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ANOTHER LOOK AT STEWARDSHIP

BY A. ELDON HELM

Most Christian churches accept the principle that one tenth of one's annual income should be given for the support of the church. But when pressed as to why one tenth, theologians have difficulty in supporting the principle from New Testament writings. About the best that the New Testament writings do in the support of tithing is in a back-handed way when Jesus is quoted, "You tithe down to the last mint leaf . . . but ignore the important things—justice and mercy and faith. Yes, you should tithe, but you shouldn't leave the more important things undone." (Matthew 23:23*)

Old Testament Teaching



The first reference to the tenth seems to be when Abraham gave Melchizedek, the priest of the God of the highest heaven, a tenth of all the spoils (Genesis 14:20). Next in Leviticus (10:30) we read that God had commanded that a tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, herds, flocks, or other domestic animals was to be given to the Lord. This tenth went to the Levites, the employees in the services of the Tabernacle and later the Temple as special servants of the Lord.

But later on we read that the giving according to a legalistic principle was not working too well. When a strong central government was established, there came into being the civil servants, the armed forces, and the commerce to support the government. This led to urbanization and the taxes being paid to the government. Large estates were received by the king from the land confiscated for taxes or

conquered by the king. The king replaced God for allegiance. There was a lack of concern for the poor.

Prophets attacked this rejection of God's social ideal in favor of capitalistic amassing of wealth. Amos cries out that they paid their tithe and crowed about it, but robbed the poor and crushed the needy (Amos 4:4, 5). Malachi asks, "Will a man rob God? Surely not! And yet you have robbed me. You have robbed me of the tithes and offerings due to me. And so the awesome curse of God is cursing you, for your whole nation has been robbing me." (Malachi 3:8)

Malachi goes on to say that if they would bring all their tithes into the storehouse, there would be food enough in the Temple, and that God would open up the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing so great that they wouldn't have room enough to take it in!

"Try it! Let me prove it to you!" he says. The crops would be large because God would guard them from insects and plagues. And all nations would call them blessed, and the people would sparkle with happiness.

But the people's attitude toward God has become proud and arrogant, continues Malachi. Again Malachi quotes what the people are saying, "Listen; you have said, 'It is foolish to worship God and obey him. What good does it do to obey his laws, and to sorrow and mourn for our sins? From now on, as far as we are concerned, "Blessed are the arrogant." For those who do evil shall prosper, and those who dare God to punish them shall get off scot-free.'" (Malachi 3:14, 15)

New Testament Teaching



After Jesus had reminded the Pharisees that they were tithing but letting more important things go undone, we

*All Scripture quotations are from The Living Bible.

see Jesus comparing the Pharisee, who proudly was keeping all the laws, including going without food twice a week and giving a tenth of everything that he earned, with the sinner, and telling us that the sinner who begged God for mercy would be forgiven, but not the Pharisee (Luke 18:12-14)!

Now the writer to the Hebrews shows the new direction for mankind when he explains to the Hebrews that Christ has the same rank as Melchizedek; that God has sent a new priest; and that His law has changed to permit it (Hebrews 7:12-16).

Christ came from the tribe of Judah, not of Levi, which before had not been chosen for priesthood. God's method changed—Christ did not become a priest by meeting the old requirements, but on the basis of power flowing from a life that cannot end. The old system based on family lines was canceled because it didn't work. It never made anyone really right with God.

"This is the new agreement I will make with the people of Israel, says the Lord. I will write my laws in their minds so that they will know what I want to tell them to do without my even telling them, and these laws will be in their hearts so that they will want to obey them." (Hebrews 8:10)

This is to be accomplished by faith!

"What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen." (Hebrews 11:1)

The writer then goes on to describe great people of faith: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses. Yet though these men of faith trusted God and won His approval, none of them received all that God had promised them; God having provided something better for those who would be perfected in an attitude of love after that of Christ (Hebrews 11:4-40).

This is the kingdom that nothing can destroy. And instead of trying to keep laws and overcome guilt with rituals and making sacrifices to please God, we please God by praising Him with thankful lives for His blessings to us (Hebrews 12—13).

How do we do this? What form of action does it take in our lives? The writer to the Hebrews lists the following:

Love each other with true brotherly love.

Don't forget strangers.

Don't forget those in jail.

Share the sorrow of the mistreated.

Honor your marriage.

Remember your leaders.

And these words of warning. "Stay away from the love of money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, 'I will never, never fail you nor forsake you.'" (13:1-7)

Why does God so wonderfully comfort and strengthen us? "So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God has given us." (2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

"Our only power and success comes from God." (2 Corinthians 3:5)

"When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

"If you are really eager to give, then it isn't important how much you have to give. God wants you to give what you have, not what you haven't." (2 Corinthians 8:12)

"But remember this—if you give little, you will get little Every one must make up his own mind as to how much he should give. Don't force anyone to give more than he really wants to, for cheerful givers are the ones God prizes." (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

People who haven't been turned on by the Good News have deep and chronic feelings of inferiority. They think of themselves in contempt and with self-degradation. Many of our Christian churches promote the feeling of guilt and implore self-punishment instead of teaching the power of love. As a result many, many Christians are wasting opportunities to know the joy of giving, as well as the joy of meeting needs with their abilities, because they believe they aren't good enough.

But on the other hand, when we discover the joy of giving of ourselves and our wealth in meeting the needs of others, great changes take place within our own lives as well as in the lives whom we touch. "Those you help will be glad not only because of your generous gifts to themselves and to others, but they will praise God for this proof that your deeds are as good as your doctrine." (2 Corinthians 9:13)

The value of wealth through which the needs of others are met takes precedence over personal desires to gain property. "People who *long* to be rich soon begin to do all kinds of wrong things to get money, things that hurt them and make them evil-minded and finally send them to hell itself." (1 Timothy 6:9)

The Importance of Wealth and Productivity



But let us not get the idea from the many Scriptures that warn about the dangers involved with wealth that in order to be a Christian one has to be poor. This is a serious misconception that has arisen from our Lord's warning about the putting of wealth first in our lives, and may have been propagated by those in the church who wanted to preserve their position of power. If we are going to use our wealth to help others, we must have a supply source of that wealth, or it is soon gone and we are unable to accomplish our purpose.

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The early church, probably believing that the Lord's return was imminent, one by one as individuals sold their personal property and gave the proceeds to the needy. They did this not because of any force of legalism, but because the Holy Spirit was demonstrating a new life, introducing a new economic order. However, we should bear in mind that in the case of these early Christians, although they were persecuted, discriminated against, and ostracized, making it difficult for them to find work or to do business, probably the greatest contributing factor to their economic difficulties in A.D. 40-50 was that they were not producing new wealth.

Jesus said that he came so that our lives would be more abundant, not poorer. The promise that if we seek first the kingdom of God all other things will be supplied is confirmation from the Good News that now God wants to give us abundance, if we can demonstrate that we are capable of managing it and of being good stewards.

"For the man who uses well what he is given shall be given more, and he shall have abundance. But from the man who is unfaithful, even what little responsibility he has shall be taken from him." (Matthew 25:29) This Jesus said to summarize His point after illustrating that He wants us all to be productive! Emphasis here is also on the tendency of the one-talent person to do nothing because the person believes the little he has is not important or the person feels he can't accomplish anything with the little he has.

Some of the great examples of stewardship have been those who, after giving what was required of them by the Holy Spirit from their increase each year, have invested an important portion of their increase wisely, have managed carefully the gifts that God has given them for a time as stewards, and then after their business has prospered have set up living trusts or foundations so that even after their lives have been completed on this earth, income from their stewardship can continue on *forever*, producing an increase the church might use to accomplish its purpose that could never have been done without this accumulation of dedicated wealth.

Personal Decisions as Stewards



How much should a Christian give? How much does he love God? How much does he love other people? Has he committed his abilities and wealth to God?

When these questions are answered, then the questions come down to how much shall I give now from my income in order that current needs of the church and the poor be met, and how much shall I reinvest for the Lord in productive enterprise in order to supply the needs for products and services? You see that reinvestment has the potential of a *double* blessing making possible not only the supplying of needed goods and services now, but really great things that can be accomplished by meeting the needs of others through the church in the future. This is how great Christian institutions of learning have been built. This is how great sharing in a worldwide effort is accomplished, not by equalizing the wealth, an effort that is nonproductive, but by helping others to help themselves to be productive.

Instead of how much shall I give, let us set ourselves a ceiling on our standard of living and take the lid off of love-motivated giving, both at the present and in investments for the future that have the promise of double giving.

Tithing is at best legalistic minimum giving, and legalistic giving is often grudgingly given. But God wants us to know and enjoy high-level giving. He wants us to have prosperity plus!

A well-balanced concept of prosperity includes stewardship: our use of time, abilities in meeting the needs of others, and money. Prosperity is not in order to heap upon ourselves increasing luxuries but so we can bring blessings to mankind.

The New Testament church was to give proportionately in ratio to their incomes. "On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn." (1 Corinthians 16:2)

This brings up one more important act that is a must if proper stewardship is going to happen. It is budgeting of our time, our talents, and our giving. If it is in the budget for a gift or reinvestment, then it is allocated already before the check or pay envelope arrives. Our daily activities are on a schedule. This is the way things are accomplished, through planning our days, scheduling our time and our money for definite purposes.

Finally, but really first, "In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success." (Proverbs 3:6)

And, "Live for Jesus' glory and it will amaze everyone. You will do more, live better, and have more joy." (from sermon by Guy Davidson, Grace Community Church, Tempe, Arizona, based on Philippians 4:8, 13)

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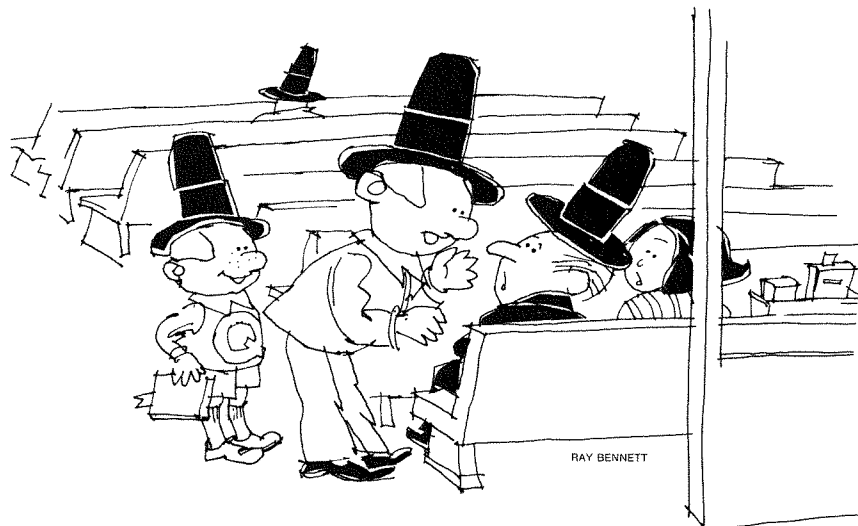
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*"Excuse me, but I think thee has our seats."***COVER**

Following a winter of extremes—snow or lack of it, drought and floods, cold and mildness—spring with all its beauty has finally arrived. (Photo by Shirley Putman).

ANTECEDENTS

As part of planning the *Evangelical Friend*, the editor, managing editor, and art director cooperate together to give each special feature the kind of placement and display that hopefully will attract the most readers to its contents. Proper overall balance is our goal. No doubt we often fail. The longest story with the most pictures may get more prominence than it deserves. So we urge people to read "between" the dressed-up features each issue to find some briefer articles of real worth.

This issue has several to which such attention should be given. "Let's Go Home and Learn" (page 9) by A. J. (Jim) Ellis is a short article of profound truth on Christian parenting. In two columns on page 10 is Lauren King's "Three Out of Four Isn't Bad?" a case for total commitment to God. On the back cover is "John Wesley on the Poor" from his *Journal*, an excerpt suggested by Norval Hadley, superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting. Jim Ellis and Lauren King are contributing editors.

It is hoped readers do not miss the regular features in the center of our magazine, seemingly buried in a mass of type. Two of special interest this month are Norval Hadley's "Inerrancy?" article on the superintendents' page and Howard Macy's book review of *The Battle for the Bible*. —H.T.A.

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a new call to china

TOLD TO DAVE AUFRANCE
BY LILIAN SIU PING LAU

"I was born in southeastern China, and lived there until I was eight years of age. I went to a primary school in Canton for two years before my family came to Hong Kong. In Hong Kong I had the opportunity to study in a Christian primary school, and this was where I started to hear about Jesus Christ. When I was older I made my decision to become a Christian.

"In 1967 at a summer retreat our counselor led us up to the rooftop of one of the buildings on the campgrounds. The counselor told us that beyond the Ling Ding Sea lay mainland China, and that many, many people who were there had never heard the Gospel and were still in darkness. At that time, our counselor

Dave and Cindy Aufrance are working with dedicated Christian young people whom God may call as He has Lilian. They both teach at United Christian College in Hong Kong. This is the newest area entered by Eastern Region Friends.

led us in prayer for these Chinese people. This was when God first impressed upon my mind very clearly the great need of spreading the Gospel in mainland China.


"I have had the privilege of visiting China on two occasions. During the second visit to Canton I remembered that I went to Sunday school when I was a young girl, so I tried to find the church where I had attended. I eventually found the church building, but the inside was no longer a church. After the Cultural Revolution in China in the 1960s, church buildings were turned into nurseries or simply places to store things.

"I also tried to find a place where Christian fellowship was meeting privately, but I myself was not able to meet any Christians when I was in China. However, in Hong Kong I am part of a prayer group that meets to pray for the Christians in mainland China and for the need to spread the Gospel there.

"We know that Christians do meet privately in China and the churches have

been very much revived. They know about all the teachings of Christ without any organized church, as the older Christians in China have a very strong faith. They bring their children to Christ, then teach them well about the Christian life. When Christians become sick, the older Christians lay hands on them and pray, and many are healed. Even when perhaps their pigs or other animals become sick, they pray for these problems, and God is faithful in helping them.

"Since my second visit, it became very clear to me that God was calling me. In April 1976 I began attending a seminary in Hong Kong.

"Now that Chairman Mao has passed away, the future of the Chinese people in the mainland and in Hong Kong is more uncertain than ever before. I hope that you as brothers and sisters in Christ will join together with us in prayer for the Christians in China who are faithfully serving God under very difficult and dangerous situations." 

Lilian Siu Ping Lau



burundi friends teachers' camp

BY WILLARD FERGUSON

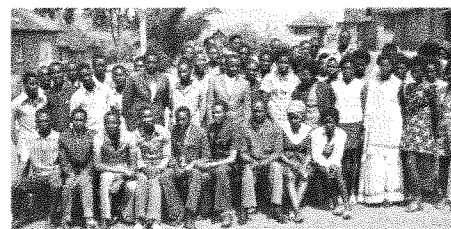
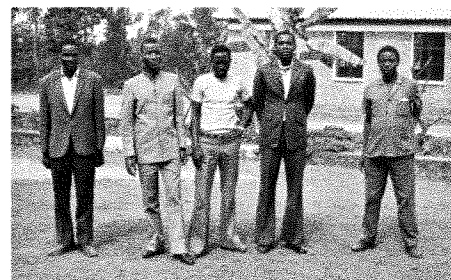
The teachers and directors of the Burundi Friends Primary Schools were invited to the two-day teachers' camp at Kibimba. Salomon Bahenda, as pastor and legal representative, has had a burden for such a meeting for several years. A total of seventy-five teachers participated, many of whom had become somewhat

Willard Ferguson serves in Burundi under Kansas Yearly Meeting as a teacher in the Normal School and assistant legal representative for the mission.

Friends Primary School directors (above) and teachers as they gathered for fruitful camp in Burundi.

cold and indifferent to the church and the Gospel. But here they showed a warm spirit, enjoyed the fellowship, and participated freely in all the activities and meetings. During the services several remained for special prayer to accept Christ, and in the final service twenty-four raised their hands indicating that they had made definite decisions for Christ.

