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Friends, as we come
to another Yearly Meeting,
let us remember query one,
“Are you diligent in attending your
meetings for worship and for the
transaction of business of the church,
and careful to promote the
attendance of your
families?” . . .



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*"Be careful to speak short and pertinent to matters
in a Christian spirit and dispatch business quickly,
and keep out of long debates . . ."*

—George Fox, Epistle

A Quaker plea for plain speech

BY NANCY THOMAS

Along with gray bonnets, the inner light, and a stand for peace, "plain speech" was an early Quaker testimony. Our Quaker ancestors consistently used the pronouns *thee* and *thou* in addressing each other and God, not because this was a set-apart religious language, but because it was the common, most simple way of talking. Plain speech—not a bad idea!

The fact that plain speech is a forgotten art struck me forcibly last year. Coming back to the States after a three-year term of service in South America, I was not psychologically prepared for the overuse of superlatives and exaggerations that seems to have become a general cultural trait. Television announcers and vividly colored magazine spreads bombarded me with the information that "durability" equals the Parthenon and Carrier Air Conditioning; that the sun, the stars, and Rolex watches all assure eternal "consistency"; that "reality" bubbles in a bottle of Pepsi Cola. After one week in kindergarten, even my five-year-old son David was describing everything as either "super" or "gross."

In church I discovered that people don't "talk" anymore; they have "rich sharing experiences" or "meaningful dialogues." I also found out that if I wanted to embrace "total joy," all I had to do was enroll in a seminar entitled something like "Fulfilled Creative Fascinating Womanhood." (The title scared me away.) Terms like "fantastic," "dynamic," "exciting," and "tremendous" now describe movies and recipes—as well as earthquakes and salvation experiences.

If the simple, common happenings of life are fantastic, tremendous, gross, or super, what words do we use when

something really big and important happens? If everyone has a fantastic time at the potluck supper or if seeing the latest Billy Graham film is a "tremendously moving experience," how do I describe being with my father as he is dying of cancer, seeing him find Jesus and life through the pain? I can't equate the experience with attending a potluck supper. But the "big words" have already been used up.

Last summer a house guest remarked one morning at breakfast that she was hoarse and had a frog in her throat. I sympathized, but as she walked away I happened to notice the look of horror on my son's face.

"Mom! Does that lady really think she's a horse? And why does she eat frogs?"

Amused, I explained to David the confusing phrases. Sometimes I feel the same way. I just can't hack my way through the forest of verbiage. Words don't seem to


*"... speak pertinently, consider both
what is fit and when it is fit to speak."*

—William Penn, Fruits of Solitude

mean what they're supposed to. Between the Time Management, Church Growth, Total Woman, and superfantastic big-time evangelistic movements in our churches, something disturbing is happening to the language. When people speak of the problem of tongues in the church, I agree, but with no reference to glossolalia.

Overuse of superlatives often indicates a poverty of thought, but clarity of thought goes hand in hand with clarity and simplicity of expression. Every writer knows the slogan KISS ("Keep It Simple, Stupid"). I suggest the same for our churches.

Clarity of thought. Simplicity in language. In short, a return to the Quaker ideal of plain speech.

Personally, I think it's a fantastic idea. 

Nancy Thomas is a second-term Quaker missionary in Bolivia with a concern about "plainness of speech." Her writings and poems have appeared in several magazines (see page 4). Both Nancy and her husband Harold are graduates of George Fox College. They are currently in Cochabamba in a special language study program learning the Aymara Indian dialect. They have two children, David and Kristin.

Something for the 'Whole' Family

BY JOHN CARR

When Jane and I married nine years ago we desired to establish a Christian home. As the children came along, we wanted ours to be a Christ-centered family—a *whole* family for the Lord.

With an opportunity for promotion, I was transferred two years ago. It would be a challenge to live away from the relatives and friends in the town where we had grown up and attended church all our lives. We looked forward to attending First Fellowship Church here where they advertised "something for the whole family."

Pastor Paul came by the second day we were in town to welcome us and to invite us to church. We were pleased to have been contacted so soon, and he encouraged us with their program of having "something for the whole family."

Sunday morning found us arriving at First Fellowship Church for the first time. Greeters met us at the door and introductions were made. They asked the ages of the children and explained that there were Sunday school classes for each and there would be junior church, cherub church, and the nursery for them following Sunday school.

Six-year-old Jeff was taken to the primary department; Judy, four, went to preschoolers; and two-year-old Joe reluctantly went to the nursery. We were given a choice of adult classes from which to choose. We were reassured that the children would be fine. We attended our class and then enjoyed the morning worship service. There had been something for all the family.

In the process of the next two years, Jane has become active in the ladies' organization, sings in the choir, and teaches the sixth grade girls' Sunday school class. I have become a member of the finance committee, a participant in the men's

organization, and an assistant usher. Jeff, now eight, sings in the children's choir and is in boys' club.

On Sunday mornings we arrive at church early so Jane can get ready for her class of girls. Each of the children goes to a Sunday school class and I go to mine. At morning worship, Jeff and Judy are in junior church, Joe is in cherub church, Jane is in the choir, and if I am not an usher, I am in the congregation.

This week I will have a finance committee meeting Monday night. Tuesday night is boys' club for Jeff and ladies' organization for Jane. Wednesday night is Bible study with "baby-sitting" for the children. Jane has choir practice on Thursday night. Friday after school Jeff has children's choir practice. My Sunday school class is having a potluck (adults only) at 6:30 Friday.

"Something for the whole family" they advertised. When was there something for the *whole* family? The only time we worship together as a family is in family worship at home. The only time we study the Bible together as a family is at home. The only time the whole family prays together is at home. The only time the whole family sings together is at home. Church meetings requiring one or more of the family members to be away from home challenge us to find time for the whole family to do these things even at home. We had set as our goal a *whole* family for the Lord. The church had advertised something for the whole family.

We attend First Fellowship Church—"something for the whole family." But if we had done something as a *whole* family this week, it would have been Saturday, except that Jane had to study for her Sunday school class presentation, Jeff had a boys' club outing, Judy's Sunday school class was having a birthday party for their teacher, and it was clean-up day at the church and I had to help trim the shrubs.

The Image

So much is expected of me, Lord.
It's as though the name *missionary*
carries with it a halo that I'm
supposed to shove my head up
under
even if it doesn't fit.
And, Lord, it doesn't.

Oh sure—I can pretend—
be like a peacock
parading spiritual plumage
strutting and fanning
my gorgeous statistics
and souvenirs
before an admiring audience

polish up the image—
my special brand of holiness.

I can hide behind
my maps and slides and foreign
sounds,
win placid approval
maybe even admiration.

And if I work it right
they'll never know
about the churches we lost to
heresy,
the endless bickering among the
national brethren that is our
constant heartache
never guess
the loneliness and frustration
the crowded afternoons when
my sanctification slips.

They'll never know, never guess—
if I don't tell them.

Or should I tell?

So much is expected of me, Lord,
and I get so tired of it all.
I've lain in this mold for so long
I almost fit,
and that scares me.

Help me.
Help me crack the image.
Help me dare to be real.

—Nancy Thomas

This story is an allegory expressing a concern with which many will identify. John Carr is a member of the Hillsboro, Oregon, Friends Church.

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ANTECEDENTS

Summer reading should be succinct and fun—in other words, short and sweet! If our first three pages do not meet these requirements, certainly none of the rest will.

We are indebted to Ray Bennett, Portland artist, for his creation of our Quaker character, to Jack Willcuts for the statements our Friend makes this month, and especially to Nancy Thomas and her article, "A Quaker Plea for Plain Speech," that stimulated all of our thinking to make these first pages provocative and we hope long remembered—though possibly not agreeable!

If the hot days of July and August and your Yearly Meeting sessions are too overwhelming to permit you to read all of the magazine, you'd better stop right here. But if you choose to go on in this issue, don't fail to absorb Kara Cole's incisive article "Before You Take Another Bite . . ." (page 6).

Because we combine the July and August issues, publishing between the months, we have been able to include a report and pictures of the historic Conference of Friends in the Americas held in Wichita the last week of June (page 9). An in-depth report on the Conference will appear in October.

Of special interest is our "Salt and Light" article, a tribute to Martin Williamson of Vale, South Dakota, who will be 100 years old this month (page 12). —H.T.A.

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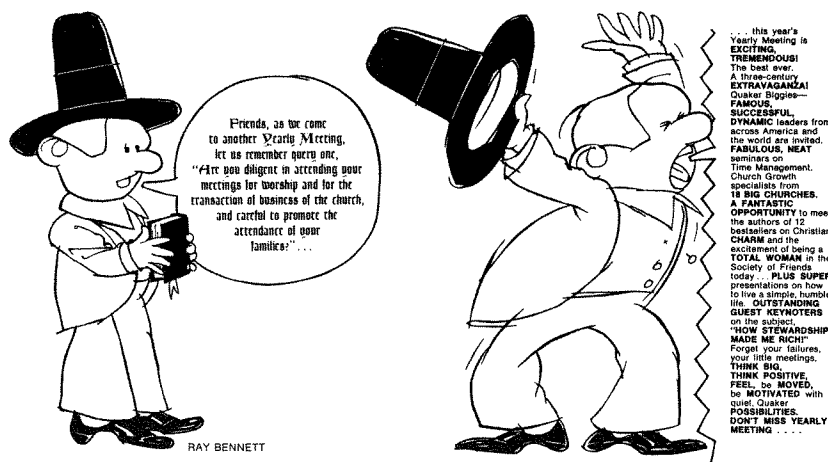
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"... take care . . . that the simplicity of Truth . . . may not wear out nor be lost in our days." (London epistle, 1691)

before you take that extra bite, before you buy that second car, before you subscribe to another magazine...

BY KARA COLE

... read *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger: A Biblical Study*, by Ronald J. Sider (InterVarsity Press, 1977). But let me warn you, you won't like it. Just as Christ made pious people uncomfortable with his message of sharing, love, and equality, Sider's book will make any sensitive American Christian squirm. But squirm we must, and then we must do something positive to break the spiral of ever-increasing mindless selfishness and consumption of the world's resources for needs that can hardly be described as survival.

I read Sider's book at the same time that I read E. F. Schumacher's *Small Is Beautiful—Economics as if People Mattered*. The double dose was almost too much! But both books, individually and together, convinced me that my life does not exemplify God's concern for the poor. Several years ago my husband did an exhaustive study of what the Bible has to say about the poor. We were both amazed. How long had we read the Bible, and yet how carefully had we avoided one of the most obvious messages—the call to Christians to act in love

Kara Cole, a former college professor and a frequent lecturer among Friends, has picked up on Ron Sider's book with some pertinent concerns of her own. What started out to be a brief book review grew into a major message that is shared with readers of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND. Ron Sider is chairman of the Social Action Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals and an articulate spokesman for evangelical social concerns. While many are talking about cutting life down to consistent, Christian size, this article offers some practical steps rather than hand wringing. Kara, with her husband Wayne and their four children, live in Portland, Oregon. —The Editors

and unstinting generosity to the poor. Now, in Sider's book, there is a compendium of Scripture about the poor, as well as current statistics about the plight of the real poor of the midtwentieth century.

In both Sider's and Schumacher's books, the reader is almost propelled into some understanding of what it means to be a citizen of the world rather than of just the Northwest or even of the United States. That starving child in Brazil is really my neighbor, and I have a Christian responsibility to do something about his plight. Neither author offers any of the usual easy outs. No matter what the situation of the reader, the very fact that he is reading the book places upon him certain responsibilities for action. For, you see, the gift of education, which gives the reader the ability to read, places him in a small minority of the world's population.

Schumacher's book makes a plea for intermediate technology, placing the re-

Lest you have already decided not to read the book because it will make you feel guilty (which, if it does, you should), let me say that Sider's is one of the most positive and optimistic books I have read. His is, I believe, a prophetic voice. Yes, he does paint a vivid word picture of hungry, suffering people. But the third section of his book suggests many guidelines and programs in which the Christian can become involved—programs that will, in fact, make a difference.

About ten years ago a friend of mine who happens to be an ecologist was pro-



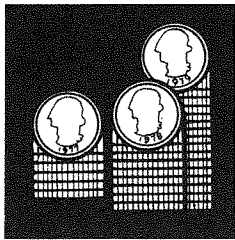
moting the idea that we must begin to think in terms of "zero economic growth." Now, that was a thought-stopper! Most people were just beginning to be tender-conscienced toward zero population growth, but zero economic growth? Well, that came close to being anti-American.

sponsibility on wealthy nations to use their aid to help third and fourth world countries develop such technology within their own borders—a technology that will, indeed, provide life opportunities for poor, currently helpless people. But, for the Christian, Sider goes further. His book could almost be subtitled "Economics for Christians as if *Poor People Mattered*."

I don't remember that Sider offered specific programs for achieving such a state (although he probably did), but he makes a very practical suggestion along the line of zero economic growth—that of the graduated tithe. Here's how it works. The family takes the time to determine a minimum, simple, and satisfactory life-style. When this determination has been made, put a dollar figure on it. (There are several ways this can be reflected; Sider suggests establishing a

dollar figure per family member per year, i.e., \$2,000/member per year would equal \$8,000 for a family of four. This determination would have to be made each year, as children grow older, etc. But Sider does suggest that no allowance be made for inflation, encouraging an ever simpler life-style.) When the year's standard has been set, pay the 10 percent tithe on that. He encourages thorough family discussion so that everyone understands and commits to the goals.

After you commit yourself to the abstract figures, it hurts less to dole out the cash each month! Next, discuss your proposal with a committed Christian friend or couple who shares your concern



for justice. Discuss major expenditures with the same people. It is easier for a slightly more objective observer to spot rationalizations than it is for you. (They also may have helpful hints on simple living.) Last, each year try to reduce your basic figure *and total expenditures*. The ultimate goal should be to reduce total expenditures (rather than the basic figure on which one pays a tithe of 10 percent) to the point where you enjoy a standard of living that all persons in the world could share. (p. 178)

The graduated tithe is then applied to the figure earned above the basic standard that you set for yourself. For each \$1,000 you earn above your basic standard, you give 5 percent more tithe. For example, if your basic standard is \$8,000, you would give 10 percent on that, 15 percent on the next \$1,000, 20 percent on the next \$1,000, etc.

Test your math. If your family makes \$15,000, and your base standard is \$8,000, how much tithe would you give in a year? (The answer is \$2,900.)

Does that sound like a poverty program for you? Have you had all the browbeating you need about your hungry neighbors? Are you tired of your Christian responsibilities to your neighbor?

Then the first two sections of Sider's book are for you. In a balanced way, he presents statistics about hunger, and yes,

he makes me feel that I must do something, but he also makes me feel that I have the power to do something significant and that I can do it. So I came away from the book with a positive rather than a guilty or negative feeling.

When I was young, my parents and other family friends were fond of reminding us children to clean our plates in behalf of all the "starving Armenians." Now, I've never seen or spoken to a starving Armenian, and it soon became an empty, meaningless phrase, but it also became, I think, a very bad symbol. There was nothing I could do for those faceless foreigners but eat more than I should have—exactly the opposite of what my goal should have been. Now is the time to examine both our motives and our actions, as citizens of the world and as Christians.

Sider's book is divided into three parts. The first part he calls "Poor Lazarus and Rich Christians." I found it both the most tedious and least informative, probably because I had already read Schumacher's book and much of the material is the same. It is a presentation of the statistics that we don't want to hear—how Americans make up 6 percent of the earth's population, yet use 40 percent of the earth's resources; that "there are 55 times more goods and services available per person in the United States than in India"; that "the rich 34 percent claims 87 percent of the world's total GNP each year while the poor two thirds is left with 13 percent!"; that, with regard to food consumption, "U.S. citizens consume almost five times as much grain per person as do the people in the developing countries." (from pages 39-45)

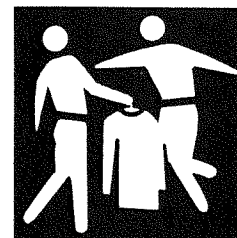
He takes after advertising for creating ever more desire in Americans and suggests that we all laugh at such advertising. It's a necessary introduction, and it effectively establishes the desperate need for change.

