stuart Willcuts, left, with former WRC Vietnam director, Dick Pendell, at 1975 NAE Convention in Los Angeles.*

attempted to arrange for the safety of the Vietnamese staff. He left Vietnam on Easter Sunday, March 30, after all other WRC American personnel had left.

Following his return to the United States he helped in initial resettling work among the Vietnamese refugees sent to Camp Pendleton, California.

In addition to representing World Relief at meetings throughout the Northwest, Stuart Willcuts is helping in the resettlement of more than 70 refugees sponsored by the World Relief Commission. All were associated with WRC's counterpart Christian relief agency in Vietnam, Christian Youth Social Services. —W.R.C.

### NATIONAL RACE CONFERENCE VOTES ACTION/EDUCATION PROGRAM

ATLANTA, GEORGIA—One hundred evangelicals held a mid-June National Workshop on Race and Reconciliation in Atlanta, Georgia, and voted to establish a national committee to plan and coordinate a continuing program on racial understanding and social action.

The committee, to be based in a major urban area, will be funded by contributions and grants from several of the organizations represented at Atlanta.

Representatives of Evangelicals for Social Action (Dr. Donald J. Sider, chairman), the Southern Baptist Convention, Brethren in Christ Church, Church of the Nazarene, Church of God (Anderson, Indiana), National Baptist Convention, the Mennonite Church, National Black Evangelical Association, the Billy Graham Association, Tom Skinner Associates, and *Christianity Today* all participated in the planning and programming of the workshop.

The Atlanta Workshop and the resulting permanent committee represent important initiatives for improving race relations, called for by Evangelicals for Social Action at the Thanksgiving conferences held in Chicago in 1973 ("The Chicago Declaration") and 1974. —E.P.

### WES PRESIDENT PAUL PETTICORD DIES

PORTLAND, OREGON—Funeral services for Dr. Paul P. Petticord were held July 23 at the Evangelical Church in Oregon City, Oregon. He died at Madras, Oregon, on July 18, 1975.

Dr. Petticord was the first president of Western Evangelical Seminary, a graduate school of theology located at Jennings Lodge, Oregon. He was elected to the presidency of the Seminary on January 7, 1947, following 14 years of pastoring and six years as a superintendent in his denomination. For seven successive quadrenniums he was elected as a delegate by the then Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The leadership of Dr. Paul P. Petticord brought the Seminary to full accreditation and an increase in enrollment six times. Eight denominations have become affiliated with the Seminary. Presently under construction is the new Paul P. Petticord chapel, which will be dedicated on October 9.

## Over the Teacup



### Deep places

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

It was the dry season in Australia while we were there. It was so dry that water for baths and laundry was a problem, and we searched the blue skies for a sign of a cloud.

The Blue Mountains were just beyond us, standing so majestic and awesome. One day we took a trip climbing their heights, looking out to blue ridge upon blue ridge as far as the eye could see.

A hairpin turn in the road brought us to a sudden stop. Looking down, it appeared as though the mountain had been split in two, and down in its dark depths we heard a rippling stream. We followed a path winding down into the narrow crevice-like valley and suddenly it was cool and damp.

Looking up, it was as though the sun had passed us by with but a blue ribbon where there had been blue sky.

Ferns were everywhere, growing to the size of trees—rare ferns clinging to the rocky sides of the mountain. There was the fragrance of shy, lovely flowers cascading down to the cool damp shade.

It was a spot in our path we had not expected—rugged and deep and dark and cold—a little frightening, but we would never have known of the beauty in the depths had we not passed that way.

Life takes sudden turns now and then, away from the commonplace, humdrum sameness that we call everyday living and plunges us unexpectedly into the depths—of sorrow, or trouble, or illness, or reverses. It is often cold and dark, and it seems as though the sun has passed us by, but there is beauty in the valley—fragrance, surprises of sorts that enrich us, refresh us, and without which we would be living in a dry, barren world of sameness.

Nearly everyone passes through the deep place sometime or other. David "cried out of the depths," but it was in the depths that he saw the Lord. He learned more in the dark places than he did in the palace. We all do.

One can almost tell when someone has  
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## EFA: *What is it, really?*

The EFA: what is it, really? This is a question raised frequently by Friends (and others) from a variety of vantage points—the meeting back home, the Yearly Meeting Executive Council member; the curious non-EFA Quaker from anywhere, and, quite possibly, from those who attended the second General Conference of the Evangelical Friends Alliance held in Newberg, Oregon, in July.

For those who had ever attended the gatherings of the Association of Evangelical Friends, the EFA Conference was just about the same. In fact, it was so similar one could wonder why the name was changed! There is a difference, of course. The AEF was supposed to include Friends everywhere who wished to gather for fellowship and worship; the EFA is to be more than an association; it was structured organizationally by representatives from four yearly meetings in order to allow “evangelical” Friends to worship and work together more effectively in mutually-shared concerns and interests.

The first meetings in the early years of EFA were given to a determination of what the term *evangelical* meant, and the first action taken was a written statement spelling that out. While this was done several years ago, so far as I know it has never been questioned since.

An early attempt was also made to develop “commissions” or action groups composed of members from each of the four yearly meetings. These were to implement cooperative ventures and ministries, e.g., foreign missions, church extension, leadership training, an EFA magazine (to replace yearly meeting publications), Christian education curriculum and materials. Eventually a social concerns commission was added.

But apparently certain unrealistic assumptions were made in the beginning of the EFA. One was that if all were agreed on a doctrinal statement, unified action would naturally follow and regional loyalties would gradually disappear, losing local identities while becoming one larger family of Friends.

Another assumption was that no EFA director or leader was needed, that this could be handled adequately by one of the general superintendents or other qualified Friend who would serve on a volunteer basis without an office, salary, travel assignments, or any particular job description.

Yet another assumption was that commission meetings once a year, bringing around 50 Friends together for approximately three days, would allow administrative care of EFA to occur.

In retrospect, it can now be seen that while the fellowship and sense of unity have been unmarred, it is still obvious that (1) spiritual and doctrinal unity does not necessarily bring unified action; (2) EFA as an organization has not replaced regional loyalties and identities at all; (3) several attempts to release someone even part time as an EFA director have been rejected by the yearly meetings; (4) the commission meetings by and large are simply sessions for sharing of what each yearly meeting is already doing and have seldom resulted in any new unified or cooperative EFA ministries. The few exceptions are this magazine, the Friends church in Omaha, and the Mexico Friends Mission.

To say EFA has not been worthwhile would be terribly wrong. It has given a far greater understanding of each other. From the commission meetings have come many new ideas and some cooperative efforts that have been mutually

strengthening in departmental and social concerns efforts. The fellowship has been beautiful. But is this enough?

If we begin to really *work* as well as worship together, the real issue that will be costly to solve is the matter of yearly meeting sovereignty. At some point, the questions of control and of priority must be openly discussed before an EFA budget item, for example, can take precedence over a regional yearly meeting budget item. A case in point is the current consideration of an EFA missions executive and the surrender of the control of the different Friends fields to the Mission Commission of EFA rather than local mission boards. No one questions the desire for a larger and more effective foreign mission effort among us, but can we trust “our” field to another administrative, sending, and supporting committee other than our own yearly meeting—even if that new commission is composed only of those with whom we have spiritual fellowship?

Perhaps fellowship is all EFA is designed to provide. If so, we might well return to the Association of Evangelical Friends. But it seems unfortunate, somehow, if this means a return to Quaker isolation, distrust, and lack of communication. EFA has shown that we need each other, that we need to be enriched by our cooperative efforts, that we can do some things together that we cannot do (or be) separately.

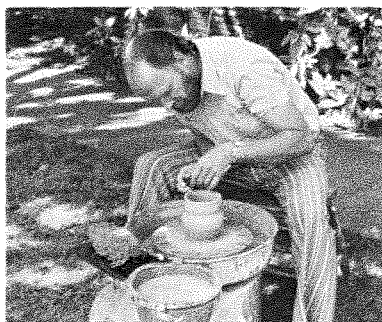
All of this thinking has been quite apart from the knowledge that there are many more “evangelical” Quakers in America struggling with the same problems. Can we not give ourselves to prayer, thought, and unselfish effort to find ways of worshiping and working together to the glory of God?  
—J.L.W.

## *They prayed too*

Our summer vacation included an interesting day spent at Williamsburg, Virginia, where some of the Rockefeller millions plus some admirable ingenuity has gone into recreating a community “just as it was 200 years ago.” Its authenticity and atmosphere are impressive.

Two comments stuck in my mind. One, the movie, *The Making of a Patriot*, made a clear point of the power of prayer in the work done by those who wrote the Constitution. Then, as we were on our tour through the first capitol building, our guide paused to remark—quietly but with obvious conviction—“This room was used often by the legislators for prayer, perhaps as much as for debate.”

No wonder they did better than they knew!  
—J.L.W.



# Time out for Conference evaluation

BY LUCY ANDERSON

Enthusiastic expectancy . . . the joy of seeing friends again . . . the stimulation of hearing new voices expressing sincere concerns. This was the mood that marked the beginning of the second General Conference of the Evangelical Friends Alliance meeting at George Fox College July 23 to 27.

The four days of activity-packed sessions were preceded by a year of careful

*Lucy Anderson, a member of the staff at Malone College, and with a rich background among Friends of all yearly meetings of the Evangelical Friends Alliance, was asked by the editors to report the Second General Conference held July 23-27 in Newberg, Oregon.*

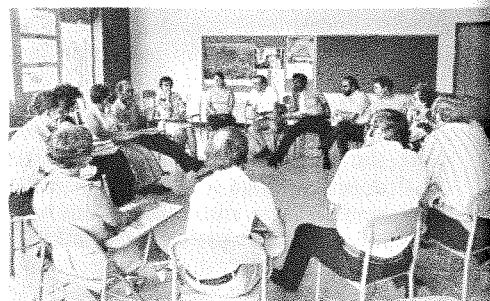
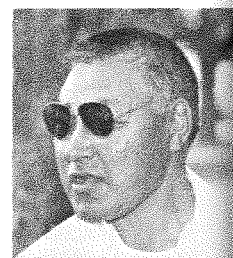
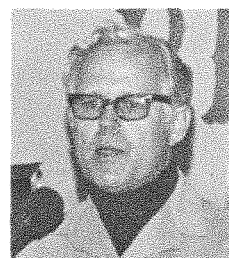
planning and drew some 800 Friends from Eastern Region, Kansas, Rocky Mountain, and Northwest Yearly Meetings. Guests were also in attendance from other yearly meetings including California, Iowa, Indiana, and Alaska.

The theme of the conference was "Game Plan for the Fourth Quarter—A Worldwide Strategy for Friends in the Final 25 Years of the 20th Century." Excellent speakers gave stirring messages dealing with the major concerns of the Friends Church today. And from these messages, pastors and laymen alike were urged to formulate their individual game plan that would be workable back in their local churches.

It was Everett Cattell who delivered the keynote address on opening night and who also issued the call for unity in the closing service. "We need each other!" he said. "The greatest challenge for this next quarter is *cooperation*. I have a dream that renewal will come to EFA in spite of our smallness, our weaknesses, and our geographical separation. . . . If we are responsive to the need around us, God will bless our efforts and we will go to new fields, with thousands being brought to Christ!"

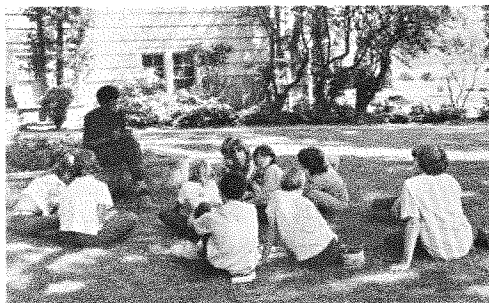
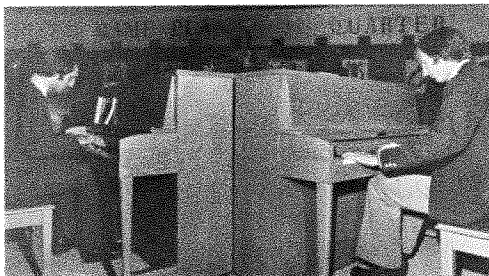
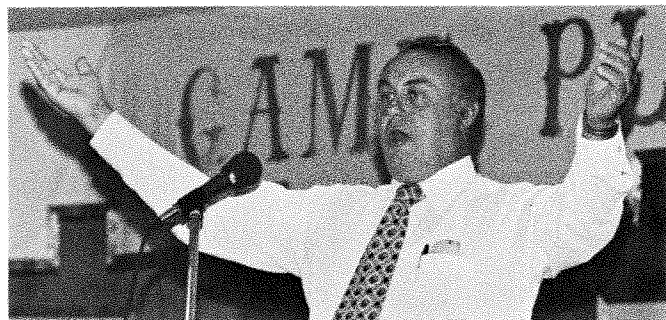
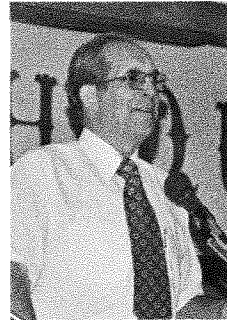
Everett Cattell urged Friends to re-examine their alignments and to consider what specific contribution evangelicals can make to renewal in Quakerdom, in the Christian church, and in a secular, pagan world. "We must surrender our suspicions of each other," he said, "and we must produce churches made up of believers who regard Christ as completely adequate to meet human need."

In spite of unprecedented 100 degree weather in Newberg, the conferees en-



**EFA PHOTOGRAPHIC POTPOURRI:**  
*Dishwashing for SAGA Food Service; the New Life Quartet; Peter Snow at an "art happening"; Lorton Heusel of Friends United Meeting responding to Everett Cattell's keynote message; the Family Full O' Love; John Robinson, superintendent of Kansas Yearly Meeting; Sam Williams, superintendent of Alaska Yearly Meeting; a Social Action workshop.*





joyed an excellent varied format for adults with additional programs for children, junior high youth, and for teenagers. Around 225 high schoolers were registered at Twin Rocks Surfside Camp on the Oregon Coast with Jim Settle and Duane Daggett as leaders for the week.

Under the leadership of Joe Gilmore, audiences praised the Lord in song and heard special music by "Kindred Spirit" from Friends Bible College, "Forever Trusting" from George Fox College, the New Life Quartet from Hillsboro, Oregon, "Family Full o' Love" from Boise, Idaho, Jerry Friesen (Newberg), Henry and Juanita Harvey from Wichita, Kansas, and Sam Kamaleson from World Vision.

The ministry of Paul Rees at the Conference was outstanding. An author and international speaker, Dr. Rees was introduced as one who has probably contributed more to the evangelical cause than any other person. His five sermons delivered in a stirring—yet gentle—manner will long be remembered by all of us.

In an attempt to summarize the many concerns presented during the Conference, seven major strategy points stand out in this writer's mind as "the game plan" for Friends in the fourth quarter compiled from the presentations of the week.

1. A STRONG, SCRIPTURE-BASED PULPIT MINISTRY is absolutely essential if Friends are to get THE BOOK to the people in the fourth quarter. This was the concern of Lowell Roberts, as he urged, "Let's make sure our message is biblically-centered."

2. CHURCH PLANTING AND CHURCH GROWTH is our immediate imperative.

"God has not ordained Quakers to be small," observed Verl Lindley. "In our churches let us replace routine, dry services with celebrations. If we do this, growth will be inevitable."

In a study of 16 Friends churches with over 50 percent growth in the past ten years, Verl Lindley pinpointed five reasons for success: pastoral leadership, congregational involvement, strong preaching, positive effort to be friendly, and inspiring services. Of additional interest he found the average pastoral term was nine years in length. In 70 percent of these growing churches the pastor's wife was *not* employed outside the home. And 65 percent of the churches had held Lay Witness Missions within the past year.

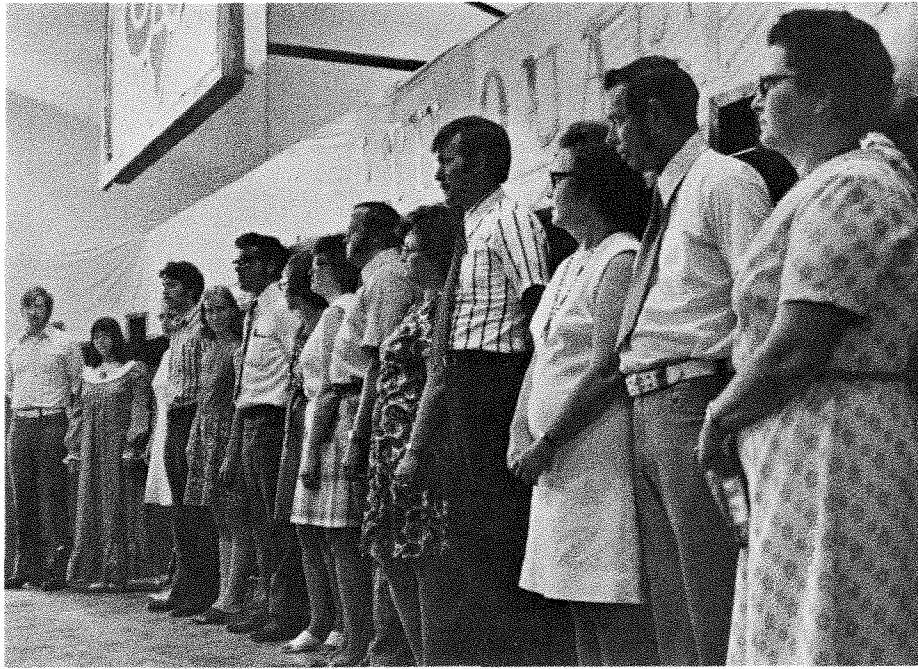
3. THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT in the contemporary church, according to Paul Rees, must be understood and affirmed in a day when the charismatic movement has gained attention. In a position paper, he carefully pointed out the confusion regarding the Holy Spirit—terminology, definition, manifestations, overemphasizing *one* gift to the exclusion of others, and the results.