Paul Thornburg, Sampson Gahungu, and Mariko Bikomagu conducted studies on the biblical teachings, practices, and



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principles according to the Friends *Discipline*. Salomon Bahenda expounded on the relationship of the Burundi church and the government in connection with our schools, and I gave instruction on the Bible and science, showing how the Bible is supported, not undermined, by scientific facts.


These teachers have great potential for influencing the lives of many Burundi children. Each one teaches on the average twenty-eight students, totaling approximately two thousand students. Each

teacher spends about 25 hours with his students per week or 5,000 hours per year.

The influence of one of these teachers, named Mark—the school director at Kabuguzo—has been seen recently in a vivid way. (He is the second from the right in the picture of school directors.) The Kabuguzo church, which has been a weak and dwindling church, has rapidly taken on new life. Much of this new life is a result of the Lord working through Director Mark. He has realized his

responsibility as a leader and has come alive for Christ.

When we visited the Kabuguzo church recently, we found not the expected 30 or 40 people but a church nearly full with 120 to 150 people. Mark gave a spirited sermon with a strong invitation for his people not to play around with life, but to make a definite decision for Christ.

Pray with us for all these teachers that they may get “turned on for Jesus” and use their influence to win many young and older alike to Christ. 

let us build together

By JAMES H. TAYLOR, JR.

Church leaders and missionaries, including Charles DeVol praying at the podium, join in groundbreaking ceremonies of China Evangelical Seminary's new campus and building (below).



In recent years, the Spirit of God has been working wondrously among Chinese Christians around the world. We have witnessed a new spirit of cooperation among churches during recent evangelistic crusades held throughout Taiwan, a new burden for overseas missions, and a new concern for theological education. Are these not indications that God is going to do a marvelous work among the Chinese in this generation? Should the new generation of Chinese Christians not expect God to use them in a mighty way?

With an attitude of hopefulness and eager anticipation, let us honestly and realistically face the problems that are before us. The Chinese Church today lacks pastors, Christian educators, and

missionary pioneers who are both endowed with spiritual gifts and have faithfully developed the same.

Though a great harvest among the Chinese people may actually at last be within sight, yet the obstacles are great. We must implore the Lord to send more laborers into the harvest who are fully equipped to face the challenges of today. The harvest is indeed already ripe; let us pray that there will be the personnel to gather it in this generation!

A small step in this direction was taken in October 1970, when China Evangelical Seminary was born. Leadership for the development of CES has been entrusted to Elder Wu Yung, well-known Chinese evangelist, who is chairman of the Board of Trustees, and to James H. Taylor, Jr., president. The Friends Mission in Taiwan has played an important role in CES's development, being one of the charter

members of its board. Dr. Everett Cattell also served for a year as guest professor on the faculty of CES. Russell Zinn presently represents Friends on the board.

The purpose of CES is to nurture vital spirituality, genuine Christian scholarship, and effective practical service as it prepares Chinese Christians for the Gospel ministry. A full-time residential program seeks to train dedicated Christians who have completed their university-level education, offering three main programs of study: Pastoral, Christian Education, and Missions.

As an expression of the Chinese Church, CES recognizes its responsibility to provide training in the context of Chinese indigenous culture and fitted to the needs of its own society. A theological education by extension (TEE) program trains Christian workers who are already active in their respective church-

James H. Taylor, Jr., is president of China Evangelical Seminary and great grandson of J. Hudson Taylor, the founder of the China Inland Mission.

es, regardless of their educational background.

At its beginning, CES seemed to be lacking in everything. There were no financial resources, no facilities, and not enough teachers. Yet God has shown His great faithfulness over the past five and a half years in providing for the seminary as it has grown. The increase in financial support is one example.

At the beginning, the offerings from Christians in Taiwan constituted only 9.5 percent of the total budget. Today, the figure has reached 23.5 percent and continues to increase. The support from Chinese Christians around the world now constitutes over 80 percent of CES's total budget. The Evangelical Friends Mission has been giving strong support to the Faculty Development Program by providing funds for Caleb Huang, a member of CES faculty-in-preparation, to complete graduate study in the U.S.

A second example of the Lord's blessing may be seen in the growing number of university graduates who are coming to study at CES. From a modest beginning of seven full-time students, the number has grown to thirty-two, with another twenty-three alumni now serving the


Lord in various fields. The TEE program this year has over 200 students enrolled.

Another example of God's wonderful provision lies in campus facilities. The seminary began its operation in a rented, Japanese-style building, which served as classroom, chapel, dormitory, office, and library. At about the same time the Lord provided the present facilities through the Covenant Mission, which CES has been using free of charge. Later a special gift made it possible for the seminary to add two classrooms and a dining department. Then, when CES had outgrown these facilities, God moved a brother to buy a three-story building adjacent to the campus for use as library and chapel, again without cost.

As the number of students, faculty, and staff has continued to increase, new and better facilities are urgently needed not only to carry on the present program but to move the work forward. Now again at this very time, God has once more proven His great faithfulness in moving the Evangelical Alliance Mission to donate a plot of land to CES for a new campus site. This piece of land is strategically located—Taiwan National University and National Normal Univer-

sity are near neighbors; close by also are the headquarters of Campus Evangelical Fellowship (IVF), Campus Crusade for Christ, and several other important church student centers.

A six-story building is now being designed and will be erected on this choice piece of property. When completed, the new campus facilities will serve several purposes: (1) a training center for full-time Christian workers, young people, and laymen; (2) a research center offering library facilities, special lectureships, seminars, and other programs to the Christian community; (3) a teaching center with reference materials, mass communication equipment, and production of teaching materials; (4) a mission center offering study in mission strategy, training for overseas service, and preparation for China mainland evangelization. The estimated cost for the building project is U.S. \$750,000.

Let us build together, not just a new seminary campus as an end in itself, but the Chinese Church. May the great harvest of the Chinese nation really begin in this generation. Please pray that God will use China Evangelical Seminary for this purpose. 

meeting the paradox of missions in southeast asia

Union Biblical Seminary of Yavatmal, India, is launching a three-year, \$1,150,000 program of expansion and relocation. Cosponsored by fifteen evangelical denominations, UBS is the only evangelical graduate-level seminary in all of Southeast Asia—and it is preparing, through this move, to meet the challenge of Asia's emerging paradox of missions.

All across Asia a spiritual revolution is taking place. The seeds of faith sown for decades by Christian missionaries are producing a harvest of believers. In many countries, the church is growing faster than the population. Yet at the same time, a strong wave of nationalism is sweeping Asia. Self-determination and national identity have become watchwords of the day.

Union Biblical Seminary is thus tooling up to meet the challenge of the coming decades with an expanded and more effective program of training national Christian leadership.

UBS began as a Bible school in 1938 under the leadership of the Free Methodist Church in India. In 1951 the Free Methodists were joined by fourteen other denominational mission agencies who were working in central India to form a union seminary designed to train evangelical leaders for the churches of India and Southeast Asia.

Over the years, large numbers of students have enrolled at the seminary in Yavatmal. In the past ten years, the student body has more than doubled. There are 750 graduates serving Christ in virtually every conference, diocese, or council of every denomination in India.


The limits of the present facility in Yavatmal have hampered further growth. Applicants are being turned away for lack of space. The remote rural location of the school in Yavatmal makes it a poor location for on-the-job training in ministry for the students.

With these concerns in mind, the

governing board of the seminary voted to relocate and expand the facilities and program possibilities by moving from rural Yavatmal to Poona, an urban center close to Bombay. Poona is alive with opportunities for students to engage in practical ministry.

With a university and twenty colleges, Poona is a major student center where India's future leaders can be touched for Christ. Extensive library facilities will be available—without any capital outlay for the seminary.

With the move to Poona, the capacity for training nationals to reach all of Southeast Asia can become a reality within the next few years. But it is a large undertaking.

It will become a reality as God's people give thoughtful consideration to the new direction missions must take—relying less on the Western missionary and depending more heavily on committed and well-trained nationals. 

LET'S GO HOME AND LEARN

This educator believes the Christian education curriculum must be home based.



BY A. J. ELLIS

Christian parent, do you trustfully send your children to school hoping that school will educate them? Do you with faith send or take them to Sunday school to receive their Christian education? If this is the primary provision you have made for the education of your children, you have defaulted. Like thousands of misguided parents, your faith has not been placed on the most effective learning experiences available to your children.

Educational research increasingly verifies that most of our learning takes place outside the formal institutions of learning. Some psychologists have estimated that less than 20 percent of a well-educated person's learning comes through formal schooling.

Also verified by research is the crucial importance of the learning period during the first five years of life. During these years it is essential that a child receive

the services of the best educational expertise available.

To give the two-year-old a novice, amateur instructor while the twenty-year-old is taught by a Ph.D. equates with an amateur providing the architectural drawings, foundations, and walls for a skyscraper with the master craftsman arriving only to complete the roof. Our priorities must be reversed.

The public school, the Sunday school, the college, or any formal system of learning can exert only a minimal influence over the education of a child compared to that of the home. Good or bad, more learning will occur in the home than in any other institution with which the learner will associate.

Have educators quickly adjusted to this circumstance? The answer is not comforting. For a long time, our society has demanded special training for all kinds of workers who deal with children—for teachers, counselors, child psychologists, social workers. But the persons who are most important in the children's lives and education—the parents—have been taking the task of child rearing usually without training.

Most of us learned how to be parents through experimentation and by remembering what our own parents did in similar situations. Equally disheartening

is the fact that most curricular development and published learning materials are directed toward the formal school setting with little of such resources available for the home.

Learning will begin to increase considerably on the day that Christian educators redirect their major effort away from the formal school setting to the more productive learning setting of the home. This new direction should concentrate on two critical areas: (1) preparation of home instructors (parents), and (2) the development of family-oriented learning materials.

Sunday school for parents or anyone contemplating that status should be carefully devoted to home-teacher preparation and inservice. Every person who purposes to become a parent should have the equivalent of at least six hours college credit in child development. A great many things said and done by well-meaning parents produce attitudes and behaviors in their children totally opposite to the parental intentions.

Parents accept many myths such as "the terrible twos" or "all five-year-olds do that" and resultantly expect and receive deplorable behavior from their children. A well-prepared home instructor (parent) will understand parental action and conversation that is counter-

Dr. A. J. (Jim) Ellis, Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting's presiding clerk since 1971, recently accepted a position as Regional Field Supervisor with the Colorado State Department of Education at Denver. This article represents some of the thinking and concerns in his preparation of a new course on effective Christian parenting.

productive in terms of the educational objectives for their children.

The church school experience provided for children should be centered around reinforcing those things learned at home during the week. Often the worst enemy of the home-instructional program is the church program itself. Families are divided into chronological groups for study at church with little relationship between the content studied in different groups. Committee meetings, class parties, and many other activities infringe on valuable time for integrated family experiences supporting the home-instructional program.

Another inadequacy of current home educational programs relates to the limited assortment of home instructional tools available. Christian educators must use their best thinking to adapt tools presently used in the formal school setting and to arrive at new aids for the home instructional program.

Family activity centered around group Scripture memorization experiences, doctrinal study, and organized family-based evangelism effort can integrate Christian education into each individual's life. Family relationships can have an added quality through these mutual learning experiences. The concept of communion through mutual sharing of Jesus Christ is best learned in the warm, supportive atmosphere of the home.

The Sunday school and total church educational program then becomes an extension of the home curriculum, reinforcing and developing the concepts, information, attitudes, and behaviors taught within the home. As we train our parents and concentrate our best instructional effort through the home curriculum, we will enjoy the following important results:

1. Our youth will be better-educated Christians, understanding better the basis of their faith and the more effective practice of that faith;
2. An increasingly clarified sense of purpose and mission will characterize our formal Christian education units as they support and develop the more effective route to learning through the home;
3. Parents, as teachers, will discover a wonderful principle of teaching, namely, the best way to learn something well is to teach it;
4. Families will have a unifying activity around which to build a growing, supportive Christian life.

THREE OUT OF FOUR ISN'T BAD?

BY LAUREN KING

"You can't be so demanding and rigid," she said to me. "You've got to take the Bible and the standards of faith and practice in the *Discipline* as only ideals to be aimed toward but not attainable. In our church if the members believe three out of four of the articles of faith or attend three fourths of the time and give \$5, that's pretty good. After all, three out of four isn't bad. You have to give people their freedom to believe and act as they think best." So said the lady from another church to me. And I? Well, I was a bit stunned and didn't say anything.

But she started me thinking. Would that three-out-of-four thing work anywhere but in church? Or be allowed?

For instance, I drive a car with an owner's manual that promises that if I do certain things the car will run. But how if it runs only three times out of four? Would I accept that? Would you? Would anybody? Wouldn't we be right back at the dealer demanding that he do something about that car?

How about a TV set that gave a good picture three out of four times? Or a toaster that burned the toast only once in four mornings? Or a watchdog that barked at three out of four suspicious persons? Or any of a hundred other things that performed three out of four times? We just don't see the operating manual for these things as a distant ideal, do we? We want better than 75 percent performance in our machines; we want very close to 100 percent. And the more crucial their performance to us, the higher we set the standard.

Ah, but machines are machines, not people. We expect—and rightly—that machines perform nearly or quite perfectly. But you can't expect that of people. After all, people are—well, you know, human—and weak—and foolish—and so on.

All right, how about a store cashier who rings up the right amount three times out of four? Regardless of whether she pockets the difference or just makes constant mistakes, how long would we keep her on? Or a garage mechanic who

does a satisfactory tune-up job three times out of four—how long would we patronize him? A druggist who made up the right prescription 75 percent of the time? A banker honest three times out of four? A husband faithful three fourths of the time? A friend truthful three times in four? In all these relationships and performances in business, or wherever something important is involved, we again aren't satisfied with 75 percent.

Just in our church life, just in our relationship to our brothers and sisters in Christ, just in our relationship to God—there we can be satisfied with looking toward the Bible and our articles of faith and practice as distant ideals, with "taking our liberty," with 75 percent—or worse—performance. I can't myself find this idea in the Bible, but then maybe we aren't to take the Bible seriously on this point either.

Instead, I find the Bible warning that we shall be held responsible for every word we speak (Matthew 12:36), that even feelings of hate or lust are sin (Matthew 5:22,28), that if we offend in one point we are guilty of the whole law (James 2:10). These don't sound like 75 percent performance. And I also find such gracious promises as that in 1 Corinthians 10:13: "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

Oh, I know we are weak and God is merciful, but God is also powerful to save. The Bible just a distant ideal? Our articles of faith and practice—professedly based on the Bible—also loose guidelines with which we take our liberty? Freedom on tithing, on our handling of our possessions, on our relations to the State, on almost the whole life-style except perhaps on tobacco, alcohol, drugs, cards, dancing, and communism? Three times out of four pretty good? I don't think so. And I wish I had thought of something better than silence when the lady so airily announced her relaxed position about serving God.



By JACK L. WILL CUTS

When Love Is Lost

"What *does* the Bible really say about divorce?" This lovely young woman, the mother of a four-year-old, whose husband had just moved in with his secretary was desperate, demanding. "I still love him . . . the way he used to be . . . and could be . . ."

This is a fine Christian young couple, or are considered so by their friends—faithful in church, attractive, personable, with 100 percent Quaker background. They are members of a growing number of marriage casualties in the EFA.

So, we looked again at Matthew 5: "I tell you [Jesus speaking]: if a man divorces his wife, even though she has not been unfaithful, then he is guilty of making her commit adultery if she marries again; and the man who marries her commits adultery also." (Good News Bible)

With tears flowing uncontrollably she responds, "How come God *too* is so unfair?"

