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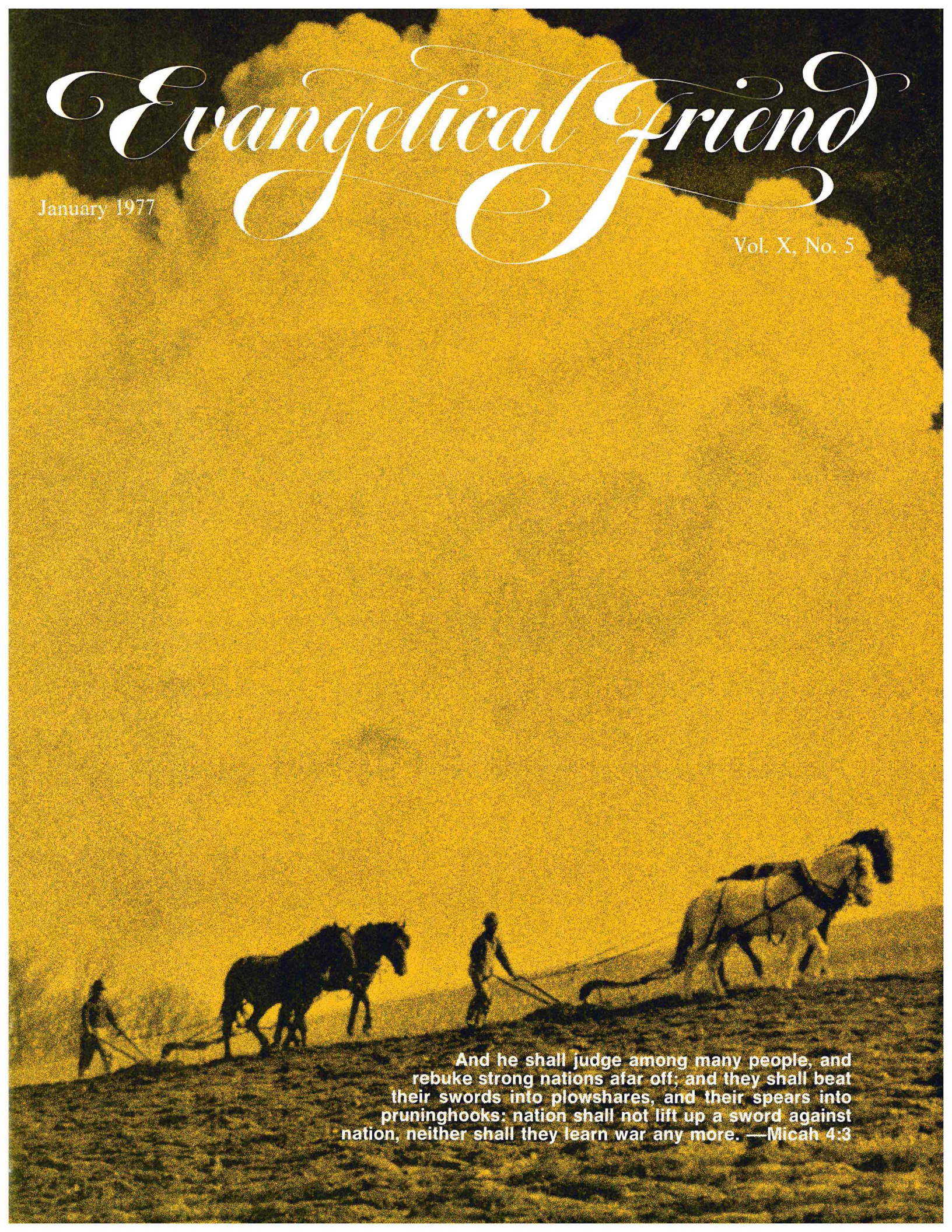
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And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. —Micah 4:3



A new call to peacemaking

BY JACK L. WILL CUTS

A new concern basic to the Gospel, consistently Quaker and urgently relevant to the tensions of our times, is developing. The dream, begun in the mind and heart of Norval Hadley, general superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting, was first shared with a conference of Friends superintendents and secretaries in 1973. In previous years these leaders had discussed the concern for some effective peace witness, but in 1973 Norval Hadley convinced the group that this must become a high priority. From this conference a letter went out to all yearly meetings and some other groups, and in the months following there was a wide response.

A year later (1974) the concern was shared with the Faith and Life Planning Committee, and they were asked to include what is now being called *A New Call to Peace-*

making into the Faith and Life Movement. Again, the response was favorable. Momentum was building when on October 26-27, sixteen representatives from the three historic peace churches (Friends, Mennonites, Church of the Brethren) met in Elgin, Illinois, to consider plans for a new and hopefully different approach to Christian peacemaking in the U.S., Canada, and the world. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9) not only provided the title but the mandate for action.

A study book has just been released to acquaint Friends and all those interested in the proposals developed in "A New Call to Peacemaking." As the Faith and Life Planning Committee convened in Dallas, Texas, during the Friends Pastors' Conference, Russell Myers, general superintendent of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, a member of the committee, proposed inviting the Church of the Brethren and the Mennonites to join the effort. "This is too big for Friends alone. We would have far greater impact if we could join together with others who have the same goals." This was done and their response was enthusiastic, as indicated by their participation in the October meeting already mentioned. Five persons were

This article is a composite of announcements, reports, and news releases regarding the growing concern for the Christian role in peacemaking, initiated in 1973 by Norval Hadley. This story is taken from adaptations of writings from Keith Sarver, Robert Rumsey, John Stoner, and Norval Hadley. —J.L.W.

asked to represent each denomination in this enlarged planning committee. The Friends selected Norval Hadley, general superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting and president of the Evangelical Friends Alliance; Francis Brown, general secretary of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; Lorton Heusel, general secretary of Friends United Meeting; Barrett Hollister, Quaker Representative at the United Nations, and Keith Sarver, general superintendent of California Yearly Meeting. Robert Rumsey, associate secretary for the Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, represents the Faith and Life Planning Committee. There have now been two meetings of these representatives from the historic peace churches. From the Elgin, Illinois, meeting came this statement of purpose:

"Believing that we are called by our Lord to be peacemakers in our contemporary world, we seek a positive, creative, and practical approach to peace that is biblically based and spiritually sound, which would be a strong witness and which would invite the widest possible participation."

It is noted that this is a positive approach to peacemaking. In his early expression of concern, Norval Hadley observed that while there have been a number of peace concerns, many were negative in nature. We want positive alternatives to war and to the conditions that cause war and strife. As a basic resource for this movement is the study book, *A New Call to Peacemaking*. It includes chapters on the biblical basis of peacemaking by T. Canby Jones; "Can Wars Be Just?" by Arthur O. Roberts; a reprint of Sen. Mark Hatfield's writing titled "Christ and Caesar"; "The Global Nuclear Threat and the Quaker Peace Witness," by Charles Wells; "A History of Quaker International Peacemaking Efforts," by Duncan Wood; "World Organizations and Peace," by Barry Hollister; "Just International Distribution of Food and Resources," by Franklin Wallin. Most U.S. yearly meetings have ordered quantities of these booklets for use in local churches. They may be ordered from your local yearly meeting headquarters offices (\$1 plus postage).

One important part of the purposes of the new call for peacemaking is to stir up interest in the local monthly meeting. Perhaps there will come various "Minutes of Concern" from local Friends churches to be forwarded to the Planning Committee.


Another dimension of the concern is the preparation of peacemaking conferences during the year of 1977. These will be held among all the peace churches across the country, with the broadest involvement possible by as many as possible. Accompanying this, too, will be a prophetic call to world peace addressed to governments and shared with the Christian church at large. This call will be to "a spiritual rededication to the peace witness that springs from the biblical Gospel."

As interest builds, it is hoped a significant thrust will come from the next national conference scheduled for October 5-9, 1978, in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Here there will be at least seventy-five from each of the three denomi-

nations and an additional twenty-five invited guests from other denominations as fraternal delegates. While there is no way of anticipating just what action or direction may come in the months ahead and from this 1978 peacemaking conference, it is assumed concerted action in a completely Christian context will be implemented. At this point there is absolutely no thought of marches, boycotts, or any type of demonstration that brings more violence than peace. Actions will be really successful as they spring from hearts and minds cleansed by the blood of Christ and motivated by the kind of love that led Him to the cross. While the Ten Commandments can be considered negative, yet Jesus, in the beautiful beatitudes and in other teaching and example, transformed the rigid principles of righteousness into positive approaches to life.

A first call to us all may be now in reference to what the "New Call to Peacemaking" may mean to Friends. What do the Scriptures and the Spirit teach us about the Christian role in peacemaking? It is no new or strange interpretation of Jesus and His message that gives rise to a new call to peacemaking. Neither does some twentieth century reinterpretation of the church and its mission lie behind the new call. The impulse, the motive, and the drive come rather from a rediscovery of the New Testament message about Jesus and the church He founded. John Stoner, executive secretary, Peace Section (U.S.) of the Mennonite Central Committee, cites a major concern of the more than 100,000 peace church members about "the lowering clouds of militarism and violence which hang over the world. This kind of concern used to be pretty well limited to some nuclear scientists and assorted peacenik types. But [now] the ordinary parent and the average grade school child have to be extraordinarily isolated in their experience and perceptions if they do not often have sobering thoughts about the meaning of nuclear stockpiles, arms race, and the diplomacy of overkill."

John Stoner goes on: "Brethren, Friends, and Mennonites are in one way or another different from their neighbors in thinking about the possibility of global destruction. Because they are Christians, and Christians who have a peace church heritage, they cannot easily resign themselves to lethargic pessimism in the face of a challenge so apparently overwhelming. They are people of hope and of moral earnestness. While their hope does not lead them to expect to stamp out sin, yet neither does their moral earnestness allow them to participate in sin—even the sin of arming the world for destruction—with a shrug and a cliché 'that's the way it is.' So they look for alternatives and they want to be peacemakers."

In his introduction to the book, *A New Call to Peacemaking*, Norval Hadley has written, "Now is the time for us who believe that the Gospel speaks to society as well as to individuals to suggest some positive alternatives to fighting—especially so because now in the United States there is no major war to prejudice the issues. This is a strategic time for peace-loving people to speak out." 

I CAN TRUST GOD

BY HAROLD B. WINN

Friends across the Evangelical Friends Alliance join the First Friends Church of Salem, Ohio, in feeling the loss of their beloved pastor, Harold Winn, who went to be with the Lord in early December. This news just reaches us as we are putting together the January issue of the magazine. It was our privilege to spend an afternoon with Harold and Wilda in their home last August, the day before he opened the Yearly Meeting sessions for the last time as presiding clerk, a position he had held many years. Knowing of his serious illness and determined effort to be present, he was given a standing ovation.

But before we left the Winn home that afternoon after praying together, Harold remarked he would like to share a copy of a sermon he had recently preached to the church he had pastored for 29 years (perhaps the largest Friends church in the U.S.), describing how the Lord had been dealing with him during his struggle with cancer. While not saying it, an impression came clearly that he thought this might be shared in the magazine—someday.

This beautiful, powerful, tender truth shared as a personal testimony of faith and hope is inspiring. We can only thank God for the friendship, ministry, influence, and leadership of one whose life has touched so many through his pastoral, writing, administrative gifts—all so totally given to the Lord he loved.

—Jack and Geraldine Willcuts

(A related story about Harold Winn's death is on page 22.)

Many, many of you have said to me again and again, "I don't understand why you were afflicted with this. Why did this happen to you?"

The answer to this question is difficult, to be sure. Elton Trueblood says that there are five general answers to why people suffer. One of them is that you have been committing sin and God is punishing you. In fact, this has been a prevailing feeling in the minds of people around the world. The disciples, when they came to that blind man, said, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents?" Jesus said, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents; but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." There are a lot of people who are suffering far beyond any explanation of their past life.

The second answer some people give is that it is only in your mind. You are not really suffering; it's an illusion. Somebody sent me a little booklet the other day, the gist of which was—you're not sick: it's just in your mind. As I read it I thought I would sure like to have had that man in my bed for about a week! I expect that he would have written a different book. Yet there are a lot of people who believe this.

The third answer is that we need a certain amount of suffering to make us good or to make us better. It is an ingredient that is necessary in life, in the discipline of life. There is an element of truth in this, but on the other hand, what about the people who are born blind? What about children who are stricken with polio before they reach the age of accountability? What about the many who have suffered excruciatingly all their lives and have spent twenty, thirty, or forty years on their backs? It just doesn't add up to the total answer.

The fourth answer that some people give is that people suffer because God is

not powerful enough to deliver us from suffering. They say God is a powerful God, but He's not all-powerful. The facts are that this is not true! God *is* all-powerful. There is really nothing He cannot do.

The fifth answer, the one that I find satisfaction in, is that I don't understand suffering, but I can still trust God where I cannot trace and explain why. There are so many things in life that you and I don't understand. Job, for example, in the Old Testament—the greatest man that was living in that day—suffered not only the loss of all his possessions, the loss of his family and children, but then the loss of his health. In fact, he gave up even thinking that he would ever survive. Worst of all, his wife told him to curse God and die.

Somehow Job had a faith that wouldn't give up. He said, in effect, "I don't understand it, but I can trust where I cannot trace God." There is something about this that satisfies me. I don't understand it. I don't need to ask why. I can trust God where I cannot trace Him. It's a childlike faith.

I want to share with you just a few miracles, the supernatural power of God, that I experienced while in the hospital. The first miracle was that God tried to communicate to me what I was facing. Why would He do it? It was because He loved me. He loved me enough to try His best to get through to me what I was facing. Does God care that much for a person? Yes. If you saw one of your children facing a tragedy, you would do everything in your power to communicate it to that child, to help him, brace him, cushion him, and prepare him.

About a month before my first surgery I found myself unusually weary. It was
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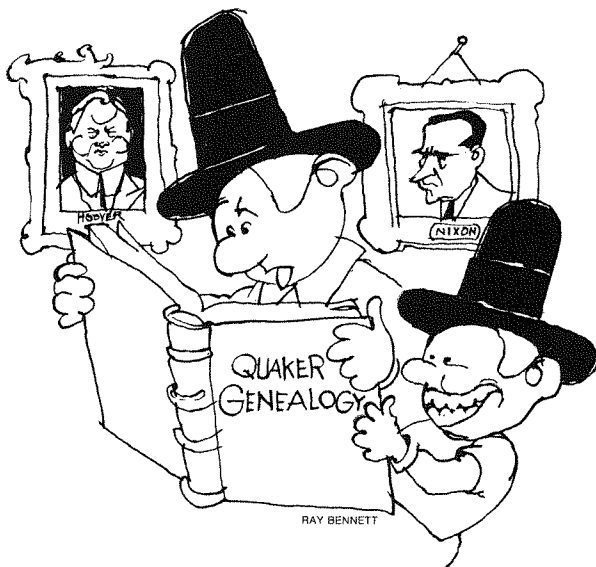
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*"Why, here it is, son . . . Coffin, Folger, Hinshaw, Hadley,
Haworth, Mills, Milhous, Carter . . . CARTER!"*

COVER

Though fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies of a new kingdom in which nations shall be judged and peace shall reign may yet be distant and seemingly unattainable by man, this does not preclude the Christian working toward peace. New vision and action is resulting in a "new call to peacemaking" by several historic peace churches.

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Some random thoughts on this issue: Editor Jack Willcuts has compiled from several sources this month's lead article, "A New Call to Peacemaking," giving the background and future steps of this new venture among the historic peace denominations of our nation. Worldwide unrest prevails though a large killer conflict is not presently with us. This could lull Quakers and other Christians of like mind to inaction. But there's a job to do! May we pray for this new cooperative venture.

While we welcome a new writer to our pages—David Kingrey, a member of the pastoral team at University Friends in Wichita—we are saddened by the death of one of our regular contributing editors, Harold Winn, long-time pastor of First Friends Church of Salem, Ohio. A sermon about his illness, "I Can Trust God," is found on page 6.

