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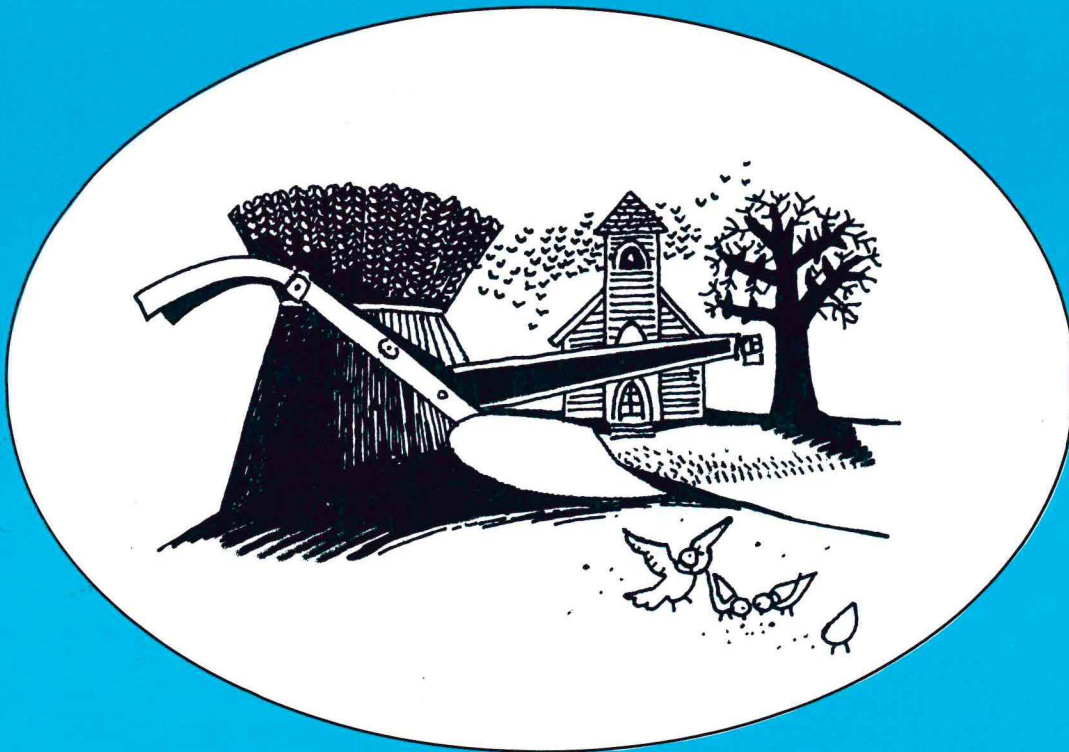
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Plowing the soil, scattering the seed, caring for "the least of these," reaping the ripened harvest—when is the church fulfilling its mission? Charles Mylander suggests some answers in the first of a series beginning on page 7. (Illustration by Stan and Shirley Putman.)

## Antecedents

Few articles published in the EVANGELICAL FRIEND have drawn the response—both written and oral—as did "Will the Real Ms. Christian Please Stand Up?" (October, 1975). Evidently, writers Kara Cole and Marjorie Weesner probed some nerve centers not hitherto touched. And not all readers were sensitive in the same place!

Rather than have another article related to the subject published immediately, we have chosen to print a number of responses from readers under our "Friends Write" section beginning on page 4. Responses such as these are always welcomed by us. We believe they add interest to our pages and that the publishing of them is a fulfillment of such a magazine—an open forum, a free press.

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Have you missed us? We hope so, for that would indicate you are regular readers of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND. As you may have already noted, it has been nearly two months since you last received an issue. Because of economic conditions and deadline problems, we chose to combine the December and January issues into one regular-sized edition. Neither of the problems prompting this decision are completely solved, but be assured we are working on both.

—H.T.A.

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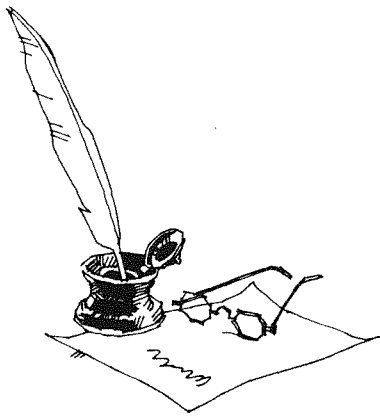
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## Should 'Ms. Christian' stand up or not?

A funny thing happened to me on the way to read the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*. My husband was studying *Faith and Practice* at the time, and as I sat down to read he said, "The Friends had ERA long ago. Listen: 'Friends recognized the fact that God has endowed each person with gifts or capacities which he is to develop and exercise to the extent of his ability. Each member has his duties and responsibilities varying in character according to his talents and the faithfulness with which he has cultivated them. All have equal rights and privileges in the consideration of the affairs of the body and in reaching conclusions as to courses of action. . . . Friends recognize no distinction in the rights, privileges, or responsibilities because of sex.'"

Then I read the Marjorie Weesner-Kara Cole article. I am thinking it is the best I have read on the subject. The sixth paragraph from the end evaluates many of the popular books as I do.

MILDRED RINARD

Long Beach, California

As I read the article concerning the submission of wives, the logic of the argument was apparent. The many places where this is mentioned in the Bible do not stand up to logical examination. It is also clear that other statements such as "turn the other cheek" are also illogical and somewhat dangerous. When someone steals our coat, it is not logical to give our cloak too and not even ask for it to be returned. The statement by Jesus, "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant," is also an illogical thought. Perhaps one of the least logical things told in the Bible is that a man died to pay for the trespasses of his enemies! Logic says, "Let each man pay the penalty for his own misdeeds."

But as I view the world about me filled with those who live by logic, there seem

to be few who are filled with love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, and meekness . . . and so I wonder: Could it be that God was smart enough to say just what He intended to? Could it be that the things He says are not suggestions but commandments? Could it be that we should trust in the Lord and lean not to our own understanding? Could it be that the foolishness of God is far wiser than the greatest wisdom of men? Could it be that Jesus would call us His Friends if we would do **WHATSOEVER** He commanded us to do?

HAROLD MAGEE

Zillah, Washington

I feel I must comment on the women's lib article in the October *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*. I note that it was written by two pillars of NWYM, holding titles of clerk of a yearly meeting body and corporate executive, Ph.D. and professor. Isn't it fortunate they overcame any discrimination when they rose to the top?

They reject verse hopping on the part of the chauvinists on page 6 and then resort to it themselves on page 8 by using Ephesians 5:21, 25-31. Doesn't seem equal to me.

I also must remind them that in their home congregations there are at least two recorded female pastors and 10 outstanding female unrecorded leaders, including themselves. It seems rather open to me.

I think there were some omissions in the article that tended to slant the view. Genesis 1:26-27 asserts the full humanity of woman. The account of her creation shows she is special and shows man's need for her help, her intimate relationship to him as a part of his inmost being, and the indissoluble nature of marriage. Though many Old Testament women were shadowy, subordinate figures, the patriarchal wives, Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel, were outstanding; likewise Moses' sister Miriam. In the period of the judges, Deborah exercised unusual leadership, and the Moabitess Ruth became a blessing to Israel. Hannah illustrates both the despair of a childless woman and the grace of godly motherhood. There were queens, good and bad, and evil women of lesser degrees frankly portrayed in the Bible.

The ancient world was a man's world. Such prominence as women obtained was achieved by force of character and sometimes by circumstances not of their seeking, as in the case of Esther.

The teaching of Jesus stressed the original nature of marriage, the obligation of purity toward woman. His example in healing (Matthew 9:18-26) and close fellowship (Luke 10:38-42) reinforced this demand for respect and purity. The Gospel of Luke is full of evidence of

Jesus' understanding of the sympathy with women that set a pattern for *normal* Christian living. Yes, godly women were influential in Jesus' life. Elizabeth, mother of His forerunner, the virgin Mary, Anna (Luke 2:36-38), the sinner of Luke 7:36-40, Mary Magdalene, Martha and Mary of Bethany, the women who accompanied the disciples on missionary journeys and who provided for them, women at the crucifixion, burial, and empty tomb. Between the ascension and Pentecost women joined the men in prayer. The disciples met in the house of Mary, mother of John Mark, in Jerusalem. Women were the first converts in Europe, including the prosperous businesswoman Lydia. Phoebe, a deaconess, and many other women are greeted by Paul in Romans 16.

But don't forget this: Paul sets high standards for the wives of church officers and for women in official positions (1 Timothy 3:11; Titus 2:3-5). Peter urges a subordinate but noble role for a married woman, and Paul urges a subordination of married women in the immoral atmosphere of Corinth after exalting her as a part of the church, the bride of Christ, in Ephesians 5:21-33.

I see the Bible saying yes, women were there in many roles, some great, some lesser. I also see a comment saying if women are going to get married, pick a husband at least as smart as you are so you can get loving counsel and guidance before you accidentally blurt something out that may be misunderstood.

Will the real Ms. Christian please sit down and join us in doing the Lord's work?

"Try always to be led along together by the Holy Spirit, and so be at peace with one another." (Ephesians 4:3 LB)

ROGER BUNGE

Portland, Oregon

I really enjoyed the October *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* . . . The cover picture is very well done, and Kara Cole and Marjorie Weesner's article is right on! Their remarks are my views, especially the thought that "to enjoy dominance or submission is to be less than human—less than the very special person that God created." Quakers should certainly be the first to recognize equality of the sexes. There, however, rests a great deal of responsibility on women to be worthy of the equality they desire.

Women are not always taught to cope independently with life (in the world I work in), and they actually must achieve above average in order to reach an average status. For instance, the director of finance and administration in our office is a woman, and not a particularly good administrator—gets too involved in emo-

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## Optimistic pessimism

The Pilgrims, as I hear them described, were a pessimistic people about almost everything except . . . the future. Today's optimists are excited about our past and busy about the present but dread the future. The contemporary optimist seems to have the slogan: "A breakthrough a day keeps the crisis at bay." (E. J. Schumacher, who is a professional economist and also a Christian. That is a rather rare combination, almost like finding a Christian bartender.) Today's pessimists, unfortunately, are the young people, and that is a terrible situation. Even Christian youth are saying they would prefer the rapture to a career. Maybe heaven is seen as the last frontier.

One poet puts it:

To whom can I speak today?  
The gentle man has perished,  
The violent man has access to everybody.  
To whom can I speak today?  
The iniquity that smites the land  
It has no end.

To whom can I speak today?  
There are no righteous men,  
The earth is surrendered to criminals.  
(From *The One and Only You*, Bruce Larson, p. 33)

This was written not in 1976 but supposedly about 4,000 years ago by an Egyptian contemplating suicide. So pes-

simism is nothing new; it's an old malady. It has little to do with our times.

The apostle Paul was a pessimist too; he had a melancholy view of his prospects for health and happiness, "even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace." (1 Corinthians 4:11) But Paul had a vision, a calling, a purpose, and a joy that, as a common characteristic of all early disciples, was an "uncappable" optimism. This paradox in perspective was possible because the disciples lived not in years but eternity. So do we. My anticipation for 1976 is less exciting than my confidence in the FUTURE.

Encircling the whole problem of living gives cause for exuberant optimism if we trust in the Lord. If we can learn to think like saints and act like believers and relate to others and to God as "friends," we are not merely escapists from rough and tough *buffetings* in a tension-filled and tight-scheduled existence; we also find faith and the future converging optimistically.

Thomas Aquinas, a great Christian saint who wrote a famous book long ago, pointed out the importance of starting out right. He learned the necessity not only of laying a good foundation for faith but also of holding the things of this present life loosely:

"Man was created to praise, reverence, and serve God our Lord, and by this means to save his soul. And the other things on the face of the earth were created for Man's sake, and in order to aid him in the prosecution of the end for which he [Man] was created."

He goes on to say in the most precise logic:

"From which it follows, that Man ought to make use of these other things *just so far* as they help him to attain his end, and that he ought to withdraw from them just so far as they hinder him."

This is a saint talking, not a businessman, a farmer, or a doctor. Of course, any of these three or of the rest of us, if we have any sense, says exactly the same as Aquinas. He first determines "What am I trying to do?" and then he uses the means of his environment and abilities (God-given too) just so far as it helps to do it, but he withdraws the moment he finds he is doing too much and it hinders him. So the logic is impeccable.

And so are the priorities. Back to the pessimistic Pilgrims once more, or especially the Penn-type Quakers—they had a clear, solid, trust in the rightness of God's truth and way. With this we too may push our way into the future with poise rather than panic. We must do it. It's no real problem to be an optimistic pessimist. —J.L.W.

## How to use body English

A few weeks ago, a Workshop for Non-violence was conducted by Friends in the Auburn (New York) prison for those wishing to attend. One of the speakers was Bernard Lafayette, a personal friend of Martin Luther King.

The night several years ago when Medgar Evers was murdered, Lafayette also was targeted for assassination. When his would-be killer approached him, Lafayette applied "nonviolent principles." "He beat me on the head with a .45, but I got up, brushed my clothes off and looked into his eyes. Soon his hands

trembled, his gun shook. Nonviolence training saved my life; I refused to lose my dignity; I kept looking right into his eyes, though blood was pouring from my head wound . . . ."

Then he explained further this technique: "We have to decide the quality of our lives while we are here. Men who have the courage to be violent can be effective in nonviolence . . . . It takes the same kind of thinking and ability . . . ." He also offered practical tips on what to do when face to face with violence: "If a person is going to attack," he said, "be

conscious of 'body English,' keep your hands at your side, don't touch the other person, even in a friendly manner, keep a distance between you and him, and don't take your eyes off his eyes." He added, "Eyes represent humanity; they can say, 'I'm not going to hurt you, but you're not going to reduce my dignity.'"

Just in case Christians run into these kinds of minority problems in 1976, we might start practicing the technique of being "peacemakers" in a personal way.

—J.L.W.

# Whatever is happening to abstinence as a part of the Christian way of life?

The age in which we live is frequently dissected and analyzed. Often our culture and homes are labeled as being permissive, and many of the old standards seem to be bombarded on every side until thoughtful Christians wonder what moral, ethical, or spiritual stereotype will be destroyed next. One stereotype that is badly battered is the one that Christians don't drink alcoholic beverages. But it really doesn't solve any problem to just have someone remind us that it is wrong to look at one outward behavior problem and judge people. We all know that God called us to be "lovers" and not to be "judgers."

We live in a day in which drinking is romanticized, glamorized by the entertainment media as well as by advertising. The *Christian Science Monitor* released a report recently showing that in 250 hours of television viewing there were scenes involving hard liquor 507 times, 10 times more frequently than soft drinks, in spite of the fact that in real life soft drinks are consumed 16 times more frequently than liquor.

Besides, the distilled spirits industry (not to mention the beer and wine industries besides) last year spent \$204 million on advertising in magazines, newspapers, and billboards.

When 80 percent of the TV shows have drinking scenes, it is pretty difficult not to begin to believe that *everyone is doing it*.

There are some guidelines, however, that might help us if we wish to make a significant impact upon this custom that is such a great factor in the ruining of lives, careers, homes, and so many of the values of society and, in particular, of the church.

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First, let's remind ourselves that *abstinence* is always a *negative* in and of itself. Abstinence is *not* doing something. It cannot be positive. Abstinence is not a way of meeting needs. It is not a substitute for drinking. Abstinence has value only when the motivation for abstaining is linked with something that is exciting and rewarding. It might be that one is "turned on" to Jesus Christ—so excited over what Christ is doing in one's life that one doesn't need a *liquid crutch*! It is indeed life changing when one grasps, as Major Ian Thomas puts it, that "Christ came not to save man from hell but to get God out of heaven into man!" Other substitutes or alternatives to drinking for feeling good about oneself might include such as getting to know people, mental-spiritual growth programs, recreation, valuing, hobbies, building a healthy ego, relaxing, and learning to enjoy fun! (This is not meant to exhaust all the possibilities!)

