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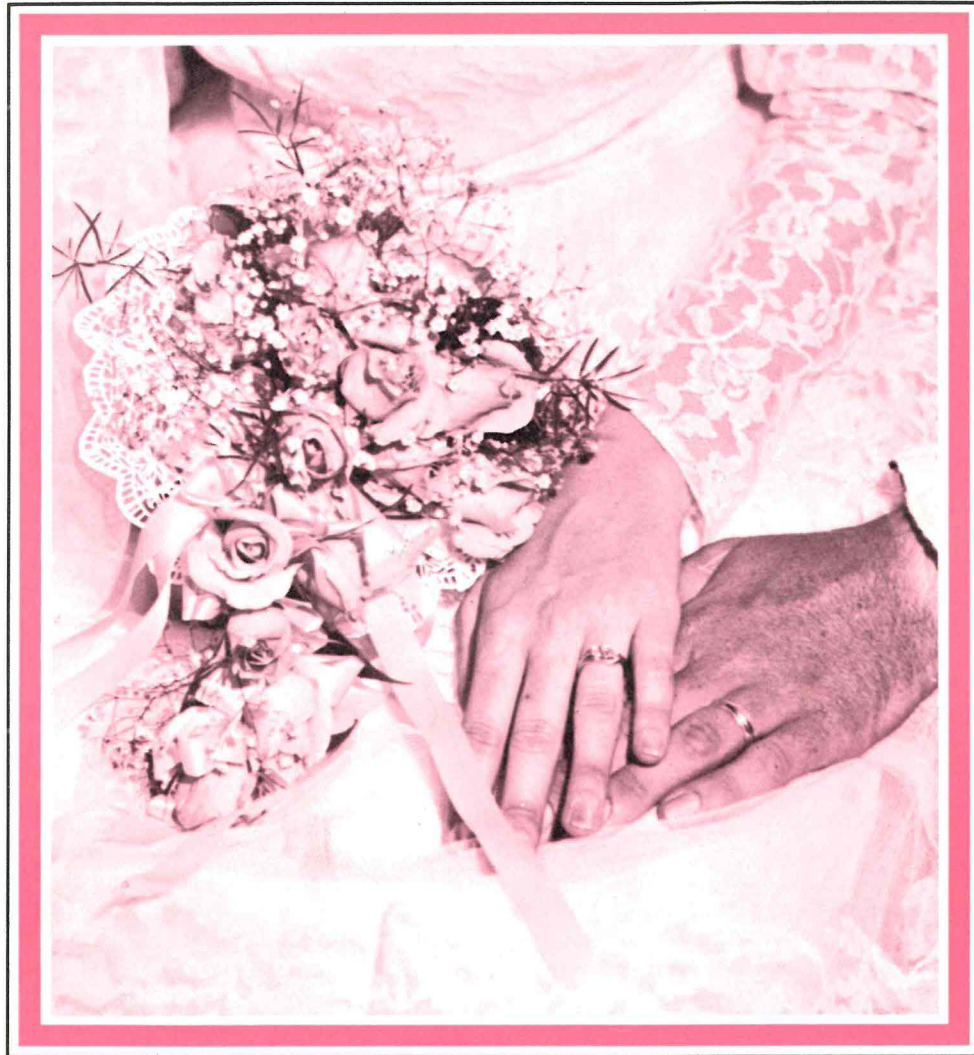
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Your marriage can be better

THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM—COME TRUE

BY MAURICE AND PEGGY ROBERTS

. . . so God made woman and brought her to Adam. "This is it!" Adam exclaimed. 'She is part of my bone and flesh!'" (Genesis 2:22b-23a LB)

The relationship of marriage was instituted by God. He instructed us to protect this covenant, but Satan would choose to undermine it. God's plan was that families would multiply and through this the church would grow, the kingdom would grow. However, Satan wants the family unit to teeter, thus undermining growth and expansion of God's kingdom.

It is as though the battleline is drawn and the marriage is caught in the middle. It is a rope in the tug-of-war. Ephesians 6:12 tells us that we aren't involved so much in a battle between people as between principalities and powers. Marriage is so critically important. Whenever a couple experiences trouble, the world pressures them to quit, to start over with someone else.

But, in God's plan, it is important that we honor our vows to each other as husband and wife. It also must be very important to Satan that we do not keep these vows. Have you noticed that the unhappy and disillusioned marriages seem to be more prevalent even in our churches as well as in our society?

A profound impact is being made on our Friends churches by a new movement called Marriage Encounter. Adapted first from the Catholic Church and now by several Protestant denominations, this marriage enrichment ministry is a positive answer, stimulating happy marriages. Maurice and Peggy Roberts, prominent Friends of Kansas Yearly Meeting, introduce the concept, giving their impressions, as does Barbara Worden, also of Kansas, who with her husband Ron has participated. A third testimonial comes from Ron and Kitsy Gregory, a Friends couple of Seattle, Washington.



Through a very constructive program, marvelously inspired by the Holy Spirit, a Catholic priest and several couples developed Marriage Encounter—first in Spain, then subsequently it spread to some thirty countries. Because their church is concerned primarily for their marriages and secondarily for the marriages of their brothers and sisters outside their faith, they retain a strict registration ratio of 80 percent Catholic and 20 percent from other faiths. This shows both a mission for their own people and a love to share it with others.

Marriage Encounter is a structured weekend that follows a prepared format. It provides "handles" for the marriage relationship in the area of communication, and it brings each couple to an encounter with their relationship with God.

Some have said that "Encounter" sounds harsh, threatening. To encounter means to meet, to come face to face with. Marriage Encounter offers to help every marriage come face to face with its needs. It is designed primarily to make good marriages better, and it sounds a positive, hopeful note at a time when many voices are raised against marriage.

Because the Catholic expression limits attendance to 20 percent non-Catholics at their Encounter weekends, other faiths have requested and received permission to adapt the program to their faith. The Catholic Marriage Encounter has lovingly shared their outline with the other faiths, so long as the main content is not changed.

In recent years, the Episcopal Church, then Lutheran, Church of Christ, Methodist, Presbyterian, and now Friends, have adapted their expressions of Marriage Encounter to the outline shared by the Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

During the 1976 sessions of Kansas Yearly Meeting, an informal fellowship time was planned for those who had experienced some type of marriage enrichment experience. During that evening, many shared a common concern that the Friends might have a part in the dynamic tool of Marriage Encounter that God was using. Before this meeting David and Marcile Leach had been to Marriage Encounter in the Northwest. From their experience God moved them to begin preparation for starting a Friends Marriage Encounter. As they were visiting Kansas Yearly Meeting, they discovered that God was also giving some couples there a concern for Marriage Encounter among Friends.

It was during these days that followed the KYM sessions that five couples began to share how God had been speaking individually to each of them about becoming involved in some type of ministry to help marriages. Each couple shared a similar witness of how God was speaking to them through Marriage Encounter. During the previous months, each couple had felt that God was going to be opening some kind of a door, although they did not know that they would be joining together to start a Friends expression of Marriage Encounter. As one couple shared with another during those months and then at that meeting in August, the heartbeat was one of a beautiful unity.

Their vision was a spark to ignite the dream of a Friends expression of Marriage Encounter. During the early fall of 1976 several couples began to train and prepare themselves to be presenting couples under the loving teaching and counsel of some special Catholic couples. Couples involved were Raymond and Patricia Cochrane, Floyd and Nelda Coleman, David and Marcile Leach, and

not involve group discussion or interaction. It does not include scheduled counseling. The privacy is disciplined and the schedule is quite structured.

It is recommended that couples be married at least two years before they attend a Marriage Encounter weekend, although that is not a fixed policy. Marriages from two months to forty-seven years have attended the Friends weekends.

The program itself deals with our self-worth, our couple relationship, or God relationship, and our part in the spreading of the great commission. The team for each weekend consists of a ministerial couple and two or three lay couples. The results of Marriage Encounter are three-fold: (1) Marriages are being renewed; (2) couples' relationships with God are being renewed; and (3) these renewed couples are recommitted to the body of Christ and a church fellowship. In many instances, couples are joined to the body for the first time. It also speaks to the pastor-church relationship as well as the couple relationship. Friends can have a part in this, too.

It is interesting that God is still choosing to use various ways to meet the needs of His people. The Old Testament is full of stories about God's persistence as He reached out for the children of Israel. During the past several years, new styles of ministry have surfaced. There has been a renewal emphasis in the role of the laity through home Bible studies, Faith-at-Work, and Lay Witness Missions. Marriage Encounter is another ministry that is meeting the needs of God's children today.

Hearing a couple report that their marriage has been dynamically changed, a pastor report that he has a new

"In God's plan, it is important that we honor our vows to each other as husband and wife. It also must be very important to Satan that we do not keep these vows."



Maurice and Peggy Roberts. John and Betty Robinson have given a great deal of support and encouragement to this movement.

This intense preparation, which we were told would probably take several months, was accelerated to the point that the first Friends Marriage Encounter weekend was held in Wichita in November. Subsequent weekends have been held in Seattle, Portland, and Houston. Additional weekends have been planned in each of these locations through the fall of 1977. A schedule of expansion throughout EFA and FUM areas is being set on request.

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a *closed weekend* from Friday evening until Sunday evening. A closed weekend means that registered persons are not to come and go, but are to arrive on time and remain until the program is completed. Registrations are by couples only. It is a working weekend, that is, it isn't a retreat for swimming, hiking, or any recreational activities. The program does

relationship with his church or his executive committee, children saying that Mother and Dad are different parents serves as a witness that Marriage Encounter was God's plan from the very beginning. When the results of any tool and method discontinue to give Him all the credit and praise, then that program will cease to be effective. Each weekend is to honor the Father, just as each worship service is. Each team couple feels the call to this ministry as their service. New team couples are in training and will begin participating on weekends as they are prepared.

Marriage Encounter has a follow-up that is intended to help couples keep current their relationships with each other and with God. The growing edge is to apply and practice those things that are learned on the weekend. Marriages are truly being renewed; individuals are committing their lives to Christ; and couples are joining a church. "Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." Matthew 18:20 TEV) For those

who are married, who could be a better person to share Christ's presence with than one's mate? Marriage Encounter aims for that result.

Friends Marriage Encounter is operating under the auspices of the Friends Center on Family Living at Friends University. Dr. Sheldon Louthan is the director of the center. David and Marcile Leach are serving as the executive couple to coordinate the ministry of Marriage Encounter. The registration for a weekend is limited to approximately thirty-six couples. Because of the tremen-

dous interest, many of the scheduled weekends are now filled and a waiting list is holding names to fill cancellations or in preparation for additional schedules.

A \$15 registration fee accompanies each registration. Costs of any given weekend are partially underwritten by couples who have attended previous weekends and from other sponsors. Participants will be given an opportunity to share in the cost of the weekend. This procedure is followed in order to avoid any couple missing Marriage Encounter because of the cost.

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'AS I HAVE LOVED YOU'

BY BARBARA WORDEN

Marriage Encounter is:

... A system of spiritual retreat exclusively for married people for the basic renewal of the couple by way of a profound evaluation jointly performed in line with the sacramental unity in a climate of mutual confidence and of intense dialogue . . . Husband and wife are the ones who are going to find each other, and they are the real and only persons involved in the Encounter. (Antoinette Bosco, Marriage Encounter, Abbey Press, St. Meinrad, Indiana, 1973, p. 17)

Or, to approach the subject from the opposite end, Marriage Encounter is not a set lecture, a conference, a body of information, like anything you ever saw or experienced before. No matter who you are—pastor, counselor, church leader—no matter how long you have been married, no matter how much you think you know, you will still learn from Marriage Encounter. You learn because ME isn't something you know but something you do, together with your mate.

Marriage Encounter began in Spain in 1965 with one priest and a small group of couples who shared a concern for Christian marriage and family life. As of 1972 two hundred thousand people have had their marriage encounters, with about 65,000 couples added every year. You can bring the figures up to date for 1977.

Although Marriage Encounter began in the Roman Catholic tradition, it has been translated into the Jewish, Episcopal, Methodist, and Mormon faiths. Marriage Encounter was brought to Friends for the first time at an

encounter held in Wichita last October, attended by about forty couples, including Ron and me.

Writers like to tell all the facts, but in Marriage Encounter the discipline of the weekend and the order of events are supposed to be reserved for the encountering couples. The format of the weekend must be spread around casually because it is so important that couples make their encounters under exactly the right conditions. However, there are three major principles of Marriage Encounter that will explain why our weekend meant so much to us and has been so important in the lives of each encountering couple.

1. *Love is a decision.* Love does not depend on an overwhelming rush of warm, sticky feelings. Any mother who has ever slipped into bed gratefully at midnight after a hard day of work only to be awakened at 2:30 by a hungry baby knows that on such an occasion wonderful feelings are in very short supply. Instead of worrying about what she's feeling, Mother warms the bottle and sleepily gets out the clean diapers. Love is an action that requires time, work, and as much practice as high diving, riding a horse, or speaking French. Marriage Encounter provides a successful method of getting couples to start a train of loving actions, and

2. *Loving feelings.* *Feelings are O.K.* It's perfectly acceptable for a wife to say, "When you sit all evening watching the basketball games on TV and don't say a word to me, I feel mad, unloved, and unimportant." But if the same wife said, "You're mean to watch TV all the time."

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"Daddy, where is Samaria?"

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More hands join in marriage during June and other summer months than any other time. Writers in this issue believe this first step can begin a walk more enriching as the years go by. (Photo by Riley, Newberg.)

ANTECEDENTS

To glance at our table of contents would be to presume this month's theme is "dreams coming true." It wasn't planned that way! Three separate titles contain the words but they came from the authors—not the editors—unknown to each, written at different times, thousands of miles apart. Some editors might have changed the titles, thinking them redundant. We chose not to.

"The Impossible Dream—Come True" is the first of four related articles, three on marriage enrichment, one relating to premarital guidelines. Perhaps more dreams are born in the hearts of young couples contemplating marriage and a lifetime together than any other of life's situations. Too often and too soon, it seems, these dreams are being shattered, awakening to the hard realities of the married state. That's too bad, for husband and wife and family dreams can become increasingly fulfilling.

The other two "dream" articles came almost simultaneously to Esther Hess, our Missionary Voice editor, from two of our mission fields literally half a world away from each other—Africa and Taiwan.

In these "lazy days of summer," this season of weddings, of vacations, perhaps it's time for us to dream a little, permitting God to give us a new perspective, new goals, renewed hope and faith. —H.T.A.

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Meddling in a Holy care...

BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

"Since God is the author of love, no couple can without Him make good on their promise to love one another for the rest of their lives."

This observation is taken not from a modern marriage manual but from some very old writings of early Friends printed in the *Faith and Practice of the Society of Friends* in England.

There once was a routine custom among Friends for helping young couples planning for marriage. They were to come under the care of a committee of six (three men and three women), who counseled with them individually and together to see if they were "clear for marriage." Just what matters were specifically discussed is unclear to us now, but they apparently included more of a sense of discernment on the suitability of the match rather than a checklist of compatibility factors.