In Part II, Sider gets down to the major thesis of the book, the idea that makes his book stand apart from Schumacher's, namely, that the Bible speaks clearly, consistently, and insistently to Christians about their specific responsibilities to and for the poor. (Incidentally, Sider's is an extremely well-documented book, a rarity among paperbacks these days.) If you are not overwhelmed by the argument, you cannot avoid being impressed and convinced by the sheer bulk! Beyond that, though, reading this

biblical material will help open your mind to what Sider and the Bible have to say to you while you are reading the book.

Probably one of the most disturbing characteristics of twentieth century Christians has been their ability to read the Bible selectively. Sider comes right to the point by dealing with economic relationships among the people of God. He develops a tight biblical perspective for concrete programs through which Christians can deal effectively with the poor, using as models the Jubilee, the Sabbatical year, tithing and gleaning, the Jerusalem model of sharing, and Paul's economic *koinonia*. He points out particularly the teachings of Jesus about believers' attitudes and actions toward the poor.

Most Christians in the Northern Hemisphere simply do not believe Jesus' teaching about the deadly danger of possessions. We all know that Jesus warned that possessions are highly dangerous—so dangerous in fact that it is extremely difficult for a rich person to be a Christian at all. (Luke 18:24) But we do not believe Jesus. Christians in the United States live in the richest society in the history of the world surrounded by a billion hungry neighbors. Yet we demand that our governments foster an ever-expanding economy in order that our incomes will increase each year. We insist on more and more. If Jesus was so



un-American that he considered riches dangerous, then we must ignore or reinterpret his message. (p. 120-1)

Sider also directly attacks the idea that prosperity is necessarily symbolic of God's blessing.

The Bible does teach that God rewards obedience with prosperity. But it denies the converse. It is a heresy, particularly common in the West, to think that wealth and prosperity are always a sure sign of righteousness. They may be the result of sin and oppression as in the case of Israel. The crucial test is whether the prosperous are obeying God's command to bring justice to the oppressed. If they

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Key people involved in the work of the EFA in Mexico City met recently in Wichita: (left to right) Fred Littlefield, Roscoe Knight, Pastor Manuel Guzman, Dave Anderson, and Dick Martens.

Missionary Editor Esther Hess interviewed representatives from the EFA Friends mission church attending the Conference of the Americas in Wichita. This was Mexico Friends Pastor Manuel Guzman's first visit to the U.S., and as a newer Christian, to a Friends gathering (he and others did attend the sessions of Central America Yearly Meeting in Guatemala more than a year ago).

An interview with Mexico Friends pastor Manuel Guzman

BY ESTHER HESS

Esther Hess: It is a historic occasion to have the first official representative of the Evangelical Friends Alliance mission work in Mexico City visit here in the United States. It is also significant that, here at the same meeting, we also have the founder of this work, Roscoe Knight. I would like to go back to the beginning, Roscoe, and ask you how you settled upon Mexico City as a place to begin a Friends mission.

Roscoe Knight: I was a missionary in Bolivia when I heard Dean Gregory

This exchange was arranged informally by Esther Hess. Since pastor Guzman speaks little English and Esther Hess little Spanish, Roscoe Knight, veteran missionary and pioneer of the Mexico City Friends churches, served as interpreter.

The Mexico church now meets in the Guzman home—rented by the congregation of from fifty to a hundred—which serves as a meeting house and home.

The Mexico City Friends work is sponsored and the missionaries are supported by the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

make the remark that he felt Mexico City was a place of tremendous need. Two years later, in 1969, when I was considering going into a new field for EFA, God's Spirit seemed to bring Dean's concern to me again.

Esther: That is often how God works, isn't it? He plants the seed and lets it mature, and ultimately it bears fruit such as this meeting represents. Roscoe, when did you first meet Manuel Guzman?

Roscoe: We first met in 1972, I believe. He began coming to the classes that met in private homes. It was through these Bible study meetings that he became a Christian and began having meetings in his own home. Two years ago he moved into a place that has now become our church as well as Manuel's home. We believe the Lord worked it out for him to live there.

Esther: Manuel, can you tell us what your vision for the future of your work is?

Manuel Guzman: In the past we have drawn people from many places around Mexico City. Our idea now is to concentrate on the area right around our house. We want to reach all the people

close at hand. We will still have family-worship type meetings in outlying areas of the city on various nights of the week to help develop new house-churches. We are so happy to report on the development of our main group. Until a year ago we were simply a fellowship group. Then a year ago I was appointed as pastor, and elders were chosen. Now just a week ago our Discipline was approved, and we have a basic list of active and associate members.

Esther: How many members do you have now?

Manuel: We had eight charter members and have an average attendance of fifty. In fact, fifty fills our house.

Esther: Tell us about your family and how you manage to have church in the same place where you live.

Manuel: My wife and I have six children from ages ten to nineteen years. Our living room is about 13 x 26 feet, and this serves as our main meeting room. Before each meeting we have to remove all the overstuffed furniture. We use the bedrooms for Sunday school rooms. We are happy to say we have not missed a meeting time since the Knights returned

to the States! We have another new blessing to report. The house owner has put in a phone, and this makes it so much easier to arrange our meetings and keep in touch with our people. It saves us much time! We also have two new pieces of furniture for our church, a desk and a pulpit.

Esther: Manuel, I believe it must take much dedication and patience to be constantly sharing your home as a meeting place like this.

I can see Roscoe Knight is delighted with the new developments. Roscoe, how would you summarize what has happened in the Mexico City work?


Roscoe: As I see it the church has passed through three stages.

1. Missionary
2. A few Mexican leaders were discovered and trained.
3. A church is now organized and has its own members to continue reaching out.

It gives us a great feeling of gratitude to know that a work that began centering around us as missionaries is now all organized and working with the national workers at the center.

Esther: It is good also that we have at this Conference of Friends in the Americas Richard Martens and Dave Anderson. The Martenses have already completed two years in Mexico City, and the Andersons have just completed language study and will be going to the field very soon. What will be their role in the future development of this work?

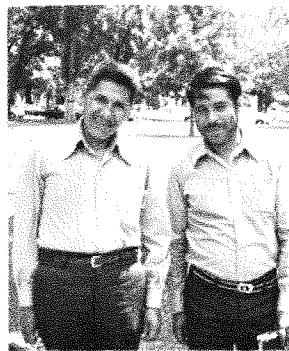
Roscoe: Continued Bible teaching is needed to develop strong national leadership. Evangelism is an urgent responsibility. This is done by door-to-door neighborhood canvassing and following up all personal contacts. It is hoped that the present family-worship meetings will multiply and grow into other "house-churches," such as our friend Manuel Guzman's group has done.

Esther: Jack Willcuts, as chairman of the EFA Missions Commission, has given strong leadership on the home end of this missionary thrust. He has recently turned over this responsibility to Fred Littlefield. It was helpful that these five men pictured could participate in discussions together two days prior to the full general conference of Friends in Wichita. We shall hope to keep in touch with this growing EFA mission project. 

REPORT FROM WICHITA



PHOTOS BY DONALD EDMUNDSON



Friends University musical group sings at one of the evening sessions in Wichita. Entrance of University Friends Church (left). Bolivian brethren attending conference: Francisco Tintaya and Enrique Tito.

BY LUCY ANDERSON

Over one thousand Friends attended the Conference of Friends in the Americas, the first of its kind ever to be held, which convened in Wichita, Kansas, from June 25 to July 1.

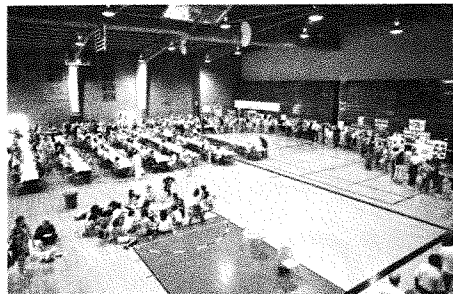
Representing forty-four yearly meetings, associations, and groups of Friends from all over the Western Hemisphere, they came to spend a week—getting ac-

quainted, listening, sharing concerns, worshipping together. "Living in the Spirit" was the theme of the conference, providing the focal point for large and small group worship, workshops, interest groups, and discussions.

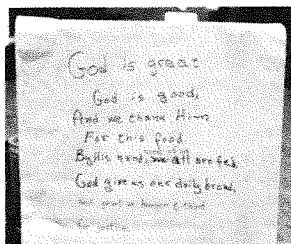
In evaluating the conference, perhaps its greatest contribution was that it provided a forum for Friends of diverse and varied backgrounds to listen to each other, and to share concerns. And after the talking ceased, there were the quiet times of worship and meditation appreciated by all. At the beginning of his Sunday morning message, Howard Macy (as stand-in for Jack Willcuts) said: "What a great occasion to have so many Friends from all over the world to worship God!"

Perhaps the highlight of the conference—at least for evangelical Friends in

Lucy Anderson, president of the Publication Board of Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, was asked to give her impressions and a report of the Conference of Friends in the Americas held in Wichita, Kansas, June 25-July 3. Lucy, a contributing editor of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND, will be spending the coming year in Nigeria, where her husband Alvin will be teaching at the University of Calabar.



Mealtime at Friends University gym.



attendance—was the opportunity to meet our mission leaders from Mexico City and Bolivia. Manuel Guzman, Enrique Tito, and Francisco Tintaya each gave excellent reports of their respective fields and shared how God is working through the outreach of Friends, in spite of many obstacles. Their clear and victorious note was indeed a blessing as they told of the growth God has given their churches.

The Planning Committee, with Donald Moon as chairman, are to be congratulated for their yearlong efforts, which culminated in an efficient yet flexible schedule for the conference. Speakers were chosen as follows for the large group evening services:

□ Landrum Bolling, president of Lilly Endowment, Inc., author, and former president of Earlham College, spoke Saturday evening on "Living in the Spirit."

□ Howard Macy, Reedwood, Oregon, pastoral team member, spoke Sunday morning on the topic, "In His Hands."

□ Emilio Salgado, Guatemalan evangelist and recorded minister of Kansas Yearly Meeting, preached Sunday evening in Spanish on "Heart, Mind, and Strength." Hiram Hilty of Guilford College was the interpreter, and Matilda Haworth, longtime missionary to Chiquimula, Guatemala, under California Yearly Meeting, introduced the speaker.

□ Jean Zaru, part-time teacher at Ramallah Friends School in Ramallah, West Bank, and FUM representative to the World Council of Churches in

Nairobi, spoke Monday evening on "Who Is My Neighbor?"

□ Louise Wilson, Quaker educator, author, and workshop leader from Virginia Beach, Virginia, spoke Tuesday evening on "Heart Before Treasure."

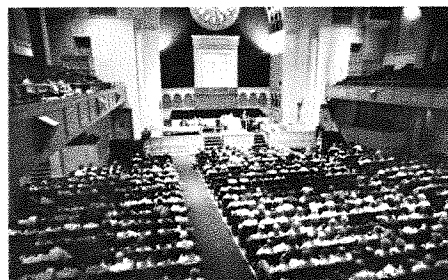
□ Dwight Wilson, General Secretary-elect of Friends General Conference, spoke Wednesday evening on "A Place to Stand."

□ Douglas Steere, Quaker writer, lecturer, and educator, spoke Thursday evening on "Cheerfully over the Earth."

Each morning four separate quadrants met, spending the first hour listening to a speaker present the topic, then separating into elective workshops for the second hour. The third hour was spent in small group worship/sharing. The topics for the four "quads" were (1) "Thou Shalt Love the Lord Thy God"; (2) "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor"; (3) "You That Lose Your Life Shall Find It"; and (4) "Go Ye into All the World."

In the afternoon the Mesa Redonda, or "Round Table," representing thirty-six

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Evening meetings at Wichita's First Baptist Church.

Meeting Friends and Understanding Quakers: A Personal Reflection

My goals at the conference of Friends in the Americas were to meet Friends and to better understand Quakerism, its seg-

A personal reflection of the Wichita Conference from a "comparatively new" Friend—Rosalie Sigler, Portland, Oregon.

ments, and their beliefs. I am comparatively new to Friends. I have been a believer for twenty years and a Friend for five years. Like many I keep asking, "What Is a Quaker?" When Jack Willcuts described the conference to me last winter, he said, "I wish you could go. You would meet wonderful Friends there." (I didn't know whether capital or small F was meant!) I felt a strong conviction at that time that he had spoken truly, and I began at that point to sort through my savings to set aside money for this journey.

As a person traveling to the conference alone, I found it necessary to meet many Friends. I had no car and was given rides by many, some of whom became repeaters and closer acquaintances. I discovered upon arrival that my tape recorder batteries had died, and the lady who was driving me at that time (Miriam Burke) made a special trip to purchase new ones. I was thus able to become acquainted with her.

The performance of my husband's song Sunday morning sent more Friends my way as they inquired how to get this music. I took art work for the Quaker Art Display. One of the calligraphy pieces, a poem, sounded like the premise to Louise Wilson's address to the evening meeting. I gave her the poem and was delighted to share in this way. One of the calligraphy pieces was a *lengthy* poem that spoke to many. Some copied the words of the poem; others gave me their address for copies.

Our workshop title was "Changing Concepts of Freedom and Discipline." Our workshop leader, Everett Cattell, explained that he would be dealing with the subject of "Authority." The discussion of accepting the Bible or the Spirit who gave the Bible as the authority gave me some idea of the struggles of conscience and leading that have led us on separate paths.

During the week both programmed and unprogrammed Friends expressed the same concerns. All were thinking of the youth—how to transmit our heritage to them and how to keep them in the meeting as adults. All were concerned about declining numbers attending meetings. And finally, all were hoping to understand better the practical procedure of carrying out our theme, "Living in the Spirit." I hope that dialogue will continue with new Friends (small and large F) as we pursue these things together.



BY JACK L. WILL CUTS

On Getting Things Done

Quakers are methodists. We just use different methods. The principles underlying Friends Church government and worship present certain questions, one being: How can a fellowship based on the Spirit's guidance from within set up any form of organizational procedure providing direction from without?

An episcopal type of system against which early Friends (and today's too) rebel has become a sort of religious norm in the evangelical community. Lines of authority—efficient, tight organizational management—has become a badge of success in several churches and denominations. Friends have never felt comfortable with directives from any top-level executives or sources. When they are taken, they are first measured in the crucible of individual discernment and concern. Plans and action funnel upward from the individuals, to meetings, to areas, to boards, to yearly meetings—to the world—not the other way around. This has made divine direction synonymous with the sense of the meeting, preserving the dignity and respect of each individual.

This is our heritage of Quaker procedure. But doing it this way seems so out of step in our secular and ecclesiastical environment. Those familiar with Friends history puzzle, "How come Quakers grew so fast and were so proportionately large in the beginning years?" It is reported that 40 percent of the American public can trace ancestry to Quaker stock. Not just influence but also Friends numerical impact were considerable in earlier American history.

"What we need is a good bishop to knock heads together!" exclaimed one exasperated Friend. But early Friends had no bishop. As a matter of fact, they had no organization until the phenomenon of growth forced them to do something about it. Then some distinctive methods developed, partly to help those suffering in prisons, partly to finance mission trips, to make marriages valid, to petition government with concerns, to deal with offenders "that Truth might be cleared" of misunderstandings. Every step in this direction was taken to safeguard individual spiritual authority. The first Friends discipline in America, published in 1762, carried the tedious title: *A Collection of Christian and Brotherly Advices Given Forth from Time to Time by the Yearly Meetings of Friends for New Jersey and Pennsylvania*.

Boards, officials, directors, supervisors, administrators, coordinators, comptrollers—these words are not found in Quaker annals; only two kinds of assemblies were thought necessary: meetings for worship and meetings for worship for the transaction of business. Worship concerned *being*,

business concerned *doing*. So, concerns were felt, expressed, recognized, and acted upon. Academies, colleges, foreign missions, new meetings, social action, youth camps, ministries of various types came into being along this organizational route. Friends do not go to an annual conference to learn what the program for the year is to be; they go to yearly meeting to review what the program has turned out to be the previous year. Then a book of Minutes is published and distributed free to all.