You see, abstinence is a tragically negative thing if one becomes super-righteous and looks down, like the Pharisees, on any who do not come up to his standard of righteousness or performance.

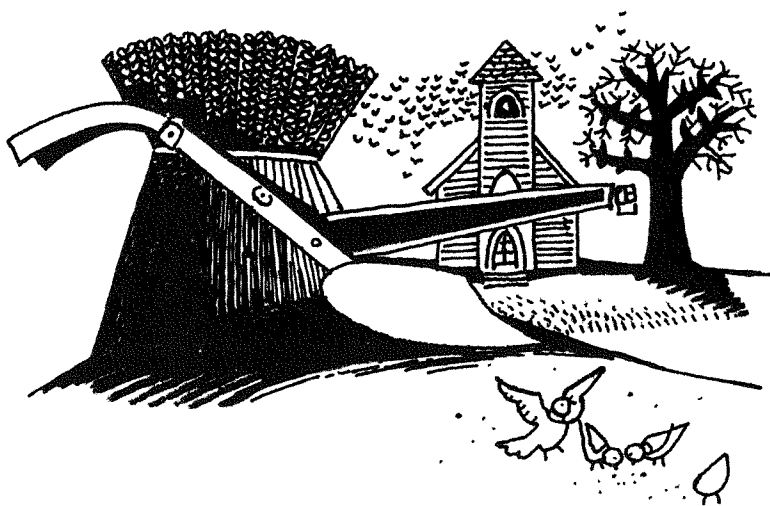
Second, we should become increasingly aware that we live in a drug-oriented society. We are just now beginning to be aware of the excesses to which some drug companies have gone to "push" drugs at us. It is easy to become a pill popper and to assume that pills solve problems. At best, the pills give surcease from pain or discomfort while a doctor or other professional helps us get at the condition that brought on the need for aid.

Third, if we really want to become a part of a movement to reduce the use of alcohol, then we must begin to see that alcohol use and abuse are really related to many other kinds of destructive behaviors. The same pressures, frustrations, and anxieties that push one person toward alcohol may cause someone else to try to control his or her environment by nibbling away at food. I can compulsively eat and make myself feel better about my problems, and that is not unlike the person who compulsively drinks for the same reason. Or I may become a workaholic (work-addict)—compulsively driving myself to achieve or to make more money or to be busily spinning wheels and meshing gears—reminding the good Lord that I am doing all this for Him. Don't you see, then I can tell myself that I am doing all these good things for my family or for the church or for the Lord—even though the devastating pace of my work destroys my relationship with all these.

Fourth, another great tragedy often involved in the use of alcohol-drugs for problem solving is the fact that so many people have arrested their emotional growth when they start using the drinks-drugs as their coping mechanisms. A person can limit his/her ability to grow, to learn, to adjust—if the chemical solutions are sought often enough. We limit ourselves and we limit what God wants to do for us when we turn to the short-term solution through the bottle or pills.

To summarize and restate my point is to underline the fact that I think abstinence is being neglected and undersold as a great and viable part of Christian living and commitment. The poorest friend to *abstinence* has often been its advocate because of the tendency to lift *drinking* up as a sign of not being a Christian and lifting up *abstinence* as though that is a positive evidence of being a Christian.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy, well-known United Methodist leader, loved to tell the story of the little old lady who got up in prayer meeting and said: "I think young people ought to do what is right and they ought to be made to do it willingly!" No one would ever question the integrity of her motives or that her spirit was intrepid, to say the least. But it brings sharply into focus the question of determining how we can perpetuate *abstinence* as a part of the happy Christian life. □



# When is the church fulfilling its mission?

BY CHARLES MYLANDER

As His own Body, Jesus Christ wants His Church in the bloom of health. He desires all of its systems to function effectively. He wills that every part operate in good working order. What's more, He has left specific guidance available from the Head of the Body through the Holy Spirit and the written Word.

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The controversy today swirls about what the Body should be doing. What are the priorities for the church? Is the exclusive mission of the church to be evangelism and church growth or a healing influence in the community in caring for the brokenhearted, the bruised, the poor?

Consider the systems of the human body as an analogy that illustrates the relationship. Compare the evangelism/church growth people to the reproductive system. They concern themselves with the processes that produce new life, new Christians, new congregations. They rightly point out that without constant reproduction the Christian race faces

extinction within one generation. Then compare the service/social action people to the nervous system. With great sensitivity they alert the Body to feel the ache of those in distress. Their compassion extends beyond the Body itself to people on the outside caught in the throes of despair.

If the systems did not have a mutual Head, they could accuse each other of perverting the real purpose for which the Body exists. But since one Head, even our Lord Jesus Christ, gives orders to His Church, then clear directions for our purposes come from Him.

The church fulfills its mission when in trusting faith it gives Spirit-controlled obedience to the mandates in the Bible. Through Scripture Christ communicates the unchanging commands under which His people walk in obedience—or lack of it. Through the personal ministry of the Holy Spirit He gives guidance to the church in applying the Bible's directives in today's world. Friends have taught from their beginnings that the leading of the Holy Spirit never contradicts the very Scripture He inspired. Evangelical Friends agree here.

But we often disagree about which commands receive priority. Some stress evangelism, others emphasize social concerns, and still others place stress on the relational implications of the Gospel. Part of the genius of early Friends lies in their scriptural balance of several of Christ's priorities. George Fox and his Valiant 60 engaged in aggressive street preaching and personal evangelism. Within a 40-year period they reaped a harvest of some 50,000 converts. Yet both a personal devotion to Christ and a sensitive social conscience were explicit in their proclamation of the Gospel. In the midst of persecution their love for one another often moved even their opponents to marvel. Note the ingredients: (1) aggressive evangelism, (2) deep love for Christ, (3) a wholehearted commitment to one another, and (4) a sensitive social conscience. Most of the commands of Scripture fall into one of these four categories. Let us consider each of the four in the order of its priority as I understand it from the Bible.

## THE GREAT COMMISSION: PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

The first set of orders comes from the lips of Jesus just before His ascension. It forms the climax of the Gospels and the starting point for the Acts of the Apostles. Its position in Jesus' ministry strongly suggests that our Lord himself considered it His supreme mandate (Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46-48, John 20:21, Acts 1:8). Evangelical Friends must continue their missions thrust in proclaiming Christ to other ethnic groups of the earth. Christ himself comprises the





message, since forgiveness of sins and eternal life come only by Him. Furthermore, He holds all the power and authority for extending His kingdom. The church participates with Him in fulfilling its mission.

Friends must never fall into the trap of thinking that preaching and witnessing alone will fulfill the *great commission*. The central goal to which these activities contribute is "make disciples" according to Matthew's version. Preaching, witnessing, sending, going, teaching, etc. serve as means to that end. When fully obeyed, the great commission will result in regenerated Christians and in the planting of congregations among every nation, language, people, tribe, and kinship group.

Evangelical Friends need to implement their successful church-planting efforts on the mission fields here in the United States. We have crossed international boundaries but often stopped at the ethnic barriers within our own country. In addition, spinning off new Friends churches from our present ones remains an urgent need among our own kinds of people.

No one denies that one's love for the Lord directly influences his desire to spread the Gospel. In response to God's love the Lord calls for wholehearted commitment.



#### THE GREAT COMMANDMENT: LOVE WITHOUT RESERVATION

The second set of marching orders concerns absolute loyalty to the commander. It speaks of the vertical relationship between the Lord and His people.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your

soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37 NASB)

God demands more than sentimentalism, even more than sincerity. He calls for a heart set upon doing the Father's will. The greater the love for God in a church, the more it possesses deep meaning and high morale, which in turn lead to wide expansion.

The final two mandates suggest the horizontal expression of love.

#### THE GREAT COMMITMENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

One of the repeated themes of Scripture dances on the joyous idea of the love Christians show other members of God's family (John 13:34:35, 15:12, 15:17, 1 Thessalonians 4:9, Hebrews 13:1, 1 Peter 1:22, 1 John 3:16). Jesus called it a *new commandment* and put it on a par with the ten.

Showing love to other Christians takes on countless forms. One Friends church finds prayer for each other a basic commitment of love. The entire congregation was given the opportunity to sign up for a simple discipline following a sermon series on prayer. Most of the families responded to the request to pray for one or two other families daily for a year.



Some of the groups meet by family units for meals or outings. Others talk over prayer requests at church. But all pray for their prayer partners by name day after day. After six months, one group reported 162 pounds of weight lost, three people accepting Christ, and numerous family and personal problems aided. But love does not limit itself to other Christians alone. Its concern reaches to all the relationships of life.

#### THE GREAT CONCERN: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR . . . AND YOUR ENEMY

The fourth and final mandate differs from the *great commitment* in that it calls for love and holy living expressed in the *world outside* of Christ. The *great concern* captures both the ethical imperative in Scripture and the call for justice and righteousness. It includes both personal and social ethics. It also applies to all the Bible says about man's relationship to the created order, from ecology to social institutions. The great concern

pertains to how Christians live in the world. It touches both their individual behavior and their corporate influence (Matthew 22:39, Genesis 1:28, Amos 5:24, Colossians 1:10, Matthew 5:43-44).

While some denominations try to exercise corporate power on governments through statements and political lobbies, evangelical Friends have approached the task in another way. In our history, the meeting gives support to the member with a "concern" for action or a protest against war, slavery, prison conditions, starvation, or other wrongs. Those who agree with the concern rally around the individual and together they do what they can. While sometimes leading to embarrassment for other Friends, our policy has produced an impact on America's social history all out of proportion to our small size.

Coupled with a sensitive conscience for social justice, evangelical Friends continue to emphasize a personal devotional life with Christ. In tune with personal ministry of the Holy Spirit, various individuals receive guidance in applying the Bible's directive to specific situations. With interaction of the varied members of the meeting, the proper balance and emphasis of the great concern comes into focus.

The church fulfills its mission when it lives in faith and obedience to all four mandates from its Lord. Quite naturally the situation at hand changes the specific methods that a church employs. One group of Friends finds itself surrounded with new residents looking for friends and wholesome activities for its children. These Friends respond by planting a new church with aggressive evangelism and a ministry to families. Another Friends church finds itself in a neighborhood in the process of ethnic change with much suspicion and distrust. They find themselves ministering cross-culturally with tangible expressions of love. As they win the right to be heard, they share the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ for both this life and the one to come.

One word of caution seems wise. In our complex times Friends must beware of canceling out the concerns of other members of the church. Those who hold a passion for evangelism and church growth need to band people and resources together for the task. Those who feel the Spirit's urge to minister to the physical and social needs of others must take action. But let each group recognize the Lord's commands for the other's activities as well as their own. Let us move ahead with mutual support rather than suppressed distrust. Let us check the validity of our efforts by the Bible's mandates and the Spirit's leading, then step out in faith and confidence. □

*In these days when  
critical attitudes  
prevail, here is  
one person's heartfelt  
appreciation for . . .*

# The pastor

BY JEAN SHIRKEY  
West Park Friends Church  
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*Jean Shirkey has been a Christian 11 years, is a Sunday school teacher, a primary church director, and a member of the Christian Education Committee. Her heartfelt expression of appreciation for her pastors is shared partially because "pastors are sometimes taken for granted and perhaps don't realize how much a part of our lives they are."*

He really didn't look at all like a minister was supposed to look, or so I thought the first time I saw him. It was the summer of 1961, the week of vacation Bible school. At the urgings of a dear Catholic neighbor, I took a little girl age seven and a little boy age three by the hand and marched the block to West Park Friends Church. Standing on the steps of that little old church, we saw this man wearing baggy pants, an old plaid shirt, and working with handcraft of some sort.

Never having known a "Friend," Friends history or beliefs, I asked almost defiantly, "Do you let just anybody come to your church?" This was the first time but not the last I was to see him startled by one of my questions. He replied, "Why, of course. Happy to have you. Come meet the director. I'm the pastor, Earl Smith. Do you live in the neighborhood?" That was the start of a relationship I will treasure always. He was and is a special person. The first impression one receives from this man is his sincere kindness and his joy of living. I've learned since, Pastor and Mrs. Smith set the tone for the people, and they truly were good examples to follow.

Soon the children and I were in Sunday school. Paula and Jeff loved it. Sometimes John, my husband, would go with us, or come later for worship service.

Pastor Smith taught my Sunday school class; we were a small group at that time, perhaps 11, but it soon grew. I'm sure there were many times he wished I'd stayed home. Oh, the questions I asked! But he was patient, loving, and always straight in his answers.

Then I began to feel uncomfortable when Pastor Smith gave the invitation to receive Christ at the end of worship service. People were praying for me, and God was surely a tuggin' at me. Finally, on April 5, 1964, I literally ran down the aisle to kneel at the altar and asked God to forgive me, love me, and help me be a better wife, mother, and daughter. Who was happier, Pastor Smith, I, or the friend who went with me? It would be hard to say.

Then, home to tell my husband! I was nervous. He's a kind man, but this was going to change all our lives, so how would he take it? Just great! He had really expected it.

Our lives did change. Our daughter was taking piano lessons from Mrs. Smith; I was secretary for our class, and then became a helper in Bible school. Pastor and Mrs. Smith saw more abilities and had more confidence in me than I did. Soon I was involved! During this time John was coming more often to the services, and Pastor Smith was praying and *loving* him into the kingdom. After many battles, one Sunday in January

1965 he slipped into church and without my knowing sat in the back.

When the invitation was given and Pastor Smith poured out his heart in prayer, John left his seat and walked so slowly, "the longest walk of his life," to the altar. With tears pouring down his face, Pastor Smith said, "Come on, John; God and I are waiting." When John walked by my seat, I had to sit down for a minute. Soon, with tears of thanksgiving I went to kneel by my "new" husband. Who was happier? Pastor Smith, John, or I? Then God made life even more complete, because soon after that both our children accepted Christ.

We became even more involved with church and the Smiths. Mrs. Smith now gave Jeff piano lessons, and she and I worked together in children's services, then in Christian education, and always vacation Bible school. VBS is very special with me.

The pastor and I were workers together for many years. Of course we didn't always agree on all things, but he was always agreeable when we disagreed. If I didn't always follow his example, it certainly wasn't his fault. He tried to be fair with all of us.

This man's compassion and depth of feeling are amazing. I've seen him deal with the sick, the grieving, the troubled and always give something of himself doing it. He was concerned, he cared, and he hurt when we, his people, did. When my mother died in January of this year and we were at a distant town, he tried to trace me by phone at the funeral home to share my grief. I'll always be sorry I missed that call. But when we were home again, the Smiths came, giving love and sympathy.

No one can forget the prayers of this man. He touched God and you felt reassured. You knew God had heard and would answer. He never entered our home, no matter how short the visit, without prayer before leaving. And sing! When Pastor Smith sings you feel it in your soul.

Our children have lovely memories of camp, Bible school, anything in which he was involved. He loved life and them and they knew it.

For 18 years he was our pastor at West Park Friends Church, Cleveland, Ohio. He and his wife accomplished great things; they gave us so much, and I hope we gave them something in return. They left us in June of this year.

I write this because the pastor is sometimes taken for granted and perhaps doesn't really realize how much a part of our lives he is. He is our leader, our friend, our confidant, our guide under Jesus Christ. I want all our pastors to know how very much they mean to us, and why this particular one is special. □

*If you wish to win  
your neighbors . . .*

# Build a bridge of friendship

BY MARJORIE STEWART

How many families in your neighborhood attend church—any church?

According to a recent Gallup Poll the national average for church attendance is about 42 percent. This includes all churches, not just Protestant and Catholic, but the Eastern religions and the cults as well.

In our own neighborhood the percentage is even lower. Nine families live on our road, and only two besides us make any pretense at church attendance.

Why aren't more people attending church today—especially at a time when there seems to be a religious revival spreading throughout our country?

Self-proclaimed atheists and agnostics are becoming harder to find. More and more people talk about spiritual ideas and values. And some religious books are selling faster than secular volumes, while many magazines have at least one article related to religion.