One clue as to what went on in those between-business-meetings sessions to determine the couple's "clearness" for marriage is found in Robert Barclay's advice: "... take care in the case of marriages, that all things be clear ... which afterwards may prove to the prejudice of Truth or of the parties concerned." Friends all along have viewed marriage as a matter about which the entire congregation should concern itself for the benefit both of those marrying and of the spiritual well-being of the meeting.

Getting down to cases, Barclay lays it out. "First [Barclay is strong on firstlies, secondlies, and thirdlies], we cannot marry with those that walk not in, and obey not the Truth ... or pretend to it ... Secondly, nor can we go to the hiring priests who take upon them to marry people without any command or precedent for it from the Law of God. Lastly, nor can we suffer any such kind of marriages to pass among us [with] consanguinity [related by blood]" He then adds, "Nay, all our meddling is in a holy care for the Truth."

George Fox, in one of his sermons, offered this thought about the subject of marriage: "And now in your proceedings

to marriage let all be done to the praise and glory of God. If a young man or woman have a father or mother or guardian, go to them first, and lay the matter before them, that the matter may go on with their consent and approbation, and let it be done in the Light and not in the dark ... but when things are clear before all parties, lay it twice before the women's meeting and twice before the men's, that all may be clear in the sight of God and man." (From the *Early Quaker Writings*, Eerdmans, edited by Hugh Barbour and Arthur Roberts, pages 509, 533)

These procedures in premarriage counseling suggest a thoroughness and depth of interest that must have made considerable impression on the couple and on the entire congregation.

Further counsel to newlyweds comes from other early Friends. Barrow Cadbury of London "gathered from personal experience and from observation" some notes for young people thinking of marrying: "For full enjoyment of all that God gives us in marriage and home life we need spiritual union. Underlying all must be the spiritual union and communion which bring into married life the power and grace which can carry a couple through the most difficult times of testing."

In 1872 this minute was made by London Yearly Meeting about young people: "In setting out in life, let there be a prudent and Christian care to avoid a scale of living which may minister to luxury or pride, or tend to an increase of worldly care, and thus diminish the power to devote time and money to the service of others for the Lord's sake."

Friends have always maintained a keen concern as a meeting for each couple being married, seeing the marriage not as an event so much as a stewardship of shared responsibility. In 1949 London Yearly Meeting has this statement: "We believe that those who are involved in marriage difficulties should be able to look for sympathy and understanding to



As part of our overall emphasis on marriage enrichment, Editor Jack L. Willcuts reaches into Quaker history for some pertinent guidelines for those who have not yet taken the step.

the group where they normally find fellowship in worship. We hope that any who feel drawn to a Friends Meeting will always be welcomed, and that they may there discover the guiding and healing power of God's love."

A Friend, Job Scott (1751-1793), has a prophetic word on this subject. "I have seen much advantage to children, and indeed to whole families, from the practice of a solemn pause at meals. It learns children stillness, decency, and reverence; and where it is done in a feeling manner, with minds rightly turned to feel after God, and experience his blessing, and is not practiced in a slight formal manner, it tends to season and solemnize the minds of young and old . . . I am morally certain, that I have many a day gone through the cares and concerns of life, with much more composure, stability, satisfaction and propriety, for the strength and assistance I have found in drawing near to God in solemn silence in my family; and I wish the practice of reverently adoring him in this way, may increase more and more."

William Penn, in 1693, gave his attention to youth contemplating marriage in a series of advices:

"Never marry but for love; but see that thou lovest what is lovely. He that minds a body and not a soul has not the better part of that relation, and will consequently want [be without] the noblest comfort of a married life.

"Between a man and his wife nothing ought to rule but love . . . As love ought to bring them together, so it is the best way to keep them well together.

"A husband and wife that love and value one another show their children and servants that they should do so too. Others visibly lose their authority in their families by their contempt of one another; and teach their children to be unnatural by their own examples.

"Let no enjoyment lessen, but augment, affection; it being the basest of passions to like when we have not, what we slight when we possess.

"Here it is we ought to search out our pleasure, where the field is large and full of variety, and of an enduring nature; sickness, poverty, or disgrace being not able to shake it, because it is not under the moving influences of worldly contingencies.

"Nothing can be more entire and without reserve; nothing more zealous, affectionate and sincere; nothing more contented and constant than such a couple, nor no greater temporal felicity than to be one of them."



A DREAM COMING TRUE

BY PAUL THORNBURG

It really did start as a dream . . . early in the morning before the light of day. The plan was seen, the need and the use of each room. Then it was all sketched as daylight came. (Below is a drawing almost exactly like the dream showed it . . . minor changes.) That dream was nearly a year ago, and today the foundation is in and building is begun. The estimated cost is 15,000 dollars. Nearly 4,000 dollars have been received. Cement, bricks, window glass, and metal for frames have all been purchased. The dream's name is "Memorial Hall," and it will honor many who have founded, pioneered, and worked here at the school.

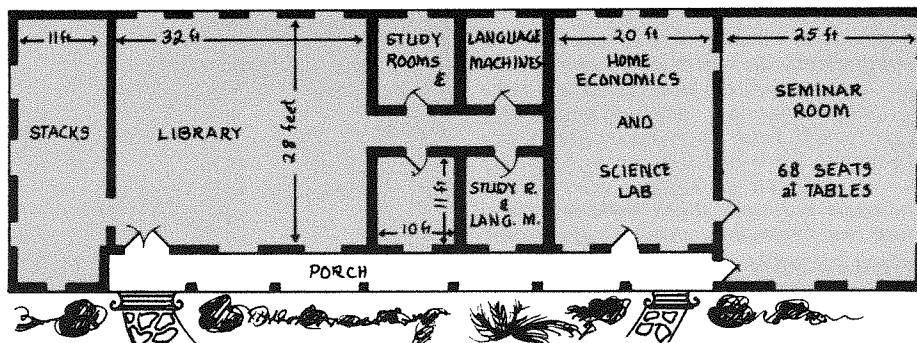
Over one hundred dollars came from students in the South India Evangelical Seminary in memory of a Murundi student who studied there to prepare to work in our Mweya School. He died before ever getting to teach here. Other

money has been given to honor former teachers, also a departed father who loved young people and helped them through school. As we have needed money to buy materials, it has been coming in. We believe God is moving His children to join in this dream.

Other signs confirm it as God's plan and concern and not just a daydream or wishful thinking. Bricks have been found all the same size, 40,000 of them, cement, glass for 256 window panes. We see God at work.

The large room for the Library will enable many students to study at the same time. We will make it available for public school teachers in our area and any others wishing to add to their knowledge. We have no other public libraries for many miles around.

We hope to get our seminary up to junior college level and eventually to full



Floor plan of the 115 x 35 foot Memorial Hall at Mweya Bible Institute and Evangelical Seminary of Central Africa. Paul Thornburg is a missionary/teacher in Burundi under Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends.

college level, and the first essential is adequate study facilities. The next four small rooms are for concentrated study, term papers, theses, and one room will have our language comparator with several headphones. With tapes in Kirundi, French, or English, those who desire may increase their ability to speak and listen to the language of their choice.

The next room, the Home Economics and Science Room, will enable us to meet a need to help the young ladies and wives of our students who may have had less schooling than their husbands. Next year we will take young ladies into the Bible School. We now have one young lady in the second year of seminary. We have a class called "God and Science," in which experiments are done and then some hours of natural science and physics. This room will perform dual duty. Sewing machines, cutting tables, wood stove, bunsen burner, sink, etc., will supply needs in these two areas.

The last large room, the Seminar Room, will provide a place for conferences and various group meetings. We are planning throughout the year to emphasize different areas of Christian service and growth. We have Sunday school teacher training courses, classes in stewardship, TEE (Theological Education by



Extension) workshops, personal evangelism seminars, and pastoral ministry for pastors' wives. At present there are no available classrooms for these conferences. This room will always be available for these special teaching sessions. If you come to visit us and are a specialist in some area of Christian service, we will ask you to come spend a few days and share in the area of your burden and speciality.

We are planning a three-day renewal program for people who feel unglued or run down at the heels spiritually. Christ was resurrected after three days in the

tomb, and we believe if any person will take three days from his schedule to wait in prayer, Bible study, and sharing with others who are seeking a closer walk with Jesus, there will be spiritual renewal. We now have one small cottage for guests who come for spiritual rejuvenation. We trust the Lord will help us build more.

As the Memorial Hall project is completed, we can see the possible need of larger facilities to seat from 500 to 1,000 people for camp meetings and youth retreats. But at present we are thrilled to see God at work on the first steps of providing a spot for people to get a bit of heaven into their hearts.

This year our Bible School teams have had the best success of any time in many years. In one weekend meeting we saw more than 200 saved and reclaimed. This has been the rule rather than the exception. Africa is a seething, boiling pot of many *isms*, all becoming militant to express their claim on minds and hearts. The need is great for a Holy Spirit-empowered leadership and spiritual renewal. May God cause your heart to burn within you for a deeper personal commitment to Him and a constant filling with His Spirit and power as you pray that we may enter the wide open doors of ministry here. CP

The Ministry of Wives

We would like for you to meet the wives of three of our seminary students and one Bible Institute student. Three are from Zaire and one from Burundi. From left to right they are Marita, Esther, Jean, and Mary, with Leona Thornburg, their teacher.

This year we have begun reading and sewing classes for them and more classes will be added later when we have more adequate facilities and others who will help teach them. They are eager to learn all they can to be better equipped as pastor's wives when their husbands finish their schooling here and begin their ministry elsewhere.

Behind every good pastor is usually a good wife. We want to help these women develop their talents to better help their husbands and serve the Lord.

Pray with us for these women that they will sense the Lord really helping them in this preparation.



Dreams coming true

Charles DeVol, EFC—Eastern Region missionary in Taiwan, gives the history of another dream coming true—the building of a congregation at Kaohsiung, the fastest growing city in Taiwan. Pictured is the group in front of their rented three-story building behind sign.



BY CHARLES E. DEVOL

Every year at the annual meeting of the mission staff in Taiwan, each member is expected to write a report of his year's work and to include any special projects or concerns.

In 1970 Howard Moore wrote a report on "Opportunities" in which he called attention to the city of Kaohsiung and suggested that Friends consider opening a church there.

Kaohsiung is the fastest growing city in Taiwan. Twenty-five years ago when Charles Matti first came to Taiwan, Chiayi and Kaohsiung were cities of about equal size; both had over 200,000. Chiayi's population remains about the same; Kaohsiung now has six times as many people, being a city of over 1,200,000.

Kaohsiung has a large modern harbor and a shipbuilding yard. Thousands from rural areas have gone there to find employment.

Kaohsiung has become a large industrial center. One of the biggest attractions is the opportunity of working in factories operated by foreign capital. All kinds of products are being made by companies

with headquarters in West Germany, Japan, Italy, Holland, and United States. Most of their wares are for the export market.

Kaohsiung is the cement-making center for Taiwan, and since there is a tremendous demand for cement this is a very important industry. New buildings are going up in every city on Taiwan and at an unbelievable rate. A few years ago, when Leora and I moved to Taipei to live, there were very few buildings that were more than two stories high. Today we are surrounded by four-story apartment houses, and tall buildings line the main streets. The construction of overpasses and underpasses at the intersections of many streets and the building of long bridges and a six-lane superhighway all call for cement, cement, and more cement.

Kaohsiung is the oil-refining center of Taiwan; most of the oil from the Middle East comes here.

Years ago Russell Zinn talked with our pastors in the Chiayi District about opening a chapel in Kaohsiung, but the idea did not catch fire at that time. Sherman

Brantingham visited Kaohsiung in 1972 and so did Russell Myers when he came out to Taiwan in 1973. Most everyone thought it was a good idea, but nothing happened; and some were afraid it would involve too big a financial investment.

However in January 1975 things began to move; the Chinese pastors in the north as well as in the south became interested in the project. They began to pray about it and talked about supporting it financially. A survey showed fifteen members from the Lower Lake area (which includes Deer Grass and Bamboo Foot) had already moved to Kaohsiung to work in factories. One family from Bamboo Ridge and two from the South Gate Church (Chiayi) had gone to Kaohsiung to go into business.

By February 1976, a year later, Frank Wu (pastor at Lower Lake) and Mary his wife said they were willing to go and enter this new field. Several trips were made to look things over and settle on a suitable location; finally they decided to rent a small three-story, storefront building near the harbor. By the first of March, Frank and Mary with their three

children moved from their rural pastorate into Kaohsiung. At first the children did not like city life but have gradually adjusted to it.

The first floor of the building serves as a chapel, and when crowded can seat about forty people. On the second floor is a dining room, kitchen, and living room (which also serves as the pastor's study), and on the third floor are the bedrooms.

Some of our churches contributed toward the money for rent and so did Chinese Christians in Cleveland, Ohio.

The first service was held in the new chapel on March 14, 1976. One year later, March 13, 1977, Leora and I went to attend their first anniversary. The place was packed, with some sitting on chairs at the back and actually out on the sidewalk; over fifty were present.

One of the overseers, Julia Kuoh, got the idea of having a birthday cake to celebrate the first birthday of the church. So she bought a large, nicely decorated cake. At the close of the service, Leora was asked to cut the cake, and a good sized piece was served to each one.

This church started out differently than any of our other churches. We already had a good nucleus of our own members, and the pastor was well known to all of them.

Heresies

Heresies
in respect to truth
and love
grow in rich soil
composted
by tradition
which over time
becomes hedged
by prudence
shaded
by peripheral culture
and leached out
by an acidity
of pride.

—Arthur Roberts 4/20/77

After only three months they began paying on their pastor's salary, and in the fourth month they doubled their giving. Now they are taking over his full salary. I suggested at a meeting with the overseers that it might be rather difficult for them to attempt so much in one step as they still have only a small group. But one of their overseers, who is a medical student, spoke up in good English and said to me, "Dr. DeVol, we wanted you to come here tonight so that we could inform you of our plans, not to ask you to come and change our decisions."

Since this chapel is small and there is no immediate hope of getting a larger building, they are planning to hold meetings in different parts of the city in the homes of the overseers. Lay Christians are responsible for these Thursday night meetings, and these homes are to be centers of evangelism.

Recently the YMCA has opened a branch center on our street and only a few doors from our chapel. They are operating a social service center where classes are taught in English, Japanese, cooking, flower arrangement, and other subjects. Students have to pay tuition to take these courses. Our pastor, Frank Wu, has been asked to cooperate with them and to use five minutes each week in presenting the Gospel to the students.

Dreams are coming true. Prayers are being answered. Souls are being saved. Churches are becoming self-supporting. Thank God!



Why does a woman need a Will?

For all the same reasons a man does: to be sure her property is distributed the way she wants it to be; to save her heirs needless time and expense; and to include a gift for the Lord's work if that is her wish. If she has children, she needs a will to name the most suitable guardian for them in case they should lose both parents.