Evangelical Christians are responding to these kinds of situations with uncharacteristic attitudes toward divorced persons. A few Friends churches are opening their hearts of concern to both the involuntary and voluntary singles of our congregations, but they still sense themselves to be in a kind of third world Society of Friends.

How much of our attitude and thinking is more traditional than biblical? What do pastors say to those who want to remarry, this time around "in a truly Christian relationship"? How many are doing it because they feel it better to do so than not to do so—all circumstances considered? How many small groups, prayer fellowships, even worship services are lovingly cordial to these kinds of problems?

The time is ripe for a discussion of the evangelical view of divorce and remarriage. Some who have been very quick to condemn or toss out cliché answers are growing quieter simply because the problem is coming closer and closer to all our families.

The Continental Congress on the Family held last year issued a call for a theology of marriage, "part of which must be a theology of divorce and remarriage." New books are appearing rapidly and others are being reprinted on this subject, written by evangelical authors: Guy Duty's *Divorce and Remarriage* (Bethany Fellowship) represents a restatement of traditional opinion. Dwight Small's *The Right to Remarry* (Revell) is a rather new evangelical approach to divorce.

Almost every evangelical magazine during the past year sometime has tackled the subject. New "Christian" counseling centers are springing up in every city—and kept busy.

Most of these seem to lean toward leniency for genuinely penitent Christians to remarry following divorce. The rationale for this is the view that forgiveness of sins of the past includes divorce too and the person has a right to begin again. Paul Jewett, the controversial professor of Fuller Seminary, offers a biblically based theological justification for remarriage.

One can't help seeing Jesus in His attitude and conversations with the woman at the well, the one "caught in adultery," and several others, as One who understands the hearts and motives of people in terrible trouble and therefore responds in love and forgiveness in spite of obvious actions. What is the total teaching of Jesus, not just isolated "proof texts"?

"Isn't the Gospel of Jesus Christ good news?" is a continual question, the one asked by the young woman mentioned here at the outset. Is the Gospel good news when it says "no" to one of the most basic needs, the need for intimate companionship in marriage? Jim Smoke of Garden Grove Community Church emphasizes that the Gospel means rebuilding for the future, not concentrating on past failures.

The subject is not easily treated no matter how kindly or critically approached. What about using remarried people in the work of the church? Friends spent many years "reading out of meeting" those who even married out of meeting. If some of these dear Friends are among the "cloud of witnesses" looking on now, they must be somewhat exercised.

It is time for the concern to surface in a serious, sensible way so that the many who are hurting can also be "ministered to," and those wishing counsel may be given encouragement and support in whatever direction the Spirit leads them. ☐

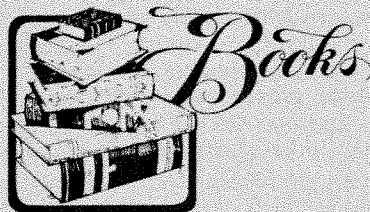
Elisha and Me

The hairy heads of history have always mocked us. (Note the picture in upper left corner.) One bunch of ridiculers didn't get away with it (2 Kings 2:23), and once I too thought it rather unsporting of the prophet to summon bears out of the woods to devour them. After all, they merely smirked, "Go up, thou bald head."

But Elisha had had a busy day doing good things and was deeply weary of undignified delinquency, and in that mood he identifies with the occasional feeling of the many (maybe the majority) of balding Quaker pastors reflecting light behind the pulpit. To be sure, my discomfort with violence makes me worry that Elisha and the bears overdid it. But something had to be done!

The ghoulish treatment of physical defects is a common human trait of children, but we have a curious way of deciding which types of imperfections are laughable or lamentable. Every balding man is at some point accused of being excessively vain. All the handsome men reading these lines are already grinning smugly, even those with self-made paunches or manicured mustaches. So let's not get our vanity out of perspective, nor fall into the cruelty of discrimination of an unthinking world against the minority to which Elisha and I belong.

Isn't it about time to bear down on this again? ☐



Harold Lindsell, **The Battle for the Bible**, The Zondervan Corporation, 1976, 218 pages, \$6.95.

In *The Battle for the Bible* Harold Lindsell presents his case that the doctrine of inerrancy is the watershed issue of evangelical Christianity in this time. The book is intended for lay persons, but since its publication in 1976 its impact has been much broader than simply on the lay audience.

Lindsell uses the word *inerrant* to mean that the Bible (in its original copies, "autographs") is absolutely correct in all of its assertions, not only theological, but also historical, scientific, geographical, and in all other matters. For the sake of clarity in the current debate, *inerrant* probably should be limited to this meaning.

In support of this view, Lindsell offers arguments based on biblical texts and related logical arguments, on the belief of the church through its history, and on the consequences of believing or failing to believe this doctrine. He also devotes a chapter to answering problems of apparent "errors" in the Bible.

The first part of the book is not a credit to those who would agree with Lindsell. The biblical and logical arguments have been much more ably presented by others (classically by B. B. Warfield). The historical argument is superficial and obviously dependent on secondary sources. It fails to recognize the complexity of this line of argument. The specialist knows that a better job is possible. The lay person should beware of being persuaded by the apparent simplicity of the argument.

The argument most prevalent in the book is the consequential argument—what happens when one believes or fails to believe the doctrine of inerrancy. This section of the book interests the reader in its recounting of contemporary and historical conflicts over this doctrine, often in a gossipy way (particularly about Fuller Seminary). However, Lindsell fails to establish a clear causal relationship between apostasy and the failure

to believe in inerrancy. Even if he had succeeded, this type of argument has little value in determining the correctness of the doctrine.

One clear problem with Lindsell's approach is that God's revelation to men in our time is always conditioned by Bible. For him, it seems, if the Bible is "errant" then God cannot be truly revealed. In effect, God the Revealer is subject to a means of revelation. This is unacceptable, particularly for Friends, who have always insisted that God's Spirit has priority over Scripture (which it gave forth) and that the Spirit is still alive and well, revealing God to men directly as well as through the Bible.

Lindsell has stirred up a fight wholly within the evangelical family. He withdraws the label *evangelical* from those in the family who don't agree with him precisely. Sometimes he is blatantly unfair. The tone and, as we can now see, the effect of the book are divisive. *The Battle for the Bible* does not lack conviction, but it does lack Christian charity.

Finally, the inerrancy issue should not be considered the watershed issue in our time. Far more important are a variety of issues in hermeneutics, the principles of biblical interpretation. Perhaps evangelicals will soon find their way back from this unproductive detour of wounding each other over "inerrancy."

—Howard R. Macy

New Call to Peacemaking, 1976, The Faith and Life Movement, 80 pages, \$1, distributed by Friends World Committee for Consultation, 203 South St., Plainfield, Indiana 46168.

In the aftermath of Vietnam and with new postures of war developing in Africa and Asia, there is a golden opportunity for the church to say something very clear about peace. The world is ready to listen, the question is whether the church is eager to share the life of the "peaceable kingdom."

Norval Hadley, general superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends, has edited a powerful little book that is not only thought provoking but really focuses clearly on the central issues of peace for Friends. Quaker writers such as T. Canby Jones, the late Charles Wells, Barrett Hollister, Duncan Woods, Arthur Roberts, and Franklin Wallin join Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield in a series of pithy articles. Topics range from the bib-

lical basis of peacemaking to the just distribution of food and resources around the world.

This book is *must* reading for all Friends leaders. Instead of merely being against war, here is an attempt to say we are for peace. Friends should be prayerfully and actively planning for an upcoming national conference on peace in 1978. Joining with Friends will be two other historic peace churches, the Mennonites and the Brethren. This book will help us prepare for this important conference.

—Ron Allen



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'Religious Awakening' Found among Women in National Study

NEW YORK—A new survey by *Redbook* magazine reveals that an "impressive number of American women have embarked on a religious awakening.

Furthermore, a new positive image of the "religious" woman is emerging, according to the survey based on the responses of 65,000 American women to a *Redbook* questionnaire. The new survey indicates religious women are "optimistic, openhearted, generous, forgiving, and independent."

"The more religious a woman is, according to our survey, the happier she is," *Redbook* said. "That's true both in the way she rates her happiness and in what she says about certain symptoms of sadness."

—E.P.

Carter Serves as Teacher of Adult Bible Class

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Carter, teaching the adult Bible class at First Baptist Church here (March 20), said the lesson emphasized "our need to recommit ourselves to Christ."

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QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

KOMAL DASS LALL, a well-known Quaker of India, died suddenly on January 16, 1977. He was one of the three Indian men who visited the U.S. in 1967. For many years he served as the main builder and as a mechanic in the Friends Mission in Chhatarpur.

JACK AND CELESTE REA and family expect to join the Friends Mission staff in Taiwan in August. They were placed under appointment by the Board of Missions of Eastern Region Friends in February. They currently pastor Second Friends, Salem, Ohio.

RON AND NANCY WOODWARD, pastors of Newberg Friends Church (Oregon), are being sent by their congregation on an "Aymaraland Tour" as part of a group planning to spend two weeks visiting the Friends fields in Bolivia and Peru (April 29-May 15). The tour has been arranged jointly by Gene Hockett of the George Fox College Alumni Association and Quentin Nordyke, assistant general superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting.

MARK ROBERTS, Friends missionary stationed in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, was in charge of relief assistance following a damaging flood that left 156 families homeless in early January. A grant of \$3,750 from World Vision, International, enabled food parcels and other aid to be given to 898 individuals plus additional medical care.

Giving during 1976 by the Evangelical Friends Alliance to the work of the World Relief Commission, overseas arm of the NAE, totaled \$23,431.19. The breakdown of amounts coming from yearly meetings is \$10,132.16 from Northwest Yearly Meeting; \$6,254.06 from Evangelical Friends--Eastern Region; \$3,235.55 from Kansas Yearly Meeting; \$1,231.17 from Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, plus \$2,779.22 from other Friends who gave through the EFA.

FRIENDS FOCUS

QUAKER ILLUSTRATOR FEATURED

Paul Lewis of California, graphic designer, president of Free Spirit Studios, and art director for The Wittenburg Door, was a prizewinner at the last annual Evangelical Press Association awards banquet for his creative photographic work. He found his prizewinning cover photograph in Time magazine's recent feature on Marabel Morgan, author of the Total Woman. The Wittenburg Door had previously done a feature story on Mrs. Morgan that Paul Lewis had illustrated, and it was from this source that Time took some of their material and pictures. Paul is a Friend whose father, Billy Lewis, is executive secretary of Christian education and youth, California Yearly Meeting. Paul Lewis is a consultant for the Evangelical Friend and gave direction in the layout/design of this publication.

TRADING VACATIONS

Stuart and Violet Richey, retirees of Newberg, Oregon, hope to trade homes for a period of time, as a vacation experiment, with a Friends family of Eastern Region. They are particularly interested in locations on the east coast (and are awaiting opportunity as this is written). One purpose of their plan is a desire to learn more about Friends of other areas, and they would be pleased if their experiment

would encourage others to do the same and thus strengthen ties among Friends across the U.S.

SINTONS SUFFER IN IRELAND

Many Friends of the EFA remember John and Dorothy Sinton, who have ministered in many meetings in their visits to America. From a letter to Bangor-Liberty Meeting (Iowa), the Sintons write: "We have had one calamity after another since we were both in the hospital...our central heating went off and repairs cost nearly \$150, a water tank leaks, and our refrigerator, which a Friends church in Texas gave us money to buy seventeen years ago, went out. Our car had to be overhauled with new parts costing \$300. The men who sold us the furnace pump trust us and we pay as we can. The other things we will have to do without...John was in a car accident in December. The firm where our son works in Belfast got a phone call recently saying four bombs would explode in four minutes, and they did. All workers got out. Nearly two million dollars' worth of damage and 350 are out of work...killings and bombings are a daily occurrence. This is the eighth year of violence."

--Taken from the Iowa Friend, March 1977

BASKETBALL SUITS FOR BLACKS

Glenn Leppert spoke to the Talent Friends Meeting (Southern Oregon) of his work among the black children and youth of the Portland ghetto. One project was developing basketball teams that "had won a number of games, but their boys did not have basketball uniforms." Members of the Talent meeting gave an offering to buy materials, and several ladies made suits. They worked very hard to get these gold and blue suits finished in time for the boys to wear at their last game of the season. The boys won! Piedmont Friends Meeting of Portland carries on an extensive ministry among the disadvantaged families of their community. Sheldon Newkirk is pastor.

LEGISLATIVE INTERN OPENINGS

The Friends Committee on National Legislation is accepting applications for three internships to begin September 6, 1977, lasting eleven months. These assignments, which carry subsistence salaries, provide an opportunity for experience working in the legislative process. Interns work with an FCNL lobbyist, do research, some writing. For information write Nick Block, 245 Second Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002.

NEW FWCC CONSTITUTION INCLUDES STATEMENT ON CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

The thirteenth triennial meeting of the Friends World Committee for Consultation held in Ontario, Canada, amended the "Aims and Purposes" to include a reference to the importance of outreach--"to encourage and strengthen the spiritual life within the Religious Society of Friends." Describing the action in the Friends World News, Edwin Bronner, of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and a professor at Haverford College, reassures English Friends and other Quakers that "this does not mean that FWCC has been taken over by evangelical Friends, or that the concern and beliefs of so-called 'liberal' Quakers have been overlooked." The approved change reads:

"To keep under review the Quaker contribution in world affairs and to the world Christian mission; to facilitate the examination and presentation of Quaker thinking and concern in these fields; and to encourage Friends to cooperate as far as possible in joint action with other groups having similar objectives...."

An earlier paragraph explains possible reasons for this "review": "While some Quakers refuse to be impressed by numbers, it was difficult to keep from gasping when Thomas Lung'aho said that there were 150,000 persons directly involved in East Africa Yearly Meeting. Nor could one ignore the 20 percent annual increase in the membership in Bolivia, or that one half of the Eskimos in the Kotzebue area belong to Alaska Yearly Meeting. Mission work in Taiwan, India, Burundi, Jamaica, Guatemala, and elsewhere...[describe] the worldwide scope of Friends mission work."

EASTER ON HORSEBACK

Star Friends Church (Idaho) sponsored their third annual "Easter Service on Horseback" this year. The announcement reads: "Those riding horses be ready to ride by 6:00 a.m. ...at 7:30 a.m. the service will begin with Pastor preaching from horseback and music by the Greenleaf brass band and combined choir [presumably on the ground, at least after starting to play]. The service will end sharply at 8:00 a.m., leaving plenty of time to return home for Easter church services."

BIBLES IN BOLIVIA

The World Home Bible League has shipped half a million copies of the Spanish Living New Testament into Bolivia to be used as an official textbook in their schools. The Minister of Education has requested another half million. The league has also sent 100,000 copies to Arequipa, Peru, for placement in the schools there.

ATTENDANCE INCREASES REPORTED

Tigard Friends (Oregon), pastored by Ron Allen, report an average of 190 since July in worship compared to 133 for the previous year. Twenty families have come into the meeting since the Here's Life crusade. Hayden Lake Friends (Idaho) have averaged 360 in morning worship this church year compared to 230 last year and are launching a half million dollar building project. Robert Schneider is the pastor.

90 MEN FOR MISSIONS

It was the concern of one man, Russell Baker, who is now retired in Friendsview Manor. By careful planning, many phone calls, preparation, and prayer, he got ninety men out to a Saturday morning breakfast in February at North Valley Friends Church (Oregon) to hear Everett Cattell speak on missions. Then Russell challenged the men to send two builders to Peru to help remodel a house to make it suitable for a missionary residence and to do other assignments while there. It shows what one concerned retiree can do. (Russell, a former dairy farmer and a member of the Department of Missions, personally sent 500 gift copies of a book on stewardship last year to that many young families of Northwest Yearly Meeting.)

