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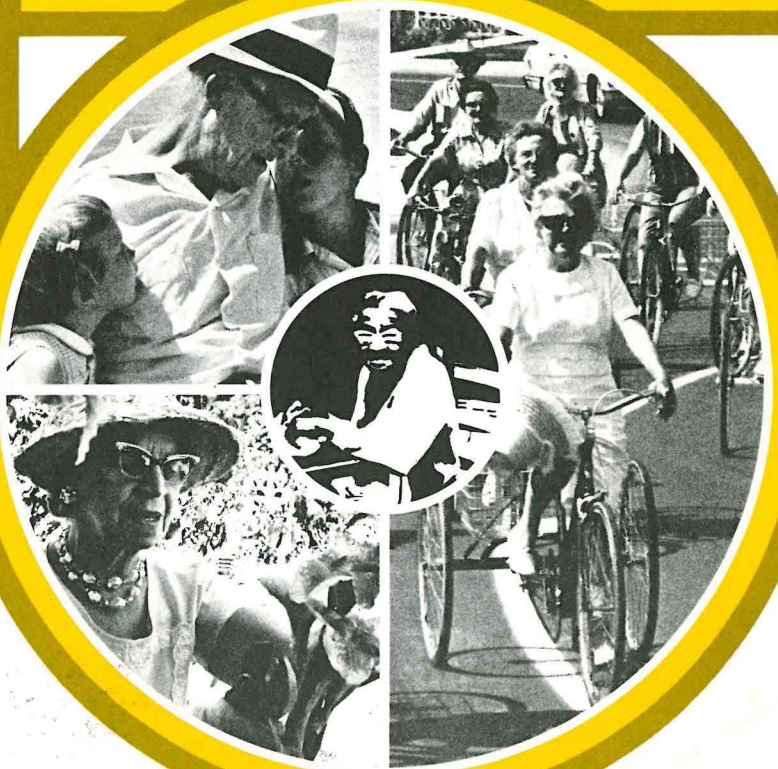
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LEARNING TO FACE THE LATER YEARS

BY PETER J. HAMPTON



No one who lives long enough can escape old age. Yet many of us try. Our culture is youth oriented to such an extent that people on the threshold of old age frequently continue to delude themselves into believing they are still young. And so they refrain from acting their own age. Millions of dollars are spent every year on feeding the delusions of youthfulness, with the result that when old age finally comes, we act surprised and all too often are tragically unprepared for it.

Why not? Our bodies tell us from the very beginning that the aging process is a natural process. Aging extends over a long period of time. Is it then not reasonable to prepare for old age so that we can face it more effectively with all the knowledge and skills and wisdom that we have gained over a long period of living? The answer obviously is yes.

In a recent essay entitled "Can We Learn to Get Old?" Doctor Erika Horn, writing in the Austrian magazine *Steirische Berichte*, suggests that we can and must learn to become old. We must prepare for our later years so that we can face them with strengths and positive attitudes. The lessons we must learn include the following.

Accepting responsibility for your own health

Instead of thinking that old age happens to others and not to us, instead of continuing to delude ourselves that we

can remain young, we must face the fact that our bodies and our minds gradually lose in their capacities as we become older. Thus we must learn to live with the reduced functioning capabilities of our senses, our vital organs, our circulatory systems, and our nervous systems.

Our physical strength and the rest of our functions diminish as we get older; our visceral clocks run slower; our senses lose in acuity; and our physical dexterities have to give up their fine honing. These facts we must accept and learn to live with. We must slow down in our physical and mental efforts, but never cease to contribute in accordance with our capabilities to perform physically and mentally.

To remain healthy within reason as we proceed into the later years, we must take precautions so that we will be less susceptible to disease and injury. Moderation becomes the key word in guidance—moderation in eating, in physical exertion, and in the use of our senses. Motivation and greater attention to rest and emotional equilibrium must remain.