"We most honor the Holy Spirit when we primarily exalt Jesus Christ," said Everett Cattell. . . . Stan Perisho, in discussing the pentecostal movement, said: "The fear of the charismatic movement is one of our problems. If we accept the diversity of gifts, then why are we so fearful? . . . What we do with Jesus Christ is the prime issue."

4. A PLEA FOR UNITY from a black evangelical—Aaron Hamlin—was based on John 17:11: "That they may be one, as we are." Although many denominations have fled from interracial issues

*Upper right: Members of Forever Trusting; Russell Myers, past president of EFA presiding at a session; Henry Harvey leading singing at the Sunday Missions Rally; Roger House and Tim Bletscher at duo pianos; Aaron Hamlin, National Black Evangelical Association, and Jack Willcuts, workshop leader on Team Ministry; Randy Winston leads session for junior highers.*

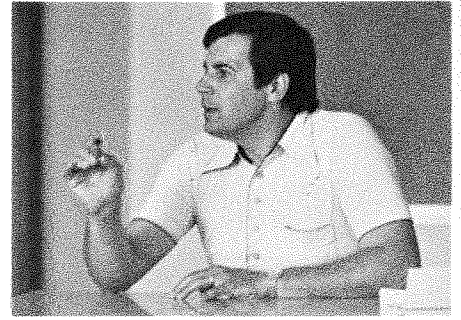




*Missionaries currently or soon to serve on EFA mission fields who were in attendance at the EFA conference.*



*Upper right: Marian Cowles, Information Center Director, discusses EFA Conference with recent refugees from Vietnam.*



*Joe Roher, highly successful pastor of Canton Friends Church, emphasizes point in Team Ministry workshop.*

and the inner city, he commended Friends for encouraging signs of concern for blacks in local areas and for various Friends Action Boards' support of the National Black Evangelical Association. The spontaneous singing of "We Are One in the Spirit" was a moving experience concluding the service.

5. FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION is our first priority. So said both Everett Cattell and Sam Kamaleson as they described the urgency of sharing the Good News of regeneration to achieve change. In defining modern missions, Sam Kamaleson regards it as: ministering to body, soul, and spirit; a call to ministers and laymen alike; requiring a carefully planned program of how to do it; and recognizing the harvest is ripe now. "Christ put His body where His words were. There is no room for pessimism in the church today if we follow Christ's example," concluded Sam Kamaleson.

In a heartwarming address to 177 women at the Saturday noon luncheon, retiring missionary Laura Trachsel urged Quakers to get together promptly and make the unified EFA missions proposal a reality. "Ten years ago my husband and I started praying for this very thing to happen. . . . When we read Russell Myers' article in the EVANGELICAL FRIEND [May, 1975], we nearly shouted! Let us rise above our prejudices and pull together," she exhorted.

6. CREATIVE METHODS OF COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE must be utilized. Although the message itself does not change, there is a constant need

to reexamine our current methods. If they are not working, we should discard them and find an approach that will work. This basic guideline was reflected in the smaller, informal workshops held each afternoon. Special attention was given to actual sharing of successful methods in the areas of church growth, team ministry, Christian education, utilizing laymen, faith promise giving, social action, peace testimonies, youth programs, legislation, and use of fine arts in worship.

7. FRIENDS MUST RECOMMIT THEMSELVES PERSONALLY TO JESUS CHRIST AND COLLECTIVELY TO THE TASK BEFORE THEM. Milo Ross stressed the importance of daily devotions and the need for creative use of them in order to have spiritual power in our meetings. Paul Rees, in his sermon entitled "No Spineless Spirit," used the words of the apostle Paul to Timothy as the antidote for loss of nerve, fear, and compromise: "I remind you [Timothy] to *rekindle the gift of God that is within you . . . not . . . of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control.*" (2 Timothy 1:6-7)

The concluding Sunday afternoon missions rally was a fitting climax to the Conference. Recognition was given to all missionaries currently serving EFA member yearly meetings and also to all missionaries who had ever served on a mission field. Seventy-eight men and women stood in a semicircle at the front of the meeting. A hushed audience silently thanked God for them, as Mahlon Macy, superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting, led in prayer, asking God to

bless human channels in future missionary efforts. It was a moving "moment of oneness" with the realization that we as Friends are partners together with God in making disciples around the world.

What contribution did the Conference make?

After a great deal of "sideline talk," I see four accomplishments:

1. It provided an opportunity to become acquainted with each other in the development of trust.
2. It offered a forum for exchange of ideas.
3. It helped us to understand our purpose—both in our local churches and in the Evangelical Friends Alliance.
4. It challenged each person to renew his commitment to Christ and to each other, and to "spread the message back home" (EFA President Norval Hadley's closing directive).

If some in attendance felt there was "too much preaching," or "not enough quiet time," or "needed more opportunity to share personally how God is working," certainly the contributions outweighed the criticisms.

On opening night, the former president of EFA, Russell Myers, prayed: "O God, after all the plans, the travel, the effort, unless YOU meet with us, it is all in vain!"

I, for one, left the conference thankful that God answered that prayer and that *His Presence in Our Midst* had made the 1975 Newberg Conference a spiritual experience long to be remembered. □

**I**N 1776, Quakers were in the forefront of the civil rights movement. These were the original draft dodgers, and they were not about to send their children or servants to violate their "peace testimony."

Quakers had come to the Pennsylvania colony on the Delaware to establish freedom "for all mankind." William Penn, personally and painfully aware of religious and political persecution, wanted a haven not just for Quakers but for all who sought a home with civil and religious liberties.

That dream of brotherly love and harmony was short-lived. With the outbreak of the Revolution in 1776, pressures on Quaker pacifists were cruel. Friends were victims of intolerance, not only from those who hated their non-violence, but from those who shared their philosophy.

Refusing to support the war, some Quakers did pay taxes to help the poor

and to build public roads. Still, in 1776, office-holding Quakers withdrew from public life. Tolerance, an early victim of revolution, went with the winds of hostility, and Quakers were harassed, were imprisoned, and had their property vandalized.

Vindictiveness led to the arrest and exile to Virginia of 12 leading Quakers: Israel, John, and James Pemberton; John Hunt; Thomas Wharton; Edward Pennington, as well as Thomas Miers, Samuel Fisher, Henry Drinker, Samuel Pleasants, and Thomas Gilpin.


These men had always held idealistic peaceful attitudes. They were treated barbarically. Denied even the right of hearings, they were arrested and required to depart from Philadelphia in the dead of a hard winter. In March, 1778, Thomas Gilpin in the journey south caught pneumonia, which ended his life. John Hunt died of blood poisoning, and all the men were seriously

ill. These 12 men came to be known as "the exiles."

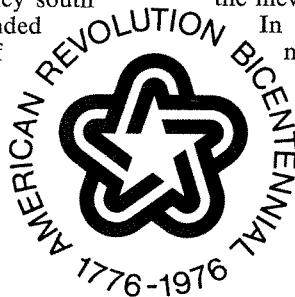
Edward Pennington had proven his loyalty to the colonies earlier by compromising his distaste for bearing arms. Pennington, who had a great respect for the peaceful Conestoga Indians, had taken up a rifle against the Paxton Boys, a band of frontier hoodlums terrorizing and massacring the Indians. Pennington had also been an activist in anti-British agitation. But he could not bring himself to support out-and-out revolution against what he still considered the homeland.

The patriotic fervor aroused by preparations for the American Revolution struck severely at Quaker pacifists. In England, Dr. John Fothergill roundly criticized English policies, insisting that such injustice to the colonies deserved the inevitable division of the Empire.

In 1776, when Congress determined to dissolve old loyalties to the King, Quakers spoke for peace and for main-



# the QUAKERS of EARLY VIRGINIA



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taining a "happy connexion" with England. John Pemberton—who became one of "the exiles"—was consequently arrested for "preaching sedition."

Not all Quakers withheld support from the Revolution. But the supporters ran into static from fellow Quakers who roundly denounced them. Some of the Friends who were kicked "out of Meeting" desired to continue to worship as Quakers, and eventually they formed the Free Quakers in 1781. That was after a

and never had been a "Spanktown Meeting."

At this difficult time, people who declared themselves Quakers were accused of being draft-dodgers. (Virginia draft law exempted Quakers and Mennonites, whose religion prohibited carrying arms.) Yet anyone who was familiar with the way Quakers were treated and the courage required for the Quaker campaign against slaveholding would never have accused anyone lacking bravery of turn-

Those Quakers participating in the war on either side were disowned by fellow Friends. Yet some Quakers enlisted with the Americans. Some, like Samuel Wetherill, a minister among Friends, in 1778 not only took an oath of allegiance, but went so far as to supply Washington's freezing, ragged army at Valley Forge with cloth from his factory.

Recalling the strong convictions of Quakers who had caused him problems in 1756, Washington ordered the Vir-

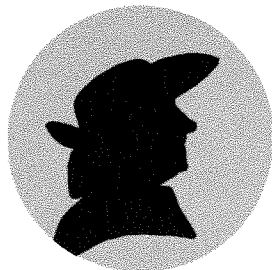
James Pemberton,  
member of a leading Quaker  
family exiled to Virginia.

Henry Drinker, Jr., 1735-1809  
Shipper, importer, and member of  
the Philadelphia Common Council.

Thomas Wharton, Sr., 1730-1782  
One of twelve leading Quakers  
exiled to Virginia in 1777.

Elizabeth Drinker, 1735-1807  
Wife of Henry Drinker, Jr., and  
social historian in Philadelphia.

Samuel Pleasants, 1737-1807  
Philadelphia merchant and mem-  
ber of the Pennsylvania Assembly.



lot of water had run under the bridge, but their first act was to rule that no one who joined the Free Quakers could be disowned for any reason.

The Free Quakers were tolerant. A government threatened by domestic treason or foreign invasion required every man willingly to come to that government's defense, even to bearing arms, they said. This attitude was a radical departure from the early stance of women leaders who viewed staunch pacifism as an essential role of Quakers.

In Virginia, with the outbreak of the Revolution, an oath of allegiance was imposed. Quakers refusing to take the oath had their weapons confiscated and their civil rights forfeited, including the right of franchise. The Virginia Yearly Meeting of 1777 was in an uproar over those who had taken the oath.

Both Virginia and Philadelphia Friends bent every effort for the release of the exiled Quakers, and in April, a few of the men were allowed to return—though the entire expense of the arrest and journey had to be paid by the prisoners. In a way, an apology was made to these men, for they had been assigned to an escort with orders that they be treated as gentlemen, "however much they may differ in political sentiment from those in whose power they are."

Among the charges leveled against "the exiles" was that of treason. Papers found among British baggage captured on Staten Island contained notes about American troops and were signed "Spanktown Yearly Meeting." These papers were considered treasonable, but Friends insisted they were a clumsy forgery, absolutely unlike any other Quaker documents; furthermore, there never was

ing to Quakerdom. Besides, Quakers were not only refusing to help the war effort or pay war taxes, but they also would not carry Continental paper money.

Both British forces and the Continental Army attacked Norfolk, Virginia, reducing that beautiful, bustling seaport to a charred ruin. What had been a thriving population became a mass of penniless distressed refugees. Quakers voted a thousand pounds for the refugees—a great deal of money in those days. Always charitable, Friends opened their homes and found land and shelter for the homeless. In April, 1776, Quakers were energetically collecting food and clothing for the war destitute.

But Charles Lee, in command of the provincial forces in Virginia, refused permission for distribution of the provisions. Lee did not want anything to fall into enemy hands. At this rebuff, Friends promised to store goods at some safe place up the James River for the hungry and homeless, and eventually the Quakers were credited with having saved many lives.

In 1777, 14 Friends were drafted and dragged unwillingly from their homes. Refusing to handle a musket or eat a bite of Army food, they were forced to go on with the regiment until some fell unconscious. Later, those who were in danger of death were sent home. But others were forced to march on to Valley Forge with muskets tied to their backs.

Was Washington sympathetic to Virginia Quakers? Virginia, after all, was George Washington's home state, and the official policy of the Quakers was familiar to him: Quakers were opposed to any breach with established government.

ginia conscripts be discharged and sent home. Among his officers, Washington had many respected men who were former Quakers. When Quaker women asked permission to see Washington and plead on behalf of their prisoner-husbands, not only Washington received them, but Mrs. Washington too met them with courtesy and consideration. Washington reassured the worried women. "Humanity pleads strong on their behalf," he wrote, and earned the lifelong affection of the four women.

But not all Quakers fared so fortunately. One was flogged almost to death for refusing to guard Burgoyne's army after its surrender in Virginia.

John Roberts, a country miller, made trouble for himself when, incensed over the deportation of the Quakers to Virginia and the harsh way they were treated, went to British headquarters to ask General Howe to send a rescue party to Virginia. Howe was unimpressed with the suggestion, but Roberts, having burned his bridges, was forced to stay behind British lines, and later was accused of being a guide on their foraging parties.

Foraging of both armies, British and American, exacted heavy involuntary war taxes from Quaker farmers and merchants, whose laden barns and storehouses were robbed and frequently burned.

During the Revolution, a Virginia Quaker, Warner Mifflin of Accomac County on the Eastern Shore, became well known for his conciliatory efforts on behalf of Quaker neutrality and a general armistice. Mifflin was a champion of black freedom, an issue that had caught the imagination of the Quak-

ers as early as 1672. (That year, the Virginia Colony forbade Friends from bringing Negroes to their religious meetings, and the Quakers chose to ignore the ruling.)

By 1775, Virginia Quakers whose plantations depended on slave labor began to renounce slave buying. Mifflin's zeal stemmed from a time a slave on his father's estate demanded by what right one of them was free and the other enslaved forever. Unable to reply, Mifflin became a friend of emancipation. When he married and was on his own plantation in 1775, he freed all his slaves. Later, Mifflin made a reputation at the Virginia Legislature, lobbying for the act permitting private manumissions of slaves. In 1790, Mifflin helped a congressional committee draft a law against American participation in foreign slave trade.

When George Washington was President, he met Warner Mifflin. "On what principle were you opposed to the Revolution?"

"On the principle that I should be opposed to a change in the present government," Mifflin replied. "All that was secured by Revolution is not an adequate compensation for the poor, mangled soldiers, and for the loss of life and limb."

"I honor your sentiments," Washington said, "for there is more in them than mankind has generally considered."

The end of the Revolution brought relief to Virginia Quakers who had been persecuted for refusing to pay taxes on their religion, "priest's rates," based on English law. Such taxes were no longer levied. The Quakers soon became reconciled to the new American government and sent Washington congratulations on his election as President, thanking him for his religious tolerance. "We feel," wrote the Quakers, "our hearts affectionately drawn towards thee."

In his turn, Washington responded that liberty of conscience was a right, not a privilege, and that he considered Quakers "useful citizens."

Quaker pacifism during the Revolutionary War set precedence for exemption from military service, and from 1784 in some states, laws were written to protect the Quakers and other pacifists from being drafted. Although some later reversed these laws, they were reenacted in many states after the Civil War, which was a replay of the Revolutionary War for Quakers.

The revolutionary period marked a time when the Quakers, with benevolence and courage, without sacrificing fidelity to their code, became models in virtue and public policy for all Americans. □

*Tom Palmer*

# WILMORE FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP

No matter where Friends go, there is a magnetism that draws them together. For a number of years this has been the situation of Friends in Wilmore, Kentucky. You may wonder what would bring people to a quiet little village nestled in the Kentucky bluegrass. The answer is twofold: two great institutions of evangelical Christianity, Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary.

The number of Friends in this community fluctuates, but over the past few years a growing influence has been exerted by them. Besides students, the Wilmore Friends Fellowship includes a seminary professor and staff person, seven college professors, a contractor, the director of the Wilmore Day Care Center, and others. This group has just finished its first year with the services of a part-time director. Tom Palmer, with his wife Jan (both from Iowa Yearly

Meeting), has served in this initial program. Tom has graduated from seminary, and Steve Conte, a middler seminary student from Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, will be assuming this position.

The Wilmore Friends Fellowship has expanded its program to include two meetings a month. Some meetings for worship are held in a rented facility near the campuses. A more informal fellowship time is enjoyed monthly in a member's home. These gatherings attract 20 to 50 individuals.

It is the director's responsibility to "pastor" this parish, which has no meetinghouse. The director also serves as a communication agent for these people and their yearly meetings. Far too often Friends have come to the Asbury institutions and never found their way back into Friends' service. A newsletter entitled "The Monthly Minute" has been developed. Through this and other means, a growing sense of oneness has come about with Friends in and beyond Wilmore. The local fellowship also has sparked interest in many non-Friends students.