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BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

The High Society of Friends

It is not a simple task to get ready for a simple Quaker wedding. Basic necessities include the month of June, a bride and a groom, and a meetinghouse. This tradition has taken on a few extras among most Friends, something like a \$1,000 minimum for a really proper simple ceremony. The most comfortable way to sort these extras over is to figure how much might be saved in the search for simplicity.

Let's see . . . (the check list is fresh in my mind as I will "officiate" at one this afternoon, two next week, and June isn't even here yet as I write this!). So, if you keep the invitation list below 100, that saves maybe \$35 in printing costs and some other reception materials; if you decide against a three-color, actual photo, gothic design invitation type, you may save as much as \$250. If grandmother will make the wedding dress you may save from \$50 to \$300; and if you cut down on the number of bridesmaids with tailored, matching dresses for them (and the flower girl) you may save up to \$35 apiece.

If the groom decides against a rented (or purchased) pastel-colored tuxedo and matching uniforms for the groomsmen and father of the bride, another \$200 to \$500 might be saved. (Incidentally, having seen many grooms at close range standing before the mirror for a last minute re-review, it is obvious they admire beautiful weddings as much as the bride's mother regardless of what you may hear to the contrary.)


Then, of course, there are the two mothers' dresses . . . the list starts to become frantically detailed from here on: flowers, bouquets, candles, cakes, rehearsal dinners, receptions, guest book, photographer, musicians, custodian (fees for these), and rice. (Birdseed is becoming more popular; it disappears faster from the parking lot and is a tiny ecological improvement.) Not much can be done to avoid "going-away" outfits, hotel, and other honeymoon expenses and these added to the total—well, whoever heard of a "simple honeymoon"?

This hopefully once-in-a-lifetime event requires any daughter's father worth his salt to become a patsy for paying up, to the point of taking a second mortgage on the house. Too bad he can't get as good a guarantee that the marriage will make it as the bank wants for their part of it all.

Everyone knows weddings are supposed to be about as special as possible. Every culture, in every land, seems to go all out in their various ways. And remember, one of the first events on Jesus' social calendar was the Cana wedding

(a fact woven into almost every Christian ceremony), and it was an appropriate place for the first recorded miracle.

But can weddings be both special and simple? Quakers have thought so. Fortunately Friends have moved out of the one-dimensional color scheme (gray), but there may be a place for discernment in distinguishing between colors and ostentation, fellowship and fashion, simplicity and sensationalism, good or gaudy. Memories are important, meaningful, precious, happy, deep, binding—memories of a wedding day experienced in the meetinghouse before family, Friends, and the Lord.

From Genesis on through to Joseph and Mary, the family and the marriage vows are sacred in Scripture—the primary, basic unit of God's creation. The family takes precedence over every other institution of society—government, school, church—as the foundational setting for spiritual depth. It is good to read in the "Friends Gather" section of this paper about more and more "Quaker weddings." It is a splendid trend; it takes a lot of creativity and courage to have a simple wedding in our society. 


A Place for Pageantry

Responding to an invitation to a special Episcopal service for the "restoration" of a man to the priesthood, my Quaker spiritual sensibilities were startled—and stretched. The two-hour event with its pageantry, liturgies, and frequent bishop-congregation responses—kneeling, standing, or sitting—brought home to me how different Quakers are. The read prayers were beautiful, the wording impressive even when spoken in toneless rapidity.

The restored priest is my friend and agrees to my writing of our friendship "as I wish," for we have spent long hours together when even our praying follows the distinctive patterns with which we each have become comfortable (we are about the same age).

But beyond the denominational differences is spiritual reality; it was a major factor in his leaving the priesthood—the "reality was disappearing." He found again in a Quaker meeting the *real presence* without rituals or liturgies. The intimate sharing of our relationship with Christ, our oneness in the Spirit kept us close together these recent months. This bridge of obvious ecclesiastical barriers somehow helped him rediscover God's grace and guidance. He felt, however, he must go back and finish his life in the Episcopal priesthood. Attending the colorful, carefully ordered service of restoration brought to me in a humble way how the Lord at times allows a Quaker pastor and an Episcopal priest to minister to each other.

His faith and calling are restored, and in another way so is mine. "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Ephesians 4:4-6)

While the pageantry, the elements, the water, the liturgies are barriers to us, they seem to be a blessing to others when they find God in them. 



THE OLD HOUSE

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

The old house was still there. And interestingly enough, it looked almost exactly like she remembered it to be. It was painted a nice green now. No matter that she had long since forgotten the color that it had been forty years ago, the last time she had seen it. After all, there were many more important things to remember about the house than its long-ago color.

It was in the days before television when the Little Girl lived there. Seeing the house now made many memories hop out as if they had happened only last Wednesday.

She had started off to the first grade from the front porch of that house. Clutched tightly in her hand that day were the coloring cards of children-from-other-lands that always came in Shredded Wheat cereal boxes. Mother walked beside and helped to make it easier to meet the teacher and the other first graders. In the years since, she has learned that God goes along with us, too, like Mother used to, to help make new experiences much easier.

That was the house where the Little Girl had three-day measles and whooping cough—at the same time. Chicken pox was endured at another session. That all happened in the front bedroom. Her mother sat and read favorite Uncle Wiggily stories to help pass the time away for the Little Girl while she was sick.

Sometimes Daddy listened, too. Once, during the story reading, he had to go out to the back woodshed to bring in more wood for the stove. "Don't read until I get back," he called to Mother. The Little Girl chuckled. It was funny that Daddy liked Uncle Wiggily stories, too. She knows now that mothers and daddies often like the same things that their children do; it is neat to have fun with the same things at the same time.

It was in that house that the Little Girl one afternoon stomped her foot and said

loudly to her mother, "You never let me do anything!" The exact remembrance of what happened immediately after that has gone. However, it seems like whatever it was took place in the back bedroom behind the kitchen. The idea of not-talking-back-to-mother stayed firmly in the Little Girl's mind, even if she did forget some other things.

Part of the time she lived in that house, the Little Girl wanted to some day be a tap dancer. She would practice tapping and clicking on the wooden floor of the front room. While her feet moved fast, her mind dreamed of fancy black tap shoes that would make it all real. She's very glad now that God had other things for her to do with her life besides being a tap dancer. It's been nice to be a pastor's wife, a mother, a Sunday school teacher, a writer. God's plans for us are always so much better than the things we dream of for ourselves.

The Little Girl received her first very own Bible when she lived in that house. It had a green cover and very tiny print. No doubt it went along regularly to Sunday school and church with its proud owner. It might also have gone to school on Monday mornings when the Bible teacher came for class in the schoolroom. Carrying a Bible to Sunday school and church is a very good habit to begin when you are six. Then, when you are twenty or thirty-two or sixty, it is easy to remember to take your Bible when you go to church.

The people who lived next door to that house forty years ago had come from Texas. They talked differently than anyone the Little Girl had ever heard before. They would say, "We're going to carry her to town." What they really meant was, "We're going to *take* her to town." The Little Girl thought their way of talking was funny.

Besides, where was Texas? It must have been clear around the world from where she lived. She has learned since then that Texas isn't actually very far away. Neither is Bolivia or Russia or Africa or Japan. And the best thing is, God doesn't really care where we live; He knows where we are and He loves us no matter where we live.

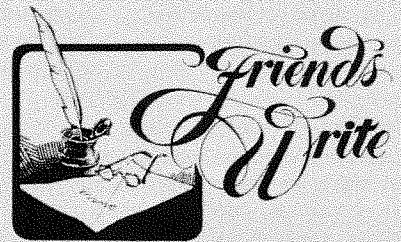
There is so much to think about as she sees the old house again. The front porch isn't nearly as big as the Little Girl thought it was when she lived there. Actually, the porch did not shrink. It had always been that size. You see, when

you're grown-up, things don't look as big as they did when you were small. That's where she sat when she watched the black things floating through the air. She had been certain they were flying fish. Later she discovered they were nothing more than big cinders from the neighbor's chimney.

Then there was the wiggly puppy that came home as a special surprise . . . being sick after taking scarlet fever shots . . . losing her first tooth while sitting in the reading circle in the first grade . . . the smell of homemade vegetable soup that went along with brought-from-home sandwiches every other day in the school lunchroom (cocoa was served the other days) . . . having to read "baby" stories like the "Three Pigs" when she was a very grown-up second grader . . . on and on the memories come.

Thank God for neat experiences when you are six or seven. Think on them hard! When you are forty-six or fifty-three it will be fun to think about those things that happened "not so long ago."

Yes, that old house still stands. The color may be changed and the garage and woodshed gone, but that's all right because houses as well as people change through the years. But God never changes! He is the same forty years ago, now in 1977, and on and on for more years than we can think of. That we can count on for sure!



To 'A Very Lonely Friend'

■ I must respond to "A Very Lonely Friend" [May EVANGELICAL FRIEND].

By all means withdraw from a group where you do not feel you truly belong in *every* sense. The discomfort and loneliness you are experiencing may simply be from the Spirit's leading—urging you on to places where you may be of most service and find the fulfillment God promises.

I've found the "at home" feeling to be a function of the individual congregation. (Continued on page 17)

First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

Dr. ALVIN L. ANDERSON, professor of education and psychology at Malone College, has been selected as a Fulbright Professor to the University of Calabar in Nigeria for the 1977-78 school year, leaving Canton the last of July. Anderson's wife LUCY will accompany him. Currently director of publications at the college, Lucy plans either to teach English, or "she may pack up a typewriter and do a lot of writing."

LLOYD LYDA of Medford (Oregon) Friends, instructor in the high school mechanics shop at nearby Eagle Point, Oregon, produced a duo team that won first place as troubleshooters in state competition and took the team into the Nationals for the fourth time.

FORREST SMITH, of Salem, Oregon, who with his wife PAT is on an extended visit on the Friends mission field in Burundi, Africa, is building a camera for the mission print shop. All the parts have been made and assembled. Smith, a retired machinist, is the father of SANDY DEALY. She and her husband ED are missionaries under Kansas Yearly Meeting.

CLARE and EDNA WILLCUTS, former pastors in Kansas Yearly Meeting and now from Northwest Yearly Meeting, are retracing former steps by visiting congregations they once pastored in KYM--Northridge, Timber Creek, Ramona, and Booker.

Congratulations to LEROY BRIGHTUP, chairman of Friends University's Division of Religion and Philosophy, for receiving the University's W. A. Young award for excellence in teaching.

Kansas Yearly Meeting's oldest minister, CHARLES CARR, died in Enid, Oklahoma, April 18, at the age of 101 years. He was a former pastor and Camp Quaker Haven builder/caretaker. (See story in "Friends Gather" under Enid, Oklahoma.)

ADORA HARTMAN and WANDA COFFIN, of Iowa Yearly Meeting, were recently appointed by the Wider Ministries Commission of the Friends United Meeting to serve for two years at Friends Girls' School in Ramallah, Palestine. Both are graduates of William Penn College.

HAROLD and WILMA MAGEE, Northwest Yearly Meeting Friends, and two daughters, are under appointment by Wycliffe Bible Translators to go to Loma Linda, Colombia. Harold will be responsible for operation, maintenance, and general technical supervision of the radio transmitting and receiving station at this headquarters base.

FRIENDS FOCUS

FEDERAL INDIAN POLICY: AT A CROSSROADS

On May 17 the American Indian Policy Review Commission (AIPRC) submitted its final report to Congress, the first official analysis since 1928. The result of a two-year study, it has raised considerable interest among Indians and non-Indian peoples alike.

The most controversial area addressed by the commission is that of tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction, opining that Indian tribes are sovereign political bodies that have the power to determine their own membership and enact and enforce their own laws within reservation boundaries.

Friends should note the Commission's recommendation that "state and county governments sit down with the tribal governments . . . resolve their jurisdictional conflicts . . . on the basis of mutual respect."

Quakers have long been champions of Indians' rights and may be interested in writing to their congressmen for a copy of the AIPRC report, available in July.

KANSAS PASTORS' RETREAT

Kansas Yearly Meeting Pastors' retreat will long be remembered, as 120 pastors and spouses gathered in Oklahoma City. Orville C. Butcher, from Lemon Grove Community Church, California, ministered to the group. Elfrida Vipont Foulds, English Friend from the "1652 Country," was also present, graciously presenting her views of Quaker history.

QUAKER HILL SUMMER CONFERENCES

A series of timely workshops is being presented for the first time this summer at The Quaker Hill Conference Center, Richmond, Indiana, on the following subjects: "Separation and Bereavement," "Quaker Genealogy," "Making the Bible Come Alive," and "Care Lab," a workshop on the art of listening, of speaking the truth in love, and the art of reconciling differences.

TAPE LENDING LIBRARY

Northridge Friends Church has a most inclusive lending library of tapes on subjects of special interest to Quakers. Vital subjects are included, such as Church Growth, Finances, Faith and Practice, Quaker Heritage, Social Service, Ecology, Family Helps, Women, and Pastor's Helps. For information write: Northridge Friends, Cassette Lending Library, 2655 Bullinger, Wichita, Kansas 67204.

PASTORS' APPRECIATION SERVICE

Newberg Friends (Oregon) held a pastors' appreciation service one evening, toward the close of the church year, for their pastors, Ron Woodward and Richard Foster. We've long enjoyed Mother's Day and Father's Day, so why not "Pastors' Day"?

"TOMORROW IS GROWING OLD"

Tomorrow Is Growing Old describes the Quaker witness among the Indian and Eskimo peoples of Alaska. This book by Quaker author, Arthur O. Roberts, narrates events by which Friends became a major religious force in the Arctic. Here the oldest and youngest civilizations have met in a dramatic encounter, with the coming of the Alaskan pipeline.

Through the years since the 1800s, at least five different yearly meetings have officially participated in the establishment and carrying on of education and Christianization of a people whose land for many was but an icebox to be raided of its treasures.

This 560-page book, including over 120 historic photos and documents, contributes much toward the publicizing of Alaska's rich religious heritage. It is being published sometime in 1977 by The Barclay Press, Newberg, Oregon.

LUIS PALAU CRUSADE IN NEWBERG

The Christian Club of Newberg (Oregon) High School recently sponsored a Luis Palau Crusade. The Latin American evangelist, called the "Billy Graham of South America," now president of Overseas Crusades, spoke nightly during the weekend in the high

school gymnasium. Good crowds attended in this small Oregon city. Friends students are prominent in this influential interdenominational high school club, which sometimes has from 15 to 20 percent of the student body in attendance at weekly meetings before the school day opens.

FAITH PROMISE A SUCCESS

Boise (Idaho) Friends Church projected their faith-promise giving from May 1976 to April 30, 1977, to be \$12,198.27. At the end of that period, their actual receipts totaled \$12,707.31. The Outreach Committee presented a challenge of \$15,000 for the new church year. But the ensuing promises by faith came to \$17,268! Seven years ago the amount given by this church to missions totaled \$417.

Salem First Friends (Ohio) also reports positive results of their faith-promise project, being right on target thus far toward their goal of \$30,000 for the year.