Withdrawal from society should be taboo. Continuing active participation in our society is difficult but remains imperative. Retiring, in essence, must become a shift in activities, not a cessation of activities; a diminution of activities, but never a giving up of activities altogether. We must remain active participating members of our society to remain reasonably healthy in body and mind.

Rekindle and maintain dormant interests

During a busy and fruitful life of necessity we had to postpone a number of interests that we would have liked to pursue but were unable to because of lack of time and too many responsibilities. These interests can now be

Concerns grow. Friends' interest in ministry to the retired (and a ministry for the retired) is a growing concern. The following feature is a thoughtful and well-researched observation prepared by Dr. Peter J. Hampton, Director of Developmental Programs and Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Akron (Ohio). His wife Elsie is also a psychologist, and they carry on a private practice together. They have four children ages nineteen to twenty-eight.

rediscovered and activated. Such interests include not only interests in hobbies and recreational activities, but also interests in a variety of things, ideas, and people.

During our later years we can resume interests in poetry, philosophy, and religion. It is at this time that we can experience vicariously through reading such adventures, for instance, as climbing a mountain, descending into the bowels of the earth, warming ourselves in the pleasures of a Polynesian island, or watching the turbulence of a volcanic eruption.

It is at this time that we can become farmers once more if we wish, collectors of seashells, rocks, or old books. If we have the necessary capital, we can even indulge in such escapades as buying gold bullion, famous paintings, interesting real estate, or even a share in a ball club or TV station.

The long-delayed interests that are activated later in life provide us with the attraction and the propulsion that we need to participate in the ongoing drama of life.

Devote yourself to stimulating learning projects

Learning should never end. When formal learning ceases, informal learning should continue right up to the edge of the grave. Excellent opportunities have recently been provided for senior citizens to participate in a variety of learning projects. Courses on practically every subject imaginable are now available to the older person.

The choices seem unending and the selections are manifold—Chinese painting, beginning algebra, magic for fun and entertainment, gardening at home, film appreciation, “I’m OK—You’re OK,” improving your personality, and so the list goes.

While to know is not necessarily to do better, knowledge does help us to manage our affairs in such a way that we can more readily make the most of our opportunities and our responsibilities as senior citizens.

The importance of learning as we age lies not only in the fact that we acquire more knowledge and sharpen our skills, but also in the fact that since things are constantly

Friends and Creative Aging

BY GEORGE MOORE

In 1900 about 4 percent of the population of the U.S. was over 65; today it is nearly 12 percent. Should not the church be vitally interested in the process of growing old gracefully, productively, with the blessing of God on our lives?

One Friends meeting for more than a decade has sponsored a “Young at Heart” club to provide social outlets in biweekly meetings. Field trips, a regular Bible study, sack lunches shared in a common meal, musical concerts, and all sorts of programs are enjoyed by more than 40 retirees. The “club” is open to anyone, not just members of the meeting.

Bob Smith gave up a \$30,000-a-year administrative position to become director of an adult day-care center for senior citizens sponsored by Reedwood Friends Meeting in Portland, Oregon. (His starting salary there is about \$12,000.)

The program, started two years ago, has the approval and encouragement of various state agencies and the specific affirmation of the Governor’s Committee on Aging. The program is in an older home that once was a fine mansion, now called Lambert House. Twenty-seven older

or handicapped persons are registered, coming and going during the hours the house is open—from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. five days a week.

Christian fellowship, loving care, and a home away from home (an institutional atmosphere is avoided) have come to mean a great deal to these who form a kind of family relationship. A physical therapist gives part-time assistance to those benefiting from this aid. A hot meal is served at noon. A staff of four—some full-time, others part-time—and yet several other volunteers from the meeting are in charge. The entire effort is seen as a ministry by the meeting and certainly by Bob Smith and other staff.