And finally, Jack Willcuts' editorial, "The Wintering Process" (page 10), should not be missed, nor should the responses to his recent editorial on the future of the Evangelical Friends Alliance published under "Friends Write" (page 11). —H.T.A.

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only about ten days before surgery that I developed any pain or any indication that something was wrong. It was not a serious or excruciating pain; a couple of Excedrin took care of it, and I went through the day without too much trouble doing my work. I remember getting up once or twice at night to take them.

Then, about two weeks before I had surgery I was in the bathroom shaving. I looked at myself and said, "Harold, you don't look well; something's wrong with you." And then there flashed through my mind, *Harold, you have cancer*. I didn't dwell on the thought. There are a lot of things we don't like to dwell on. Many things you can push out of your mind, if you want to, and I pushed that one out.

Then the last Sunday before I had surgery, I preached from the book of 1 Peter. There were two main points in the sermon. Peter said, "Since Christ suffered and underwent pain, you must have the same attitude he did; you must be ready to suffer, too."

The second point was that suffering is redemptive. God uses suffering to help

other people, just like Christ suffered on the cross. As I was preaching that, somehow the Holy Spirit began talking to me. I was talking to you, but He was talking to me. There's redemptive value in suffering. I shall not forget saying to myself, "Lord, I have never suffered."

Then on my back after surgery the Holy Spirit brought all of these things together. He said, "You see, I was trying to get you ready for this. It's because I love you. I told you about the cancer. I told you to get your mind ready for suffering. I shared with you that suffering is redemptive."

You say, "It just happened." Well, you can say it just happened, but to me it was a miracle, a miracle of God's love—love that is greater than any love I know about. He foreknew; He foresaw. He knew more than the X-rays showed. He knew more than the doctors knew. This is a miracle. God knows that about you, too, my friend, and He loves you so much. He tries to prepare you for whatever life's tomorrows hold.

The second miracle was the miracle of God's adequate presence when I was told what I had. The doctor came in the first night and sat down by my bed and told me just what he had found. He knew I would want to know. When he told me, two things hit me immediately. One was, *Harold, you have had a great life. You've not compromised what you preached*. As I looked over my yesterdays, I had no regrets, no feeling that I had disobeyed God intentionally.

Then the second thing that hit me was Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." It wasn't very long after that went through my mind that one of the nurses standing by said, "Reverend Winn, you better roll over." She gave me a shot and I was gone in a moment or two.

The miracle was this: the reason the nurse did it was that when most people are told they have cancer, it is so easy for them to go into shock or to have emotional disturbance. This is natural. But for me God was speaking to my heart, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to

his purpose." When I came to, my mind was on that verse of Scripture. Did I hear what the doctor said? Oh, yes, I heard what he said. I heard it all very well. My mind was functioning. And through the days that followed when I would think of what I had, this verse of Scripture would come to my mind.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." I got to thinking, *who is included in this "we"?* I knew Paul was, the Apostle Paul who had so many troubles. Beaten, shipwrecked, stoned, chased by mobs, in prison many times—I knew Paul felt that way, but the pronoun was plural. It would be one thing for Paul to say, "I know," but the Scrip-

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ture doesn't say, "I know"; it says, "*We* know."

Then I got to thinking who else would be in that "we," and I thought the Lord Jesus was included. Then I thought about some of the great saints of God through the centuries who had suffered. And then, I shall never forget, as I reflected about it, the Holy Spirit spoke to me personally. He said, "Do you want to be included in that pronoun? Do you really want to know that all things work together for good to them that love God?"

And in that moment I said, "Lord, I want to be included."

It's one thing to know a Scripture objectively. It is another thing to know it subjectively. It is one thing to say it works for Paul and Jeremiah and George Fox. It is another thing to say it works for Harold Winn, for you and you and all the rest of you. See what I mean? Time and time again this Scripture undergirded me. When you understand the purpose of something, you don't ask why.

Another miracle was the miracle of God's peace. Through these months there was a peace that I never knew before in my life. The verse in John 14 where Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let

Another thing I learned was the importance of knowing the Scripture. Memorize some Scripture. You may need it more than you ever think you will. When you can't think and you can't reason and when you can't sort things out, to have God speaking through the Scripture you have memorized in the yesterdays is so meaningful.

When you are too weak to pray, it is so great to know that others are praying for you. A verse that meant so much to me was, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." You may not be able to pray, but there is somebody praying for you.

I was going in to the hospital for treatments that really exhausted me. One day my doctor said, "Harold, there's a lady up on the second floor who will soon die with cancer. We have done all we can, but she needs spiritual help. Could you go see her?" I have never for a moment in all of my life hesitated to try to minister to anybody, anywhere, in any condition, but strangely enough—no, not strangely—this hit very hard.

It wasn't that I didn't want to see this lady. I just didn't know whether emotionally I could control myself or not. Sickness does something to you not only physically, but it does something to you emotionally—very, very much so. I said to the doctor, "She may not want to see me." (I was just trying to cop out.) He said, "I'll ask her." The next day I was told, "She wants to see you."

After I finished my treatment, I started up to the second floor. I have walked the floors of that hospital thousands of times, but I never knew a man's feet could be so heavy nor the distance so far. When I got into the room we exchanged our greetings: Hello, how are you? You know, just chat, chat. That's a lot of our talk in life anyway, I'm afraid. Then she said to me, "Reverend Winn, I have a couple of questions I'd like to ask you."



I said, "All right." I didn't know what they were going to be.

One question was, "I know Jesus Christ—I've loved Him. There have been very few days for years that I have not read my Bible, but in these last days when I have been so sick, I haven't been able to pray or read my Bible. I wonder if something is wrong, spiritually?" I called her by name. "You know, Dorothy, let me tell you something. I spent a week downstairs while you were up here when I didn't do much praying either. She said, 'Why didn't you?' I said, 'I guess I was just too sick.'"

And when I said that her eyes opened and a smile came across her face. Then she asked me a couple of other questions, and I was able to answer them. Her husband came down later to see me. He said, "You'll never know what you did for my wife." As I left that room that day after praying, my feet weren't heavy—they were light. And as I walked down the hall the Spirit of God said to me, "Harold, you're going to have a ministry now at a level you have never had before, because there's a lot of suffering in this world."

These are a few of the miracles I saw and experienced while in the hospital.

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not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" again and again supported me.

I learned so many things through this. One of them is the importance of being prayed up. When a crisis comes, you really can't pray like you would like to. Your mind doesn't function properly.

Another lesson I learned is that life can change so quickly. I should have known that, for I have been with hundreds of others when life terminated or changed. It is one thing to think of it in terms of the other fellow. What about yourself? It could change for you and for me so quickly.

FRIENDS—OUR STEWARDSHIP OF THE WHOLE CREATION

BY DAVID KINGREY



David Kingrey has served on the pastoral team at University Friends, Wichita, Kansas, since 1974. From 1967-1974 he served on the United Ministry team at Purdue University where

he was instrumental in establishing the Lilly Professorship in Science, Theology, and Human Values. This article is an outgrowth of concerns expressed by several at the 1976 Kansas Yearly Meeting sessions.

Aboard Landsatellites I and II, at an altitude of 570 miles, computers can analyze and classify in less than eight hours data covering an area of 8 million acres of the earth's surface. Another computer, used actively in research, can perform the same function in seven seconds. The new satellite information systems we have today can identify conditions of crops, soils, geologic features, and water resources. Scanners on the Landsatellites are able to detect diseased crops even before the naked eye can. Computers can determine types of crops in a field. The picture adjacent to this article is a computer classification produced from the Landsatellite I data obtained over De Kalb County, Illinois, in August 1972. Black represents corn fields; gray, soybeans, and white, other surface features.

With today's available technology we now have a real possibility to eradicate world hunger. God has given us a tool that if used properly can answer the



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prayers of millions of persons with hungry stomachs. But the same technology, applied in the form of weapons, left countless thousands dead and homeless in the Southeast Asian war. This modern, sophisticated technology used indiscriminately has been responsible also for the raping of land and pollution of the air and streams.

Indeed Friends, today, live at a time in which we have more power than ever before to answer Christ's call to love our neighbor in need. At the same time we have more power to destroy the very creation God gave us.

Lynn White, professor of history at the University of California at Los

Angeles, has accused Christianity of being a contributor to our present environmental crisis. "Both our present science and our present technology are so tinctured with orthodox Christian arrogance toward nature that no solution for our ecological crisis can be expected from them alone."¹ Lynn White refers to Genesis 1:26. "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all

1. Lynn White, *Western Man and Environmental Ethics* (Ian Barbour, editor) (Reading, Mass.: Addison-Wesley Publishing Co., 1973), p. 30.

the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'"

The idea that Christians are to have dominion has licensed them, charges White, to be arrogant and exploitive toward the rest of creation. Of course, I think Lynn White is confused about the Christian meaning of dominion. When we are called to have dominion over the earth, we are called primarily to oversee and protect God's creation. We are stewards, caretakers of the earth, not owners of it.


We Friends need now a stewardship that enables us to appreciate the whole creation. We need the mind of the psalmist, who understood God's creative power operating throughout the universe. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels, praise him all his host! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!" (Psalm 148:1-4)

The Apostle Paul also realized that Christ's love is expressed in all parts of the universe. The whole created order is an unfolding of God's mind in Christ. "He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities — all things were created through him and for him." (Colossians 1:15-17)

At the heart of Friends ministry today should be the concern stated by Marion Baumgardner, a deeply committed Christian and space scientist working at Purdue University: "No final reconciliation can occur among all peoples until man is reconciled with the rest of God's creation."² Likewise we can never be at one with Christ as long as we destroy either natural beauty or human beauty, or while only a small percentage of the world's people wastefully uses the greatest percentage of energy and the other resources of creation.

Part of Christ's plan of salvation is that we find unity with His creation. He has taken the initiative by giving us minds to create earth resources satellites. He has revealed ways that we might feed

the hungry masses. He has shown us the means to create energy from the atom. God himself has bridged the gap of the known and the unknown. He has done it in many ways and in many cultures. But He has revealed himself fully by sending himself in human form. He has identified with us in our framework in the person of Jesus Christ so that we might be

united with Him eternally in His framework. And He invites us to be responsible stewards now in His saving ministry. As responsible stewards Friends will seek wise use of the technology God has given us. We will apply it to feed the hungry, minister to the sick, and heal our ruptured relationship with the environment and God's whole creation. 

Contemporary Queries on the Spiritual Basis for Right Sharing of World Resources

Following a serious and searching conference, Jennifer Haines prepared the following as statements for a gathering of Friends discussing the right sharing of world resources. They merit prayerful consideration by Quakers everywhere.

1. Do you love God above all things, holding to no possession as tightly as you hold to God's service? Are you laying up for yourself "treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal," or are you laying up "treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal"? (Matthew 6:19-20)

2. Do you continue to examine your needs, looking always for ways to reduce them, to live more simply, and to use resources more sparingly? Do you take joy in having less rather than in having more?

3. Do you love your neighbor as yourself, seeking his/her happiness as diligently as you seek your own? Are you feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, taking in the stranger, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick and imprisoned, the world over?

4. Do you serve and share out of the experience of God in the center of your life, making your whole life an expression of God's will through you? Do you continue undaunted in the face of great problems, trusting God to guide you to your own best service?


5. Do you look on, those in need as God's children, as richly endowed by Him as you are, with much of value to give and teach you? Do you consider whether you have service to give abroad, and, if so, do you give it in this spirit?

6. Do you think of setting aside for the needs of others before spending for yourself? Do you tithe or otherwise give regularly to development needs?

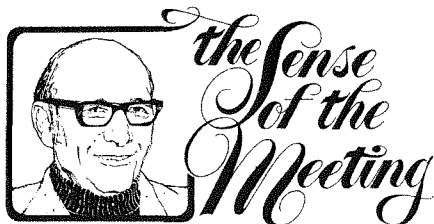
7. Are you careful of your stewardship over God's earth, using its resources wisely and conserving them for future generations? Is your life in harmony with your finite and delicately balanced planet?

8. Are you educating yourself about the world situation so that your sharing can be of real help in areas of genuine need, rather than a palliative, or the cause of well-intentioned harm?

9. Do you continue to try to educate others about the world's needs and the changes in the lives of the affluent that are called for? Are your life and work an example for others of wise resource use and sharing?

10. Are you working to change the economic, social, and political systems that perpetuate injustice and poverty, concentrating power and wealth in the hands of the few at the expense of the many? Are you working for just global systems of resource use and sharing? 

2. David Kingrey and Marion Baumgardner, *Now Is Tomorrow* (Richmond, Ind.: Friends United Press, 1976), p. 86.



By JACK L. WILLCUTS

The Wintering Process

Used as a verb, winter is something one does between fall and spring, usually in Florida, Arizona, or some place very south. But of course we all have to winter somewhere, and there may be something to be learning in the process. God made winters too. January is a beautiful in-between time to get our breath and our bearings. Just like halftime at a ball game, it is a moment to check our signals and strategies, an occasion for soul renewal (and soil renewal), when the gardens of our hearts benefit from a certain amount of inaction.

Winter—the Bible is filled with helpful examples of those who used the in-between times of life: Joseph in Egypt's prison; Moses on the desert; Paul under padlock. Jonah too, perhaps; while not exactly typical, yet we all feel at times swallowed up and stifled by life. It turned him around, and a new year is a good time to check our directions too. Even Jesus spent most of His time on earth in between twelve and thirty. But they were not wasted years . . . Christians never have time to waste, but a change of pace, renewal, evaluation, preparation—these experiences can be terribly important. When our schedules are shaken up and routine broken, the familiarity of dailing living is paralyzed by the winter weather, sometimes the storms of losing a job, a broken marriage, the death of a loved one, a sudden or not-so-sudden illness, or the retirement years—how do we handle these winter experiences? The test of faith does not come only in the high moments of affirmation and activity; confidence really comes in acting like it when it seems all but impossible.

Winter is the opportunity to get a new grip on our confidence for the future. What about those who have certain expectations for themselves (and believe others do too), but they feel so inadequate, incompetent, weary of life's journey? The in-between period is the time to tighten our trust in God, to remember that we belong to Him, worship Him, experience Him under the cover of winter. Joseph, Moses, and Paul thought their way through in faith in what God could do. Marcus Aurelius is quoted as saying, "Our life is what our thoughts make of it." Even Emerson allowed, "A man is what he thinks about all day long." "As [a man] thinketh in his heart, so is he." "Think on these things . . ." The in-between time is a good time to redo our self-evaluation.

How can we turn our thoughts around? How can we rid ourselves of those old records we play over and over—

our record of failure, of self-hate—and put on the new one that describes us as the children of God, meant for something better? Winter is the time to go underground in our praying, reading, meditation, worship, and waiting until our souls are permeated with thoughts of adequacy through Christ, a sense of relaxed self-acceptance, where we cease to be too concerned about either failure or success. Winter is a time for getting ready for what may happen next.

Spring is a time for action, winter a time to get wound up. The basis of this inner preparation is more than a belief in God; it is a faith that makes God so intimately real, like the warmth of the fireside while the blizzards beat on the windows of our secret dwelling place. Then you know a little bit better who you are and why you and He can be confident about the outcome moving into another year. There is the God-reinforced belief in your own uniqueness . . . you are more than a person playing a role as a teacher, housewife, executive, farmer, mother, student. You are more than a production unit rated on a salary chart. You are a *person* God loves so much he made a winter for you to find this out. You think, you feel, you act, you are the eternal creation of God. Maybe heaven will be more like winter than like Hawaii! How much we need to recover the spiritual perspective that what we are is so much more important than what we do or where we go.

The womb of winter is a time to know we are His creation, created to be His children. He formed us to love and be loved, to know and be known. This is nice to know when it's dark outside.