This procedure doesn't work too well on a "perk" chart projecting the next decade or even one year. Yearly Meeting superintendents and offices are more clerical than administrative, clearing houses for programs of whatever emphasis the meetings and boards deem desirable. The superintendent is an invited participant, an "ex officio" person in almost any setting where he or the committee, meeting, or department wishes him to be involved. This is not a cynical or disparaging appraisal, simply a "working description" of what an observer might see in looking at the Quaker method.

This definition is oversimplified, of course, but it comes close to fitting our church, where unity is deemed more important than uniformity, where the church may have as many administrators as members. It isn't easy to manipulate this kind of structure, a fact that has frustrated and confused many who have tried it at almost every level—from the smallest meeting to the yearly meeting Executive Council. This method works well only when every member assumes a degree and depth of personal responsibility, spiritual initiative, cooperative dedication that is not generally found in Christian corporate bodies. Surely there is nothing un-Quakerly or unchristian about planning and foresight, but it is a cop-out to delegate that to a leader or two so the rest can be free from responsibility or involvement. The method may need adjustments, but the principles inherent in Friends organizational procedures are worth preserving. ☐

Faith Means Sacrifice?

Oswald Hoffmann, of the *Lutheran Hour*, jarred me the other morning with the simple sentence: "Faith always means sacrifice." His point of scriptural reference was Abraham. Offering his only son Isaac, knife in hand on the mountain, Abraham could have complained (wailed). That this incident was a preview of Gethsemane is commonly assumed, but is it also a practical, working principle of Christian faith?

Like many truths, it can be turned around so easily to mean something different. "To obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Samuel 15:22) doesn't mean that obedience involves no sacrifice anymore than to hunt up ways to sacrifice is an evidence of great faith.

We like, and are more accustomed to hearing, that faith means joy, freedom, forgiveness, happiness. True, too. But faith carries a price tag, pinned on every morning, and sometimes several times during the day. Sacrifice! In our life-style (note Kara Cole's article on page 6); in our use of time, our regularity and priorities in attending church worship and assuming Holy Spirit-opened responsibilities that cut across our personal plans and desires. Sacrifice! It's the other half of faith. ☐



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Court Upholds Fining of Priest for Holding Mass in His Home

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the conviction of a seventy-three-year-old traditionalist Roman Catholic priest who was fined \$50 for illegally holding church services in his home in Vienna, Virginia.

The justices let stand a decision by the Virginia Supreme Court that Father Joseph E. Gedra was rightfully convicted for violating a local zoning ordinance in Fairfax County. The ordinance prohibits places of worship in residentially zoned areas without a special permit. —E.P.

NBC Plans Annual Showings of 'Jesus of Nazareth'

LOS ANGELES—NBC-TV has announced that *Jesus of Nazareth*, the six-and-a-half-hour film on the life of Jesus, originally shown on Palm Sunday and Easter, will be televised annually. The program was watched by 49 percent of the national TV audience, NBC said. The network also reported that a record total of 11,246 viewers contacted it about the program, 97 percent praising the telecasts. —E.P.

35,000 at West German Rally Hear International Speakers Team

DORTMUND, WEST GERMANY—Some 35,000 people crowded the Westfalenstadion in May for the final rally of Gemeindetag (Fellowship Day) to hear speakers from various parts of the world in this city of the industrialized Ruhr.

Included were Evangelist Luis Palau, president of Overseas Crusades, and German Evangelist Gerhard Bergmann.

The stadium rally was televised live, marking a first for evangelicals in Germany. Moments before the rally ended, 5,000 children marched into the stadium releasing multicolored balloons to sym-

bolize the freedom for preaching the Gospel emphasized during the conference.

Palau said the team was "impressed by the tremendous concern expressed by the German evangelicals over the sufferings of the people in the Third World." —E.P.

A Church Chain Letter Promises Changes

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—"If you are unhappy with your church minister," says the bulletin of the Salt Lake First Unitarian Church, "simply have your church board send a copy of this letter to six other churches who are also tired of their ministers.

"Then bundle up your minister and send him (or her) to the church on the top of the list in the letter. Add the name of your church to the bottom of the letter."

"Within a week," the bulletin promises, "you will receive 16,435 ministers, and one of them should be a dandy.

"Have faith in this chain letter for ministers. Do not break the chain. One church broke the chain and got their old minister back." —E.P.

Supreme Court Will Study 'Deathbed' Bequest Law

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to rule on the constitutionality of an 1866 District of Columbia law that makes invalid bequests to clergymen or religious organizations if made less than thirty days before the death of the person signing a will.

The case at issue involves a will drawn in 1972 by Sallye Lipscomb French twenty-one days before she died, leaving Calvary Baptist Church, St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Cathedral, and Johns Hopkins University Medical School each one third of her \$38,000 estate.

Relatives of the widow sought to have the will declared invalid under the "deathbed" law. —E.P.

Salvation Army Fastest Growing Religious Body in the U.S.

NEW YORK—The Salvation Army was the fastest growing U.S. religious body in 1975, according to the new *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches*.

For 1975 the Salvation Army reported a 5 percent increase in membership, to reach a total of 384,317. U.S. population grew an estimated 0.8 percent during that year. —E.P.



This tribute written by Florene Nordyke is adapted from an article by Mrs. William Williamson and a story written in 1932 by Endre D. Hanson that appeared in the Plankinton, South Dakota, newspaper, December 4, 1975, as a bicentennial story, "A History of Friends in South Dakota." In reading this, one is reminded of the popular TV series, Little House on the Prairie.

CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY

One hundred years ago the century-old United States was offering free land to people who would move West to homestead. All of South Dakota east of the Missouri River had been surveyed and opened for settlement shortly before 1880. Many Quaker families were attracted to the homesteading country in the Dakota territory, and it was only a short time until meetings were established throughout many communities under the jurisdiction of Iowa Yearly meeting.

Familiar Quaker names are listed in the hardy families who moved westward, sharing the hardships of this new country but also sharing the strength and peace of the Quaker faith. The Hadleys, the Hansons, the Williamsons, the Hocketts, and many other pioneers of the Western Quaker churches were among those early settlers in Dakota.

Martin Williamson was five years old when his Norwegian parents moved from Iowa to the Dakota territory in 1882. As Martin trudged across the unfenced prairies herding his father's cows, his mind was busy learning Bible verses and reading. During the school year he was in the schoolhouse and, along with other pioneer children, became an excellent reader and speller.

On Sundays his Quaker family worshipped in meetings at the schoolhouse, which was the center of community gatherings as well as the center of learning. With the advent of the grading system, Martin Williamson became the first student to graduate from the 8th grade in his school.

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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

RICHARD AND MARY ANN MARTENS returned to Iowa during the summer from Mexico City for a brief furlough. They will spend most of the time in Iowa visiting among the churches and with their family. PAUL AND PHYLLIS CAMMACK returned to Oregon early in July from Mexico City, having completed their year of service. DAVID AND KATHY ANDERSON will replace the Cammacks, arriving in Mexico City about the first of September. The Andersons have a new baby boy, Christian David, born June 3, 1977.

Several pastors are crossing yearly meeting borders within the EFA this year: ROY SKEETER and family have moved from their pastorate in North Olmsted, Ohio, to take the pastorate at Tigard, Oregon, replacing RON ALLEN, who has moved to Friendswood Friends Church in Texas. DAVID HICKMAN, assistant pastor at Tigard Friends Church, is taking the Liberal, Kansas, Friends Church. GARY MACY has left Alliance Friends Church (Ohio) and is now assistant pastor at First Friends Church, Vancouver, Washington. STEVEN WOOD has gone to Newberg Friends Church (Oregon) as Minister of Christian Education, from Damascus, Ohio. There may be others, but information has not reached the editors as this goes to press.

Returning missionaries of EFA fields include RUSSELL AND ESTHER ZINN, who are returning for furlough from Taiwan; MARK AND WILMA ROBERTS, DUANE AND SHERRILL COMFORT, and JEAN CLARK, who have returned from Friends fields in Bolivia and Peru.

WAYNE ICKES began his 20th year as pastor of East Richland Friends Church (Ohio) as the church year started. The morning attendance has grown to an average of nearly 400.

JACK WILLCUTS will be guest speaker for the devotional and "Bible Study Hour" at Western Yearly Meeting (Indiana) and at Wilmington Yearly Meeting (Ohio) in August.

ROY CLARK, pastor of West Chehalem Friends Church (Oregon) was the speaker for the annual Holiness Camp Meeting held in Portland, Oregon, in July. This interdenominational camp meeting has been a strong holiness ministry for many years.

EVERETT CATTELL will speak September 16-18 at Quaker Heights in Iowa for the annual "Lay Retreat." His theme will be "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer."

ROSCOE AND TINA KNIGHT have completed a year of deputation visitation across the EFA, concluding with the sessions of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting in June, where Roscoe served as guest speaker. The Knights have accepted a short-term assignment to Bolivia and Peru under the Department of Missions of Northwest Yearly Meeting and plan to move to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, in early January 1978. They will make their home in Newberg, Oregon, until then.

BENNIE AND WINNIE PUCKETT of Lents Friends (Portland, Oregon) left August 10 to teach in Bethany Christian School in Taipei, Taiwan. Bethany is a satellite school of Morrison Academy, a boarding school for missionary children in Taichung, Taiwan. Bennie will be teaching fourth grade and Winnie will be librarian. They plan to stay at least three years. Friends may write to them at: Bethany Christian School, Box 30-134, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC 100. Their apartment is only a block and a half from Bethany, and any of you who are world travelers will be welcome.

FRIENDS FOCUS

BETTY ROBINSON TO SPEAK AT WOMEN'S RETREAT

Betty (Mrs. Clifton) Robinson will be at Camp NEOSA (Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region), October 7-9 as the scheduled speaker for the annual retreat of the Friends Women of the yearly meeting. Sally Roher is in charge of the Planning Committee.

SIGNIFICANT CHURCH GROWTH AMONG MEXICO FRIENDS

In a recent report sent shortly before the Cammacks left the field, Paul wrote of the Friends activities: "We are just back from the [annual] youth camp with twenty-four young people (four more than last year) and forty-four adults and children (fourteen more than last year). For the first time ever, we contracted a bus to take the group without cars to camp. This was very helpful, making it possible for some families with smaller children to go. . . . The Discipline and Constitution has now been completed and approved and is now in use by the Mexico church, and we believe this will be a great strength to the future of the work. A church is not built upon organization alone, but structure is important for stability. We are seeing growth and changes in many lives. We will remain until Pastor Manuel Guzman returns from the Conference of the Americas in Wichita."

QUAKER YOUTH GROUP ON TOUR

Thirty Indiana high school youth from Western Yearly Meeting are traveling across the U.S. during the summer visiting Friends colleges and meetings. On June 19 they were in Wichita seeing Friends University and the Friends meetings of the city.

RUSSELL MYERS RECOMMENDED FOR ANOTHER THREE-YEAR TERM

The results of the ballot votes from the delegates on the recommendation of the Executive Board of the Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region carried the name of Russell Myers for an additional three-year term as general superintendent. This report was sent to the churches of the yearly meeting prior to the sessions in August.

YEARLY MEETING CONVENES IN NEW FACILITY

The sessions of Northwest Yearly Meeting (July 25-31) met for the first time in the new Wheeler Sports Center recently completed on the campus of George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon. All Yearly Meeting board and department meetings were held in another new building just completed on the campus, the Hoover Academic Building (named after Herbert Hoover, who attended Pacific Friends Academy, which later became Pacific College and now George Fox College).

FRIENDS CHURCH WORSHIP AIRED ON TV FATHER'S DAY

East Richland Friends Church (Ohio) was featured on a local television broadcast (WTRE-TV) Sunday morning, June 19. This came about by special request of the station. Wayne Ickes is pastor.

A QUERY TO CONSIDER

"Are you in the daily practice of reading the Holy Scriptures in your families, giving time for reverent waiting upon the Lord?"

FRIENDS IN UGANDA

In a recent mailing from the Wider Ministries Commission of the Friends United Meeting is a report that "Uganda Friends indicate their church activities continue despite the turmoil and difficulties which beset the country. Naturally little is said in letters, although one writer comments that 'it is so hard for me and my family now.'" It is certainly appropriate for all Friends to remember in prayer those in areas of persecution and danger.

NEW CAMPSITE "OPEN HOUSE" AUGUST 6

Friends of Ohio will view a new camp and retreat site near Carrollton, Ohio, in an "open house" on August 6. The Camp Development Committee plans a field day, picnic, youth outing, and a "day of dreams and surprise" as this potential for this property is considered.

NEED FILMS ABOUT FRIENDS MISSIONS OF EFA TO USE IN LOCAL MEETINGS?

A twenty-six-minute slide and cassette presentation showing Friends work in Africa, Taiwan, India, Rough Rock, Bolivia, Peru, and Mexico is available by writing your yearly meeting office. Another twenty-four-minute filmstrip presentation about the Aymara Friends of the Andes, prepared by Florene Nordyke, is available also by writing Agnes Tish, Route 6, Caldwell, Idaho 83605.

RECIPE FOR CHILD RAISING

From the midweek mailing of Boise Friends Church (Idaho) comes this clever formula:

For Child Raising take --	one cup	Proverbs 22:6
	two tablespoons	Proverbs 19:19
	one dash	Proverbs 23:13
	one teaspoon	Proverbs 3:5
	one half cup	Titus 2:3-7

Mix all the ingredients, add one pound of persistence, one cup of love, and whip until it is the right consistency. This recipe is recommended by the Creator of Mankind. (Add a little pinch of Ephesians 6:4.)

VIOLA RAWSON TAKEN IN AUTO ACCIDENT

The wife of David Rawson, eldest son of Dr. Perry and Marjorie Rawson, retired veteran medical missionary to Burundi under Kansas Yearly Meeting, was killed in an auto accident June 29. Viola (Mosher) Rawson is the sister of Mrs. Howard Moore of Taiwan Friends Mission and a member of the Mosher family, Quakers for many years in the EFC--Eastern Region.

The Rawson family, on furlough from Iran, where he had been teaching, were enroute to the Perry Rawson home in Michigan after attending a Mosher family reunion near Cardington, Ohio. Viola Rawson was killed in the accident; David suffered facial cuts and bruises; a daughter was released from intensive care after a brief stay, and their son suffered a liver injury requiring surgery.

Funeral services were held at the Mt. Gilead Friends Church.

BOLIVIAN FRIENDS MAKE FIRST VISIT TO U.S.

Francisco Tintaya Mamani, presiding clerk of Bolivia Yearly Meeting, and Enrique Tito, director of the Patmos Bible Institute, a Friends school in La Paz for the training of national pastors, came to the Conference of the Americas in Wichita, Kansas, and spent the month of July in Northwest Yearly Meeting visiting among the

churches. Both participated in the Yearly Meeting sessions as devotional leaders and in sessions with the Department of Missions.

This is the first time fraternal representatives have come from Bolivia Yearly Meeting (set off as an independent yearly meeting four years ago). Friends of the Northwest were impressed and encouraged with not only the spiritual concerns these men carry but also their obvious gifts of discernment and vision. Bolivia Yearly Meeting has 157 churches with around 10,000 active adult members plus another five to seven thousand in regular attendance. Two nationals from the Friends Mission in Peru had also planned to attend but at the last minute were unable to secure travel visas.

SALEM (OHIO) FRIENDS FEATURED IN LIVE RADIO BROADCASTS IN JULY

Salem First Friends Church has had a radio ministry for a number of years under Pastor Harold Winn's leadership. They continue this now under the joint pastors, Ben Staley and Richard Sartwell. The five Sundays in July the 11:00 a.m. worship was broadcast live over station WSOM. Cost of the broadcasts (\$36.50 each) are cared for by different Sunday school classes or individual donors.