Senior adults over 62 are offered free tuition at George Fox College since 1967. Several have obtained degrees since that time. Dr. Julia Hobbs directs a federally funded program on campus titled “Older Adult Program for Outreach.” Its stated objectives are to acquaint mature, older adults with opportunities of higher education, to develop an outreach and counseling program to help the older students to higher aspiration levels, and to achieve personal goals. . . .

Newberg Friends Church has added a pastoral team member as a minister to the “Third Age.” More than 150 constitute this segment of the congregation in Friendsview Manor and the community. Visitation, not only in nursing homes but in homes and apartments, helps to identify both spiritual and physical needs and to answer the problem of loneliness and adjustment to life-role changes.

The Third Age people are seen as vital to the church body, important in all types of Christian witness and service. A “49ers” group meets monthly. “Fireside” groups in homes have become popular. A Senior Appreciation Day is held with special recognition given to the various backgrounds and to the significant services these have or are giving to the life of the church.

Friends United Meeting has given a great amount of study to the preparation for retirement and to gerontology as it relates to the church at both the local and yearly meeting levels. *Creative Aging*, edited by Harold Tollefson, is a helpful publication and may be ordered through Meeting Ministries Commission, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, Indiana 47374. ☐

changing, we too must change. And such changes are brought about through learning.

Continue to develop the inner person

There is an inner person in all of us who of necessity is somewhat neglected during our earlier and middle years of life. This inner person is defined as our essentiality. It consists in part of our baser self, in part of our ego, and in part of our conscience, all working together to establish a well-adjusted and well-developed personality.

During most of our lives we are vocationally oriented in our efforts to make a living. Later in life, however, the vocational aspects of living are less emphasized and the avocational aspects become more important. Now we need to do less of what we have to do and can do more of what we really want to do.

Teaching, for instance, may give way to fishing, selling to bowling, typing to gardening, depending on the individual's likes and dislikes. Time that earlier was strictly rationed for occupational and family activities can now more readily be devoted to such inner personal enhancements as imagining, feeling, thinking, and reminiscing.

Now we have time to read to our heart's content, listen with awe and admiration to the music of the ages, and watch the sun rise and set; now we can sit on a bench in a mall and without hurry watch with fascination as people rush by us in their pursuit of happiness.

Train yourself to give things up

Gradually we have to learn to divest ourselves of our possessions as we grow older. We can't take them with us when we finally depart. In old age we must learn to find greater pleasure in giving than in receiving as we give up those treasured possessions that we will no longer need to complete our journeys.

The giving up is not only of material things but of ideas and people as well. The giving up of things, however, should be not a resignation to old age, but rather a shifting of emphasis in old age. There is now more time to marvel, more time to think, more time to enjoy memories of the persons we have known, the things we have done, and the wonderful opportunities we have had to share in living.

The great writer Dante says that when hope ceases, death begins. Hope must never cease for the senior citizen, but the hopes of earlier years have to be amended and often changed. As senior citizens we must let go of resentments and jealousies, and anger with younger people who seemingly can't wait to push us aside and carry on with our work.

The English have a way of saying "The King is dead, long live the King." So it is with all of us. As one generation fades into the background another generation takes over. We must not fight this inevitability but prepare for it, and participate in the transition with good mien and thankfulness that we were allowed to serve so long.

Practice patience, perseverance, and praise

Younger people have little difficulty being served in our culture. Older people are not so fortunate. In our culture the child, the young adult, and the middle adult get most of the attention. The adolescent and the senescent are more readily ignored.

The adolescent puts up a fight. If he can't get attention through accomplishments, he does manage to be heard through attention-getting behavior that may actually be somewhat chargeable. The younger person whose future is still ahead of him can afford to make a fuss.

The older person cannot. He has to respond with patience, with stoicism. Fortunately he has lived a long life and has learned to adjust and adapt to all sorts of situations, and so is able to adjust once more to the relative neglect that our culture bestows upon the senior citizen.