Besides the planned monthly meetings there have been Bible studies, carry-in dinners, a talent night, Christmas caroling, a picnic, and a special reception for

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*Tom Palmer, with his wife Jan, from Iowa Yearly Meeting, served as part-time director of the Wilmore Friends Fellowship in its initial program. Since his graduation from Asbury Seminary Tom has left the work to Steve Conte, a middler seminary student from the EFC—Eastern Region. As past director Tom presents this updated report of the Wilmore Fellowship.*





*Dr. Lowell and Janie Roberts, two of the main leaders of the Wilmore Friends Fellowship. Below: Some Friends at Wilmore (left to right)—Dr. Harold Kuhn, John Brantingham, and Tom Palmer.*

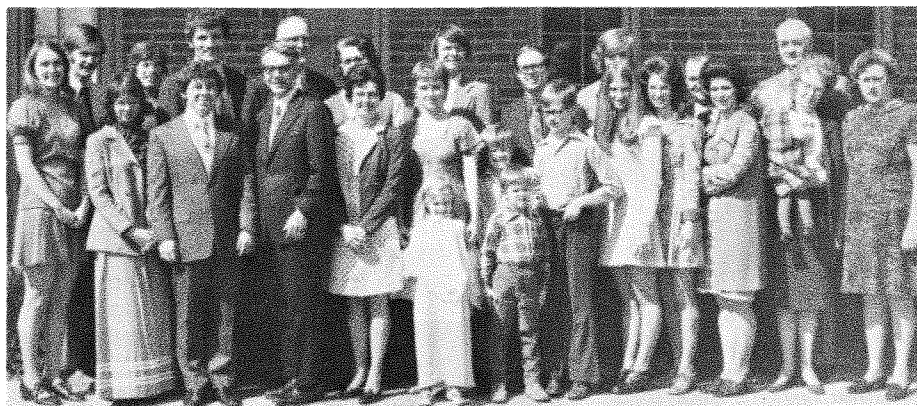


the Friends pastors attending the annual Asbury Seminary Ministers' Conference. Through the efforts of the fellowship, John Brantingham, a Quaker missionary to Taiwan, was able to preach at both a college and a seminary chapel service. John and his wife Barbara also gave a very interesting program for the fellowship. Other special speakers and visitors to Wilmore Friends include Mahlon and Hazel Macy (superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting), Howard and Ethel Roberts (farmers from Kansas Yearly Meeting), Sherman and Dorothy Brantingham (administrative assistant to superintendent of EFC—Eastern Region), Bob and Leuola Beck (executive secretary of Wilmington Yearly Meeting), Lawrence and Pauline Terrell (farmers from Wilmington Yearly Meeting), Bob Garris (superintendent of Western Yearly Meeting), and Dale Graves (Christian education director of Western Yearly Meeting).

The Wilmore Friends Fellowship is very appreciative of the support and en-

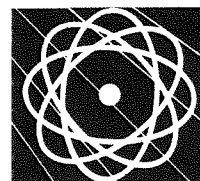
couragement it has received. In particular, a special thanks goes to those individuals who have contributed financially, as well as for contributions from Spiceland (Indiana) Monthly Meeting and Wilmington Yearly Meeting. The Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region is serving as a tax-umbrella for these funds. If you are interested in contributing, mail checks to EFC—Eastern Region, c/o Lowell Shreve, Box 55, Palmyra, Michigan 49268. Mark them specifically for Wilmore Friends Fellowship.

It has been wonderful to watch the Lord bring the Friends together here and provide for our financial needs month by month. We rejoice in His wondrous love! If you are ever on your way through Kentucky, stop by and visit these "friendly Friends." During the school year contact Steve Conte, S.P.O., Wilmore, Kentucky. In vacation seasons, look up Dr. and Mrs. Lowell Roberts, 403 Talbott Dr., Wilmore, Kentucky 40390. "Y'all are welcome!" □



*More than two dozen members of the Friends Fellowship at Wilmore, Kentucky, gather for a group photo.*

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If not all Quakers are enthusiastic about the World Council of Churches, very few I think would have objections to the recent report on Science and Technology. In fact, some at least will be positively grateful for a very meaningful and informed and well-updated "peace testimony." For essentially that is what it represents.

The report produced by the Department of Church and Society under the guidance of Dr. Paul Abrecht represents a focusing of some of the problems uncovered in the Geneva Conference in 1966, which reexamined the social responsibility of the churches for the first time since the Oxford Conference of 1937.

The first intimation that science, by itself, wasn't the cure for all the world's ills came when nuclear warfare was first launched and we began to hear about chain reactions and the possibility that all civilization as we knew it might be destroyed.

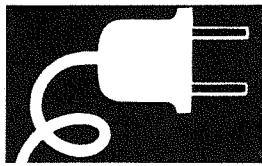
Then a place called Los Angeles began to choke and cough and develop throat and eye irritations, and we discovered air pollution. The New Jersey shore,

*Dean Freiday, Quaker writer and theologian of Manasquan, New Jersey, presents this provocative article on the Technology Report of the World Council of Churches. Freiday hopes it "represents a modernization of concern in the area of the peace testimony in a way that will not raise any 'particularist' hackles."*

# Improving quality of life

By Dean Freiday

which had just been congratulating itself on finally getting rid of New York's garbage on its beaches after years of court battles, discovered that much of its shellfish industry was ruined by sewage pollution. Then there was red tide!



But still we didn't get overly alarmed about any of these or the insecticides that threatened to kill our songbirds. When we had to put the family cars in the garage, however, because we couldn't get gas, *then, we woke up!* After all, what would America be like if we couldn't get where we wanted, when we wanted, as fast as we wanted?

For the first time in a long while America lost its nerve and its confidence that things would get better and better and we'd come out on top of the heap—no matter what.

After being refined by various small groupings, the technological report received final shape . . . the work of 130 carefully chosen participants from 44 different countries, representing a great variety of specialties—in alphabetical order: agriculture, biology, chemistry, economic geography, engineering, forest management, genetics, industrial management, medicine, meteorology, nuclear physics, physiology, population problems, sociology, theology.

Both the American and British Associations for the Advancement of Science were represented by officials or staff. The American Economics Association was represented by Quaker Kenneth Boulding, its past president.

About ten years ago a sharp polarization began to be apparent in most denominations between personal salvation and service-oriented missions directed to the relief of disasters, refugee problems, and the creation of economies capable of furnishing minimum standards of living. Quakers have long been familiar with both approaches and are increasingly reconciling the two.

## UNITING MISSION AND SERVICE APPROACHES

Theologians were soon given the task of finding common ground in the technology report for the lordship of Christ in both salvation-oriented and service-oriented missions. The phrase that unites them in this report is "quality of life." As Christians, we are called by Christ to



be reborn and to live lives of an altogether different quality than if they were governed by our own values and our own efforts. It is by the *power* of God and the *grace* of Christ that the "quality of life" is transposed to that of heaven while we yet remain pilgrims and strangers in a foreign land, as the biblical metaphor puts it.

The technology report states: "There are many obstacles to a better quality of life, some of them extremely subtle and difficult to overcome. For some technology itself is the villain—a systematic, rationalized, managerial manipulation of people and things leading inexorably to dehumanization."

Yet, "technology's capacity to enhance the quality of life is also a fact . . . poorer people everywhere look to it with hope. The course indicated is" not a uniform program of advanced technology of the type we are familiar with, but "the adaptation of technological processes to suit the values of individual cultures." (p. 18) Many countries are just coming into the industrial revolution, and new hand plows can be much more useful than tractors, which require expensive gasoline and knowledgeable mechanics to repair them.

We have forgotten that industrialization is a cumulative process that requires development of skills and opportunity for widespread involvement if a small percentage of the population is not to take unfair advantage of the "cheap labor" of the majority. "Finding successful strategies for altering existing patterns of life depends first of all on understanding how current systems work."

"It is [also] important to view the problem whole, to see how actions taken in one sphere [or place] can have consequences in apparently remote areas." To cite two concrete examples in the report: "The building of higher chimney stacks in Great Britain" to reduce pollution there "results in more acid rains in Scandinavian countries." Converting busses to streetcars "and trains removes



pollution from the streets to the power-producing plants that drive" them. (p. 10)

We need to remember, too, that we are more aware of pollution than the underdeveloped countries. Although it is fast getting critical for us, it is approaching those conditions on a global scale more rapidly than we think. "Pollution of the air, water, and soil of the planet" is estimated on a global basis to be "doubling every fourteen years." (p. 10)

Most important of all is a single hard fact of global existence, that is, that "the majority of the present inhabitants of our world are hungry, ill-housed, and poor." Yet, in spite of this, "the number of human beings on our earth will double in the next 35 years . . . The overwhelming issue is how to provide adequately for those now living on earth and the added billion anticipated within ten years." (p. 7)

"Financial help to needy countries in the order of \$10 to \$15 billion has been cited as a necessary minimum. Yet to



assume that such a sum can be secured is said to be unrealistic, although the rich [part of the] world alone squanders more than \$290 billion per year on armaments" and is doubling "this figure every twelfth year."

The report proposes that "the first priority" to be set as a result of this study should "be the world food issue; and the second the energy crisis" since, although "the present world is to an alarming degree unaware of the fact . . . its present policy on population, food, water, and several other resources is taking it on a collision course."

#### THE PROTEIN EMPIRE

The most immediate need is for member churches to urge their constituents "to reduce food waste and unnecessarily high consumption of food in developed areas." (p. 8) "What amounts to a protein empire has been built on prevailing trade patterns, with Europe and Japan as dominant recipients." To illustrate with a specific commodity, "the United Kingdom, Italy, and the Federal Republic of Germany have each received far more grain than India" in the interna-



tional shipments that were set up to relieve shortages. And "no less than half the [worldwide] ocean catch moves as fish meal to the feeding troughs of the satisfied world."

#### THE ENERGY SITUATION

When we look at the energy situation, what are the alternatives to the high dependence on oil that provoked a worldwide crisis? One is the nuclear power option. But if uranium sources are not to exceed requirements by about 1985, this will depend upon a shift to breeder reactors, which produce more fuel than they consume. But "the technology of breeder reactors is by no means proved." And there are "unsolved waste-disposal problems," as well as need for "an accident-proof design." "There is no prospect of these reactors taking over a significant fraction of the energy burden before the mid-1990s."

The use of "wind, wave, and solar inputs" is recommended, although these "income" sources of energy—as they are called to distinguish them from those that use up our "capital" resources of fossil fuel—are dependent upon a technology still in its infancy. "Electricity generation based on fossil fuel combustion or nuclear power systems will con-

tinue to be a primary feature of most economies" for some years yet.

To further complicate the long-range outlook, "with present population and industrial growth rates, it is very likely that within the next 50 to 100 years the heat from the regions of high energy-use-per-capita will cause changes in global climate that could have most disturbing, if not disastrous, effects on agriculture and other human activities far distant from the source. The matter is of such consequence," the report states, "that the development of huge urban-industrial complexes in the future should be a matter for global consideration and not simply a national issue." (p. 11)

The report does not go overboard for international planning, however. It says



that although, "for certain aspects of the crisis facing us nothing short of global planning will do . . . decisions should be made at the level most appropriate for the result intended." And "these choices should be determined at the lowest, most local, level compatible with the goal sought."

Keeping its feet firmly on the ground, it adds, "More ultimate and intractable obstacles to a higher quality of life lie in human nature itself. No system is proof against the corruptions of the people in it, but at the same time all human beings have within them possibilities for moral growth. Future social systems should not tempt our weaknesses but rather appeal to our possibilities of manifesting love and trust in human relationships. In contributing to the development of new social and economic systems, Christians will have to make clear that in the way of self-seeking lies spiritual death; but that loving and serving the neighbor is the very life of Christ in us." (p. 18)

"The rational power and technical mastery, the ability intelligently to analyze and to organize experience, and to shape and transform the reality which is encountered has strangely become demonic . . . This is the fault neither of science nor of technology but of humanity itself which begot and has misused them . . . like all human powers they must be transformed, not rejected or suppressed." (p. 33)

On the other hand, "the 'conventional wisdom' of theology has too often separated reality into personal and social, spiritual and material, religious and secular spheres of life. The withdrawal of

faith into the personal, spiritual, religious realm has allowed science and technology to develop without reference to the whole human condition." (p. 25) "The



promise to which our hope is attached is not for a kingdom 'of this world' in the sense of an affluent, secure and contented life; we are not promised that we shall be given all that we want."

"On the contrary, the Gospel challenges our 'natural' hopes for well-being and rearranges them into a new form, a form which is both more realistic and more lasting. Nor is there an immutable content to our hopes. This will change as Christian experience, knowledge, and understanding change; but the object and ground of our hopes, and their certainty, remain unaltered." (p. 33)

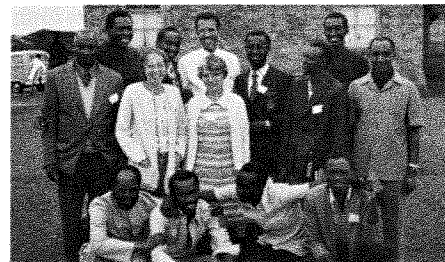
*Quality of life* is not just a catch phrase without specific content. What the church is asking "of societies in our time [is] that they meet basic human needs: that they provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, and health services. And it also asks that they provide people with certain opportunities and freedoms: to apply their energies to creative activity, not simply to perform drudgery—to play, to celebrate, to contemplate, to adore." (p. 5)

"Human beings need to seek new lifestyles—styles which do not depend upon the escalation of economic growth involving the exhaustion of the earth's resources, destruction of the land, the sea, and the air; styles which avoid large dehumanizing machine-like bureaucratic and industrial structures, which fragment communities and alienate human beings from God, from themselves, and from each other." (p. 17)

"History, as it arises out of, depends upon and also shapes nature, is ultimately purposive, grounded in God and under his sovereign care." (p. 33) "We are passing from an attitude of power—of mastery over creation—to one where we need to participate in it, live within its midst, hold it in respect." (p. 35)

"We are responsive to God because we are made in God's image, and responsible before God because we must become God's likeness. We are called by God to participate in a continuing creation and we are given power by God as long as we keep faithful to the intention of creation. The goodness of nature is at our disposal only as long as we are acting for God." (p. 36) □

*Bujumbura youth at Kibimba Youth Camp. Leaders (right) provided a great time for friends to get together (below).*



# What happened at the Kibimba Youth Camp?

BY BUREGURE ELIAS, NKURUNZIZA ASTERE, AND SINDAYIGAYA ALEXANDER

There were about a dozen of us students from the college who traveled from Bujumbura to Kibimba by a Toyota pick-up truck. We arrived about 6 p.m. Satur-

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Attention young Friends: We hope as you read this article you will be warmed by the remembrance of your own summer camp experiences. Also that you will rejoice with these in Africa that enough normalcy has returned to their country to permit them this great experience.*

*The authors wrote: "During camp, a giant from across the ocean, Mr. Gary Young, who busied himself with lights and mikes, was also able to take lots of pictures for us to remember our camp by. We share them with you."*

day evening, and after supper we enjoyed two good films on the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. It seemed like all the schools of Burundi were represented at the camp, for when Mr. Djamba made the presentations we found that we were about 300 campers representing 43 schools (four in Zaire) plus about 50 nonstudents and missionaries.

**SUNDAY.** In the morning, Mr. Mayeur, a teacher at the college, gave us a taste of the meaning of the resurrection. He forcefully showed how Christ really is resurrected and that today He is alive at God's right hand, where He pleads for us. In conclusion he told us, "Let's really try from now on to get hold of all the riches contained in this concise statement of Jesus, 'I . . . am the resurrection and the life. The man who believes in me will live even though he dies!'"

In the afternoon several hikes had been arranged, but we all wanted to go on the same one. And so we did, hiking together to the falls on the Kaniga River with its steep gorge. The turbine there that used to provide electricity for Kibimba has been burned out for several years.

That night we saw some more films, one on Burundi and then a follow-up from the night before about Christ's ascension.

**MONDAY.** In the morning, at a voluntary prayer time after Mr. Mbonihankaye gave a talk on what it means to pray, we spent some time praising God and telling Him our needs. Testaments were then given out by a Gideon representative, and after a good lunch we had the privilege of hearing Dr. Nyambariza, professor of history, give a brilliant talk on the topic, "Exploitation of the Workers by

the Employers." A number of questions were asked that touched on the role of the church regarding social issues.

That night we had a film that really moved us with its plot and message. It was called *Suzanne* and was the story of a young girl whose love was caught between two rivals: Jacques, a Christian and a fine musician, and Francois, the pleasure-loving band leader. Suzanne is killed in a motorcycle accident, but fortunately she had given herself to the Lord a short time before. Francois, on the verge of suicide, is brought back to his senses by Jacques, who invites him to accept Jesus as Lord of his life. This film spoke to many hearts.

**TUESDAY.** This day was the turning point of the camp, and the Spirit of the Lord was really evident. Mr. Daniel Mayeur spoke to us on the theme of the camp, "Revolution with Jesus." He said that these days the word *revolution* is really an "in" word. If we take it to mean "to change, to transform," we see that there is hardly an area of our lives that isn't affected by this word. He then led us into many areas of human activity where change is so evident, and we saw how man wants to bring about change in society and to control his environment, believing that he himself will come out transformed.

But what about the revolution being carried on by Jesus, the greatest revolutionary of all times? Jesus teaches us that man's problem is within, in his nature. You can only heal man by a radical inner transformation, by giving him a new nature. This "revolution" can only be accomplished in God's miraculous way by the new birth. Jesus

changes the individual, transforms him, and then the individual is free to change his environment.

That evening Pastor Paul Rutwe from RADIO CORDAC invited us to find peace with God and peace in Him. He compared salvation to a river where all are invited to bathe. Some dive in and come out cleansed while others are content just to sit on the bank without getting wet. Those return home still filthy.