Running parallel is the unlimited variety of ways being used to witness to men and women.

As I walk through our university district, I am handed a tract by one of three middle-aged men who seem to have taken up residence on a busy corner. And if I retrace my steps 10 minutes later, I am handed another tract, usually with an admonition to seek the Lord.

On campus a young man known as Josh lectures about prophecy at a meeting for students. The university daily reports it without comment or criticism.

A radio station plays continuous secular music, stopping only for station breaks, the news, a few advertisements, and an occasional catchy and well-written announcement that God cares about the person with problems. These

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*Marjorie Stewart, a member of the Assembly of God denomination, actively practices at her home in Bothell, Washington, what she suggests in this article. Copyright 1971 by The Christian Century Foundation. Reprinted by permission from the September 29, 1971, issue of The Christian Century.*

announcements include a phone number for the listener to call if he or she needs help.

A gas station puts up a sign telling all passersby that "we believe in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost." Along main arterials throughout the city, some billboards read, "Another Billboard for Jesus."

A group of people get together to operate a restaurant that features Christian entertainment.

Both through long-established methods and through exciting innovations, men and women are being confronted with the Gospel.

A few people do experience "on-the-spot" salvation. Two young men witnessed to a friend of mine on a cross-country bus ride some years ago. She had never met them before and has not seen them since, but today she is living a life committed to Jesus Christ and is actively involved in an evangelistic church as a result of that encounter.

While all the above methods are worthwhile and needed, many people require something more than just a one-time confrontation.

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Paul told the Corinthian Christians that although he planted the seed of the Gospel in their lives, Apollos had watered. But even more important, it is God who giveth the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6).

In our gospel-jaded America, many must not only be ministered to by several individual Christians but also need a personal, on-going friendship with a Christian before they are ready to consider a commitment. This can be likened to building bridges between Christians and non-Christians.

Dr. Donald Marvin Borchert, associate professor of philosophy at Ohio University, tells of a young Oriental woman who received a scholarship to study at one of our country's Christian colleges. She was a highly intelligent person, but not a Christian. Consequently there was much speculation among the students as to who would argue her into believing in Christianity.

When she did become a Christian, it was not one of the campus intellectuals who led her to Christ, but an unassuming little coed.

The new convert, when asked what argument the coed used to win her, replied: "She did not use arguments. She built a bridge from her heart to mine, and Christ walked over it."

If we can believe the polls, we must face the reality that less than half our population is receiving any consistent exposure to the Gospel. Christians are still in the minority.

This is reason enough to break out of our sheltered existence and become acquainted with our neighbors.

As I have spoken to groups and asked them, "When was the last time you were inside your neighbor's house?" the reaction has been interesting. The expressions on their faces betrayed the truth.

We have in reality entered a twentieth century monastic life. All too often our existence outside of employment and education consists primarily of church-related activities. Not only is our worship in the church, but our banquets and our evenings away from home, our basketball games and golf tournaments are all either within the confines of the church building or with fellow Christians.

We tend to excuse this separateness by talking about how society has changed and how people don't want others dropping in on them these days.

Yet as I search the Gospels for a precedent in Jesus' life, I do not find that He narrowed His contacts to just those who readily agreed with Him, or even to the religious community. In Matthew 9:10-13 I find my Lord eating a meal with publicans and sinners. When the self-righteous Pharisees saw this, they crowded around Jesus' disciples and scornfully asked, "Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?"

Jesus overheard this. Before the frustrated disciples could answer, He replied with a sharpness that must have pierced the Pharisees to the marrow. He said: "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. . . . I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

And that is why He, who was God in the flesh, was eating with sinners. Jesus was showing us how to build bridges.

He also built a bridge to walk across into Zaccheus' life.

Zaccheus was a curious little man. He had no doubt heard many stories of spectacular events surrounding Jesus, so he swallowed his pride and climbed a tree in order to peer over the heads of the crowd.

But just looking at Jesus would have done little for Zaccheus. Jesus knew He needed to establish a relationship. So He called Zaccheus to come down. Jesus even invited himself to be a guest in Zaccheus' home. The Scripture relates



that Zaccheus "made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully." (Luke 19:6)

In the past year I have purposely visited in a number of homes, determined to build bridges. Without exception I have felt a warm gratitude in my hostess for the short time spent together.

But let me add quickly that both the wisdom and the gentleness of the Holy Spirit must guide the Christian in visiting neighbors. It would accomplish no good at all to intrude unwanted. If you are unsure of a welcome, it would be best to invite that neighbor to your home first.

If we are alert, we can often find beautiful reasons to make a visit and begin establishing a relationship—like calling on the young couple with a new baby. They could not resent your bringing a small gift. Or a plate of cookies for the family moving in down the street.

Do you raise flowers or vegetables? Have you ever shared them with that neighbor with whom you have only a waving acquaintance?

A neighborhood coffee in your home will open many neighbors' doors. Proverbs 18:24 tells us: "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly."

Some months ago I was having tea with a neighbor when she began to relate her fears about raising her two small sons in the troubled world of today. I agreed with her that it is a frightening task and shared how God's Word had guided me in raising my own children. This conversation provided an opportunity to invite her to a home Bible study, and she quickly accepted.

She came to the study and soon was one of our most enthusiastic members. It wasn't long until she brought another neighbor.

But one day she said to me, "Do you remember when I first started coming that I left myself a way out? I made all kinds of excuses like 'I'll try it,' and, 'If the boys get along with the baby-sitter,' and so on." But she went on to say that because of our friendship she had kept coming and now she would not miss the weekly study for anything.

"Because of our friendship" she was opening her heart and mind to God's Word every week, something she had not done in many years. And I began to understand what it takes to build a bridge for the Lord.

Our neighbors are looking for friendship from us. But friendship requires involvement, and involvement requires time and energy and sometimes money.

Are we willing to invest all this to build that bridge so Jesus Christ can walk across into a neighbor's life? □

## The Children's Page

# Ideas for gift getters and gift givers

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

Are you 9-12 years old, with a birthday coming up real soon? Or, are you a mother, an aunt, or a grandfather who is wondering what gift to get for the 9-12 year old boy or girl in your life who has a birthday before long? Or, do you have a friend about that age who needs a birthday or a get-well gift right now?

You don't need to worry any more! Here are two ideas for gifts to give (or to receive) that you can get as quickly as you can make a trip to your nearest Christian bookstore: *City-kid Farmer*, by Jeanette Gilge, and *Turkey Red*, written by Esther Loewen Vogt. Both of these books are published by David C. Cook, and the paperback editions cost \$1.25 each.

*City-kid Farmer*, the first-place winner in last year's children's book contest, follows Mark, his brother Randy, sister Beth, and their parents as they leave their nice city home for their new home in the country.

"Mark walked in behind the others. A big brown heater-stove, taking up more than its share of the room, stood across from the door. A shortening can

with murky water in it stood on top of the stove—to put moisture in the air, he supposed. The air was heavy with an oily smell he traced to the stove.

"Back came the lump in his throat. He couldn't live here. He just couldn't."

But he did! It wasn't easy, though, and life in Uncle Ruben's cabin by the lake was lots different than anything Mark had known before. A boy named Kurt, a sick baby, a tractor accident, a calf named Nola, the Fair, Aunt Marie, Uncle Ruben and cousins Jeff and Lou Ann helped the city-kid farmer to learn more than he had ever thought possible.

But what about God? Was He really there, Mark wondered! Read *City-kid Farmer* to find out the unexpected way everything worked together.

Kansas—1877: the place and the year that provide the setting for the story of Martha Friesen and her family in *Turkey Red*, the book that received honorable mention in last year's children's book contest sponsored by the David C. Cook Publishing Company.

The Friesens had come to America to get away from persecution in their native land, Russia. But life here was different;

there were many new things. Rattlesnakes, Indians, friends who were not of the same religious faith, a prairie fire, a tornado, and their own Turkey Red seed made life interesting for young Martha and her family.

Jake did not look at life in America in the same way that his sister Martha saw it. He decided it was all for nothing and then made his own decision as to how the matter should be settled.

"Mama shook her wispy-haired head stonily. 'Eee, this country is all so new, and there is much to learn. . . . But we will pray. Our dear heavenly Father will bring Jacob back to us. We must believe that.'"

"Martha was silent. . . . Jake was a friend, a wise older brother who liked to tease and tell stories. But since the tornado Jake hadn't been the same. She would miss him most of all."

Lots of questions remained unanswered through sickness and exciting adventures that included a conversation with the President of the United States. Then, a cold winter blizzard provided answers that Martha had not expected. □



# MEETING LIFE'S CRISES

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

## JENI REBECCA

BY SANDI WRIGHT

Sunday, October 27, 1974, is a day that Ralph and I will never forget! That day marked the birth of our first child—Jenifer Rebecca. Jeni was a very healthy baby—she came into this world weighing over 9½ pounds.

Ralph and I were so ecstatic and so thankful that the Lord had given us such a beautiful, healthy child. In the recovery room, as I was holding her, we both prayed and dedicated Jeni to Him.

During the weeks after her birth Jeni grew and was a very happy baby. She brought joy and happiness to many people. It seems our love for her grew daily. Exactly one week after her six-week checkup, Jeni became sick during the night—we thought it was the flu and at first were not alarmed. But since she wasn't responding to her feedings and was so fussy, we called the doctor the next morning and took her to see him. We were both shocked to hear our pediatrician say to us, "Rush her to the hospital and don't waste any time."

All the way to the hospital we cried and prayed to God to help our baby. For the next 18 hours many specialists and nurses worked on Jeni, doing tests, transfusions, and two operations. She had developed a serious form of Hemophilic Influenza (a rare type of spinal meningitis) and her chances of recovery were

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*Ralph is manager of the KWAL Paint Store in the Denver area. This article was written before the arrival of their second child, born October 30, 1975.*

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very slim. During the long wait at the hospital, both Ralph and I were kind of numb to what was happening—and yet, when we look back on it, there was a sense of strength we felt from our many friends and relatives, from our pastors and those who formed the prayer chains, and especially from God. One of our pastors stayed with us at the hospital the whole time, and many friends called us or came up to see us during that long wait.

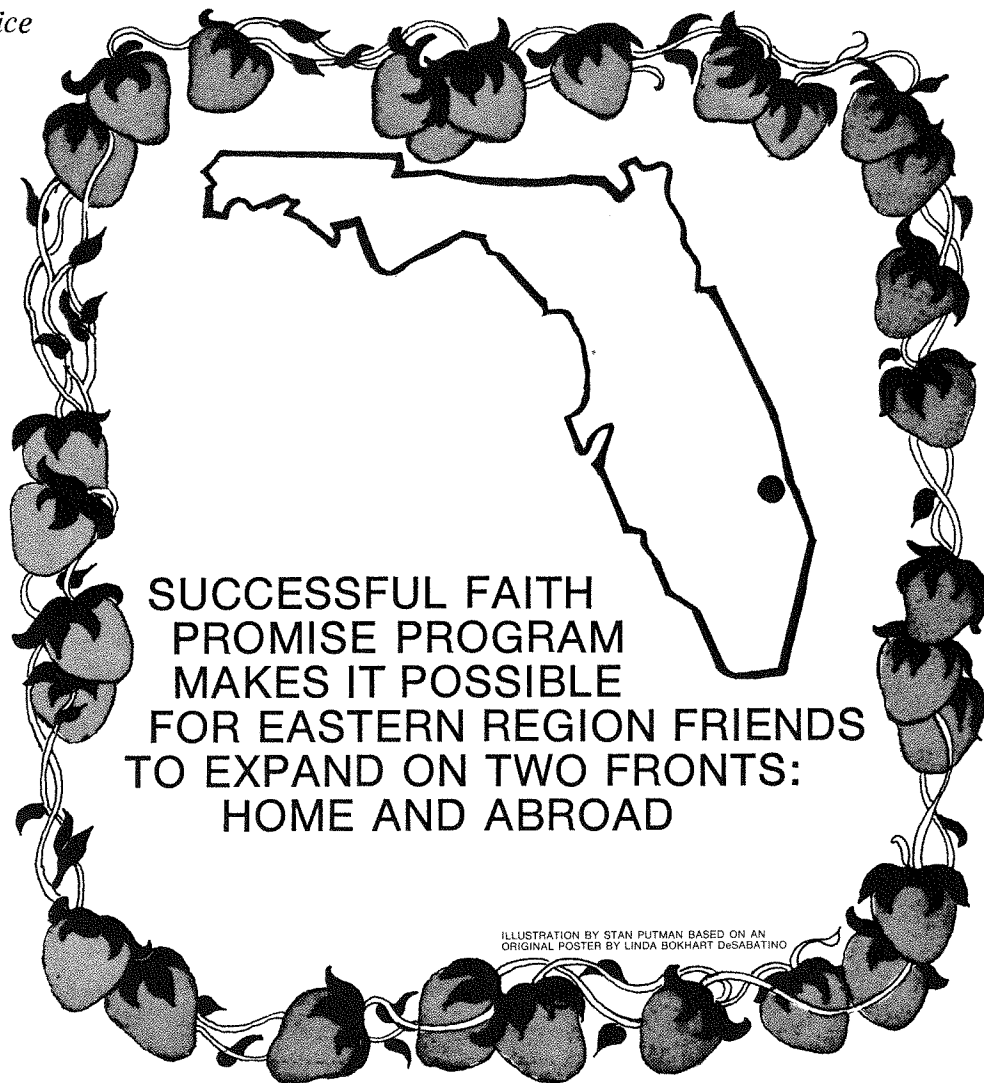
When Jeni finally died at 4:00 a.m., Saturday, December 21, we felt very helpless and alone. Right then, our pastor prayed for us, and a new sense of peace and strength—like God coming down and hugging us—came over us. This sense of peace and strength is still with us today. Sure, we have periods of questioning, "Why, God, why us?" But

we haven't doubted God's perfect plan. Tears come frequently when we think of Jeni and see other babies, but at least we had her for seven beautiful weeks.

This journey into the death experience has taught us many things. Ralph and I clung to and trusted God more than we ever had before. We also have grown closer to each other. We were able to witness to several close friends through Jeni's death, and shortly after she died we were able to help one of our closest friends as she learned of her father's death. We have gained a new sense of empathy for others. When someone else dies, we will be able to share their grief so much better. And, most of all, we are gaining understanding. Each time we ask God, "Why Jeni, God?" God tells us to trust Him, for death is a very vital part of life.

As we are awaiting the birth of our second child, a verse comes to mind that sums it all up beautifully. "Since the Lord is directing our steps, why try to understand everything that happens along the way?" (Proverbs 20:24) We don't understand, but we are trusting the Lord day by day. We have grown and the Lord has shown His love to us in many ways. Our prayer is that we may become stronger witnesses for Him through this experience. □





## Project strawberry starts in Florida

BY WILLIAM A. WAGNER

A new program of church planting for Friends has started in the sunshine state of Florida and is appropriately termed "Project Strawberry," using the basic idea of plants sending out runners that result in a multiplied harvest. The basic pattern will include the Home Bible Studies, which will begin in key areas across the growing state. The project is under direction of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region.

Dorothy and I are now residing in the fast-growing new development of Port

*William A. Wagner, former superintendent of Indiana Yearly Meeting, is now minister-at-large for the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region in Stuart, Florida. This article reports on a growing opportunity to minister to year-round and winter residents of Florida.*

St. Lucie, which is projected to become a city of some 250,000 people. We have come to Florida as minister-at-large under the EFC—Eastern Region to perform a dual role: to pastor the Evangelical Friends Church in Stuart and to plan and develop the new groups elsewhere in Florida and up the Eastern seaboard. The exciting new venture was presented and met with warm approval at the August session of the Yearly Meeting at Malone College. The new team from Stuart, Florida, was introduced during the report of the E. P. and E. Board and included Pete and Jackie Arnold, who started the Stuart church in the First National Bank and Trust Company in January.