But as the older person perseveres in his demands to get a hearing, eventually he is heard. There is a kind of inevitability of response that is given to those persons who insist, who persist, who persevere in their demands. Often the response is one of trying to get rid of an annoyance.

Services provided for older persons in our culture, then, are not so much out of kindness and consideration for the older person but out of impatience with the time and energy demanded by the senior citizen as he looks for a listening ear to his needs. Perseverance for the older person brings good results.

The older person, to get along with younger folk, must also learn to turn the other cheek. He can't afford to be overly sensitive. He must learn to become tough. Tender-mindedness does not work; tough-mindedness does. In line with developing a tough exterior and so learning to direct his efforts with his mind instead of only with his heart, the older person must show praise.

He recognizes that in the end love functions better than anger in trying to get his way. The older person who praises and compliments is less of an irritant to younger people than the one who constantly complains. By praising and complimenting, the older person is considered less in the way than if he criticizes and finds too much fault with the way he is treated.

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It is not unusual for the theme of a Christian magazine's September edition to be centered on new beginnings—school, church year, Sunday school emphases. But what about our focus of attention this month on the "later years"—the "sunset"—when we should be priming new life into sagging summer slumps?

For many the later years *do* mark a "new" beginning. The long-awaited retirement gives freedom to travel, to pursue unfulfilled dreams. With the average life expectancy of both men and women reaching four score years, such pursuits seem even more possible.

Terms used to classify the later years—senior citizens, the third age—imply a "new" beginning at some point in one's life. But is this demarcation, this tendency to classify—in some cases even to discriminate—the best treatment of the later years? Would it not be better to live life as a whole, to blend the ages, to make retirement at a given age an option in order to utilize this vast resource of experience?

These are some of the thoughts that came to me as I read this month's feature and as I, in my youthful "middle years," contemplate my own "later years" down the road.
—H.T.A.

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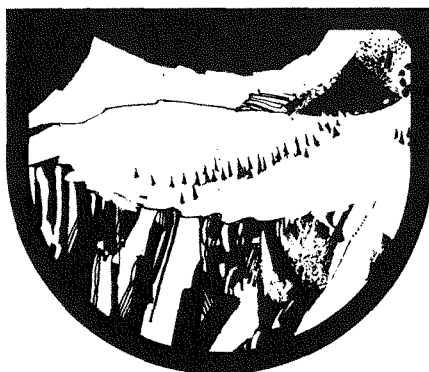
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A report of ROCKY MOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING sessions

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BY MIKE HENLEY

Pictured left are two scenes from Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, which is held in the rustic mountain setting at Quaker Ridge, Colorado.




The 21st annual Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting was held at Quaker Ridge Camp near Woodland Park, Colorado, June 15-19. The theme of this year's meeting was "The Harvest Is Ripe," and our special speakers were Roscoe and Tina Knight, the EFA's missionaries in Mexico City. Through skits and messages from God's Word they presented the urgency of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Yearly Meeting received a good report on a Faith Promise giving program that was begun a year ago. In other business a new Faith and Practices doctrine book was approved along with a letter supporting Anita Bryant in her recent Dade County crusade against homosexuality.

In other business, Amos Redhair at Oak Ridge Friends and Paul Moser at Hay Springs Friends were recorded as pastors in the RMYM.

The Missionary Women's Banquet was held Friday night, and afterward over \$500 was raised by an auction of Navajo Indian jewelry centerpieces. Money raised by the auction will be given to the Rough Rock mission.

Musical entertainment was provided by the Zeller family, and "Harvest," a group from Friends University. Saturday night, during the youth night service, the junior and senior high youth from First Denver Friends Church presented a musical.

Overall it was a successful 21st meeting, and much was accomplished. 