UPDATE YOUR QUAKER BOOKSHELF

Revised editions of the following booklets may be obtained from The Barclay Press, Newberg, Oregon 97132, or the nearest Friends bookstore:

"A Family of Friends," a concise, informative ten-chapter booklet by Jack L. Willcuts, may be used as a membership course study or to acquaint people with Quaker beliefs and practices. \$1.50.

"The People Called Quakers," by Arthur O. Roberts, emphasizes that the Quaker concerns and message are as relevant today as they were in seventeenth century England. \$.60.

"What About War" is a timely pamphlet by Paul M. Mills, giving a scriptural basis for the peace testimony. \$.10.

EFA MISSION, MEXICO CITY

Missionary Paul Cammack of the EFA mission, Mexico City, reports the working of the Spirit in many visible ways--confession and settling of old grudges, deliverance from drink, and finding peace in Christ. There is a mounting enthusiasm for the youth-family camp, and a concern for obtaining property and a building for worship is increasing.

--Iowa Friend, May

PRESIDENT CARTER AND DISARMAMENT--AN ENGLISH VIEW

In the April/May issue of Labour Peace Newsletter edited by Ron Huzzard of Petts Wood Meeting (England), Philip Noel-Baker complains of inadequate reporting in the British press of the strong statements made by President Carter in favor of world disarmament. "They have not even made their readers understand that he is a nuclear physicist, a trained nuclear engineer, and a former commander of a U.S. nuclear submarine," he said. Noel-Baker cited many quotations from the President's speeches.

--The Friend, May 6

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, meeting in Norton, Massachusetts, August 15-20, 1977, has programmed three successive sessions of worship and Bible study into their daily yearly meeting sessions, from 7:15 a.m. through 10:30 a.m., before launching their day of business. "Living Without a Partner" will be the subject of one of the workshops. It is designed for those of any age who live alone, whether by choice or of necessity. Insights, needs and contributions, advantages and disadvantages of living singly will be shared.

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL HELD

With exhibits running the gamut from pencil sketches and watercolors through oil painting, carving, dried flower arrangements, sculpture, stained glass, collage, rug weaving, and woodworking, an impressive worship service led by Professor Peter Snow culminated the day, emphasizing art appreciation as a means to worship. Reedwood Friends (Portland, Oregon) sponsored the festival.

CALL TO PEACEMAKING

"This is the right time, the right idea, and the right arena for a special peacemaking effort," says Robert Rumsey, Plainfield, Indiana, coordinator of the New Call to Peacemaking emphasis now being launched by the historic peace churches.

Representatives of Friends, Mennonites, and the Church of the Brethren are projecting a series of regional events and a national conference to focus on the historical and biblical basis for the peace witness and its relevance in an increasingly militaristic culture. A major aim of the preparatory conferences being arranged is to get the peace message of the Gospel before every congregation and every individual member of the participating churches.

The special two-year thrust will climax October 5-8, 1978, with a peace study/action conference at the American Baptist Assembly grounds, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

POTPOURRISOME GUIDES TO 'ALTERNATIVES'

If you've ever wondered if there's a guide to all the magazines, journals, newsletters, and newspapers published that are specifically written to offer alternative practices and life-styles for twentieth-century man, the answer is here: Guide to Alternative Periodicals, Sunspark Press, Box 6341-P, St. Petersburg, FL 33736.

And if you've every sought an alternative to staying in impersonal motels while traveling, the Mennonite Your Way Travel Directory outlines a hospitality network of over 1,700 families across the United States and Canada who are willing to host visitors and travelers. It includes maps, places, and events of interest from the Christian perspective. To order mail \$2 and your name and address to Mennonite Your Way, Box 1525, Salunga, PA 17538.

LEGITIMIZING DIVORCE IS NOT THE ANSWER

Divorce is getting a lot of attention from evangelicals these days--they want to know how to relate biblical principles to the upsurge in marriage splits. Dwight Hervey Small does just this in his new book, The Right to Remarry, much to the concern of Mike Yaconelli in The Wittenburg Door (February-March).

Yaconelli wonders whether the book's emphasis on forgiveness and grace will really heal broken lives or simply legitimize divorce.

"Doesn't the church have something to offer this divorce-ridden culture besides a biblical basis for legitimizing divorce? It seems that whatever the culture is into, give the church a few years and it follows suit. Instead, isn't this the time for a book entitled The Right to Marry?

"Or how about Learning How to Stay Committed in an Uncommitted World? Doesn't the Gospel have something to say about honor, loyalty, love?"

Yaconelli concludes that the book "comes at the worst possible time when . . . the impact of the book will not be that the church will be more accepting of divorce and remarriage; instead, it will serve as an apologetic for those looking for a rationale (and biblical, at that) for their divorce."--Evangelical Newsletter

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tion, pastor, and me. Feel free to "shop" among individual Friends churches. Don't hesitate to associate yourself with another denomination altogether when some group can let you know, "This is the place!"

We cannot afford to let either our joy or our service in the Lord be diminished by labels or locations.

JUDY JONES

Salem, Oregon

'The Battle for the Bible,' Round 3

■ I realize that my esteemed friends, Howard Macy ["Books," April 1977] and Roscoe Townsend ["Friends Write," May 1977], both claiming to be evangelicals, do not see eye to eye on the subject of the place of the Holy Scriptures. Rather than my claiming to be schooled in these niceties of debate, may I call our attention to Robert Barclay, in his *Apology for the True Christian Divinity* (Friends Book Store, 1908 edition, pages 14, 15 and 72ff):

"... the scriptures of truth, which contain . . . A full and ample account of all the chief principles of the doctrine of Christ . . . nevertheless, because they are only a declaration of the fountain and not the fountain itself, therefore are not to be esteemed the principal ground of all truth and knowledge, nor yet the adequate primary rule of faith and manners. Nevertheless, as that which giveth a true and faithful testimony of the first foundation, they are and may be esteemed a secondary rule, subordinate to the Spirit, from which they have all their excellency and certainty; for as by the inward testimony of the Spirit we do alone truly know them, so they testify, that the Spirit is that guide by which the saints are led into all truth; therefore, according to the scriptures, the Spirit is the first and principal leader. And seeing we do therefore receive and believe the scriptures, because they proceeded from the Spirit; therefore also the Spirit is more originally and principally the rule."

MILO ROSS

Newberg, Oregon

'Thanks to Our Pastor'

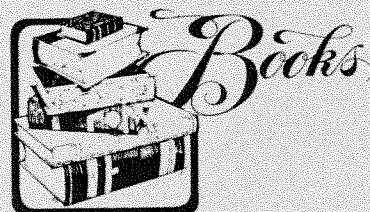
■ On the EVANGELICAL FRIEND [March 1977] your cover with the eagle was breathtaking. Also in reading the "Friends Gather" section about Friends churches in other states, I would like to give thanks for our pastor and for the miracle that happened in my family.

My daughter, Lori Maria, broke her arm in four places last June ice-skating. The doctors put a cast on her arm and said she would need surgery on her wrist before it could be normal again. I worried because I knew we couldn't afford it, but I prayed. Our pastor came by our home, and he prayed over her arm. The next day I took Lori Maria to the hospital to have her cast removed and X rays taken. Our doctor was surprised the crack on the bone and damage shown on the first X ray came out clear in this X ray; he said it had to be a miracle.

So we want to express our appreciation to our pastor [Terry Ash] for his prayers and for his effective ministry here at Albuquerque Friends.

PRISCILLA WOOLRIDGE

Albuquerque, New Mexico



Jack Kirk, *The First Quaker*, a Junior High Curriculum of George Fox and His Teachings. Friends Faith and Life Curriculum—Living Light Series, Friends United Press, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, Indiana 47374, \$1.95.

Only Jack Kirk, with his wealth of knowledge of early Friends, could have written such an exciting and versatile study of the life of George Fox. While intended for junior high students, this material is ideal not only for family study but for examination by Friends membership classes as well.

Kirk has succeeded in writing more than a historical study—it is the spiritual autobiography of Fox that is opened for us to see. Balanced and whole, the unit deals only with the first generation of Friends. Kirk's aim "is to get back to the headwaters of the Quaker stream before it began to divide into various channels in 1828." He says, "We want to drink from the fresh, clear springs of living water that refreshed and transformed our forebears in Puritan England."

This study is designed to be used for a quarter of Sunday school lessons and

is just what many are looking for. Fresh, exciting, personal, and deep, the living Christ still speaks through the lives of early Friends, even to us today.

—Ron Allen

Eduard Lohse, *The New Testament Environment*, Abingdon, 1976, 300 pp., \$6.95 (paper).

The New Testament can be fully appreciated and understood only when read with reference to its political, social, cultural, and religious context. Eduard Lohse, former professor of New Testament and now a bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany, states that

the more precisely we determine where people felt the impact of the Christian proclamation and how they understood and related the gospel to their lives, the better we will succeed in translating the content of this message from the manner of speech and the conceptions of the ancient world into the language of our own time. (p. 12)

In order to accomplish this purpose, the author presents a broad spectrum of material dealing with the period 200 B.C.-A.D. 135 under the headings (1) Judaism in the Time of the New Testament and (2) The Hellenistic-Roman Environment of the New Testament. Major topics discussed include the political history of Palestine, apocalyptic literature, groups within Judaism (Sadducees, Pharisees, Zealots, Essenes, Qumran community, Scribes), temple and synagogue practices, mystery religions of the Roman Empire, and gnosticism. Also included are chronological tables, charts of important genealogies, maps, index, and bibliography.

Although the treatment of material is not as detailed in some points as in similar books (e.g., F. F. Bruce's *New Testament History*, Doubleday, 1972), Lohse shows a commanding knowledge of original sources as well as of current discoveries and research relating to the period. The many references to biblical and other materials allow the reader to trace the impact of the world of the New Testament upon the text of the New Testament. The result is a scholarly yet highly readable and informative discussion.

The reviewer feels that this volume ought to be in church libraries as well as be required reading for pastors, Sunday school teachers, Bible study leaders, and

others responsible for or interested in the interpretation and exposition of the New Testament. —Richard L. Bower

Leon Uris, *Trinity*, Doubleday and Company, Inc., 1976, 751 pages.

Leon Uris, author of *Exodus*, *Mila 18*, *QB VII*, *Topaz*, and other novels of the popular/historical genre, has struck again with this new novel. *Trinity* is a historical look at the rise of republicanism in Ireland about the turn of the century. But it goes even further than this, tracing the history of Ireland back to the Normans, and to King William. The book is about Conor Larkin, a member of a strong Irish Catholic family, who becomes a leader in the movement for Irish Independence.

Trinity is an example of the fact that history is never dead, that it only repeats itself over and over—now. The struggle for Irish identity is still going on—the struggle against the English Protestant domination of economic and social life in Ireland. *Trinity* is an interesting book, not only because it is historically accurate but because of its literary arrangement and presentation of idea. Uris is a rambling storyteller, expertly interchanging from the first to third person throughout the novel. His descriptions of life are always realistic, if sometimes ponderous; often touching, and always informative. Uris builds his major characters well, leaving the minor characters to fend for themselves and rather devoid of quality. He also displays a tendency to use stock characters, too strong, too amoral, to be real.

Trinity, with all these criticisms aside, comes across to Christians more as a book presenting an idea. If we as Christians are to understand the suffering that is present in our world and to be a force in changing that suffering to joy, we must also understand the background of that suffering—we must consciously expose ourselves to the existing realities.

The most important thing for Christians to do is to get away from the women's missionary union reading list for a time, exposing ourselves, with good taste of course, to literature, both classical and popular, that can broaden our view and understanding of the world in which we live. *Trinity* does this, and more. It is in this light that *Trinity* is an important, entertaining, engrossing, and much-needed book for Christians.

—Robin T. Ankeny



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

American Religion Is Like Heinz: It Comes in 57 Varieties

When it comes to religion, Americans find themselves at a cafeteria line, overwhelmed with custom-fashioned and tailor-made faiths for every consumer and customer around. Everything looks as good as everything else, and they simply cannot make up their minds to bite in anywhere, writes Martin Marty, professor of church history at the University of Chicago, in *The Church Herald* (April 15), magazine of the Reformed Church in America.

Marty concludes that people still have to pick their way. "Some lean to authority and security and ask leaders to screen out all signals but one. Others lunge toward freedom and selfhood and 'do their own thing' with the therapy of their choice in what has been called the great 'Me Decade.' No one is likely to have the best of both worlds, but no one need settle for the worst of each, either."

—Evangelical Newsletter

Southern Baptist College Bars Hiring of Divorced Persons

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA—A campus controversy has emerged over a new policy at California Baptist College that bars the hiring of divorced persons or their spouses as teachers or administrators. The policy was adopted, the Board of Trustees said, because of the "alarming" rise of broken homes among faculty members and the belief that these set a bad example for students.

Critics argue the ruling is too stringent and does not allow academically qualified persons who are "innocent bystanders" of a divorce to serve at the school.

Under the new regulations, divorced persons currently serving at the school would be allowed to remain; but any

teacher or administrator who became divorced or married a divorced person would be terminated. Four divorced persons now are on the staff. —E.P.

Member of President's Team Wants Tax Relief for Parents of Private School Students

SAN FRANCISCO — Graciela Olivarez, a member of President Carter's new executive team, says she wants tax relief for parents whose children attend private and church schools.

To attain the goal, the Community Services Administration director announced she is exploring the possibility of a class action suit.

Catholic bishops, she says, should consider threatening to shut down church schools to obtain a relief from the "inordinate tax burden" of parents supporting them.

Parents of private school students have been intimidated by other taxpayers, she told the National Catholic Education Association convention here, by misapplications of church-state separation to allow "a monopoly . . . the public school system . . . to take over." —E.P.

Reading of Books Does Not Fit into Our Passive Age

Bob Greene, syndicated columnist writing in *Newsweek* (May 2), says people aren't reading like they used to and we are seeing a subtle but unmistakable turning away from books and libraries.

"Problems young people have with reading are not new, but the trend seems to be worsening. Recently the chancellor of the University of Illinois's branch campus in Chicago said that 10 percent of the freshmen at his university could read no better than the average eighth grader . . . [and] of those college freshmen whose reading skills were equivalent to the sixth- to eighth-grade level . . . many had ranked in the top half of their high school classes."

In fact, "a professor at the same university said that even after four years on campus, some of the college graduates could hardly read or write."

According to Greene, this problem has developed because we live in a passive age. "To listen to a record album, to sit through a movie, to watch a television show—all require nothing of the cultural consumer, save his mere presence. To read a book, though, takes an act of will

on the part of the consumer. He must genuinely want to find out what is inside."

What does this mean? Greene concludes, "Nothing perhaps. Just the inevitability of change, perhaps. Only that what we used to call 'civilization' is, in so many small ways, managing to slip away from us, perhaps forever."

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More Unmarried Couples Living Together, Says Census Bureau

President Carter may have urged government employees to stop "living in sin" and get married, but according to recent U.S. Census Bureau statistics, the number of unmarried couples living together has doubled since 1970—and among those under forty-five, the increase is nearly four-fold. In addition, the number of adults under thirty-five who live alone has more than doubled since 1970.