As the Yearly Meeting moves into Florida there is a growing momentum to take the Gospel to people who are becoming a part of one of the fastest-growing states in our country. Growth predictions make the new area a likely place to work. There are many lonely people who have needs that Evangelical Friends hope to meet. There are many retirees, and we will plan to minister to their needs. Also, there are young families in

Florida who can be reached and will become a part of our churches.

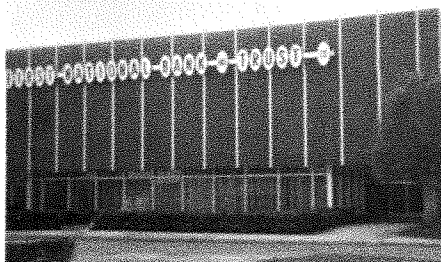
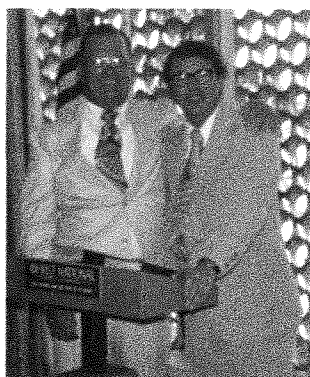
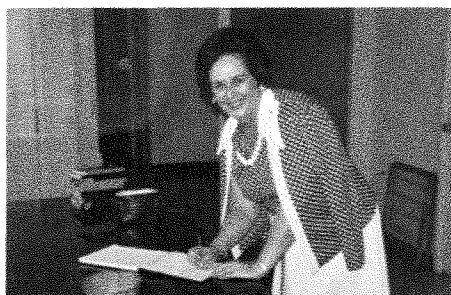
The Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region is rallying to a bold, new challenge to give their members who winter in Florida the opportunity of worshiping in Friends churches that will be warmly evangelical. Far too long we have heard of Friends worshiping with other denominations and saying that they would attend evangelical Friends churches if there were some here. Hopefully, this will now happen across the state of Florida, and it is truly exciting.

Pete Arnold is a plumber from Stuart, Florida, who was converted as an adult through the prayers of Virginia Friends and his acceptance of the call of Christ. He later attended Malone College and has long had a vision of churches across Florida. In the yearly meeting sessions of 1972, the general superintendent, Russell Myers, challenged the Eastern Region of the Evangelical Friends Church to consider Florida. Then in the 1974 sessions the Arnolds began talks with yearly meeting leadership and saw the Stuart Church started the first Sunday in January 1975 during the visit of several



*Photos below show William and Dorothy Wagner; Pete Arnold and William Wagner behind the Stuart church pulpit; and the First National Bank where Stuart Evangelical Friends are meeting each Sunday.*

*Dorothy Wagner, wife of pastor William Wagner, signs register at church in Stuart, Florida. Photo below shows Pete, Jackie, and Dana Arnold, Russell and Marjorie Myers, and Dorothy Wagner at the Myers home in June, 1975, where they met for a planning session for the new Florida work.*



families from Ohio. Since that time, regular services have been held at the community rooms of the First National Bank and Trust Company on State Route 1 in Stuart. Services are held there each Sunday with fellowship time at 10:00 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m. A fellowship dinner was held following our first service, September 7, and we were honored with a beautiful cake for the occasion.

*Project Strawberry* is based on an optimistic faith that God will raise up workers, including lay and recorded ministry, to begin the new work. Our hope is that we shall have many possibility thinkers. We are expecting our God to do great things. William Carey said, "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God." Enthusiasm attracts others to become enthusiastic. We expect to be surprised with what God will do in these last days. So often we live below our privileges and are willing to settle for less than God wants to give. We expect to ask and to receive largely.

I came to the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region from Indiana

Yearly Meeting, where I was general superintendent for nearly 12 years. Prior to that, we served in Central America under California Yearly Meeting. After a year of intensified Spanish at the Spanish Language School in San Jose, Costa Rica, we went to the Friends Mission in Chiquimula, Guatemala, where I served as a teacher and later director of Berea Bible Institute. I was acting administrative superintendent during the early part of 1962. Dorothy worked in the mission offices. Our first ministry had been in pastoral work for 11 years.

We have accepted the call to the new work, for we feel that God is going to use the new area to launch the Evangelical Friends Church much like Florida has been used as the launching pad to outer space. The vision is at the base of the task, and it will create a missionary zeal that will reach to the Bahama Islands and elsewhere.

David and Martha Van Cise have recently joined the work after moving into the area from Indiana. David pastored churches in Rush County at Little Blue River and in Hancock County at

Walnut Ridge. David has completed his flying lessons and hopes to use this preparation in taking the Gospel to the Bahamas and to assist in the spread of the Gospel across Florida and up the Eastern seaboard. The Van Cises are in charge of the music and will be developing a youth program. David will be assisting in pulpit ministry as God may lead in the new work, although he has secular employment in the community. Martha will be doing some secretarial work for the office.

An office for Florida has been opened in Stuart, and a consultant will be on call to assist in church growth statistics and in the development of the home Bible groups. The first group started Tuesday, September 23, and will meet each week. Once the group reaches 15, it will be divided to make two groups. Groups in other areas will be started shortly.

September 15, 16, the Agape Players from Orlando, Florida, were with us for two performances in the Stuart Band Shell. We attracted attention just moving our piano in and out of the bank before and after the performances and had some newspaper and radio coverage prior to the services. We were glad for the turnout each night and hope to increase this when we have another outdoor event after the "Snow Birds" (those who winter here) arrive. Other areas of ministry are being considered to help people at their deepest need. Our watchword is *Praise to God* for what He is doing and will do through all of the tomorrows. □

## Friends couple serves in Hong Kong

BY ESTHER HESS

Eastern Region Friends have been concerned for some time that some effort be made to expand our area of service abroad. Two years ago while on a trip for Malone College, Dr. Robert Hess became aware of a need for teachers at United Christian College (UCC) in Hong Kong. UCC is a joint effort of the government, Oriental Missionary Society, and the Free Methodist Church. It is a secondary school with high academic standing and unlimited spiritual opportunities.

In the summer of 1975 David and Cindy Aufrance were appointed to go. They took the missionary orientation course at Missionary Internship, Farmington, Michigan, attended Yearly Meeting, and left immediately following that for Hong Kong. David's assignments in-

clude teaching music, directing the band, and working with music in the churches. Cindy's appointment includes teaching English and helping David with music. Both are to study Chinese.

They arrived on a Saturday and write: "We started teaching already on Monday and we are now in the process of finding a language school program. We are enjoying our work, even though we face somewhat of a language barrier in many things we do. We attended the first chapel service of UCC last Monday and were thrilled that a few students indi-

# I WENT HOME A FREE MAN

*Missionary Edwin Cammack compiled the following from Teodoro Alanqui Mamani's written testimony and information he gathered from lengthy oral conversations. Teodoro lives in the community of Suancata near Juli, Peru.*



*New missionaries in Hong Kong, David and Cindy Aufrance from Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region.*

cated a desire to have someone pray for them. We would ask again that you would pray for us as we teach. We know that we must not only be good teachers, but also that we must represent Jesus Christ to these youth. We are aware that this is a big responsibility and that the only way we can meet it is through the Lord.

"We are also praising God for the fellow teachers with whom we work. All are Chinese, but there is a feeling of unity because we are all Christians. We had our first teachers' prayer meeting on Friday afternoon, and we were truly blessed to be accepted in their fellowship and worship. We are looking forward to mighty things happening with such a group of people who look to the Lord for their strength." □

## CORRECTION

The article, "They Witness by Getting Their Hands Dirty" (EF, November, 1975), was written by Dean Johnson, regional coordinator for the Friends Disaster Service and a member of the Boston Heights (Ohio) Friends Church, not Regional Editor Richard Sartwell. Our apologies!

As a boy I grew up far out in the country, many miles from the town of Juli. It was always my desire to be able to go to school. My father saw no real value in a lot of education, so permitted me to attend school through the third grade only. After that he told me I must stay home and work. I dreamed daily about going to school some more. I began sneaking off to school. Finally, I left home in order to be able to go to school some more. I lived with various relatives. I had to work hard for them in order to earn my board and room.

In 1947 when I was 16 years old I bought a Bible. I began to read in the books of Matthew and John. I read parts of the Old Testament. I would read from three to seven hours a day about the life of Christ. It was marvelous and yet sad to read about the sufferings and death of Jesus. The death of Goliath by David intrigued me. Also the creation of the world as told in Genesis was interesting.

Since those first days that I read the Bible, I had an urge to become an evangelical. The bad thing is that there was no one to tell me that I should attend an evangelical church service on Sundays. There was a small evangelical church in the town of Juli, but I had seen some of its members drunk. For me that was terrible because I figured that an evangelical would be different from the worldly people.

After that I began to drink liquor and chew coca. A lot of time went by. I got tired of reading the Bible, so I just stopped reading it.

When I became a mature young person at the age of 24, I decided I needed to begin a family. I found a young lady by the name of Maxima. I made a contract with her and we set up our home. I found a job as a helper on a truck in the nearby town of Ilave.

After working for one month and a day, I had an accident. As we traveled toward Puno I fell off the truck as it was traveling down the road. The side of my head was badly injured. I was taken to the Puno hospital, where I was operated

on immediately. I had to stay in the hospital for three months. During this time my wife gave birth to our first son, Jorge.

During those three months of terrible sickness I attempted to repent of my sins to the priest. He constantly came to visit me with his little black book, but I was not content with what he did.

Because of my bad head injury, I suffered a lot over the next four years. I wasn't even able to work. I was also very concerned about being saved from my sins. During those four years I was worshipping idols in various forms and places. I kept the witch doctors busy trying to cure my bad health. That cost me a lot of money. Besides, it did nothing to help my poor health problems.

I fought with my wife and treated my children badly. We had no home of our own, so wandered here and there among relatives. I did not gain strength very fast. So I could not work hard in order to feed and clothe my growing family. I turned to heavy drinking. I became a terrible drunk. I remembered what I had been taught in the Army, that of having no fear of beating a person with the intent of hurting them. So fighting became more a part of my way of life.

One day I believe God spoke to me once again about becoming an evangelical. This time I looked for highly educated people to talk to about becoming an evangelical. They told me that my desire to be an evangelical was my own foolishness and ignorance. I considered that must be true since they were highly educated people and I was not.

From then on for my own advancement and good I sought after the wisdom of the worldly life. I sought ways in which I could fight against my neighbors even harder. The harder one fights the more he could get, materially.

Three more years passed before I thought about visiting an evangelical church again. I had been watching a couple of new evangelical Christians in a nearby community. They had a small evangelical church in their community.

It was called an Evangelical Friends Church. I hadn't paid much attention to these evangelical Friends, who had started a church in 1961. I figured they were the same as all evangelicals.

One day these two evangelicals came to visit me in my home. They talked about the Bible. I wanted to show them my Bible, so I went into my house to find it. It was full of dust. They kept urging me to believe in Christ.

About this time I was having difficulties supporting my family. There just wasn't enough food and clothing. Finally, I sent three of our children away from home to distant cities. They were to work in Spanish homes. This really broke our hearts. It was a terrible experience for us.

To add to my problems I lost some \$200, or the price of two bulls. My wife was furious. We had a terrible fight.

Shortly after that I talked to Eustaquio Benito, one of those two evangelicals who visited me in my home, about the possibility of renting a cow from him. We agreed that I'd take care of the cow for a period of years with no expense to him. I was to receive every other calf that the cow gave birth to. That was a good deal except three years went by with no calves being produced. Eustaquio became concerned about it. So he told me I'd have to accept Christ, because the animal had been dedicated to God when he still had it in his hands. That puzzled me. Does he think this cow will not have calves because she is living among sinners?

Anyway, on February 4, 1968, my wife and I had the opportunity to visit the Juli Friends Church. We stood around a long time outside the church door. Finally one of the Christians came along and invited us in. Shortly after that it was Easter time. I heard that there was to be a big evangelical meeting in the community of Acaso. It was to last over Easter weekend. I decided to go. I didn't know exactly where Acaso was, so I asked directions as I went. By late afternoon I'd gone nearly as far as I could on the Ilave Peninsula. Upon asking directions again, I found I had been misguided and I'd walked by it long ago. By the time I arrived I was really tired. I found out that this meeting was called Junta Anual, or a spiritual fiesta, for all the evangelical Friends. A pastor from Bolivia was doing the preaching. As he was preaching it seemed that he was looking at my life and at all the sins that I'd committed in my heart. I felt a real hurt in my heart. When the preacher asked people to go forward and pray with him, I was the first one there. I truthfully and sincerely repented of my sins. I received Jesus as my personal Savior by confessing all my sins to Him.

After the meetings I went home humbled before God and my neighbors. Most of all I was free from my heavy burden of sin. I called my family together as soon as I got home. We began praying to God and thanking Him for pardoning my sins and for His incomparable love. We were full of joy. I was happy for the peace with my family. My wife wasn't too sure what had happened to me. She couldn't grasp it. I guess she thought I'd pass through this experience and go on as before. But, I didn't.

Every chance I had I was learning more about my newfound relationship with Jesus. My wife has a terrible temper. I'm afraid of that temper when it goes off. I try my best to avoid setting it



*Teodoro Alanguia Mamani  
playing his flute.*

off. Accidentally, I managed to set it off once in awhile, and she really made things pop and miserable for me.

One time while traveling to the coast I had my beautiful poncho stolen. She had spent nearly a year making it. She was proud of it. I really loved it. I knew she'd be furious when she found out; I was so scared of her that I got a job on the coast rather than go home. I decided I'd work long enough to earn the price of the poncho. I'd give my wife that money to help soothe her temper. I didn't get to work long enough to earn the money that I needed, because I was offered a good job in Juli. Yes, she was a little more than upset about the loss. It seemed to help matters that I'd earned some money and now had a good job.

Just recently she got in a bad fight with a neighbor woman. She wanted me to take the woman to court and have her

fined. I refused to do so, explaining that as Christians we need to settle disagreements in peace. She got so mad at me that she refused to go to church. She would leave and go to the Sunday market in the next town. It was several weeks before she got over that.

Oh, yes, after I'd been a Christian for some time that cow had a calf. That made us more content to follow Jesus.

In 1969 I began to study in the Extension Bible School. As I studied the Bible more and more, I began to think about the times I'd read the Bible as a young person. I realized I should have obeyed God and begun to serve Him back then. But because of my disobedience and ignorance God allowed suffering to come into my life through the accident that nearly killed me and left me with poor health. Like Jonah I was punished for disobeying God.

Two years ago I went and brought my children home. We are really happy to be all together again. The Lord has provided for our food and clothing. In fact we have more material goods now than we ever had. You can be assured my children are all getting an education. It's costing me a lot, but it's best.

I'm doing my best to obey God and complete the will of God in my life. Physically I'm gaining strength. I'm receiving many spiritual and material blessings. My wife is learning more all the time about how to live the Christian life and is allowing the Holy Spirit to change her character little by little.

We started a Friends church in our community. We've had a lot of strong opposition from the community people, but slowly we are gaining respect. I work hard on community projects and government. Once I was asked to take a cross down off the school roof. The roof had been struck by lightning. The people are full of fearful superstitions when lightning strikes a roof. They figured I, being an evangelical, could take it down without fear of the evil spirits. I chuckled at their reasoning. I scampered up the roof and was soon back holding up the cross before wide-eyed, fearful people.

I'm serving the Lord with all my strength. I have a real concern for the church and quarterly meeting secretaries, so I'm teaching them how to do their job well. I'm also working as general secretary for the Peruvian Friends Mission. I've always wanted to work with paper, books, and literature. God is good. He led me into the perfect job for me.

I'm living in peace with God, my family, and friends. As I play my flute, the notes of praise to God that flow out express the deepest feelings of my heart.

A thousand thank-yous to God. Amen.

—Teodoro Alanguia M.