Bring the Children Back to Worship

In his book, *The Amazing Fact of Quaker Worship*, George H. Gorman stresses the point in regard to children's participation in meetings for worship. He favors their presence toward the end, rather than at the opening period of the meeting so that they can experience its depth rather than its process of settling down. He regards as unfortunate the "strong temptation resting on some Friends to speak to the children . . ." "Children have an uncanny knack of knowing the difference between living ministry, as opposed to words spoken just to children . . . which are usually speaking down to them."

There is a difference between speaking words and ideas that can be understood by children and using superficial, entertainment-type children's stories as a kind of baby-sitting service to keep worship quiet. Truly great preachers have a knack also of holding the attention of children along with that of their parents. Probably if the preaching and speaking are over the heads of the children, they are dull also to everybody else.



The Future of EFA

■ The EVANGELICAL FRIEND (November 1976) has just now arrived and, as usual for me, I have started "consuming" it. From its pregnant pages my interest has centered on your editorial review of the future of the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

I have no desire to enter into the questions that only the duly constituted committees can resolve, but I can't escape the questions rising in my mind as to how God works in our evolving future as organized, structured Friends bodies. It seems that as members we must go through a certain degree of trial and error and success experiences.

If we can truly be in prayer and be patient, expectant, the Lord will lead us. The way of the Spirit seems almost to defy "structures," breaking through them and revealing the spiritual organism that rises from the roots of our personal and corporate lives, resulting in more flexible structures. It is like a quiet Pentecost of light and life that "falls on" or "rises through" us in an undated, unofficial way. When this occurs we can say, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes."

I believe this will occur, and to me it is like a consummation of my hope for our Quaker "Israel." Phillips Brooks said one of his problems was, "I'm in a hurry and God isn't." May it not be true that the people called Quakers, whatever their identifying name, must like the individual be born again? The new birth will be in the depth but not in the pattern of the 1650s. Perhaps it is now beginning in the 1970s, but we cannot date Pentecost or the deeper work of the Holy Spirit. Such is my prayer for the deliberations of the EFA, of which I am a part, and for the future of Friends.

ERROL T. ELLIOTT

Wichita, Kansas

■ . . . I was taken aback by the mere mention in your editorial (November 1976) of questions concerning the future of EFA, especially some of the possibili-

ties mentioned. God has certainly not brought us this far to leave us wondering and puzzled about our future. I personally believe there is much the Commission on Missions *can do* within the scope of our present "umbrella." The future is not dark. We need only to give more prayer and waiting upon God for HIS MOVE, and the "pillar of cloud" will surely lead us onward. This does not mean we do not need to do some creative thinking that demands some mental sweat—along with our praying.

I sincerely hope that the Coordinating Council does not feel rebuffed because their recommendation did not gain full approval. It seems to me this is the difference between a highly centralized authority and one that allows the members (yearly meetings) a choice in the decisions. Or do we want the yearly meetings simply to rubber stamp what is recommended by the Coordinating Council? Even though they do not really approve? Personally, I am thankful for a form of government that permits the members—at the grass roots—a voice, and the sense of freedom to think, pray, and vote . . . as they feel led. God knows, and I am confident that you do too, that Northwest Yearly Meeting wrestled hard with this issue and only reluctantly failed to approve. I do hope the other yearly meetings can find it in their hearts to be patient with us.

. . . (I believe) there is a better way. There is a more modern form of management and administration than the highly centralized, a form that permits unity and cooperation among members but does not demand a complete surrender of *voice* in the decisions of the organization. I trust that the EFA will find this way . . .

GERALD W. DILLON

written from La Paz, Bolivia

■ I certainly appreciated the concern you expressed in your editorial, "What is the Future of the EFA Now?" [November, 1976] I, too, remember the midnight hours of tears, sweat, and prayers that went into the early drafts of the *Constitution*. Harold Winn and Dean Gregory are two who gave a good portion of their lives in the hope that the EFA could be a workable solution to some of the smallness of our vision as evangelical Friends. I strongly believe that some person who can work full time in the area of coordination of our pro-

grams is essential. I certainly hope we can find a way to bring more efficient action and cooperation between our yearly meetings.

FRED LITTLEFIELD
Pastor

Fowler Friends Church
Fowler, Kansas

'Elements of Development'

■ I am distressed by the article by Eldon Helm in the November issue of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND.

Let me quote in reply a statement by E. F. Schumaker (quoted by Bishop John V. Taylor in his *Enough Is Enough*). After pointing out that the U.S.A. consumes 42 percent of the world's aluminum, 33 percent of its copper, 44 percent of its coal, 33 percent of its petroleum, and 63 percent of its natural gas, Schumaker comments:

"It is obvious that the world cannot afford the U.S.A. Nor can it afford Western Europe or Japan. In fact we might come to the conclusion that the earth cannot afford the 'Modern World.' It requires too much and accomplishes too little. It is too uneconomic. Think of it: one American drawing on resources that would sustain 50 Indians! The world cannot afford, say, 15 percent of its inhabitants—the rich who are using all the marvelous achievements of science and technology to indulge in a crude, materialistic way of life which ravages the earth."

We Americans are about half of that 15 percent.

LAUREN KING
Norwich, Ohio

■ Eldon Helm ("The Principal Elements in Development," November 1976) offers a thoughtful and useful perspective on economic development. Although our views differ at points, I wholeheartedly concur with his emphasis on the significance of small-scale enterprise as a route to alleviating poverty. This view is quite consistent with the proposals for intermediate technology in E. F. Schumacher's very important book, *Small Is Beautiful: Economics as if People Mattered*. Eldon's work and ideas translate the charitable impulse into creative and useful action. It is this kind of charity that cures rather than prolongs poverty.

As Christians take part in these efforts, I hope that we will see more clearly the mistakes of *overdevelopment* and the

poverty of spirit that can render useless the economic gains of industrialization. As we open ourselves to our global neighbors we must be willing to learn as well as to teach. This is one way that simple living relates to economic development. A style of life that makes spiritual and ecological sense will combine the best of both traditional, agrarian cultures and modern, industrial societies. For this reason we see individual Christians, in their willingness to be open to the leading of the Spirit, frequently reaping greater harvests than government aid programs, which are so often characterized by cultural imperialism and spiritual impotence.

THOMAS F. HEAD

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George Fox College

On 'Giving of Thanks'

■ I rejoice in the article "Giving of Thanks" by Rosemary Levinson in the November issue. She expresses dynamically the need and the benefits of giving thanks and praising the Lord, both in our individual lives and in our congregations.

Nehemiah said, "For the joy of the Lord is your strength." (8:10) The Psalms end on this note: "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

DIANNE BOYCE

Columbus, Ohio



A GOOD FRIEND TO KNOW

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

Meet Andy Mills. He's a first grader in Newberg, Oregon, and he is finding out that life here is somewhat different than in his hometown of Kotzebue, Alaska.

For instance: in early November, Andy (his full name is Andrew Michael Mills) played outside in the bright Oregon fall weather without a coat. At the same time in Kotzebue, his friends were already playing in the snow, wearing their parkas and snow boots and warm

gloves. When he first gets up on a fall morning and looks out the front window of his house in Kotzebue, Andy sees the blue waters of Kotzebue Sound. In Newberg, he sees different kinds of tall trees and many houses from his upstairs apartment window.

Kotzebue is a small town way up north, on a little finger of land out in Kotzebue Sound. About 200 miles west across the Bering Sea is part of the large country of Russia. There are no roads going in or out of Kotzebue, so anyone who goes to the town goes by boat, jet, small plane, or snowmobile. Most families own snowmobiles so that they can travel in the winter. Only one or two families still have the traditional dogsled teams. Some people have cars or trucks they use in the town.

It gets very very cold in Kotzebue in the winter. The temperature drops far below zero. In the summer it might get as warm as 80°. That is very, very warm there. This time of the year, winter, it will be almost dark for the whole 24 hours each day. In the summer, it is light all around the clock.

Andy and his mother came by jet from Kotzebue. He goes to Edwards School, just two blocks from where he lives now, and his mother goes to George Fox College. His school here is bigger than his school in Alaska. Both of the schools, though, have playgrounds with swings and bars for fun at recess time. He smiles easily, showing places where new front teeth are growing. He has shining black hair that frames his round face.

Another difference that Andy has found are the trees. Kotzebue does not have trees; Newberg has many trees. Andy especially likes Memorial Park, close to his Newberg home. Lots of tall trees give good shade to the play and picnic area at the park. He can have fun with his new friends there.

Jason, Bobby, and Lisa are some of the new friends Andy has discovered in Newberg. When he went back to Kotzebue for Christmas, he was glad to see Harold and Brian, Helen, and Donene. They are friends that he misses when he is in Oregon. He also likes going across Chehalem Mountain (close to Newberg) to visit Janice and Earl Perisho and their family in Hillsboro, Oregon. They were missionaries in Kotzebue. Andy has known them all of his life.

Wintertime in Oregon is much different for Andy. He might not have snow



Andy fits fine on this whale bone beside Kotzebue Sound.

to play in. He would be sure to have lots of snow in Kotzebue. In fact, snow is on the ground there from October until June. Andy says it is fun to climb and slide down the steep snowbanks along the street by his house in Kotzebue. He and his mother also have wintertime fun when they go snowmobiling. Sometimes they hitch a sled behind so that they can take a whole load of kids with them. They might even put in some food, warm clothes, and their sleeping bags. Then they would go to a neighboring village to stay all night. Andy and his friends make snow tunnels. They throw snowballs at each other, too. In the spring, when the snow is wetter, they sometimes make snowmen. "It is really fun to be out when the snow is falling hard and the wind is blowing," Andy's mother says. "But we stay close to home; we don't go far."

She went on to explain, though, that when there is a "white-out," people do stay at home. Even the schools might close at that time. It is impossible to see in any direction during a "white-out" when the snow is blowing. Getting lost is too easy then.

Kotzebue Sound freezes a thick layer of ice in the winter. Then it is fun to cut holes in the ice and fish. Andy has helped his mother catch codfish and shee fish in the wintertime through the ice.

Last summer Andy sometimes went out in the sound with his mother in their fishing boat. He helped her with the big nets that catch the silvery salmon that taste so good. They sell their fish to be canned.

Andy misses his black and white dog, Flopsy. He had to stay behind with Aunt Marilyn while Andy is gone. In New-

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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

JANE GURLEY, Quaker author of the "Butterfly Books" for children, has recently written two more books, making a total of six in the series. Fleming Revell Co. is publisher, and the book titles include A Boy's Best Friend, A Birthday Wish, A Day of Praise, A Mountaintop Adventure, On Thin Ice, and Someone Is Watching You. Mrs. Gurley is available to speak to church groups by writing her at 1815 Wexford Circle N.W., Canton, Ohio 44708.

The passing of ORA DAVIES before the school year was a great loss to Friends Bible College, where she had been a women's resident counselor since 1972. Ora was the widow of Frank L. Davies, a former general superintendent of Kansas Yearly Meeting. Since her husband's death she had served as a women's counselor at Malone College, Westmar College, and Miltonvale College.

ABRAHAM BIBLE and wife DIANE of Ohio are currently opening a new church in Calgary, Canada. They spent two years with the Friends Mission in Kotzebue, Alaska, before moving to Canada. They have two children--Sarah, 5, and Priscilla, 3.

EVERETT CATTELL, president emeritus of Malone College, joined the George Fox College faculty in January as visiting scholar in religion during the winter term. During their three-month stay, the Cattells are living in Friends View Village which is adjacent to the GFC campus in Newberg, Oregon.

GERALD and ALICE DILLON were the leaders for a Christmas missionary retreat conference in Cochabamba, Bolivia, when all the Friends missionaries from Bolivia and Peru gathered for five days of study, worship, recreation, and fellowship. The Dillons have just completed a six-month tour of Friends mission fields in the Orient and South America. He is on a years sabbatical from Western Evangelical Seminary, where he is a professor in theology.

FRIENDS FOCUS

CONFERENCE OF FRIENDS IN THE AMERICAS FINALIZING PLANS

The first gathering of all Friends of the Western Hemisphere, to be held on the Friends University campus in Wichita, Kansas, June 25-July 1, 1977, is bringing together hundreds of Quakers all the way from Alaska to Bolivia. "Living in the Spirit," is the theme of the meetings. Frank and Genevieve Cole of Newberg, Oregon (former business manager of George Fox College), are already living in Wichita as resident staff making preparation for the conference.

Clyde F. Johnson of Richmond, Indiana, and a member of the West Richmond Friends Church pastoral team, is the administrative assistant. The conference is being arranged by the Friends World Committee for Consultation, American Section; William Barton, the FWCC chairman, of London, England, will be one of the speakers. Paul Goulding of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is the program chairman.

One feature of the conference will be the division of all registrants into small worship-sharing groups. Stanley Perisho, pastor of First Denver Friends Church, is in charge of these. He reports more than forty persons have consented to lead these various groups, including James Ellis, Ralph Beebe, Merl Kinser, Maurice Chandler, Gene Hockett, Dale Lewis, Fred Gregory, Mahlon Macy, Ann Cope,

Jim Linhart, Earl Perisho, Carol Aldred, Muriel Bishop, Isabel Bliss, Nina Braxton, Wilbert Braxton, David H. Brown II, Dorothy Brown, Burton Hill, Jere Knight, Eleanor Lippincott, Anne Moore, Helen Jean Nelson, Jean Newman, John Newman, George Parker, Barbara Reynolds, Janette Shetter, Florence Sidwell, Steven Stalenas, Marshall Sutton.

Cecil Riney of Friends University has been asked to coordinate the music for the conference. Speakers for the plenary sessions are Landrum Bolling, executive vice-president of Lilly Endowment, Inc., on the theme, "Living in the Spirit"; Jack Willcuts of Reedwood Friends Church, "In His Hands"; J. Emilio Salgado, former clerk of Guatemala Yearly Meeting, "Heart, Mind, and Strength"; Jean Zaru, "Who Is My Neighbor?"; Louise B. Wilson, "Heart Before Treasure"; Dwight L. Wilson, "A Place to Stand"; Douglas V. Steere, well-known Quaker author, "Cheerfully over the Earth."

The conference is open to all Friends wishing to attend. Pre-registration will be helpful. Contact Frank Cole, 2005 University, Wichita, Kansas 67213.

HAROLD KUHN ANNOUNCES GERMANY TOURS, 1977

For many years, Dr. Harold Kuhn, a professor at Asbury Seminary and a member of the Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region, and his wife Anne have spent their summers in Germany ministering in Berlin and other cities. This ministry has been enlarged to include tour groups of students (study credits are possible by individual arrangements), and others wishing to go.

The tour begins July 3, 1977, and will take four weeks. There will be opportunity to see the Bavarian Alps, historic castles and universities; great musical and artistic sites; to "walk in the steps" of Martin Luther, Bach, Handel, Goethe, Schiller, Herder, Liszt, and others, including some of Europe's loveliest cathedrals, villages, and markets. The Kuhns view the experience, however, as primarily an opportunity for Christian witness in hotels, military chapels, and elsewhere. The tour this year will include "Two Germanys." Write Dr. Harold B. Kuhn at 406 Kenyon Avenue, Wilmore, Kentucky 40390, if you are interested.

QUAKER STUDENTS TOP ENROLLMENT AT MALONE

For the first time in Malone history, Quaker students outnumber other religious affiliations, with 155 enrolled. United Methodists run a close second with 147, and Baptists are third with 110.

ONE MEETING AND "HERE'S LIFE"

"We received a list of 2,183 homes for our 39 phone workers to contact," reports Tigard Friends Church (Oregon). "We contacted and shared with 1,519 persons during 12 evenings of phoning. We had 103 persons pray to receive Christ . . . over 25 enrolled in the Bible studies." This is typical of the many Friends churches involved across the U.S. in the "Here's Life, America" campaign.