FUM GENERAL SECRETARY, LORTON HEUSEL, AND FAMILY IN TRAGIC ACCIDENT

Joyce Heusel, wife of Friends United Meeting general secretary, Lorton Heusel, was instantly killed in a car accident following the Wichita, Kansas, conference, as the family was enroute to visit relatives in Nebraska. Their car was hit broadside by a truck loaded with wheat. Their entire family of six children was with them in the car; one eight-year-old daughter was seriously injured and will remain in a Lincoln, Nebraska, hospital for several weeks.

The Heusels live in Richmond, Indiana, where the FUM offices are located.

"YOUNG BELIEVERS" ON SUMMER TOUR

A group of twenty-three youth from all over EFC--Eastern Region called the "Young Believers" will tour across seven states during the summer sharing their Christian witness in singing and Christian drama. They are under the direction of Connie Bancroft.

VETERAN PASTOR SUFFERS STROKE

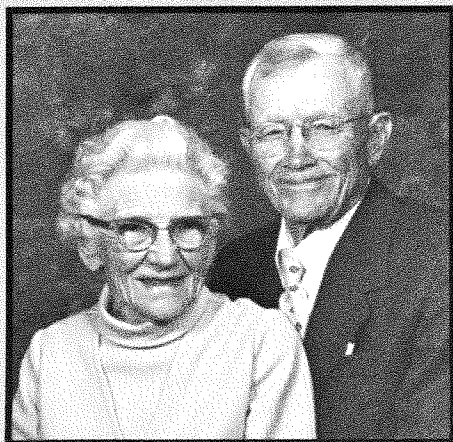
Walter and Gladys Cook, veteran pastors in Northwest and Kansas Yearly Meetings, who recently retired from their responsibilities as members of the Reedwood Friends Meeting pastoral team (in charge of nursing home ministries), now reside at Friendsview Manor. Sunday, June 3, Walter suffered a severe stroke, leaving his right side paralyzed and with serious speech impairment. Both are recorded Friends ministers whose leadership in church extension and foreign missions along with many pastoral responsibilities has been a blessing to many.

DAMASCUS FRIENDS TO INSTALL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The Damascus (Ohio) Friends Meeting approved at a June business meeting the installation of stained glass windows on the north side of the sanctuary. Damascus was the site of the Yearly Meeting sessions for many years and is a historic Quaker center of the EFC--Eastern Region. The yearly meeting office and Friends Bookstore are in Damascus, a small village near Canton, Ohio. Joseph Kirby, from Aubrey, Texas, and formerly from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, is the new pastor since July 1. In recent months he was involved in the church growth program of Fuller Evangelistic Association.

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These early settlers, many Norwegians, were willing to endure a great deal to hold on to their homes. They lived in sod houses and dug out basements and used flax straw, hay, and cowchips for fuel. There were blizzards and prairie fires that caused great loss of life and property. People and cattle perished in the blizzard of the 12th of January, 1888. Mt. Vernon was nearly burned up in a prairie fire in the spring of 1890. In the nineties the greater part of the settlers had lost their farms and personal



Martin and Nettie Williamson

property and had to leave. One township in Aurora County had only eight voters left at one time.

But these years of hard time were seasons of great blessing and spiritual prosperity. The Friends Church was in the midst of the great revival that began a few years before and spread like a prairie fire all over American Quakerism. A band of faithful evangelists were leading the church into a new experience of revival enthusiasm. They proclaimed the necessity of conversion and a change of heart, and God blessed young and old in great numbers.

By the time the pastoral system was introduced, about the end of the century, the ministers of that early period had gone to other fields. John F. Hanson and wife spent nearly four years in gospel labors in Norway and finally settled at Portland, Oregon. William L. Hadley moved to Idaho. In the period before 1900, ministers in the South Dakota area served the church faithfully at great sacrifice. Christian experience and life in the membership of the church brought great blessings to all.

Quarterly meetings were a highlight, spiritually and socially; often the settlers traveled a whole day coming and going and two days there—four days away from home. They loved to sing, as the old-fashioned singing school was still going. Quakers of that period were just learning how to sing, as singing was not a part of church service until the revival movement came. Later the organ and piano were used.

On August 29, 1977, Martin Williamson will be 100 years old. From the time he began to learn Bible verses, he has continued active in Sunday school and church affairs. When he was young he often preached in the absence of local pastors. He married Nettie Winkel June 7, 1909, and farmed near Plankinton, South Dakota. In 1919 they moved to a farm near Vale, where Martin became pastor of the local Friends church.

The first meetings were held in a schoolhouse, but later they moved to the present church, which was dedicated August 29, 1927, on Martin's 50th birthday. This church, the Empire Monthly Meeting in the Black Hills, grew from Martin's witness and work in the community. He built up the meeting of members who were not Friends by birth. The Empire Friends Church is one of the few rural churches left in South Dakota. Lloyd Hinshaw is the pastor at Empire Friends, now a part of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting.

Martin retired from the ministry in 1959 but remains active with gardening, church and community activities, reading, and studying many hours daily. Nettie, his wife for 68 years, is active in church and community affairs at 92 years of age.

Martin's brother William was a congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives, and another brother, Albert, was a judge.

The Empire Friends Church is planning an open house birthday celebration on August 21 to honor this rugged Norwegian pioneer of the Quaker church on his 100th birthday, and the church's 50th anniversary. What a rich heritage these Quaker settlers pass on to the church today! Because the people who moved westward kept their faith, gathering together in groups whenever it was possible, the Quaker church grew from these small monthly meetings and scattered westward as the settlers moved on to the Pacific coast.



THE LOST SHOE

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

"This spot right here by Smiling River is the best place we've ever camped," decided Shelley as she stretched out flat on her back in the prickly grass. "Besides all the fun we've had, just think of everything we've seen! There's Mt. Jefferson over in the distance and then those huge lava rocks beside the highway on the way up here."

"And don't forget Brook Falls where we fished yesterday," reminded Paul.

"That's right. They went down so fast over the rocks. And look at these pine trees. They are sure tall." Shelley looked straight up from her flat position. "Boy! These trees and the mountain and the falls and the lava rocks sure make me feel tiny."

"But you're big," encouraged Melinda. "You're ten. You're lots bigger than five-year-old me. You aren't really tiny, Shelley!"

"But ten's not as big as twelve," chided big-brother Paul as he grinned at his sisters.

"Well, I know. I just meant that beside all of these really great things God has made, we people seem little." Shelley was quiet for a minute before saying more. "It doesn't seem like God would have time for us. He's so busy taking care of all of His creation. I wonder how He has time for little things—things like our problems!"

"Let's don't just sit here and talk. Let's do something!" Paul urged. "Let's get out the inner tubes and float down the river again."

"Good idea!" agreed the girls, running to the trailer house to change into swim suits.

"I'm game!" said their mother from where she had been resting in the lawn chair.

Their father yawned. "That sounds like fun. Last one ready is a green pig!" Before long everyone was ready.

"I'm glad the river is so narrow and shallow here," said Paul as the family

walked a few yards upriver from their camp site.

"You're right! Otherwise, inner tube floating would not be a safe game," Mother answered.

The girls screeched as they stepped into the icy water. Even Paul caught his breath, too.

"Here we go!" shouted Father as he gave everyone a good push. "Now remember, get out just as the river curves by the sand bar."

More screeching and breath-catching followed as the happy family swirled and swished along the swift-flowing water. All too soon they saw the sand bar.

Father helped Melinda to her feet. Paul carried Mother's inner tube ashore.

"Oh, no!" yelled Shelley desperately. "I've lost my shoe! My shoe came off! I wore my canvas shoes so the rocks wouldn't hurt my feet when I got out of the water and now I've lost one!"

Father waded back to help find the lost shoe. "We ought to be able to find anything as red as that shoe," he said.

Shelley peered into the window-clear water. "It ought to be right here, but I can't see it."

Father and Shelley looked and looked. Paul came back to join the search, too. They found two green bottles and several pretty rocks, but no red canvas shoe!

"It must have floated on downstream already," Father said. I thought we would have seen it as clear as this water is. Well, that's too bad, Shelley! Looks like your left foot is bare from here on home.

Shelley slowly waded to the bank. "I guess so."

All day long Shelley wondered about her lost shoe. Mother suggested that they pray about it, and they did. Father said, "Let's look for it again," and they did that afternoon when they floated downstream another time.

The next day and the day after that Shelley still thought about her shoe. She thought, too, about God's wonderful creation. "The trees, the mountain, the fast falls . . . all of those things are so great. But even with all of that God still loves us people. I know that for sure, but I wonder if He really has time to hear everyone's prayers."

Then came the going-back-home day. "I wish we had a river in our back yard at home, then we could float any time we wanted," Melinda said.

Father laughed. "Since we don't, let's take one more last float here."

Everyone responded quickly. For one last glorious time the happy five swirled and swished along the river to the sand bar. Father helped Melinda to shore. Paul carried Mother's inner tube. Shelley looked down into the water.

"Look! Look!" she screamed in a not-quiet voice as she pulled out a very soggy red canvas shoe. I've found it! My shoe was here all the time. Right here between these rocks!"

"But we looked there before," Paul reminded.

"Somehow we missed it," Father said.

"It didn't wash away after all. It was right here all the time. God did answer my prayer. I guess He does have time to help people with their problems. He wanted me to know for sure that He would answer my prayer. Maybe that's why He didn't let us find it before. Oh, I'm glad!"

"Smiling River and smiling Shelley!" observed Mother. "This *has* been a good vacation!"



OURS

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Hello! As you can see, another word has caught my attention. It grows and grows on me. At moments it is beautiful, and again heavy and forbidding. It is a little word that really means *sharing* something, or maybe even someone.

When we use it to apply to home, children, or grandchildren, it can be so precious. Our children, our home, our garden, or our plans bring to mind lovely pictures of shared possessions, shared joys, shared responsibility, and shared hopes. There is a sound, even a ring, of togetherness in the word. There is no way of saying *my* child. It just has to be *ours*, or so it was until families became so mixed up that it sometimes breaks down to your children and mine! When the "OURS" is gone, the beauty somehow is lost.

I love it when my husband tinkers around our house repairing a bit here and painting a bit there, keeping our

home in good condition. We have never lived in a house that was ours before, and it is such a joy to work at it together. He likes it when I help in the garden, his brand-new interest that we share. It is very much our garden.

The word reaches beyond us to include our church. This will call for sharing with many more people. Some people think of their church as "my church," which is very different from the "our church" concept of shared responsibility—to support, to witness, to hold to united goals and standards, to faithfulness. The "my church" people have a lonely job and tremendous responsibility. Churches don't grow where there are too many "singular" people who don't think in terms of togetherness. To have an "our" kind of church, everyone is important, everyone has responsibility, and everyone is loved. Also everyone contributes. Everyone bears his share of the burden—or *should*!

You can take this on to the community and nation. We are all responsible in some degree if we want the privilege of saying, "Our America" or "Our world."

However, this little word did not really strike me as so important until one day I was saying the Lord's prayer, which starts with "Our Father." Then it hit me! What Jesus was doing was sharing His Father in heaven with His friends. He didn't say, "My Father who art in heaven," although He was praying to His Father—His Father in a very special sense. He was sharing the right to worship the heavenly Father with the disciples. Just ponder praying to God and calling Him Father along with Christ, His only begotten Son! I can't express what this truth did to me—the wonder, the privilege!


Then looking about from one disciple to another, there were these followers of Christ saying the prayer together. Suddenly the Father in heaven belonged to each one, and they were brothers, sharing the same Father. "What fellowship—what joy divine!"

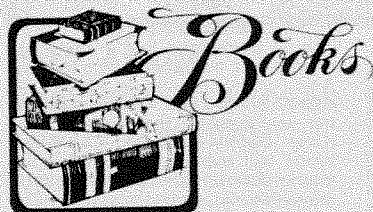
Then my mind traveled to groups of Christians in the past, in far-off lands, in China, in India, in Mexico, in South America, in Alaska, in Africa, and in Australia, England, everywhere. "Our Father" brings us all together with no favorites, just children reaching up to grasp Father's hand. Beautiful!

The next thing that struck me was that there was another OUR in the prayer—

our sins. "Forgive us our trespasses." That was a blow. We have all sinned. God forgives individually, but He also sent His Son to be the Lamb to take away the sins of the whole world.

There is intercession in that word *our*. There is caring in it, and there is responsibility in it as we lift this tremendous burden of sin wherever it is found to our heavenly Father for pardon.

I am not through thinking about this word *our*. Are you? 



Donald J. Drew, **Images of Man: A Critique of the Contemporary Cinema**, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, Illinois, 1974, 121 pages.

Because of the availability of the film as an art form and because it has become the major reflection of the cultural consensus, especially in reflecting the predominant theme that is so widely held today of no absolutes in the universe, Drew has written a book to help Christians understand the confusion of modern man reflected in the film.

Donald Drew rightly assumes in this book that "the cinema often becomes a laboratory" for directors to pose new postulates and technical expressions within the art form while "probing for audience reaction and response." But, this is what is lacking in much of the movie-going public—including Christians.

Drew calls us to an understanding of the film and not a condemnation of it—an understanding through analysis of the factors that contribute to the cultural consensus reflected in the film as an art form. For the film, like modern man, is looking for meaning—a reason to be. But, like man, it is searching for this meaning outside of Christ—in sex, violence, and escapism.

Chapters 7, 8, and 9 are especially helpful to Christians intent upon understanding and evaluating both the value and the future of film from a Christian standpoint.

We are called, of course, to be not of the world but in it—therefore we cannot

ignore the dilemma of man, especially as reflected in art, literature, and even the film. *Images of Man* helps us in the understanding of that dilemma.

—Robin T. Ankeny

Paul Dixon, **A Guide to Successful Family Devotions**, Moody Press, 23 pages.

All too often we overlook the myriad tracts and pamphlets being published today as being somehow beneath our attention. In the scramble to read "big" books many times we miss a "big" message.

Paul Dixon has focused quite handily on one of the crucial issues of our time—the home. And he goes on to point out the necessity and opportunity of a family worship time.

Drawing upon experiences in his own family, Dixon has outlined a simple, yet effective program for family devotions. Included in the study outline is an emphasis on Bible memorization. Dixon also shows how private study is essential and gives a simple model even older children can use.

The process of studying, sharing, and, most important, of praying together produces amazing benefits. Wouldn't it revolutionize our homes and churches if there was a revival of the family altar? This little booklet can be a starting point for many. This would be an ideal item for the local church's literature rack.

—Ron Allen

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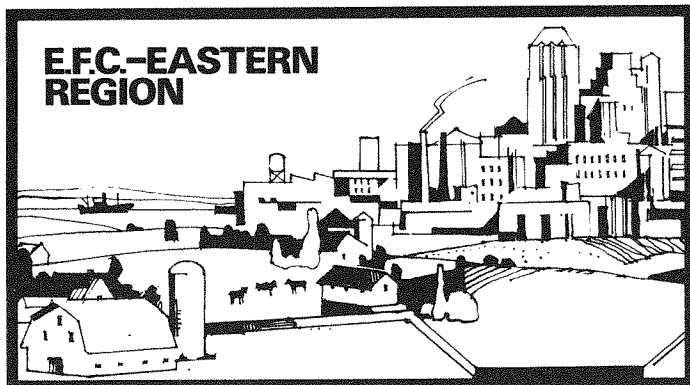
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Yearly Meeting, 1977

The 165th Yearly Meeting of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region will be held August 22-28, 1977, on the campus of Malone College in Canton, Ohio.

There are some changes in the structure of Yearly Meeting week this year. Major boards will meet on Monday in order to have most of their work done early in the week. Tuesday through Saturday, prayer breakfasts will begin at 7:30 a.m. An open worship period, led by elders from various churches, will begin in Osborne Hall each day at 8:30 a.m. At 9:00 a.m. the clerk will formally open a session for worship and business. In an effort to emphasize the Friends view that business should arise from worship, the sessions will begin with worship and move into business when ready. An afternoon

general business session will be held each day from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Various boards will sponsor workshops and special events each day at 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Evening services will be held at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a special prayer ministry.