## Seminars

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## POSITIONS OPEN

Friends General Conference is seeking an associate secretary to begin work summer 1976 and to assume duties of general secretary summer 1977. Also administrative secretary to begin part-time work spring 1976 and full-time work spring 1977. For details of salaries and job descriptions, write Friends General Conference, 1520-B Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

## 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

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Need some help evaluating your church ministries for greater effectiveness? The Christian Leadership Letter lists Yokefellow Institute, 920 Earlham Drive, Richmond, Indiana 47374, as being especially skilled at church consultation.

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#### 'THE BANNER' EDITOR SCORES OPPOSERS OF BIBLES FOR MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN—Those who are trying to change a 50-year-old tradition of distributing Bibles to high school graduates in Zeeland, Michigan, have been rebuked by the editor of a Christian Reformed Church periodical here.

"What is a Bible?" asked Dr. Lester DeKoster in a letter to the *Grand Rapids Press*. "It is a book which has formed the most basic conceptions out of which Western civilization lives.

"The fundamentals of political democracy, enunciated in the Declaration of Independence, derive from the biblical notion of our Creator, alone able to invest man with 'inalienable rights.'"

At the close of his lengthy letter, Dr. DeKoster urged an end to the time when "any group, large or small, can manipulate a legitimate concern for the true separation of church and state into a means for imposing their standards of value upon others. This dictatorial effort should be perceived for the bigotry it so thinly cloaks," he said. —E.P.

#### WHY DO CLERGYMEN QUIT?

GLORIETTA, NEW MEXICO—Some 1,000 Southern Baptist pastors drop out of the ministry every year, and the denomination is seeking to learn why.

Bob Dale, pastoral consultant with the church's Sunday school board, suggested at a Bible conference here that pastoral dropouts tend to leave the ministry during three predictable crises in their lives. These crises surface when the minister is three to five years out of seminary . . . at around 40 . . . and near the age of 60.

The first crisis involves the pastor's idealism, the second his need to meet increasing family obligations, and third or preretirement crisis, his lower energy,

high experience, and an eagerness to serve when opportunities lag.

"Pastors can prevent this crisis by maintaining strong marriage and family relationships," Dale told the *Arizona Republic*. "We don't lose many pastors due to family problems." —E.P.

#### PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY URGES INVITATION

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI—The third General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, in a near unanimous vote, adopted a policy encouraging ministers to give testimonial invitations at the conclusion of worship services.

The law-making body of the newly formed church worked out a new provision for worship that states: "By way of application of the sermon the minister should urge his hearers by commandment or invitation to repent of their sins, to put their trust in the Lord Jesus, and to confess him publicly before men."

Stated Clerk Morton Smith, a church historian, said he believes "This is one of the strongest evangelical decisions ever expressed by a Presbyterian body." —E.P.

#### WORLD VISION FILES SUIT AGAINST L.A. SUPREME COURT

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA—The Christian humanitarian agency that brought 20 Cambodian orphans to the United States for adoption last April has filed its own lawsuit in Federal Court against the L.A. Superior Court.

The move by World Vision International was a surprise in that the agency's action was not expected until the Superior Court issued its final ruling in the case of Scott vs. Family Ministries. That ruling, which will order the seizure and removal of the children from their adopting Christian parents, was not expected until late November. The Federal lawsuit, on behalf of World Vision International and 20 Cambodian orphans . . . claims that the ruling of the Superior Court violates World Vision's constitutional guarantee of religious freedom under the first Amendment. Also, that the court's action is a denial of World Vision's equal protection of the laws under the 14th Amendment.

In addition, World Vision has asked the Federal Court to prohibit the Superior Court from "making final, carrying out and enforcing its intended decision and order." If granted, the 20 orphans will remain in the homes in which most of them have now been for nearly six months until legal proceedings are finished.

Mooneyham said the agency hoped to achieve two objectives by filing its own lawsuit.

"Primarily, we want the children to be permitted to remain where they are, with

the families who have been loving them and caring for them for the past four to six months."

The second objective, he said, was to get the Superior Court ruling reversed for the future of all religious intercountry adoption agencies in Southern California.

"If the Court's decision is allowed to stand, no Protestant, Catholic, or other religious agency will ever be able safely to bring orphaned children into California for adoptive placement," he said.

#### RABBI PROVIDES 'SIX-MONTH CHECKUP' PROGRAM FOR THE NEWLY MARRIED

MIAMI—A Miami rabbi has initiated a "six-month checkup" program for recently married Jewish couples to help smooth their difficult first year of marriage.

"My first question to them is: What do you fight about?" said Rabbi Sol Landau.

"Their reaction is to look at me with surprise and say, 'Why nothing, really, but . . . ' Then they begin to open up about some of the things that bother them."

Rabbi Landau said he is surprised by the good response to the program. He said about 90 percent of the couples married in the synagogue in the past year

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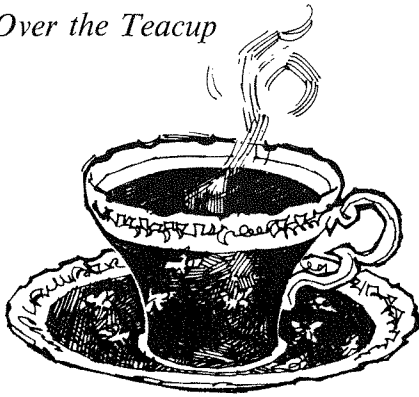
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## Over the Teacup



### A new start for 1976

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Happy New Year! I really mean that wish for each of you. Every year we start fresh with high hopes and new resolutions, and that is as it should be. It is what happens after a few weeks when old habits and hopes deferred make one settle down with a sort of "ho hum" attitude, and then we drag through the rest of the year much as we have always done.

New churches are abroad today. We seem to hold out a hope that with a new church building, a new spirit will come with it, and for a while it does. There is a new incentive and a new spirit of

excitement. At long last, something is happening. The dedication service is so inspiring. Guests crowd in and we see the church full. We get to see how it might be if we could just do this every Sunday. We serve tea to all who come. There are flowers everywhere; it is indeed a gala occasion.

The trouble is the tendency to let up on the effort once things have gotten off to a good start; when that happens, we have a new church but the enthusiasm leaks out and the hope dwindles. It is the settling back that is so devastating.

Marriages are very vulnerable, capable of highest hopes and beautiful beginnings. Every new home may expect great and rewarding years of increasing joy and blessing—that is, if the couple was right for each other in the first place!

But, even in the best of marriages, taking each other for granted and settling down to dull routine will lead to disappointment and blasted hopes.

We work hard to build a church. It takes a tremendous outlay of money, careful planning, and personal dedication on the part of many before the hour of public dedication of a building.

Before marriage, nothing is too difficult to overcome. Nothing looks impossible before the ceremony and for some time afterward.

In both cases, it is when the settling down and letting up begins that things end up so disappointingly. Anything taken for granted loses its meaning: our blessings, our friends, our church, our freedom to worship, our marriage, our country, and our Quaker heritage. What is worth starting is worth cherishing, even life itself.

Our pioneering ancestors are a prime example of courage, hope, hard work, and faith, and all the virtues that built a nation out of the wasteland. Our Quaker ancestors showed us how not only to put up a meetinghouse but to fill it and keep it filled. Their dreams never stopped and their love and concern never flagged.

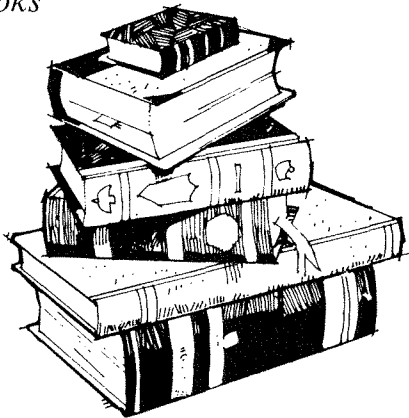
It is taking all this for granted and settling down to enjoy what they did without the same spirit and driving concern that has brought Friends to a slow decline.

To our nation, to our churches, and to our homes, I wish you a Happy New Year—all year!

In the words of St. Paul, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may *abound* in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." (Romans 15:13)

Hope plus unflagging zeal and courage results in a happy new year. □

## Books



Arthur O. Roberts, *The Association of Evangelical Friends*, a story of Quaker renewal in the twentieth century, Newberg, Oregon, The Barclay Press, 1975, 55 pages, \$3.50.

Evangelical Friends are extremely favored in having the services of a scholar of the caliber of Arthur Roberts to put together the story of the Association of Evangelical Friends with accuracy of both fact and interpretation. The book is very readable, and it gives the background for the ground swell of evangelical influence in contemporary Quakerism.

The movement began with a generation of leaders whom I was privileged to know in my youth but who have now almost entirely passed on. Roberts shows

the developments in the movement and the maturing of the concern, also how this association gave way to the more structured Evangelical Friends Alliance. This is a superb job of writing, and Friends everywhere should be reading it.

—Everett L. Cattell

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Arthur Roberts has contributed a significant service by giving to all Friends an objective report on the Association of Evangelical Friends. Its beginnings, the continuing development and function over a span of 43 years of the fellowship, and the results that are making their impact on present-day Quakerism are well presented.

Drawing upon reports and articles from the magazine *Concern*, of which he was the sole editor, 1959 to 1966, the resources of various Quaker journals, conference addresses, minutes and reports of official gatherings, and correspondence, Arthur Roberts traces the Association's history from a protest group through the struggles of articulating the evangelical position to its becoming a bridge many Friends may cross.

The author sees the resulting dialogues between various groups of Friends, along with the interchange of leadership, as contributing to Friends standing at a new point in structural history. "Signs of life are everywhere like daffodils in March,"

he says. "These movings indicate the direction of the Friends Church in America as surely as do the efforts of the yearly meetings to increase effectiveness through restructuring. Evangelical Friends Alliance, Friends United Meeting, Friends General Conference, the Friends World Committee—these structures are bending and flexing to accommodate the movings of the Spirit."

Throughout the small but incisive book one catches a deep love and concern for the future of Friends on the part of the author, as well as the confidence that the Association of Evangelical Friends has served a useful and prophetic purpose. This book ought to be in every Friend's library.

—T. Eugene Coffin

Dorothy Clark, Jane Dahl, and Lois Gonzenbach, *Teach Me, Please Teach Me*, David C. Cook Publishing Co., 142 pages, paperback, \$2.95.

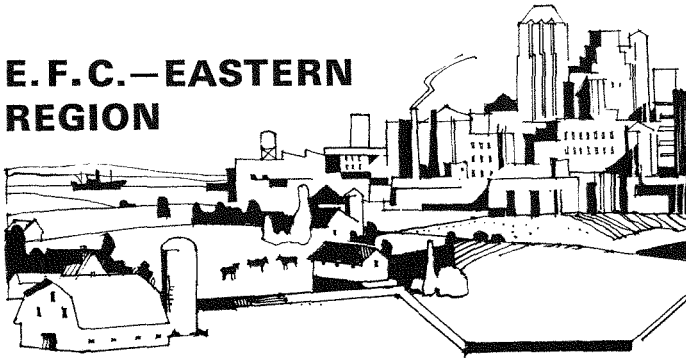
A very helpful guide, presenting curriculum ideas, designed for teaching the retarded and meant to be a companion volume to *Look at Me, Please Look at Me* by the same authors, who are well-qualified Christian teachers of the mentally retarded in the church and public schools.

The book has 12 lessons, with follow-up sessions, developed and illustrated, using objects and situations familiar to the retarded.

—Ardeth Hawthorne



## E.F.C.—EASTERN REGION



### Fall Outreach Conferences Completed

The annual Missionary Outreach Conferences are now over in our Eastern Region, and reports coming in from the various districts and churches indicate the importance of missionary outreach to Eastern Region Friends and the significance of Faith Promise giving as a part of that outreach. Throughout September, October, and November these conferences were held across the yearly meeting with speakers such as John Brantingham, Howard Moore, Russell Myers, Sherman Brantingham, Clyde Taylor, Lucy and Alvin Anderson, George Primes, Earl and Catherine Smith, Ralph and Esther Choate, and many more. Some of the smaller churches have especially expressed appreciation for the privilege of having these guests in their area.

A few churches were privileged to host Carroll Tsao, pastor of a United Methodist church in Hong Kong. Fifty years ago in Luho, China, he was taken into the Boys School and befriended by our Friends missionaries after the death of his mother and his father. With deep emotion he expressed appreciation for the Friends Mission and for the privilege of being in the United States to see what he called "the Mother Church." His testimony of how God has intervened in his life was gratefully received.

Many Friends have now had at least one year of experience with Faith Promise giving and have consequently shared in the miracle that has enabled Eastern Region Friends to make major progress in missionary outreach. The 1975 minimum

budget of \$385,318 was reached in September (receipts, including the 1974 surplus, totaled \$400,333) and the prospects of receipts in October, November, and December promised real forward movement into new and expanded ministries.

Dr. Robert Hess returned to Canton, Ohio, on December 2 after a round-the-world trip for missions. He visited several countries in Africa and Asia, where he made appraisal of the potential for starting new missions or assisting already existing ones.

Where did the sudden surge of funds come from? Individual testimonies indicate that Faith Promise money came in various ways. Tax rebates from "Uncle Sam" supplied funds for many. A union officer received an unexpected honorarium for his services. A bus driver got extra trip runs. A retired painter found odd jobs to do. A family received an unexpected inheritance. A pastor held special meetings for which he received an honorarium. For some a specific task brought extra income; for others unanticipated funds seemed to come miraculously.

Not all Friends who had made Faith Promises received funds to fulfill their promise. Strikes and an unstable economy hindered some. But where this was the case Friends were frequently heard to say, "I'm trusting God will provide eventually and I'm not discouraged," or "God's calendar may be different than ours." There is, of course, a real appreciation for the fact that Faith Promises are between the individual and God, and no one is ever "asked" for Faith Promise money by a church or individual.

Reports of Faith Promises made for the year 1976 are not complete at this writing, but several churches

have joyfully reported amounts greater than their expectations. At Mt. Gilead, Ohio, Friends had set a goal of \$12,000, but promises totaled \$17,000. Similarly at Lisbon, Ohio, where a goal of \$3,000 was set, the Faith Promise commitments for 1976 total \$10,000. At Bellefontaine, Ohio, Friends rejoice to participate in the support of 32 missionaries and two organizations with Faith Promises totaling more than \$23,000.

How God is using Evangelical Friends in the Eastern Region to expand missionary outreach is a picture not completely developed, but enough is clear to know He is working through Friends and among them.

### Coordinator Named for Indochinese Refugee Settlement

At an October 21 meeting of the Action Committee #1 of the Friends Action Board, Lauren King (R.R. #1, Norwich, Ohio 43767) was selected to take over from William Bueché the work of coordinator for Indochinese Refugee Settlement. Bill is taking over as administrative assistant in the Damascus office and will not have the time for the refugee program. He has been active in setting up and promoting the program and has made the preliminary contacts with International Rescue Committee, one of several agencies working in the sponsoring of refugees. Everything is thus ready for individuals or groups to sponsor one or more refugees.

Lauren King will continue the work; as coordinator he will assist in all the details of initiating and completing application for those desiring to sponsor refugees. He will serve also as the resource person to answer questions about the program.

Already one family—the Norman Prices of Salem First Church—have undertaken a sponsorship. Others—individuals and groups—have expressed interest. Here is a wide-open opportunity for Friends to show the love of Christ in a real way.

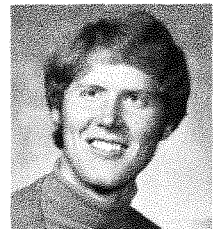
### Can You Help?

Missing from the church library at Hughesville, Pennsylvania, are copies of Catherine Cattell's *'Til Break of Day* and Walter Williams' *Rich Heritage of Quakerism*. Both books are out of print. Anyone having copies that could be made available for the church use should correspond with Mrs. Melvin Kilgus, R.D. 1, Box 49, Hughesville, Pennsylvania 17737.