The New York Times claims these trends reflect several shifts in American family and social life in recent years: a tendency to postpone or forgo marriage, growing career ambitions of women, mounting divorce rates, independence of young people from parents, and wide tolerance for unconventional living arrangements. —*Evangelical Newsletter*

Newsletter Advises Ministers on Mundane Matters

NEW YORK—Two men, assuming that most clergymen are ignorant about practical matters, have launched a monthly newsletter advising ministers about "everything they didn't tell you in seminary about running a church."

The periodical advises on everything from how to evict noisy intruders from worship services legally to tips on deducting vacation expenses from income taxes, listings of toll-free telephone numbers, and more satisfactory sleep habits that can lead to increased productivity.

Titled *Church Business Report*, the newsletter bills itself as a tool "almost like a team of high-paid business consultants working for you." —*E.P.*

Center of Gravity of Christianity Seen Shifting to 'the Third Church'

NEW YORK—The 500-year-old era of Western missions spreading the Gospel to the far corners of the earth is ending as the center of gravity of Christianity shifts to the Third World.

And the local churches of that world—in nations loosed from colonial bridles

and heady with independence—are stepping to the fore, ready or not, to assume responsibility as full-fledged partners in the Christian family.

No longer culturally captive, this "Third Church" will set its own course and throw off Western patterns of worship, liturgy, building, and custom. Foreign evangelists who insist on remaining ignorant of local mores and who exhibit paternalistic attitudes will be sent home.

Such is the thesis of an influential Roman Catholic "missiologist," Father Walter Buhlmann, O.F.M., Cap., secretary-general of the Capuchin missions throughout the world and teacher at Rome's Gregorian University, which historically has graduated many of the church's future leading bishops and even popes.

—*E.P.*



HARMONY

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Hello! I was thinking about music lately. I know so little about it, but I know what kind of music I like! What kind do you enjoy most? One thing I learned by being around a college is that there is considerable disagreement about music. Preferences range from classical to rock and roll; and from old hymns to new choruses, to singing of Psalms.

Serious musicians committed to symphonic or chamber music are not likely to play rock and roll—or are they?

Having been around church music all my life, I sense great differences of opinion about what is suitable for a worship service. I surely know what I think.

I would suppose that to gather together an orchestra, chorale, or choir, it would be important for members to appreciate and understand the same type of music rendered. In an orchestra, for instance, there is a great diversity of instruments and of talents to match, to play for them. There is also a great deal of diversity in the prominence of instruments. Some are for solo use. Some are for volume. Some are unusual instruments that are played sparingly. Some would

be shocking to hear played alone but would be badly missed if they were dropped out altogether.

A good conductor knows every part and just where each instrument comes in. He hears it, no matter how soft or how small the part, and misses it if absent. The whole performance depends on every single person doing a superb job individually. Only thus can perfect harmony result. There are always those who carry the main burden of every performance. There are loud and spectacular sounds, the bright and tinkling, the sweet, liquid, melodious sounds as of a harp. The wrong use—too much or too little of any part spoils the effect.

Actually I really know very little about music. I just know how it sounds to me.

My special interest in harmony is not music, but people! Groups of people, as in a church, are made up with different gifts and abilities, but each one must come in on the right beat and be a part of a great harmonizing whole. We need soloists, and we have them. We need unusual and special qualities, and we have them. We need those who make up the chorus to follow without dragging and those who lead to do so without running away with the show.

It is going to take a lot of practice and discipline if a group is to make harmony. There can be no withholding, no self-seeking, and no peevish reactions.

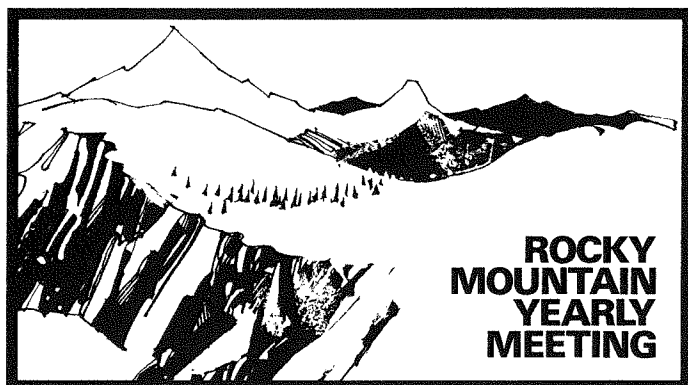
Of course, we could all sing our own tune, or do our own thing, but then where would be the united witness, or the impact on a fragmented world? The sign of the Christian church is love and harmony. Discord among brethren is the alternative. Discord, however small, produces big ones.

If one person is off pitch, it is difficult for those around to keep on pitch. Being a little out of tune may be caused by a little touchiness, or pride, but it often ends in disgrace and public embarrassment before those we are particularly trying to help. Each note in the right relation to all others will make a perfect peon of praise. That is the dynamics of music—moving, inspiring, ennobling.

What is true of harmony in music may apply to people.

Right relation to each other, to our families, especially to God our master conductor, creates magnificent music, a praise to God, and what a fellowship it would be! "What joy divine!"

I like harmony best!



Put Jesus First

"More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ." Philippians 3:8 (NASB)

In life's daily rush it is easy to get caught up in cares and worries, and to totally forget the important things. Satan so often uses things like money, possessions, jobs, and relationships with people to keep Christians from getting their hearts straight with the Lord.

The Apostle Paul discovered something during his lifetime, and was anxious for early Christians also to learn it. He learned that Jesus Christ and nothing else was important—just Jesus.

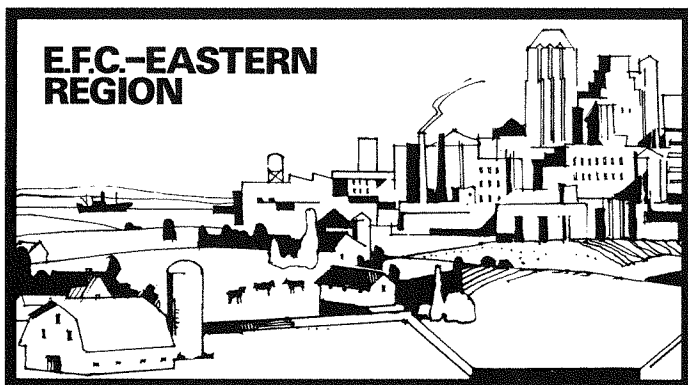
The Bible is full of prescriptions to a happy fulfilled life (which we all desire) and all revolve around our focus on God.

"But seek first His kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33 (NASB)

So when we let Christ be our *only* focus, and concentrate on Him, God *will* supply our needs. The secret we each need to apply in our life is looking only to God; to live for and serve Him, and then watch Him fulfill and meet our needs which sidetrack us from Jesus.

Isaiah 26:3 holds a neat promise which each of us should apply as we finish 1977 and look totally on Christ as our *first* love. "Thou dost keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee." Isaiah 26:3 (RSV)

—Mike Henley



Discipline Concerns Shared

I have been pleased to see in the *Evangelical Friend* the discussions concerning the proposed discipline and reorganization for Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region. I, too, have some concerns to share on the topic.

I believe that organization ought to be dynamic and therefore changing. This may call for an occasional organizational realignment to keep the effectiveness at the desired maximum level.

An important beginning is to ask ourselves, "Why are we organized

into a Yearly Meeting called Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region?" The principal answer is because we believe that we can do some things better together than as individual local meetings—things such as foreign mission programs, higher education, youth programs, etc. Our heritage has been that when a concern was sufficiently shared by a large number of Friends, it became a district, then a yearly meeting program. We have felt that one way God has revealed His will to us is by the unity of a shared concern or task.

Friends concerns

Coupled with this concept has been the persuasion that God is no respecter of persons. God selects through whom and when and how He is to do His good will. Therefore, we have been conscientious in giving each person the opportunity to state his or her concern or idea before the respective meetings. In other words, we have honored individual rights in the biblical tradition of the "weaker-stronger brother" concept. Perhaps on occasion it has led to slower courses of action, but ideally it has been best to wait for broad support before undertaking a task.

A question commonly asked is "Where is the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region headed?" The complex question requires no simple answer, but perhaps some trends can be identified.

An obvious trend is the diminished role of the district meeting. Under the proposed plan there would only be inspiration and worship with no business function for the district meeting. This would allow the local church to have direct access to yearly meeting boards and offices, but it would diminish the weight of the request coming from one church rather than from the district meeting.

Another trend can be noted in the local meetings. Local leaders would be given more influence with the creation of an administrative council. Not only does this add another level of red tape to the local meeting, but it confuses the role of the pastor. How much beyond the conducting of the regular worship services is a pastor to program and oversee? Given a situation where the few on the Administrative Council wish to control programming and budgeting, as does the pastor-leader, the potential for conflict is great.

The organization as proposed calls for a large commitment of time and involvement for a few lay people and would call for docile pastoral leadership. At present, we have an executive-legislative check and balance system with the pastor-monthly meeting model. However, with the proposed model, the balance seems highly weighted on the new legislative power, the Administrative Council.

Next, there are movements to be observed in the proposed yearly meeting structure. One of the most critical is the proposed collective ownership of local church property by the Yearly Meeting. Another is the enlarged role and prerogative of the Executive Board to act as the Yearly Meeting during the fifty-one-week

adjournment period. With this, there is an increased power and authority assigned to the person of the general superintendent. The movements noted all indicate a consolidation of power and authority into the circle of a smaller number of responsible and capable people with the aim of becoming more effective in our efforts.

Whatever the proposals may contain, we must ask ourselves a prior question: Have the organizational and administrative structures of the past held us back? The administrative function is to work with people, ideas, and things. Organization deals with the order and arrangement of these components. Has our organization been our real problem?

Why have some local churches been able to grow and add regularly and others not? Does the answer lie in the local leadership? Pastoral leadership? Other structure? Doctrine? Or God's providential will? Of course, each of these is important. But which one is fundamental? Without a doubt the dynamic of the Gospel has the drawing power and the transforming power for lives today! It is then absurd for us to fool ourselves and pretend that a simple shift to a more authoritarian type of government will significantly change the picture for struggling local churches.

I believe we need to reemphasize the old Christian and Quaker principle of a working and planning consensus. It is only reasonable to want people to demonstrate a high motivational level for serving God through the local church. In order for this to occur people must be a part of the ownership and of the decision-making process. When these elements are present there will be a demonstrated higher level of effectiveness in reaching goals of the church.

Some may wonder why churches now with these elements are not effective. The answer could well be that people are not well enough trained in the area of identifying a goal by consensus and working toward the accomplishment of it.

In conclusion, I would regret to see a rapid acceptance of such a drastic change in our structure. I would regret to see the acceptance of a principle that would violate our historical tenets of organization. Also, I would regret to see adopted practices that tend to polarize local leaders, which in turn would tend to drastically cut the financial support by, and the motivational level of, our local people.

—Jack C. Rea

Did You Know?

... That Norma Freer arrived home from India for a three-month furlough on April 24? She will be staying in Damascus.

... That Russell Myers was extended a call for continuing as general superintendent of EFC—ER for another three years? He begins his tenth year of service on July 1.

... That 180 men of the Yearly Meeting gathered at the Massanetta Springs Camp in Harrisonburg, Virginia, for the annual Spring Retreat? "Friends Men Reach Out" was the theme of the retreat, and the program featured special workshops and sharing groups with Joe Roher and Howard Moore as speakers.

... That Trinity Friends, Lisbon, Ohio, surprised their pastor with an appreciation dinner? Read about it in "Friends Gather."

Focus on Malone

Baccalaureate this year featured participants from the senior class with Dr. Harold Walker speaking on "Lines of Praise" to close the program. Jerry Wenger, class president, presided at the service.

Held this year in the new sanctuary of First Christian Church, Malone's commencement was a highlight for some 174 seniors who received their college degrees. Dr. Daniel Tse, president of Hong Kong Baptist College, gave the commencement address. Last November 6 our own President Lon Randall traveled to Hong Kong to speak at the graduation ceremony when 650 seniors of Hong Kong Baptist College were honored.

Another feature of the exchange program between the two colleges is the announcement that Dr. James Stanley, Malone professor of political science, will exchange teaching assignments with Professor C. L. Huang, of Hong Kong Baptist College history department, for the 1977-78 school year. Professor Huang holds the master's degree in history from Harvard University.

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Student body elections were held with the following named to serve on the Student Senate Executive Committee:

President—Paul Anderson
Administrative Vice-president—Paul Morris
Organizational Vice-president—Susie Ralston
Secretary—Kathy Walter
Treasurer—Jim Van Valkenburg

The Publications Committee has announced that Tom Hopkins will be editor of THE AVISO next year, and Sue Clark will edit THE PHILOS.

Leonard Wines

Leonard E. Wines, former missionary to Kenya, East Africa, and pastor of Friends churches in four yearly meetings, died April 17, 1977, at the age of 71.

A graduate of Marion College, Marion, Indiana, Leonard Wines served churches in Richland, Iowa;

Friendswood, Texas; Columbus (Westgate) Ohio; and Paonia, Colorado. The last six years of his life were spent in retirement at Friends Center in Columbus.

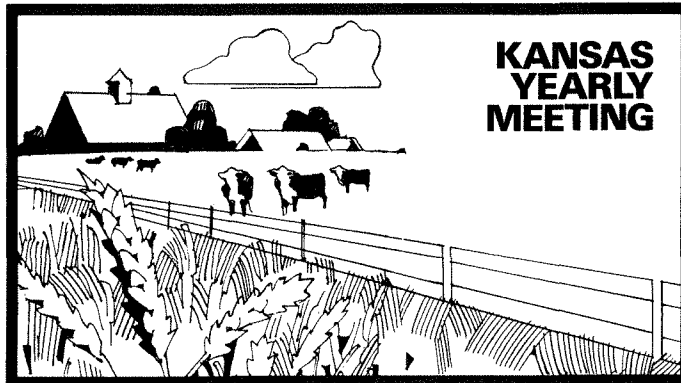
Those served by Leonard and Edith Wines speak of his deep pastoral concern and sensitive care for the varied needs of people in his congregations. Memorial services were held April 24, 1977. By means of tape, his oldest son Elwin sang "King of Kings" and "In the Image of God" with a third stanza written especially for Leonard.

Nelva Jacobs

Nelva Jacobs, retired minister of the Eastern Region, died January 2, 1977, at the age of 82 years.

She was a 1918 graduate of Cleveland Bible College and had retired 12 years ago from pastoring 47 years with her husband, Omar Jacobs, who survives. Churches pastored by the Jacobses included Urbana, Deerfield, East Goshen, Springfield, and North Fourth Street in Columbus.

Memorial services were conducted January 5 by her pastor, Bruce Burch, assisted by Harold Wyandt.



Home Christian Service

Did you ever live in the home of another family while they were gone from the home? You used their dishes, kettles, towels, sheets, and just everything that was needed. If you have, this is the situation our missionaries face each time they occupy the Mission Homes.