Monday night banquets are again expected to draw large crowds. The ladies will meet in Osborne Hall at 6:30 to hear Elizabeth Elliott Leitch. Men will first meet for a Fellowship Hour in the Performing Arts Hall of the Main Building at 6:00. At 6:30 they will proceed to the Dining Hall, where a program has been planned featuring Skip Ross, specialist in motivation. Youth will meet for their banquet at 6:30 at the Horn of Plenty Restaurant in Belden Village. Children entering 1st through 7th grades will be served at Canton First Friends Church.

Major items of business are scheduled to come before the delegates this year. The proposed revision of the *Discipline* has undergone study in local churches this past year, and a draft incorporating suggested changes will be presented to the delegates for their action. A special workshop is planned for Monday at 2:00 p.m. to further give members the opportunity to ask questions and study the document together.

The Executive Board will bring a seven-part proposal designed to implement the decision to relocate denominational headquarters in Canton, Ohio. (See the May, 1977 *Evangelical Friend*, p. 21.)

Featured speaker for the annual sessions this year will be Walter Albritton, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Demopolis, Alabama. He is best known to our own churches by his involvement in the writing of materials for the Lay Witness movement. He is a staff member of the United Methodist General Board of Evangelism. Music for worship services through the week will be provided by Jaime and Paulina Prieto of Newport News, Virginia, and by "Naphtali" of Malone College.

Each day through the week special programs for children, directed by Catherine Smith, and for youth will be conducted on the campus

Friends concerns

and at Quaker Canyon Camp in Damascus. Glenn Lipely is serving this year as Yearly Meeting coordinator, and he may be reached at Malone College, 515-25th N.W., Canton, Ohio 44709.

Focus on Malone

Scott Turskey, a Malone junior from Massillon, Ohio, and a pitcher on the Pioneer baseball team, has been selected to tour Latin America this summer as part of the Sports Ambassadors program. The 18-member team will play against local teams in Dominican Republic and Colombia from June 23 through July 31 after a one-week training camp.

Dr. Lauren A. King, retired from Malone's English faculty, was awarded the Faculty Forum prize for the 1977 spring term. His manuscript was entitled: "The Inferno: Asylum for Incurables." In the paper he provides a rationale that Dante in *The Divine Comedy* portrays hell, not so much as a creation of a wrathful God to punish sinners, but as a refuge from a loving God for those who have willingly chosen to sin against Him.

In 1974 Dr. King concluded a teaching career of 46 years (the last eight being at Malone); he now lives with his wife Helen at Norwich, Ohio, in "active" retirement.

Dr. Richard Chambers, vice-president for academic affairs, will take a sabbatical leave during fall and December terms in order to study the philosophical foundations of Quaker higher education in the Midwest and in England. He will especially consider the concepts and principles

applicable to a "college of persons" purpose that Malone College attempts to model.

"Malone's world—it's opening up!" This is more than just a slogan as faculty will be serving next year in Asian countries and in Africa. Dr. James Stanley will exchange teaching assignments to serve at Hong Kong Baptist College; Dr. Roger Wood will teach at Morrison Academy in Taiwan during his sabbatical leave; and Dr. Alvin Anderson will be at the University of Calabar in Nigeria as the recipient of a Fulbright professorship to head up a teacher education program.

'Naphtali' to Represent Malone College this Summer

A mixed musical group known as "Naphtali" will represent Malone College this summer at camps, seminars, conferences, and churches. The group will present contemporary and traditional sacred music over a ten-week period from June to August with Jerry Chaplin, public relations director, arranging their schedule.

"We feel it is very important for the college to be represented this summer," Malone President Lon D. Randall said. "Naphtali's" purpose is two-fold: the group shares its Christian testimony and faith in Christ with others, and it brings the college's name to many people in a way with which most people can relate.

Over the past two summers, the Malone musical group "Boanerges" traveled 20,000 miles in a similar venture. They also toured Colombia, South America, in December and released an album. The group ended their schedule May 21 with a farewell concert at Canton Friends.



The new musical group "Naphtali" traveling for Malone this summer. Left to right: Randy Robinson, Charlann Robinson, Toni McPeck, Dawn Elliott, Don Murray, Jr.

1977 Yearly Meeting Costs

LODGING

(Pre-registration fee of \$1 per person must be received by August 10.)

Adults (2 per room)—\$3 per person each night (small children no additional cost)

Youth (3 per room)—\$2 per person each night (only those entering 8th grade and up)

Trailer Space—\$5 to park your trailer (first come—first served)

MEALS

Breakfast (7:00-8:00 a.m.)

Adults—\$1.10

Children (12 & under)—\$.75

Lunch (12:00-1:00 p.m.)

Adults—\$1.65

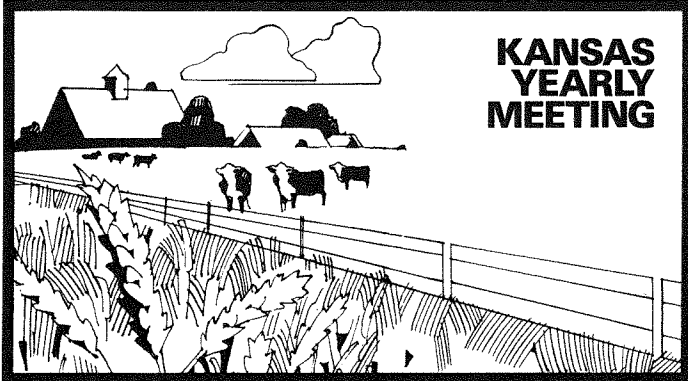
Children (12 & under)—\$.95

Supper (5:00-6:15 p.m.)

Adults—\$2.30

Children (12 & under)—\$1.30

Details and registration materials are available from local churches or Glenn Lipely, Malone College, 515-25th St., N.W., Canton, Ohio 44709.



1977 Annual Sessions of Kansas Yearly Meeting

"BY MY SPIRIT" is the theme of the 106th annual sessions as they are held August 9-12 at Whittier Fine Arts Center, Friends University.

Dr. Everett L. Cattell will be guest speaker as together we review what has been accomplished in our past; examine what we are doing in the present, and how through *His Spirit* we can be significantly used in the future. We shall realize anew how the Spirit transcends human resources and time.

Dr. and Mrs. Cattell come to us with more than a century of combined ministry (50 years each), while still revealing a freshness of presentation that is relevant to today's people, and especially to today's Friend.

David Breese, internationally known author, lecturer, radio broadcaster, and Christian minister in the field of evangelism, is Monday evening speaker for the WMU/MF Banquet. In great demand as a speaker, Dr. Breese brings personality, wit, and biblical truth to his thoughtful messages on current themes.

Deb Moyer will be working with children, and Paul Snyder is planning youth activities. Noon luncheons, a Pastors' Prayer Breakfast, and a Friday night musicale are variations to the regular schedule of business and worship. Special guests will include furloughing missionaries—Reta Stuart and the Willard Ferguson family.

Churches, Changing Faces

University Friends Church of Wichita has undertaken a \$30,000 sanctuary remodeling program. They met in Friends University's Alexander Auditorium during the work process . . . Miami, Oklahoma, is remodeling the church kitchen and parsonage . . . Haviland, Kansas, has relocated and refurbished their church nursery.

Homestead Friends Church, Kansas—remodeling and enlargement is well underway with early July as a target for completion . . . Bolton recently held a banquet in their new Fellowship Hall with over 100 present . . . Ramona, Oklahoma, met in their new sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Liberal, Kansas, is in the process of selling their parsonage to provide a housing loan fund for the pastor, who will arrange for his own housing . . . Collinsville, Oklahoma, is enjoying new wall-to-wall carpet and have just had a mortgage burning service; the Fellowship Hall is nearing completion and plans are underway for a new parsonage . . . Angleton, Texas, is looking for property for a church site.

South Houston, Texas, has plans in the mill for the erection of an activities center for fellowship hall and classroom space, also for another bus for that proven ministry . . . Booker, Texas, observed the 10th anniversary of the dedication of their sanctuary in May and included special recognition of a number of memorial gifts. Memorial/historical markers are being erected in appropriate places noting direction to the former site of the View Point Church.

Pastoral Adjustments for 1977-78

ALVA—Francis McKinney, 614 College Ave., Alva, OK 73717
BAYSHORE—Randy Armstrong, Box 400, Bacliff, TX 77518
BEAVER—Lyle Whiteman, Rt. 1, Beaver, KS 67517
EMPORIA—Galen Hinshaw, 615 E. 6th, Emporia, KS 66801
FRIENDSWOOD—Ron Allen, Box 482, Friendswood, TX 77546
GARDNER—Charles Nutt, 112 N. Walnut, Gardner, KS 66030
GREAT BEND—Robert Barrett, 5908 Hemlock, Great Bend, KS 67530
HAVILAND—Larry Mendenhall (Christian Ed.), Haviland, KS 67059
HOPEWELL—Veryl Hinshaw, Rt. 2, Macksville, KS 67557
LAWRENCE—Tom Decker (Assoc.), Rt. 3, Baldwin, KS 66006
LEAGUE CITY—Jim Towne (Intern), Box 834, League City, TX 77543
LIBERAL—David Hickman, c/o Friends Church, 1650 N. Western Ave., Liberal, KS 67901
LONE STAR—Gary Routon, Rt. 1, Hugoton, KS 67951
NORTHBRIDGE—Arch Marshall
PLAINS—
SAN ANTONIO CHAPEL—Floyd Kissling, 314 So. Park, San Antonio, TX 78204
SPRINGFIELD—Waylen Brown, 157 W. 4th, Springfield, Co 81073

STARK—J. Parker Craig, Rt. 1, Baxter Springs, KS 66713
TENNESSEE PRAIRIE—Dave Robinson, 531 Porter, Joplin, MO 64801
TYLER—Jerry West, Rt. 1, Box 112C, Lindale, TX 75771 and Weston Cox, 1013 S. Robertson, Tyler, TX 75701

PASTORS IN TRANSIT:

Don Andrews—from Alva to Georgetown, Illinois
Galan Burnett—from Hopewell to Springbank Meeting, Allen, Nebraska
Dale Lewis—from Northridge, Wichita—Undecided
David Robinson—from Bayshore to Centre Friends, Greensboro, N.C.
Gary Townsend—from Lawrence to Thornburg Evangelistic Ministries
T. L. Wright—from Friendswood to Greenleaf, Idaho

ON SABBATICAL:

Mahlon Cochran, Emery Hunt, Raymond Martin, Tom Mercer

MISSIONARIES IN TRANSIT:

Alfred and Ruth Miller—from Arkansas City returning to Burundi, Africa
Reta Stuart—from Burundi to Wichita/Beloit
The Willard Ferguson Family—from Burundi to Haviland

WMU Area Missionary Conferences

WMU area missionary conference reports have been received from four areas of Kansas Yearly Meeting. There were approximately 250 in attendance at these four conferences. Host churches were Collinsville Friends in Oklahoma; Northridge, Plains, and Mt. Ayr in Kansas. Two reported using the themes of "Frontiers in Missions" and "Love is the Greatest."

The speakers, special music, devotionals, and various reports given were all used as God's instruments to create a real warmth of God's love throughout the day.

The project offerings amounted to approximately \$925 from the four areas. The project this year is to help purchase a generator for the Mweya station in Africa.

Bud and Letha Lawrence, directors of Camp Quaker Haven, were speakers at the Plains meeting. They showed slides of their recent trip to Africa and Peru in the morning, and in the afternoon showed slides on CORDAC. They also gave an up-to-date summary of news from the Burundi field.

Roscoe and Tina Knight, EFA missionaries to Mexico City, were guest speakers at the other three conferences. They shared from the theme, "The Birth and Growth of a Church," bringing out the wonderful things God is doing in Mexico City. They used two different skits as part of their presentation. One skit depicted real happenings in the one-to-one evangelism they carried on in Mexico. The other skit portrayed the Pessimist and the Optimist, which illustrated some of the honest frustrations faced in the mission work.

The conferences were a special time for all in attendance, and hearts were ministered to and challenged in their Christian walk.

—Velda Harvey, Vice-president

Friends University

"Harvest," the Christian musical ensemble of students traveling for Friends University this summer, is being warmly and enthusiastically received. By midsummer they will have given their sacred concert of contemporary Christian selections, hymns, gospel songs, and spirituals in numerous churches in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado.

Special performances will have been given at youth camps at Camp Quaker Haven, near Arkansas City, Kansas, and Camp Quaker Ridge, near Woodland Park, Colorado; at Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting; and the Conference of Friends in the Americas held at Wichita, Kansas. The group will sing and give their testimonies at Kansas Yearly Meeting in August and then travel to Indiana, where they will share in services at Western and Indiana Yearly meetings.

Cattle, antiques, and collectibles, plus an evening football game with Benedictine College, will be featured at the All-School Auction and Parents Day at Friends University, Saturday, October 15, 1977. Plans are now in the making for a pen full of livestock and a gymnasium full of collectible goods to be auctioned off, so we invite all Friends to participate in this big day. Proceeds from the auction will go to the scholarship fund for Friends University students, and donation credit for contribution to a nonprofit institution will be given to donors.

A tour of England is scheduled for January 2-16, 1978, focusing on our religious and literary heritage. It is being coordinated by Dr. Isabel Rankin, of Friends' Language and Literature Division, and Dr. Leroy Brightup, of Friends' Religion and Philosophy Division. Dr. Rankin has a keen interest in the history and literature of the British Isles and has

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—Isaiah 35:1

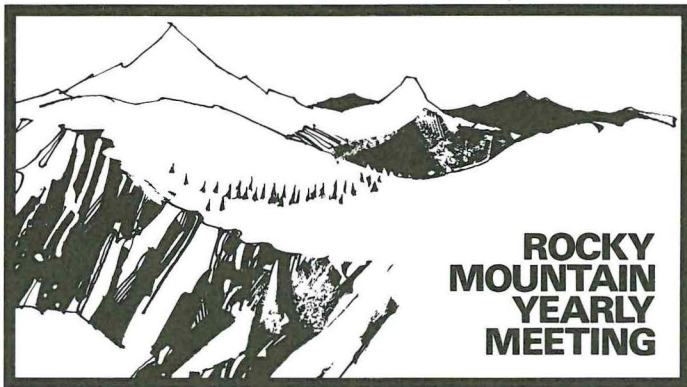
done special study on the King Arthur stories.

Dr. Brightup has taught classes related to England's religious history. In 1976 he coordinated a Bible Lands Study Tour in the Mideast. Highlights of the two-week tour include London, Windsor, Runnymede, Hampton Court, Stonehenge, Bristol, Canterbury, Greenwich, Cambridge, Epworth, the Lake District, Stratford-On-Avon, and Oxford. The cost will be approximately \$900. Students, alumni, and friends of the University are invited to join the tour group. College credit is available at extra cost.

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Kansas Yearly Meeting Friends of

Friends University will meet for lunch Wednesday, August 10, during Yearly Meeting sessions. The North Central Area will have a Friends of Friends meeting Friday, August 26, at the Northbranch Friends Church, instead of Glen Elder as previously announced. Dairel O'Bar, director of admissions at Friends, will present the new multimedia "Friends with You." All interested in strengthening relationships with Friends University are urged to attend these important meetings.

For information concerning any of these news items, contact Friends University, 2100 University, Wichita, Kansas 67213, (316) 263-9131.



Christianity Versus Culture

In our daily visits to Navajos on the mission, we are impressed with the fact that God loves variety. In the scenery of our own Navajoland there is a beautiful variety of terrain and rock formations.

In cultures we find variety to the extent that one culture finds it difficult to adjust to the ways of another culture. This is no problem for Jesus, our Savior. He does not have to become oriented to a culture, since He ministers to all hearts.

He adds beauty to a culture, as hearts transformed by His grace let the light of Christ shine through their lives. Sin and debauchery are replaced by Christian concern, love, and kindness, as conversions will separate the new Christian from evil parts of a culture.