SINGLES RETREAT AT CAMP NEOSA

"Key Issues for Singles" is the theme for a conference for singles sponsored by Eastern Region Friends May 13-15 at Camp Neosa near Carrollton, Ohio. Larry Beltz of Akron, Ohio, will be the main resource leader, focusing on topics, "Finding Your Place of Service in the Church," "The Meaning of Fellowship," "Accepting Singleness," "Dealing with Loneliness," "The Future of Myself," "Sexuality," "Healing Broken Relationships," and other subjects, including "Starting an Ongoing Singles' Ministry in Your Local Church."

TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PRAYER MEETING IN KENYA

From a Wider Ministries mailing of the Friends United Meeting comes a report of a prayer partner plan, matching meetings in Africa with meetings in the U.S. Hesper Friends Church (Iowa) joined a twenty-four hour prayer vigil on March 24 with the Shitochi Friends Meeting (Africa). A letter from the African monthly meeting clerk, Joseph Mbwavi, relates: "Some members said it was not the manner of Friends to stay awake praying. Others exclaimed that the night would be too long to stay awake praying. And others doubted what would really be done to occupy the twenty-four hours...but when the day was reached it pleased all."

The letter then lists the complete schedule (3½ pages) of the twenty-four hours, which included multichapter Scripture readings, vocal prayers, meditations, hymn and chorus sing, messages, discussions, intercessory prayer, small prayer groups, testimonies, and roll call (at midnight). There were 300 participants during the night, and the gathering grew to 500 on the morning of March 25.

Added to the report were given the following "remarkable events":

"(a) Killing a snake. At midnight a snake dropping from the roof of the church was killed after a drunkard repented. The snake dropped in the same place he had just left after he had been standing there for his repentance. (b) Testimonies. Different ages (old, young) women and men gave their testimonies, which was an uncommon thing in our church. (c) New Converts. A Muslim, Catholics, and one Divine Church member were converted. (d) Blessings. Rain came after a long dry period. We really enjoyed and found it [the day of prayer] to be quite wonderful in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Recently our Monthly Meeting passed a minute of holding this kind of prayer yearly."

WOULD \$1,000 MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Sherman Brantingham, new general superintendent of Indiana Yearly Meeting, writing in The Indiana Friend, gives this quotation from an Indianapolis pastor, "What difference would it make in your soul winning if you were to receive \$1,000 for everyone you brought to Christ? Would it change your Bible study, your methods, the time spent, or your persistence?"

"NEW DAY FOR FRIENDS"

University Friends Meeting (Wichita, Kansas) completed a \$30,000 fund-raising goal toward refurbishing and improving their sanctuary. Work began April 1 on this beautiful old meetinghouse bordering the Friends University campus and pastored by David Kingrey and Jack Kirk. This is "Phase I" toward a larger remodeling program.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

The goal was to build 500 low-cost housing units in Guatemala "earthquake territory." David and Martha Van Cises of Eastern Region headed up this project and report that as of March 30 the goal is reached. They have returned to this country to help build a new Friends church in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

FRIENDS PASTORS MEET

"The Family and Social Change" is the theme of the April Institute for Pastors at Malone College with speakers, Drs. David Augsburg, Juanita Lewis, Timothy Smith, and Roger Barrett. Pastors of Northwest Yearly Meeting met at Twin Rocks Camp for their annual conference with C. W. Perry of Rose Drive Friends Church (California) as guest speaker.

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It was the second time the chief executive had taught the class since he moved into the White House and joined First Baptist Church. Since he began attending the class, it has grown from a handful to more than 100.

The morning's lesson was on the relationship between Jesus and Caiaphas, the high priest of the Jewish religious establishment of Jesus' day. President Carter discussed how the morning's lesson applied to members of the class, saying "Caiaphas represents an attitude that is part of us." When material needs are not a problem, "we tend to become proud and satisfied," he said. "Complacency and pride separate us from God."

—E.P.

Sentences of Christian Leaders Upheld by Korean Court

SEOUL — The South Korean Supreme Court has upheld the sentences of five years in prison imposed on four prominent South Korean religious and political leaders—all Christians—convicted of violating a presidential decree banning all criticism of President Park Chung Hee and of the country's constitution.

The Supreme Court rejected appeals by Hun Po Sun, 80, a former president of South Korea and a Presbyterian; Roman Catholic Kim Dae Jung, 51, an opposition leader who narrowly lost to President Park in the 1972 elections; Ham Sun Kan, 75, prominent Quaker writer and civil rights campaigner, often called the Gandhi of Korea; and Rev. Moon Ik-whan, 55, a former professor of theology and Bible translator.

The four defendants and twelve other Christian dissidents were appealing against sentences passed by the Seoul Appeals Court last December. —E.P.

New Program for Christians in Business Overseas

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—"For every missionary overseas there are approximately 105 Americans in self-supporting positions such as business, government, or military. And the number . . . is going up, not down. Christians who are in these positions play a vital role internationally. We want to help them increase their effectiveness," said Phill Butler, president of Interchristo, the nonprofit information center on Christian jobs world-

wide, as he announced the beginning of a new program. Butler attends Friends Memorial Church, Seattle.

The program, entitled "Overseas Service Orientation Program," will start this summer with a two-week seminar, June 20-July 1. It will be geared to helping Christians live their Christian faith in overseas assignments for business, government, or the military in a more productive way—personally, professionally, and spiritually.

The seminar will be held on the campus of Missionary Internship outside Detroit, Michigan, and will be sponsored by Interdev, an organization created by Interchristo to handle this type of program. The faculty have all had extensive overseas experience themselves and come from a wide background of business, government, and missionary service.

'Revolutionary' Hymnal Removes 'Anachronisms'

LOS ANGELES — A Los Angeles songwriter has prepared a hymnal he calls "revolutionary" in concept and format—a 672-page edition called *Hymns for the Family of God*, to be published in Nashville by Paragon Associates.

Fred Bock, 36-year-old music director of Bel Air Presbyterian Church, has included songs by writers such as Andrae Crouch, Felix Mendelssohn, Ralph Carmichael, and Children of the Day.

"Once people are exposed to the newer music, they love it," Bock told Los Angeles *Times* reporter, Russell Chandler. —E.P.

Broadcasters Propose Reduction of TV Violence and Sex

WASHINGTON—Wilson C. Wearn, chairman of the joint board of directors of the National Association of Broadcasters, said here the NAB is formulating a policy to reduce the amount of sex and violence on television and it expects to have a concrete plan by this summer with the cooperation of the networks and program producers.

Wearn said that "violence is not going to suddenly disappear on television just as it is not going to suddenly vanish from our society. But we are trying to do something about the total amount of violence and the programming that is offensive to the public. . . . By doing so we believe we are recognizing our responsibility to the American public." —E.P.



WHAT GOD CAN DO

(another Perry and Patsy story)

PART 2

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

The story so far: Perry and Patsy Masters have just had the sad news that their beloved Aunt Lucy died very unexpectedly. Their mother has said that God will help them, but the twins feel as if they will be sorrowful forever.

Soon after the sad news had come, the Masters family (with Chico left behind with the neighbors) were on their way to Aunt Lucy's house. "At least that's what we can call it," said Patsy as they started. "But it's not her house anymore."

"Her home's in heaven, now," suggested Perry. "What's heaven like?"

"It's more beautiful than anything we've ever seen," said Mr. Masters as he drove the car along the wide freeway.

"And there's no sorrow or sickness there," Patsy added, remembering past Sunday school lessons about heaven.

"She can see our mother and father who died quite awhile ago," Mrs. Masters said, again wiping tears. "And our baby sister Carrie, too. I think there's a wonderful reunion in heaven today."

Much to the surprise of the twins, the miles skimmed by fast. They were so busy thinking about Aunt Lucy and about how they would feel in the house without her there they scarcely noticed the usual things along the way.

At first, Aunt Lucy's house didn't seem any different. It still looked white and big from the driveway. The black iron gate had its usual big hook so that it would stay shut, keeping Treasure inside.

Auntie Mim met them at the door. There were kisses and hugs for all, and even some smiles. Perry and Patsy didn't know if they should smile or not.

"Already I can feel the help of the Lord," said Auntie Mim. "Lucy's pastor has been here—in fact he was at the hospital when she died. The ladies next door brought over this coffee cake, and they said they'd be back with dinner to-

night. There are so many Scripture verses that the Lord has brought to my mind. They've really strengthened and comforted me. But I'm so glad to see you."

Everyone sniffed and blew their noses and wiped the tears. Perry and Patsy put their arms around each other and wandered slowly through the house. Inside, everything looked just like it always had. Treasure's toys were in the box by the daveno, right where Aunt Lucy always kept them. (Treasure himself was off to stay at the neighbors for the time being. Patsy hoped he wouldn't eat *their* mail.) The bookcase still was full of books. It was all the same, yet so different!

Mr. and Mrs. Masters and Auntie Mim made plans. The pastor came again and talked with the family about the funeral. Women from the church came with hot food and cakes and fresh bread that smelled delicious. Perry and Patsy were sure they could never eat, but somehow, when it was time, the food tasted good.

All that day and the next, the twins stayed close to their parents. They listened in on all of the plans. They went along to the funeral home to see Aunt Lucy lying in her silver, pink-lined casket. Once again there were tears, but no one minded. It felt good to cry; it was comforting. And through it all, God was showing His loving-kindness in ways that could not be explained.

Then came the day of the funeral. "It'll be sad and kind of creepy feeling," the twins had decided before they walked

quietly into the chapel of Aunt Lucy's church. Wide-eyed they looked at the beautiful flowers. Plants of red and yellow and white flowers lined the front altar rail. At the sides were large stands with many flower arrangements. Patsy felt sure that every kind and color of flower in the whole world must be there.

Perry liked the special arrangement standing all by itself. It was made out of flowers to look like an open Bible.

"That's from Aunt Lucy's Sunday school class," Auntie Mim whispered. "She taught the fifth grade girls and they loved her very much. She loved them, too. The pastor told me this morning that just since Lucy died one girl has become a Christian. Isn't that wonderful?"

The service wasn't at all like Perry and Patsy had imagined. The pastor smiled as he talked about Aunt Lucy and what a happy Christian she had been. He talked about her Sunday school class, saying that the girls would always remember her. Then the fifth grade girls got up and sang "How Great Thou Art," Aunt Lucy's favorite song. Others spoke about how Aunt Lucy had helped them when they had problems. People smiled through their tears and said they thanked God for knowing Lucy and for being closer to God because of her life. The pastor read Scripture and prayed.

The twins blinked back tears in their own eyes. Pretty soon there were too many tears to blink back and they ran down their faces. Mother handed hankies over and the twins wiped their eyes and mopped their chins.

The service ended with the sun shining through the colored windows at the side of the chapel, making patches of gold on the flowers. Everyone sang about God's faithfulness and how great it was. Perry and Patsy were surprised to find themselves singing and being glad that God was so great.

Later that evening, Perry said to Patsy, "Wow, God must have had something really special in mind for Aunt Lucy to have her go to heaven since she was doing so much good here on earth."

"I'm glad she was our aunt, aren't you? God sure did some good things while Aunt Lucy lived."

Perry nodded in agreement. "Do you think He helped us today? I mean, it wasn't as bad as I thought. You know, people cried a little, but it seemed like the funeral was some sort of a special celebration or something. Guess that's

because she was a Christian and we know she's in heaven right now. I think that made everything not so sad."

"I think He must have helped us. I heard Auntie Mim and Mother and Daddy say they sure felt God's help. Probably God is comforting us. 'Course we're gonna miss Aunt Lucy an awful lot, but I didn't think I'd ever feel comforted for the rest of my life."

"God can sure do a lot," said Perry firmly. Then he had a faraway look in his eyes as he said more quietly, "I wonder if anybody'd say good things about us if we'd die?"

"Maybe they would if we were like Aunt Lucy," said Patsy very softly. "We oughta pray, maybe right now, and ask God to help us be like Aunt Lucy. Anyway, I want to be ready to go to heaven in case He'd decide He didn't want me to be on earth until I was old."

"Uh-huh, me, too! I sure don't wanta miss going to heaven to see Aunt Lucy. I'm glad God can do everything, even like helping us not to feel too sad." Perry smiled at Patsy; she smiled back. It was good to know what God can do.

Conclusion



Popping the Pomp

■ I am continually pleased with the fine quality of the *EVANGELICAL FRIEND*; its content and appearance are inviting and rewarding. When I read the reprint of C. H. Spurgeon's "On the Title 'Reverend'" [February, 1977], I had to chuckle, for I have had some peculiar experiences with the title and its attendant mythology.

Growing up in what was then Portland First Friends Church, I appreciated the special relationship that I had with pastors Charles Beals and Gerald Dillon. These men were not distant, aloof "holy men," but genuinely concerned friends to a young boy, and the use of first names seemed to strengthen that feeling for me.

It was only later, in other denominational contexts, that I learned the fate of the one who omits the hallowed "Reverend" or "Pastor" from a name. My, what

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circumstances cause the pomp to pop! The ultimate must be reserved for those dear pastors' wives who continually refer to their husband as "The Reverend," but I suspect that they are of a day past.

There may be some who need the distance that a title creates, in a particular situation, but lest we forget our real role, it's interesting to reflect on the fact that the root meaning of "Pastor" is "resident alien," and that's worth more than a passing thought. Titles belong to the establishment; Christians are a pilgrim people, and there ought to be equality among pilgrims! Peace and joy.

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'I Can't Wait for More'

■ Congratulations on a job well done with the EVANGELICAL FRIEND publication. We just received our February copy yesterday. I read the comment from Tom Johnston of *Evangelical Action*. Was I ever thrilled!

Doris Logan's letter was so interesting. And on the back the article, "Read and Follow Directions," by Norval Hadley was terrific.

This is all I've had time to read as yet, but I can't wait for more.

KITTY HALFHELL

Mt. Gilead, Ohio

More on 'Peacemaking'

■ I recently renewed my subscription to the EVANGELICAL FRIEND, so I thought I would write to let you know how much I have appreciated it. In Ottawa we have a Lay School of Theology that gives one-evening-a-week courses during the winter, and I have been enjoying deepening my knowledge of the Old and New Testaments. Five members of our Friends Meeting have been participating.

I enjoyed the article on Norval Hadley's proposal to revive our peace testimony on a religious basis together with the other historic peace churches [January, 1977]. I have drawn the attention of the coordinator of the Canadian Friends Service Committee to the project and will be promoting Canadian participation.

In Canada the Mennonites are ready to join with us in support of peace. A few years ago we had some discussions with the (Ontario) Central Mennonite Committee, and they wished to expand

their peace testimony from an individual to a community basis. After the heavy political emphasis of the peace movement in recent years, even among Quakers, I believe we are ready to get back to the essential Christian basis of the peace testimony. Plain humanism always loses its way.

On the plane [recently] from Dallas to Phoenix I met a charming, friendly woman, who turned out to be Gratia Lousma, the wife of one of the astronauts. You can imagine my surprise when I read later in the EVANGELICAL FRIEND that the Lousmas had participated in one of the Yearly Meetings and that they were members of a Friends church! It is a small world.

ED BELL

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada



VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

BY ANNE BARAGER

At the fall of the Thieu government in South Vietnam in June 1975, among those who fled to the United States were approximately 250 Vietnamese pharmacists. These individuals are still unable to be licensed to practice their profession. One example is the family of Bay and Myhanh Nguyen, sponsored by Reedwood Friends Meeting, Portland, Oregon.

This Life Crises story is written by Anne Barager, Portland (Oregon) Friend, who has worked closely, along with several others, in attempting to assist the South Vietnamese refugees who have been aided by Friends churches as sponsors. Now that our initial concern for these uprooted people has subsided, how are they doing? Some have even assumed they may wish they had not come! This personal interview points out continuing problems of adjustment being faced and the need for prayer and concern still needed. It is about Mr. and Mrs. Bay Nguyen and their two children, who were pictured on the cover of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND of October 1975.