WEDNESDAY. One of our own alumni, Hyacinthe Hajayande, tried to show us how Jesus comes out ahead of Karl Marx, and then Mr. Willard Ferguson, a biologist, expertly proved to us that science instead of contradicting the Bible confirms it in a marvelous way!

Tuesday, lots of campers had dropped their questions in the "question-box," and it was Wednesday that a group was selected to answer them. Questions ranged from the theological and social to the practical and personal.

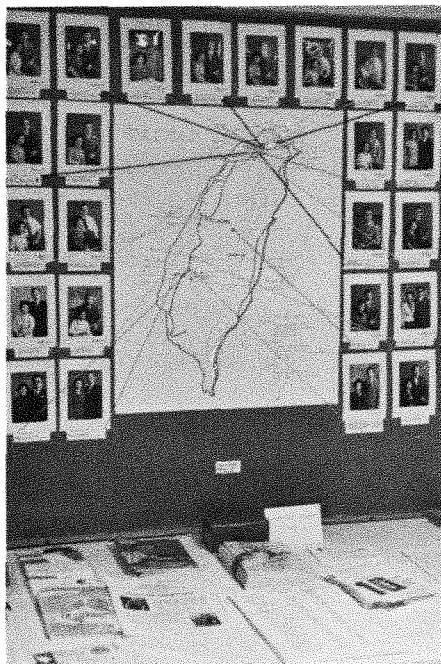
To briefly round up the theme of the camp, Mr. Lambert, professor at Kibimba, compared us all to Saul of Tarsus. This cruel and violent Pharisee found salvation when Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus.

Among the campers, there were a number who hadn't known the Lord but who testified that they came to know him at camp.

At all the various meetings, lots of choruses were sung with joy by everyone. It was at this camp that a new little songbook, *Singyouth!* was first used, having just come off the press (Grace Memorial) the week before. Guitars, trumpets, trombones, an accordion, harmonicas, and drums helped make it a festive and joyous time. Groups of singers and musicians from many different schools all had opportunities to perform and to lift up our hearts toward God. It was really neat!

The last night, a campfire was lit on the ridge beyond the school. The big flames warmed our bodies while the songs of praise to the Lord warmed our hearts. Unfortunately, a rainstorm dampened things momentarily, as young guys and girls drawn by the living Christ spontaneously got together in the church building to seek out more blessing from the Lord. That's how, in an unforeseen way, the songs, prayers, and testimonies continued on until one o'clock in the morning!

We carry away from Kibimba this final note: During six days, the Spirit of the Lord truly moved across the hills of Burundi with great blessing, proving to skeptics that God isn't dead, but that He's alive from age to age and that He works in all those who turn toward Him and give Him their lives! □



## Our national workers—let's get acquainted

Mrs. Roger Wood (Joanna) had a concern that her church (Canton Friends) should get to know the Chinese pastors and their wives. She had had the privilege of meeting some of them personally while in Taiwan with the Malone Tour. She found that 8½ x 11 photos (in color) were available through the Mission Board office. She painstakingly connected each photo with ribbon to their location of service on the enlarged map of Taiwan that she drew. This is displayed in the large basement fellowship hall above the table where all church information sheets, devotional booklets, and new books are available. Maybe you, too, could find a place in your church to promote prayer support and concern for some aspect of your missionary work! □

## Missionary Voice

## A unique anniversary celebration

BY ESTHER ZINN

I guess there is nothing unusual about a thanksgiving service—except this one. It was a thanksgiving testimony service. That's not unusual, either—except this one. It was a thanksgiving testimony service for married couples, and it was held at West Gate Church.

Pastor Lyou said, "Today many people want to be married in the church, but afterwards they leave the church. One year ago today Mr. and Mrs. Peng were married in God's presence in this church, but they haven't forgotten the church and they have not forgotten God. At their request, we are having this service tonight."

Mr. Peng introduced his family who were present. The first person was his mother, and he publicly thanked her for praying for him. It was because she prayed that he was saved. After introducing other family members he asked his wife to speak.

Mrs. Peng said, "I don't just want to remember our anniversary, but I want

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overcome. Our love will be everlasting because God's love is everlasting and He will help us. We want God to help us to have a good testimony for Him."

Pastor Lyou gave other couples opportunity to testify. I guess they were bashful, for only one lady gave a very short testimony thanking God for the privilege of being married in the church. (The emphasis in the meeting was on being married before God in the church.) Russ and I had also been asked to give a testimony about our marriage. Since that would have taken far too long, we each chose a portion of Scripture that has helped us and through which God has spoken to us. I used Ephesians 4:32, telling how God had shown me that I must say "I'm sorry" to my husband and to the children when necessary. Russ referred to Ephesians 5:22 and on, telling how God expects the husband to love the wife as God loves the church. He mentioned several ways in which American husbands show their love for their wives. (Some of this was rather amusing to the Chinese.)

Yes, this was a different thanksgiving testimony service from any I've ever attended. But the Holy Spirit's presence was very real. Hearts were touched. Husbands and wives, parents—we all have such great opportunities to be witnesses for our wonderful Lord! □

## Precious in His sight

BY ESTHER ZINN

*"Red and yellow, black and white,  
They are precious in His sight.  
Jesus loves the little children  
of the world."*

He really does! And He proved it in the home of Mrs. Huang, a member of Stone Turtle Creek Church.

Mrs. Huang's grandson, about one year old, became very ill. After several days he was worse, so the family brought him to a hospital in Chiayi. The doctor said there was a bowel obstruction and there was nothing he could do. So the boy was taken home.

After a couple of days someone suggested they try another hospital in Chiayi. The situation was desperate when the child again was brought into town. The doctor said, "I'll operate, but I don't give you any hope." Surgery was scheduled to take place within a short time.

Mrs. Huang's daughter, mother of the child, is not a Christian. More than the healing of her grandson, Mrs. Huang desired the salvation of her daughter. So

she knelt by the bed, in front of the doctors, nurses, and everyone else, and prayed, "Lord, You know that I love You and serve You. You know that my daughter is not a Christian. You know that my grandson is very ill. The doctor has said that he doesn't give any hope for his recovery. Right now I'm asking You to heal the child and show Yourself to my daughter that she may believe in Jesus Christ as her Savior."

That evening the doctor was cheated out of an opportunity to perform surgery, and within a few days the child was released from the hospital. The day following his release was Sunday. Mrs. Huang, her daughter, and grandson were in church. The three of them stood in front of the congregation as Mrs. Huang gave the above testimony. Thus far, the daughter has not accepted Christ as her Savior. As God brings her to your mind, please remember her in prayer. □

## What god do you serve?

BY ESTHER ZINN

"You should be dead. Have you been doing a lot of good works? What religion do you believe?" Ah, here was an opportunity for Mrs. Huang to witness for her Lord.

A few days before the above conversation took place, Mrs. Huang ordered gas. (Everyone here uses bottle gas.) Usually, the empty bottle is exchanged for a full one, but this time the man brought a big bottle from which he was going to fill her small one. At the time, they were inside her home. She said to him, "It's too dangerous for you to fill the bottle here." He replied, "Don't worry. Nothing will happen." But Mrs. Huang did not feel peaceful and began to pray out loud, "Lord, please protect all of us. Don't let anyone be hurt." While she was praying there was a loud explosion, which destroyed one wall of her home, but NO ONE was injured.

A few days later, she went to purchase materials to repair her house. When the store owner heard what had happened, he was surprised that she was alive to tell about it. "No one lives through an explosion like that. You must be a good person, doing a lot of good works. What religion do you believe that would protect you?" Mrs. Huang replied, "I haven't done any good works. I am a Protestant and I believe in Jesus Christ. He protected me."

Thank God for members of the Taiwan Friends Church who believe in Jesus Christ and boldly witness for Him. □

to honor God. He has been trying to teach me to have more faith in Him." She then related two particular incidents when she suffered severe headaches. She thanked God for making her well. "Another thing," she said, "I thank God for giving me such a good husband. [I've never heard any Chinese make that statement before.] He helps me and prays for me. God has provided our needs. We do have arguments, but God helps us to make things right. Our love has limits, but God's love doesn't. Another thing, my family is not Christian. I pray for them and ask you to pray for them, also. Finally, today is my anniversary and I want to give an offering to God and to the church."

Mr. Peng gave his testimony: "A few days before our wedding I felt that I wasn't ready and wanted to wait. I prayed and asked my family to pray with me. God gave me peace, so we were married. [Mr. Peng then asked everyone to sing Romans 8:35-39. These verses are set to a Chinese tune.] There are no words to tell what God has done. I was saved five years ago and the trials get harder, but I trust God's love and power even more. If I didn't trust His love I could never be victorious. [Here Mr. Peng broke down and cried . . . something I have never seen a Chinese man do.] Excuse me for crying, but God's love is so great. He died on the cross for me. How could He love me so much? Because He was victorious on the cross and in His resurrection, we can be victorious. I want to thank Him. . . . Before we were married I never got mad. Afterwards I got mad. What happened? Somehow, I had given Satan a chance to get into my life, but God helps me

## A Word on Worship

Dr. Frank B. Stranger, president of Asbury Seminary, offers this word on worship:

"I have just returned from a Sunday morning worship service. This morning I went to church with an unusual sense of personal need, desperate to sense the presence of God and to hear His voice in a special, personal way.

"As I sat in the pew I suddenly realized that there were undoubtedly others just like me: they had come 'hungering and thirsting' for the sure word of God. Then I remembered the many years I was in the pulpit and the hundreds of people who sat before me in the church services. I asked myself: was I as minister always sensitive to the needs of that individual worshiper or those worshipers who came that particular time with a deep, special need?

"Listen, preacher, don't forget that person who comes to church 'on serious business.'

"Listen, preacher, don't use your worship service as an opportunity to parade yourself or your ministerial leadership.

"Listen, preacher, don't substitute human words for the divine Word.

"Listen, preacher, don't make me endure an unplanned worship service whose disjointed elements are a hindrance rather than a spiritual therapy to my needs.

"Let me be completely honest. I do not care whether I am met at the church entrance with a smile, which is often artificial, or whether the choir sings me a welcome song in the midst of an interrupted worship service, or whether I get slapped on the back after the service. What I care about—what I came for—is to meet God, to be assured of His presence, to hear Him speak to me in my present need."

## Resource Material

**Probe.** Department of Communications, Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, 1800 Arrott Building, 401 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222. Subscriptions are \$5 per year for 10 issues. Ideas come from a wide range of sources and often include resources for sermons, teaching, projects, media, as well as listing some conferences.

**Companis.** A quarterly publication of the Enabling Company, a collection of creative ideas and inexpensive resources. An invaluable aid to those involved in people-centered ministries. \$5 per year. Enabling Company, 1035 Indiana Street, Vallejo, California 94590.

**The Recycle Catalogue.** Another of Dennis Benson's sensational turned-on, tuned-in resources. More than 700 tested and proved ideas for learning, fellow-

ship, mission, and celebration are sparks of creativity from hundreds of innovative persons. Enjoy this spirit of sharing and Christian witness. The extensive index is an indispensable aid to the location of specific ideas. \$6.95, Abingdon Press, 201 Eighth Avenue, S., Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

## Lay Institutes for Evangelism

Campus Crusade for Christ International  
September 24-26—Harrisonburg, Virginia, Massenetta Springs—Special Pastors' Seminar

October 7-9—San Bernardino, California, Arrowhead Springs—Special Pastors' Seminar

October 17-19—Harrisonburg, Virginia, Massenetta Springs—Regional LIFE with Leadership Courses

October 21-November 2—San Bernardino, California, Arrowhead Springs—Regional LIFE with Leadership Courses

November 3-7—Portland, Oregon—National Conference on Church Management

## Visual Aids

**Visual Parables.** Brief television vignettes now available for local church use. These modern-day parables are two to five minute hard-hitting visual illustrations of contemporary concerns. They are excellent resources for use in a worship service or celebration or as discussion starters for study or fellowship groups. Rental fees range from \$2.50 to \$3.50 each. For listing write: Religious Broadcasting Commission, 212 Washington Plaza Hotel, 5th Avenue at Westlake, Seattle, Washington 98101.

**Vignette Films.** Propel viewers into the world of values. *Being Real* focuses on the worthwhile risk involved in breaking down barriers, letting others know us, and in looking at ourselves the way we really are. (11 minutes) *Different with Dignity* deals with the question of differing cultural expectations for men and women and the need to cope with a role we may find frustrating. (13 min-

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### A RESOURCE SERVICE FOR PASTORS PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH EXTENSION AND EVANGELISM COMMISSION OF THE EVANGELICAL FRIENDS ALLIANCE

Edited by Stanley Perisho

utes) *Priorities* raises questions about what we value in our lives and whether or not we are willing to sacrifice to maintain those values. (12 minutes) Color films. \$15.95 each/rental; \$160/sale. Paulist Productions, P.O. Box 1057, Pacific Palisades, California 90272.

## Books

*The Exciting Church That Really Prays*, by Charles Shedd, produced by Word Books.

*Pictorial Church Directory.* Pictorial Church Directories of America prepares a directory of the highest quality. Highly recommended as a means of helping people get acquainted and to provide members and friends of the church with a handy address and telephone directory. For more information write: Merl Kinser, 1551 Van Buren, Enid, Oklahoma 73701.

*Weddings*, by The Rev. John R. B. Szala, is a booklet containing a number of innovative ceremonies that can be used either as they stand or as models for developing relevant ceremonies of one's own. \$1.25 and self-addressed stamped envelope to: Rev. John R. B. Szala, 560 Chatham Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15220.

## Missionary Booklist

A booklist for missionaries recommended by Joseph Sittler at the Kenosha Missionary Conference: Wolfhart Pannenberg: *Theology and the Kingdom of God*, *Basic Questions in Theology*, *The Apostles' Creed*, *Theology and the Parables of the Kingdom*. Loren Eiseley: *The Immense Journey*, *The Unexpected Universe*, *The Firmament of Time*. Norman Perrin: *What Is Redaction Criticism?* John C. Greene: *The Death of Adam*. □

## Something new to pray about

(Another Perry and Patsy story)

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

"Guess what, Patsy!"

"What, Perry?"

"I think I'm actually going to be sort of glad to get back to school next week." Perry Masters flopped on the cool grass beside his twin. Chico, their fuzzy dog, flopped, too, his moist tongue hanging out of the side of his mouth.

Patsy sat up and put her arms around her knees. "I think I might be kind of glad, too. Summer's been okay, but I'll be glad to see some of the other kids." She picked up a stick and threw it for Chico. He dashed off with great speed, grabbed the stick in midair, then ran back to put it down at Patsy's feet. Chase-the-stick was his favorite game, even though it was a warm afternoon.

"Come on, Patsy," Perry suggested, "let's go see if anybody's ridin' bikes at the park."

"I can't," she answered. "Don't you remember that Mother said I had to stay here so I could try on my new dress. She's workin' awful hard to get all of this sewing done before school starts."

"Oh yeah. Oh, oh!" Perry's voice dropped to a whisper. "Here comes Dean."

"Not again!" muttered Patsy with a big sigh.

"Hi, you guys," said Dean very cheerfully, his uneven front teeth showing through his smile. Watcha doin'?"

"Not much," said Perry in his not-too-happy voice.

"Guess I'll do not much with you for awhile," Dean answered, flopping himself flat on his stomach in the grass.

Perry and Patsy looked at each other. This was not really what they had planned for the rest of the afternoon.

Chico was delighted to have more company. He dropped the stick in front of Dean. Panting noisily and wagging his frizzy tail as hard as he could, he did

his best to interest the newcomer in the game.

Dean smiled as he patted Chico. "We've lived here three weeks now and I'm really beginning to like this town. You're my best friends, you know. I think I'll be in your room at school, too."

Perry looked down at the ground. Patsy picked a blade of grass and began to chew on it. She remembered the times they had prayed for God to help them be friendly and kind to everyone. But when it actually came to doing it, sometimes it was hard.

The back door slammed. Chico bounded up to greet Mrs. Masters as she came out carrying a tray with three glasses and a plate of cookies.

"Ummm. Lemonade!" said Dean as he licked his lips.

"I thought you were sewing," Patsy said.

"I was, but my sewing machine broke down. Of all times for it to go haywire, just when I had so much sewing to do!" Mrs. Masters handed out cookies to go with the icy lemonade.

Chico sat up anxiously, all thought of games gone now that there was a chance to be included in the party.

"Can't you sew anymore?" asked Perry.

"Not until the machine is fixed. I can't imagine what the trouble is. I looked everything all over and gave the machine a good oiling. It didn't seem to solve the problem, though. I called the repair shop, but the man who does the sewing machine work is on vacation."

"I think we ought to pray about it. Don't you think so, Mother?" Patsy suggested.

"I did pray. I am sure that God knows how much you kids need these new clothes, and He knows that there is no way we can get the machine repaired right now, so I thought it would please Him to let the machine work after all. But maybe He has another lesson in mind for us."

"I remember the time at Grandma's house when their freezer quit working," Patsy said. "And it was Saturday night and no way to get a man to come fix it, and all of the meat and stuff would thaw out and be ruined . . ."

Patsy stopped to swallow her bite of cookie as Perry went on to finish the story. "So we all prayed about it, and in just a little while God helped Grandpa and Daddy to find what was the matter. Then they fixed it."

"That was neat," said Patsy.

All of this time, Dean was hardly drinking his lemonade or eating his cookies. He was just staring at the twins and their mother. "How do you know it was on account of God that they found out the trouble?" he asked.

"Because they had looked the thing over a whole bunch of times and didn't find the trouble," Perry explained. "Then after we prayed, it was easy to see what was the matter. It had to be God."