Different writers were asked by the editors to prepare reports, personal impressions, and evaluations of their yearly meeting sessions. Eastern Region was held in late August and its report was relayed by telephone immediately following the sessions, making it impossible for the writer to evaluate as much as some others. Thanks to Mike Henley, Rocky Mountain regional editor; Kara Cole, contributing editor; Gerald Teague, Kansas regional editor; and Richard Sartwell, EFC—Eastern Region regional editor.

A report of NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING sessions

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this year?



BY KARA COLE

Maybe the question is asked of me often than of some others because I made a Sunday morning plea in my local meeting for all who could to attend this year's conference in Newberg. None-

theless, the question is valid, and my answers are varied and more personal this year than in some prior years.

If one has responsibilities on a board or with some function of the Yearly

Meeting sessions, then preparation begins at least the week before the actual program. So it was for me. As president of the Stewardship Board, I needed to work with the Yearly Meeting treasurer, superintendent, and assistant superintendent, along with the chairman of the Department of Finance to determine an agenda for our own board meetings, as well as to make final plans for the presentation of the budget to the Executive Council and finally to the floor of the Yearly Meeting.

Beginning. For some, Yearly Meeting begins with Executive Council meeting on Monday afternoon. For others, it begins with board meetings on Monday evening (and continuing all day Tuesday). For still others, it begins with the first Representatives session on Tuesday afternoon. Yet another beginning point is the banquet circuit—Women's Missionary and Men's banquets—on Tuesday evening. But probably for most people, Yearly Meeting "really" begins with the keynote message—this year at 9:30 Wednesday morning.

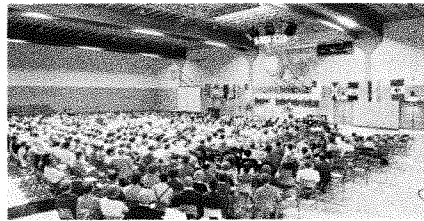
I identify all those beginnings because I realized this year more than ever before how much Yearly Meeting is a matter of personal perspective. People on Executive Council and the boards started early and worked hard all week. The same should be said of the Representatives. Under the new *Constitution and Discipline*, the Representatives may take the initiative for discussing issues and making recommendations to the floor of the Yearly Meeting. This year they did just that, a fact you will note when you read your Yearly Meeting *Minutes* (that's a not-very-subtle hint to be sure to read your Yearly Meeting *Minutes* when they come out this fall).

Visitors. Their introduction is a brief portion of Yearly Meeting that I always find interesting. Included were William Barton of the Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC); Curt and Rosalie Regen from New York Yearly Meeting; and Nick Block from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL).

This year was special in that we had two visitors from Bolivia—Francisco Tintaya and Enrique Tito. From them we all learned the Bolivian greeting (arms raised forward). Jack Willcuts tells me they learned, during their visits in churches around the Northwest prior

to Yearly Meeting, one English word—"potluck." Their presence throughout gave many of us glimpses of ourselves through foreign visitors' eyes. In the back of the room at many board meetings and small workshops there was the continuing buzz of Jack Willcuts or Everett Clarkson quietly translating the proceedings with one Bolivian on each side listening intently. It gave a special expectancy to Yearly Meeting.

Keynote. During the opening of his keynote message, Norval Hadley gave the year's statistics (not too encouraging, I'm sorry to say), and then he introduced all the new pastors and pastoral changes—there were many! His message was a call to revival, based on Acts 2, which really encourages renewal and reform of life patterns among Christians. Some-



Superintendent Norval Hadley delivers keynote message to large crowd at morning session of Northwest Yearly Meeting held in new Coleman Wheeler Sports Center. Robert Hess (right) was guest speaker.

thing new was added immediately following the message—"Next Step" groups. The entire audience was assigned to small groups to pursue the message through discussion of predetermined questions. Most response to this procedure was enthusiastic, both following the keynote and again Thursday evening.