HILLTOP COMMUNITY FRIENDS CHURCH LAUNCHED

The newest Friends Church of Northwest Yearly Meeting, started in a local Christian school facility near Oregon City last September 19, reports consistent growth, according to pastors Floyd and Merry Penna. One unique ministry of the Pennas is a puppet ministry; it has brought many new children into their program.

A CALLING STRATEGY FOR PASTORS

Glenn Armstrong, new pastor at Lynwood Friends Church (Portland, Oregon) wrote his congregation: "Periodically I will call in your home in order to become better

acquainted . . . My evenings are limited. Therefore it will be of help to know when you are available . . . I may not know when you have some special need. Please call me to come . . . Often a person needs an opportunity to counsel with the pastor in the privacy of the pastor's office. Please call for an appointment when needed . . . Teens should consider their pastor as an understanding and sympathetic friend who is anxious to help. We can talk over a coke, in your home, or in my office." His office hours are then listed.

ALDERSGATE SEMINAR

Approximately twenty Friends, selected from areas of Kansas Yearly Meeting, met at Northridge Friends Church, Wichita, October 22-24 for a weekend of concentrated study and training with Aldersgate Graded Curriculum. Sponsored and funded by the KYM Board of Education, the seminar was designed to acquaint Christian education chairmen, directors, and Sunday school personnel with the curriculum, its philosophy, construction, and teaching tools.

Age-level presentations were made by the three Friends curriculum specialists, Marjorie Landwert, Betty Hockett, and T. L. (Shorty) Wright. Dorothy Barratt, EFA Christian education consultant, spoke for the adult material and for the general EFA Christian education program, as well as leading the discussions concerning the materials. Laura Davis of Haviland was the seminar coordinator.

Friends involvement with Aldersgate Graded Curriculum comes through the Evangelical Friends Alliance Christian Education Commission, which includes representatives from each of the four participating yearly meetings. AGC is the Sunday school curriculum recommended for use in the evangelical Friends churches.

Similar seminars have been held previously in Northwest Yearly Meeting and in Eastern Region. Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Board of Education has scheduled a seminar for January 1977.

45TH ANNUAL SALE DAY HELD IN HAVILAND

Friends Bible College held one of its most successful annual "sale day" events in early October, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary. Held in Hockett Auditorium, the event featured many beautiful handmade quilts along with varied items donated by merchants of the surrounding communities. Proceeds reaching nearly \$20,000 go toward the general operating fund.

AYMARALAND TOUR PLANNED

The Northwest Yearly Meeting office is cooperating with the Department of Missions and the George Fox College Alumni Office to put together a two-week tour of the Friends missions in Bolivia and Peru. A twenty-day tour is anticipated sometime during 1977, according to Quentin Nordyke, assistant general superintendent.

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SWEDEN PROPOSES WAYS TO LIMIT WASTEFULNESS

Viewing with alarm modern ecological limitations and widespread poverty, the Swedish government is suggesting a five-point national program: 1. A reduction in the consumption of meats, particularly those requiring large amounts of feed grains. 2. A reduction in consumption of oil through, for example, the development of less energy-intensive technologies. 3. More economical use of indoor space, through

multiple use of buildings and a reduction in space per person. 4. Replacement of the privately owned automobile with improved means of public transportation, including publicly owned rental cars for medium-range travel. 5. Increased durability of consumer goods, with greater attention to acceptable average lives of key products and easy, nonspecialist "repairability." Certain basic items such as work clothes are to be sold on a nonprofit basis. --FCNL Washington Newsletter, November 1976

WORLD RELIEF COMMISSION EXTENDS SECOND GRANT TO PASTOR DO

Pastor Nguyen Van Do of South Vietnam, who was a Christian leader working closely with the WRC (overseas arm of the National Association of Evangelicals) for several years in Vietnam, has continued this ministry among the refugees of the Pacific Northwest since fleeing the country over a year ago. His support was arranged through the Friends Action Board of NWYM with most of the funds coming from WRC. He and his family lived in a house provided by Reedwood Friends Church in Portland.

WRC has approved continuing partial financial assistance (\$5,520) for 1977 to enable Pastor Do to minister to the hundreds of refugees. A conference of Vietnamese Christians was held at New Year's time in both Portland and in the Camas, Washington, Friends Church with Pastor Do in charge. He is now extending his ministry to refugees across the nation as well as in the Northwest.

LES DO LIKE GOOCH DONE!

The following is taken from the Trinity Friends Church bulletin, Martinsville, Virginia, as quoted by Russell Myers: An all-but-illiterate salesman by the name of Gooch was sent out by a large company, and the following reports he sent back to his boss:

"Dear Boss. I seen this outfit which they ain't never bought a dime's worth of nothin from us and I sole them a couple hundred thousand dollars worth of guds. I am now in Chicago."

The second letter read, "I come here and sole them half a milyon."

The president of the company posted these letters on the bulletin board with this note: "We bin spending too much time here tryin to spel insted of trin to sel. Let's watch these sails. I want everybody should read these letters from Gooch who is doing a grate job for us, and you should go out and do like he done."

Trinity pastor adds, "There's pepul alround this here community, and we ain't gettin em envited and vistud and helped. Leastwise not fast enuf. Les do like Gooch done and jes do ar levl best with what we have and work for Jesus!"

BUSINESS ETHICS AND THE MINISTRY

Some years ago a survey of businessmen posed the question: "How much guidance did your church and clergyman provide for ethical problems you and your associates faced in the last five years?" "None," said 35 percent. "Some, but not enough," 25 percent. "About the right amount," 16 percent, and "Can't say," 23 percent.

Lack of communication is the problem, according to Donald W. Shriver, Jr., of North Carolina State University. The businessman sees the clergyman as living in a world of mere ideas, never having to meet a payroll, engrossed in ancient history, using a theological language that no one else understands, apt to be strangely critical of the American way of life.

And the clergyman sees the businessman as unaware of the role of ideas in his own business activities, careless about the past and anxious about the future, using a hard-to-understand economic language, likely to be uncritical of the American way of life.

--Arthur Bell in LifeLine



Andy had fun camping with his mother at a campground near Kotzebue, Alaska.

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berg, Andy sometimes has a good time with his new dog-friend, Smokey, who likes to play ball and have a good game of chase. He lives across the street from the Mills' Newberg apartment.

You can pray for Andy and his mother while they live in Oregon. You can also pray for their family and friends in Kotzebue. Many of them attend the Friends church in the town and know Jesus as their Savior. Some have not accepted Him yet.

Andy seems to be enjoying life in Newberg. But that's only half the story; Andy's new friends are enjoying having him here. He's a good friend to know.



FORGETTING AND REMEMBERING

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

The bicentennial year has just been left behind, and we start a new year, a new century in our national life, in fact, and a new opportunity to live a new quality of life in the here and now.

The best values of the two preceding centuries have been brought to mind over and over again during the bicentennial year. It has been good for us to remember, but now it is time to carry the true values into the future.

Life is made up of forgetting and forging ahead on the one hand, and remem-

bering lessons learned on the other. It would be such a tragedy to carry into the tomorrows the same failures, resentments, sins, burdens, and worries. These are things that slow down progress. We do want to make progress, don't we? Well, then, there has to be a cutoff point where we "lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us" so that we can run.

There is so much to learn, to venture, to do, to hear. We cannot cope with it all at once. It is a moment-by-moment situation.

There is so much victory available, so much joy to be had, and we will never have it if we don't get a fresh, unencumbered start. We gather burdens as we go, but they have to be laid down periodically at the feet of our great *burden bearer*.

I see in my memory an Indian coolie in the Himalayan foothills carrying enormous loads strapped to his back—trunks, furniture, cases, and even babies in baskets—all carried up the rugged mountain. Often I have walked behind the coolie who had my trunk, bedding roll, and suitcases tied to his back, the load towering above his head, as empty-handed I climbed behind trying to keep up. Sweat pouring down and gasping for breath, he climbed on. He wanted to carry my burdens. For him it was the only way he could make a living.

I have also seen the coolie lay the burden down at my doorstep. What a relief, what lightness and comfort to be free for a little before he went into the valley again for another load! I think of this when I read, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord."

We cannot and must not carry the past with us with all of its burdens, but bravely and expectantly face into the new year. Forgetting those things that are behind, we press forward.

The year will be much brighter, happier, and surer, and we will be stronger for what lies ahead if we start with a fresh commitment, laying down all selfish ambition and putting ourselves totally and completely at the feet and in the service of our *great burden bearer*.

We will tire ourselves before we start if we don't! Happy New Year.

P.S. This is coming to you from George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, where we are living for the winter term. You can see our New Year has an exciting start!



This is the third in a new feature in the EVANGELICAL FRIEND focusing attention on Friends whose Christian witness is a model for all of us.

LETTERS AND VISITS: A QUAKER MINISTRY

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

Anna Warnken, housewife, mother, church worker, and custodian from Twin Mound, Kansas, has taken literally the words of Matthew 25:36, "I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

It all began with a letter received by Anna and Fred Warnken's son James while he was in the hospital. This letter, written by a prisoner to whom a prayer request had been sent on behalf of James, stated, "Whether you are in prison or in a wheelchair, Jesus Christ is sufficient for all of your needs."

These words opened up five years ago a whole new world to Anna and her family. "I had always thought," she says, "that the 'bad' men were in prison. I had them neatly there with my life here being complete. I came to realize that those men in prison were really people."

Although she did not know it at the time, Anna's prison ministry of letter writing and visitation was launched when she sent a reply to that first letter sent to them from a prison.

Over the last five years Anna has corresponded with a total of thirty-three prisoners. Currently she is writing to twenty-six. They range in age from teenagers to men nearly sixty years old. They are in prisons from Solidad, California, to Attica, New York. The men come from a variety of backgrounds and nationalities, including two Black Muslims and two Black Marxists. Another man is illiterate, but Anna proudly states, "He has advanced several grades in his prison schooling because he now has the motivation to learn to read and write. He wants to read and write his own letters to me." After the men are re-

leased from prison the need for correspondence lessens. However, she still maintains contact with some who are out.

How do you get names of prisoners to write to? That is the first question most people ask Anna. She patiently explains that the names come from a variety of sources, including prison chaplains and magazines. She always follows the leading of the Holy Spirit in deciding to whom she should write. If the men wish to continue the correspondence they must answer her letters. Some write as often as once a week; Anna replies immediately.

What does she write about in her letters? "I write to these men like they are members of our family," she explains. "I tell them about our church activities, our family, changing of the seasons, what is going on in the community. I try to include them in our life. I share Jesus because He is the center of my life." She goes on to say, "I don't try to convert the men. Jesus asks me to love them. I'm trying to fill a need. The increase is up to the Lord." She is modest about her ministry, but does happily tell about the Muslim who has been converted because of her love and concern. Now released from prison, he is active in a church.

None of the thirty-three correspondents have been antagonistic to her gospel witness. The Warnkens have been pleasantly surprised to discover that some of these men were already Christians.

They are happy to have Christian fellowship through letters.

In turn, the men share their lives with the Warnkens. They often receive bulletins from prison church services; Anna wears a gold heart-shaped locket given to her by a prisoner.

Anna and Fred remember these men at Christmas and on birthdays by sending money, food gifts, books, clothes, cassettes, and radios. They have given a Bible to each one.

Their home has been opened to two of the prisoners when they were released on parole. She tells sadly of the heart-break of seeing these men return to prison after they committed further crimes while out. Does she still write to them? "Oh yes, she answers firmly. "Their mistakes don't make us stop loving them. Love is the foundation we build on. This feeling of self-worth is needed. They don't need us to remind them of their mistakes; they need us to remind them that 'while they are yet sinners, Christ died for them.'"

Two other prisoners have been to their home to visit after being released. One was a black who thought there was no place in the world where blacks and whites could live and worship together. He found such a place in the Warnken's home, church, and community. Later they went to his home in St. Louis for a return visit.

Anna does the letter writing, but she has the full support of her husband and three children. One teenage son still at home has accepted these men like brothers. "Without their tolerance and acceptance, I couldn't do this," she says. She further explains, "I write the letters, but when these men come to our home, my husband presents the strong father-image." A large percent of the men come from fatherless homes.

Anna began her letter writing with no thought of it becoming a ministry. "I wrote as friend to friend. I thought I had something to offer these men; instead, I have found the Lord had things to do with me. I have learned much from these men." She wrote letters for two years with no thought of going inside to visit. Then, when she received one letter that said, "You are on my correspondence list and also my visitor list," the idea was planted.

"Oh no! Not me! I'll never go inside," was her first reaction. But it soon became clear that God was leading her to

make that first visit to a prison near her home. With much fear and nervousness she went with her stereotyped idea of what he would look like. Anna recalls with a smile that he did not look like that at all. He looked almost like any other teenager she had ever seen. She loved him at first sight. "And I still do," she adds softly.

Since that first visit, three years ago, Anna and Fred and their son Steven have taken nearly all of their vacation time to travel to prisons in Indiana, Illinois, Louisiana, and Kansas to personally visit many of these men. In a Louisiana prison where usually only ministers are allowed to visit, the Warnkens were accepted because they were Quakers. Presently they have plans to continue these vacation trips to prisons.

It is obvious that Anna and her family have a deep love for these men with whom they share their lives. The excitement and blessing they receive comes through very plainly as you talk with Anna. We can feel thankful that they have obeyed God's leading in returning to an old Quaker tradition of social concern and practice.



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Evangelical Leaders to Focus on the Authority of God's Word

WHEATON, ILLINOIS—NAE, a voluntary association representing 30,000 evangelical churches from more than 60 affiliations, chose "God's Word: Our Infallible Guide" as its convention theme. "Amid the present demands for higher ethical standards in government and business and the focus on human rights in our country, there is no viable guide for modern man apart from God's Word, the Bible," said Dr. Nathan Bailey, president of NAE and of the International Christian and Missionary Alliance in Nyack, New York. "With recent recognition of

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evangelicals as an appreciable segment of U.S. society," Bailey continued, "there is no better time for us to lift up the Bible as the one authority that provides absolute direction in every facet of life."

Nearly 1,000 Christian leaders from across the country will gather February 22-24 at the Arlington Park Hilton in Arlington Heights, Illinois, for the 35th Annual Convention of NAE.

Charles Colson, former White House aide and author of best-selling *Born Again*; Donn Moomaw, pastor of Bel Air Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles and former All-American football player; Luis Palau, Argentine evangelist; and Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, president of Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, will speak at general sessions.

Jimmy Carter Says He'd Like to Teach Bible Class in D.C.

PLAINS, GEORGIA—President Jimmy Carter told fellow members of the men's Bible class at his church here that he would like to teach a Sunday school class in Washington, D.C.

"I really would like to teach," he said, "but it's getting to be such a news event that it's difficult."

Mr. Carter also said that he does not plan to invite clergy to preach in the White House, as did former President Richard Nixon. Rather, he indicated, he would like to attend Baptist services as "much as humanly possible." —E.P.

Humanity Is Increasingly Shaken

NEW YORK—Evangelical theologian Carl F. H. Henry sees a mounting turbulence over American ideas and ideals and "a remarkable new opportunity for penetrating an intellectually fatigued generation with biblical conviction."

In an interview with Religious News Service while in New York to meet with Salvation Army leaders, the former editor of *Christianity Today* spoke of the "emergence of two moods—a disturbing division—one firming its spiritual and moral moorings, and the other deepening its concessions to secularism."

Dr. Henry said that the American still clings to some unquestioned assumptions. Among these are the notion that suffering is at all odds to be avoided, that change is the only sure route to progress and that chance is a good thing, and that separation of church and state means that religion is a private matter and that its public relevance is not to be pressed.

But in other respects, the theologian added, the secular American outlook discloses a remarkable instability. "The American worldling is less and less able to get his mind around his existential predicament and is increasingly vulnerable to erratic responses to life's challenges," he asserted. —E.P.