# Friends concerns

### Introducing . . .

Fred Sams, originally from Beloit, Ohio, serves as part-time youth pastor at First Friends Church in Canton, Ohio, and also for the Evangelistic, Pastoral and Extension Board as a part-time pastor to Malone College students. Fred is a 1975 graduate of Malone, where he served as student body president.



Fred Sams

### Focus on Malone

The Malone College Board of Trustees held their fall meeting at the College the weekend of October 17-18. Two new members were welcomed to the Board—Howard E. Firestone, head of Firestone Electric Company of Salem, Ohio, and William L. Hopper, chief editorial writer and associate editor of *The Canton Repository*. Officers elected were Dr. Harold B. Winn, chairman; Dr. Edward Mitchell, vice-chairman; Rev. Galen Weingart, secretary; Brooks Powell, treasurer. Members-at-large named to the Executive Committee include Robert K. Ellyson, Mrs. Kathryn Fries, Jack Lund, and Dr. James Yonally. Dr. Harold Walker is the faculty observer at the meetings this year.

Shakespeare's drama *King Lear* was the highly successful play presented by Malone Players at the close of fall term. Reversing his usual role as director, Professor Morris Pike played an impressive King Lear, supported by Deborah Linn as Goneril and Marian Lair as Lear's daughter Regan. Dale King was the Earl of Gloucester, and Fritz Glaus was Lord of Kent. Dr. Robert Lair directed the production assisted by Lauren Landis, student director.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 6—Winter Term begins  
January 12—Academic Convocation  
January 19—Akron-Canton Symphony Concert, Osborne Hall, 8:30 p.m.  
January 20—"An Evening with Flannery O'Connor," PAH, 7:30 p.m.  
February 5-8—Homecoming Weekend



Esther Choate (left), 30 years a missionary in Africa under Kansas Yearly Meeting, and Ruth Hughes (right) of Bellefontaine, Ohio, lay visitor to many mission fields, were two of the speakers at the Missionary Outreach Conference held at Tecumseh, Michigan.



## KANSAS YEARLY MEETING

### Archivists Report

In recent months Mildred Richards, clerk for the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, in Juneau, Alaska, sent a request to Pauline Casado of University Friends Church, Wichita, Kansas, for old records of the Friends Church that had been active in Douglas Island, Alaska, many years ago.

Because of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, which was passed by Congress in 1971, many native people (some, former Friends members) are attempting to construct their family genealogy and are asking help in locating church records.

At the request of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Mrs. Casado mailed the membership book and a book of Minutes of the Douglas Island Monthly Meeting covering the time from December, 1895, through 1912. Using every precaution as to the safety of the books enroute, they were carefully packed and insured before being air mailed to Alaska. In Juneau, the books were microfilmed and then returned to Kansas, all at the cost of the Alaskan Bureau.

Upon returning the records, Ms. Richards stated: "We wish to thank the Friends Church for granting us the opportunity to copy the records. A permanent record will always be

services in establishing the "Friends Room" at Friends University. Working with her husband Gerald, she has demonstrated real love and interest in preserving the thread of the people called "Friends" as it is woven in the pattern of history.

Kay Taber, past secretary in the Yearly Meeting Office, and her husband Dennis are members of the Archivists Committee. Part of Kay's duties while in the office was to set up historical record files for the Trustees. In going through many old records, she unearthed the following handwritten poem. We submit it for its beauty and timeliness.

#### TRIALS

'Tis my happiness below,  
Not to live without the cross;  
But the Savior's power to know,  
Sanctifying every loss.

Trials must and will befall,  
But with humble faith to see  
Love inscribed upon them all,  
This is happiness to me.

Did I meet no trials here,  
No chastisement by the way,  
Might I not with reason fear,  
I should be a castaway.

Trials make the promise sweet;  
Trials give new life to prayer:  
Bring me to my Savior's feet,  
Lay me low and keep me there.

—John Hill  
3rd Mo. 20th, 1836

### The Quaker Hour Lives Again In Western Kansas

The October business meeting of Liberal Friends Church approved going on the air with a weekly radio broadcast starting November 2. The program will be heard over KSCB, Liberal, every Sunday morning from 7:35-8:00. The purpose of this program is to promote the work of our church and present the Gospel in outreach to our community and area. Besides announcements of our church program, there will be recorded music, and Pastor Ron Brown will be giving a sermonette. Melvin Rieger is going to be the announcer. We covet your prayers as we begin this new venture in faith. We will be taping the following Sunday programs every Tuesday evening, so please pray for God's guidance in this.

### Burundi Prayer and Praise PRAY

For all our pastors and hill-church leaders or teachers. Pray that God will give these men a new burden for the lost. That they will have a burden to visit and help the people.

For the Legal Representative, Bahenda, that he will have vision beyond his home boundaries; that he will have a growing burden to see the church increase and a lessening desire for materialism.

For our Quarterly Meeting Superintendent, Marika, that he will stand for the truth.

For the church board—to have a new desire to see the church grow. That they will examine their lives and let the Lord use them for His work.

That God will send revival to our churches.

For our primary schools and teachers. Few are real Christians. Pray that those who are will stand up for the Lord.

For each missionary—for discouragement because of lukewarmness in the church. That we will know what God's will is and will do what He wants. For a missionary that can help full time in church work.

For our teenagers who are in school at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya. Doug Dealy is in 11th grade, Janelle Dealy, Debbie Kellum, and Gary Getting are 10th graders, and Dean Ferguson is in 9th grade. Gary and Dean are new at RVA this year.

Pray for the Morrisises as they return from furlough and settle back in the mission and CORDAC work.

#### PRAISE

Praise God for sending Gettings. They are good dorm parents—so busy since they arrived. Pray as they work at the school and in language study.

Praise God for being with all the staff during the vacation months. The Thornburgs and Reta Stuart were in the States, the Fergusons and Kellums spent a month in Kenya, and the Dealys spent a week in Rwanda and back in Burundi. The missionaries enjoyed vacations but are glad to be back to work again.

### Friends University

Jester Hariston, a black actor, choral arranger, lecturer, cultural ambassador, and member of the original cast of the Amos and Andy radio program, was the featured guest at convocation Thursday, October 9, 1975.

Hariston, who has arranged the music for many films and Broadway musicals including "Lost Horizons" and "The Lady Sings the Blues,"

conducted the Singing Quakers through several Negro spirituals that day, delighting the audience and performers alike by making each song come alive with real emotion, humor, and satire.

Friends also was pleased to be on the *Today Show* on October 3, 1975. The format of the *Today Show* is to visit a different state every week. The first week of October, Kansas was represented.

Dr. Riney was interviewed and the fantastic sound of the Singing Quakers was heard from in front of Davis Administration building.

Beth Small was chosen Friends Homecoming Queen, October 18, 1975, in the game between Friends and Tabor. She is the daughter of Ralph Small from Swayzee, Indiana.

### Jack Kirk Joins Team at University Friends, Wichita

Jack Kirk will become team partner with Dave Kingrey at University Friends Meeting, Wichita, Kansas. Waiting expectantly for Jack, Janet, Jennie, and Chad, Wichita Friends will find their dream fulfilled in January. Raised in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Jack received his theological education at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis. Recently Jack has engaged in special studies at the Earlham School of Religion.

While pastor at New Garden Friends Meeting, Jack carried out a very creative ministry that reached well into the Guilford College campus and the city of Greensboro. For the past three years in his service as director of the Quaker Hill Conference Center, Jack Kirk has encouraged dialogue among Quakers from every persuasion.

His style might best be described as "enabling." Jack will often be seen pointing persons to their gifts and helping them clarify their special talents. As enabler and equipper, Jack will function on a team that not only serves University Meeting but that stretches into Friends University and the wider Wichita community. What an asset to have the Kirk family among Wichita Friends!

—David Kingrey



Pauline Casado, Helen Wood

on file with the Bureau. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated."

Pauline Casado has for many years faithfully gathered record books from KYM meetings for safe storage in the University Meeting-house vault. As archivist of KYM, she has carefully researched any request that came to the Yearly Meeting as a means of establishing genealogical records or preparing data vital to the history of a meeting. Her services have been greatly appreciated as she served in this way.

Following Mrs. Casado's resignation July 1, Helen Wood was asked to serve as archivist. Helen has for some time been volunteering her

## NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING



### Superintendent's Corner Ideas that Work

Isn't it great to be alive Christmas 1975! and New Years 1976!

In my 1975 keynote message I said, "Today's spread of Christianity worldwide has no precedent in human history. . . . Every week . . . more than 1,400 new Christian churches are being established." This is still true as we head into 1976, but did you read that apparently church membership in the United States has peaked? Church membership in 1974 was 180,000 less than the year before. And did you notice the World

Council of churches, as it convened in Nairobi, is saying there are just about the same number of Christians in the Third World as there are in the better developed Western World, but the church in the Third World is growing much more rapidly and numerically and will dominate the scene worldwide in the future?

I don't want to concede that church growth has peaked in Northwest Yearly Meeting, even though our own experience shows that growth is more rapid on our mission field than it is at home. I wrote last month about the things we are doing

in Northwest Yearly Meeting to keep the church strong and alive. Since I wrote that, the Spiritual Life Board in retreat decided to set as a goal 10 percent growth per year for the next three years. They are also projecting four new churches in the next three years, and they are setting about to design specific plans for implementation.

As I write this I have just returned from an outstanding seminar on Successful Church Leadership and Management in Fresno, California. Someone suggested that at every seminar one should look for six or seven good ideas that he could take home and use. I'm sure I found at least that many, and let me pass them on to you.

To concentrate on methods will be fruitless if our attitudes are wrong. When a man is burning with enthusiasm, he will make up a method. When a man's shirt is on fire, you don't have to tell him how to put it out.

A man with big ideas will attract men with big means.

A church that has had a procession of pastors who move whenever the problems begin to stifle is like a family of children who had a procession of fathers.

Many pray for guidance when they don't need it because they aren't moving. A missile doesn't need guidance when it's still on the pad.

If a preacher plans his sermon on Monday, everything that happens through the week can feed into it. If he waits until Saturday all his activities of the week are lost.

Success comes in cans, failure in can'ts. They tried a hundred years to break the four-minute mile, then in 1954 Roger Bannister did it. In two years the four-minute mile was broken 127 times. By 1964 it had been broken 250 times, by 65 different men. Many churches don't grow just because they don't think they can.

God will bless the church that gives to missions the same as He will bless the individual who tithes.

You can do Bible preaching without spirit, without warmth, soul, or heart. Some use the Bible as a scriptural 2 x 4 with which to club people over the head if they don't agree.

Every church needs to determine what its philosophy is, its purpose. Then every program and project in the church needs to be weighed against that philosophy.

Usually the building debt retirement should not exceed 25 percent to 30 percent of the church's income—approximately the first Sunday's income.

One good way to find out what your church's giving goal should be is to estimate the income if all the wage earners in the church tithed. Then figure last year's income. Your new goal should be halfway between the two.

And here's an idea I really like. Every church ought to have a prove-me Sunday; one Sunday when everybody in the church brings in a tithe of their income from that week. On that Sunday they prove the Lord to see if He will not open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing. The results of that Sunday give a church some idea of its potential.

Probably no more than 10 percent of the people in your church have the gift of evangelism. While perhaps all should be trained in one-to-one evangelism, only 10 percent will stay in the program. It takes the other 90 percent, however, exercising their gifts to support the 10 percent. It will take a constant battle to keep evangelism a high priority.

Even though some people criticize a canned soul-winning presentation, the canned response you get is pretty good.

Since people's contact with those who need to be saved diminishes in direct proportion to the length of time they have been in the church, the older, more experienced and proficient soul winners in the church should constantly be in touch with new converts to get introductions to their friends who need to be saved.

Finally, a new book by C. Peter Wagner coming out January 25 titled, *Your Church Can Grow*, will list the seven vital signs of a growing church in the United States. The most important are (1) strong pastoral leadership; (2) well-mobilized laity; (3) a large enough church to offer a variety of services and ministries; (4) a balance of morning worship celebration, theology of congregation, and cell groups; (5) ministry to one homogeneous unit; (6) effective evangelistic methods; (7) biblical priorities of ministry.

—Norval Hadley

#### From the Education Board Leadership Training

Each of us has a theory of leadership. Sometimes we like the leadership and at other times we dislike it. It implies that one person is influencing others.

The process of leadership is an influence relationship occurring among mutually dependent group members, because all group members will at times influence other members. It is important that an analysis is made of the strength of this influence on another person or a group.

In Johnson's book, *Joining Together*, leaders are classed as task oriented or maintenance oriented. In analyzing leadership behavior we must describe the task and maintenance activities practiced. In our churches many decisions are made and implemented by small groups or teams. Most of the decision making, goal setting, problem solving, policy making, and planning transpires in small groups with leadership. Unless a person develops process-observation skills, he cannot become an effective leader. All members need to participate and should be encouraged to do so in the problem-solving or group process.

Some important characteristics of effective leaders are information giver and seeker, coordinator, energizer, evaluator, encourager of participation, active listener, trust builder, and process observer.

Some members of Northwest Yearly Meeting have attended ICL conferences, and scholarships are provided by the Education Board to attend them. Inquiries for these should be made to your area secretary.

—Betty L. Leech

#### George Fox College

George Fox College's 1975 yearbook has been dedicated to College Chaplain Ron Crecelius. The 128-page fall volume cites Crecelius as "the guy with the grin, always around to listen when someone has something special to talk about." A 1948 GFC graduate, Crecelius has served as a Friends minister in churches in Oregon, Washington, and California and is a member of the former world-famed Four Flats/World Vision Quartet.

David Myton, director of teacher education at George Fox, will become Oregon's next Coordinator of Teacher Education. Myton will take

over the position with the state's Teacher Standards and Practices Commission March 15. This involves coordination of teacher education programs at 14 approved teacher training colleges in Oregon.

A member of the George Fox faculty since 1966, Myton is currently professor of education and chairman of the Division of Education. He is a member of North Valley Friends Church.

#### New Church Begun In Post Falls, Idaho

November 2, 1975, marked the first Sunday's worship service at the Post Falls, Idaho, Friends Church—a spin-off church from Hayden Lake Friends.

For some time, a number of families from Post Falls have been traveling to Hayden Lake for worship. About two months ago, Bible studies were begun in Post Falls and have grown in that time to include about 15 families. It was the hope of these families that a church could be started in their own community, and with the approval of the Yearly Meeting

and assistance from Hayden Lake, this has become a reality.

At the first service, November 2, there were 43 people in attendance. Buz Bloodgood and his family are traveling to Post Falls each Sunday, where Buz is the pulpit minister. He is still maintaining his duties of assistant minister of the Hayden Lake Friends Church.

The Veterans Hall in Post Falls, which accommodates about 150 persons, is being utilized as a place of worship. The new group is already looking forward to finding property for a church building. Some key Post Falls businessmen are included in this 15-family nucleus, and we feel this is an added blessing.

On November 23, the Post Falls Friends Church held an Open-house Thanksgiving service, with the entire community invited. The "Friendly Sound" musical group from Hayden Lake furnished special music at that service, and other Hayden Lake families visited that Sunday, also.

We thank God for His provisions in making this new church a reality!

—Lou Anne Kellum



Friends of the new church in Post Falls, Idaho.



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING

#### Activities of Campmeeting

Nestled among the pines on Black Mountain, a log church can be seen adjacent to some dwellings of our Navajo Christians who live nearby. As the sun was setting on a Friday evening, a group of Christians gathered at the church for the opening service of campmeeting, which was scheduled to meet through Sunday.

A Navajo minister who resided at a distant location had been contacted to speak, but due to illness he was unable to come. After considering the matter, our Navajo pastor at Rough Rock, Amos Redhair, was selected to speak. Although Amos has no formal education, the Holy

Spirit has given him a special gift of knowledge of God's Word.