When you think of Yearly Meeting at George Fox College, you probably think of trying to cope with midsummer heat in an old gymnasium. Well, that's changed! It's still in a gymnasium, but the building is brand new, and the ventilation is much better. Along with the new Hoover Academic Building (which is air-conditioned), the Wheeler Sports Center provided a new look for Yearly Meeting.

Bob Hess. If the name isn't familiar, it soon will be. The inspirational speaker at Yearly Meeting, he is also the candidate for director of the new Evangelical Friends Mission (EFM) program, which was approved by Northwest Yearly Meeting this year. Hess's ministry at Yearly Meeting was varied and excellent. His long-standing concern for missions was almost immediately apparent, and his experience as a college professor of religion and philosophy was reflected in

his speaking style. He spoke rapidly, his main theme richly punctuated with many examples and stories from the mission field, from religious thinkers, and from philosophers. God used his ministry at Yearly Meeting, and, if the comments I hear are indicative, God is continuing to use his ministry as people reflect on what he said, repeat memorable illustrations to their friends, and apply new knowledge to their own lives.

I look forward to Hess's direction of the EFM. I have listened for the past four years as we of the Northwest have struggled with whether or not we should be involved in a cooperative missions program. Especially last year, the discussion was long and emotional—ending in a decision to wait another year before making a final decision. The discussion

this year was emotional in another way. Many who had opposed the program last year testified to having prayed about it through the year and of having come to the conclusion that the cooperative missions program would be a good thing. The proposal this year was discussed at Representatives session and on the floor of the meeting. Early on, the sense of the meeting was that we should support the program. We will be cooperating with Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region (from which Robert Hess comes), and Kansas Yearly Meeting—the four yearly meetings that comprise the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

Hayden Lake. One meeting that found renewal this year. Their pastor's message of love in action motivated the members to establish and follow through with caring relationships—a real life example of the keynote message. The result of this not-so-easy but oh-so-right process is that Hayden Lake Friends Church is growing, building a new church, and challenging old and new Christians alike to live in the power of God's love. Their report was inspiring.

New Talent. During the Friday afternoon Education Board report, Dick Ed-

mundson was called on to give the report for Aldersgate. Rather than handing out a mimeographed sheet for us to read along as he read aloud, he ducked behind the podium and was not seen again for about fifteen minutes. Instead, two charming muppets carried on a fast and heated discussion about Aldersgate materials, involving some people from the audience, and highlighting the virtues of using this material in the Sunday school. The muppets were working from a carefully prepared script, but their "voice" was also quick to ad lib apropos a spontaneous opportunity. It was a delightful surprise on a warm afternoon.

Yearly Meeting Sunday. Special childhood memories of large crowds and high emotion. Times have changed in many ways, but Yearly Meeting Sunday remains a time for Friends of the Northwest to gather and share in their missionary and evangelistic concerns. During this year's afternoon missionary session, Duane and Sherrill Comfort and Mark and Wilma Roberts shared their obser-


vations as returning missionaries. Jim and Gail Roberts, new missionaries on their way to language school, were introduced, and the afternoon offering was taken to support their year's program of language study. Pastor Jin, of the Korean church, was introduced, and he, in turn, introduced their choir director, Mr. Lim, who sang (beautifully) "The Lord's Prayer." The Bolivian brothers were once again asked to greet the crowd. A good missionary rally!

Sunday evening, Gene McDonald, who started and has been eight years at the Kent, Washington, meeting, told of his concern to begin a new meeting in Federal Way (Seattle). The offering was taken for that project, which he begins with visitation and establishment of Bible studies.