Evangelical Giving Often a Scandal

WHEATON, ILLINOIS—"Some of the poorest stewardship in all the world is practiced by well-meaning evangelical Christians," according to Dr. Billy A. Melvin, executive director of NAE, in his article, "The Scandal" (Winter 1976, *Action*). "Bombarded by appeals via radio, television, telephone, direct mail, and magazines, they give and give with the false assumption that every appeal made in Christ's name is legitimate and worthy of support."

Melvin goes on to say that he believes good stewardship does not stop with writing the check, but includes the responsibility of making sure the gift is given to a worthy organization. "Good stewardship requires giving only to organizations that are fulfilling their announced objectives. If this is not done, there will be an ever-increasing flow of funds to unworthy organizations siphoning off millions of dollars every year that could be going to legitimate causes." He cites cases where one organization continued to raise funds for a project long since completed and another that used pictures not at all connected with the organization.

He then listed suggestions on how to judge an organization's reliability and some further ideas on ways to practice responsible stewardship. —N.A.E.

Congressman Hit for TM Involvement

ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA—Rep. Richard Nolan, attacked publicly for his involvement with Transcendental Meditation, swamped his challenger in the November 2 elections and was returned to Congress with 60 percent of the vote.

James Anderson, his Independent Republican opponent, placed an advertisement in newspapers of Minnesota's sixth district, charging Representative Nolan with seeking to "convert fellow Congressmen to the Guru's strange practices" and with supporting the teaching of atheism.

Representative Nolan was the candidate of the Democratic-Farmer Labor Party. —E.P.

Index of Religious Music Held Safeguard Against Hymn Piracy

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA—A newly published index of religious music, listing some 12,000 compositions and categorizing them according to their use by theme and liturgical season, is described by its publishers as the "vehicle for ending the illegal piracy of copyrights in American churches of all faiths."

Called "The Music Locator," the index is published by William Burns, president of Resource Publications and editor of *Modern Liturgy* magazine, San Jose. It includes a basic course in the use of copyrights and publisher-parish relationships.

In announcing the new publication, Mr. Burns said the index provides a direct response to problems raised by the controversial copyright lawsuit in Chicago, in which FEL (Friends of English Liturgy) Publications, Ltd., is suing the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago. The Los Angeles-based publisher, Dennis Fitzpatrick, has charged that the archdiocese and other church groups have violated FEL copyrights on religious music. —E.P.

Methodist Bishop Sees Rural Life Gaining in Prestige

NEW YORK—City dwellers were once considered to be sophisticated while their farmer cousins were "hayseeds," but all that is changing, says a United Methodist bishop in a report to his associates.

"The forces at work in our time are tilting the advantage toward the rural scene as over against the urban scene," says Bishop Jack M. Tuell of Portland, Oregon, in an Associated Press story. "The rural scene is becoming the new mecca of taste, quality, and good sense," he said.

Young ministers who think city parishes are to be coveted are in for a rude shock, the preacher warned. —E.P.

India Sterilizes 4.8 Million During a Seven-month Period

NEW DELHI—According to India's health and family planning minister, 4.8 million people were sterilized in the country between March and September, 1976.

The sterilizations have taken place under the sweeping government birth

control campaign, which is aimed at curbing a population increase of 13 million a year.

With five months to go in the campaign, which was launched in March, Dr. Karan Singh said sterilizations performed are already 500,000 over the goal of 4.3 million set for the year ending in March 1977.

However, pressures for sterilization and fears of compulsory operations have led to violent incidents. Opposition spokesman said more than 50 people, mostly Muslims, were killed by police in riots during October. —E.P.

Television Series Produced by World Vision

MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA—A new weekly television series to be released in 1977 is designed to "help bring a renewal of missionary vision and zeal to America," according to a World Vision announcement.

The program is called *Come Walk the World* and will present a great variety of missionary activities carried on by many missionaries and groups. —M.N.S.

Papua New Guinea New Testament Dedicated

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA—The Managalasi people of Papua New Guinea are reading the New Testament in their own language, thanks to a project carried out by Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Jim and Judy Parlier spent fourteen years with the mission agency to produce the testament—one of some sixty produced by Wycliffe. Cotranslator on the project was Oremepoka Iruno, who worked with other Managalasi to complete the translation. —E.P.

Survey Shows Churches Still Largely Segregated

NEW YORK—While prohibitions against black and minority racial groups in most churches have ended, most congregations fit the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s description as "the most segregated hour of the week," says Kenneth A. Briggs in the *New York Times*.

The 1960s were devoted to achieving "symbolic victories" over the starkest forms of segregation, the article states, but there was no rush among blacks to get into white churches and there was "no red carpet either."

Dr. W. Sterling Cary, former president of the National Council of Churches and

currently an executive of the United Church of Christ, says the underlying problems that contribute to racism—such things as economic injustice—are still generally ignored by the churches. —E.P.

Methodist Bishop Finds the U.S. a Very Different Mission Field

NEW YORK—A former Methodist bishop from Bolivia said here that America is a particularly difficult mission field because most people think they have either accepted or rejected the Gospel without really understanding it.

The Reverend Mortimer Arias told the National Evangelism Symposium of the United Church of Christ's Board for Homeland Ministries that "the more I think of it, the more reinforced is my impression that this is one of the most serious obstacles for a biblical evangelism in this country."

Mr. Arias asked, "How can you evangelize people who consider themselves as Christians? How can you evangelize through millions of Christians who assume they have received the Gospel and are bearers of the Good News but who are not at all excited about it?" —E.P.



June Miller, *The God of the Impossible*, Zondervan Publishing Co., 160 pages, \$5.95.

An uplifting, encouraging book, especially for today's woman, using the life of Mary, Jesus' mother, as a comparative example of rich treasure for all our current questions and everyday problems, frustrations, and joys of Christian living in a complex world.

The author's major theme stresses that God has a reason and plan for everything; nothing is unknown, unexpected, or purposeless to Him and He is not limited to the possibilities of man, for He is the God of the impossible. Our impossible situations are opportunities for God to reveal himself in His fullness of power.

Author also of *Why Sink When You Can Swim?* June Miller has a full schedule of speaking engagements at

women's retreats, family seminars, radio broadcasts, and evangelistic luncheon and dinner tours. —Ardeth Hawthorne

D. W. Kingrey and M. F. Baumgardner, *Now Is Tomorrow, Crucial Questions for Space Age Christians*, Friends United Press, Richmond, Indiana, 91 pages.

Now Is Tomorrow is rooted in evangelical Quaker thought and presents the dilemmas that confront twentieth century Christians concerning space and technology, environment, business ethics, and world hunger. The bulk of the text is a dialogue between the authors, David Kingrey and Marion Baumgardner. Baumgardner is a space scientist and professor of agronomy at Purdue University; Kingrey is a minister at University Friends Meeting in Wichita, Kansas. Both men obviously have a broad and healthy concept of the Christian role in this technological age. Their discussion questions, case studies, and opportunities for role playing following each chapter make their book invaluable for Sunday school classes and other study groups.

My private disappointment in *Now Is Tomorrow* is its tendency to justify American technological spending without discussing America's economic base. Thousands of malnourished Americans won't share the authors' point of view. Even though the book occasionally suffers from strained dialogue, loaded questions, and overtones of scientist worship it represents a "breath of fresh air" in that it is a concise and clever way of bringing our attention to contemporary problems of worldwide importance. I hope that *Now Is Tomorrow* will become a high priority on every Christian's reading list for 1977. —K. L. Thornburg

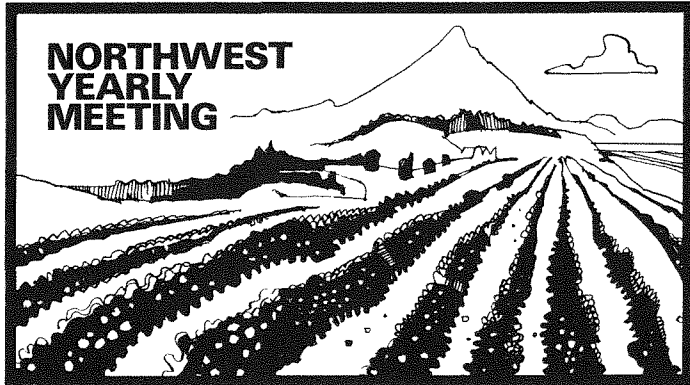
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Quentin Nordyke, former missionary in Aymaraland, has been selected to lead a two-week tour to Bolivia and Peru the first of May 1977, cosponsored by the Alumni Association of George Fox College and NWYM Department of Missions.

Quentin and his family served 13 years under NWYM Board of Missions, living and working among the Aymaras of Bolivia and Peru.

The itinerary will include special interest places in Lima, Tacna, Arequipa, Puno, Juli, and Cuzco, including the pre-Inca ruins of Machu Picchu near Cuzco, all in Peru. In Bolivia, the tour will be centered in La Paz and include a trip to the Yungas Valley.

The tour group will have the chance to see where the missionaries live and work and the markets where they shop, and will travel the roads where many Friends churches are located. They will meet some of the Christian leaders of the Bolivian and Peruvian Friends churches.

For more information write to: Aymaraland Tours, P.O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

Superintendent's Corner

Some Thoughts on Power

At our Thursday morning prayer fellowship group, Art Pruitt brought up the question, "Why don't we see more manifestations of the power of God in the church?" People don't expect God to move powerfully in their lives because they don't see it happening in the lives of others.

I thought of some people whose lives manifest the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, and I thought of times in history when God has moved in revival in such a way that people were smitten with conviction, but I agree we don't see it enough.

Surely this presence comes as a result of a strong prayer life, but there is something else. The little book *The Kneeling Christian* by an unknown Christian says that the secret to continual assurance of answered prayer and to complete faith (and power) is holiness of life.

Jonathan Edwards was mightily used of God. He had 70 resolutions. Number 63 said, "On the supposition that there never was to be one individual in the world at any one

time who was properly a complete Christian, in all respects of a right stamp, having Christianity always shining in its true luster, and appearing excellent and lovely, from whatever part and whatever character viewed: resolved, to act just as I would do, if I strove with all my might to be that one, who should live in my time."

Amos Kenworthy revealed the power of God. In one service he stood and said, "I see a revolver and a large knife lying at the feet of a man in the audience." Immediately a huge man rose to his feet visibly shaken. He confessed that he had planned to murder someone after the service, and right then repented and made restitution.

Amos Kenworthy testified after his first decision to follow God he walked for seven years in spiritual darkness because God had spoken to him about chewing tobacco and he refused to give it up. Then he had a vision of heaven and hell. He felt God was giving him one hour to decide which he would choose. He surrendered absolutely and unreservedly and was immediately baptized. Obedience was the keynote of his life. His own testimony was that after he had started to serve God he had never knowingly disobeyed Him.

—Norval Hadley

Did You Know?

... that workers from Boise Valley area have enclosed the new Retreat Center at Quaker Hill located at McCall, Idaho. After tearing down the old boat house, this exciting new facility is well on its way.

... that LeRoy and Elva Neifert have accepted the call to serve the East Wenatchee Friends Church. LeRoy is a rural letter carrier in Everett but will drive to Wenatchee each weekend to minister.

... that Northwest Yearly Meeting people gave nearly \$5,000 for the World Relief Commission Thanksgiving offering.

... that about 1,600 persons attended the third annual Portland area dinner at the Portland Hilton Hotel for George Fox College in December. The dinner featured GFC President David LeShana and a

Friends concerns

multi-image presentation on the college, the GFC choir, and organist David Howard.

... that Eugene Friends is looking for an assistant pastor for full-time work, with gifts in teaching and parish work. Eugene is also looking for a retired couple to work in retirement home ministry with about 40 people. This couple could live in the parsonage and also do maintenance work at the church.

... that Greenleaf Friends Academy held their first Oregon dinner December 18 at Reedwood Friends Church.

... that Chris Lauinger, GFC faculty member, has been named Oregon's women's chess champion. She earned the title by besting three former champions.

NWYM Represented at ICL Conference in Los Angeles

Charles Bloodgood, pastor at the new Post Falls Friends Church, was named by the Education Board of Northwest Yearly Meeting to be their representative to the Professional Staff Conference of the International Center for Learning, January 10-12, 1977.

Charles is a member of the Sunday school division, Department of Church Schools of the Yearly Meeting Education Board. The board was represented also by Superintendent Norval Hadley at the Los Angeles, California, conference and by Dorothy Barratt, EFA's Christian education consultant.

George Fox College

A \$125,000 four-year grant to fund a new two-level experiential education program for students and faculty has been awarded to George Fox College by the Kellogg Foundation to begin immediately.

The internship program will send up to 45 students each year into Newberg-Portland area business and industry to give students opportunity to apply their education and career options in their majors.

At the same time, up to five faculty members each summer will also enter nonacademic work fields related to their teaching subjects. The W. K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan, was established in 1930 by Will K. Kellogg, founder of the Kellogg cereal company, and supports programs in agriculture, health, and education on four continents.

This new field education program is designed as a major effort to relate liberal arts education directly to career preparation with on-the-job skills related to academic disciplines. It will also benefit the community in allowing opportunities for new exchange between business leaders and college personnel.

Curt Loewen has been named director of the new project. Loewen is a former career education and placement director at Warner Pacific College and former agribusiness specialist with the Oregon Department of Education.

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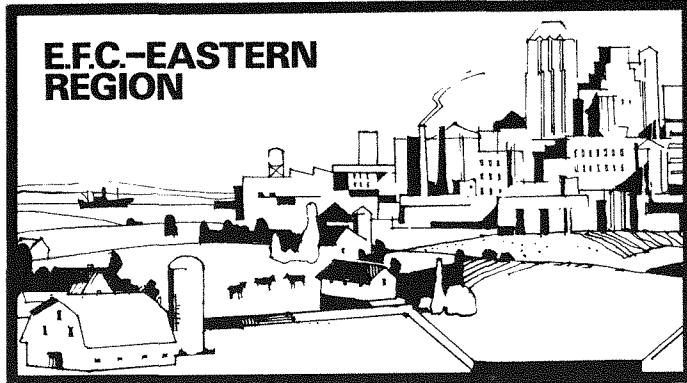
Construction has begun on a new 128-student residence hall. The new three-story structure with two wings will be part of a residential complex including the existing Hobson Hall on the college's east side, and is scheduled for completion by fall.

President David LeShana said the building is urgently needed because of rapid student enrollment climb at the Newberg college, which has grown to 630 this year, a 30 percent increase in two years.

The \$1.2 million structure designed by architect Donald H. Lindgren, Vancouver, Washington, will be the third construction project on campus at one time. Already under construction are the \$2.2 million Coleman H. Wheeler Sports Center and the Herbert C. Hoover Academic Building, both to be completed spring term.

Coming Events

- Jan. 17-20—EFA Coordinating Council meetings, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Jan. 27-28—Department of Evangelism Retreat
- Jan. 28-30—Midyear NWYM board meetings, Greenleaf, Idaho
- Feb. 3-4—Managing Your Time Seminar, Sea-Tac Motor Inn near Seattle, Washington
- Feb. 5—Executive Council, Newberg, Oregon
- Feb. 11-12—Dynamic Church Seminar, Portland, Oregon
- Feb. 15-17—George Fox College Heritage Week, Newberg, Oregon



Harold Winn Goes Home

Harold B. Winn, presiding clerk of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region for 15 years; chairman of the Board of Trustees of



Malone College, and pastor of the Hughesville, Pennsylvania (1942-1947), and Salem, Ohio, First (1947-1976) churches, died in Salem December 12, 1976, following an eight-month battle with cancer. Memorial services were conducted at the Salem church December 15.

The leadership of Harold Winn will be missed in the local church and denomination, but also in the wider community of Salem. The *Salem News* commented editorially on December 14: "Reverend Winn was ever ready as a counsellor, no matter what hour of the day or night, and he led many a man and woman to a fuller life by adherence to the precepts that Christ set forth so clearly for all of us."