A former missionary said to me, "The missionaries don't like to dispose of things that don't belong to them."

No doubt many of us have not given this a thought when we are in our own homes and can do as we desire concerning the things that wear out. We ask that you pray for the Home Christian Service Committee as we try to make decisions in the things that are worn out—what should be kept and what should be thrown out.

We are happy to report that some articles are being replaced at the Wichita Mission Homes, and at a later date, replacements will be made at the Haviland Mission Home.

In 2 Chronicles 15:7-15 Asa was admonished to "Be . . . strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded." Asa took courage and many, even strangers, gathered with him "when they saw that the Lord his God was with him." "They offered unto the Lord . . . of the spoil which they had brought . . . they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul." Great rejoicing followed.

When we are faithful in praying for our missionaries, then work together and give as the Lord asks us to, this

will not only bring rejoicing in our hearts but will enable our missionaries to carry out the work God has called them to do.

—Eda Cook, Chairman

From Apathy to Empathy!

Have you heard a current humorous quote: "The greatest peril of church life today is apathy—but then, who cares?" That too nearly describes our condition where involvement is concerned.

One big step out of our dilemma of apathy is contained in the exhortation in Romans to be "transformed by the renewing of your mind." The mental attitude or mind-set accounts for much of our satisfaction with status quo. From childhood days I remember my Father's retort to the ever-famous question of the offspring, "But do we have to go to church today?" The reply was, "No, you don't have to, you get to." This "duty versus responsibility or privilege" attitude was faithfully preached and practiced in our home and expected by us. What a step in the right direction in shaping positive attitudes and habits in my young life! I shall ever be grateful for that!

I. Treasure

Then, is the answer toward recognizing total commitment and stewardship of our resources found in habit and mental attitude alone? For me, personally, no! I practiced giving tithe and many volunteer hours to church work before I personalized the basic issue that is at the heart of commitment: His lordship over my stubborn will. A recognition and

awareness of Old Testament truth spoken by the psalmist played a part in my decision: "I am God . . . the world is mine, and the fulness thereof." And to the Israelites, God said: "The land is mine, you are only guests of mine—passing wayfarers." Again, I found in Acts the young church recognized God's claim on all their possessions.

Upon hearing R. G. LeTourneau, a giant of a man, in a giant business, with a giant commitment, state: "It is impossible to know God without loving God; it is impossible to love God without giving to God!" I was made uncomfortable. I was facing a supreme test. I couldn't escape the basic point of view that our love for the Lord requires our giving to God. More recently this was put succinctly in a slogan used by the Kansas Yearly Meeting Board of Stewards: "Let Love Guide You!"

II. Time

There is a present-day temptation to fall into the trap of the overworked phrase, "I don't have time," or "I'm doing all I can now." I was made uncomfortable by Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

When He moved into the area of my time schedule, I was led into knowing God's ability in new and miraculous ways—many times God made up to me or stepped in and rearranged crowded days with unmistakable proof that He is able for even impossible schedules. Obedience is a must in this realm in order to experience how He works in our behalf. How many times we put up arguments or complain about our shortness of time, as though we need to tell God what twenty-four hours are all about. We need only to acknowledge our days on earth are His gift.

As a young mother, the Lord spoke to me regarding the difficult area of choosing between what's good and what's best. He made me look at the long-range results of my choices. TV was an escape to relaxation and a diversity from long days of child-world mentality and constant responsibility. "Do you really want to exchange precious bedtime hours of stories, being near your children, and good night prayers, for a hurried, 'go to sleep now' and an hour's TV that has only temporal value?" Those hours will never return with their opportunities. God is so concerned where we place our values—I urge you to listen and weigh carefully the choices that have eternal implications.

III. Tasks

Very recently I became uncomfortable again, reading the Matthew account of the last judgement—"Lord, when saw we thee an hungred . . . thirsty . . . a stranger . . . or naked? When saw we thee sick, or in prison?" With the reply, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

I shudder for the soul of the person whose mind is already made up, or has no openness to change, or challenge of rethinking his involvement or commitment priorities. That person's God must be very small, and times of refreshing and newness of life very rare.

The ultimate concern and purpose of the matter of stewardship, as I see it, is that what God really wants is Not the tithe, but the tither
Not the gift, but the giver
Not the possession, but the possessor
Not the money, but YOU
for, the gift without the giver is bare.

One contemporary writer said, "Giving is living." That puts a bottom to my empty pit. A songwriter set his concept to total devotion and stewardship in a most unusual and inspiring way.

Lord, I keep so busy working for my master
Ain't got time to die.

When I'm feeding the poor—I'm workin for my master
When I'm healin the sick—I'm workin for my master
When I'm givin my all—I'm workin for my master
Ain't got time to die.

Now, won't you get out of my way
Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus
All of my time to praise my Lord
If I don't praise Him the rocks are gonna cry out
Glory and honor
Ain't got time to die.

(Action, Winter 1976)

It makes sense to turn things over to God—our souls, our bodies, our minds, our talents, and our fortunes. They are safe only when committed to hands not only able to keep them but also able to multiply them. Lon Woodram has put it so graphically: "Once a boy stood before me with a broken toy. I reached for it, thinking I might mend it, but he drew it back, not trusting me. I, of course, had no intention of making off with the toy, I only wanted to fix it. After some persuasion, he handed it to me, I fixed it and returned it to him. While passing through my hands, something happened to the toy—something that sent the boy away rejoicing.

"The incident became something of a parable in my mind, which translates into something like this: When God says, 'I want everything you have,' He is not trying to rob us. He does not plan to keep our possessions when we let Him have them. But, in passing through His hands, something happens. All we have given will come back, 'pressed down, shaken together and running over.'"

—Eloise Brown

Friends University

"Harvest," an outstanding group of Friends University students, will travel through the summer in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, and Indiana. The students are Shirley Harrison from Topeka, Kansas; Dawn Miller, Laurie Scheer, and Doug Riney from Wichita; Stan Leach from Seattle, Washington; Earnest Alexander from Hartford,

Connecticut; Denis Knight from Paonia, Colorado; and accompanist Helen Czaplinski from McPherson, Kansas. They will share a concert of gospel music in churches, camps, yearly meeting sessions, and conferences.

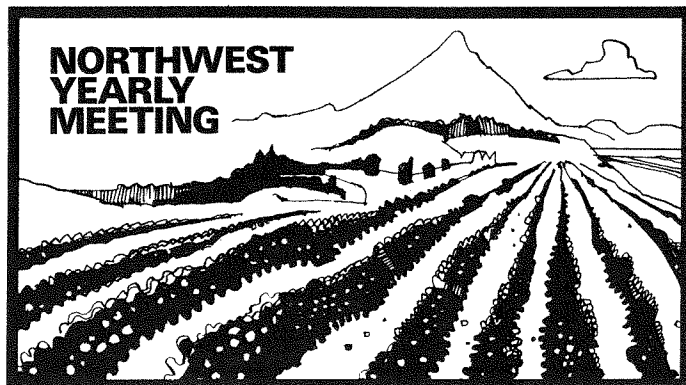
The Friends Center on Family Living announces the approval of a new academic program at Friends with a major in human services leading toward a bachelor's degree or an associate degree. Also offered will be a program leading toward early childhood certification. FCFL is also pleased to announce additional Marriage Encounters for the summer and fall. Under the coordination of David and Marcile Leach of Seattle, Washington, who have joined the FCFL staff as executive couple for Marriage Encounters, weekends will be held June 24-26 in Wichita; September 16-18 in Seattle; October 7-9 in Wichita; October 21-23 in Portland, Oregon; November 11-13 in Houston, Texas; and November 18-20 in Seattle. Encounters are projected during 1977-78 for California, Colorado, Iowa, Indiana, and Ohio.

Awards announced on Alumni Day, May 14, include the recipients of the Alumni Scholarship and Distinguished Alumni Awards. This year's Alumni Scholarship winner is Kevin Roberts, son of Maurice and Peggy Roberts of Topeka, Kansas. Honored as Distinguished Alumni were Geraldine Noeller Nold, a blind speech pathologist from Berwyn, Illinois; Mother Mary Ann McNamara, director of Wichita's St. Joseph Medical Center; and Henry Riblet, retired physicist who has pioneered in telemetry, satellite navigation, and astronomy satellites in the nation's space programs. Other persons recently honored were Paul Brown, who received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree; and Olive Garvey and Ernest Boles, who were named Trustees Emeritus.

Kansas Yearly Meeting Friends of Friends University hosted a meeting in the Western Area at Liberal, Kansas, April 30. Approximately 30 people viewed "Friends with You," the new multimedia presentation on Friends' history and programs. Dairiel O'Bar, director of admissions, related the need of assistance from the Friends of Friends in recruiting students for college. A meeting for the North Central Area is tentatively scheduled for August 26 at Glen Elder.

Plans are now being made for the All-school Auction and Parents Day scheduled for Saturday, October 15, on the Friends campus. Included in the auction will be livestock, collectibles, antiques, and homemade items of value. All Friends are invited to participate as donors and/or buyers. Proceeds will go to support scholarships at Friends.

Information regarding any of these news items is available from Friends University, 2100 University, Wichita, Kansas 67213; (316) 263-9131.



Yearly Meeting July 25-31, 1977

We all read about the outbreak of legionnaires disease at a convention in Philadelphia. We are expecting an outbreak of contagious love and fellowship at Yearly Meeting to be held in the new Coleman Wheeler Sports Center at George Fox College July 25-31.

Some felt last year the best thing that happened at Yearly Meeting was a spirit of love and understanding that was not on the agenda and is hard to describe. I suppose that one of the most exciting things planned for this year is the visit of the Aymara brethren from Bolivia and Peru. They will speak at both the men's and women's banquets Tuesday night and will lead in the 8:00 a.m. devotional hour one day and will give testimony in other sessions. Our missionaries tell us to expect meaningful spiritual ministry from these men of God.

Robert Hess, professor of philosophy and history at Malone College and former missionary to India, will be our guest speaker. There will be workshops again this year on missions, on the "New Call to Peacemaking," on the evangelism program titled FOCUS, on camping, legislative issues, Christian education work, deferred giving, etc.

This year let me encourage all faithful Friends families to bring a family with you who has never before been to Yearly Meeting. They don't know what they're missing. And with all the prayer going up across the Yearly Meeting, God surely has something planned for us that I haven't even told you about. Soon you will be receiving at your church copies of the program with a tear-off form by which you can register your intention to attend.

—Norval Hadley

Did You Know . . .

. . . that Cherry Grove Friends had a beautiful ground-breaking ceremony for their new building project on Mother's Day?

. . . that Ron Whitbeck from Piedmont Friends has established a Mr. and Mrs. Louis Perry Memorial Fund

to support counseling ministries in local churches? Anyone may contribute.

. . . that the Department of Evangelism is encouraging Eugene McDonald to start a new work in the Federal Way area (Washington) with the Olympic View church serving as the mother church?

. . . that about 75 young adults attended the recent Young Friends Conference at Inn of the Seventh Mountain in eastern Oregon? Dr. Les Parrott, president of Olivet College, was guest speaker.

. . . that Post Falls Friends is still growing and hope to be in their new building by fall?

Superintendent's Corner

I am thrilled to be able to tell you some marvelous things God is doing in answer to prayer. As you know, in this column for about three months I have been calling the Yearly Meeting to special prayer. One thing that happened, I believe as a result, is that God met us in a wonderful way at Ministers Conference. From the very first night there was an unusual sense of the presence and blessing of the Spirit of God and beautiful unity and community.

At one point in Ministers Conference we heard Esther Eastwood, a girl who had strayed from the faith of her parents and her church, had gotten into the occult, and then was marvelously rescued through the power of her parents' prayers. She

Summer Camp Schedule

QUAKER HILL, McCALL, IDAHO

Camper's 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

is a concert soloist. Her mother was with her and shared some of her testimony about the moving experience of her reclamation.

Then someone suggested that all the pastors who have children away from the Lord join hands, and we asked Mrs. Eastwood to pray for us. Since pastors conference I have heard of one pastor's son who was saved. Another pastor told me that his daughter had really gotten her life straightened out. I think I see some other encouraging signs in answer to prayer. God was really there when we prayed.

Additionally, the prayer for the "miracle of the \$30,000" is bringing exciting results. We have received at least two more \$1,000 gifts. Altogether we can see at least \$5,000 (at the time of this writing) that has come specifically in response to that prayer.

After Ministers Conference, Pastor Roger Knox of North Valley called me to say that God had called him to share the burden of the need for that \$30,000 with me. He presented this to his congregation in a Sunday morning sermon, explaining that God was asking him to venture in faith to the Great Commission Budget the money he was saving for his house taxes. A couple of people came to him afterwards saying that God had spoken to them about their savings accounts.

Another pastor, Gary Thomas, was so moved when he received Roger's letter telling about this experience that he is challenging his church to give an extra \$600 above their Great Commission Budget pledge. He has figured out that if every church would do that much we would achieve the \$30,000 goal. Forrest Cammack is writing to a special group of friends regarding his own concern for the \$30,000 and his testimony about how the Lord has blessed giving in his experience.

During April we received \$832 more than we need for the monthly budget, which means we have turned the corner and are beginning to take ground toward going over the top by June 30. Praise the Lord for the way He is moving!

—Norval Hadley

Melody Mountain Camp

Herschel Thornburg, manager and director of Melody Mountain Camp—an interdenominational music and art camp—has announced the 1977 summer schedule. Melody Mountain Camp is located 25 miles east of Pendleton, Oregon, just off Interstate 80. Camp headquarters is the old Meacham Hotel. Camp fees, ranging from \$50 to \$60 per week, include room, board, lessons, and materials. For further information write the camp at P.O. Box 35, Meacham, Oregon 97859 or telephone 503/983-2233.

Junior High Art #1—July 4-10
Junior High Art #2—July 11-17
Junior High Music—July 18-24
High School Art—July 25-31
Christian Workers Camp—August 1-7
(Art, Magic, Music)
College and Adult Art—August 8-14
College and Adult Art—August 15-21
Rest and Recreation Camp—
August 22-28
Family Camp—August 29-
September 4
(Write for family rates.)

George Fox College

George Fox College has become a member of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, a step that will allow GFC graduates to receive diplomas from that organization along with standard degrees from the college. The ETTA certificates will indicate the student's proficiency in Bible and Christian education and an ability to teach church lay leadership. The Evangelical Teacher Training Association, founded in 1930 as a not-for-profit organization, has 185 seminaries, colleges, and Bible institutes participating. The ETTA diploma, according to Julia Hobbs, GFC professor of Christian ministries, is now universally recognized and provides more opportunities for students receiving them. George Fox awarded 10 of these diplomas in graduation ceremonies on May 28.

Arturo Carranza, a 1977 graduate, has been awarded a fellowship in the Special Opportunity Fellowship

Program for Hispanic Americans. Carranza, a philosophy and religion major, will receive a \$2,400 award for his first year of study at Earlham School of Religion in Richmond, Indiana, beginning this fall. He plans to enter the ministry after seminary.