"I've never heard of anything like that before," Dean answered quietly. "Does God get you out of all your troubles?"

"Oh, no," replied Mrs. Masters. "It's just like this time with the sewing machine. We have lots of things go wrong, but God is always with us no matter what. You see, Dean, God loves all of us very much. And because of His love for us, He is always with us. Sometimes He completely solves the problem, but other times He shows us what we can do, like that time with the freezer. Then sometimes the problem stays for a long time, but because we know that God is there, it is easier. He'll help me get this sewing done sometime, even if it isn't right now when I think it should be done. I'll just trust Him."

"That's really something," Dean answered as he put his empty glass back on the tray. "I guess I don't know too much about God."

Perry looked at Patsy. Patsy looked at Perry. They both knew what the other one was thinking.

"We learn all about God and Jesus and what the Bible says and lots of other good stuff at our Sunday school. Maybe you could come with us starting next Sunday," Perry smiled at Dean. He was beginning to feel better about Dean becoming their friend.

Patsy waited eagerly for Dean's answer. She was beginning to feel better about their friendship, too.

"I think I'd like that. I'm gonna go home now and see what Mom says about it. Then I'll be back to tell you. See you after while." He took off toward home as fast as his feet could run.

Mrs. Masters smiled at the twins. "This gives us something new to pray about. I think that with God's help we can probably help Dean to accept Jesus as his Savior."

"Wow! That'd be neat!" said Perry.

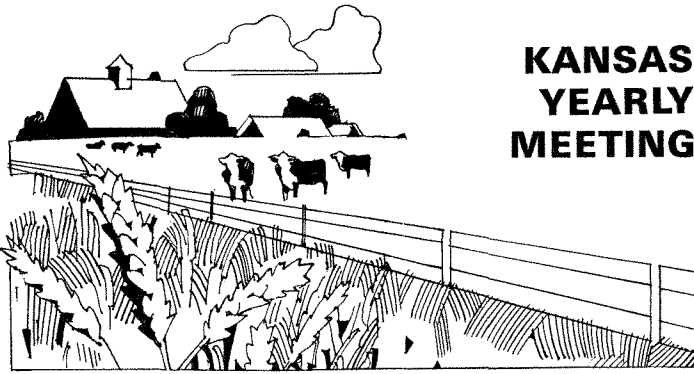
"That'd be super neat!" Patsy added. "Maybe that's why Dean keeps coming over. God had him be our friend so we could help him. I didn't really want him to be our friend, but now I think it'll be all right. He's not bad after all."

"Yeah, I'll be glad to have him for a friend, too," said Perry. "That sure is something new to pray about and I'm gonna start right away." With Chico close behind, he went into the house.

"Me, too," agreed Patsy on her way in. "Now I've got *three* new things to pray about—Dean, the sewing machine, and school starting."

Mrs. Masters smiled to herself. It was good to be part of a praying family. □





## KANSAS YEARLY MEETING

### Reverberations From KYM Sessions

"A Joyous Harvest" not only states the theme but describes the atmosphere and tempo of the annual sessions held on the campus of Friends University in Wichita, Kansas, August 4-8.

#### KEYNOTE BANQUET

Over 700 "Heartland Quakers" from across our five states gathered for opening day activities at the special Keynote Banquet held at Wichita's beautiful new civic center—Century II.

#### MINISTERS

We were ministered to by two of America's outstanding pastors, Verl Lindley, pastor of Granada Heights Friends Church in California, a congregation of over 800, and Don Polston, pastor of Sunnyside Temple, a Wesleyan church in Waterloo, Iowa, a congregation of 1,700.

#### COMMISSIONING

It is always exciting and important to commission new ministers and missionaries. Seven pastors were recorded, and one new family commissioned to the mission field in Burundi, Africa. Those recorded as ministers were Roman Ward, Jr., Hubert Harriman, Steven Sorensen, Larry Kinser, Kenneth Roe, Jerrill West, and Keith White. Recognition was also extended to Jose Espino, recorded by Central America Yearly Meeting, as he ministers in the San Antonio, Texas, region. Dean and Irene Getting, originally of Iowa Yearly Meeting and most recently from Haviland, Kansas, will travel with their children, David, Gary, and Kaye, to new duties in Africa.

#### FRONTIERS FOR FRIENDS

This moving and challenging theme was adopted for this Bicentennial Year as KYM seeks to capitalize and build on the vital ministry of the Church Growth Seminars held this past spring in the eight areas of our Yearly Meeting by Win Arn, executive director of the Institute for American Church Growth, affiliated with Fuller Seminary. These seminars saw 68 churches and 612 people participate and respond enthusiastically to the principles and prospects shared during those 20 days. This year will require the apprehension, absorption, and application of those church growth concepts.

#### KYM MUSIC

Music and Christianity are inseparable. But music in Kansas Yearly Meeting is incomparable. The united singing was stirring and the special music from groups and individuals outstanding—all leading to the triumphant climax of the week as Suzanne Johnson lifted the congrega-

tion in the packed auditorium of Whittier Fine Arts Center to joyous responses of praise. She is one of Christendom's outstanding vocal ministers with a superb voice and shining Christian witness—as previously attested to with Billy Graham, Ford Philpot, and our own Singing Quakers of Friends University.

#### ON TAPES

A new ministry of our KYM sessions (for the 2nd year) is the complete taping of all the sessions—including messages, workshops, and business. These cassettes are available for only the cost price of one dollar (\$1) per session; 600 tapes were purchased during the week of the sessions. A schedule and price list may be obtained on request to the KYM office.

#### ON FILM

*They Said It Couldn't Be Done*, a motivating film produced by the Bell Systems, was shown each night after the evening service. Basically, the film graphically presents the story of several great projects carried to successful completion though negative thinkers said "It Couldn't Be Done." But it WAS done through Possibility Thinking. Some of these inspiring projects dramatically shown in the process of completion are the Mount Rushmore Memorial, the Golden Gate Bridge, and Hoover Dam, to name a few.

#### YOUTH YEARLY MEETING

A time of worship—praise—inspiration—fun—fellowship (and, of course, the usual frolicking and frivolity that goes with indoor camping and young people).

The main ministry to the youth was cared for by Arch Marshall, associate pastor of the large and active Central Christian Church of Wichita—his Scottish brogue and rich Christian witness resulted in great blessing (he's a cousin of the famed Peter Marshall).

The Youth testify of *learning*, and *experiencing* much in the way of the "Holy Spirit's gifts and healing."

#### NUGGETS

*Verl Lindley*—"The first century church had total involvement, Bible teaching, fellowship, and prayer—would your church qualify?"

*Don Polston*—"God wants to give you a winning attitude!"

*John Robinson*—"... it's time to give the 'dip stick' test to our core concerns."

*Gerald Teague*—"God delights to show himself strong—on our behalf!"

*Don Polston*—"Instead of criticism, tell people what they can become and assure them of divine permission to become it."

### WMU Year of Activity

Last year found the ladies of KYM WMU busy in many areas of endeavor. At an all-time high was the registration at the annual retreat held in Oklahoma City Christian Renewal Center. Plans are underway now for the fall retreat to be held at the same place the last of September. Seventy-six societies composed the WMU of KYM. These societies sent over 1,359 petite packets to Burundi, packed and shipped 23 barrels of Instant Breakfast for that needy land, provided funds to help update the Kivimba hospital and purchase a generator for Windy Hill, as well as completed funds for the Kombi Van already ordered for Radio CORDAC.

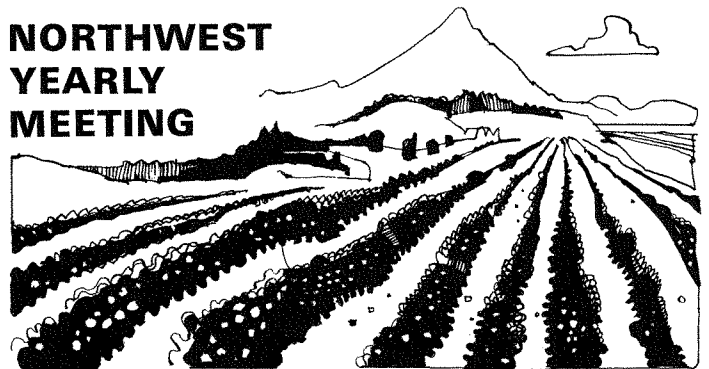
On the home front, with the help of the Elwood Harrisons, thousands

of pounds of clothing, bedding, etc. found their way to Rough Rock, San Antonio Friends School, and the Oklahoma Indian Missions. In addition to the pounds of articles sent, funds were also sent to help in various ways. Two mission homes were maintained and the cottage in Wichita was refurbished and made liveable with funds from the WMU and much voluntary help.

The program and lesson materials have provided a source of learning and an interest in other mission fields as well as our own. We face a new year and are grateful for the blessings God has granted in marvelous ways in the past year, but we press forward trusting through Him to learn more and accomplish much.

—Joyce Thompson,  
KYM WMU president

## NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING



### Superintendent's Corner

I want to say thanks again to all who helped to make the Yearly Meeting and the EFA General Conference sessions so inspirational and successful, and thanks to all of you who attended.

The membership of Northwest Yearly Meeting now totals 7,838, up 240. The net gain the year before was 302.

Some major happenings at Yearly Meeting: A gift and recognition were given to Arlene Moore for her faithful service as treasurer of the Yearly Meeting and to Oliver Weesner for his 60 years of service to the Yearly Meeting, particularly with the Trustees.

The Administrative Committee of the Executive Council has been asked with Don Millage, Beth Bagley, and the clerk of the representatives to study the feasibility of changing our fiscal year to the calendar year.

A paper has been presented to the news media and EFA on the position of women in ministry.

Roy Clark and Ron Crecelius were named to plan the High Calling Conference.

At least seven young men are being interviewed in the process of becoming recorded.

Myron Goldsmith was named as the new chairman of the Department of Ministerial Training and Recording. Clare Willcuts will be vice-chairman.

It was reported that our offering to World Relief Commission (Thanksgiving offering and other gifts) from 37 churches totaled \$11,228. It is hoped we can do at least that well this year.

The Education Board voted to give 100 percent tuition for students in approved seminaries at the discretion of the Scholarship Screening

Committee. We gave 50 percent last year.

The date for the Young Friends Conference was set for April 30 to May 2 at the Inn of the Seventh Mountain in Bend.

Midyear board meetings will be held in Idaho January 30 through February 2.

Dates for next year's Yearly Meeting are Monday, July 26, through Sunday, August 1.

Action on the EFA proposal for united missionary umbrella was postponed until more of our people at the local church level have an opportunity to study and understand it.

By recommendation of the Department of Finance, a position of business manager was established in the superintendent's office to work with the Stewardship Board in setting and raising and controlling the budget and generally supervising fiscal administration. Presently that responsibility will be handled by Quentin Nordyke under the superintendent's supervision.

### Great Commission Budget

Giving to the Great Commission budget last year was \$199,610, down from giving the previous year, which was \$211,815.

The Great Commission budget for this 1975-76 year was adopted at \$290,040. Pledges from the churches toward the budget were \$190,000. This means we need \$100,000 above pledges. Quoting from the minutes, "All departments, except the Department of Evangelism and the Department of Missions, receive one-twelfth of their budget (including designated funds, if any) each month. Additional undesignated funds will be divided proportionately between the Departments of Evangelism and Missions. Designated funds for *evangelism* or *missions* will be given directly to these departments. Funds designated to *outreach* will be divided proportionately between the Department of Evangelism and Department of Missions." Thus an individual or a church may now give for outreach without affecting any other giving or distribution, and the two departments will get all funds designated even above their 1/12th each month.

This new distribution policy is discussed further in the slide series and the booklet titled "The Great Commission Tree," which will be shown hopefully during your outreach conferences and at other times if you wish. Write to the Yearly Meeting office to schedule the slide series.

—Norval Hadley

### George Fox College

The fate of private higher education in the United States may be partially determined by the performance of George Fox College over the next five years. George Fox is one of 100 colleges across the nation selected to be studied intensively to find trends in private education. Sponsoring the study is the Association of American Colleges through a grant from the Lilly Endowment.

The extensive study is to monitor selected colleges and universities on an annual basis with results to be made available to state and federal authorities, philanthropists, educators, and the general public. To be specifically noted are signs of either progress or distress among the reporting colleges. George Fox has been countering national trends with balanced budgets, increased financial support, and climbing enrollment. Heading the George Fox study

participation will be Harold Ankeny, director of institutional research.

Camp Tilikum, a 75-acre rustic camp and retreat center with a 15-acre lake northwest of Newberg, has been turned over to George Fox College by the governing board, which has operated the program for the last four years. The camp is the dream of Russell Baker, who created the camp out of his farm in 1970 and turned it over to Northwest Yearly Meeting, which turned control over to the independent board. The acreage is seven miles from the Newberg campus, in meadows and hills.

Program Director Gary Fawver says he believes the George Fox relationship "can provide the leadership and academic climate for experimenting, documenting, and disseminating new ideas." Under the new arrangements the existing center governing board remains intact and becomes an advisory body to George Fox president, David Le Shana. The college will assume administrative details and budgeting. Fawver will remain as director and as a member of the George Fox staff. Baker's original plans—for an interdenominational retreat center—remain unchanged with year-round retreat program and summer youth-oriented programs to continue and the college to increase its use of the center.

Projected are the use of the camp for a field experience site for biology classes in animal and plant studies

and for physical education department courses such as canoeing. Also scheduled is use of the facilities for camping instruction through Christian education courses. Other possibilities include wilderness stress camps and an environmental study center, open to public schools.

George Fox will open its fall term with a special session one week earlier and nearly 2,700 miles away. More than 100 are expected to participate in a week-long miniterm in the nation's capital. A chartered jet will fly faculty and students to Washington, D.C., for morning sessions with government leaders and afternoons and evenings of sightseeing historic sites.

Called "The Continuing American Revolution," the miniterm is the second for the college. Last year the program involved a "Black Experience Week" featuring nationally-known black leaders.

Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield, a member of the college's board, and his staff are helping establish the Washington, D.C., program, timed to coincide with the nation's 1976 bicentennial emphasis.

Students will be earning four hours of credit under course offerings, "The Cultural Legacy" or "Systems of Interpretation." An extensive reading program is part of the program, which is being directed by Dean William Green and Ralph Beebe, associate professor of history.



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING

We welcome these new additions to the Yearly Meeting pastoral team.

### Yearly Meeting Recap

Those attending our Yearly Meeting sessions were enriched spiritually under the ministry of Russell Myers, Eastern Region superintendent.

New members were added to each board, and one new board chairman was selected. David Hickman is serving as chairman of the Outreach Board. Those chairmen continuing to chair boards this year are: Willard Kreiger, Stewards; Terry Ash, Spiritual Life; and Kay Burgi, Education.

Dr. A. J. Ellis will continue serving as Yearly Meeting presiding clerk with Naomi Weinacht as recording clerk. Other officers of the Yearly Meeting will be listed in your copy of the Yearly Meeting *Minutes* when printed.

We thank everyone for their participation and interest in Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting and ask that you pray for each person who will be serving in some capacity on the Yearly Meeting level.

### Dates to Remember

*Midwinter* (for all high school age youth) — December 27-29 — Quaker Ridge

*Youthquake '75* (a national conference of Friends Youth)—December 27-31—Azusa Pacific College, Azusa, California. Hosted by California Yearly Meeting. Cost: \$56 plus travel. For more information, contact: Paul Moser, New Hope Friends Church, Hay Springs, Nebraska, or the Yearly Meeting office.

### Life's End—Our Choice

By Mary Gafford,  
Missionary, Rough Rock

The day was just beginning to dawn. Up the mountain, I was wending my way in the mission pickup. The eastern horizon was behind me. Soon the sun made its appearance, casting beams of light on the sides of the mountain. How beautiful to view God's handiwork, as He painted varied colors of light on the scenes ahead of me! Man needs paint and brush to produce artistic scenes, but God, who spoke and creation came to pass, needs nothing.

As I reflected on these things, I was reminded of man's journey through life. He also begins in the darkness. His heart knows not of the light of God's presence. If he chooses Christ, his path becomes brighter as he hears the end.

How tragic to see how man's will, in many instances, chooses to continue his journey in the dark! Even when there are many opportunities to learn of God's light of salvation, the prince and power of the air—Satan himself—blinds their eyes from the glorious view of the life in Christ.

Our hearts have been so saddened as we have observed the darkness of superstition that holds sway over so many of our people. Sickness may overtake them. Oftentimes one will receive a response of well-being when inquiring about a very sick person.

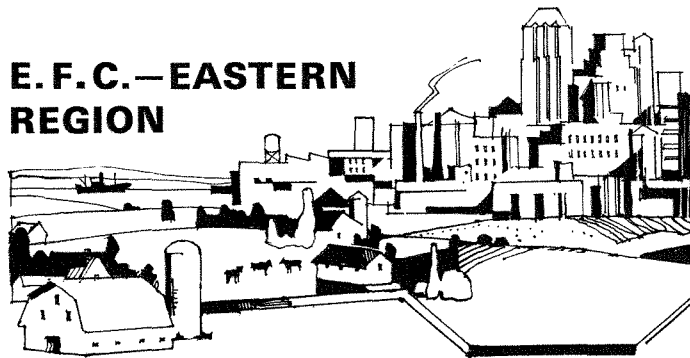
Two things may be involved. One, they do not want to face the reality of serious illness as it poses the possibility of death. Since death is so frightening, perhaps it is better not to entertain the thought, although all signs point to it. Another factor involved may be that of their own spiritual welfare. If they recognize the possibility of death, it might awaken them to their spiritual needs.