Campmeeting is held for the spiritual needs of our people. However, the physical needs of those attending must also be met; therefore, not far from the church is an outside shelter built for use during the hot summer days. This provides a place where the ladies can prepare and serve our meals.

One of the foremost tasks is butchering sheep. The meat may be boiled or cooked on a griddle over an open fire. Stew is a common dish. Other foods provided may include such items as flour, potatoes, tossed salad, melons, or canned fruit. Their traditional fry bread is prepared by the ladies in round patties prior to frying it in deep fat.



Bread used is either purchased from the store or homemade.

Although I am limited in understanding the Navajo language, the Scripture references cited were of much help in gleaning Amos' messages. He spoke of the message brought through John to the assembly of believers at Smyrna. Emphasizing God's concern to those who love Him, he pointed us to the need of loving God with all our being, and our neighbor as ourselves. As though to choose one who exemplified her whole heart's devotion to Jesus, he had us consider Mary's relationship to Christ in comparison to her sister Martha, who was too busy with secular interests.

At the close of campmeeting, we reflect back to the past two weeks. They were spent in Bible School with the assistance of Amos Redhair and Vern and Lois Ellis as teachers, and followed by the previously mentioned campmeetings.

As usual, the schedule of daily life will again resume following campmeetings. Pray with us that the Holy Spirit can use these experiences of worship and study together for enrichment of their lives in the days ahead.

—Mary Gafford

#### NOTE FROM REGIONAL EDITOR

I want to personally express my thanks to Mary for the above article. I feel it gives us a vivid picture of campmeeting. Your prayer support of our missionaries is important, and I want to encourage you as a family to remember Vern and Lois, Mary, Amos, and others who are laboring to present Christ to the Navajos.

—s.e.b.

#### Rough Rock Praise and Prayer

##### PRaise NOTES

Thanks to the group from Friends Bible College who recently worked at the mission to paint and haul wood.

For the new road being built from Rough Rock to Many Farms.

##### PRAYER REQUESTS

Continued prayer for a couple who was recently saved but who face trials from their unsaved relatives.

Weekly Bible classes just begun at Many Farms Junior High and High School.

Two of our families who have lost the wife and mother by death.

#### Omaha Church Opens Preschool

In September, the people of Omaha Friends opened "Little Friends" Preschool and Day Care. The school is open week days from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with preschool classes held each morning from 9 to 11:30. They also provide special programs for school-aged children (6-12) before and after school.

Pat Porter is their head teacher, and she is assisted by Donnel Huber. At the time of their reporting, they had 15 children enrolled.

The people of the church want their school to be an added community help and be a means of spreading the Good News.

#### Upcoming Activities

Midyear Board Meetings—February 6-7, 1976, First Friends Church, Colorado Springs

CAE Ministers' Advance and Seminar—April 26-29, 1976, Dallas, Texas

# Friends gather



#### BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio

October was our Faith Promise month, and we were honored with a number of guest speakers. Ralph and Esther Choate and Geraldine Custer from Kansas Yearly Meeting were some of the first missionaries we heard from. They are stationed in Burundi. Mrs. Ruth Hughes showed pictures and presented informative news of Haiti, while Howard Moore told of Taiwan. Rev. Carroll Tsao from Hong Kong told of his conversion through missionaries in China. On the home front we heard from Sandra Leibold, one of the youth from Fulton Creek Church, who was privileged to go to Mexico recently. Rev. Ira Taylor from Toronto, Canada, shared some of his experiences while in the West Indies. Ira Taylor is a native from there and proved to be an exceptional blessing to us. Finally, we heard from Rev. Dale Neff of Indonesia and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Gilles Albert, natives of Haiti. Our Faith Promise commitment for 1976 totaled \$23,479. Praise the Lord! Our church now has the joy of sharing in the support of 32 missionaries as well as BLI and the Gideons.

#### DAMASCUS, Ohio

A Sunday school contest was held in our Sunday school for over five weeks in the fall. The final tally was disclosed on Rally Day, when the Revolutionaries won over the Red Coats and were later honored at a winner's supper in Quaker Canyon. Rally Day was also highlighted with the True Freedom Singers from Akron having charge of the morning worship service. They were treated to a supper on Saturday night with our youth and at a luncheon on Sunday following the service. This was a time of real fellowship among our youth.

The Library Committee promoted a program of library use emphasis during the month of November. There was a poster contest, and every class was urged to take on the purchase of books as a project.

The film, *Revelation—There's a New World Coming*, was shown on November 23, and a World Relief Offering was taken, also.

#### DEERFIELD, Ohio

The Walter Krause family of North Olmsted were with us for our Rally Day service. They sang and shared in the Sunday school and the worship service. A fellowship dinner followed in the church basement.

The senior citizens were given special honor in a recent morning service.

#### EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

The senior high youth have really been busy this fall. The making of cider and selling of Halloween Insurance brought them some \$80.

All this wasn't enough to keep money-making, energy-stricken youth busy. They just had to have a Hayride Talk-A-Thon for 12 hours. The hayride lasted for several hours and the group then returned to the church where they continued their all night Talk-A-Thon. The money raised will be used to help purchase a projector for the church. The previous one had been stolen and never replaced.

The Billy Graham film, *The Hiding Place*, was viewed by many from the church—youth as well as adults—during its recent showing in Salem.

#### FIRST DENVER, Colorado

We were specially blessed recently when the Ralph Fry family of Seattle shared with us. They were with us for a weekend series on family ministries that centered around our Missions Emphasis.

#### FIRST FRIENDS, Salem, Ohio

"The Boanerges," a musical group from Malone College, appeared in concert September 28. This appearance proved extraordinary in several respects. This all-male group sang with a soft, sweet harmony, and the words were not lost in the music. They sang some modern gospel, such as "And This Is Love," and some well-known hymns, "My Jesus, I Love Thee," and "Amazing Grace." They led the congregation in singing some of Bill Gaither's songs. One member spoke for some ten minutes from the story of the prodigal son and gave an altar call.

#### FULTON CREEK Radnor, Ohio

Rally Day, October 5, at Fulton Creek was quite a day! Pastor Kirby had stated, "If 200 people are in church for Rally Day I will jump in the creek." Well, everyone took up the campaign. Posters were hand drawn, flyers were mailed throughout the community, and radio announcements were made inviting all to come. When the day finally arrived, there were 208 present. After church everyone tramped to the creek and stood waiting. In splendid array, Pastor Kirby came in red slacks, white shirt, blue and white shower cap, white tennis shoes and draped across his arm was a red towel. He bravely marched through the crowd and amid the cheering

and clapping we heard the water splash! A 90-year-old gentleman, Elmer Miller, from Richwood could not believe his eyes and wrote a poem that concluded with these lines:

Now Rev. Kirby, if some should ask,  
Why did you this,  
For the pleasure of youth to see?  
Whatever question folks may ask,  
This lesson you've taught me,  
If all men, their word would keep,  
How different this world would be!

#### GREENLEAF, Idaho

Pastor Do and the six young Vietnamese men sponsored by churches of the Boise and Greenleaf Areas were featured in the evening service on November 23. Pastor Do showed slides of conditions in Vietnam.

The new Christian Education building was dedicated November 16 with Ken Smitherman presiding. The church choir and the Sonshine Trio (Lavonda Ehrlich, Marilyn Douty, and Kathy Burns) and their Sonbeams (daughters) supplied music for the occasion.

The Ruth Brown WMU has plates featuring the original Greenleaf church (1908-1943) for \$5 plus postage. Please contact Ruth Morse, Box 44, Greenleaf, Idaho 83626.

#### HAYDEN LAKE, Idaho

It was with great anticipation and perhaps a bit of apprehension, that the family of Nhan Le was met at the Spokane Airport on the afternoon of September 25, 1975, by Pastor Bob Schneider and family and members of the Hayden Lake Friends Mission Committee.

For several weeks, the Mission Committee had been in touch with Ft. Indian Town Gap, Pennsylvania, and when God's time was right, our family was on their way to Idaho.



The family of Nhan Le consists of the parents and six children ranging in ages from 4 to 18 years. Three of the younger children attend Dalton Elementary School close to their home outside Hayden Lake, and the two older girls attend Cour d'Alene Senior High School.

Mr. Nhan was in the military in Vietnam, where he worked as a diesel mechanic, and the family was living in Da Nang at the time they were evacuated.

The family is living close to Hayden Lake in a very comfortable home; the first year's rent on this house was donated by a local resident, with the agreement that the church would make any repairs that needed to be done. This was all done and new carpeting was laid in the house before the family ever arrived.

Our family is a very outgoing, happy family and have been very well received not only by our church, but by the community as well. Recently, in our morning services, the children performed for the congregation as their way of saying "thank you" for all that had been done for them.

In expressing some thoughts about being in America, Mr. Nhan said recently he has had a letter from some friends via France and they told him if he and his family had not been fortunate enough to leave Vietnam when they did, he no doubt would be working on the railroad—no wages, just food and clothing—and that his wife, and perhaps the children, would be working in the rice fields and they would not be living as a family.

Mr. Nhan cannot get over the amount of freedom in America and is in awe of being able to do things without being repressed.

We do thank God for sending the family of Nhan Le to us.

### **HUGHESVILLE, Pennsylvania**

Some 50 men from the Friends Disaster Service came in to help with the cleanup from hurricane Eloise. The help was very much appreciated, and much praise has been expressed for the work done in our Williamsport, Muncy, and Hughesville area. The men had their headquarters at the Hughesville Friends Church. About 400 work hours were donated to the project.

Our church sponsors a CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) Bible Club. This weekday home Bible ministry of songs, stories, and activities for children of elementary school age is now in session for the fall and winter. Robin Webster, R.N., missionary candidate, is the teacher, with Fairie Marquardt assisting. Maxine and Elaine Perritt are the hostesses for this after school weekly club.

### **KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon**

On September 23, in cooperation with several other churches, a non-denominational adult Christian education program was begun. Called Institute for Lay Ministries, it is held twice weekly. Evert Tuning and Ken Magee of our church teach a Bible course.

Several from Klamath Falls and Sprague River attended the Southern Oregon Area Rally with missions emphasis the 3rd of October at Medford. On Sunday, Barbara Morse spoke in our morning service and Hal Thomas spoke at Sprague River.

A new neighborhood Bible study group has begun. Men's Saturday morning prayer fellowship continues to be a source of inspiration and power. The ladies' Bible study group resumed their meetings in September.

Several from our church viewed *The Hiding Place*, which was shown here for a full week.

We are grateful to the Lord that George and Dorothy Thomas have been led to pastor the Sprague River Friends Church. They arrived in November.

Our Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner was held November 23.

### **LEAGUE CITY, Texas**

Our meeting held special services in October with Henry Harvey, of Wichita, Kansas, and Mary Louthan of Friendswood, Texas. It was a real time of sharing and inspiration.

Several of our students from Friends Bible College were in our home services recently. The Holy Spirit was very precious in leading and blessing in the service. Janet Smith led in a sharing and consecration time.

Corrie ten Boom's story, *The Hiding Place*, was shown in our area, and we took a bus load to see this impressive film.

Our church hosted the Friendswood Area Meeting in November. An excellent group met, and many took

advantage of this special time of worship and fellowship.

### **MERIDIAN, Idaho**

Summer had a special blessing for Meridian Friends as we became the new home for six men from Vietnam. All area Friends churches have contributed clothing and food. The men are settled in a routine of English classes and new jobs for the fall. All have contributed special music for our morning and evening worship services.

Special guest speakers during the past two months have included Pastor Nguyen Van Do of Portland and Pastor Irwin Alger of Melba, Idaho.

We recently participated in a church growth mission with Quentin Nordyke as guest speaker.

Dinner for Friends of George Fox College was held at a Boise restaurant recently. All area churches participated.

Our prayer concern and goal for Sunday school attendance of 131 by Christmas was surpassed!

### **MT. PLEASANT, Ohio**

During September Rev. Richard Johnson came to us as a guest speaker with a topic of "Wholeheartedness." We also had the opportunity of having the Walter Kraus family present a special program entitled "The Gospel According to Music." This was an inspiration to all present.

A Teacher Training Workshop under the direction of Joyce Lamb was held during the month of October. This was a help to many, and several ideas were obtained in order to improve presentations of material for classes.

Dr. Richard Chambers was our guest speaker for our Missionary Conference and took as his subject "The Christian College, an Arm of the Church." Much to our pleasure, his mother and wife were able to join in worship with us. Rev. Howard Moore had charge of the evening service. He told of many needs as well as blessings in Taiwan.

The PWC Missionary Society now has a special project of making and selling bonnets in order to raise funds.

### **NORTH LEWISBURG, Ohio**

We thank the Lord for the work being done on improvements in our church. We look forward to the day when we can have these new facilities dedicated.

### **NORTHSIDE, Grinnell, Iowa**

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Carroll, WGM missionaries to India, were guest speakers during our Missionary Conference. Mrs. Carroll spoke to the Sunday school youth and Mr. Carroll presented the morning message.

Gordon Bennett from Vennard College was the speaker for our Holiness Rally. Don Makerman of Newton led the singing.

### **PLAINS, Kansas**

Francis and Bulah McKinney attended the Billy Graham School of Evangelism and Crusade services in Lubbock, Texas. They returned with challenging ideas and tapes to share.

Bulah McKinney and Donna Powell are conducting a Wednesday morning Bible study in the parsonage. Sunday night services have had a variety of programs. A visitation night at the close of the new 6:30 worship service hour brought pleasure and encouragement to all involved. Another night Pastor McKinney gave a helpful lesson on the husband-wife relationship.

### **PUTNAM**

#### **Robbins, North Carolina**

"These 50 Years as Putnam Friends Church" was the theme of our Golden Anniversary observed October 12, 1975. It was also called "Old-fashioned Day," and many long dresses and bonnets were worn. The men were less brave, but some were dressed in the old-fashioned manner. Pastor D. L. Hussey wore a suit that was worn by his grandfather, Dock Hussey, 50 years ago. This suit of handwoven wool was made by his grandmother.

It was a good day in the Lord and interesting to note the changes that have taken place as the work has progressed from its beginning in the old Putnam schoolhouse, then to a remodeled country store building, and finally to the present new brick building constructed in 1968.

It has not always been easy, but those who recall the trials and triumphs of the former years are agreed that the rewards have far outweighed the sacrifices. God is still blessing this work, and we unite in saying, "To God Be the Glory, Great Things He Has Done."

### **RAISIN CENTER**

#### **Adrian, Michigan**

Betty Smith, a children's ventriloquist from Urbana, and her puppet Andy highlighted our Rally Day during the morning worship service. Following the service a potluck dinner was held at Riverside Park, where 123 were present. A time of games and fun was held, and the afternoon was concluded with a vesper service conducted by the pastor.

### **SPOKANE, Washington**

This fall several of our couples met at Twin Lakes for an overnight adult retreat. Besides the opportunity for informal fellowship, we had a local speaker share some fresh and practical insights from Psalm 23.

We are thankful for the recent remodeling of the ladies' rest room. What an improvement! The trustees have also been busy with another area of emergency maintenance. We give thanks to an anonymous giver and the promptings of our Lord that the needed \$945 was provided for this project.

"Successful Christian Living" was the theme of a one-week series of meetings with Paul Goins. The emphasis was on spiritual renewal and/or maturity for the Christian. Praise the Lord for a prosperous week.

### **SPRINGBANK**

#### **Allen, Nebraska**

Jean Schram recently shared slides and talked concerning her affiliation with the African Inland Mission. A time of fellowship and lunch followed her presentation.

Some of our members participated in the "Hunger Walk" for CROP.

### **SPRINGFIELD, Ohio**

We were spiritually blessed and strengthened in October when Ezra and Frances DeVols, Howard Moore, and Carroll Tsao spoke to us during our Missionary Conference.

The DeVols brought films of the work being done in India and made us more aware of the progress being made and of the needs that are still so pressing there. Medicines for the hospital and toys for the children are much appreciated.