Dr. John C. Brougher, a Vancouver, Washington, physician who has served for more than three decades as a GFC trustee, has been appointed to the newly created post of curator of the college's museum. Dr. Brougher has a wide background in historical matters, serving for 14 years as president of the Fort Vancouver His-

torical Society and a member of the Washington State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. He is making plans and displays for the museum located in the Shambaugh Library on the campus.

The museum has become noted for its Quaker collection and is described in the annual Mobile Travel Guide as a place for vacationers to visit. In 1978 Dr. Brougher will complete 50 years as a physician and plans to retire and devote more attention to his new position with the college. Brougher Hall on the campus is named for him and his wife Esther.



Friends gather

ALLIANCE, Ohio

A three-evening Christian education workshop with Joyce Lamb of Salem, Ohio, proved both interesting and fun. One evening we saw Joyce in action as she held the attention and interest of ten children for one and a half hours as she demonstrated various teaching methods. The age of the children ranged from 5 to 12 years, yet they will remember Miss Lamb as she became like a child to let them teach her what being born again is all about; or their own role-playing the story of Zachaeus; or being asked to pray for an enemy without revealing who the enemy is. It was a profitable workshop.

We were privileged to have two Sunday evenings of missions emphasis, the first with Andrew and Yoneko Tahara, including the stirring film of Yoneko's attempted suicide and subsequent rebirth. The next week the Knights, Roscoe and Tina, presented skits, an object lesson, and slides of their work in Mexico City, Mexico. They are now retired from the Mexican field after nearly 10 years of pioneering the Friends work there.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kansas

Coach Floyd Eby of Coldwater, Michigan, will be here the first part of June to share his testimony on lay witness with us. Floyd Eby is known as the "Flying Coach." He is

the author of *Calling God's Tower, Come in Please*. There will be a dinner meeting the night before at which he will be the guest speaker.

BAYSHORE, Bacliff, Texas

John Robinson, KYM superintendent, will be sharing in our services May 15. He will be showing pictures and insights into our mission field in Burundi, Africa. The Robinsons visited the field in Burundi in 1972 and again in 1975.

Charlie Mitchell will be traveling with the Continental Singers this summer. He will leave the first part of June and the tour will last about thirteen weeks. We ask your prayers for him as he goes on this ministry as one of Christ's ambassadors.

COTTONWOOD Emporia, Kansas

The Friends Youth have been busy this past month. Under the leadership of Len and Carol Morfitt, they have entertained in two local rest homes. With their puppets and musical numbers they brought smiles to the folks at Flint Hills Rest Home and at the Meadows Rest Home. There always seems to be a joy in making other people happy. Newly elected youth officers are Rhonda Morfitt, president; Danny Clopton, vice-president; Jackie Spillman, treasurer; and Camala Estes, secretary.



Aymaraland Missions Tour group pictured above prior to boarding the plane at Portland International Airport (left to right): Glenn and Verla Simler, Woodland, Idaho; Ruth and Ray Houston, Portland, Oregon; Quentin Nordyke, Newberg, Oregon, tour leader; Nancy and Ron Woodward, Newberg; and Trudy and Lawrence McCracken, Ontario, Oregon.

The Mission's Special scheduled for May will feature Bud and Letha Lawrence. They will be showing slides from their recent trip to our mission field in Burundi, Africa, and the Friends mission in Peru. They will also be sharing with us some of the current happenings on our field in Burundi.

The Outreach Committee has also undertaken the establishment of a church library on a personal lending basis. All of the books will remain the property of the donor but will be placed in the church to share with other members. In the next few weeks we should have several shelves full of good Christian reading material for your use.

In the morning service of May 15, the "right hand of fellowship" was extended to the following: Joe and Bryan Estes, Camala and Troy Estes, Wayne and Connie Hilbish, Paul Lawrence, and Paul, Linda, and Randy Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Scott celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in April.

DAMASCUS, Ohio

Rev. Burt Jones and sister Carol were with us for a musical weekend in March.

March 20 was Youth Day, when the young people took over all the teaching duties and services in our church.

Stan Scott was with us for pre-Easter services April 3-6.

A combined missionary meeting with other churches of the area was held, with Roscoe and Tina Knight sharing during a supper and time of fellowship afterwards.

Our Awana group closed the season with a trip to the Cathedral Buffet in Akron to view the carved scenes of Christ's life.

DEERFIELD, Ohio

A number of our group participated in the community singing of the cantata, *Easter Song*.

Earl and Catherine Smith were with us for four evenings and the Sunday morning service. The children were thrilled with the stories given by Catherine, and Earl's messages were helpful and challenging.

Marion Lair and Dave Johnson, musical duo from Malone College, sang and shared in a recent morning worship service.

EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

Spring started out in our church with a Teacher Training Workshop well attended by teachers and visitors. The workshop was conducted by Joyce Lamb, former teacher of "Released Time" weekly religious education for 12 years. Her purpose is to prepare teachers to meet challenges of relating the Bible to daily living.

The senior FY sponsored an Easter egg hunt for the young ones of the church and surrounding neighborhood.

Our Wednesday evening missionary service was blessed by the testimonies of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tahara of Japan. They showed the film *Yoneko*, story of her life and

triumph over her handicap, but also a story of her conversion to Christianity and the effects on her life as well as on others.

ENID, Oklahoma

Enid Friends and Kansas Yearly Meeting lost their "senior" pastor, at the death of Charles Carr, who was born March 9, 1876, and passed away April 18, 1977, at age 101 years and 40 days.

Converted at age 35, he soon felt called to the ministry. He served several years on a Gospel Team before receiving a pastorate in Oklahoma.

His wife Ora died in 1935, and in 1940 he married Lena Mae Hays. After his recording, he served over 17 years in 5 different Friends Meetings.

Charles was selected to be the contractor for the establishment of Camp Quaker Haven and contributed much to that work at its beginning. The Carrs made their home in Enid after retirement at age 85, until entering a nursing home at Charles's age 99.

He is survived by his wife, Lena Mae; five daughters, Isabell Fry and Louemma Arterbery, of Enid; Dorothy Volser and Betty Martin of Dayton, Ohio; Mary Cline, and a son, Graham Carr, of Idabell, Oklahoma; 11 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

FIRST DENVER, Colorado

We are now using our new gym nearly every day, with youth programs two afternoons each week after school, men's basketball at noon on Wednesdays, and an adult slim and trim program on Thursday evenings. The gym is already proving to be a valuable asset to the church and neighborhood. This summer we look forward to expanding our programs.

The ladies on the Service Committee are starting a new Quaker Cookbook. The cookbooks will be sold to raise money for new equipment for the kitchen. We invite any of you ladies or men to send any favorite recipes to be included in the new cookbook. Send recipes to: Quaker Cookbook, 4594 Eliot St., Denver, CO 80211.

The annual youth weekend held April 22-24 was a big success at FDFC. Weekend highlights included the Great Race, the April Fool Dinner, and a magic act and inspirational talk by Ken Davis.

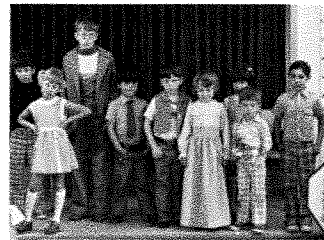
The Jet Cadets junior youth group are trying to complete their requirements on their winter program to earn a trip to Rough Rock Mission this summer. Newspapers are being collected to sell to help finance the trip. On Mother's Day the Jet Cadets presented a musical centered around the theme of families; men and women in the church enjoyed the presentation.

Every Sunday school class is busy working on preparations for the Camp Fare Carnival to help raise money for summer camp scholarships.

FORT COLLINS, Colorado

Easter Sunday was a special day at Friends, as our membership joined in worship of Christ our risen king. Several members joined in presenting the cantata, "The Victorious Christ." The music was beautiful, but the real highlight of the morning service was the children's program.

It is encouraging to see young children learning the true meaning of Easter, one that's filled with Jesus Christ. The children presented a



program of recitals and songs about Christ's victory. Though occasionally prodded to remember a certain line, the kids did an excellent job. Praise God!

"Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all." (Luke 17:17 NASB)

FOWLER, Kansas

During the month of April, we took in a goodly number of new members into our meeting. By profession of faith: Mark and Nancy Anton, Ed and Lyn Burton, Sam Hayden, Ron Lewis, David Low, Donna Low, Phil Marrs, Justin Weber. By transfer from associate to active members: Karla Chance, Stu Chance, Gale Frazier, Jerry McDowell, Robin McDowell, Greg Newby, Mark Walker, Steve Walker. Associate member by request of parents: Sarah Lewis.

FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio

Praise the Lord for many answered prayers. Our prayer chain is rejoicing in God's wondrous works and signs.

The Easter services were beautiful this year with the added specials from the choir taken from the cantata, *Hallelujah for the Cross*, directed by Jim Thompson. Eighty-nine were served for a sunrise breakfast.

The Tuesday morning Bible study group felt a great concern to help the unfortunate ones and through prayer decided upon a "Dorcas Pantry." A building was rented and the gathering began. Clothes, food, money, furniture, etc. was accepted and nothing refused. Victims of storm or fire or any needy persons are now to be helped at a moments notice. Praise the Lord. The church and community folks have responded fantastically.

Ladies' Tea was held with surrounding church women invited to attend. The speaker was Julia Haar, who has been a "stand-in" for Anita Bryant.

HAVILAND, Kansas

Kim Jacks won first place in the General Poster Contest at the State WCTU Convention. Rochelle John-

son and Willie Johnston got second place for their respective age groups. We're proud of our girls!

Annie Riley is the director of our new church nursery. To be used only by mothers who wish to leave their babies and attend Sunday school class or worship, it has been furnished with some new furniture and some from the former nursery. The old nursery still has facilities for mothers who wish to remain with the children.

KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon

Activities in April included Good News Club Missions Rally, held in our church with Mary Dayton, Child Evangelism Fellowship missionary to Burundi. Pastor Evert Tuning preached at a sunrise service sponsored by several local churches on Easter morning. The choir, under direction of Diane Hopper, presented a 35-minute musical on Easter. After the morning service, World Vision Love Loaves, which families of the church had been filling for three months, were broken during a ceremony in the basement. Over



Kathleen McLerran breaks a Love Loaf as pastors and people watch.

\$250 was raised. A potluck dinner was held in honor of our Single Senior Citizens. The southern Oregon WMO Spring Rally, held here, featured Alda Clarkson, former missionary to Bolivia and Peru.

In May, our own Gideon, Merrill Reid, spoke in a morning service. Our annual Mother-Daughter Banquet was enjoyed by a good group of ladies. Klamath Falls Friends hosted the Southern Oregon Area Rally. Jess and Tomasa Mesa, Mexican-American Friends from California, visited with Spanish speaking people in the area, and spoke in a morning service.

In June, an all-church retreat was held for prayer, thinking, and planning about our future. Our Alice Maurer directed the southern Oregon Intermediate Camp at Willow Creek the end of June. Oscar Brown was enjoyed by those who attended the Family Camp that followed.

LAWRENCE, Kansas

Yes, the good word at Lawrence is that *it is happening!* Things are moving and great things are taking place. There is a new spirit in our midst, a spirit of expectancy, and we are not being disappointed. Action has been initiated on a two-year pro-

gram of advancement, and already we are seeing results from it. We are rejoicing in both spiritual and physical blessings.

You will be hearing much in the months ahead about "Church Growth." Just now we have 30 taking the first step study, "Biblical Basis for Church Growth," and discovering some wonderful things about God's plan for His Church. We will report on this after the Church Growth Workshop on May 21. For those now involved with us on Sunday nights in our study there will be a final wrap-up session in a workshop retreat on Saturday, May 21. This is called . . . "The Documenting Experience" with the following objectives:

1. Self-diagnosis of the health of the church,
 2. Learning the goal-setting process,
 3. Motivating participants to want to grow and to be willing to pay the price by allowing them to see what they could do,
 4. Set tentative five-year goals for composite membership growth,
 5. Project an evaluating process.
- Thus the reason for a full day retreat where we can work uninterrupted. The results of this workshop will be published.

LEAGUE CITY, Texas

The Outreach Committee has been making plans for a great weekend for "Emphasis on Faith Giving." During this weekend there will be speakers, individuals sharing with us what God has allowed them to do through *faith-promise giving*. This committee is in the process of finalizing their projects and has tentatively settled on a dollar goal. These will be shared later. There will be services Friday night, Saturday night, and the climaxing *celebration* service Sunday, July 3. A theme for this conference was chosen, and we are praying this will be a unanimous desire of each heart, "Give God Room to Move."

NORTHBRIDGE Wichita, Kansas

Arden and Joy Sanders, who are with Wycliffe Bible Translators, in Papua New Guinea write: "We listened to a NFC tape this morning. I could never tell you just how much these tapes mean to us. Here in the village, they are our only source of Christian fellowship and corporate worship. Having that hour of worship and singing (in English) per week is a real breath of fresh air. The Spirit really ministers to us through the services. You may not realize it, but your parish extends to Papua New Guinea."

It is so important not to forget God's "sent" ones around the world!

NORTH VALLEY Newberg, Oregon

May 6, the WMU held its annual Mother-Daughter Tea. Ellie Fendall was the speaker; there was a hand-craft display by the ladies of North Valley.

The North Valley Ensemble of 10 singers, under the direction of

Louise Sperling, presented *Alleluia* Easter morning. Other special services included Ed Lamb of Brotherhood Ministries, Richard Tusan of Bible Literature International, and "Intermission," the traveling drama group from George Fox College under the direction of Darlene Graves, a member of North Valley.

A newly formed men's group is meeting Friday evenings to study the aspects of being a Christian husband and father.

Pastor Roger Knox directed studies on "Fishing for Men" at Camp Tilikum's Fisherman's Retreat that was held on the season's opening weekend. The navigator's class, also directed by Pastor Knox, has concluded a two-year course of study.

The church's color pictorial directories have arrived and may be purchased from the church office for \$2.50 each.

Mother's Day, May 8, four families dedicated their babies to the Lord in the morning worship service.

March was family month with the messages, group activities, and social events all centered around the family.

A group of 50 persons was able to view the multimedia presentation of the Bible at the Dempsey Center in Portland.

ONTARIO, Oregon

Lawrence and Trudy McCracken left April 28 to join the group from the Yearly Meeting who are visiting our mission fields in Bolivia and Peru. Ardent blessings of the church and wishes for a pleasurable and inspirational trip go with them.

Easter was an enjoyable day for all of us. After an inspirational sunrise service, there was a fellowship breakfast held in the basement of the church.

Marlin and Bernice Witt moved into the new parsonage April 6. Their new address is 2071 N.W. 3rd Ave., Ontario, Oregon. It is a lovely home and we say "thanks" again to all our friends who have prayed and helped make this possible.