I reflected on another scene. Storm clouds had hidden the sun's rays of light. Sounds of thunder could be heard as lightning occurred in the sky. It did not seem to indicate any serious storm. A man was following his sheep. Suddenly, he and the horse he was riding were struck to the ground. Medical assistance was offered but to no avail. Medicine men were called to sing over his body. Finally, when no signs of life were seen, he was released for burial at a later date.

Other accidents have claimed the lives of our Navajo people who are unsaved. As they left life here on earth, they entered darkness such as had never been known. Relatives do all they can in an attempt to assure themselves of their loved one's well-being. How little they realize the things done by the person before death determine the soul's destination, not the things that are done afterward!

I encourage you to pray for your missionaries as we labor at Rough Rock. Pray specifically that the Holy Spirit will open more doors to present the Gospel and that more Navajo people will come to know Christ as their Savior.

## E. F. C.—EASTERN REGION



### A Challenge To Evaluate the Midweek Service

(Last in a series)

Midweek Service—What's it for? What is supposed to happen at this service? What should one expect to receive from it? Is it an "hour of power" or an "undertakers' convention"? When we understand the reason why we have a midweek service, we can then see reflected the kind of service we have and the reasons for our attendance.

Many people have no vision of what their midweek service could be and what God can do in it. For some it is just another of the "do's" we must do to keep holy, and therefore it becomes a dead ritual like the Scribes and Pharisees used to practice. Is your midweek service the same thing over and over? Is it the same now as it was six months ago or two years ago? May God give a vision of what it can and should be!

At Providence Friends, Virginia Beach, Virginia, the midweek service is considered an important part of our church program, and we feel it must have something for every age. Therefore we divide into five age groups for a class time and prayer time in each (except the nursery). Our attendance has doubled since we began to divide by age groups. The smaller groups allow for more freedom in sharing thoughts, concerns, needs, and praise. The spirit is just great as we meet with God this way. Praise the Lord!

We try to have variety in our program and prayer time. We find it profitable from time to time to have an outsider or one of our laymen lead a study on a subject or book for a quarter. This builds interest and gives a better balance than to have the pastor lead every service. Perhaps the greatest boost in our midweek service is the spirit among our people and the presence of the Holy Spirit. When we can bear one another's burdens and then see God answer needs, it just does something for everyone present. Praise God! He is working in our midweek service.

—Duane Rice

### Vacation Bible School Reports

Vacation Bible schools again played an important part in the summer programs of our Eastern Region churches, though approach and format varied.

For the second year, WESTGATE FRIENDS in Columbus, Ohio, held a day camp for children in grades 1-6. The church rented a secluded area in a nearby metropolitan park equipped with shelter houses and recreational facilities. The camp ran from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day for a week. Mornings were devoted to singing,

Bible study, missionary stories, and nature walks; afternoons were used for recreation. Each camper brought a sack lunch, and the park concession provided refreshments.

Preschool children of the church were involved in backyard Bible schools. Three families opened their backyards for the purpose of teaching God's Word to children aged 3 to 6. Many neighborhood children were reached through this approach. The children met for an hour and a half each day for Bible stories, songs, games, refreshments, and verse memorization.

At BATTLE CREEK, Michigan, children were treated to an unusual experiment. The basement area of the Youth Center (the old church building) was cleverly painted and decorated to look like a narrow cobblestone street where Jesus might have walked. Rooms were made into little craft shops where workers in biblical costume presided and gave a lesson. Students visited one of the shops each evening to learn a craft related to the Bible story of the day.

The shops included a bakery where the baking of unleavened bread was demonstrated, a flower shop where each student potted and received a small plant, a candle shop where they learned to make

candles, a glass shop where they made suncatchers, a leather shop where they learned to tool a small purse, and macrame and pottery shops where these crafts were demonstrated. Outdoors, a "stable" with two horses provided rides for the younger children. The craft shops proved so successful that the idea will be kept as a permanent part of the church program.

CANTON, Ohio, Friends enrolled 156 children in their school. A highlight of the week was the puppet show each day by "Lionel and the Little Ones." The puppeteers were Rev. Willis Bailey and teenagers from the First Nazarene Church in Canton.

Puppets were also a part of the program at EAST MILAN, Ohio, where Catherine Smith served as guest leader. Older youth had their own lessons in the evenings with activities such as hiking and swimming. Pastor Thornburg led the adults of the church in a study of Howard Hendrick's book, *Heaven Help the Home*.

SALEM, Ohio, Friends also emphasized the family in their school, which averaged an attendance of over 300. Marjorie Landwert and Janet McLaughlin codirected the school and wrote much of the curriculum used. The children studied both the human family and God's family, with the final emphasis on how to become a member of God's family.

Friends at URBANA, Ohio, conducted their Bible school around the theme, "How Animals Remind Us of God and Our Need of God." Children visited a sheep farm and observed the helplessness of sheep and then learned Psalm 23.

In GRINNELL, Iowa, Misses Clausen and Richardson from Galion, Ohio, led the school for Northside Friends.

In Radnor, Ohio, FULTON CREEK Friends registered an average of 97 pupils. A tent was provided for an outside class.

BETHANY Friends in Wadsworth, Ohio, held a successful school that was planned and carried out by the older youth of the church.

Miss Betty Smith was the special worker for the school planned by Friends in BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio. Average attendance there was 120 students and 39 workers.

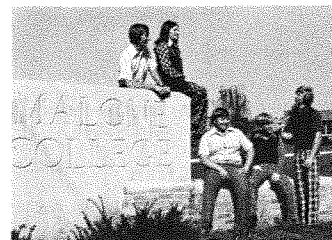
BARBERTON, Ohio, averaged 61 children and 23 helpers. The offering from the closing program amounted to more than \$100, which was given to missions.

EAST GOSHEN Friends in Beloit, Ohio, averaged 79 children and 40 workers for their school. Children's missionary offerings amounted to \$277.

### Focus on Malone

Summer school statistics show 211 students were enrolled for the first term. Some 29 of these were seniors who completed their graduation requirements at the end of the second session. Compared with last year, eight more enrolled this summer.

Two Malone singing groups have traveled this summer. "The Master's Plan" was sponsored by the Friends



"The Master's Plan" (l to r): Dale Chryst, Beth Conkey, Dave Schell, Chuck Nutt, and Bruce Bell.

Youth Board and appeared in yearly meeting churches and camps, as planned by the headquarters office in Damascus. . . . "The Boanerges" represented the college in a deputization and recruitment ministry. Both groups have been enthusiastically received by young and old alike.

Enrollment projections for fall term may be summed up in the statement made by Guy Hull, admissions director. "We are not pessimistic; rather, based on applications now being received, we seem to be holding our own. It looks like our enrollment should hold steady compared with last year."

Graduate level continuing education courses in social work will be offered this fall at Malone College. This is done through an agreement with the School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University. It is a two-year pilot program, and those interested in the course offerings should contact Dr. Dale Young at Malone for a brochure.

Quaker student enrollment at Malone was the highest last year that it has ever been. According to Records Office, 117 students affiliated with the Friends Church were enrolled in fall term 1974. Prior to that the records show the following Quaker students enrolled:

1973—104	1968—88	1963—92
1972—109	1967—91	1962—81
1971—102	1966—90	1961—87
1970—92	1965—92	
1969—92	1964—106	

It is interesting to note that the last three student body presidents at Malone have been Quakers. Fred Sams, Beloit Friends Church, was student body president for 1973-74; Clark Hoopes, Damascus Friends Church, 1974-75; Greg Johnson, Alliance Friends Church, is the newly elected president for 1975-76.

A Christian ministries major has been designed by the Malone Division of Religion and Philosophy. A significant feature of this new major is supervised field work in which the college student receives credit for valuable Christian service experience. The Christian education option is structured to provide much flexibility, enabling a student to pair a Christian ministries major with a major in another division and thereby achieve broader training preparation. The new plan will become effective this fall.







# Friends gather

## BARBERTON, Ohio

During the month of July our church was the host for a number of our foreign missionaries; some of them include Janet Briggs, who does mission work among the Indians of South America, and Lynn and Betty Baker, who served on the staff at Morrison Academy in Taiwan. We are very appreciative of these fine people who have dedicated their lives to the Lord's work on the foreign mission field, and whose sincere efforts have brought many souls into the kingdom of God. Because of them and their labors, many have been turned from darkness unto the light of the Gospel.

It was also good to be the host church for the District Meeting held in July, at which time business meetings concerning the affairs of the churches were taken care of as needed. Also the inspirational hour under the direction of Lynn and Betty Baker was a time of soul refreshing in the Lord.

## BATTLE CREEK, Michigan

Bertha Lampman, a charter member of our fellowship, was honored recently for her 80th birthday. She was presented with a lovely planter, and a short biography of her life was read to the congregation. Mrs. Lampman and two of her daughters have been with our church since its early years, when a group met for Sunday school in a local school building before becoming affiliated with Ohio Yearly Meeting.

There were 18 who ventured north for our annual canoe trip this summer. The group camped overnight in tents near Baldwin, Michigan, and paddled on the Pere Marquette River for an eight-hour trip, picnicking at a halfway mark along the way. The water was delightfully cool and refreshing for those who tested it the hard way.

## BOISE, Idaho

Our pastor asked us to sign an SOS (Summer for Our Savior) loyalty covenant card last May. This was to serve as a reminder of our willingness to be faithful in our church attendance, whether at home or away on vacation, and to fulfill our stewardship responsibility.

Barbara Baker, Campus Crusade representative to Lebanon, was a guest speaker in our church Sunday evening, June 22. She gave a fascinating account of her experiences as she labored for the Lord in the Philippines, and of His leading for her to continue in Lebanon.

We viewed two outstanding films in our church recently. *To Russia with Love* was of the underground

evangelism work taking place in Russia, and *The Gospel Road* was the story of Jesus sung and told by Johnny Cash.

A newly organized Growth Group has been established in our church. This is an in-depth, long-range program emphasizing discipleship and evangelism. The two-hour meeting each week is comprised of Bible study, sharing, outreach planning, and prayer. We are excited about the potential impact of this group on the church.

The Valley Friends churches are sponsoring six young men from Vietnam. At the present time they are living in the old Meridian Friends Church parsonage.

## CANTON, Ohio

A six-week study of spiritual healing was held in the spring in conjunction with the Continuing Education Department of Malone College.

We are anxiously awaiting the times when Denise Hopper will share with us her experiences on the youth missionary trip to Mexico.

We are excited as we anticipate what God is going to do during this new church year as our pastoral team of Joe Roher, Galen Weingart, Rob Strouse, Fred Sams, and Don Murray and we as "lay ministers" seek to follow the leading of the Spirit to carry out His mission for us here in Canton.

## CHANDLER, Oklahoma

We have finished our vacation Bible school, with the leading of Jesus Christ and His guidance in our studies.

*LOVE*, a musical production, was presented by our youth singing group on July 27.

We praise the Lord for the spiritual and physical increase in our church and thank Him for the new members we have.

## DAMASCUS, Ohio

Fred White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred White and a recent graduate of West Branch High School, has been selected by the Eastern Region Missionary Board to go to Mexico this summer for an adventure-filled short term of missionary service.

Fred, a member of the Damascus congregation, will visit churches, teach and share in Bible classes, help with work projects, travel, and share his testimony with other young people. This year's Bible school offerings from our church went toward Fred's expenses.

On Sunday, July 27, Dean Johnson, coordinator of Friends Disaster Service, was our guest speaker and encouraged our people to become involved in setting up such a pro-

gram in our local community. Following the service, volunteers were accepted to work in the program.

## EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

On a recent Sunday evening, a pitch-in supper with Lynn, Betty, Beth, and Jonathan Baker was enjoyed by the folks here. After supper the Bakers showed their slides and shared with us some of the interesting things that have been happening to them.

## ENTIAT, Washington

The Friends church here at Entiat had their yearly vacation Bible school the week of June 23-27. The average attendance for those five days was 55. Glen Forsburg, who is president of Child Evangelism in North Central Washington, had the daily program for the children. Ten percent of the offering that week and the program Friday night went to help buy school supplies for Kevin and Jeff George. They are the children of former pastor and wife, Gil and Louise George, who had been in Michigan training to become missionaries and recently left for Costa Rica for one year of language school; then they will go to Bolivia or Peru for two years as missionaries.

The youth group was very busy during the month of June. They went miniature golfing, swimming, and camping for one day. They left at 9 a.m., June 29, for their camp-out. They drove up the Entiat River for a few miles and stopped and ate breakfast at Silver Falls campground. Then they went up river further to where the road ends and hiked into Myrtle Lake, which is an eight-mile round trip. After that long and tiring hike, they went back to Silver Falls campground and ate lunch, played baseball, and had the Friends Youth lesson.

Friday, May 16, the youth group took Gil and Louise George and family out for a going-away party. They ate pizza for dinner and then went bowling until after 10 p.m. It was a lot of fun for everyone.

## FIRST DENVER, Colorado

We are presently in the middle of our bonding program to help finance our new education wing. We hope to be breaking ground for the addition soon.

The summer was busy with Yearly Meeting, camps, and vacation Bible school. We enjoyed having Cheryl Berry, who serves as a missionary in Taiwan, home for the summer. She shared throughout the Yearly Meeting concerning the work there.

## FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio

The Kirby family returned safely from their vacation in Texas, and we praise the Lord for His watchful care. Harold Wyandt and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor filled in while they were gone.

A well-attended Sunday school picnic was held at the Richwood Park with games and a social hour. Homemade ice cream, pie, cake, and cookies were on the menu. We also had a "pounding" for the preacher.

The attendance at Camp Union Rally Day was very good. Charles Robinson of Mt. Gilead Friends and the choir from that church were on the agenda. Oh, what a wonderful message and the music? . . . Thrilling! Inspiring! Emotional! Beautiful!

## HAYDEN LAKE, Idaho

Saturday morning, July 26, saw a number of the members of our church at the Hayden Lake Elemen-

tary School lawn setting up booths for the "Friends Fair." This was brought about for the purpose of raising additional funds for our camp at Twin Lakes, and the response by the public was rewarding. All items (except for one White Elephant Booth) were things church members had made—including everything from stuffed animals to delicious baked goods.

August 3 was designated as the Sunday for an interdenominational service in the Hayden Lake City Park, as part of the activities of the first annual "Hayden Lake Days." Music was provided by the "Friendly Sound" and "The Boarding House Reach," and an inspirational message was given by Pastor Bob Schneider. We feel this is a great way to bring together the people of our community!

An ice cream social was held in the park on Saturday evening, August 9, for all the adults in the church. We had a great time of fellowship together.

Sunday afternoon, August 17, was Homecoming Sunday at Hayden Lake Friends. Special invitations had been given to former pastors and members to return for this Sunday. Recognition was given to those present during the program, and a number of musical groups participated. It was an enjoyable time for all of us.

## HOMESTEAD

### Cedar Point, Kansas

The summer has been filled with special services as we have received special blessings from the Lord. Homestead Friends conducted evening service at Northridge Friends in Wichita on June 22.

The "Kindred Spirit," a musical group from Haviland Friends Bible College, had a concert with us on June 27.

The highlights of KYM sessions have been with us as we continue to praise the Lord with revival services with Larry and Miletta Kinser, August 17-24.

## KICKAPOO INDIAN MISSION McLoud, Oklahoma

Our adult class is growing with six or seven new members. We have started a teenage Bible study along with our adult Bible study and hope to see continued growth among the people. The attendance has held steady during the summer months.

We want to thank those who visited us in the past few months for the help in improving the community building, cabin, and other facilities. We ask you to pray that God will give us wisdom for effective follow-up, good health to do the work for that day, and new ways to reach others for Christ.

## KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon

Highlights for the summer months include the following: Wednesday, May 21, was an important date for our church. Norval Hadley (in pulpit) and Paul Meier (left) were flown here by Jon Cadd to set up our congregation as an officially recognized monthly meeting. Copastor Nick Maurer is at the right.



Two of our church girls, Jeanne Magee and Sue Prock, were graduated from high school.

On the 31st, several of our church enjoyed a banquet hosted by the local Christian Business Men's Committee, featuring Ted de Moss as speaker.

In June, Jerry and Barbara Sandoz, serving with OMS, Int., in Korea, ministered to us with music, testimonies, and slides.

July was camp and conference month. Southern Oregon Friends Camp was held at Willow Lake July 1-6. Several Friends attended Yearly Meeting-EFA Conference in Newberg.

August saw six daily "Five-Day Clubs" held for children of as many neighborhoods. Final program of this home-based Bible school was held during the Sunday school hour in the church.

This month, also, our church fulfilled its turn in cooperation with other Klamath Falls churches in conducting Sunday afternoon services in two local nursing homes.

### MIAMI, Oklahoma

We are praising God for good gifts sent our way. We have a new organ in the sanctuary. A Sunday school picnic held in the park brought out 45 "Friends."

We are praising God for the lessons our pastor, Homer Smuck, has brought to us from Revelation and Hebrews. We are now studying the book of Romans and the teachings of Jesus.

### MT. GILEAD, Ohio

Over the last weekend of June, Gilead Friends Church became the site of a Youth Retreat. It was the outgrowth of a weekly rap and prayer session that has been held in the home of the one who later became the retreat's coordinator, Fred Baer. During the three months of preparation, flyers, posters, newspaper, and radio station news releases were used for promotion of the retreat. On the days immediately preceding the retreat, a 27-hour prayer chain and time of fasting was observed by the planners.