Both Bay and Myhanh spent five years in pharmacy school in South Vietnam and graduated with degrees certifying them professionally. The schooling, as explained by Mrs. Bay Nguyen, was an exact duplicate of the curriculum of the University of Paris. Instructors from Paris often lectured at the university in Saigon. Also, their degrees were certified by the University of Paris. There is a difference between the "old" curriculum based on the French influence and the newer, less comprehensive courses that have replaced the former. When Bay and Myhanh graduated in 1965, they had studied under the French curriculum.

After Myhanh completed a master's degree in pharmacology at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., in 1968, she and Bay were married. She then operated a pharmacy in Saigon and worked in a pharmaceutical laboratory quality control section for seven years.

Bay went into the South Vietnamese Army upon his graduation and worked with supplies and clinical laboratory testing in military hospitals. In 1969 he became a pharmacist for the Ministry of Public Health. He was elected to the South Vietnam Congress, where he served from 1971-1975. In the Congress he served as the executive secretary of the Public Health Committee.

Since their arrival in the United States, Bay has completed a B.S. degree in biology at Portland State University (June 1976). He has sought employment through many employment agencies and has competed for various jobs advertised locally. As an alternative to pharmacy, Bay is exploring medical technology as a career, since less additional schooling may be involved.

The Oregon Board of Pharmacy, or any other state so far as is known, has no special retraining program and no license exam that foreign students can take to prove their proficiency. Transcripts from South Vietnam are not considered of comparable value to U.S. courses, so usually one and a half to two years of prepharmacy work is required before applying for the three-year pharmacy program. There are limited enrollments in pharmacy schools. No special funds from federal sources are known to be available for the retraining or credentialing of Indochinese refugee pharmacists.

Obviously, funding for school fees is a difficulty, and although Bay was allot-

ted \$1,400 by the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program, he could not use it. The grant is to be used for undergraduate courses that could have been applied to Bay's undergraduate courses at Portland State University. However, PSU classified him as a graduate student because of his Saigon degree. He paid approximately twice the amount of tuition by paying graduate fees for undergraduate courses. Finally, one exception was made for English courses to be classified as undergraduate. A National Defense Student Loan and Myhanh's teaching positions helped meet expenses.

Myhanh has been teaching English as a second language to Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees at Portland Community College since July 1976. She also taught the same course at Rice Elementary School (Portland Public Schools) from September 1975 to June 1976. The funding for the Indochinese Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Program may be discontinued in June 1977. So teachers now working for TESL are looking for other positions.

Where will Bay, Myhanh, and their son Hung and daughter Trang go? They would like to remain in Portland, where they are now located. Also Myhanh has a sister in nearby Lake Oswego. However, if Bay passes a medical technology test in California qualifying him for work there, they may move. But they continue their employment search in Portland.

This has been the professional side of their dilemma. There is a personal one as well, that of leaving their family in South Vietnam. Reports that come through are disheartening. Their brothers are still prisoners in labor camps with shortage of food and medicine, and one has been assigned to a very unhealthy territory in North Vietnam. Although there may be no "blood bath" or violent purge, a steady wearing down of the educated class is taking place. Little news comes through the mail.

Separation through either distance, lack of written or verbal contact, or through death is a painful experience. "Our God gives us the promise of being reunited with those we love. But we ache to do something now to alleviate sufferings of those now living. Prayer and the actions that arise from prayer seem to be our only options." As we petition our Lord, let us also petition President Carter, our United Nations am-

bassador, and congressmen to look into the state of the South Vietnamese people; let us petition state congressmen and state boards to provide the refugees with assistance and opportunities to develop themselves and follow the professions in which they have been trained and gained experience; let us write refugees (care of Reedwood Friends Church, 2901 S.E. Steele, Portland, Oregon 97202) regarding work opportunities. Nevertheless, prayer can be powerfully used as in the example of Israel's King Hezekiah:

Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. And Hezekiah prayed before the Lord, and said: "O Lord the God of Israel, who art enthroned above the cherubim, thou art the God, thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth . . . So now, O Lord our God, save us . . . that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou, O Lord, art God alone." (2 Kings 19:14-19 RSV)



IMPERMANENCE

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

This world of ours seems to have a pretty solid place in the universe: it has been here a long time, and people on it feel very much at home in their particular niche. The peoples of the earth generally are still living much as they have for centuries. Their way of life is pretty well-established, and they have learned to live in their own set of circumstances: Arabs live in desert lands, Eskimos in ice and snow; river people of China have found a way to live without ever putting their feet on land, and Americans have settled in to three centuries of life on this continent. Some people I know live out their three score and ten years in the same house.

I don't like changes much. I doubt if many of us do. It is frightening, in a

way. We tend to cling to the known and familiar. However, changes are the order of the day. Old things, old ways, and times pass away, and suddenly one is thrown into the trauma of a new situation. Even the weather patterns change and bring on a crisis for the whole nation.

We who have learned to cook with gas and thought it a permanent and inexhaustible commodity discover there is a shortage. People with steady jobs for years are suddenly out of work; children settled in a school system suddenly have to transfer.

Some changes are traumatic, causing heartbreak, as when sudden illness incapacitates one we love, or in the loss of a mate, for instance. Some changes require an adjustment to the surprise of a new opportunity and responsibility.

Then there is the time when all of earth's possessions must be sorted according to their importance. Moving into smaller and smaller quarters requires giving up that which seemed so permanently ours, and we come to see how very impermanent things are here. They have to be left behind.

It is so beautiful to see these crises met with courage, confidence, and faith, even hope and patience. To do this, however, there must be some very permanent verities to which we may cling. I have been thinking about changes that we have weathered and changes that are sure to come, and I have tried to locate that which is eternal.

The Word of God stands sure. Everything else may and will pass away, but His Word abides forever.

The steadfast love of God is another sure and unchanging verity.

God himself is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and His promises never fail.

Oh yes, and *life* itself has only begun, no matter how many traumas and relinquishments we have had to experience. LIFE, for a Christian, is never ending, and we are told it shines more and more until the perfect day!

The valley brings us to the greatest change of all, and then all impermanence passes away, and we are changed, gloriously changed *forever*, to be with the Lord!

I do hope that whatever changes you are facing now you will find strength to cope with them, clinging to the *permanence of His presence*.



Inerrancy?

BY NORVAL HADLEY
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YEARLY MEETING

There is a discussion abroad, largely in evangelical circles, regarding the trustworthiness of the Bible. Much controversy centers around the use of the word *inerrancy*, some feeling a word that strong must be used to express our strong faith in the reliability of the Bible, and others feeling that is too strong a word, because it can apply only to the original manuscripts, which do not now exist.

Dr. Thompson, president of Emmanuel School of Religion in Tennessee, writing in the *NAE Action* magazine says, "All our translations contain mistakes traceable to copyists' and scholars' fallibility. None of these errors or mistakes is of any real consequence either in the reporting of historical events or in doctrinal instruction. They are exceedingly minor matters."

In view of this I don't suppose there is a great deal to be gained by a big fight over the use of the word *inerrant*. And I like what has been credited to Dr. Everett Cattell, "I hope evangelical Friends take a positive approach in approving the authority of the Bible and not a defensive stance."


I want to take a positive stand. I believe, and I'm sure

nearly all evangelical Friends believe, the Bible is completely trustworthy. It can be depended upon as our divine teacher. Through its pages God meets us, instructs us, saves us, and guides us. Its promises are dependable.

I do not here want to enter into any argument that, as James Orr says, has such an obsession with accuracy of minor details that it puts the Christian apologist in a foolish, even suicidal, position. But on the other hand, I am not sympathetic with positions that infer the Bible cannot be trusted when it speaks of matters of history, genealogy, science, etc.

I am not interested in the kind of criticisms that want us to allow that books that claim to be written by Paul may not have been written by Paul, or that stories like that of Jonah are only fables. Nor am I content with the kind of handling of certain Bible teachings as "cultural" and therefore its okay now to practice homosexuality in the ministry.

I sat with a task force seeking to rewrite the laws for Oregon on "Gay Rights," and four of the proponents of those rights claimed to be ministers.

I'm comfortable with the statement of the 1974 Lausanne Covenant, which affirmed belief in the "divine inspiration, truthfulness and authority of both the Old and New Testament Scriptures in their entirety as the only written Word of God, without error in all it affirms, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice." 



Energy Crisis

BY RUSSELL MYERS
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CHURCH—EASTERN REGION

One of the foremost challenges facing President Carter is the energy crisis. This is a world problem vast and complex. Man has been a wasteful user of earth's fossil energy supplies. Now there is a mandate to reverse the trend and adapt a strict program of conservation.

The energy crisis in the church is much different. Our problem is conservation. We have become expert savers. Even in our smallest congregations we find hoarded talents, gifts, and manpower totally unused. This is energy waste. We often have neglected to see that our greatest responsibilities as leaders is to develop skill in using these wasted energy resources. We are to conserve gas and oil but we are to use human resources lavishly, freely. But, alas, in all our churches we have reservoirs of people energy wasting away. How great is that tragedy!

In the spiritual realm, waste, and careless foolish loss come from nonuse of the total energy in the gathered body of Christ. It is like the man who hid his talent in the ground—only to lose it all.


President Carter's problem is with a people bent on unwise use of fossil energy supplies. In the church our problem is conservation. We, like the man who hid his talent, are fearful to become users—spenders of the composite energy resources God has put within the body. We pride ourselves in saving when we should be big users—spenders.

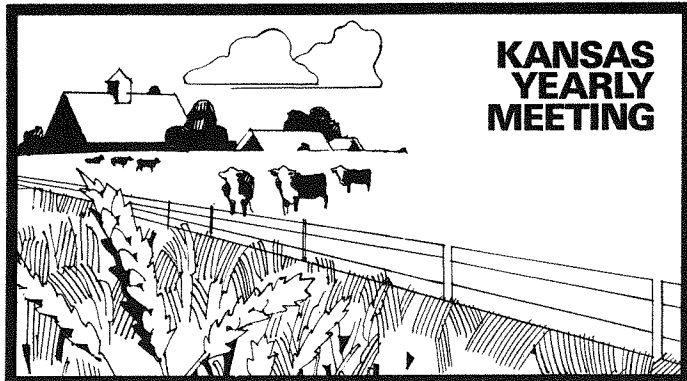
According to our Lord's teaching, we make the most out of life by giving—using. For it is in giving our redeemed lives for Christ's sake that we preserve them.

Mary took a vase of precious ointment, broke it, and poured it out in love and worship upon her Lord. Suppose she had saved it? What remembrance would she have? Would there have been mention of it in the Bible? Would her act of preservation have been told around the world? She broke it, wasted it, lost it, sacrificed it, and now its perfume fills all the earth.

We may keep our life if we will, carefully preserving it from "waste" or use. But in the end we will lose because we have tried to save ourselves for ourselves. In this new year, let us dare to give ourselves in loving service for Jesus Christ. May we learn how to enable others to be spenders for Christ.

A young man was converted in a Billy Graham meeting. A clergyman asked if he were fearful of making such a radical change. "No," he declared, "now my greatest fear is that I will waste my life by failing to spend it for His glory."

Save ourselves or lose ourselves? It's up to us! The impact of our decision is of eternal importance. 



Six New Classrooms

In mid-July 1976, the Kibimba primary school was given permission to open six new classrooms for the fall term to be used as practice teaching classes by the secondary school. There was a scurry of meetings as classroom facilities were being located. Time didn't permit the building of a six-classroom unit in less than six weeks!

Finally, it was decided to renovate the old shop building, which was not presently in use, for three of the classes. Desperately looking for another classroom, the only solution that presented itself was to use a back room in the church building!

The brick layers were called and soon the rooms were ready, but where were the desks? Some interested missionaries pooled their resources and purchased the lumber, which Gary Young proceeded to saw into desired lengths. As pressure mounted for the desks to be completed before the Youngs' language course began, an "angel unaware" arrived on the scene! Clarence Cook

69 desks were soon ready to be carried to the classrooms by the proud and radiant students, who were eager to trade in the church benches! —Connie Young

Stewardship

I'm ashamed that here and there I've buried bits and pieces of the talents You have given me. I guess I was afraid, unsure of myself and somewhat ungrateful. But now I realize how wrong I was. I do not want to be an unprofitable servant. Help me, Father, to get a spade and start digging.

—Viola Jacobson Berg

"Jesus' program makes stewardship uppermost. It is the acceptance from God of personal responsibility for all of life. It is the recognition and fulfilling of all privileges and responsibilities, including the personality, powers, and possessions. Jesus' life and teachings are final. Stewardship needs to be taught, preached from the pulpit, practiced by all Christians.

"The chief end of the church's service is to rescue the perishing, to build up believers, awaken the careless, warn the tempted, comfort the sorrowing, encourage the weak, and inspire each soul toward God. Every Christian should realize that his soul, his time, strength, talents, privileges, and his possessions are a trust committed to him.

"To develop these for Jesus brings the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to his own heart."

—Oscar L. Battin

Let's take the "stew" out of stewardship by learning to understand and follow the teachings of the New Testament about our God-given responsibility of stewardship.

—Submitted by Esther Choate
WMU Secretary of Stewardship

Friends University

In the summer of 1977 Friends University will sponsor a select group of students on a tour of the United

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States. They will be available for camps, churches, and conferences and will perform a variety of sacred and secular numbers suitable for many types of occasions. Those interested in scheduling the group are encouraged to contact the Student Services Office of Friends University.

The Board of Trustees of Friends University at the annual meeting in November 1976 elected James R. Perkins, of Howard, Kansas, as the new chairman. Jim has been a member of the board since 1965 and is a member of University Friends Church in Wichita. His enthusiasm and interest in Friends University continue to provide excellent leadership.

Bill Warner, business manager, announces several recent grants from governmental and private sources that will be utilized in the renovation of the Davis Administration Building. The grants, amounting to more than \$600,000 from various sources, will be used to build an elevator, to replace windows, and to

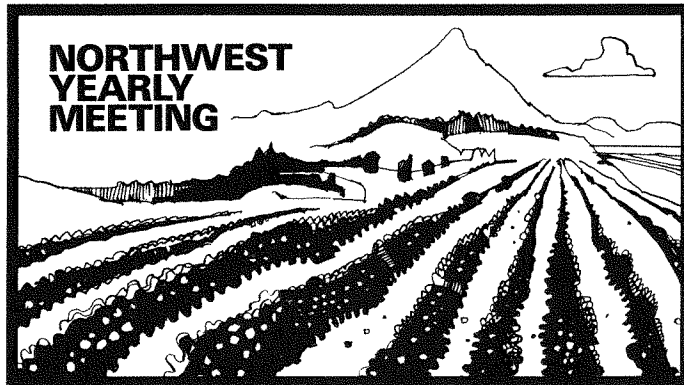
repair sheet metal guttering, stained glass windows, and part of the roof. Additional funds are being sought for internal renovation.

The Friends Center on Family Living, under direction of Dr. Sheldon Louthan, announces a grant of \$75,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brown, Sr., of Friendswood, Texas, former students of Friends University. The gift was made with the hope that it would enable the Center on Family Living to develop programs to help students create better marriages and later more effective family life and to help strengthen church programs and family life. This gift will provide for an expanded FCFL program in 1977-78.

Bruce Carpenter, of the Alumni and Church Relations Office, announces that at the completion of the calling period, this year pledges toward the annual fund from alumni exceed \$69,000. He expects to surpass the goal of \$75,000 in the near future with several pledges that have not yet been received.



along with his wife Ferne came with the attitude, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." (Ecclesiastes 9:10) After some pounding, trimming, and glueing, the



Superintendent's Corner

Last month in this column I issued a call to prayer. I feel that is so important that I want to repeat that emphasis again this month.

Bill Hopper and I in our Leadership Seminars have been saying it is impossible to overcommunicate. If there is anything I want to be sure we have communicated sufficiently it is that we need to pray. We have a good emphasis on dedicated Christian service and using good

methods in the Yearly Meeting. But all of our dedication and our methods will be comparatively ineffective unless we are abiding in Christ by our prayers, our faith, and our obedience.