"Our community is saddened by his death, but reconciled that a terminal illness with its pain does not continue. Harold Winn's presence among us these many years has been a blessing, and his impact on the community will be felt for some time to come."

For 17 years Harold Winn wrote a weekly column for the *Farm and Dairy*, a farm paper published in Salem and distributed to more than

18,000 subscribers. Concerning this column, the editor of the *Farm and Dairy* wrote: "It was widely read, and one of the most popular features the paper ever had. Reverend Winn was able to depict the great truths of the Bible by using names and occasions in everyday life. His little sermons were homey and sometimes humorous, but the writer treated every person with dignity and warmth."

It was this quality of genuine warmth and sincere concern for others and their spiritual well-being that is likely to be most remembered by those who knew Harold B. Winn.

Those who survive include his wife, Wilda Santee Winn; a daughter, Ruth Ann Raymond, of Chicago; a son, Harold, Jr., of Dover, Ohio; his mother Rose of Alliance, Ohio; a brother Donovan of Winona, Ohio; and three sisters, Mrs. Paul Ross of Haviland, Kansas, Mrs. Curtis Chambers of Englewood, Ohio, and Mrs. Richard Krebs of Charlotte, Michigan.

A Harold V. Winn Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established by the family at Malone College for Friends ministerial students. Designated gifts may be sent to the college.

In his last sermon to the Salem congregation, given on July 4, 1976, Pastor Winn said, "I don't understand suffering, but I can still trust God where I cannot trace and explain why." This faith in God sustained him through the best and worst of days. May it sustain each who feels the loss of this man.

(A condensation of Harold Winn's July 4 sermon can be found in this issue on page 4.)

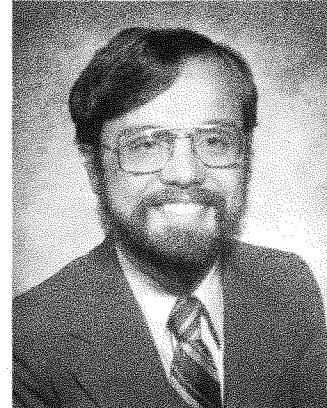
Mark Henry Serves Wycliffe Bible Translators

Mark Henry, member of the Alum Creek Friends Church, joined the faculty of Faith Academy in the Republic of the Philippines this past summer for a two-year mission sponsored by the Summer Institute of Linguistics, Manila, and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Faith Academy is a school for children of American missionaries from various denominations and countries. Mark is teaching several

classes of Spanish, advising extra-curricular activities, and helping the students through the "ups" and "downs" of adolescence and the loneliness of separation from parents.

Mark graduated from Fredericktown, Ohio, High School and Miami



University, Oxford, Ohio, where he also received his Master's Degree.

Gareth Higgins' Sunday school class sponsored a Bike-A-Thon to help raise funds for Mark's missionary venture in faith, each one riding his bike 20 miles. Adults traveling with youth were Gareth and Phyllis Higgins, Naomi Keller, and Walt Morton (associate pastor). To insure safety on the project, Gareth made arrangements for a police escort. A total of \$437 was collected for Mark, and Gareth states there was "a good reaction from the kids." Nineteen youth went on the Bike-A-Thon.

God Performed It for Me

By Nannie H. Larkins

It was the last Sunday morning of the Missionary Conference at West Park Friends Church in November 1975. Dale Neff was speaking. "God will give you money that He wouldn't otherwise give you . . . money from an unexpected source to meet your Faith Promise," he said. His words

penetrated my heart. The thought of \$1,000 then penetrated my heart.

I began to argue with God. "But, Lord, you know that if I got that much unexpected money, I'd be tempted to use it for my family."

He came back with, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19) To me, that meant he would also supply the needs of my married children.

I have been a tither since my middle teens, but the Faith Promise concept has been something new to me in the past few years. With the tithe, and sometimes 15 percent of my income, I knew the source of my giving. The Faith-Promise giving was to be from an unknown, unexpected source, apart from my regular giving. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

In the fall of 1974 I had made a commitment of \$500 for the year of 1975. I felt that this could be met by cutting out and down, here and there. However, at the end of 1975, when I took a closer look at my finances, I was delighted to see that there had been an unexpected \$500 from an unexpected source—money on an investment that I never expected to see again. Thus God had met my Faith Promise.

Now I was thinking double that. I made the commitment. Then I began to figure out how I was going to meet it. Unexpected expenses came up, and it became apparent to me that I couldn't do it.

I cried unto God, who "performeth all things for me." (Psalm 57:2) "Lord," I said, "I can't do it. You will have to." I left it there.

In February 1976 a notice in *McCall's* magazine was brought to my attention. They would pay \$1,000 for each Working Woman's story accepted for publication. These stories were to reflect the problems and conflicts of women on the job and how the women handled them. I knew a bit about the subject, having been a working wife and mother for some 25 years. "This could be my Faith Promise money," I thought.



Work is under way on the construction and renovation of the Barn/Campus Center at Malone College. This artist's sketch shows what the former Stark County Home Barn will look like when the project is completed in September 1977. More than \$790,000 has been raised by the College Development Office to fund the project.

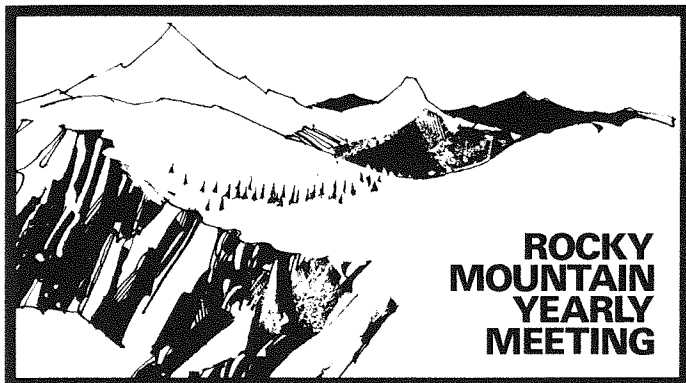
With that thought in mind, I prepared my manuscript and submitted it to *McCall's*—and waited. In due time, I had my check for \$1,000. I immediately deposited it in the bank and wrote my personal check to West Park Friends in payment of my Faith Promise.

My article entitled, "A Little Money of My Own," was published in the July 1976 issue of *McCall's* magazine. As I stood in the corner drugstore, where I first saw the magazine, and saw my name in print on the title page, and then my article, I felt like I was soaring in the skies. I have always thought that the height

of something for me would be to pilot a plane. And there I was flying without a plane. It was with a sense of awe and reverence that I realized that God had done this.

When word got around in the advertising agency where I am an executive secretary, one of the copywriters exclaimed, "Nannie, how did you do that? No one gets an article in a national magazine just like that. We were told in college that we might just as well throw a manuscript over a transom as to submit it."

Well, I didn't do it. God performed it for me. Praise His name.



Area Meeting Held

Springbank Area RMYM churches recently held an area meeting in Plainview, Nebraska. The highlight of the meeting was a slide program and talk on Ecuador mission work by Marc Sommers.

Filling the Gap

Often I see many comparisons between Christian living and teaching. Just as lessons introduce new concepts, God uses situations to show us needs in our lives.

Lately God has been teaching me the value of prayer and intercession. Through Ezekiel 22:30 He spoke to me saying:

"And I searched for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one." (NASB)

Whenever a gap exists between spiritual needs and answers to those needs, we can bridge that gap through intercession. Intercession is praying to God on behalf of another person's needs. It is important because it allows us to exercise faith and see God's mighty hand work in lives.

In our busy lives it's easy not to take time for God. During prayer and intercession His Spirit shows us those in deep spiritual need, and it is our privilege to send God's help.

Intercession is a two-way street. God will minister to those for whom we pray. In addition He will send spiritual blessings into our lives.

The year 1977 presents a new challenge for each of us. Let's all intercede and bring God's power to meet spiritual needs around us.

Below are some intercession needs. Please be praying for these matters:

A family in our area recently suffered the loss of a son who died while under the influence of alcohol. His mother who accepted Christ needs prayer for a strong faith in this time of sorrow. The rest of the family needs prayer for salvation through Jesus.

Another need for intercession is a man who fell into temptation during a time of vulnerability. God has brought him to repentance, but he needs prayer for a strong faith in Jesus Christ so he can resist future temptations.

One other need is a faithful Christian lady being tested through her husband, who is a leader of medicine men. She needs prayer for a strong faith in Christ.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it, and it will be yours." (Mark 11:24 NIV) —Mary Gafford

Praise and Prayer Notes from Rough Rock

Praise

A young lady showing a concern in spiritual things and requesting a Bible.

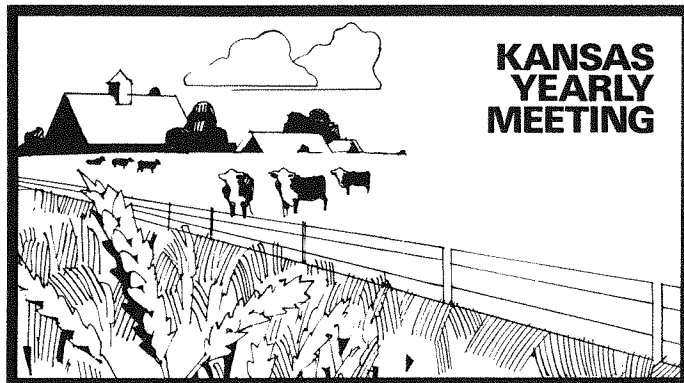
God's saving a soul.

A young man praying at a prayer altar during a recent church service.

Prayer

That all RMYM churches will be actively spreading God's Good News daily in 1977.

For a real commitment to Christ by all Christians in RMYM.



World Vision Grants Funds to Three Burundi Missions

Recently World Vision notified Friends Field Superintendent James E. Morris of a grant of \$10,000 for medical assistance to be shared by World Gospel Mission, the Free Methodists, and Friends during 1976-77. These funds were granted primarily for the purchase of antibiotics and other medicines.

Paul Petersen, Africa representative for World Vision located in Nairobi, visited Burundi in March, particularly in the interest of possible aid for community development projects there. While visiting Friends missionaries, Mr. Petersen learned of the exorbitant prices of medicines, especially antibiotics, as well as the local unavailability of many medicines. Because of World Vision's commitment to relieve human suffering in the name of Christ, Friends were encouraged to present a formal written appeal for funds. World Vision's policy is to assist several missions or churches together rather than just one group, so Friends, because of their close co-operation with the Free Methodists and World Gospel Mission, chose to ask for aid for them also.

The three American missions minister to about 5,000 patients weekly at seven locations across the country. A new Union Hospital is being built at the Free Methodist station of Kibuye, some 25 miles from Gitega. These missions are deeply grateful for such generous assistance that will enable them to continue essential medical programs in the face of constantly rising costs and scarcity of supplies.

—Reta Stuart

New Year-Midyear

By John Robinson

The Spiritual Life Board suggests that January is a good time to: (1) evaluate pastor-church relations, and (2) plan a program to promote prayer.

On the latter point, KYM united again in a Week of Prayer, January 9-16. Each of the eight areas and constituent churches had opportunity to utilize a 24-hour period for a

chain-of-prayer, or some other manner most suited to them. The bond of fellowship, in praise and petition, enabled us to see the corporate efforts of board, committees, and congregations in behalf of challenges at home and abroad.

It is never too early to check on lines of communication and coordination regarding the Lord's work and particularly that of the ministry. The question often asked when evaluations are made is "What are the tools for an evaluation?" It is entirely fitting that the Spiritual Life and Executive committees should start with some objective affirmations and questions relating to the leadership they are asked to give a congregation in working and counseling with their pastor in his role.

How about these for starters?

1. We believe in the whole ministry of God's people—pulpit and pew together. This ministry depends upon the leadership and labor of both the called pastor and the committed lay person. All of us bring our particular skills, our faithfulness, our strengths and our weaknesses, and our mutual respect for the gifts and talents of each person, in response to the Gospel. We worship and work together to encourage, enable, and equip one another to become God's people in this place.

2. Since there is no board or committee that evaluates the Executive Committee or the Spiritual Life Committee, how do we look at ourselves? Are we the responsible people we should be in our leadership role as assigned to us in the guidelines of the *Faith and Practice*?

3. Our minister is ordained by God to his calling. His leadership is needed in our life together. We bring to our pastor personal and community needs that might not otherwise come to his attention. We work with him for the expression of the congregation's Christian life in our church, community, and world. Have we hired him to assume some responsibilities that we need to fulfill ourselves?

4. How often have we met with our pastor to discuss our mutual concerns for ministry, in terms of the priorities and goals we have before us as a congregation?

5. Who has assigned the pastor's work load or job description to him so that he understands what is expected or anticipated of him?

- The Executive Council?
- The Spiritual Life Committee?
- A "Pastor's Council"?
- The Congregation?
- We have never done this.

6. We recognize our pastor as a person with professional skills among us and as having a divine call from God. We affirm his freedom of the pulpit; we expect him to proclaim and teach the Word of the Lord in relation to current personal and social issues, to stimulate us to Christian living and outreach.

7. How do we interpret, in love and understanding, concerns from the pastor to the congregation and concerns from the congregation to the pastor?

8. We recognize the necessity for our minister to have regular time each week for study and renewal. Further, we will provide time and money, beyond his vacation, for continuing education and/or participation in retreats-seminars.

9. We welcome the minister's family among us. They are not to be required to assume roles of leadership. We will help safeguard adequate time for them to enjoy family activities together.

10. We carefully review our pastor's base salary, and other financial support. Our responsibility includes housing, utilities, travel expense, health insurance, family protection, and retirement benefits. We consider the cost of living, family needs, professional competence, and years of service.

11. We pray God will give us each wisdom and discernment as we carefully consider the total work of the ministry committed to us.

Friends University

A television special, "An Evening with the Singing Quakers," first appeared on KAKE-TV in the Wichita viewing area on November 25 and was shown again on December 31 at 6:30 p.m. Numbers from "Paint Your Wagon" and "Showboat," complete with set design, soloists, and costumes, are featured during the program. Dr. Cecil Riney states that the production crew at KAKE have given their time and effort to prepare this presentation. Proceeds from sponsorship of the program will be donated by KAKE to help fund the Singing Quaker tour to Europe in January 1977.

The Falcon football team compiled a very successful season, winning the Kansas Conference with an 8-0 record. The only loss of the season came early to Benedictine College. Ron Daerr, head football coach for the Falcons, was selected as Coach of the Year for the KCAC and the NAIA District 10. Five of the players were named to the All-Conference Football Team, and another five were named honorable mention.

The Friends Center on Family Living reports a very successful Marriage Encounter the weekend of November 12-14 with positive reactions

from the couples attending. Marriage Encounters adapted for the Friends tradition are scheduled for February 11-13 and June 24-26, 1977 in Wichita. Additional Marriage Encounters are scheduled in the Northwest for January 21-23 and March 18-20, and Houston, Texas, for April 15-17.

Scheduled for January 5-7 and 12-14 were seminars on Church Programs for Better Families. These were to be workshops for denominational or other church group leaders to equip participants to train those who will be working with Family Life Programs in the local church. Scheduled for March 4-5 is the People Helper Seminar, a ten-hour workshop by Dr. Gary Collins, professor of psychology, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. This is designed to improve skills in helping others in the family, church, and community. For more information, contact the Friends Center on Family Living, Friends University, 2100 University, Wichita, Kansas 67213.

WMU Prayer Coordinator

Temple Lee

My concern these days is that we, God's people, are not praying enough. We make our plans and then ask God to give His blessing for the plans we have made. We should first pray, seeking God's plans, then adjust our plans to meet His. Note 2 Chronicles 7:14 and James 5:16.

Aside from the necessity of obtaining spiritual food from the Word of God, nothing is so important to the Christian as to learn how to pray.