The well-planned meeting included group sessions, sharing sessions, and seminars on witnessing. Also included was a Saturday afternoon of recreation in a nearby high school gymnasium and community swimming pool.

Those participants in speaking were Paul "Duke" Morrison, a converted truck driver, of Cleveland, and Tom Andrick, a former Ohio State football player for Woody Hayes. He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Those leading the seminars were some of the members of the local congregation: Tom Bland, a member of an advertising firm, and Ray Hart, a traveling trouble shooter for the North Electric Company. Musicians for the retreat were Jeff and Jim Baer of the Cleveland area, whose contemporary style of Christian music was much liked by the retreaters.

Among the exciting things that happened were the several who found Christ as Savior, which was the whole point of the retreat, and the many denominations that were represented in this nondenominational meeting.

Several local merchants donated food items. These were turned into delicious meals by the church ladies.

### MT. PLEASANT, Ohio

A dedication program was held in our church for our new hymnals. The program was planned by the Wel-

shans family, who had given a generous donation in memory of their mother, Mabel Welshans. It was through this donation we were able to purchase the hymnals.

Rebecca Coleman and Helen Nichols went to Oregon as our representatives at the Newberg conference.

The church picnic was held at Wheeling Park in August, and many participated in the fellowship there.

Many of our young folks attended summer camp, and all of them had spiritual blessings to report as well as many enjoyable times and some new friends.

A singspiration of community churches was held at Scotch Ridge Presbyterian Church, where everyone enjoyed the ministry of music.

Susan Weaver will be with us for Friends Youth meeting. She has been a missionary teacher in Taiwan.

### NEWBERG, Oregon

Four interns—Ron Rittenhouse, Mark Silliman, Gwen Puckett, and Bruce Ponder—carried on a summer program of intensive Bible study and church work.

On Sunday afternoon, June 29, our Senior FY choir, joined by choirs from the Free Methodist Church and North Valley Friends Church, presented the cantata "Alleluia" in Herbert Hoover Park.

During July and August, children joined in Backyard Bible Clubs at seven homes. August 25-29 were five days of Day Camp at Camp Tilikum.

Our pastors, Ronald Woodward and Richard Foster, have been bringing a series of messages on the minor prophets.

Gary and Susan Fawver presented the work of Camp Tilikum Retreat Center in word and pictures on June 29.

Our church is sponsoring Pastor Do and his family and three relatives in the Vietnamese Immigration Program. Pastor Do brought the Sunday evening message on July 27.

Steve and Nancy Wilhite presented the missionary work in Kenya at the Wednesday evening service on July 30.

### NORTH VALLEY Newberg, Oregon

Two singing groups added to our inspiration during the month of May: "The Friendship Singers" from Eugene, "The Challengers" from Ohio. On May 9 we had our Mother-Daughter Tea; 68 attended. The movies, *Gospel Road*, *Johnny Lingo*, and *God Owns My Business*, were shown during May and June.

We have a new summer schedule: Worship 9:30, Fellowship 10:30, Sunday school 11:00, Evening Service 7:00. Most are glad to have Sunday school in the morning again. Sunday evenings we've been having people from our own congregation share and minister to us.

### OMAHA, Nebraska

"Living Letters" was the theme of our Mother-Daughter banquet. We were privileged to hear Mrs. Hazel Swain, missionary to Vietnam for 15 years.

George Fox College will be the home of Dave, Pat, and Jonathan Becknell, where Dave will be a student. We will miss their contribution to our church.

Our vacation Bible school was an exciting time of sharing the Good News. Jimmy the Puppet was the main attraction, and he taught the children many things about God.

### ONTARIO, Oregon

June 16 nine women and several children drove to the home of our pastor, Allen Cole, north of Ola, for the monthly WMU meeting. A potluck dinner was enjoyed by all followed by a challenging missionary service.

Ontario Friends Church enjoyed a visit by Roy and Ruth Clark and four of their girls at the evening service on June 29. They furnished special music, which was enjoyed by all.

### PLAINS, Kansas

Paul and Linda Snyder presented the KYM camping program and gave a challenging message.

Our 7th and 8th grade Boys' Ensemble, directed by Ernest McVey, sang "Praise to Thee" by Haydn. This beautiful a cappella number was heard during the worship hour.

Around 40 children attended the vacation Bible school, which had the theme, "Jesus Touched Me." The final VBS program was given during the Sunday school hour with a picnic following church service.

### PRATT, Kansas

A Lay Witness Mission and the Church Growth Seminar were held at Pratt Friends Church.

Though attendance is low, the presence of the Holy Spirit and the study of God's Word are ever present helps to those in the services anticipating God's direction and guidance. We appreciate the ministry of Don Worden and Larry and Miletta Kinser during the absence of our minister.

### REEDWOOD, Portland, Oregon

Our own beloved Jack Willcuts was granted a much-deserved honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at the commencement exercises of George Fox College in Newberg. The beautiful citation, prepared in part by his classmate and life-long friend, Dr. Arthur O. Roberts, tells of Jack's missionary statesmanship in fostering the indigenous, national church in South America, his leadership in researching and putting into effect far-reaching principles of church growth, and his editorship of the *Evangelical Friend*, now the largest journal in worldwide Quakerdom.

We were interested to learn that 544 individuals are reached each week in the nursing home visitation program spearheaded by Gladys and Walter Cook.

Randy, Mary, Sarah, and Susanna Morse arrived home for the summer. They completed their work in Missionary Intern School on May 28 and have since been involved in a special Linguistics Institute program. Randy also served as associate pastor of a church in Flint, Michigan.

They left Portland the latter part of August, when they went to Costa Rica to begin a year of language studies; then they will go on to Peru or Bolivia to begin their first term of service as missionaries under Northwest Yearly Meeting.

Among our summer speaking guests we were privileged to hear Clare Willcuts of Homedale Friends Church in Idaho, brother of our Jack. Dr. Lowell Roberts of Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, gave an inspiring message based on the 51st Psalm.

The Re'Generation Singers under the direction of Derrick Johnson brought us a special blessing with an emphasis on the Christian home in July. We also enjoyed the Kings Envoy Choir in June and a performance of "Celebrate Life" in August.

Joseph Gilmore, our minister of music, and his brother and sister

were in charge of the morning worship in a special time of musical presentation and Christian witness on Joe's last Sunday with us. He has taken a position in Wichita, Kansas. A farewell meal was held that evening in honor of the Gilmores, and homemade ice cream topped off the dinner.

### ROSE HILL, Kansas

We have been blessed by the special meetings and groups we have had this year. Prayer meetings, special services with Larry and Miletta Kinser, attendance at the Win Arn Growth Seminar, and presiding as hosts for Area Rally have inspired us to new leading from the Lord.

It was our privilege to see and hear about the wonderful trip John and Betty Robinson enjoyed to Burundi. Our pastors, John and B. J. Penrose, returned from Pastor's Retreat with many blessings. Our pastors are instruments of God, faithful and dedicated to the working of the Holy Spirit.

### ROSEMERE

#### Vancouver, Washington

Because of the difficulty of getting enough teachers at one time in the same place, our Christian Education Committee decided to try a back yard Bible school. It turned out really well. Several people hosted a Bible school in their back yard with one or two helpers. The average attendance for each of the Bible schools was 20. The Lord really blessed us in many ways. For one we had beautiful weather all week for it.

We also felt the Lord really blessed us with a new carpet for the church. We started raising the funds in February, and by Mother's Day the carpet had been paid for and laid. Praise the Lord!

### SALEM FIRST, Ohio

Mike Eddy of Akron, Ohio, accepted a call to be our youth director and began his duties on August 1. He replaces Janet McLaughlin, who entered Wheaton College to work on her master's degree in Christian education. Mr. Eddy has had three years' work at Akron University and has taken Bible courses at an Akron Bible institute. He has had two years' experience as a club assistant for Young Life, two years as a counselor at Camp Carl, which is connected with Akron University.

Two different times Mike Eddy worked the Fort Lauderdale beaches endeavoring to win youth to Christ. He has had Navigator training, sings, and plays the guitar. His wife Natalie has traveled with college choral groups and church musical groups. The Eddys have become a fine asset to our ministry.

### SAN ANTONIO, Texas

Vacation Bible school was held in First Friends Church of San Antonio, Texas, June 16-20. With an enrollment of 10 children, the classes studied about biblical heroes and their relationship to our modern day. A program and open house closed the week of activity. We praise the Lord for VBS, the first one held for approximately 10 years here at First Friends Church.

### SPOKANE, Washington

Summer means a lot of various activities—camp, Yearly Meeting, vacation, an outing to the lake, vacation Bible school, and the church picnic, in all of which people in Spokane have been involved.

VBS was a little different this year. Rather than the traditional week or two of classes, we met each Tues-

day evening in August. Special guests were adults who specialize in children's worship. They presented songs, stories, puppets, and Bible magic.

The all-church picnic was held at a city park in late summer with lots of fun, food, and fellowship for everyone.

We are grateful to have Dwaine and Becky Williams in our fellowship again. After a year and a half of service in Vietnam, they have returned with many exciting stories and pictures to share. The best attraction is their nine-month-old Vietnamese daughter, Marcia.

We are also rejoicing with Mildred Brown in her appointment as president of the NWYM WMU. We know that it has many challenges and opportunities for her.

## SPRINGFIELD, Colorado

A recently sponsored church picnic brought us closer to God and His beautiful creation. Our worship service was held outdoors in the evening.

For the first time in several years, Springfield has charted growth in attendance and membership. This is the first time in 13 years that there has been growth in every area. We are praising God for the way He has worked among us this past year.

Our pastors, Lyle and Peggy Whiteman, have accepted a call for their fourth year here at Springfield.

The ladies of the church have a bazaar for this fall. They have invited ladies groups from other churches to join them in providing handmade items, which will be put on display for sale.

## SPRING GROVE Osawatomie, Kansas

Vacation Bible school was held the first week in June with the program following on Sunday. Eldon and Kay Kratz of Olathe, Kansas, joined us for Bible school with their "Sesame Street" puppets and their wooden friend, "Mr. Dudley."

Special guests for our 118th Homecoming Sunday were John and Betty Robinson, telling of their trip to Burundi, and the "Gospel Deacons" with special music. We were happy to have Ralph and Esther Choate, Ann and Leslie Lynn Fuqua with us on May 25.

## TOPEKA, Kansas

Topeka Friends Church and the City of Topeka as a whole had the very special treat of having the Singing Quakers in concert at Washburn University.

Early this spring, we joined with another local church for a fun evening of skating. A great time was had by all.

Our church hosted the Win Arn Church Growth Seminar for the Northeast Area, which was well attended and most helpful.

The Bellefontaine Teen Choir from Bellefontaine Friends Church, Ohio, included our church on their concert tour this year.

Pastor Don Crist has been sharing a series of sermons on "Little Giants from the Book of Acts" with us on Sunday mornings. Our vacation Bible school was held in the evening this year, and both teachers and students felt it was a refreshing change.

## TRINITY, Van Wert, Ohio

The play *Jairus* was presented by junior high and senior high Sunday school classes. The senior youth enjoyed the summer hayride for a change of activities.

Eight neighborhood Bible studies were started with an evangelistic theme. Thank the Lord for His work.

There were 15 teachers who successfully completed the teachers training courses, entitled "Teaching Techniques." Of these, seven received honorable mention.

Services this summer have been overflowing with the Holy Spirit leading many to obedience for the Lord. Sunday morning and evening worship services see many people at the altar of prayer without a message from our pastor.

## UNIVERSITY, Wichita, Kansas

The University Friends Church were honored to have as their guests Hezekiah Ngoya, presiding clerk, East Africa Yearly Meeting, and Joel Litu, who helped translate the first Bible into the Luhya vernacular, the weekend of July 13. These Friends from Kenya, Africa, shared in the service with us.

## URBANA, Ohio

Lee Thornburg, a former member of Urbana Friends Church, spoke to our congregation recently. Lee graduated from Friends Bible College in Haviland, Kansas, and was called into the ministry to preach the Word of God. He sang two special numbers, "Ship Ahoy" and "How Great Thou Art." Also, he sang a duet with his brother, Paul Thornburg, accompanied by his wife Patty on the piano.

A special number by the trio, Sue and Annabell Neor and Miss Lanich, was also heard. For his Scripture he preached from Hebrews 10:19-31, 37. His message was very inspiring and the Holy Spirit was evident. Lee and his family have left for his new pastorate in Friendship Friends Church in Hallowell, Kansas. We wish him Godspeed and are happy he was with us.

James Chess brought the message on the morning of July 13. We had our own "Believers Trio" bringing the special music.

In the evening service, a presentation was made by the "Gospel Inspirations Trio" from Mechanicsburg, Ohio. This was a gospel concert given under the direction of the Holy Spirit and was a blessing to all.

## WEST MANSFIELD, Ohio

On July 1 our new pastor, Jason H. Sherwood, and his wife, who is also a minister, came to minister to West Mansfield Friends. Mrs. Sherwood adds much to the service by her inspirational music in song, accordion, and organ. Jason Sherwood is a retired minister who has been "retreaded." He began his ministry to us with a very informative and inspiring Bible study on Wednesday night prayer meetings. Our former young pastor, Russel Berry, with his wife Cheri and infant son Phil took the pastorate at Columbus-Calvary church in Columbus, Ohio.

On July 5, the Sunday school had their annual picnic at The Scotts Park near Marysville, Ohio, where the families enjoyed swimming, recreation, and viewing the beautiful park following the bountiful picnic meal.

## WEST PARK, Cleveland, Ohio

A seven-week Sunday School Advance Contest was held, of which the end result was seven members added to the Sunday school roll. The winning team was honored by a potluck dinner and picnic.

We thank God for the inspirational help and messages shared through the faithful and dedicated messenger, Amos Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eash of Venezuela shared their work and experiences with us in a missionary prayer meeting.

We have been favored many times and rejoice in the blessings received in the ministry of Wm. and Lois Miller, who will be leaving for Spain.

Truly God is good! After much prayer, work, faith, and patience a youth center, "The Heart Shoppee," has been opened in our community, West 140th and San Diego.

June 22 was a farewell fellowship hour for our pastor and Mrs. Smith. It was held in the church basement. We wish to express our thanks and deep appreciation for the many faithful years (18) they have shared with us. We pray God's richest blessings upon them as they go forth to serve Him in various ways.

We also had another farewell fellowship hour at the end of June for our youth minister and wife, Dave and Cindy Aufrance, who are preparing to go to Hong Kong, China.

## BIRTHS

BARBOSA—A son, Daniel Joaquin, June 26, 1975, to David and Karyl Barbosa, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

BEESON—A son, Gregory, July 9, 1975, to Don and Mary Lou Beeson, Salem, Ohio.

BIEDIGER—A daughter, Janet Lynn, July 3, 1975, to Bob and Terri Biediger, Friendswood Friends, Texas.

BUTLER—To Arden and Joan Butler, a son, Dennis Andrew, May 22, 1974, Newberg, Oregon.

CARPENTER—A daughter, Michelle Renee, August 5, 1975, to Bruce and Donnetta Carpenter, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

CAUDILL—A daughter, Laurie Wielen, May 28, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. William Caudill, Radnor, Ohio.

CLINE—A daughter, Tiffany Renee, July 9, 1975, to Roger and JoAnn Cline, Lone Star Friends, Hugoton, Kansas.

COFFIN—A son, Brad Aaron, July 4, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Coffin, Springdale Friends, Leavenworth, Kansas.

DeWINE—A son, Michael Bradley, July 20, 1975, to Gary and Bonnie DeWine, Springfield, Ohio.

EDGINGTON—A son, Justin Lee, July 12, 1975, to Greg and Lynn Edgington, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

FALLT—A daughter, Sara Jordan, to Steve and Jan Fallt, June 21, 1975, Evangelical Friends, Omaha, Nebraska.

GREENMAN—A daughter, Jennifer Jo, to Ken and Barbara Greenman, Newberg, Oregon, June 14, 1975.

HARRIS—A daughter, Angela Renee, July 8, 1975, to Greg and Reta Harris, Middle River Friends, Iowa.

Last month we welcomed into our midst Rev. and Mrs. James Sherwood and daughter Jamie as our new pastor and family. Our prayers and support are with them, and we are trusting God for a rich fellowship and ministry as we work together.

## WOODLAND, Kamiah, Idaho

Our daily vacation Bible school was the week of June 9-13. There were 23 children enrolled in the beginners, primary, and junior classes with 19 of these having perfect attendance. A contest between the boys and girls resulted in an offering of \$28.79 being taken. This money will be used to help send some boys or girls who otherwise would be unable to attend the Bible camp at Alacca.

We were thrilled and greatly blessed to have the singing group from George Fox College, "Forever Trusting," come to our church and present their program on the evening of June 26.

# Friends record

HOWENSTINE—A daughter, Rebecca Lora, June 22, 1975, to Alan and Nancy Howenstine, Sebring, Ohio.

HUTCHINSON—A son, Emmitt Emmanuel, to Dale and Vicki Hutchinson of Rosemere Friends, Vancouver, Washington, February 19, 1975.

KESINGER—A son, Mark Alan, May 29, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kesinger, Springdale Friends, Leavenworth, Kansas.

KIRKWOOD — A daughter, Sherri Elaine, July 1, 1975, to Ivan and Carol Kirkwood, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

KNAPP—A daughter, Anna Christine, June 5, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. Estal Knapp, Springdale Friends, Leavenworth, Kansas.

LAMB—A son, Brenton Morgan, to Ed and Eileen Lamb of Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon, July 1, 1975.