As we visit in different homes, taking God's Word, we find people engaged in different jobs and can see Jesus Christ in the lives of His people. A mother seated by her loom weaving beautiful colors in a rug may rest from her work for a Bible lesson, or listen as she proceeds with her weaving.

During one visit a Christian husband and companion were busy shearing their sheep. Although they didn't have time for a lesson, we learned from their activity. As no complaints were heard from the sheep while their heavy coat of wool was being sheared, so Christ didn't open His mouth against His accusers, or those who crucified Him. What a lesson for us not to struggle against the hard places we encount-

er but to submit to God's working in our lives! The sheep must have their heavy coat shorn before the summer heat, and so we need trials to achieve Christian maturity.

The variety of tools God uses to work in lives is demonstrated by the variety of personalities in any culture.

So we shouldn't look at how different the culture is in personality, customs, or work habits; but rather are the persons in that culture surrendered to the will of their Creator? How tragic when Christ is left out of the study of any race! For only He can give wisdom to those who minister to them—whether in the physical, spiritual, or mental areas of their lives.

Thus we ask for your prayers, that Christ will work through us, as we work among our Navajo people here at Rough Rock. —Mary Gafford

Rough Rock Praise and Prayer Requests

Praise

1. A week of meetings being considered at Baa Nina'ilyahii Friends Church.

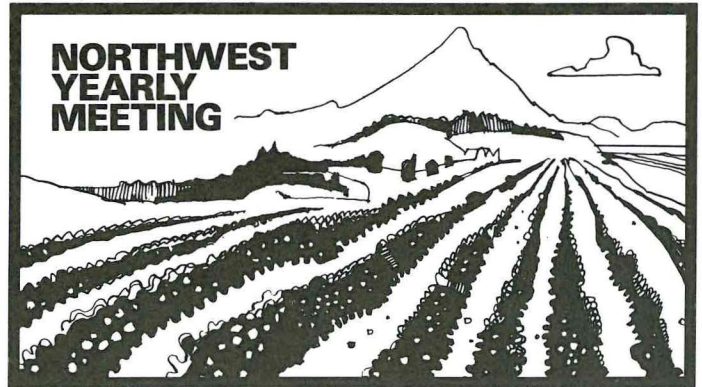
2. A Bible study family group at the home of a new Christian.

Prayer Needs

1. A new Christian having serious health problems.

2. Adult Bible school and camp meetings at Oak Ridge Friends Church.

3. Camp meetings at the mission.



How Are We Doing?

We have just come to the end of another church year and are heading into a new one. It seems logical at this point that we should ask ourselves, "How are we doing?" Of course to be able to answer that question we need to ask, "How are we doing in comparison to what or to whom?" You have all heard the old story about the Quaker preacher who, when asked how things were going, said, "Well, we aren't doing very well at the Quaker church, but praise the Lord the Baptists aren't doing any better."

Rather than comparing ourselves to the Baptists or even the Friends church in another city, we ought to compare ourselves with our purpose and ask how we are doing compared to what we set out to do.

Of course when we do this we are brought under conviction if we never set out to do anything. This is why Bill Hopper and I have been conducting Leadership Seminars in the churches of Northwest Yearly Meeting. The climax and goal of the Leadership Seminar is to help the church find its reason for existence. Beth Bagley and I were just looking for a statement of the purpose of Northwest Yearly Meeting. There is an excellent statement on page 5 in the *Discipline* in which George Fox spoke of his commission, "Now I was sent to turn people from darkness to the light that they might receive Christ Jesus. . . . And I was to direct people to the Spirit that gave forth the Scripture" (*Journal*, ed. John Nickalls, Cambridge, 1952, p. 34) That is a high and holy purpose. One could almost say we need nothing more. That's why we are Quakers.

The statement on page 6 under "The Developing Church" tells that Friends have been strong for the visible community of faith. They have emphasized the real presence of Christ with His people, victory over sin, and strong ethical testimony. Particularly there has been testimony of religious freedom, opposition to slavery and civil bondage, just treatment of American Indians and other minority peoples, humane and remedial treatment of offenders, compassionate care of the mentally ill, an emphasis on peace, and aid to war victims and

those in physical distress.

Eugene Friends Church has a very simple statement, "To know Christ and to make Him known."

The North Valley Friends Church says theirs in two points: To glorify God (a) by winning people to Christ, and (b) encouraging Christian maturity.

The Rosedale church's purpose is to seek to change our world by (a) growing more Christlike, (b) seeking to win the lost, (c) seeking to meet human need. The Sherwood church says their purpose is "To celebrate the joy of Christ through love by evangelism, growth, and outreach." The Meridian church has as their goal "To know Christ, to grow with Christ, to go for Christ, so that we may Fellowship, Edify, Evangelize, Disciple."

Space limit won't allow me to list other good ones. I think you can see there is a pattern here from the historic purpose of the Friends Church down to the statements of the individual local churches today. We have a strong sense of mission to win the lost. We earnestly desire to help people grow and develop in Christ. And we want to meet human need and help people across the world in outreach.

I'd like to make one significant observation: when Friends have thought and prayed about it they have always felt their purpose was much more than just to provide a fellowship and worship experience for Quakers.

Such general statements of purpose would give us a sense of overall direction but probably would not propel us very powerfully, but in the Leadership Seminars we never conclude without defining the steps we want to take to get from where we are now to where we want to be, and then we "prioritize" those steps to put them in proper order. It is exciting to see a good plan materialize in daily performance.

Mary and I never would have accomplished our recent trip to Idaho if we had not set a goal and had a plan for accomplishing that goal. I suspect the churches that are mostly drifting in Northwest Yearly Meeting are without good, well-defined goals and plans. Someone has said, "I would rather aim high and miss than

to aim at nothing and hit it every time."

How are we doing? I will have some report on that, at least statistically, in the keynote message at Yearly Meeting time. I hope as many as possible will be there to hear it. I'm very excited as the reports come in. I have known for several months that this has been a year with intense problems but also with great blessings, and it's going to be exciting to see whether or not through the problems God has helped us more than ever before to accomplish our purpose—His purpose for us.

—Norval Hadley

Pastors to Focus on Study

The Department of Evangelism's project *Focus* will begin with training sessions at the Portage Inn in The Dalles August 8, 9, 10, and October 3-6. Over one third of the pastors in Northwest Yearly Meeting churches are enrolled (as of June 30) and are studying material packets prior to the training sessions with John Wimber.

The project is a new effort to teach, train, and guide pastors and churches to achieve their potential.

1978 Aymaraland Tour Date Set

April 28 through May 14, 1978, has been set for the second Aymaraland Tour sponsored by the Department of Missions and George Fox College Alumni Association to visit Northwest Yearly Meeting work in Bolivia and Peru.

The 16-day itinerary will be similar to the tour of 1977, which included La Paz, Bolivia; seeing Friends churches, museums, markets, and stores; visiting with missionaries and meeting national Christians. A trip into the tropical Yungas Valley and visits to altiplano Friends churches was also included.

In Peru the group will visit our mission centers in Juli and Tacna as well as country churches; additional highlights will be visits to the historical centers of Lima, Arequipa, and Cuzco, as well as the ruins of Machu Picchu in Peru and Tiahuanaco in Bolivia.

The tour is open to anyone interested in seeing the mission work among the Aymara people. For information write to Aymaraland Tour, P.O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

Missionary Movements

Several Northwest Yearly Meeting missionaries are on the move this summer, some returning to the States on furlough, others preparing to leave for fields of service, and the field families taking vacations out of the altitude.

Duane and Sherrill Comfort and family arrived home from Peru for their furlough year, flying to Florida and traveling across the States visiting friends and relatives. They will attend Yearly Meeting sessions in July before beginning their deputations responsibilities.

Mark and Wilma Roberts, on furlough from Bolivia, arrived in the States in time to attend their son's

high school graduation. Joe was separated from his parents this past school year to attend Greenleaf Academy. Robertses have lived in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, this past year, giving leadership to our expanding work in that growing area of Bolivia.

Jean Clark has returned to the States after serving two years as teacher for our missionary children in Juli, Peru. Jean has filled a valuable spot by serving as teacher for the children in Juli and has organized the school materials and mission library. Jean hopes to be teaching this next year in the greater Portland area.

James and Gail Roberts are in Michigan in an orientation course at Missionary Internship. James has been attending Western Evangelical Seminary the last two years, and he and Gail will be leaving for language study in Costa Rica after attending our Yearly Meeting sessions the end of July. After language study they will be assigned to Bolivia.

Dave and Kathy Anderson have finished their language training in Costa Rica and are temporarily back in the Northwest until they move to Mexico City later in the summer. They will be missionaries for Evangelical Friends Alliance work in Mexico City.

Paul and Phyllis Cammack, who have been in Mexico City with EFA this past year, returned to Newberg in July.

Debbie Peterson was a short-term missionary this summer in Aymaraland. She stayed with Gil and Louise George, her former pastors. Debbie is from Entiat Friends Church in Washington.

George Fox College

Six George Fox College students, using more than \$2,000 raised by their fellow students, are spending the summer on mission fields around the world. The summer missionary plan is being financed through a "faith-promise" campaign that originated in January with a campus missions conference.

The six students volunteered for their assignments and chose their locations; their transportation is paid to the field by the student funds, and they then serve under established missions organizations through arrangements made through George Fox Chaplain Ron Crecelius.

Summer missionaries are Debbi Egger to Colombia with NOW Corps; Gordon Elliott to Bolivia with Bolivian Holiness Mission; Roy Gathercoal to Brazil to establish a Christian radio station; Cynthia Mortier to Sacramento, California, to help with a school for girls operated by World Gospel Mission; Dena Parker to San Diego to work with inner-city evangelism with World Impact, and Karen White to Honduras with World Gospel Mission.

President David Le Shana has announced the appointment of Hector Munn as the college's registrar beginning July 1. Munn, a professor of chemistry at George Fox, will replace Harvey Campbell, who has resigned for health reasons.



Friends gather

ALLIANCE, Ohio

The singing team "Moore and Moore," composed of Merv and Betty Moore, headed for the Alliance church in January to do a concert. They were involved in an accident and didn't arrive until May. Their lovely musical presentation was worth waiting for, however.

Our youth devised a "Gifts" night, which offered those who desired an opportunity to volunteer their talents for the evening meeting. Some who didn't volunteer were drafted to sing, read a poem, play an instrument, or just bring a hobby to display.

A church family donated a 50-foot flagpole to the church. Congressman Ralph Regula was contacted to come for the dedication and presentation of a 5 x 8 flag that was flown over the United States Capitol Building.

We will be missing Pastor Richard Bower and his family as they move to Richmond, Virginia, where he will be doing post graduate work at Richmond Seminary. We will also miss the Gary Macys as they move to Vancouver, Washington, where Gary will be an associate pastor. Our new minister is James Kilpatrick of Clinton Corners, New York. We welcome the Kilpatrick family.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kansas

Alfred and Ruth Miller will be leaving for the mission field in Burundi July 16. We will miss them, as they have been an integral part of our church family for many years now, but we would not dare stand in God's way for His people. Coach Floyd Eby, known as the "Flying Coach," flew in to Strother Field June 1 to spend several days ministering to various churches in our vicinity. He is the author of the book, *Calling God's Tower, Come in Please*.

BARBERTON, Ohio

Our youth group recently participated in a rock-a-thon at the church. Ten young people rocked for 24 consecutive hours. Over \$400 was received through sponsors toward their missionary pledge for this year.



Mike and Cindy Briggs from our church went to Grundy, Virginia, in April with the Friends Disaster Service to help in the cleanup following flooding in that area. They returned seven weeks later to do follow-up work. They removed mud and debris that had accumulated in the basements of homes.

BOISE, Idaho

Our choir presented the cantata, "No Greater Love," at the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services on Easter Sunday. An afternoon service, sponsored by the Boise Valley Evangelical Fellowship, was held in the college stadium with Argentine-born Luis Palau, evangelist.

The film, *Behind the Scenes with the Hiding Place*, was shown in our church Sunday evening, April 17.

We learned the great truth from our missionaries, during our Outreach Conference held April 29 through May 1, that prayer must be unreserved. The conference began Friday evening, with Riley Rice (who is going to the Philippines) speaking on youth emphasis. During a Saturday morning coffee hour, we heard Chief Peshaiha of the Trio Tribe in Surinam, interpreted by Claude Levitt with Wycliffe Translators. Saturday evening Everett and Alda Clarkson showed pictures of the Tacna work in Peru, and Everett spoke Sunday morning.

BOOKER, Texas

A commemorative monument honoring the old View Point Friends Church and its membership was erected recently at the site of the old church some five miles east and three and one-half south of Booker, Texas. It was erected to honor Chester Pitts, L. L. and Gladys

Hughes, and all the members who served faithfully through the years.

The View Point Friends Church was founded on July 30, 1910, with 39 charter members, including Mrs. Vera Pitts and Elvin Winters, who are still active in the Bookers meeting.

Land for the church, originally, and now the monument were donated by C. A. Dickerson. Lay ministers, Dillon and Lealdus Mardock and A. C. Brown, led the group the first ten years. Other ministers who served were Lance Brady, Levi Johnson, Clare Willcuts, Claude Hutchinson, Fred McKinney, and John L. Robinson. Current pastor is Charles Hout, and special guests for the occasion were Clare and Edna Willcuts and Dale and Deloris Field.

CANTON, Ohio

During the month of May, there were many activities occurring. The women had their Mother-Daughter Banquet with Mary Dan as guest speaker. For entertainment they had a style show and a visit from Snoopy.

The youth sponsored a car wash and bake sale to help raise money for the new church bus. Also, the junior highers participated in Canton's Gold Rush to raise money for a new bus.

We had a Family Activity Night in the gym, and also the "Boanerges" gave their farewell concert in our church.

The church held its annual picnic at Hoover Park on July 5. We enjoyed lots of fun and fellowship.

Vacation Bible school, led by Earl and Catherine Smith, was held from July 25 to 29 with a program capping off a great week.

COLLINSVILLE, Oklahoma

The congregation of the Collinsville Friends Church conducted a mortgage burning ceremony during the morning worship service May 22.

Pastor Cooper Beaty conducted the ceremony, setting fire to the document as it was held in tongs by the church treasurer, Eddie Ford.

Wildon Harris, chairman of the Stewardship Board, stood with Lee Miller, Allen Fielding, Marvin Adams,



and Johnny Hudson, members of the board, on the rostrum participating in the ceremony.

Effort to pay off the mortgage was inspired by an anonymous gift of one thousand dollars given for that purpose.

COMMUNITY FRIENDS Roosevelt, Oklahoma

Pastors Joseph and Ruth Watkins were honored Sunday, June 19, at Upland, Indiana, Friends Church,

when their children held a reception in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Joseph is a graduate of Cleveland Bible College and Ruth of Earlham College. Their children express appreciation for their parents by saying, "We, their children, thank God for the lives and testimony of our parents, as I am sure all friends and members of churches they served, thank God with us."

COTTONWOOD, Kansas

Our pastor, Paul Snyder, had an unexpected stay in the hospital in May. He was there for 17 days due to back problems. He was unable to preach for four of the Sundays in May, so each of those Sundays were a "little out of the ordinary" (Quaker-like?). Pastor's wife Linda brought the morning message for Mother's Day, and the help from others who willingly stepped into the "gap" was much appreciated.

Our new director of Christian education and his wife have moved into our midst, and they were welcomed by an unusual event for the community. A community get-together featuring a "hog-wash." Lee VanSickle was honored in May for his long-time devotion to his responsibilities to the church.

FIRST FRIENDS Denver, Colorado

At our April business meeting a new position, that of Administrative Assistant, was established in our church office. This action was taken to relieve the pastor of some of the routine administrative details.

Coordination of the use of church facilities will also come through the administrative assistant, along with managing the church office. Connie Cambers is filling this position now, and Vicky Morgan is working part time in the office.

Linda Kissling from Friends Bible College will serve a one-year internship with the Education Committee starting June 1.