As your prayer life begins to deepen, you will discover some of the key principles on which power in prayer can be built. Here are a few to deepen your prayer life and make it more effective for the Lord Jesus and His kingdom:

(1) FAITH: It's important that we really BELIEVE God. If we are sure it is in His will, by His Word, and by His Spirit, then we should be BOLD in faith. Jesus said: "Have faith in God. . . . Therefore I say to you, ALL things for which you pray and ask, BELIEVE that you HAVE RECEIVED them, and they shall be granted you." (Mark 11:22-24 NASB) See also, Matthew 17:20 and James 1:6.

(2) The SPIRIT: We need to ask the help of the Holy Spirit for direction in prayer. Often we do not know how we should pray, or for what we should ask; it is His gracious ministry to lead us into what we should ask from our heavenly Father.

(3) The WORD: One of the best ways of praying is to get a promise from the Bible, fulfill its conditions, and remind the Lord about it. God has promised to honor and back up His Word—and you can pray with confidence!

We must fight the temptation to rush through or to miss out on a prayer time, realizing it is an attack on our spiritual lives. If Satan can block our praying, he can ruin our effectiveness.

"Satan laughs at the words we say; Smiles at our efforts from day to day; But he trembles when he sees The weakest saint upon his knees."



Friends gather

ALLIANCE, Ohio

It was a joy to see some real live fruit of missions at our Faith Promise Conference this month. Peter Peng of Taiwan brought excellent messages interpreted by Howard Moore, our missionary. Peter pastors a Friends church in Taiwan. Dr. Titus Loong, who is studying surgery at Youngstown, also shared with us. He plans to be a missionary to Indonesia. We learned from Ralph and Esther Choate of early work in Burundi, up till the present, as they showed their interesting slides. Joe Roher and Robert Hess were with us for the concluding Sunday with information and challenges.

A number of persons from our church are working in the "Here's Life, Alliance" campaign, including several youth.

ALUM CREEK, Marengo, Ohio

Eight adults and two youth from our church recently returned from an eleven-day tour of the Holy Land and Rome. They were Dick and Gladys Fleming, Russell and Ann Nolting, Tom and Bertha Luikart, and John and Beverly Handley. April Handley, a graduate of Highland High School (Sparta, Ohio) and Sandy Cook, a senior at Cardington High School (Cardington, Ohio) were the youth. On the first Sunday evening following the tour, four of these shared experiences with us in a most refreshing and enlightening service.

BOISE, Idaho

Our church was involved with the National "Here's Life, America" evangelism program. Dave Wilhite, one of our members, was the overall director for the entire Treasure Valley, and Ron Warner was our church director. Thirty-one people from our church were trained to make telephone contacts. The workers saw unparalleled results, as they were used of the Spirit in telling people of Christ. After one week of the campaign 8,330 were contacted. Of this number 586 prayed to receive Christ. This report is only from 25 of the 90 churches involved.

Our associate pastor, Clare Willcuts, brought a series of Sunday evening messages on prayer. Because we are exhorted to "pray one for another" (James 5:16), a number of people have agreed to pray daily for everyone in our church directory during December and January.

Joy Ridderhof, founder and general director of Gospel Recordings, a worldwide missionary organization, was the speaker at our Area Rally in Meridian the evening of November 7.

Our annual Thanksgiving service was held at 4:30 Sunday afternoon, November 21, followed by a delicious turkey dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

BOLTON, Kansas

Pastor Grady Miller happily reports that construction is underway on a new church plant, located on the original site. It is all framed in and enclosed—and heating will soon be installed to allow winter work to continue unabated. Former pastor Jerry West and family are missed from the congregation, as they are relocating in Lyndale, Texas.

BOSTON HEIGHTS, Ohio

Boston Heights Friends celebrated a joyous and busy holiday season. Beginning with the Thanksgiving service there was a great feeling of love and sharing. Christmas services included a program by the children of the church and the performing of the play "Christmas Comes to Detroit Louie" by the FY group.

The season was climaxed by the choir performance of "Love Transcending" by John W. Peterson. This cantata was very inspiring and expressed very beautifully the real meaning of Christmas.

The Quaker Maids, the women's missionary society, has been hoping to become better acquainted with other women in our district. To this end, the women's society of Wiloughby Hills Friends Church was invited to a recent meeting.

COTTONWOOD Emporia, Kansas

Weekend services were held in December with Lester and Marjorie Snyder (Pastor Paul's parents) as evangelists.

A special group has been formed Sunday evenings for an adult study on witnessing, and a new Sunday school class has been formed for 1st-3rd graders. Our church is realizing how important prayer is for our teachers and our pastors on Sundays. To celebrate the happy Christmas season, our pastors held Open House on December 19, with our Christmas program the same day. We're GLAD that Jesus came.

The Reedwood Fellowship has been especially blessed by the series of sermons dealing with the "Gifts of the Spirit." New insights on these gifts have been brought to us from the various members of our Pastoral Team.

DAMASCUS, Ohio

Activities during the month past included a sacred concert by the "Boenerges" during the morning worship hour. That same evening the senior Friends Youth of our church had charge of the services.

Special speakers at our church recently were Ella Ruth Hutson, missionary, and Dr. Robert Hess, professor at Malone College.

The Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Tea was held in our social room in December. This occasion is sponsored by the Barbara Brantingham Missionary Circle each year and is a special highlight of their years ministry.

EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

Our "Festival of Faith" week began on Wednesday with Mary Evelyn Moore sharing her faith with us. Thursday we were privileged to hear from Ella Ruth Hutson. Ralph and Esther Choate spoke to us on Friday evening and showed some of the things they have brought back from Africa.

Don Worden, director of development for EFC—ER, delivered the message of the morning on Sunday. Faith promise pledges were received at the end of the service. Sunday evening service saw Pastor Peter Peng from Taiwan sharing with us, as Howard Moore translated for him.

After the evening service, Beverly Lockhart presented Howard and Mary Evelyn Moore the food and household items displayed at the front of the church. It was a token of our love and appreciation for their service.

The film *Bangladesh—Darkness into Light* was shown in a recent Sunday evening service. The film gave insight into how the World Relief Commission uses its money. An offering for WRC was received after the film.

FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio

Have you ever held a Lay Witness Mission? Do so. What a blessing, what beautiful people, what loving fellowship, what a magnificent God presiding over all!

During a service Rev. and Mrs. James Park were honored. He was formerly pastor at Fulton Creek from 1939-1954. A time of fellowship and sharing was held, and later a picture of the Kirbys and Parks was taken and a write-up in the local paper added.

Dean Johnson reported on the Friends Disaster Service during an evening service.

GREENLEAF, Idaho

Connie Smith, daughter of Clair and Lois Smith, was crowned queen at the Greenleaf Academy football homecoming. Her escort was Joe Roberts, son of Mark and Wilma Roberts, missionaries in Bolivia. Princess Gen Koch was escorted by Dave Hardinger, and Princess Glenda Bell by Larry Choate, Jr.

Greenleaf Friends has received 32 new members during the last three months. Attendance in the morning service is averaging 262, forty-one above last year, and the Sunday school attendance averages 15 higher than last year.

Billie Conant was hostess for a reunion with her two sisters, Tina Knight, now on furlough from Mexico City, and Delicia Cutright of Boise, and her brother, Denzel Patterson of Spokane.

HAVILAND, Kansas

Gerald Teague, associate superintendent of Kansas Yearly Meeting, conducted a Church Growth Seminar, November 20-21.

By means of lectures and discussion groups, the principles of church growth were studied in relation to our local needs. The seminar closed Sunday evening with an all-church carry-in supper. Participants found the seminar a stimulating and provocative experience.

Gerald Teague spoke at both the Sunday morning and evening services and, with his wife, contributed vocal and violin music.

LISBON, Ohio

Our Missionary Outreach Conference held the first week of November brought a variety of formats to our congregation. In addition to three worship-type services, there were home sharing times with Ralph and Esther Choate of Kansas Yearly Meeting, two ladies' prayer brunches with Mary Evelyn Moore, and a Men's Prayer Breakfast, with Pastor Peter Peng of one of our Taiwan churches sharing a devotional message and Howard Moore doing the interpreting. Larry Weber served as our conference chairman.

On Saturday our church held an all-day Day of Discovery for our young adults; ten of them participated. Four of our more mature adult couples shared with the younger ones on the topics of "Finding Spiritual Joy" (through devotions and giving), "Has Your Maturity Come of Age?" "Being a Part," and "Parents of the Post-Hi Set." The day concluded with a Campfire Sharing Service. All concluded it was a day of discovering new ideas, new love, and new fellowship.

MT. PLEASANT, Ohio

Mt. Pleasant church was recent host for a District Rally. The Bellefontaine youth choir presented special music, which was a blessing to many. Our own local youth served the lunch.

Our Community Thanksgiving Dinner was held in the United Presbyterian Church with many giving thanks to God for His blessings.

A congregational dinner was held to begin the Advent Season. Each family was given a booklet entitled, "Rejoice and Be Glad," along with material for the Advent Candle to be used with devotions until Christmas. Special programs were presented along to help give particular attention to keeping Christ in Christmas.

The "Snoopy" contest helped introduce many young folk to Sunday school and fellowship with other Christians.

McKEES CREEK West Liberty, Ohio

Officers have been elected for the coming year with many changes. Our goal is to go out in the world and be God's servants. Jesus set the example! Our pastor and family went to Michigan to help in services with Don Esch. Our prayers for their safe return were answered. We thank our Lord and Master for this family and their dedication to praising and serving the Savior. He is all any of us need any time.

Plans are being prayed for to make Sunday school rooms in the basement to be usable also for fellowship space.

NEWBERG, Oregon

John and Janet Lyda and Dennis and Janet Hagen showed pictures of the George Fox College band's European tour after the evening service on November 14.

Roscoe and Tina Knight told us about the Friends work in Mexico City at a potluck supper on December 1, followed by our church business meeting.

The annual choir Christmas cantata was given on the evening of December 5 under the direction of Dennis Hagen. The evening of music included "An American Carol Sampler" and "Song of Christmas," two cantatas composed by Roy Ringwald. Also several choir soloists sang Christmas specials.

Brahms' *Requiem* was given by a 140-voice choir of George Fox College at our church on Sunday afternoon, December 12. Dennis Hagen was the director.

Our annual Sunday school Christmas program, "The Gifts of Christmas," was given by the children's Sunday school departments in singing and acting, with adult narrators and youth choir, on Sunday evening, December 19; Janet Lyda coordinated the program.

NEW HOPE Hay Springs, Nebraska

Many exciting events have happened at New Hope Friends in recent weeks.

On October 8 Vern and Lois Ellis, missionaries at Rough Rock, Ari-

zona, visited New Hope and gave an interesting program on the Rough Rock work.

Music flowed on November 9 when "Agape Players" from Orlando, Florida, performed here. After their inspiring concert, they ate dinner with church members.

NORTH VALLEY Newberg, Oregon

The new Sunday School Wing was dedicated November 21 with Norval Hadley speaking in the worship hour followed by former pastors, construction personnel, and friends participating in a dedication service. The wing is the third step in the overall building plan that will ultimately accommodate 250 people in a worship service and the same number in a Sunday school simultaneously.

On the same Sunday, we received \$1,624.30 for the World Relief Commission Thanksgiving Offering. The film, *Darkness into Light*, was shown the Sunday before.

Approximately 15 of our members have been sharing Christ through the "Here's Life" campaign. Craig Hayes, coordinator, reports that one out of six people contacted listened to the presentation and one out of twelve responded by receiving Christ.

November 20 and 21 the high school age group participated in a retreat at Camp Tilikum. Leaders Dave and Chris Alteneder reported a good turnout and time of fellowship. This group also gave an excellent Sunday evening service on November 28.

The parking lot has now been paved, which adds to the appearance of the roadway, lot, and conservation of the road.

OMAHA, Nebraska

As we begin the new year with anticipation, we thank God for events in the past few weeks.

The first Institute on Basic Youth Conflicts by Bill Gothard was recently held in Omaha. This is a week-long program where different aspects of life are explored from a Christian point of view. Practical helps for Christian living are also presented, with the big stress on individual reading of the Bible so God can teach each individual through meditation and the Holy Spirit. Sixteen members from our church were able to attend and receive this valuable Christian training.

On November 17 we sponsored the "Jeremiah People," a contemporary Christian singing group. Their music and testimony were a real blessing.

Work has been finished on enlarging and resurfacing our church parking lots. It is really a blessing with the increased space and easier maintenance.

Our WMU ladies have been busy packing "care" packages for 15 of our youth who are in the service or away at school.

PLAINS, Kansas

Following a Fellowship Supper, Ruth and Laverne Behnke of Meade

showed slides from their Holy Land tour.

Special feature after the Thanksgiving supper was a Miniature Art Course by Esther Powell, whose favorite subjects picture the beauties of nature. Her husband Don assisted in presenting examples of her oils to illustrate progressive phases of the craft, out of which is growing his hobby of making frames.

In a morning service Herbert Hadley of Philadelphia shared some of his concerns for, and work among, Friends in many places.

PLAINVIEW, Nebraska

On November 14 God gave us our first singspiration service. It was a big success with 77 in attendance, and it was very inspiring to feel God's presence through His Holy Spirit.

REEDWOOD, Portland, Oregon

Fred Gregory and Bob Coburn did a beautiful job of planning a Thanksgiving worship hour, a part of which was having all worshipers gather around tables to share fruit, bread, and cheese together as an expression of appreciation, fellowship, and Christian love. It was a great blessing with several numbers in music given by different groups, including the chancel choir.

Under the gentle encouraging of Fred Gregory, volunteers sorted nearly six tons of seeds to be shipped out to Bangladesh. On behalf of the hungry we thank them.

December 12 the Friendship Center was alive with Christmas music as the tables were filled with Christmas goodies of international flavor. This has become an annual festival, with the people of various nationalities dressing in their native costumes. This was followed by a full evening concert, Brahms' *Requiem*, given by the 130-member George Fox College choir and orchestra.

December 19 the children had their Christmas program in the morning, and a program by the high school Friends Youth and choir was enjoyed. Worshipers gathered on Christmas Eve to worship and enjoy a candlelight service.

SEBRING, Ohio

Our Faith Promise observance was highlighted with Ella Ruth Hutson as guest speaker in the morning service. Dorothy Atchison reviewed the book *The Land of Queen Esther* in the evening service, and our pastor brought a fitting conclusion to our conference when he told us the life story of William Murray and his missionary work in Scotland. We thank God for the generous response of pledges on the part of our people.

SMITHFIELD, Ohio

World Relief Hunger Banks were distributed to church members.

By giving up one meal per week, per family, we can realize more readily the feeling of hunger. Proceeds from the skipped meals are placed in the banks.

Our local Outreach Committee is collecting baskets of canned goods for those who need assistance in the

community. Likewise, clothing in good condition is stored in Quaker Quarters for families who meet with distress. The clothes closet and the grocers basket projects have helped several families whose homes were burned in the past month.

Two water coolers were purchased for the church. They were installed in memory of Jacob Ong, by a donation from his grandson, Walter Ong.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio

Our church has started evening "family" service. On October 17 we began a program called "Something for Everyone." The nursery is open, a class for preschoolers is open, the juniors have their service also. Since the service now begins at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m., this seems to be a workable plan, and we are seeing increased Sunday evening attendance.

TECUMSEH, Michigan

A fine crowd of ladies met at the Tecumseh Friends Church and joined in the cookies assembly line. Attractive coverings had been placed on Pringle boxes, and they were packed with homemade cookies, of many kinds, for the children of missionaries in college in this country, and the shut-ins of the church; a fine total of 42 boxes was packed, some mailed and others distributed with a cheery visit. Many will know they were thought of as Thanksgiving came this year.

A very well attended series of meetings, with the subject of Prophecy, just closed at Tecumseh Friends Church. The dynamic speaker was Willis Miller, who has studied this topic for many years. As prophecy was applied to present-day events, many hearts responded, wanting to be ready when Jesus comes.