MAGEE—To Bruce and Kathy Magee of Spokane, Washington, Friends, a daughter, Lisa Leanne, April 11, 1975.

MARMON — A daughter, Theresa, June 7, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marmon, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

McCRACKEN—A daughter, Juliana Le, to Dan and Jan McCracken, Newberg Friends, Oregon, July 18, 1975.

McDONALD—A daughter, Julianne, July 2, 1975, to John and Sherry McDonald, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

MURR—A daughter, Tricia Leigh, July 20, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. William Murr, Springdale Friends, Leavenworth, Kansas.

RAMBO — A daughter, Shannon Leigh, July 30, 1975, to Robert and Bonnie Rambo, Salem, Ohio.

ROSS—A son, Matthew James, to Eric and Jody Ross, Lynwood



Friends, Portland, Oregon, June 3, 1975.

SULLIVAN—A son, Eric Lee, June 3, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Sullivan, Springdale Friends, Leavenworth, Kansas.

WHITE—A son, John Ralph, June 5, 1975, to Phares and Karen White, Columbus, Ohio.

WILLIAMS — A daughter, Marcia Linh, adopted by Dwaine and Becky Williams of Spokane, Washington, Friends, May 22, 1975.

WILLIAMS—A son, Richard Lee, June 28, 1975, to Ron and Sandy Williams, Sebring, Ohio.

### MARRIAGES

ADKINS-TOTH. Greta Adkins and Mark Toth, July 12, 1975, Springfield Friends, Ohio.

BALES-WARNER. Donna Bales and Carl Warner, June 21, 1975, Alton, Kansas.

BONDONI-SMITH. Carolyn Bondoni and James Smith, March 1, 1975, Sebring, Ohio, Friends.

BOWEN-VERNON. Jane Bowen and Mark Vernon, August 1, 1975, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

CHAMBERS-JACKS. Diana Chambers and Tony Jacks, August 1, 1975, First Denver Friends, Colorado.

CHIVINGTON-MOTTINGER. Sandra Chivington and Richard Mottinger, July 19, 1975, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

CLAYPOOL-ROBESON. Esther Claypool and Thomas Robeson, June 7, 1975, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

DEMING-BIDDLE. Barbara Deming and Mike Biddle, July 12, 1975, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

GARROTT-DIMOS. Debbie Garrott and Frank Dimos, June 7, 1975, First Friends, Canton, Ohio.

HARDIE-CARREON. Shirley Hardie and Mario Carreon, July 18, 1975, formerly from First Friends, Salem, Ohio, Chicago, Illinois.

HASSON-WEMHOFF. Marva Hasson and Ken Wemhoff, June 28, 1975, Boise Friends, Idaho.

HEFFELFINGER - FRAZIER. Donna Heffelfinger and Michael Frazier, May 24, 1975, Lynwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

HOLLAND-THIRION. Janet Holland and John Thirion, June 6, 1975, Ontario Friends, Oregon.

JEFFREY - SNYDER. Robin Jeffrey and Richard Snyder, July 26, 1975, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

JEFFRIES-VORNHOLT. Juanita Jeffries and John Vornholt, May 16, 1975, First Friends, Canton, Ohio.

KAVANAUGH - POOLE. Betty Sue Kavanaugh and Donald Poole, May 24, 1975, Calvary Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

KIRCHEN-BRYANT. Cindy Kirchen and Patrick Bryant at Vancouver, Washington, June 7, 1975.

LEWIS-SPROAT. Barbara Lewis and Vernon Sproat, July 12, 1975, First Friends Church, Salem, Ohio.

LITTLEFIELD-THORNBURG. Divonna Littlefield and Randy Thornburg, July 26, 1975, Fowler Friends, Kansas.

MARMON-MORRIS. Sharon Marmon and Steven Morris, July 4, 1975, Calvary Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

MARSHALL-DeCAESAR. Gail Marshall and Martin DeCaesar, July 19, 1975, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

MILLER-DIVER. Cathy Miller and Kenneth Diver, June 13, 1975, Deerfield Friends, Ohio.

MILLER-HOLTON. Valerie Miller and Fred Holton, July 5, 1975, Boise Friends, Boise, Idaho.

MILLS-BOYD. Sharon Mills and Ralph Boyd, Jr., March 22, 1975, Smithfield, Ohio, Evangelical Friends Church.

MOONE-ROWE. Edna Moone and Gary Rowe, June 28, 1975, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

MOREAU-CARLSON. Kathleen Moreau and Roger Carlson, June 28, 1975, First Friends, Canton, Ohio.

OVERDORF - REBSTOCK. Paulette Overdorf and Raymond Rebstock, June 21, 1975, First Friends, Canton, Ohio.

PARKS-SANTEE. Judith Elaine Parks and Daniel Dean Santee, July 26, 1975, Damascus Friends, Ohio.

PIORKOWSKI-SAMPLES. Diana Piorkowski and Wayne Samples, March 28, 1975, West Park Friends, Cleveland, Ohio.

PUCKETT-CURTRIGHT. Paula Puckett and Larry Curtright, Boise Friends, Idaho, August 2, 1975.

RAMAKER-SLEEUWENHOEK. Sara Ramaker and Kendell Sleeuwenhoek, July 11, 1975, Northside Friends, Grinnell, Iowa.

ROLF-HUGHES. Yvonne Rolf and William Hughes, June 14, 1975, West Park Friends, Cleveland, Ohio.

ROLF-ROBERTO. Olga Rolf and Nick Roberto, July 4, 1975, West Park Friends, Cleveland, Ohio.

ROSE-ADKINS. Mary Rose and Curtis Adkins, July 3, 1975, West Park Friends, Cleveland, Ohio.

SHAVER - BRYANT. Linda Shaver and Michael Bryant, March 29, 1975, Calvary Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

SLACK-KEHRES. Cathy Slack and Gregg Kehres, July 19, 1975, Deerfield Friends, Ohio.

SMITH-BADDELEY. Christine Smith and Daniel Baddeley, March 8, 1975, Sebring, Ohio, Friends.

STROH-McMILLEN. Kim Stroh and Tim McMillen, July 12, 1975, Barberton Friends Church, Ohio.

THORNBURG-BOCK. Miriam Thornburg and Paul Bock, August 2, 1975, Haviland Friends, Kansas.

WALTER-CARREON. Deborah Walter and Rick Carreon, June 7, 1975, formerly from Salem First Friends, Salem, Ohio, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania.

WELLING-JONES. Joy Welling and Douglas R. Jones, June 21, 1975, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

WILLIAMS-HENRY. Zelma Williams and Isaac Henry, June 27, 1975, Trinity Friends, Van Wert, Ohio.

WOOD-DYCK. Margie Wood and Eric Dyck, July 5, 1975, Clements, Kansas.

### DEATHS

BEASLER—Harriet Ann Beasler, 98, of Chandler Friends, Oklahoma, April 2, 1975.

BINFORD—Dan Binford of University Friends Church, Wichita, Kansas, June 11, 1975.

BRAWDY—Jessie Brawdy of Springbrook Friends, Oregon, June 5, 1973.

BUTLER—Earl Butler of University Friends Church, Wichita, Kansas, July 12, 1975.

COPPOCK—Mary Coppock of Cherokee Friends Church, Cherokee, Oklahoma, May 12, 1975.

HANSEN—Henry Hansen, 84, West Park, Cleveland, Ohio, July 15, 1975.

HAY—Challous Hay, 79, of Spring Grove Friends, Osawatomie, Kansas, May 27, 1975.

HINSHAW—Kelsey E Hinshaw, 75, a minister, Newberg Friends, Oregon, August 3, 1975.

KENDALL — Ada Kendall, 87, of Haviland Friends, Kansas, June 30, 1975.

LANE—Ward Lane of Springbrook Friends, Oregon, February 26, 1974.

MONTGOMERY — Terry Lee Montgomery, 27, Grinnell, Iowa, July 11, 1975.

PETERS—Adah Wilma Peters, 80, of Springbrook Friends, Oregon, July 31, 1973.

PHILLIS—Lucy Phillis, Beloit, Ohio, July 14, 1975.

REYNOLDS—Maude Reynolds, 89, Rosemere Friends, Vancouver, Washington, June 18, 1975.

RITTER—Emerson Ritter, 82, Springfield, Ohio, May 27, 1975.

SALMANS—Mabel Salmans of University Friends Church, Wichita, Kansas, June 25, 1975.

SIPE—H. Mae Sipe, 77, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, June 24, 1975.

STEER—Ralph Steer, 74, Damascus, Ohio, July 26, 1975.

STOGSDILL—Rita Stogsdill of University Friends Church, Wichita, Kansas, June 30, 1975.

TAYLOR — Clyde Taylor, Salem, Ohio, June 14, 1975.

THOMPSON—Infant child of Steve and Bonnie Thompson, July 7, 1975, Cleveland, Ohio.

VALE—William P. Vale, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, July 3, 1975.

VANSCOYK—Blanche Vanscoyk of Miami Friends, Miami, Oklahoma, February 28, 1975.

WALLS—Nellie Walls, 75, Van Wert, Ohio, June 25, 1975.

WATSON—Clarence (Whitey) Watson, Beloit, Ohio, June 17, 1975.

WILLIAMS—Minnie Williams of Miami Friends, Oklahoma, April, 1975.

ZOELLNER—William F. Zoellner, 65, Huron, Ohio, June 7, 1975.

## Over the Teacup *Continued*

come out from the depths. They carry a bit of the fragrance and cool refreshing with them, for some of the richness found in the deep places makes for depth in character.

### CONFIDENCE

Little flower in the wood,  
I would thank you if I could  
For being here when I passed by,  
For looking up into the sky  
So trustfully.  
Little bird high in the tree,  
How very kind you are to me

To fly across the path I go  
Your beauty and your joy to show  
Ecstatically.

Little fern pressed in the wall,  
I marvel how you live at all  
Squeezed in so tightly in a hole;  
Your roots are anchored by your soul  
Contentedly.

Then in the path which must be trod,  
Should I not trust my way to God  
And like all nature fully trust?  
Ah, yes, I will, I know I must  
Unflinchingly.

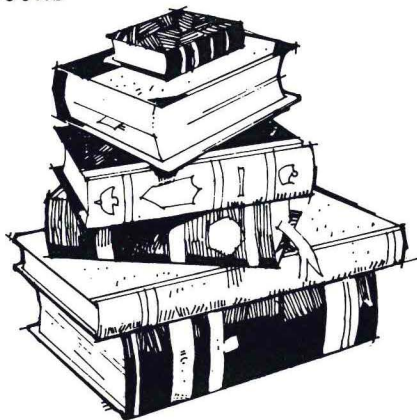
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A very concise and general history of Friends in America that touches on a few of the fundamental beliefs. The author mentions reasons for the early growth and expansion and the one major reason for the decline of Friends, which he believes was the practice of disowning those who married out of meeting.

He deals with the realization of Friends that slavery is a sin and the problem of dealing with this sin in love, whether it concerned their own members or those who were not Friends.

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The last chapters of the book concern activities of Baltimore Yearly Meeting—its work during the two world wars and later conflicts, the work of the American Friends Service Committee, and the philanthropy of its members and their missionary efforts.

Bliss Forbush is former executive secretary of Baltimore Yearly Meeting and author of three other Quaker books.

—F. C. Boots

*Suzanne Stewart, Divorced, Zondervan Publishing House, 224 pages, \$2.95.*

This is the personal story of a woman with three young children who was abandoned by her husband. Unprepared to cope with the practical problems of making a living for the family, she learns to trust the Lord in each step, getting a job, caring for her children, planning for the future.

Though the circumstances were often difficult, God's guidance was sure, and with His help and that of loyal friends she was able to improve her education

and grow from selfishness and insecurity into self-respect and adequacy. Her friend said, "Suzanne, I don't think any of us have ever seen God working in a person's life as clearly as in yours . . ."

—M. Minthorne

*David Haney, The Idea of the Laity, Zondervan Publishing House, 188 pages, paperback, \$1.25.*

This is one of the best books I have read on the ministry of the individual believer. The sections on the pastor and the role of the church are the best I have read. There is a good section on the use of small groups in the church and some stimulating suggestions for future church ministry. He presents the comparison of what "The church" is and could be and what he feels will be essential for future church growth and ministry.

An excellent book for every elder and anyone else listening and seeking insight for effective church life.

—Stanley Perisho

*Virginia F. Matson, A School for Peter, Creation House, Carol Stream, Illinois, 299 pages, \$5.95.*

Virginia Matson, a public school teacher, was called to see a very retarded little brother of one of her pupils. In compassion she promised the mother she would work with him and decide whether she could help him since she had had some experience with problem children.

There was improvement, and from time to time other children were brought for help. She gave up public school teach-

ing and with volunteer helpers organized her own school for "special children."

The State of Illinois was eventually willing to finance such schools, and Grove School came into being. After 16 years it is a haven of Christian love and care for 100 children whom no public institution will attempt to help.

Mrs. Matson's story is one of unusual commitment to the most hopeless and helpless of human beings. She has done postgraduate work and observed programs all over the U.S. and made seven trips to Europe to study innovations there and has incorporated many of them in her own school.

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—Carol Lee

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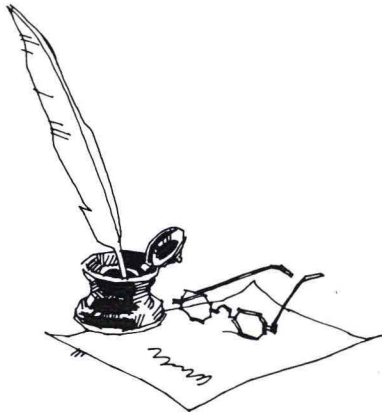
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### 'The tragedy of Vietnam'

This morning I have read for a second time Ralph Beebe's article in the June issue summarizing the tragic events of Vietnam in this generation. I want to congratulate you for having the courage to print this article which sets forth what may not be a popular view.

I believe that history will eventually demonstrate that Christians have sometimes greatly erred in aligning themselves with a particular political or social system instead of identifying with the spiritual and social needs of men everywhere under God. Just as American foreign policies may have sometimes played directly into Communistic strategy, so we as Christians can easily alienate men from Christ by our "rendering unto Caesar" at the expense of "rendering unto God."

ROGER L. WOOD

Canton, Ohio

Ralph Beebe, in his June article about the tragedy of Vietnam [On the Thirtieth of April in Seventy-five'], does an excellent job of condensing the long and complex history of a war that should never have been.

In 1969, a student in one of my composition classes traced the early history of Vietnamese politics in a long term paper. Although I have been a pacifist for many years, this student's paper convinced me that the Vietnam "conflict" was doubly immoral: not only because it was war, but also because the United States was acting out of the anticommunist (rather than pro independence) obsession that surfaced with the McCarthy hearings and never really died.

For me, the real tragedy is the general lack of Christian leadership, particularly as such leadership could help to identify a balance that tolerates varied governmental patterns at the same time holding

to principles that allow the dignity of God's highest creation to be maintained.

Beebe points out that Christians suffer when they are allied with the ruling class, especially when the ruling class is anti-independence (stalling or eliminating free elections, etc.). It should also be pointed out that Christianity as a movement suffers when its adherents act from erroneous political convictions that are incompatible with Christian teaching—double suffering, a double tragedy.

Looking back, I'm not quite sure why Christianity, especially the evangelical and fundamental segment, has identified itself so strongly with anticommunism, conservative politics, and imperialism. It's an especially disappointing trend among evangelical Quakers.

Now I have to wonder what next? What have we, Americans and Christians, learned from Vietnam? Will we Christians be able to identify the next issue clearly and early enough to be prophets and healers rather than "me-too" political pawns of a government that often reacts rather than acting?

I am challenged to keep informed and to pray. Again, thanks to Ralph Beebe for taking the time and having the courage to paint a clear, though unpleasant, picture.

KARA COLE

Portland, Oregon

### Philadelphia Quakers welcome Friends Bicentennial visitors

As the United States looks to its bicentennial, we in the Philadelphia area are concerned to provide hospitality to Friends who may be planning to visit here in 1976. Therefore, our Yearly Meeting extends an invitation to Friends generally—in this country and abroad—to come to Philadelphia and, if we know in advance, to the extent possible we will arrange lodging in homes of Friends, in our schools, colleges, campsites, or in sleeping bags in our Meeting House.

Lyle Tatum has been asked to coordinate our total plans for the bicentennial—including hospitality to Friends. Please feel encouraged to write him at 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102, if you would like us to arrange such lodging. In any event, if you do come to Philadelphia please make yourselves known at the Meeting House at Fourth and Arch Streets or at the new Friends Center at 1515 Cherry Street, so that you can be included in teas or other gatherings of Friends.

As Friends we have something to say about the birth of this nation—not the

actual Revolution to be sure, but because many Quaker concerns for civil and religious liberty found their way into the Constitution and Bill of Rights, especially through William Penn's Charter of Liberties, the frame of government for his "Holy Experiment." All of us know that for many segments in society generally the liberties we cherish have not been achieved, at least not fully. This is the real challenge of the bicentennial.

As many as fifty million people are expected to come to Philadelphia in 1976, according to official estimates. Many thousands of these will visit the Arch Street Meeting House, which is in the heart of the historic section of the city, a short distance from Independence Hall. It is hard to imagine a greater opportunity for Quaker outreach!

In a sense, therefore, we ask Friends from across the land to share the challenge and opportunity thus presented to all of us as Quakers. At the same time we want all Friends to know of our welcome if they come to Philadelphia and of our desire to offer Friendly hospitality.

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