FRIENDSWOOD, Texas

Ferdinand and Regina Nkundwa with their children Godfrey, Debbie, and Mary Jane, will be leaving Friendswood on July 13 for Kampla in Rwanda, Africa, where they will make their home. This family has been a source of blessing and delight to our congregation. Ferdinand spoke in the evening service recently, and a special offering was taken to assist the Nkundwa family in their flight fare and relocation. The flight fare will be \$3,200. Additional money is needed to help provide housing.

Congratulations are in order for our college grads: Glenda McDonald, Sam Houston College, Huntsville, bachelor's degree with physical education as major; Connie Wayne Cline, Texas University, Dental Branch, Doctor of Dentistry degree; Byron Cline, Texas University, Medical Branch, Galveston, Doctor of Medicine degree; and Cecil J. Brown, Trinity University, degree in environmental sciences.

FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio

Several mothers were honored on their day, and every mom received

a nice gift. Joe Temple, from Richmond, Ohio, brought a message in several recitations.

Jennie Schultz and Sandy Leibold attended Camp NEOSA singles retreat and shared their fun times with us on how to get acquainted. What ever happened to saying, "Hello, I'm so and so, who are you?" FUNNY!

Brent Lavender is nearly ready to start out for Mexico for Teen Missions this summer.

The Kibler family will be traveling to Grundy, Virginia, to help flood victims.

GILEAD, Ohio

At Easter, our church hosted the community choir's presentation of "Easter Celebration" by Harold DeCou. It was directed by our church's director, Ralph Mosher.

Earlier the Malone Chorale's last concert of their spring tour was held here. It was just great.

A group of young folk from the Riverside Christian Training School at Lost Creek, Kentucky, came to our church. They ranged in ages from first graders through seniors in high school and they sang their way right into our hearts. They acted out *The Little Engine That Could*. What a delight!

Dean Johnson brought his family and slides to give us a true picture of what disaster service is all about. His presentation was terrific. As a result, our disaster service coordinator, Harry Brokaw and his wife Ruth, spent four days in Grundy, Virginia.

On May 1 we welcomed Steve Jenkins and Don Ebert, local high school athletes, who told us about their chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Right on, fellows! That night a choir of mostly Lutheran young people sang "The Word Made Music" for us.

GOSHEN, Ohio

The Schulmerich Carillon Hand Bells are the instruments of love and praise used by the Goshen Gospel



Bells. They are owned by Mrs. Ethel Jackson, Sr., of East Liberty, and accompanying her are Angela Green, 15, and her sister Peggy Green, 12. Both girls are students at Ben Logan schools and are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Green of West Liberty.

In the past year they have presented 50 programs of music, Scripture, and readings.

GREENLEAF, Idaho

Jim and Verla Holton have been accepted to teach in the Suralco (American) school in Paramaribo, Surinam, this fall. Two of their neighbors will be Terry and Jan Hibbs, home on furlough for a few weeks this summer.

Ruth Hull was chosen "Mother of the Year" and was honored with a banner and a dozen red roses. The award-winning letter, written by Ruth's daughter, Ruth Ann, was read on Mother's Day.

A Friends Fellowship group has started at McCall, Idaho.

Delores Choate took 10 teens to visit Friends Bible College in Haviland, Kansas, the week before spring vacation.

KICKAPOO FRIENDS CENTER McLoud, Oklahoma

We are rejoicing because of spiritual victories at Kickapoo. There can be no greater joy in any minister's heart than to see those that have lived in darkness find the light of Christ in their heart.

We are really enjoying the new building that Amboy Friends Church constructed for us. Our guest quarters are nearly finished with just a few furnishings still needed. When completed, we will be able to sleep 14 plus room for cots. Also the rummage room is greatly appreciated by the people here. We are so thankful to so many of you for the improvement of the facilities here.

We have done much deputation work in our ministry here. While speaking to the USFW of Indiana and Western Yearly meetings, we requested the privilege, starting this fall, of working at least one year here at the Center without any deputation work. We realize the importance of going out and meeting those who support us, but we have also strongly felt that during the time we are gone the work suffers. We can see so many things to do and areas to work in, if there were just more time. This might be a good time to say that running the mission is done on faith, so as we ask you for this privilege of an uninterrupted year of work, we hope you realize it will be stepping out in faith, depending on you as God would remind you, for the support of this mission.

All because of Jesus, Ron, Janis, and Brad Wood, Patti Miller, Kim and Michelle Mill—missionaries among the Kickapoo.

LAWRENCE, Kansas

We are sorry to lose Gary Townsend, who has been our Christian education director. He plans to join his uncle, Herschel Thornburg, in the fall to help in his evangelistic ministry. Joining our staff the first of July will be Tom Decker.

Paul White will be returning to Wheaton for an orientation study on June 6 before leaving with a group of students from the Bible Department for a summer course of study in Rome, Athens, Turkey, and Israel, which will end in August. Then he and friends will leave the group to travel on their own.

The children of Clifford and Edyth Cox were hosts for a reception honoring their parents 40th wedding anniversary on June 5.

LEAGUE CITY, Texas

What can we say, except it was a great day. Family Day was the theme of the morning service for celebration. Attendance was extra good,

with several family groups sitting together. Various families shared in the order of the service; the Smith family sang for us; the Tony Daniels family had the call to worship and opening prayers; the Dave Wood family had the announcements and offertory prayer and offering. The C. V. Stutzmans had the Scripture and prayer, and the fine choir sang Gaither's "Plenty of Room in the Family." The fellowship dinner following was enjoyed by a very large gathering.

LONGVIEW, Danville, Virginia

A spiritual awakening took place at our church when revival services were held by Willis Miller the week of May 15. The attendance was good and many were at the altar seeking God's love, guidance, and forgiveness. Special music included "The Gospel Rock," "The Alleluia Quartet," Longview Youth Choir, and a duet from the Baptist Church.

MARENGO, Ohio

"God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in the Son." Gareth and Phyllis Higgins caught a miraculous view of God's life as they listened to a musical expression of spiritual renewal, *Sonlife*, by Paul Johnson, and their lives were renewed. Then sharing a concern for a new beginning in the choir, a volunteer choir of 35 voices began practicing *Sonlife*, with Lucille Green directing the group using taped music.

God's timing was seen in Lucille's presence in our midst as well as in Gareth and Phyllis's renewal. *Sonlife* was presented Easter Sunday evening at Alum Creek to an overflowing number of persons in the sanctuary. Soloists for the presentation were Pastor Walter Morton, Helen Higgins, Sarah Russell, Sandy Cook, Bev Deel, and Steve Deel. Gareth Higgins was the narrator.

MT. PLEASANT, Ohio

The memorization program in our church has proven to be well worthwhile, and a final service will soon be presented to show the progress.

The annual Mother-Daughter Banquet was held; 40 mothers and daughters enjoyed their dinner and the fellowship that took place.

Mt. Pleasant was the host recently for the District Rally; a good attendance was noted.

We enjoyed the fellowship with Howard and Evelyn Moore, Norma Freer, James Hough, and Roscoe and Tina Knight during our missionary emphasis services.

NEWBERG, Oregon

The Luis Palau Crusade was held at Newberg High School Gymnasium on April 22, 23, and 24.

The Mother-Daughter Spring Desert on May 5 included mother/daughter music, missionary skit, sewing ideas, style show of home-made fashions, pattern exchange, personal shower for Barbara Morse, and dessert.

Dolphus Weary of Voice of Calvary Ministries of Jackson, Mississippi, was Sunday evening speaker on April 24.

The high school choir of our

church presented a musical, "Come Together," on May 8, and then traveled to Idaho the weekend of June 18 for three presentations there.

Sunday evening, May 8, Jess and Tomasa Meza of Pico Rivera Friends Church in California presented the work of Mexican-American families in our communities.

A "Pastor's Day" appreciation was held in our social hall on May 22.

Myron Augsburg, president of Eastern Mennonite College, was speaker at our Sunday morning services on May 29.

At the Sunday evening service on May 29, Ron and Nancy Woodward gave an up-to-date slide presentation and report on mission work in Bolivia, Peru, Guatemala, and Mexico, a result of their recent participation in the Aymaraland tour.

Don Millage presented a four-week series on family finances in Sunday evening services during June.

NORTHBRIDGE Wichita, Kansas

Northridge Friends Tape Ministry has a new department, "The Casette Lending Library." To members and regular attenders, membership is free. To others it is \$5 per year. Our bus, "Ol Blue," also sports something new. She has been fitted out in an 8 track tape deck and cassette tape player. Speakers line the ceiling. It will be much appreciated this summer as she wheels up and down the highways.

The Northridge Light Company Puppets have been using their talents around the area visiting other churches and some nursery schools. Don Hickey, as president of the Wichita Gideon West Camp, has been personally distributing Bibles to Bethel Life School, Lutheran School, Osteopathic Hospital, Christ Villa Nursing Home, Wichita Christian Center School, and Goddard Liva-Vista Care Home. This, besides speaking at the Union Rescue Mission and the Lutheran Church.

Our congratulations to Lynette Brewer, who has been accepted as a student in the Billy Graham School for writers. Also to Daryl Hinshaw, who recently won first place in business letter writing in a contest at a State Leadership Conference of the Phi Beta Lambda.

PLAINS, Kansas

Our church hosted the Western Area Missionary Conference in April. Bud and Letha Lawrence were guest speakers, using slides from their visits to Burundi and Peru. The program for April Friends Fellowship was presented by Don Goodnight of the Meade County Historical Society.

Our graduates were special guests in Fellowship Hall in May. Donnie Dufield will attend Friends University next fall, and Randall Thorp, Darcy White, and Kenny Dufield will enter Southwestern Heights High School.

Vacation Bible school program and display and social time the evening of May 29 climaxed a week of study on the theme, "Jesus. Teach Me." Pastor Francis McKinney directed the school with the help of a staff of 11 workers. The children's

offerings were designated for "Bibles for the World." They totaled \$35.70.

SALEM FIRST, Salem, Ohio

The month of May was full of treats. Our members had a choice of attending one of four different retreats. First on the agenda came the Single Friends Retreat held at Camp NEOSA near Carrollton, Ohio, with Larry Beltz as the main resource leader. Over 100 persons who have never been married or who have formerly been married from 18 to 80 years of age attended. It was the first of its kind for Friends.

During the same weekend a few of our men were attending the "Friends Men Reach Out" held at Camp Masenetta Springs near Harrisonburg, Virginia, with leader Clifford Moser.

The following weekend our own Adult Retreat was held at Camp Wakonda near Carrollton led by John Grafton. The young people had a miniretreat one Sunday afternoon at Mill Creek Park in Youngstown.

SEILING, Oklahoma

Nancy Cantrall received serious head injuries September 6, 1976, in a car accident and was confined to an Oklahoma City hospital until January 18, 1977, when she was transferred to the Tulsa Rehabilitation Center for further treatment and therapy. She was released from the Rehabilitation Center May 31.

Our choir presented an Easter cantata, "Alleluia, A Praise Gathering for Believers," accompanied by the tape background music of Bill and Gloria Gaither and Ron Huff. This was done under the direction of Sharon Combs and Ken Ward, both of whom teach music in our local high school.

Our pastors, Phil and Iris Smith, attended Pastors' Retreat in Oklahoma City in April.

The Herschel Thornburg Evangelistic Trio held a revival in our church April 20-24. Herschel's ministry in word, music, and art was such a blessing to our congregation and the many visitors who attended.

SMITHFIELD, Ohio

A Mother-Daughter Banquet was held where all attending mothers of the church were treated to a fine dinner planned by the Norma Freer Missionary Society.

On May 8 all mothers were presented a live flower. A ceremony to declare the Mother of the Year was held, and Mrs. Lloyd (Ruth) Boyd, Sr., was honored. She has been a member of the Missionary Society, Sunday school teacher, and board member. Currently she serves as chairman of the church Welcoming Committee. Ruth is the mother of five boys. Three are active members of the church, while the others are in frequent attendance.

Dr. Everett Cattell, former general superintendent of Ohio Yearly Meeting, past president of Malone College, and former missionary to India, filled the pulpit when our pastor took a well-deserved vacation.

The film, *Corrie—Behind the Scenes with the Hiding Place*, was shown at an evening service.

SOUTH SALEM, Oregon

We had a special observance on Mother's Day, and our pastor, Marvin Hall, brought a special message for mothers.

Our two high school graduates are looking ahead to knowing where the Lord wants them this coming school year.

The people of our church have a time of fellowship and sharing at a breakfast the third Saturday of every month.

Ed and Violet Baker have retired from full-time pastoral work and have felt the call to help us here at South Salem as associate pastors for outreach into our fast-growing community.

Sunday, June 19, we had our first service in our new building. It is not finished, and we will continue to work on it. This is something we have been looking forward to, and it feels good to be "home" again. Praise the Lord!

We have had three couples attend Marriage Encounter under David and Marcile Leach and are looking forward to more of our couples attending. It does make a difference in the home and our association with other people.

SPRINGFIELD, Colorado

We will be having a pastoral change this year. Our present pastors, Lyle and Peggy Whiteman, who have been with us for five years, will be moving to Beaver, Kansas, to pastor the Beaver Friends Church. Our new pastors will be Waylen and Darlene Brown, coming to us from Springbank Meeting (Allen, Nebraska) of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting.

We were able to help our pastors attend the Kansas Yearly Meeting Pastors' retreat with Orval Butcher as speaker.

We were privileged recently to have Gerald and Marjorie Teague, our associate superintendent and wife, with us for a Sunday morning worship service to minister to us in word and song. Following the worship service, Gerald had an impressive and inspirational dedication of our pastors' baby son, Jeff.

Bob and Connie Shaffer, who are medical missionaries under appointment to Burundi, were with us recently, to share their call and anticipated work. A time of fellowship and a potluck supper followed.

In June we had "The ABDA," a trio from Colorado Springs, present a sacred concert in our city park, hosted by our church.

TECUMSEH, Michigan

The Michigan District Youth Retreat was held at the Tecumseh, Michigan, Evangelical Friends Church, May 13-14, 1977. There were 50 in attendance from Raisin Valley, Ypsilanti, and Tecumseh. It was planned by the youth group. Decorations for the Friday night banquet were in Hawaiian style. Rev. Earl Bailey was the guest speaker, and music was furnished by a singing group, "Power to Be," from Anderson College, Anderson, Indiana. Saturday morning breakfast was served, then classes were held.

Recreation was a "Wild Goose Chase," highlighted by four Sky Divers dropping down to deliver one of the clues to the two groups involved. One clue was found after canoeing across the river.

After supper at the church, youth gathered around the camp fire by the river for a singing and sharing time. One young person said, "The young folks are growing from this experience and showing it."

UNIVERSITY FRIENDS Wichita, Kansas

Our Earle Anderson is serving as clerk of the Nebraska Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, June 2. John McMillin will be the speaker for that session. Linda Pribbenow will represent us on the panel on "The Monthly Meeting Ministry" that makes its presentation on Saturday, June 4. Linda recently received a master's degree in education from Wichita State University.

We have a lot to praise the Lord for right now as we are back worshipping in our new sanctuary! The rest of the remodeling is soon to be finished.

WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio

Following morning worship each first Sunday of the month, Westgate enjoys a fellowship time. Coffee, tea, and lemonade are served, and young and old alike enjoy a relaxed time of small talk and sharing. A unique feature of the fellowship time is the family picture gallery. Mrs. Jackson, our hostess, announces each month what the theme for next month will be. Usually it is in keeping with some holiday celebrated during that month. Sometimes it is a theme such as baby pictures, vacation pictures, wedding pictures, etc. Each family gives their photos to the hostess and she arranges them in the gallery. What fun to reminisce and to see each other "way back when."

WHITNEY, Boise, Idaho

Ron and Pam Ferguson are just completing their first year as youth directors and will continue for another year. The youth have been active and growing.

Wynne and Margo Corbin have accepted the call to serve as pastors for the 1977-78 year. They come from Portland, Oregon, and are looking forward to their first pastorate.

A farewell was given Russel and Frances Stands June 5. A brief history was given of their 39 years of pastoral work in Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, and Alaska.