PLAINS, Kansas

Our Western Area Missionary Conference was recently held at our church with Walter (Bud) Lawrence and his wife Letha as the speakers. They presented a program of slides of our mission field in Burundi and other fields they have visited recently. A noon luncheon was a fellowship time of the day for all attending.

SALEM FIRST, Salem, Ohio

We experienced an uplift while viewing the film *Corrie*, produced by the Billy Graham Association, and hearing Corrie ten Boom share how God has blessed her life beyond what was revealed in *The Hiding Place*. Our daily problems somehow seem to diminish when compared to the beatings, the starvings, and the imprisonment of the ten Booms.

Roscoe and Tina Knight shared how God has blessed their lives while serving as Friends missionaries in Mexico. They told of some of the discouragements as well as the excitement. "We'll never be per-

fect while on earth, but with His help we can continually serve Him" is the message the Knights are sharing while attempting to reach the men (the leaders of the home) first and thereby to reach the whole family. They have been on the mission field for over 20 years, serving previously in Bolivia and Peru.

SMITHFIELD, Ohio

The Easter season was glorified by a cantata, *Hallelujah! What a Savior!* by John W. Peterson at the Sunday evening services in the Smithfield Evangelical Friends Church.

Our church participated in the community Lenten services with Pastor Earl Kelbaugh filling the pulpit for one Sunday evening service along with the cantata that was open to the public.

A growth challenge was given by Fred Vandeborne, chairman of Trustees, for members to pledge and support the building of a new parsonage.

Howard and Mary Evelyn Moore were both guest speakers at our church. They spoke on their missionary service in Taiwan, their triumphs and trials on the island with 26 congregations of Friends churches.

Youth leader Don Snyder and our pastor traveled to Bellefontaine with the senior FY for an overnight stay.

Spring, which is bringing an awakening of the trees and flowers, is also bringing an awakening of activity in our church.

SPRINGBANK, Nebraska

Springbank church happily announces the appointment of Galan and Mary Burnett to take over pastoral duties on July 1, 1977. The Burnetts come from Hopewell, Kansas. In anticipation of their arrival, several church members have started working on the parsonage.

We have seen God's mighty healing hand at work in the life of Anna Emry, who suffered a severe heart attack in December 1976. On Easter Sunday she was able to return and worship in church for the first time since before her illness.

Our Easter service was enhanced by the presence of several Friends Bible College students who presented special music and performed a puppet show.

TACOMA FIRST, Washington

In facing the "challenge of the seventies" a group of concerned Friends have been meeting for a 40-day period of prayer in the library of the church from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., with others unable to be at the church meeting in their homes, seeking the Lord's clear guidance in a major move and relocation of the church that has been centered on Tacoma's east side for over 70 years.

In view of the fact that the new location will be outside the city limits of Tacoma, members of the congregation have been challenged to present ideas for a new name for the church, the first suggestion being "Friends Family Life Center."

Christian service was in focus on Saturday, May 14, when members of the church and interested friends gathered on the 92-acre campus of the Marymount Convent, Spanaway, Washington, and helped the sisters of the "Order of Saint Dominic" move loads of equipment from their massive multipurpose building to other storage areas on campus. At luncheon time the workers gathered in the lovely dining hall hosted by Sister Pauline Igeo of the Convent.

Christian education and missions were highlighted Sunday evening, May 15, when Keith Nottage, a junior in a Christian high school and a member of our church, was presented in a musical presentation. Keith has been chosen among a group of 12 Christian musicians and athletes known as The Northwest Basketball Camp All Stars, who along with their coaches and wives, will leave July 6 for Los Angeles, and on to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. They will be featured in basketball games in Brazil, Argentina, Chili, Ecuador, and Peru, and will be giving Christian testimony all along the way. Each member of the team is responsible for raising \$1,000 toward expenses of the trip, and an offering was received to help Keith go over the top in his goal.

Christian concern for the elderly and handicapped continues to be a burden of Friends in the Greater Tacoma Area, and on May 31, 1977, a new application for funding for a \$6,000,000 Retirement Home on Tacoma's east side will be presented at Washington, D.C. Currently there are 28,000 people 62 years of age or older in the area, and at least 10 percent of them are vitally in need of such humanitarian services.

TRINITY, Lisbon, Ohio

Have you ever stopped to consider how many demands are made upon your pastor and how often he goes far beyond the call of duty to serve you and help you through his infinite love? Do you appreciate him? As our pastor and his family were away on vacation recently, the Adult Prayer and Share group of our church suggested that upon their return it would be an appropriate time for us to show our appreciation for his dedicated service. As the first Sunday service following their return drew to a close and our pastor stepped down from the pulpit, he was very surprised to discover the aisle in front of him was blocked by four men carrying a large box followed by an usher with a small narrow box.

The large box was placed in front of him, the smaller box was handed to his wife, who was seated at the piano. Upon opening the large box, Pastor Frost found an invitation for himself and his family to attend an Appreciation Dinner, given in his honor, immediately following the service. Under the invitation was an antique marble top table. The smaller box held one dozen red roses for Wanda. Needless to say, our pastor was speechless at this point but was able to recover and enjoy the banquet and fellowship that followed with the

church family. Our church family chose this way to tell our pastor and his wife how much we love them and appreciate them.

Easter Sunday services began with a Sunrise service with the senior FY in charge. They presented a skit telling the real meaning of Easter. The morning service included a 30 Pieces of Silver offering, which is to be used to establish a tape ministry for those who are shut-ins or ill and are not able to attend the worship services.

We had the opportunity to see the film, *Angel in Ebony*, and found it a great inspiration for all present. Several young adults made a public commitment of their willingness to serve the Lord at the conclusion of the film.

UNIVERSITY, Wichita, Kansas

Sunday, May 15, was the date of a Retirement Tea in the library at Mayberry Junior High School to honor Emerson Lupton. He has served as a principal in the Wichita school system for 21 years. In addition to his school responsibilities, his church duties have included serving as monthly meeting clerk, chairman of the Ministry and Oversight, on the Yearly Meeting Relations Board, Social Concerns Committee, president of Men's Fellowship, and a Sunday school teacher.

URBANA, Ohio

The Urbana church has been privileged to have several good speakers for services this spring. One evening Tammi Fansler of the Bellefontaine church showed slides and told of her work with Teen Missions in Brazil. Earl and Catherine Smith were our spring evangelists. At each service he led in chorus singing and she presented a story for the children. His messages were inspiring and thought provoking. We were strengthened in the Lord, and some received definite spiritual help.

On Easter Sunday evening, with North Lewisburg, Mt. Carmel, and McKees Creek churches joining us, Roscoe and Tina Knight showed slides of the mission work in Mexico and presented short skits dramatiz-

ing their experiences there in winning souls for Christ. A fellowship hour followed the service.

WALSH, Colorado

Bob and Connie Shaffer, medical missionaries under appointment to Burundi, Africa, moved this past month to his hometown of Walsh, Colorado. Bob will work with a medical doctor there for the next nine months. This is the second part of a Nurse Clinician Course before going to Tropical Medicine School and then on to Burundi. Bob is a registered nurse and Connie is an LPN.

WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio

Westgate welcomes aboard Al Comport as our intern pastor. We are enthusiastic about this new program and know it will benefit both Al and the fellowship. As intern pastor, Al will have the opportunity to experience all facets of pastoral work under the tutelage of pastor Don Green.

WEST PARK, Cleveland, Ohio

Among our guest speakers recently were Reubin Gil and Burt Bidulph. They are from the Madrid Evangelism but are sent out by OMS International. Mel and Nancy Kime and family from Ecuador also spoke at our church last month.

How is your "Faith Promise" progressing? One little fellow from our church is giving all the money he finds on sidewalks, streets, etc. You will be surprised how many people drop their coins!

Everyone has been working on their "Hungry Cans" for the World Relief project.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania

We tried something new this year at First Friends. A family banquet was held instead of the usual Mother-Daughter Banquet. There was great fellowship, fun, and food! A program of spiritual music followed the dinner.

Plans are proceeding for the Family Bible School to be held in June. Looks great so far.

Our Sunday school attendance is on the upward trend. Praise God!

GOODWIN—To Larry and Nelda Goodwin of Wichita, Kansas, a daughter, Crystal, April 25, 1977.

HOERAUF—To Steve and Sarah Hoerauf, a daughter, Rebekah Jane, May 10, 1977, Tacoma, Washington.

KUHN—To Ron and Cindy Kuhn, a daughter, Tricia Lynn, March 24, 1977, Hutchinson, Kansas.

McGRATH—To Tom and Elaine McGrath of Tacoma First Friends, Washington, by adoption, a son, Christopher Patrick (five years old), April 7, 1977.

MEASE—To Carl and Lynette Mease, a daughter, Kristen Michelle, April 2, 1977, Wichita, Kansas.

NIELSEN—To Lee and Patricia Nielsen, a daughter, April Lee, April 10, 1977, in the Philippines. Patricia is a member of North Valley Friends, Newberg, Oregon.

SHELTON—To Robert and Dianna Shelton, a daughter, Amanda Jean, February 15, 1977, Nampa, Idaho.

STEBBINS—To Mike and Renee Stebbins, a son, Joshua Michael, February 3, 1977, Portland, Oregon.

MARRIAGES

CLARK-ROBINSON. Cathy Clark and Kevin Robinson, April 30, 1977, Trinity Friends, Lisbon, Ohio.

COURTNEY-CROUSE. Marilyn Courtney and Brian Crouse, April 2, 1977, Damascus Friends, Ohio.

HARDY-GRIFFITH. Beth Hardy and Larry Griffith, April 17, 1977, Damascus Friends, Ohio.

MAYER-TINGLE. Cindy L. Mayer and Charles Tingle, Jr., April 7, 1977, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

NUTTER-McGUIRE. Linda Nutter and Palmer McGuire, March 4, 1977, Trinity Friends, Lisbon, Ohio.

PARSONS-SHOWALTER. Darlene Parsons and Eric Showalter in Topeka, Kansas, May 14, 1977.

STARCHER-MILLER. Joyce Starcher and Wayne Miller, March 26, 1977, Trinity Friends, Lisbon, Ohio.

TEETER-ENTRY. Peggy Teeter and Rick Entry in Topeka, Kansas, May 21, 1977.

WATKINS-TOLLENOAR. Joan Lila Watkins and Joseph Ezra Tollenor, a minister, in El Cajon, California, April 16, 1977.

DEATHS

BALES—Hubert W. Bales, 69, May 13, 1977, Friendswood, Texas.

CARR—Charles Carr, 101, April 18, 1977, Enid, Oklahoma.

COMSTOCK—Leona Comstock, 81, Nampa Friends, Idaho, March 24, 1977.

MISTELE—Ed Mistele, April 23, 1977, Olathe, Kansas.

MITCHELL—Effie Mitchell, April 22, 1977, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

PETERSON—Clara Peterson, 72, May 9, 1977, Tacoma, Washington.

REESE—Justin Reese, 11 months, 12 days, son of Tim and Marvela Reese, April 12, 1977, Hutchinson, Kansas.

WATERS—Mabel L. Waters, April 27, 1977, Pratt Friends, Kansas.

WINES—Leonard E. Wines, 71, Columbus, Ohio, April 17, 1977.

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BIRTHS

BATES—To Paul and Connie Bates, a daughter, Kirsten Melody, May 15, 1977, Tacoma, Washington.

BROWN—A son, Justin Lee, March 26, 1977, to Lee and Esther Brown, Chivington, Colorado.

CLAIBORNE—To Robert and Edie Claiborne of North Valley Friends, Newberg, Oregon, a son, Timothy Robert Isaac, February 23, 1977.

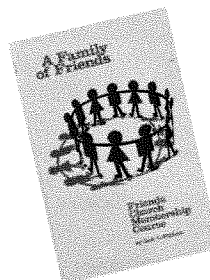
CONROY—To Michael and Janice Conroy, by adoption, Wendy Hyo Soon (three years old), August 6, 1976, Tacoma First Friends, Washington.

DAVENPORT—To Dave and Pat Davenport of Angleton, Texas, April 13, 1977, a son, Hayes Joel.

GILLASPIE—To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gillaspie, a son, Greg Edward, Easton, Texas, April 1, 1977.

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What happens between encountering couples and Christ is "the kind of change Jesus talks about in the Gospels . . . love . . . not an abstraction, not a feeling, not sentimentality, but a creative force that can be produced by a lived-out

decision to be open and responsive. The message of the Gospels suddenly becomes personalized for many couples in the weekend; they realize that God is very much alive in them and that the Scriptures are more than unattainable ideals." (From Chuck Gallagher, *The Marriage Encounter*, Doubleday and Co., New York, 1975, p. 155)

The *good news* of Marriage Encounter is that Jesus can help couples express their love for each other more fully so that this love will spread outward and transform the world. Marriage Encounter has already transformed us. 



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The Marriage Encounter experience for us was the most significant learning exercise we have ever experienced in the art of marriage and "coupleness." Contrary to what the name of the program may imply, Marriage Encounter is not an antidote for unstable marriages, but rather is specifically applicable to, and designed for, couples who have a sound marriage. It is much more than a preventative maintenance program. In a very real sense, it is an affirmative action program to make good marriages even better.

The Marriage Encounter experience has given us the capacity to attain new levels of fulfillment in our relationship as a couple, and to keep in perspective the mutual comfort in the fact that most of us labor with many of the same barriers that prevent us from rising above the mediocrity of a "good marriage." However, it is most reassuring to realize that the only valid benchmark against which to measure our marriage is ourselves as a couple, and to keep in perspective the point from where we have progressed compared to the point toward which we are striving to attain.

It is important to give a proper context

to Marriage Encounter. It provides no gimmicks for successful marriage relationships; it provides no exposure to other people in terms of group dynamics, group discussions, or counseling. It truly is a guided opportunity to focus on one's spouse and one's other relationships that directly affect the marriage relationship.

In so many ways the health and welfare of a marriage relationship is determined by each partner's own self-image, because we can't truly love anyone else if we don't have self-esteem. It is also directly affected by each partner's personal relationship to God. Neither can we fully love God if we cannot accept ourselves as being made in His own image. God doesn't make junk!


For us, the key to our hope for building a better marriage out of a good marriage came from the realization that our marriage is indeed a spiritual relationship as well as being a love relationship. It is this factor that truly gives us a oneness, and unity of commitment and purpose.

It has also been of vital importance to see that the quality of our closeness as a couple is directly related to the quality of our fellowship with God at any given

time. Our Marriage Encounter experience has allowed us to see how important our daily quality of relationship to God is, because that relationship directly determines the immediate quality of our oneness as a couple.

In a very real sense, as a couple, we function as our own "little church," ordained of God to provide each other love and encouragement, and to be just enough salt to bring out the other's full potential and flavor. In turn, we as a couple have an outreach and responsibility to exhibit God's love to other people.

As satellite "little churches," we are seeing a cumulative effect in our local formal church congregation and its vitality. Marriage Encounter is intended to be a strengthening catalyst to the local congregation, and we can already see that happening.

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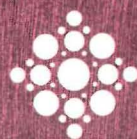
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