Every time I have had opportunity in the church I have issued this call to prayer. Specifically I'm suggesting that each church try to involve 10 percent of its people in concerted prayer activity. Probably at least 10

percent of the church people have the gift of faith, and we need to develop and utilize that gift.

The Boise church has a pattern whereby everyone in the church is being prayed for by someone else—largely after the pattern suggested in Charlie Shedd's little book, *The Exciting Church Where People Really Pray*.

The Sherwood church started a special prayer meeting Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 preceding their Sunday school and morning worship service. I know there are others doing some good things and getting good results. Let me use this column to share what's happening. Write me especially when your church has 10 percent of its people involved and tell me what's happening as a result.

Besides praying for the needs of your own church, and we feel this is an excellent way to keep those before the Lord, please remember to pray for the miracle of the \$30,000. (For you who didn't read this column last month, if we meet our budget this year it will take \$30,000 more than we can see based on any past history.) Pray also especially during these next few months that the Lord of the harvest will send His laborers into the harvest fields. We not only need pastors and missionaries but Sunday school teachers, youth workers, other church staff members, etc. And keep praying that God will help us to keep the balance between the spiritual, the social concerns, the intellectual emphases, and ministry to the material-physical, that He will teach us what it means to "seek . . . first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." And whoever you are reading this, pray that God will let you be one of the 10 percent. I don't know for sure what will happen in your church or in the Yearly Meeting as a result of your prayers, but I have had enough experience with this spiritual exercise to know that if you are one of those who is praying God will abundantly bless you.

C. W. Perry Speaker for Ministers Conference

"For We Are Laborers Together with God" is the theme for Ministers Conference scheduled for April 18-21 at Twin Rocks Friends Camp at Rockaway. Highlighting the annual conference will be speaker C. W. Perry, pastor at Rose Drive Friends Church in California, where he has served since its founding in 1963. C. W. Perry is a man who comes with a deep compassion for people and a great vision for what the church of Jesus Christ can be.

Northwest Yearly Meeting pastors and wives will also be hearing from Jack and Gerry Willcuts in a class, "Together with Your Spouse," Richard Foster in "Together with the Word," and Norval Hadley in "Laboring Together" in daily morning sessions. Afternoons will provide recreation activities planned by George Bales and free time for visiting and fun times together. Evenings the group will hear Gene Hockett on George Fox College and Quentin

Nordyke on "Quentin's Comments." An annual business meeting will be held, and there will be evening worship services with C. W. Perry.

Summer Camp Schedule

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Campers' Retreat—July 1-4
Boys and Girls—July 11-15
Junior High—July 18-23
High School—August 1-6
Family Camp—September 2-5

TWIN ROCKS, OREGON

Junior Boys—July 18-23
Junior Girls—August 8-13
Tween—August 15-20
Surfside—August 21-27
Family Camp—September 2-5
Adult—September 23-25

SOUTHERN OREGON

Junior Camp—June 27-July 1
Adult Camp—July 1-3

Friends Cemetery Plans Improvements

Newberg Friends Cemetery Association has received a gift of stocks valued in excess of \$5,000 from Dr. and Mrs. Lowell Edwards recently. The association is working on plans to pave the roads in the Friends cemetery, and the gift will be applied to the costs, estimated at \$10,000-12,000. The association is also planning other programs of upgrading the park, including purchase of equipment and construction of an equipment storage building. Plans are being finalized for an effort to raise funds necessary for these cemetery projects. Those wishing to contribute to the cemetery fund send to Newberg Friends Church designated "cemetery project."

Coming Events

April 18-21—Ministers Conference at Twin Rocks, C. W. Perry, speaker.
April 22-24—Young Friends Conference at Inn of the Seventh Mountain near Bend, Dr. Leslie Parrott, speaker.
April 29-May 15—Missions tour to Aymaraland.
May 9—Tilikum Potlatch Dessert at Thunderbird Motor Inn, Portland, featuring Ken Medema.
May 27—George Fox College Alumni Dinner at GFC.
May 27—Western Evangelical Seminary Commencement—speaker, Timothy Smith.
May 28—GFC Baccalaureate at 10:30 a.m., Commencement at 2:00 p.m.—speaker, Dr. Stan Mooneyham.

Did You Know?

. . . that the Department of Evangelism approved an exciting training program titled FOCUS to offer churches who want to grow. They gave another \$7,500 from their capital fund to Post Falls, so they can own three acres of land and begin building.

. . . that Hayden Lake Friends will launch soon a \$500,000 project with

a banquet releasing investment bonds to help finance the project. Those interested in the investment bonds, contact Hayden Lake. Since January they have been averaging 360 in morning worship.

. . . that South Salem Friends is over 60 percent through their building project and need some work crews from churches in the area to help.

. . . that Lynwood Friends accepted a project to provide the water reservoir at Twin Rocks—a \$13,500 project—and they have nearly reached their goal.

. . . that Cherry Grove Friends will soon begin a building program with a kickoff dinner.

George Fox College

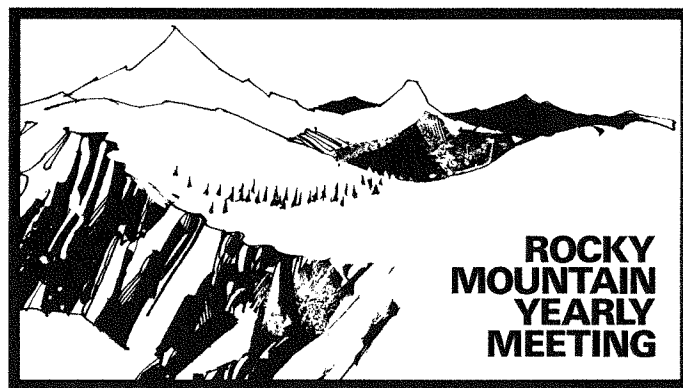
A new anthology written by a 20-year-old Vietnamese refugee at George Fox College has drawn Northwest and even national attention. The book entitled *Hon hoanz* (in English translated roughly into "Our soul goes everywhere") has been mailed to over 100 refugees throughout the world. Ngoc Nguyen, a sophomore, compiled the letters and comments into the book, written entirely by hand in Vietnamese, accompanied by hand-drawn illustrations, and printed in the campus print shop from donated funds. "I say, look for a world tomorrow; God will help you live the day coming," Nguyen tells readers. The work has been the subject of several news-

paper articles, a television interview, and national news distribution.

More than \$3,000 has been pledged by George Fox students to support fellow students as missionaries in projects around the world this summer. Students in a "Faith Promise" program as part of Missions Awareness Week on campus volunteered \$3,072, and 14 student candidates have applied for short-term missionary assignments.

Project SHIP (Student Help Investment Program) has been launched for a fourth year by Newberg residents on behalf of George Fox College, with a goal of \$30,000. The drive this year will designate all funds to support student employment opportunities on campus and in the Newberg area. The campaign is being directed by an 11-member committee, headed by Bill Andrews, resident manager of the Newberg division of Publishers Paper Company. Project supporters say the drive is a means of showing Newberg support for the college because it generates revenue to the city through college spending, provides entertainment, athletic events, and local educational opportunities.

Chris Lauinger, a music faculty member at George Fox College, has become cotitlist of the Northwest Women's Chess Championship, placing her among the top seeded in the Canadian Invitational.



The Harvest Is Now

"Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." (John 4:35 NIV)

"The Harvest of New Believers" is the theme chosen for the twenty-first sessions of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting to be held June 15-19 at Quaker Ridge Camp, Woodland Park, Colorado.

Presession meetings of the Executive Council, various boards, representatives to the EFA Coordinating Council, and Friends Women will be on the 14th (Tuesday).

Roscoe and Tina Knight will be with us for the entire time. Roscoe

will be speaking each day, and Tina will be the featured speaker at the Friends Women's banquet Friday evening.

The Youth Rally on Saturday night (18th), under the direction of Paul Moser, promises to be inspirational as well as fun for the adults as well as the youth.

Workshops will be conducted by the Board of Education on the use of Aldersgate Sunday School materials and the Spiritual Life Board on personal evangelism. The Social Action department of the Outreach Board will be presenting "Friends Disaster Service." This workshop will be conducted by the director of

the Friends Disaster Service of Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, and also of the EFA.

We believe the program this year will be one that will be a challenge to all who attend as they get a vision for the Mexico City mission work through the eyes of the Knights and the Navajo work at our Rough Rock Mission through the eyes of our Navajo missionaries. There is also the challenge of what each one of us can do through personal evangelism, our Sunday schools, and the opportunities for service in areas of disaster through organized, cooperative effort.

—Olen Ellis

Focus on Springbank

Springbank Friends Church is located two miles east and one quarter mile south of the small village of Allen in northeast Nebraska. It has been a part of the community since 1881.

At one time Springbank was a very active body, but many have moved from their farms, so membership has declined.

Presently our Sunday school stresses the weekly memorization of the Scriptures. All three classes in the Junior Department recite the verses memorized for that week to the congregation at the close of Sunday school. A group of ladies meets on Wednesday mornings for prayer, using a topic (currently it is Ann Kiemel's book *I'm Out to Change My World*); a Scripture verse, prayer concerns, and answers are shared, and then time is invested in prayer. This prayer circle began in 1973 out of concern for needed pastoral leadership. Many prayers have been answered, proving God's faithfulness.

A few years ago the Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services were stopped; however almost two years ago the Wednesday night prayer meetings were resumed. During winter months we meet in homes for cottage prayer meetings. Each family takes a turn at leading the Bible study lesson before prayer time.

Two years ago our church took part in a Lay Witness Mission and felt it was a rich and rewarding time, but we have not continued with any real positive witnessing program. Several of our men are active in the Northeast Nebraska Christian Men's Fellowship, which meets monthly and sponsors a crusade every fall.

Because of the decline in a farm home population in our area, some feel less positive about the growth of our Sunday school and church. Still others see the potential of reaching out into a larger area. A lack of vision for the future and lost souls is a primary concern.

We are now seeking new pastoral leadership to take over on June 1, 1977. Pray that as a congregation we will wake up spiritually and put Christ first and be willing to put hands and feet to our love and concern. Pray that we be willing to bring "outsiders" in and allow them to become a part of our fellowship, that we will act for the cause of Christ as well as talk.

Rough Rock Mission Adults Learn to Study

2 Timothy 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We are very grateful for a good session of Adult Bible School, which a large number attended. Besides the classes held during the day, there were several night services at which a Navajo minister from Many Farms (Chinle) spoke.

The Lord was present. One morning classes did not change on time when the Holy Spirit spoke to an unbeliever during Vern Ellis's study of Revelation. Christians joined their new spiritual brother in prayer, and follow-up counsel was given.

Bible school participants included new Christians and those from previous sessions. The students were persistent in learning to read so they could do their studies. Time and patience are needed to instruct those who have never learned to read. Until they hear the sounds of their language they don't know what reading involves.

Lessons must be handprinted in larger print for some adults because they have poor eyesight.

There is a need for more material in the Navajo language. In a few years the entire Bible will be translated into Navajo, but at the present, only the New Testament and several Old Testament books are available in Navajo.

For our advanced students we now make workbooks in the native language. Our people enjoy doing these lessons, which survey different portions of the Bible.

The Bible School is now over, and the Christians have returned to their homes. We pray that the Holy Spirit will remind them of the truths they studied during these past days. Learning to respond to God during this time of Christian fellowship is different from their home contacts, where sometimes the Navajo culture conflicts with Christian teachings.

—Mary Gafford

Rough Rock Praise and Prayer Praise

God is actively working at Rough Rock. During a recent Adult Bible School many Christians were convicted to more closely follow the Lord.

We also thank God for a believer's recent recovery from surgery, and for the faithfulness in tithing by many believers.

Prayer Needs

1. The salvation of a seriously ill non-Christian.
2. The Lord's presence in our weekly services and His conviction on all in attendance.
3. Moisture to relieve the drought.

RYM Midyear Meetings

The Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting midyear sessions were held at First Friends Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on February 18-19, 1977.

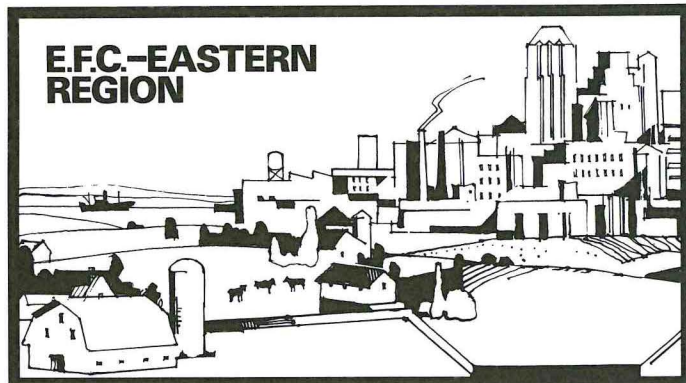
The Executive Council convened at 9:00 a.m. February 18 with a de-

votional challenge by Superintendent Olen Ellis. The thought of doing everything with the Great Commission in mind challenged everyone.

EFA representatives met Friday evening. All boards met on Saturday morning, with a final meeting of the

Executive Council on Saturday afternoon. The meetings adjourned with a sense of encouragement and optimism for doing the Lord's work in Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting.

—Compiled by Naomi Weinacht



Alliance Laymen Gain from Work Trips

Five men from the Alliance, Ohio, Friends Church have recently returned from work trips to other lands. Ed Phillips' first such trip was to Guatemala, where he spent three weeks working under the auspices of the Salvation Army in the mountain region town of Tec Pan. This town was totally destroyed by the February 4, 1976, earthquake, with a loss of 3,000 persons in a few seconds time. The Salvation Army goal was to build 500 houses, a small church and parsonage, and a school gymnasium. Ed helped in building at the school.

Ed says, "I really liked the people. The Indians, 95 percent Mayan, are small and industrious. Those of Spanish origin run the country, try to please the Americans, and smile easily."

Don Murphy, Howard and Ron Blasiman, and Steve Adams spent eight days in Jamaica working with Project Partner. Ron and Steve are high school students, so had to miss

and even the women in the group carried sand and mud. We worked on a concrete block church building, constructing walls and trusses, leveling doors, forming bucket brigades, carrying cement, laying blocks. When the Jamaicans saw us working they came and helped." Don said it's easy to see how a missionary could lose heart when he contrasts the great needs on the field with the wastefulness and affluence of so many Americans.

This was Howard Blasiman's fourth work trip to another country, and he was glad to have his son Ron joining him this time. Howard was very impressed with the testimony of a Jamaican Christian man when a non-Christian threatened him, "I'm going to send my demons after you." The Christian replied, "You send your ghosts because I have the Holy Ghost. There is nothing that can defeat Him."

Later when the man saw the Christian on the street unharmed, he said with amazement, "Surely you are a man of God."

Howard is deeply concerned that the Evangelical Friends Church develop its own project committee to help get adults and youth to the mission fields. He feels that such an experience is life changing.

His son Ron shares this belief, for he says, "It really helps you know how other people live. You'll never be the same again."

Steve Adams also felt the trip to be very worthwhile. They found that the nationals were so loving. "They brought us food, worked right beside us, were very respectful." They really loved the kids.

—Lola Aufrance



Ed Phillips of Alliance, Ohio, (left) at a cloth market in Guatemala.

school during exam week, which meant much make-up work for them.

Don noted the contrast between the Christians and non-Christians. The Christians were radiant. He reported, "Our youth really worked,

Singles Retreat Planned

Many young singles from across the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region have participated in planning a spring retreat for singles. Entitled "Key Issues for Singles," the

retreat will be held at Camp Neosa near Carrollton, Ohio, May 13-15, 1977.