So—how was Yearly Meeting this year? Well, it was the usual—business sessions, board meetings, reports, inspiration, conversation; and it was the unusual—a new Evangelical Friends Mis-

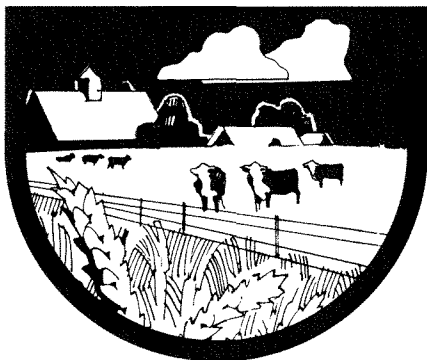
sion program, sessions in new buildings, people who had never been to Yearly Meeting before, Bolivian visitors. In many ways it was business as usual—a unique week that's part of an ongoing series of similar weeks. It was a time for God to work in individual lives, for God's work to be planned for and carried forward through the efforts of His people, for new understanding to be achieved—in all, very much worth the effort of going and participating.

I would encourage you who read this who haven't been to Yearly Meeting (for a long time, or ever) to start planning now to attend the sessions next year. Make the week part of your vacation—either before or after you might go on down to the Oregon coast, or up into the mountains, or on to Disneyland, or Hawaii. When you're a Friend, it's worth experiencing the way of doing business, of finding God's will, of knowing Friends beyond your local meeting or area.

Yearly Meeting this year was just right for 1977. 

A report of KANSAS YEARLY MEETING sessions

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Quakers
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BY GERALD I. TEAGUE

"Destiny," "Gold," "Seed," "Spirit." These are some of the words that stand out when reflecting on the 1977 sessions of Kansas Yearly Meeting. Other words like "might" and "power" (in connection with "Spirit"), "priorities," and even "Human-Divine Interpenetration" could stand out also.

But perhaps words like "courage," "boldness," "faith," and "vision" are more characteristic of the atmosphere of the week of August 8-12, 1977, when the people of KYM gathered on the campus of Friends University in Wichita, Kansas.

SPIRIT was the key word in the

Yearly Meeting theme, "By My Spirit." Everett Cattell ministered effectively from this theme by means of a series of studies from the book of Acts. The studies, strongly delivered, explored the work of the Holy Spirit in establishing, nurturing, and expanding the church "By My Spirit" and not by the "might" of human energies nor by the "power" of natural resources.

GOLD has the quality of love and honor extended to Everett and Catherine Cattell on the recognition of fifty years of marriage and ministry—for 1927 was the year they started life together as hus-

band and wife and also started their ministry as pastors in Ohio Yearly Meeting, thus making 1977 a double golden anniversary year.

John Williams, dean of Friends University, presided over the "moments of celebration" held during the first worship service of the week. Those moments included a review of the Cattell pilgrimage in service, with mention of people, places, and performances. Balloons, books, and bags of messages and greetings from across the country decorated the platform.

YOUTH YEARLY MEETING—A separate but parallel program—was attended by 130 youth from all points of the Yearly Meeting. The culmination of their activities of worship and fellowship—building toward personal and relational Christian growth—was a massed choir program of sharing and music.

DESTINY is not only the middle name of the Christian ministry headed by Dr. David Breese (Christian Destiny Inc. of Wheaton, Illinois) but was also the positive point of view he shared with the 500 people gathered for the Keynote Banquet on opening night, August 8, at the magnificent Century II auditorium in downtown Wichita. Dave Breese challenged the gathered Quakers to believe God had presented them with the great-

est opportunities to serve Him and His work—had indeed provided them with an “appointment with destiny.”

SEED is the best description given to the more than \$3,200 challenge money spontaneously given by concerned Friends in attendance when the Stewards Board shared, in the first business session, the bitter-sweet news relative to Unified Finances. **Sweet** because KYM stewardship had once again given a record amount over the year to the approved programs of the Yearly Meeting. **Bitter** because it was not quite enough to meet the budgeted items swollen by inflation (30 to 40 percent in Burundi, Africa). So the faithful fruit of the yesteryears (the Friends in attendance) planted seed money to fill the deficit gap. All praise to Him!

VISION, FAITH, COURAGE, BOLDNESS describe other expressions of spiritual impulses experienced through the week as boards struggled with increasing needs and uncertain resources.