TOPEKA, Kansas

Topeka Friends are on the move; Pastors Don and Janet Crist and Marelle Coleman attended the Mid-America Christian Education Convention in Kansas City; Pastor Crist also attended the Pastors Short Course in Wichita, and the Logan family traveled to Florida in their new motorhome. Don and Mary Harrison flew to Tucson, Arizona, to visit Kay and Dennis Taber, who are in school there, and daughter Shirley Harrison is traveling to Europe with the Singing Quakers of Friends University.

URBANA, Ohio

A weekend meeting was held last month with Charles Robinson as evangelist and James Chess as song leader.

The evangelist and his wife sang several duets, and Mrs. Robinson sang several solos. Some found help at the altar, and some work was done that perhaps was not visible. The messages were brought under the Spirit of God and were helpful to the people.

VAN WERT, Ohio

We finished a week of spiritual meetings with the Bon Durant Agape

Ministry. Delbert Smith of our local church conducted the special music.

Several paintings have been presented to the church by a local artist, Larry Renner.

As a result of our fall Sunday school contest, the men and girls were left doing KP. It also left Pastor David Roudabush eating his supper in the doghouse with a dish and bone, just for him. However, later the pastor found his real house filled with many goodies (pound shower), which wasn't a bad reward for eating and being a "good sport" in the doghouse.

WEST MANSFIELD, Ohio

Carolyn Heater was guest speaker and also showed slides of her Indian work in Arizona. Our local Missionary Society helps to support Miss Heater.

Earl and Catherine Smith held a short revival in our church in November, and we feel they are two of the best speakers that any church can have to help build up the church.

Calvin Moorhead and James Justice have been filling our pulpit during our pastor's vacation. The Jason Sherwoods are spending their vacation in San Francisco, California, with his sister, Mrs. Ruth Coe.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania

Dear Friends,

I suppose this will be a "first" for you, to receive a letter from a "church." Some time ago someone asked if I am still living. Granted, I am living but I am far from still! Let me tell you of a few things that have happened to me in the last few years.

If you happen to come down Tinsman Avenue, which is my home address, you will see the new bulletin board on our front lawn; also you may see the new steeple peeping through the treetops. As you draw nearer you will see the new stained glass windows, plus the new glass block windows in the basement level. If you should happen to pass by in the evening, you will notice the spotlight on the stained glass window on the front of First Friends.

As you swing open the front doors—which incidentally will be new doors before long—and enter my vestibule you will be stepping on new carpeting. Next will be the new glass panels on the sanctuary doors. Open the doors wide, Friend, for there is beauty to behold! You will see at once that the new hanging lights match the colors in the stained glass windows. They both complement the new paint and new ceiling in the sanctuary. As you stand and view the cross on the wall behind the pulpit—the cross was hand hewn and stained—you probably will wonder at the comfort within our walls. You guessed it—we're air conditioned!

As you leave the sanctuary and go downstairs to the Sunday school rooms and social hall, here again you will be greeted by new paint on the walls and delightful new seamless flooring recently laid. Some of our Sunday school rooms are divid-

ed by folding doors that were hung not too long ago. Before you leave, take a peek at our new kitchen!

How do you like what you have seen? Maybe what you can't see is the increased attendance for Sunday morning church services. Many are coming to know the Lord within my walls.

Friend, if you are still wondering if I am alive, let me assure you of this: That as long as true Christianity abounds within my congregation of Friends and the love that Christ exemplified for us keeps us deeply concerned for each other, as well as for folks in foreign lands—as long as we have all this, my Friend, I will never die!

Your Servant in Christ,
First Friends Church

WOODLAND, Kamiah, Idaho

The month of November brought several visitors to our church. We were especially blessed by having Roscoe and Tina Knight come to give us a better understanding of the work in Mexico. At Thanksgiving time, our pastor's daughter and husband, Marian and Leroy Powell, and family were with us.

The young people's choir is growing and bringing many messages in song in our meetings, including several songs at our Christmas program.

The Women's Missionary Union sponsored our annual Thanksgiving supper for the community on November 19. A large crowd was present. A part of the program was given by the "Gospelaire," a trio from Lewiston, and was greatly enjoyed.

ZANESFIELD, Ohio

"Have Faith and Go Forth" was the theme of our annual missionary conference.

Ella Ruth Hutson shared with us on the topic of missions. In 1947 she served with the Friends Mission in Nanking, China, until 1951. In 1953, she helped begin work at the Friends Taiwan Mission and has served there since, except for furlough periods in the states.

Howard and Mary Evelyn Moore had an evening service telling of some of his missionary experiences. Howard pastored at East Goshen Friends in Beloit before going to Formosa in 1954. He and his family have served five terms of missionary service there.

Dr. Everett Cattell also spoke to us about missions. He has given 21 years of missionary work to India. He shared with us several interesting facts, such as Kenya-East Africa Yearly Meeting has 30,000 to 50,000 members; there are 3,000 in Peru, 7,000-10,000 in Guatemala, and 2,500 Eskimos have just applied for membership in the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

One of the most promising statements made during any of these services was "Expect great things from God, and attempt great things for God." And indeed we have attempted, as we greatly exceeded our hoped-for goal for Faith Promise 1977.

Friends record

BIRTHS

BARBOSA—A daughter, Hannah Kristina, November 24, 1976, to David and Karyl Lupton Barbosa, Norman, Oklahoma.

BLACKMORE—A son, Bradley, November 25, 1976, to Steve and Edith Blackmore, Van Wert, Ohio.

CRISMAN—To Gordon and Clea Crisman of Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon, a daughter, Kathleen (Katie) Luann, October 27, 1976.

DAVIDSON—A son, Darrell Wayne, to Fred and Margaret (Chapman) Davidson of Tigard, Oregon, November 16, 1976.

EDWARDS—A son, Jeremy Jay, November 3, 1976, to Ron and Patricia Edwards, Hutchinson, Kansas.

EMRY—To Ron and Tracey Emry of Boise, Idaho, a daughter, Jana Rae, October 4, 1976.

FERGUSON—A son, Samuel David, December 1, 1976, to Willard and Doris Ferguson, Bujumbura, Burundi, Africa.

FISHER—To Rob and Cindi Fisher of Greenleaf, Idaho, a daughter, Emily Noelle, November 6, 1976.

JAMES—A son, Matthew Ross, October 28, 1976, to Richard and Susan James, Lone Star Friends, Hugoton, Kansas.

KEMPER—A daughter, Kedri Anne, November 10, 1976, to Flurry and Ruth Kemper, Coldwater, Kansas.

LARSON—To Dwight and Georgia Larson of North Valley Friends, Newberg, Oregon, a daughter, Corrie Lynne, November 21, 1976.

LEMMON—A daughter, Lanie Tennile, November 1, 1976, to Lanny and Donna Lemmon, Van Wert, Ohio.

LYON—A son, Douglas Shan, October 6, 1976, to William and Marjorie Lyon, Somalia, Africa (members Alum Creek Friends, Marengo, Ohio).

MACY—A son, Chad Gerard, October 22, 1976, to Gary and Jean Macy, Alliance, Ohio.

McKINNEY—A son, Shelby Brice, October 24, 1976, to Dwain and Shirley McKinney, Lewis, Kansas.

MORTON—A daughter, Kathryn Eleanor, November 17, 1976, to John and Pat Morton, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

MORTON—A daughter, Rebecca Leann, November 21, 1976, to Walter and Suzanne Morton, associate pastor, Alum Creek Friends, Marengo, Ohio.

ORWILER—A son, Geoffrey Michael, November 3, 1976, to Charles and Vicky Orwiler, of Newberg Friends, Oregon.

PAIGE—A daughter, Amy Jo, November 4, 1976, to Donald Jack and Lois Paige, Van Wert, Ohio.

ROWAN—A son, Jason David, November 15, 1976, to Jim and Sharon Rowan, Hutchinson, Kansas.

SEACRIST—A daughter, Jennifer Sue, October 26, 1976, to Don and Sarah Seacrist, Louisville, Ohio.

SKULICK—To Gene and Yolanda Skulick of Hawthorne, California, a son, Eugene Anthony III, October 10, 1976.

STRUNKENBERG—A son, Richard Eugene, August 30, 1976, to Robert and Jane Strunkenberg, Van Wert, Ohio.

TOSTADO—A son, Esteben Christian, November 20, 1976, to Dan and Lynn Tostado, Friendswood, Texas.

TRACE—A son, Wallace Lindsay, October 30, 1976, to Gary and Diane Trace, Alliance, Ohio.

TRIBOLET—A daughter, Christa Leigh, November 10, 1976, to Jack and Barbara Tribolet, Van Wert, Ohio.

WHITEMAN—A son, Jeffery Lyle, November 30, 1976, to Lyle and Peggy Whiteman, Springfield, Colorado.

WIKFORS—A daughter, Holly Nicole, to Doug and Coleen Wikfors of Greenleaf, Idaho, October 29, 1976.

MARRIAGES

BAIR-ROBESON. Rogona Bair and Keith Robeson, Van Wert, Ohio, July 31, 1976.

BAKER-PARKER. Ann Baker of Tacoma First Friends, Washington, to William Parker, November 27, 1976, in Portland, Oregon.

BORK-PETERSON. Monna Bork and Steve Peterson, October 23, 1976, New Hope Friends Church, Hay Springs, Nebraska.

CARDIN-STRATTON. Dawn Cardin and Marlin Stratton, October 23, 1976, Evangelical Friends Church, Omaha, Nebraska.

DAVIS-SMITH. Lois Davis and Albert Smith, December 3, 1976, Hutchinson, Kansas.

FOLEY-FULLER. Terrie Foley and Doug Fuller, November 27, 1976, Hutchinson, Kansas.

HAMILTON-FOX. Christal Lynn Hamilton and John D. Fox, Smithfield, Ohio, November 20, 1976.

JACOBS-BOYLE. Margaret I. Jacobs and Robert F. Boyle, Smithfield, Ohio, November 6, 1976.

JOHNSON-DODDS. Lori Kay Johnson and David L. Dodds, Smithfield, Ohio, November 27, 1976.

MILLER-LORA. Suzanne Carol Miller and John Scott Lora, East Goshen Friends, Beloit, Ohio, November 6, 1976.

REICHART-BOYLE. Jill Reichart and Douglas Boyle, October 16, 1976, Damascus Friends Church, Damascus, Ohio.

ROBINSON-CURTIS. Joanna F. Robinson and Stephen D. Curtis, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, November 27, 1976.

ROBESON-KINDELL. Cheryl Robeson and Timothy Kindell, Van Wert, Ohio, August 21, 1976.

VAN BUSKIRK-ROMERO. Susan Van Buskirk and Rauls Romero, October 2, 1976, Hutchinson, Kansas.

VAUGHN - BURROWS. Sandra Vaughn and Chris Burrows, October 23, 1976, Bethany Friends Church, Wadsworth, Ohio.

WHITE-KELLY. Patty White and Jerry Kelly, November 16, 1976, Friendswood, Texas.

DEATHS

ANTRIM—Earl B. Antrim, 78, member of Nampa Friends, Idaho, in Newberg, Oregon, December 8, 1976.

ARCHER—Jean Wesley Archer, 72, Seiling, Oklahoma, November 19, 1976.

BESS—Gary Alan Bess, 22, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, October 24, 1976.

CARTRIGHT—Leona Cartright, 89, November 8, 1976, Nampa, Idaho.

JACKSON—Harry Jackson, 85, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, October 27, 1976.

KERR—Margaret Kerr, Damascus, Ohio, October 28, 1976.

PEARSON—Mary (Pennington) Pearson, 77, of Greene, New York, October 25, 1976.

PRICE—Clark Price, minister, 75, Van Wert, Ohio, October 13, 1976.

SANTEE—Earl Santee, 82, Damascus, Ohio, October 25, 1976.

TOMLINSON—Ira Tomlinson, 87, Newberg, Oregon, November 27, 1976, member of Medford Friends, Oregon.

WEATHERSON—Myrtle Weatherston, 94, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, November 18, 1976.

WEINGART—Florence Weingart, 79, Salem, Ohio, October 20, 1976.

WHITEMAN—Selma Whiteman, Atlanta, Kansas, November 19, 1976.

WILSON—Guy G. Wilson, 70, Haviland, Kansas, October 16, 1976.

HOT TIP #2

from "Ole GEORGE!"

IS THERE A CHECK LIST OF THE POSSIBLE SOURCES FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL HELP?

Yes, here's one.

1. Have I asked my high school counselor?
2. Have I investigated scholarships in my chosen career field?
3. Have I written to my favorite list of colleges for information on student aid?
4. Have I started saving money?
5. Have I learned a job skill that may help me get a part-time job or summer job?
6. Have I applied for weekend or part-time work in high school to earn money for college?
7. Am I keeping my grades up for a possible college scholarship?
8. Have I checked with local clubs, businesses, and churches for potential student aid?
9. Have I checked with alumni of the colleges concerning alumni scholarships?
10. Have I sent for information on national and state government aid programs?



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Creeds Have Value!

BY RUSSELL MYERS
SUPERINTENDENT
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Thomas Carlyle, the great English philosopher and author, was walking one day through the grounds of his country mansion with Bishop Wilberforce. "Bishop," said Carlyle bluntly, "do you have a creed?" "Yes," said the bishop, "but one thing that puzzles me is the slow progress which that creed seems to make upon the world."

Carlyle was silent for a moment and then said, "Ah! But if you have a creed, you can afford to wait."


The people who believe something, and believe it with all their powers, can afford not only to wait, but to suffer, to endure disappointment, to experience what the world calls defeat. For the thing that puts iron into a man's soul, that gives direction to his feet, warmth to his heart, and undying devotion to his ideals, is an

unwavering belief in the existence of certain powers above his own.

Carlyle was right. If we have a creed, we can afford to wait.

Christians need a creed. The Apostle's Creed breathes of hope and security. It is timeless, for it is biblical. What we believe exerts an elemental influence upon life. My belief ultimately determines how I take hold and shape the destiny of my life.

A pastor spoke of the admiration he had for a nonchurch-going mother caring for an invalid son—slowly dying in great pain. She cared for him quietly, wrapping him in her cloak of motherhood during his final agonies. She betrayed not a single sign of how she herself was consumed by pain and anxiety. One day the pastor said to her, "I admire your attitude." Her disconcerting reply was, "Yes, attitude perhaps, but don't look underneath. I haven't a thing to hold on to."

St. John said, "The world passeth away . . . but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." Yes, when you believe that, you can afford to wait! 



On Being Against Things

BY NORVAL HADLEY
SUPERINTENDENT
NORTHWEST YEARLY
MEETING

You can get in trouble if your whole Christian witness is that you are against things. Some in these days seem to be against *church growth*, not realizing that church growth properly understood is nothing more nor less than fulfilling the great commission. *The Wittenburg Door* crudely attacked my friend Larry Ward, president of Food for the Hungry, because Larry has a weight problem. They didn't realize he had probably lost hundreds of pounds more than they had ever gained. John Woolman once decided to be against wearing a hat that had been dyed, but rather than strengthening his testimony this only raised questions and confusion.

During the sixties it was the "in thing" to be against things, especially against the establishment—to even

destroy the existing. But there seemed to be very little thought of a better replacement. I would say that effort ended in frustration.

I sometimes receive letters from people who are against things we do in the Yearly Meeting. I like to see those who oppose the status quo offer something better. Christianity does that. We are saved from sin to sonship, from despair to hope, from self to service, from hell to heaven.

This is why I'm seeking to encourage Friends, Brethren, and Mennonites in the New Call to Peacemaking to go beyond opposing violence and excessive buildup of militarism and to begin to articulate what we think is a better way to solve conflict problems. Of course, we're opposed to war. Now let's tell them what we're for. 