The main speaker will be Larry Beltz, coordinator of the singles ministries for the Chapel in University Park, Akron, Ohio. As a single, Larry will bring with him a wealth of personal and professional insight into the key issues singles face. He will also bring firsthand experience in beginning and building a singles ministry. He will focus on three key issues: "Finding Your Place of Service in the Church," "Your Sexuality," and "The Meaning of Fellowship."

Workshop topics, to be led by resource persons from the Eastern Region, will include: "Dealing with Loneliness," "Accepting Singleness," "Looking for a Mate," "The Future of Myself," "Starting an Ongoing Singles Ministry in Your Local Church," and "Healing Broken Relationships."

Flexibility and fellowship are features of the program schedule. Approximate cost of the retreat is \$25-\$30. Details are available from local pastors. April 29 is the registration deadline.

—Fred Sams

Did You Know?

... That China Evangelical Seminary had a special ground-breaking service on Christmas day? Their building program on their new location marks a real step in the progress of leadership training.

... That another couple has been approved for missionary work in Taiwan? At their midyear meeting, the Missionary Board appointed Jack and Celesta Rea of Salem, Ohio, to begin missionary internship in July.

... That May 1 is the deadline for you to send in your written suggestions for wording the revision of the *Discipline*? Address any member of the committee—Dan Frost, Everett Cattell, or Lauren King—if you have concerns in this area.

... That the Camp Farm Development Committee is working on a brochure that shows the plans for developing the property recently given to EFC—ER into a church camp? Glenn Althouse serves as chairman of this committee, along with members Bruce Burch, William Bueche, Lyle Strand, Robert Starcher, Steve Wood, and Randy Gifford.

... That churches that have need for young people to teach in Daily Vacation Bible School can write to Bruce Burch, and he will work out assignments with youth who have volunteered for this type of summer work? Cost is only meals and lodging for the volunteers.

Focus on Malone

The winter drama was a musical portraying an ordinary day in the life of the well-known and lovable Charlie Brown. "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" was directed by Lauren Landis, and its five performances featured Paul Morris (Charlie Brown), Dawn Elliott (Lucy),

Lee Wetherbee (Linus), Ruthann Geib (Patty), Michael Burkholder (Schroeder), and Stan Anderson (Snoopy).

Edward L. Mitchell of Alliance, Ohio, was elected chairman of the Malone College Board of Trustees at the winter session of the board. He is a surgeon, having graduated from Cleveland Bible College and Baldwin-Wallace College with a medical degree from Western Reserve University. He succeeds the late Harold B. Winn, who served as board chairman from 1972 to 1976.

Sabbatical leaves for 1977-78 have been granted to Dr. Roger L. Wood, who will be teaching at Morrison Academy in Taiwan, and to Prof. Daniel Hoskins, who will be studying in his doctoral program. At the end of the school year, Dr. Paton Yoder will retire, and Dr. James Stuckey will take over as chairman of social sciences.

Dr. Richard C. Halverson, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., was guest speaker at the all-day winter retreat the faculty attended on February 19. "Fellowship: Matrix of Mission" was the theme of the conference.

The Malone Chorale traveled to Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois during their spring tour March 12-20. Their concerts feature a formal portion of sacred music, concluding with Wilson's "He's Alive." Bruce Bell sings the part of Jesus, Charlann Robinson as Mary Magdalene, and Paul Anderson as Peter. Donald R. Murray is chorale director.

The Harold B. Winn Friends Ministerial Scholarship Fund has been established by the Winn Family as a memorial to Dr. Harold Winn, who died in December. His 35 years as a Friends minister and his dedicated service as presiding clerk of the yearly meeting (EFC—ER) for 14 years make it a fitting memorial. Malone College especially feels his loss, since he served as chairman of the Malone Board of Trustees since 1972. Friends are invited to contribute to this fund by sending their contributions to the Malone Development Office designated for the above fund.

During Winter Term, Monday chapels were devoted to small groups meeting with a faculty coordinator to share, study the Bible, and pray. Some 25 groups considered such topics as "The Fruits of the Spirit," "Biblical Principles of Manhood," "Choosing Life's Priorities," "Is There a Place I Can Scream?" "The Search for Silence," and "Authentic Christianity."

CALENDAR

May 18—Baccalaureate, Osborne Hall, 10 a.m.
May 28—Commencement, First Christian Church, 10 a.m.
June 13-July 15—First Summer Session



Friends gather

ARGONIA, Kansas

Pastor Clarence Lanier states that as he and Ruth anticipate another year at Argonia, they sense a good spirit in the meeting. While they have not gained a lot, they still maintain an average attendance of 85-90. They are considering the possibility of a new sanctuary and hope it will be a reality before long.

BARBERTON, Ohio

Our annual "Winter Picnic" was held February 25, 1977, at U. L. Light Junior High School. Eighty-five attended. A picnic dinner, fun, and games were enjoyed by every age group. The "older men" and the "younger men" played a basketball game; the young men won again!

At the beginning of the year we were challenged to read the Bible through in 1976. Sixty adults and 18 youth attempted to read it through. Seventeen adults and two youth completed the challenge. Certificates were awarded to the ones that completed reading "Through the Bible in 1976." Praise the Lord!

BREWSTER, Ohio

Our church held a combined service with the Justus United Methodist Church on the first Wednesday of Lent. In a recent Sunday school growth endeavor, Bibles were awarded for bringing the most visitors over a five-week period. A family Bible was earned by Bryan Gallagher, and a reference Bible by Sharon Lauffenburger.

BYHALIA, Ohio

On January 8 our church was host for a fellowship supper. Our guests were Russell and Marjorie Myers, Howard and Mary Evelyn Moore, and Don Worden. The Sommersville and West Mansfield Friends Churches were also present. During the evening we received information regarding Faith Promises, and how God honors those who honor Him.

On Sunday Howard Moore spoke in the morning worship hour and Mary Evelyn spoke in "Children's Church." Each taught Sunday school classes. It was a joy to have our missionaries from Taiwan visit us,

and it also encouraged us here at home to help support them with our prayers and financial abilities as God leads.

CANTON, Ohio

During February, in place of our regular vesper services, seminars on Marriage, Evangelism, Bible Study, Christian Responsibility in Financial Management, and The New Community were held. These seminars have proven to be one of our yearly attractions.

EFC—ER held a Lay Renewal Weekend recently. Lay men and lay women from Friends churches throughout the Eastern Region received inspiration and pointers for successful small groups.

Friends Disaster Service held a Saturday workshop on setting up and coordinating disaster recovery efforts, the role of Red Cross, opportunities for women in recovery efforts, and feeding disaster workers. Many learned from the workshops how to really express "caring."

Jeff Logan, star running back for the Ohio State Buckeyes, spoke in March to our congregation and those who participate in our gym program on his football career and his relationship with Jesus Christ.

Men of our church are looking forward to a Men's Retreat April 29 through May 1.

DENVER, Colorado

Several of our Sunday school teachers attended the Aldersgate Retreat at Quaker Ridge in January. They all came home with a new vision and enthusiasm for the work they are doing—teaching.

The ABDA Trio from Colorado Springs presented a beautiful sacred concert here on February 13. Their message touched everyone in attendance.

EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

Recently the youth who had attended Camp Neosa gave us an evening of testimonies, laughs, and blessings. Also the senior youth group put on a skit entitled "Who Is My Neighbor," based on the Good Samaritan story of the Bible.

The Barberton youth group joined our youth group for the viewing of *What's Up, Josh*. Afterward they all enjoyed the "Destination Unknown" party and fellowship time.

The "Boenerges" of Malone College had a special musical concert for an evening service. The Sonshine Class served lunch for the fellowship hour afterwards.

The snows of this winter seem to have been a nightmare for some people; however, it has proved to be a blessing for our young people as they took advantage of the "short thaw" and earned in excess of \$75 in washing off the winter grime for many people.

FIRST FRIENDS Vancouver, Washington

Missionary Emphasis Week began with a Thursday night potluck. Joining us for the meal and speaking to us afterwards were Everett and Alda Clarkson of Northwest Yearly Meeting and Harold Harriman of World Gospel Mission.

On Sunday morning Jack Willcuts brought us a pertinent and informative message on the work and needs of our Northwest Yearly Meeting missions. Jack is chairman of the Department of Missions. Gerald and Alice Dillon joined us at the Sunday night service. The Dillons have recently returned from a six-month trip visiting, speaking, and teaching in missions in Alaska, the Orient, and South America.

His message challenged and inspired us to catch the vision those churches have. "The same God can move right here," he said. Following the service, Susan Dillon showed slides and spoke to our senior high Friends Youth.

FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio

A Prayer Warrior group has been formed with two captains, each calling two others, etc., and each is requested to spend a minimum of five minutes in prayer for each special situation.

Brent Lavendar is going to Mexico with Teen Missions, and Betty Penrod is expecting to leave for India as a chaperon for a Teen Mission group.

Three classes, one each on Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Art, and Christian Music, respectively conducted by Joe Kirby, Dave Co-sand, and Jim Thompson were held on a Wednesday evening.

GREENLEAF, Idaho

The Academy Benefit Sale February 12 brought in \$11,000. M. H. Dillon took the church clock home—for \$100.

At the 1977 Academy homecoming February 18, Cathy Choate, daughter of Larry and Dee Choate, escorted by Joe Roberts, son of Mark and Wilma Roberts, was crowned Basketball Queen. Princesses were Robin Rourke, escorted by Dave Goins, and Karla Fitch, escorted by Bruce Johnson.

Glenn Leppert, director of Friends for Kids program of Piedmont Friends in Portland, spoke at the midweek service February 16.

Rarely is a memorial service such a time of worship as was experienced at the service for eight-year-old David Brown, son of Gary and Dianna Brown, who died of an as yet undiagnosed severe infection. God is using the death of this youngster and the witness of his parents to show what He can do for broken, but committed, hearts.

HAVILAND, Kansas

Haviland Friends gathered for a Missions Conference March 2, 4-6. Guest speakers included Roscoe and Tina Knight of the Mexico City missions, and Ron and Janice Wood of the Kickapoo Indian Mission at McCloud, Oklahoma.

Junior and senior high schoolers were invited to the Milton Ross home Friday evening for a Mexican feast. The Woods spoke to the youth, and the Knights presented slides of the Mexican missions.

Sunday began with a Men's Fellowship Breakfast at which Roscoe Knight spoke on the spiritual influence of men in the home and church. He mentioned, especially, the importance of men in the Mexican missions. At the close of the morning service, Professor Roscoe Townsend, chairman of the Missions Department, Friends Bible College, presented the Faith Promise opportunity. A total of \$21,000 was recorded toward a goal of \$25,000.

The Missions Conference closed Sunday evening with home movies of the Burundi mission, and with Bob and Connie Shaffer speaking. The Shaffers have been accepted as missionaries to Burundi by the Kansas Yearly Meeting Mission Board.

HUTCHINSON, Kansas

Things are looking up at the Keith Ellis parsonage—our associate pastors. They are finishing the upstairs plasterboard and putting spackle on the ceilings. In the church fellowship hall there are improvements, and the kitchen area is enclosed and will soon be fitted with cabinets, sinks, and stoves, etc. Anticipated expense is \$7,000 and this is a WMS project. Contributions are also being received for a new public address system, soon to be installed.

KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon

About 30 households are taking part in the World Vision Love Loaves program. Loaves were to be broken Easter Sunday.

We enjoyed the recent Area Rally at the Talent Friends Church. Julia Hobbs was special speaker. The emphasis was on Christian education.

In Acts 2:42-47 you will note that as the Jerusalem believers experienced and expressed their new life in Christ, the Lord added to the church those who were being saved. Paul wrote to the Corinthian Christians, "God gave the growth . . . He who plants and he who waters are equal . . . we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, [you are] God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:6, 8, 9) Our happy experience is just this: as believers here are growing in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, they are moved by

Him to reach out to others. And our building is becoming crowded. Join us in prayer for His guidance in nurturing these new folks. Pray with us for His direction for the future of Klamath Falls Friends Church.

LIBERAL, Kansas

A traditional Quaker wedding ceremony was held at Liberal Friends December 29, 1976, in which Sarah E. Boles and David C. Foreman of Howard, Kansas, were married. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boles and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foreman, of Shawnee, Kansas.

Edward and Glendola Bruerd were speakers for our January Faith Promise Missionary Conference. They showed pictures of their India tour of duty and gave a challenging message. Quaker Men's Fellowship held an auction, raising \$4,000 to help finish the Activity Building. The Quaker Women's Fellowship sold food for money to help furnish the kitchen.

Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Teague came to serve our church recently. We enjoyed their singing and his violin playing. He later met with our church leaders.

Liberal hosted the Western Area Rally in February. Ernest Alexander from Friends University supplied music and message for the afternoon, and Roscoe and Tina Knight reported on the EFA Mexico mission work in the evening.

LISBON, Ohio

What started out to be youth week turned out to be youth month. With cancellations, postponements, and rescheduling, the entire month of February was set aside for our young people.

Ella Ruth Hutson, missionary to Taiwan, spoke to our young people about her experiences with Taiwan youth.

The senior FY presented a unique evening service for our congregation. They took a favorite hymn poll and presented the top favorite songs in the service. The number one song was "Amazing Grace."

The Soul Seekers Club sponsored the annual Sweetheart Banquet in the Fellowship Hall of our church. Jim Smeltzer of Salem was the guest soloist.

To end youth month, the senior FY sponsored an ice cream social for the entire church. All enjoyed an evening of old movies, a talent show, and lots of ice cream!

McKEES CREEK West Liberty, Ohio

We are now well into a new year, which our dear Lord has given us to use for His glory. I wonder if we will be found praising His holy name and telling others about Him and His love for us. Will we be truly studying His Word for His direction for our lives? All answers are in THE BOOK OF LIFE for our living each day.

Our little church has been blessed with all needs for extra giving to missions in many unexpected places and to people who are sacrificing comforts of home and family to "be about my Father's business"! Dr. Jon Tal Murphree came to bring us

great thoughts and messages from his God. The weather was as much as 26 degrees below zero, but there were many hearts fed by this man from the South. Snowdrifts and closed roads kept a few people away. Music was furnished by the Don Sharp Trio of Dayton, Ohio, and Larry Grigsby's family, as well as our missionary, Caroline Heater.

Our missionary ladies are coming together now with some new ideas for spiritual growth. Much emphasis is being put upon using our time in extra reading with the TV off! This gives us a good feeling of hope. We are keeping a record of books we read.

MERIDIAN, Idaho

Norval Hadley, NWYM superintendent, held a Leadership Seminar at Meridian Friends. A potluck dinner concluded the sessions, which were held during January.

Dorothy Barratt, Christian education consultant for Evangelical Friends Alliance, was also with us during January to observe and evaluate our Sunday school in action.

Friends Youth have formed a choir under the direction of Steve Magee. They will be presenting special music on Easter Sunday. The Friends Youth also spent a work day one Saturday cleaning up and painting the Youth Center. They were also special guests for an early spring barbecue at the home of Wayne and Judy Clauson.

WMU women have been busy quilting, as they have finished quilts to send to our missionaries.

Doug Emery is working with the youth as they begin saving stamps for summer camps.

MT. PLEASANT, Ohio

Our District Rally was held at Smithfield, Ohio, and proved to be a rewarding time of fellowship.

Children's Church has been a time of Bible study, music, and memory work. We are planning to have the children take special parts in our regular services. This learning, we feel, is very important for the future!

Our choir has been reorganized, and it is wonderful to have them singing again.

OMAHA, Nebraska

February has been an unusual month in our church. Three of our members now celebrate their birthdays on the same day, and what's more, they're all in the same family.

On February 19 the film, *The Miracle Goes On*, was shown in a local high school. It is the life story of John W. Peterson.

SALEM FIRST, Salem, Ohio

Approximately 100 attended a delicious Chinese yen-si (feast) prepared by Howard and Mary Evelyn Moore (our missionaries to Formosa) and sponsored by the Wilda Winn, Elsie Matti, and Ruth missionary circles. Mary Evelyn told of the difficulties many of the new Chinese Christians have to face from members of their families who are not Christian and of the difficulties the missionaries' children have return-

ing to the U.S., since Formosa is "home" to them.