Howard Moore and Carroll Tsao spoke to us of the work being done in China. It is entirely under com-

munist rule, but the underground church work is very active. Christians meet in small groups, and many share just one Bible, copying verses from it and then passing it on to the next group. Even though mainland China is entirely closed to Christianity, it is estimated that there are between one and four million Christians there today.

Mark Ellington spoke of his experiences in South America. Since he speaks no Spanish, and they spoke very little English, what he said had to be translated, and this seemed to please the people there. He told us that the people are quite primitive. Their religion is evangelical, Catholic, or atheist—there is no in-between. The preachers are the men who can read. Their services are much like ours, but they use guitar and tambourine for music. There is much participation and little or no opposition to the Gospel.

Harry and Bernita Moser were our guests for the final session. They spoke to us of the work Roscoe and Tina Knight are doing in Mexico. The Mosers showed film slides of Mexico.

We have been spiritually enriched by our visitors this year and feel a much closer relationship with our missionaries because of their time spent with us.

### **URBANA, Ohio**

The Believers Trio presented special music for our Rally Day. James Chess led the congregational singing, and the Junior Church presented the program under the direction of Ruby Frazier, Kathy Connor, and Juanita Brooks. Miss Frazier spoke about those who had worked so faithfully, and she gave a brief report on the results derived from their work.

Previous to our Rally Day we had four weeks of visitation, which brought gratifying results. The theme of the program was "Christ, the Lighthouse." A beautiful lighthouse was made by Albert Cooper with lower lights for each class and a large beacon light at the top that would be lit if the goals for new members were achieved. The lower lights represented each class and would also be lit if they reached their goals. At the end of this service a delicious potluck dinner was served in the Annex with the pastor asking the blessing on the food as well as the day.

Our Faith Promise service was presented by our pastor, who had Scripture and some special comments. He said we cannot outgive God. We should give to God until He quits giving to us. Bruce and Joyce Blevins sang a duet, and the senior FY sang a song entitled "The Lighthouse," and were accompanied by Bruce Blevins and Steve Thornburg on their guitars. For the offertory, Jim Connors played a solo on his tuba while his mother accompanied him on the piano. The goal set for our Faith Promise was \$6,000. Our church is in the process of being remodeled, and this amount added to our Building Fund will be used to help defray expenses.

### **WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio**

September was Stewardship Month. Our theme was "Let Love Guide You" in the use of time, talent, and treasure. Our pastor brought us inspiring messages based on total commitment to Jesus Christ.

We also served as host church for the Central Ohio District Missionary Banquet featuring Raleigh and Lorraine Harris as musicians and Dr. Kenneth Fraizer as speaker. Mrs.

Rachel Root summarized the feelings of the 200 plus attenders by stating, "We hope this is just the first of many successful missionary banquets for Friends in Central Ohio."

October 1-5 was our Missionary Conference with emphasis on Faith Promise giving. John Brantingham and Howard Moore challenged Friends to be prepared for future opportunities on Mainland China.

#### WEST MANSFIELD, Ohio

The Memory Lane male quartet from the Logan County area were special singers for a Sunday evening service along with special musical numbers by the local congregation.

Byhalia, Somerville, and West Mansfield Friends churches met together at the West Mansfield church for a Wednesday evening service to hear Carroll Tsao, who had come to tell of being converted under the ministry of some of our early missionaries to China. He was an inspiration to all who heard him.

Christine Hobart arranged a special program to honor the senior citizens in our church during the Sunday morning service, October 26. Eleanor D. Potts, although not a senior citizen, was also given special recognition in this service for her work as church treasurer and for providing flower arrangements for the church each Sunday.

#### WINONA, Ohio

Dean Johnson from the Broadview Heights church ministered to us in the morning worship hour recently while our pastor visited the Holy Land. He gave a very inspiring presentation of the work being done by the Friends Disaster Service.

We observed Childrens Day November 2, a great day for kids of all ages. A planned program for the "kick off" of our enlargement campaign was presented by the junior age group with the theme, "100 percent Chance of Rain." Alice Gamble is director of the group.

On November 12 the new Billy Graham film, *The Hiding Place*, was shown in Salem, Ohio. A good number of our church people attended.

#### BIRTHS

ADKINSON — A daughter, Shelly Elaine, October 11, 1975, to Melvin and Lois Adkinson, Tyler, Texas.

BONSALL — A daughter, Stephanie Le Ann, October 18, 1975, to Roger and Cindy Bonsall, Lone Star, Hugoton, Kansas.

CASEBEER — A son, Dustin Sean, November 6, 1975, to Darwin and Linda Casebeer, Lone Star Friends, Hugoton, Kansas.

HARRISON — A son, Aaron Matther, October 26, 1975, to Wendell and Paula Harrison, Lone Star, Hugoton, Kansas.

HENSLEE — A daughter, Rebecca Ann, October 17, 1975, to Roger and Joanne Henslee, Salem, Ohio.

HOWELL — A daughter, Amanda Lou, July 7, 1975, to John and Connie Howell, Hesper Friends Church, Eudora, Kansas.

JOHNSON — A daughter, April Emily, to Charles and Beverly Johnson of Lynwood Friends, Portland, Oregon, October 29, 1975.

KAHN — A son, Trent Ryan, November 3, 1975, to Art and Nancy Kahn, Friendswood, Texas.

KRUEGAR — A daughter, Kimberly Sue, August 31, 1975, to Paul and Sharron Kruegar, Adrian, Michigan.

LA RUE — A daughter, Brenda Joyce, September 18, 1975, to Mike and Jeannine LaRue, Topeka, Kansas.

MERCER — A son, Andrew Blaine, October 20, 1975, to Loren and Becky Mercer, Haviland, Kansas.

REID — A daughter, Erica Jean, to John and Janet Reid of Lynwood

# Friends record

Friends, Portland, Oregon, September 19, 1975.

ROSE — A daughter, Heather Lynn, October 12, 1975, to Don and Carol Rose, Salem, Ohio.

RYAN — A son, Micah Joseph, October 27, 1975, to Mark and Kathy Ryan, Bayshore Friends, Baycliff, Texas.

SNOOK — A daughter, Christina Lynn, October 23, 1975, to Robert and Betty Snook, North Lewisburg, Ohio.

WRIGHT — A son, Andrew Lawrence, on October 30, 1975, to Ralph and Sandi Wright of Denver, Colorado.

#### MARRIAGES

BENNEDICT-MURPHY. Esther Benedict and William Murphy, September 27, 1975, Deerfield Friends, Ohio.

BILL-KRAMER. Kathy Bill and Paul Kramer, October, 1975, Westgate Friends Church, Columbus, Ohio.

BIRCH - MAGEE. Judi Birch and Steven Magee, September 25, 1975, Caldwell Friends, Idaho.

DAVIS-BOSCHULT. Kim Davis and Ron Boschult, July 14, 1975, Evangelical Friends, Omaha, Nebraska.

EWING-KENDALL. Debbie Ewing and Kenneth Kendall, October 11, 1975, Las Cruces, Mexico (formerly First Friends, Salem, Ohio).

FANSLER-BURCH. Jana L. Fansler and Daniel B. Burch, October 4, 1975, First Friends Church, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

JONES - BAER. Lauri Jones and Daniel Baer, October 25, 1975, Gilead Friends, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

McCUE-HOOPES. Doris McCue and Terry Hoopes, October 11, 1975, First Friends, Salem, Ohio.

MURPHY-EDWARDS. Patricia Murphy and Ronnie Edwards, October 24, 1975, Hutchinson, Kansas.

PATTERSON-POWERS. Marilyn Patterson and Dwane Powers, May 24, 1975, Northridge, Wichita, Kansas.

POWERS-WRIGHT. Debbie Powers and David Wright, July 26, 1975, Eastridge Church of the Nazarene, Wichita, Kansas.

SHADICK-WALKER. Debby Shadick and W. Craig Walker of Lynwood Friends, Portland, Oregon, October 11, 1975.

WILLINGHAM-EARLES. Nancy Willingham and Larry Earles, October 9, 1975, Friendswood, Texas.

#### DEATHS

BURR — Ova Burr, 81, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, October 12, 1975.

CARD — Luther Card, 90, of Haviland Friends Church, Haviland, Kansas, November 6, 1975.

CRAVEN — May Craven, Spring Grove, Osawatomie, Kansas, October 31, 1975.

CRAWFORD — Mary Alice Crawford, 2½, Hanoverton, Ohio, October 28, 1975.

HANNEMAN — Kenneth Hanneman, 25, of Homestead Friends Church, Cedar Points, Kansas, October 17, 1975.

INGRAM — Grace Ingram, 71, Salem, Ohio, October 7, 1975.

METZGAR — John Metzgar, 67, Washingtonville, Ohio, October 25, 1975.

MYERS — Sylvia Myers, 72, Deerfield, Ohio, October 12, 1975.

SHAFFER — Lillian Shaffer, Hughesville, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1975.

THOMPSON — Paul Thompson, Sr., 82, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, October 15, 1975.

VOTAW — Lawrence Votaw, 86, Springfield, Ohio, October 28, 1975.

## Face of the World

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have consented to come in for post-marriage counseling.

He said the "checkup" program is designed to help keep "the first marriage from becoming only a training school for the second, with divorce the diploma."

#### ADVENTIST FACES LOSS OF JOB FOR NOT PAYING UNION DUES

AUGUSTA, MAINE — Clarita Michaud won't budge from her religious convictions against joining a labor union. Consequently she faces dismissal from her job.

Mrs. Michaud, a Seventh-day Adventist, has been threatened with the loss of a clerical job she has held for five years with the Oxford Paper Company.

"The union does not view [her stand] as religious discrimination, but as part of the collective bargaining process," Attorney Peter Rysman for the United Paper Workers International Union told a court hearing on the dispute.

The union has rejected Mrs. Michaud's offer to contribute \$6 a month, the equivalent of its monthly dues, to a non-religious charity. —E.P.

#### ECONOMIC RECESSION A SPIRITUAL MATTER?

LURAY, VIRGINIA — A governor of the Federal Reserve Board and a theologian-economist agreed here that there is a spiritual dimension to the economic problems now plaguing the nation because Americans have expected too much from their economic system and the Federal government.

Federal Reserve Board Governor Robert C. Holland said that in addition to high expectations, there is a shortfall in production. "We are not putting out

products as we should and we are not sharing as we should," he told a Seminar on Church and National Life. —E.P.

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tional problems, personality conflicts, etc. The men, instead of mentioning her lack of administrative ability, only criticize her as a *woman* administrator.

I personally think women who resort to the "Total Woman" or "Fascinating Womanhood" tactics cease to be a total *person* period—it's a cop-out.

SUSAN (WILLCUTS) KENDALL  
Annandale, Virginia

Whoa! Wait a minute! Before lauding Women's Lib as a great step of progress, we must evaluate the movement realistically.

First, let us consider Women's Lib's full name: "Women's Liberation Revolutionary Front." This cues us into the fact that it is part of an unsavory revolutionary package, together with the "Gay Liberation Revolutionary Front," which calls for the emancipation of homosexuals. In that package also is pornography, permissiveness toward the "victimless crime"—prostitution, homosexuality—and a broad assault on all authority. In short, here is radicalism on the march bent on destroying the keystone of our Christian society—the institution of marriage and the family.

The radicalization of women is a key plank in the Socialist-Communist program. A prominent American Communist leader, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, expressed it in *Political Affairs*: "Socialist countries are guaranteeing to women an independent existence as a human being . . . the care of mother and child is now a social responsibility freeing her from dependence upon individual men, either father or husband."

In 1918 Lenin reminded Communists that "the success of the revolution depends on the extent to which women take part in it." He proclaimed the necessity of emancipating women from petty housework and her chains to the kitchen and the nursery. (Emancipated Soviet women can be seen today tending furnaces in steel mills, sweeping city streets, laying bricks, and scrubbing the decks of ships. This in addition to doing the cooking and washing and housecleaning at home!)

Today in Communist countries the emancipated woman can be jailed if she insists on staying home to raise her children. She is accused of the crime of refusing to do "socially productive labor" and has become a "parasite upon society." The strong pressures on the American mother to free herself from home's "chains" and child-raising responsibilities to do "socially productive work" is thus a familiar pattern.

A new breed of radicalized woman is hitting the front pages, she with the smoking gun and assassin's bullets. But perhaps more damage is being done to all those women on the grassroots level who are urged to compete militantly with men, to be assertive, domineering. They become an abomination in nature: unfeminine, pushy, discontented, and unlovable. Needless to say, homes are being broken and children and husbands are being abandoned in record numbers because of this subversion of women.

In our work with hurt and deprived children, we have seen a pattern emerging. Broken homes and absent fathers do leave deep scars on children's personalities, but there is something still worse. That is, as a young child, to consciously know, even at three or four years of age, that your mother has abandoned you. We have seen time and again an almost irreversible emotional damage to children and youth who have been abandoned by their mothers.

As Christians, let us be very careful about accepting any sweeping popular radical trend of our times, no matter how seductively "progressive" it may seem. It is the time of antichrist, and he is "changing times and seasons."

MIGNON MACY PIKE  
Big Sky Youth Ranch  
Oregon City, Oregon

Would you ask an unsaved person to write an article on salvation and/or sanctification? Of course not.

Why then do you accept an article on God's plan of authority and submission by authors who do not understand it and have evidently never practiced it? ("Will the Real Ms. Christian Please Stand Up"—October 1975)

Submission is like salvation. One cannot know the joys of it until one accepts it as God's plan and puts it into practice. Neither can individual potential be developed to the fullest until each individual is totally submitted to the one in authority over him.

While authors Weesner and Cole have a right to their own opinion, they should not be allowed to hide behind Friends doctrine and the Bible (they were adept at verse hopping and taking verses out of context) to exploit their opinions in the official church publication.

MR. AND MRS. GLEN MULLEN  
Perry, Oklahoma

The article on Christian feminism by Marjorie Weesner and Kara Cole (October issue) meets head on one of the most controversial and vital issues of our times. I appreciate the concise, scriptural, logical presentation by these talented women leaders in our church.

Quakers, especially, who have stressed from our beginnings our belief in the priesthood of all believers, have a great responsibility to remain strong in this fundamental of our faith. Three hundred years of historical evidence of the blessing of the Lord in the various ministries of women outside their homes should remind us that God places no sex-role restrictions upon Christian service. The Christian woman is also made in God's image, is the temple of God, and a part of the body of Christ. Within that body, work is appointed according to gift, and not sex.

In these days of a worldwide awakening to the prejudices and injustices borne by women for centuries, let both our Christian men and women be relieved of the fixed role bondage, for we are indeed all one in Christ.

ELENITA BALES  
Kelso, Washington

First let me say that I fully agree with the central thesis of Marjorie Weesner and Kara Cole's article, "Will the Real Ms. Christian Please Stand Up?"

But two statements in their development of their idea trouble me. The first: ". . . the Bible was written . . . by various authors whose personal biases sometimes showed." The second: Paul "was in a culturally-imposed straitjacket . . ."

To me these statements mean that Paul and other authors of the Bible wrote things that are to some degree errors. How else can I understand the results of bias and being in a straitjacket? We thus have a Bible with errors in it.

And if there are errors on this one point, what basis do we have for believing that the Bible is not in error on other points of personal and social ethics, theology, whatever?

I am afraid of this kind of Bible.  
LAUREN KING  
Norwich, Ohio

## 'The Saturday Night Bath'

Thanks to Kenneth Williams for the fine article on "The Saturday Night Bath" in the October issue of the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*. God does deserve our best and too many are giving Him second, third, or fourth best. There needs to be a revival of Sunday worship and the observance of the day. Preparation is made for everything else but so little for the worship on the Lord's Day. Let us arise to let God clean up the outside of our lives as well as the inside.

J. RUSSEL STANDS  
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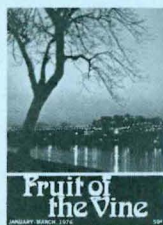
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