They have moved to Newberg, Oregon, and will work at Newberg Friends with retired persons.

WOODLAND, Idaho

Daily vacation Bible school was held at Woodland June 6-10, with the program given the last evening. We had 25 children enrolled with 19 having perfect attendance. There were three classes—beginners, primary, and juniors. The children decided to send their offering to the missionaries in Bolivia to purchase Bibles and New Testaments for the people and children who do not have them.

Several visitors have been in our meetings recently. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Powell. Mrs. Powell is the sister of Naomi Wright, our pastor's wife. Having spent a number of years in her earlier life as a nurse in Swaziland, Africa, Mrs. Powell told

us of her work there and brought us up to date on the needs in that land so we can pray for them.

Sunday, June 5, little Juli Ann Puckett was presented for dedication by her parents, Bonnie and Phil Puckett.

Friends record

BIRTHS

ARNOLD—A son, Joshua, May 4, 1977, to Sam and Marty Arnold, Cleveland, Ohio.

BAER—A son, Ryan Daniel, May 18, 1977, to Dan and Laurie Baer, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

BILLINGS—A son, Bryan Paul, April 1, 1977, to Don and Charlotte Billings of Seiling, Oklahoma.

BLYER—A daughter, Julie Ann, May 4, 1977, to Roger and Carolyn Blyer, Canton, Ohio.

CONSER — A daughter, Daniette Leigh, May 12, 1977, to Donald and Bonita Conser, Salem, Ohio.

CREPS—A son, Adam Benjamin, December 18, 1976, to Bill and Debby Creps, Euclid, Ohio.

CRESSY — A daughter, Melinda Lynette, October 18, 1976, to Art and Paula Cressy, North Canton, Ohio.

DAVIS—To John and Elaine Davis, Lafayette, Oregon, members of North Valley Friends, Newberg, Oregon, a daughter, Alyson Jeanelle, May 11, 1977.

DILLON—To Rick and Merianne Dillon, a son, Jeremie James, May 28, 1977, Nampa, Idaho.

DISABATINO — A daughter, Amy Lynn, May 18, 1977, to Phil and Londa DiSabatino, Massillon, Ohio.

GARNER—To Ray and DiAnn Garner, a daughter, Rosann Marguerite, May 29, 1977, Newberg, Oregon.

HALLMAN—A son, Matthew Ryan, April 19, 1977, to Duane and Carol Hallman, Louisville, Ohio.

HAMILTON—A son, Rodney Jonathan, March 16, 1977, to Clyde and Janice Hamilton, Canton, Ohio.

HERRIS—A daughter, Andrea Diane, May 14, 1977, to Denny and Diane Herris, Rittman, Ohio.

HOLMBERG—A daughter, Michelle, May 14, 1977, to Douglas and Sherry Holmberg, Euclid, Ohio.

JUDY—A daughter, Karen Beth, May 7, 1977, to Gerald and Carol Judy, Painesville, Ohio.

KOEHN—A son, Travis Martin, May 8, 1977, to Ray and Raemarie Koehn, Denver, Colorado.

McCURDY—A son, Donald Junior, May 7, 1977, to Donald and Judy McCurdy, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

MESSERLI — A daughter, Lindsay Catherine, May 16, 1977, to Mike and Joye Messerli of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

MILLER—A son, Justin Scott, May 14, 1977, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller of Colby, Kansas.

MILLS—A daughter, Rachel Jezil, May 3, 1977, to William and Vanessa Mills, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

MOSHER—A son, Benjamin Jay, May 23, 1977, to Bradley and Judy Mosher, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

MURPHY—A son, Micah Moses, to Pastor Bobby and Jill Murphy, Barberton, Ohio, June 10, 1977.

PAULMAN—A son, Timothy Roger, April 30, 1977, to Charles and Roseanna Paulman, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

PUCKETT—To Bonnie and Philip Puckett of Woodland Friends, Kamiah, Idaho, a daughter, Juli Ann, February 24, 1977.

ROGERS—To John and Teri Rogers, Arlington, Oregon, a daughter, Heidi Lynn, May 17, 1977.

TEAGUE—A son, Philip, Jr., May 3, 1977, to Phil and Jayne Teague, Akron, Ohio.

THARP—To Berry and Bev Tharp (a member of North Valley Friends, Newberg, Oregon), a daughter, Brenda Jean, May 16, 1977, Great Lakes, Illinois.

TULLIS—A son, Philip James, April 27, 1977, to Timothy and Jane Tullis, Salem, Ohio.

WILLIAMS—A son, Jonathan Wendle, to Dwaine and Rebecca Williams, May 29, 1977, Spokane, Washington.

WRIGHT—A daughter, Brenda Renee, June 13, 1977, to Tillman and Cindy Wright of Friendswood, Texas.

WRIGHT—A son, Stephen Lee, May 3, 1977, to Ralph and Sandi Wright, Spokane, Washington.

YOUNGERS—A son, Nicholas Jacob, May 24, 1977, to Melvin and Eva Youngers of Hutchinson, Kansas.

MARRIAGES

BALLARD-MILLAGE. Sheila Ballard and Martin Millage, May 29, 1977, at Newberg Friends, Oregon.

BOWDLE - LEE. Margaret Renee Bowdle and Michael Ray Lee, June 4, 1977, Booker, Texas.

BROCKETT-GARROTT. Pat Brockett and Steve Garrott, June 18, 1977, Canton, Ohio.

HAMMOND-GAYLIN. Teri Hammond and Lysle Gaylin, April 24, 1977, at Boise Friends, Idaho.

HAWTHORNE-KING. Rebecca Rae Hawthorne and Lamoine Ray King, May 28, 1977, Wichita, Kansas.

HILL-LEY. Donna Hill and Chuck Ley, May 28, 1977, Canton, Ohio.

JOACHIMI-JOHNSON. Mary Ellen Joachimi and Steve Johnson, June 25, 1977, League City, Texas.

LAMB-DENTLER. Monica Lamb and Dennis Dentler, March 19, 1977, Canton, Ohio.

LOGAN-WALTHER. Amy Logan and Carl Walther, June 11, 1977, Canton, Ohio.

NELSON-MANYPENNY. Linda Nelson and Robert Manypenny, May 28, 1977, Salem, Ohio.

POPE-WITT. Genelle Faye Pope and David Albert Witt, June 10, 1977, League City, Texas.

REYNARD-GOMEZ. Dalynne Reynard and Greg Gomez, May 14, 1977, Hutchinson, Kansas.

RHODES-TEUBNER. Louise Rhodes and Dr. Donn Teubner, June 4, 1977, Wichita, Kansas.

SCHWIND-MURRAY. Janet Schwind and Gary Murray, June 11, 1977, Enid, Oklahoma.

TODD-HAYES. Betty J. Todd and Paul E. Hays, June 3, 1977, Alliance, Ohio.

DEATHS

BARRINGTON — Nelle Barrington, June 6, 1977, Wichita, Kansas.

COREL—Geneva Corel, 68, June 14, 1977, Lawrence, Kansas.

DeVAUL—Roy DeVaul, 78, of South Salem Friends, May 28, 1977, Salem, Oregon.

HANNEMAN — Robert Hanneman, May 18, League City, Texas.

HOFF—Orhea Hoff, 81, Alliance, Ohio, May 14, 1977.

JACKS—Douglas Jacks, 34, June 16, 1977, Stafford, Kansas.

JOHNSTON — Frances (Mrs. Roy) Johnston, June 1, 1977, Springbank Friends, Allen, Nebraska.

LOVE—Betty Todd Love, 51, May 9, 1977, Portland, Oregon.

McAHREN — Wilby McAhren, 89, June 19, 1977, Pleasant Plains Friends, Byers, Kansas.

PLATT—Lyman C. Platt, 87, a minister, Denver, Colorado, May 22, 1977.

SANDERS—Fred Sanders, May 13, 1977, League City, Texas.

SHAW—Bernice Welch Shaw, June 14, 1977, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

WORKMAN—Glenn Workman, May 28, 1977, Wichita, Kansas.

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are not, they are living in damnable disobedience to God. On biblical grounds, therefore, one can be sure that prosperity in the context of injustice results from oppression rather than obedience, and is not a sign of righteousness. (p. 127-8)

Sider reiterates an idea of earlier radical Christians—that people rights are higher and more demanding than property rights.*



... faithful Christians will continue to assert that property rights are not absolute. They will courageously insist that the right of individuals and nations to use land and resources as they please is subordinate to the right of all people to eat and earn a just living. They will understand more profoundly than today Jesus' carefree unconcern for possessions. As they see fellow church members choose security and affluence rather than faithfulness and persecution, they will realize how dangerous indeed are possessions and wealth. (p. 130)

Nevertheless, Sider does more than identify the ills of twentieth century Christianity. He prophetically translates the example of New Testament Christians into workable models for our day. He discusses proper economic relationships among God's people and reaffirms the Christian's right to own property and to acquire wealth (the ownership and acquisition are not the issue, but rather the stewardship in response to the poor).

Given the statistics and the Bible overview, however, the strongest unit of Sider's book is certainly Part III, Implementation. As I have indicated, it is in this chapter that he not only calls for radical Christianity but he also provides methods and models for its practical application. Evangelicals are fond of

hand wringing about why the church doesn't grow. No conscientious Christian can read Part III of this book without gaining a more complete understanding about why the church hasn't grown, as well as what can be done immediately and concretely to make it grow, in effectiveness as well as numbers. Living as if Christ's teachings were to be followed is in fact a radical change for the non-Christian, and also, I fear, for the twentieth century Christian. And the difficult part is that the only place where Christ's teachings can be implemented is at the individual level.

Sider freely shares his own fears and failures about his economic discoveries throughout the book. He tells some of the personal victories he has won as well as the barriers he has yet to hurdle. And he is especially careful to call for action that must in no way reflect a pious superiority—a kind of suffering elitism.

There is a very real sense in which I have no right to write this book review and tell anyone to read Sider's book if my motivation is to make the reader change (at least not until I have set an example). I can only set about to change my own actions and attitudes and then share those changes with fellow Christians. But Sider's book, his sharing with me, came at the time in my life where I am ready not only to hear (I have been that for a long time; the intellectualization of my faith has been one of my most effective games) but also to act.

It is my firm conviction that modern Quakers have a special message for their



world community, just as seventeenth century Quakers did for theirs. One of the major tenets of Christ's teachings and of Quakerism's is that of the simple life. I feel just a bit of sadness and regret that Sider's book was not written by a Quaker, for the message is distinctly a Quaker message. How many of us in evangelical Quakerism are willing to hear the message and to act? What will it mean to us, individually as well as in community?

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appointees from Latin American Friends, considered concerns especially pertinent to Spanish-speaking Friends. Also, special interest groups were able to schedule meetings while others were free to tour the city or participate in recreation projects.

Not all the time was spent in "heavy contemplation." Action became the watchword when it was learned that President Carter would make an announcement later in the week regarding the B-1 bomber issue. With some prodding, 258 concerned Quakers sent telegrams to the White House, urging him to turn down the B-1 bomber appropriations and to remember his campaign promise made earlier.

The facilities were excellent for the handling of such a large group. Friends University with its adequate and convenient location provided the "hub" for the week's activities.

Sidelights included a variety of films featured each night after the service, autograph signing in the book display room by current authors, the "buddy" system (which paired each Spanish-speaking guest with a bilingual person), afternoon drama and puppets, interesting display tables featuring the many interests and projects of Western Hemisphere Friends, hymn singing, and reports over tea.

Although some conferees may have felt disappointed with the Wichita Conference, perhaps they had unrealistic expectations when they came. The conference was not a decision-making body. In the printed program the purpose was clearly outlined "... to worship, pray, share, listen, explore, work, and play and to carry this experience into the future. We hope that the Religious Society of Friends will be strengthened by the growth that takes place this week."

With this as the goal, we were not disappointed. "Let us put divisiveness behind us, and let us follow the Light," urged Dwight Wilson in his Wednesday night address. "Living in the Spirit" remains the challenge for Friends not only at the Wichita Conference but back home in our individual meetings. And the deep desire of all was summarized in the prayer:

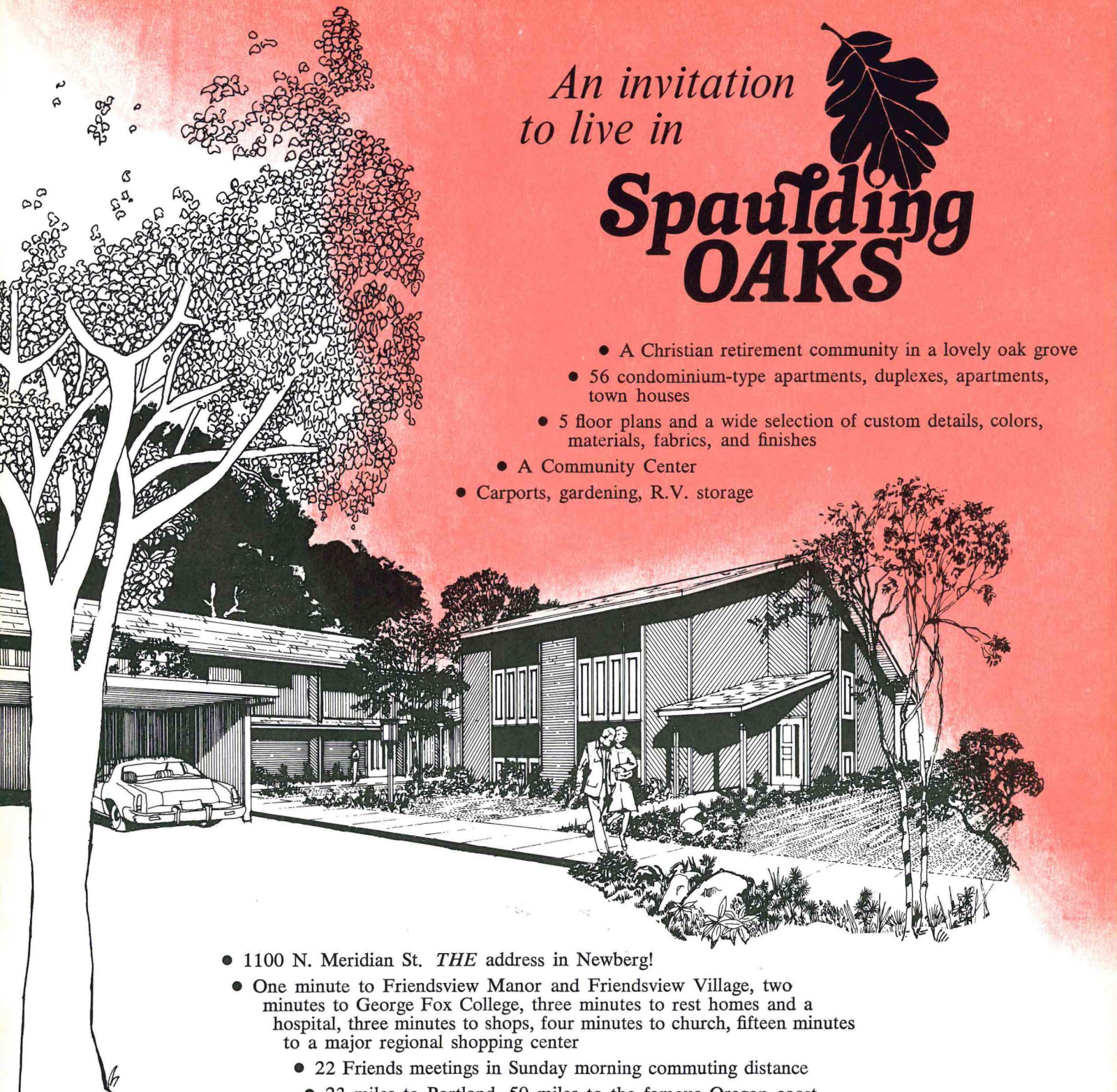
"In a world filled with hatred, let us be filled with love."

*See, for example, William Stringfellow's *Dissenter in a Great Society*.

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