Howard showed slides and told of their many national ministers and of the expansion taking place as well as of our other missionaries in Formosa. He stressed the importance of Faith-Promise giving to help cover the enormous costs for property there and the possibility of lending money to help further badly needed building projects. Elsie Matti was an honored guest at the yen-si, since she had previously spent many years in mainland China and Formosa and was celebrating her 86th birthday.

This past quarter we have been having a "Family Bible Memory Program" contest. All members of the family from nursery age to adult were encouraged to learn a basic set of Bible verses geared to their level of understanding. We have had 100 learn their verses.

SMITHFIELD, Ohio

A moving and inspiring film, *He Restored My Soul*, was presented for our viewing at a Sunday morning service. The congregation was touched by the courage and faith of Merrill Womack. It left each of us with a knowledge that there are problems greater than our own, and if met with faith, these problems can be conquered.

The Eastern Ohio District Meeting was held in our church with a musical presentation entitled, "God's Family."

Our pastor's wife has undertaken two weekly Bible study sessions: a Wednesday morning and a Friday evening class. With both morning and evening classes, all who are interested may sit in on a lesson that suits their time schedule. The study is on Revelation and Bible history.

SOUTHEAST, Salem, Ohio

Our church was blessed on the weekend of March 18, 19, 20 as we had a Discipleship Celebration with Clyde and Vivian Sell as head chairpersons. Thirty-one of our people entered into John Wesley's "great experiment." Twelve couples and six youths from surrounding cities of Ohio headed by Jim and Mary McMillan, coordinators, entered into our Discipleship Celebration in celebrating the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the brave Christians who had Bible study and prayer from 5:30 to 6:00 a.m. each day, did a good deed for someone each day, worked two hours each week for the church, and gave 10 percent of their income. It was a blessing we shall never forget.

Pioneer Girls is a new activity. A Christian charm course for girls in 7th, 8th, and 9th grades was organized by Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Headland.

As a Bible study we use the book, *Tough Questions Girls Ask*. Also we teach cooking and baking. Our goal is that they become Christian mothers raising Christian families.

SPRINGBANK, Allen, Nebraska

Bradley Brown, the son of Springbank pastor Waylen Brown, has been named the General Mills Fam-

ily Leader of Tomorrow from Allen High School. Brad graduated in December from high school and now attends Wichita State University. He is majoring in Computer Science/Engineering.

TIGARD, Oregon

Pastor Ron Allen reports, "We had a tremendous Outreach Conference, February 6-13. Victor and Mary Bel Duran shared Peruvian music, games, and stories, but most of all witnessed to the faithfulness of the Lord as He has led them this year from a ministry of planting new churches in Peru to life in the States. Jerry, Alice, and Susie Dillon shared highlights of their six months visiting and teaching overseas. Everett and Alda Clarkson were used mightily of God to challenge us to faithfulness and new adventure in faith. Their messages were powerful because they were personal testimonies to the transforming love of God. Our Faith Promise this year is \$4,800, up from \$3,200 a year ago.

Sunday evening, March 6, we hosted the Sunday school teachers and workers at a reception in their honor.

Our young people presented a homemade musical, "Praise, Prayers, and Promises," under the direction of Ed Feagles. They did an outstanding job Sunday evening, March 13.

Garnett Tuss has a ministry through Christian books. She keeps a book table manned and supplied with new and used Christian books at bargain prices. We believe a reading church makes for a growing church.

UNIVERSITY, Wichita, Kansas

A goal of \$30,000 has been set for the "New Day for Friends" campaign. We are planning improvements to our sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Jamaica Yearly Meeting requested professional assistance from our meeting in the remodeling of the Highgate Friends Continuation School. Howard Rishel, a local builder, flew there at the end of February to assist in the project.

In April and May Elfrida Vipont Foulds, the English Friend who has been a foremost interpreter of the Quaker message and mission in our time, will be traveling in the ministry in the U.S. and Canada. She is the author of *The Story of Quakerism, 1652-1952* and *George Fox and the Valiant Sixty* as well as numerous other books. She will be in a retreat with our meeting Saturday, April 30, on the theme of "Spiritual Roots of our Faith" and give a Quaker Memorial Lecture at the Meeting for Worship on Sunday, May 1. May 3 she will meet with our Women's Society—a rare opportunity for all who participate.

WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio

God has led Westgate to declare 1977 its year of Jubilee (Leviticus 25). This is a year holy unto us, in which we look to God to set us free from debts, mend broken families, and bring some into the glorious liberty of Christ.

April 3-10 was our "Sabbath Week." Each night we had a different activity observing some portion of Jesus' last week before the cross. There was a Bible study on the Passover; a session on intercessory prayer; foot washing; and the choir presented a cantata on the theme of the cross. All of this was culminated on Friday night by celebrating the full Pascal meal. Our pastor's intention was that we might more fully understand what it means to partake of the body and blood of Christ.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania

A winter picnic was held at the local YWCA in February. In addition to swimming, basketball, and movies, there was an abundance of food and good fellowship.

Our pastor, Ivar Johnson, spent two weeks in Guatemala recently serving under the Friends Disaster Service in conjunction with the Salvation Army. Slides of his trip as well as scenes of work projects in progress were shown at a recent Sunday evening service.

Friends record

BIRTHS

ANKENY—To Dennis and Sue Ankeny, a son, Lucas John, January 29, 1977, Homedale, Idaho.

BLAKEMORE—A daughter, Elizabeth Jean, October 11, 1976, to Bruce and Pam Blakemore, Canton, Ohio.

BREWER—A son, Daniel Joseph, January 3, 1977, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brewer, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

BRIDGES—A son, Daniel Norman, December 14, 1976, to Dr. Norman and Janice Bridges, Haviland, Kansas.

BRILL—A daughter, Virginia Rose, January 19, 1977, to Phillip and Marsha Brill, Byhalia, Ohio.

BUCK—A son, Gregory Scott, February 9, 1977, to Carl and Mary Buck, Montgomery, Pennsylvania.

CARPENTER—A son, Jeffrey David, January 22, 1977, to Bruce and Donnetta Carpenter, Wichita, Kansas.

CHACKO—A son, David, January 6, 1977, to C. G. and Susan Chacko, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

GOLDY—A son, Andrew Paul, November 19, 1976, to Chuck and Nola Goldy, Canton, Ohio.

GUSTAFSON—A son, Jay Daniel, February 2, 1977, to Jerry and Rose Gustafson, Omaha, Nebraska.

HALL—A son, Randal Ashley, January 3, 1977, to Robert and Pat Hall, Hughesville, Pennsylvania.

HINES—A daughter, Karla Ann, September 29, 1976, to Mark and Karen Hines, Canton, Ohio.

LANE—A daughter, Alicia Kay, January 19, 1977, to Randall and Rose Lane, Danville, Virginia.

LANSING—A son, John Christopher, February 15, 1977, to Steve and Carol Coleman Lansing, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

MADDEN—A son, Daniel Christian, January 8, 1977, to Dave and Debbie Madden, Columbus, Ohio.

MOODY—A daughter, Jennifer Jill, December 19, 1976, to Chuck and Cindy (Birt) Moody, North Lewisburg, Ohio.

PARSONS—A son, David William, January 18, 1977, to Doug and Linda Parsons, Canton, Ohio.

PUCKETT—A son, Daniel Charles, January 7, 1977, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Puckett, Allen, Nebraska.

REGIER—Michael Lee, February 11, 1977, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Regier, Liberal, Kansas.

ROE—A daughter, Anna Mariam, January 29, 1977, to Ken and Diana Roe, Walsh, Colorado.

ROSS—A son, Joshua David, February 15, 1977, to David and Dianne Ross, Larned, Kansas.

SCHWINN—A son, Randy Lee, November 17, 1976, to Mr. and Mrs. Danny Schwinn, Springdale Friends, Kansas.

SHROYER—A son, Hugh Justin, February 6, 1977, to Randy and Susan Shroyer, Lone Star Friends, Hugoton, Kansas.

SKINNER—A son, Clinton John, January 23, 1977, to Randy and Linda Skinner, Lone Star Friends, Kansas.

WESTBROOKS—A daughter, Shannon Elizabeth, February 5, 1977, to Tim and Betty Reich Westbrooks, Danville, Virginia.

WHISENHUNT—A son, Roy Allen, December 20, 1976, to Merle and Faith Whisenhunt, Enid, Oklahoma.

WHITE—A son, Mark David, January 4, 1977, to David and Debby White, Swedesboro, New Jersey, formerly of Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

WHITNEY—A daughter, Regena René, February 7, 1977, to Brad and Patricia Whitney, Haviland, Kansas.

WILLIAMS—To Jimmy and Pat Williams of New Hope Friends, Greensboro, North Carolina, a son, Chad Douglas, January 6, 1977.

WRIGHT—A son, David Lee, February 16, 1977, to David and Debbie Wright, Wichita, Kansas.

MARRIAGES

BOLES - FOREMAN. Sarah Ellen Boles and David Christopher Foreman, December 29, 1976, Liberal, Kansas.

BOYD-COHEN. Joy Boyd and Richard Cohen, January 25, 1977, Smithfield Friends, Ohio.

BOYD - WEISSINGER. Alicia Boyd and Herbert Paul Weissinger, February 12, 1977, Smithfield Friends, Ohio.

KALOCI-IDDINGS. Barbara Kaloci and Gene Iddings, February 12, 1977, Salem First Friends, Ohio.

LAWRENCE - HALEY. Jan Marie Lawrence and Michael LaRue Haley, January 1, 1977, Arkansas City, Kansas.

LUNDY-WORDEN. Linda Lundy and Steve Worden, January 1, 1977, Friendswood, Texas.

MARQUARDT-FUOSS. Tenna Marquardt and Clyde Fuoss, November 20, 1976, Hughesville Friends, Pennsylvania.

ROSS-RAYBER. Loraine Ross and Bruce Rayber, December 18, 1976, Haviland, Kansas.

SLOVACEK - HLADIK. Linda Carol Slovacek and Stephen Paul Hladik, January 15, 1977, Booker, Texas.

SMELTZER - BOWLING. Theresa Smeltzer and Steven Bowling, February 12, 1977, Bear Lake, Michigan.

SPENCER - CHRISTENSEN. Carol Spencer and Robert Christensen, January 13, 1977, Friendswood, Texas.

SWAUGER-CARTER. Marcia Swauger and Joseph Carter, November 13, 1976, Canton Friends, Ohio.

WELSHANS-JARRELL. Kristine Welshans and John Jarrell, February 18, 1977, Mt. Pleasant Friends, Ohio.

DEATHS

ALLEN—T. Blanche Allen, 82, December 6, 1976, Haviland, Kansas. (This appeared in February as Thora Blanche Knight, her maiden name.)

AVITTS—Abbie Avitts, Friendswood, Texas, January 19, 1977.

BISHOP—Neah Bishop, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas, October 20, 1976.

BROWN—David Brown, 8, Greenleaf Friends, Idaho, January 23, 1977.

BURROUGHS — Ethel "Grandma" Burroughs, 90, North Lewisburg, Ohio, December 1, 1976.

CHEUVRONT — Dorothy L. Cheuvront, 66, Brewster, Ohio, December 8, 1976.

COLE — L. B. Cole, Friendswood, Texas, November 24, 1976.

CORRICK—Phyllis Corrick, Bayshore Friends, Texas, November 26, 1976.

EMLEY — Mrs. Roscoe Emley, 81, Emporia, Kansas, January 11, 1977.

FANTASKY—Lavonia Fantasky, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1977.

GRINNELL—Richard H. Grinnell, 78, Susan, Virginia, February 17, 1977.

HALL — Venard Hall, Hughesville, Pennsylvania, February 1, 1977.

HANDY—Mayme J. Handy, 85, Shadow, Virginia, February 7, 1977.

HAWORTH — E. J. Haworth, Alva, Oklahoma, January 27, 1977.

HOLMES—L. L. (Les) Holmes, Denver, Colorado, January 29, 1977.

HUGHES—L. L. Hughes, February 10, 1977, Booker, Texas.

KELLY—H. B. Kelly, 66, November 9, 1976, Friendswood, Texas.

KNOX—Grace M. Knox, Allen, Nebraska, January 25, 1977.

LaFORCE—William A. LaForce, 52, Battle Creek, Michigan, February 5, 1977.

LIPELY — Howard Lipely, Alliance, Ohio, February 25, 1977.

McCOOL — Robert McCool, 78, Doylestown, Ohio, February 3, 1977.

OLSON—Inez (Mrs. Andrew) Olson, February 15, 1977, Liberal, Kansas.

REDENBAUGH—Mary Ellen Redenbaugh, 89, Emporia Friends, Kansas, November 24, 1976.

ROULAND—Bertha Benton Roulard, 95, Emporia Friends, Kansas, July 28, 1976.

SETTLE—Tom Settle, 87, January 19, 1977, Caldwell, Idaho.

SHORT—Howard Short, 68, November 15, 1976, Cottonwood, Kansas.

SHOWALTER — Floyd Showalter, Topeka, Kansas, December 30, 1976.

SHREVE — Mabel Shreve, 96, Alliance, Ohio, January 30, 1977.

SMITH—Grace Smith, 85, September 2, 1976, Arkansas City, Kansas.

STANLEY—Grace Stanley, 87, Deerfield, Ohio, January 30, 1977.

TATSCH—Iona Tatsch, West Hartford, Connecticut, October 11, 1976.

TUNING—Earl Tuning, 55, January 21, 1977, Caldwell, Idaho.

TURNER—Pauline Turner, 74, September 15, 1976, Friendswood, Texas.

John Wesley on the Poor

Since the Lord has not only been gracious to my soul, but has entrusted me with a share of this world's good, I am under an equal obligation to be faithful, in this as in the other gifts of God. Now especially, when help is so much wanted, I ought to be the more careful. Suffer me, Sir, to speak freely of myself: I have about forty-seven pounds a year.

As to my disbursements, for apparel, I buy the most lasting and, in general, the plainest I can. I buy no furniture but what is necessary and cheap. I make my own fire, and get my own breakfast and supper. I pay six-pence to one of our friends for my dinner. I drink herb-tea, and thereby save at least a shilling a week. I seldom drink tea in an afternoon, but sup at six, on bread and cheese, with milk and water; so I save at least eight-pence by dropping tea in the afternoon. . . . To be short, the expense for myself—meat, drink, clothes, and wash-

ing, is not twenty-eight pounds per annum; so that I have near twenty pounds to return to God in the poor.

Now, if every Christian family, while in health, would thus far deny themselves, would twice a week dine on the cheapest food, drink in general herb-tea, faithfully calculate the money saved thereby, and give it to the poor over and above their usual donations, we should then hear no complaining in our streets, but the poor would eat and be satisfied. He that gathered much would have nothing over, and he that gathered little would have no lack. O how happy should we all be, if this was the case with us!

I mentioned this some time ago in a meeting at London, when a brother said, "These are but little things." As I went home, I thought of his words: "Little things!" Is the want of fire, in frost and snow, a little thing? Or the want of food,

in a distressed, helpless family? Gracious God! "Feed me with food convenient for me! Give me not poverty; lest I steal, and take the name of my God in vain!"

Dear Sir, I know what you feel for the poor, and I also sympathize with you. Here is a hard season coming on, and everything very dear; thousands of poor souls, yea, Christians, dread the approaching calamities. O that God would stir up the hearts of all that believe themselves his children, to evidence it by showing mercy to the poor, as God has shown them mercy! Surely the real children of God will do it of themselves; for it is the natural fruit of a branch in Christ. . . . My earnest prayers shall accompany yours, that God would give us all, in this our day, to know the things which belong unto our peace, and to acknowledge the blessings which are freely given to us of God!

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