“Boldness” and “courage” were displayed when, on Friday afternoon, the delegate body approved a record budget of \$300,000. They had weighed the absolute necessities of **outreach** and **nurture** in the KYM program against the unknown financial resources, and they

came out believing, with “vision” and “faith,” in the sound stewardship of midcontinent Quakers—believing them to be the people of God and of godly concerns—when they understood the needs. By approaching the support issue with more and better information dispersed at the local level, it is believed the Friends of KYM will be faithful and supportive—as they always have been.

Demonstrations of **outreach** and **nurture** were seen in the form of growth and development of the meeting in Angleton, Texas; the budding of a mission point in northwest Houston; the participation of one third of our churches and pastors in the John Wimber Church Growth and Modification Seminars; the return to the mission field of a veteran couple long home on extended leave; and the approval and preparation of two additional units for missions—a couple for medical ministry and a single teacher.

For the third time in as many years KYM reaffirmed her identity with the EFA mission co-op by approving the latest form called Evangelical Friends Mission as well as freeing Reta Stuart from Burundi service for possible administrative work with EFM.

Undoubtedly the “outreach” highlights of the sessions were the current and

insightful reports of Superintendent John Robinson and Outreach Board President Roscoe Townsend, just returned from a twenty-seven-day visit of the Burundi field.

MOSQUITOES AND TIGERS—An ancient proverb of India warns of the danger of being preoccupied with pesky mosquitoes while being stalked by tigers. That kind of unwise appropriation of attention and priorities was not practiced by KYM in the 1977 sessions.

Our thinking was straight as we met for worship daily. The ministry of Everett Cattell was penetrating and pertinent. The emphasis on the sovereignty of God, the lordship of Christ, and the complete indwelling of the Holy Spirit was with anointing and profit. The closing service was the crowning witness that the “proper order of things” was observed. That climactic hour was marked by the recording of eight ministers and the dedication of them and their wives to the “work of the ministry.” That evidence of God’s calling and of our Yearly Meeting’s vitality concluded the week of travail in an hour of triumph.

“Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things. Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings!” [E]

A report of EASTERN REGION yearly sessions

‘a
mood
of
change’



BY RICHARD SARTWELL

The 165th Yearly Meeting of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region was held August 22-28 on the campus of Malone College, in Canton, Ohio. The week began when almost 1,600 Friends gathered for missionary banquets. Ladies heard Elizabeth Elliott Leitch speak on the topic, “Give Me

Losers.” She shared that God cannot control the big things in our lives if He does not control the little things. Men listened to Skip Ross deliver a challenge to use God-given abilities. He suggested that Friends as a group and as individuals have not begun to reach their potential.

Featured speaker for worship services was Walter Albritton, Jr., United Methodist pastor, Demopolis, Alabama, and a staff member of the United Methodist General Board of Evangelism. He reminded Friends of the great significance of simply doing what one can in humble service to the Lord and others. He said, “The greatest thing that God ever did was to make His Son available to mankind. The greatest thing that you can do is to make yourself available to your family, to those in need, to those who hurt.”

Throughout the week a variety of workshops were made available to Friends gathered. Topics included Tent-making Ministries, Volunteer Service, Disaster Services, Use of Audiovisuals, Faith Promise Giving, the Marriage Encounter, Abortion, and Combating Pornography.

An unusually heavy amount of business was completed in the week. Delegates approved of a significant revision of the Testimonies and Practice sections

of the *Discipline*. A new organizational structure was approved for the local, district, and yearly meeting levels. A major change in the local church is the regrouping of all committees into four commissions and the addition of an Administrative Council.

A new testimony declares that abortion on demand or for reasons of personal convenience, social adjustment, or economic advantage is morally wrong. A new testimony on homosexuality affirms the scriptural position of the sinfulness of deviant sexual acts, but also affirms that homosexual tendencies may be overcome by the grace of God. The meeting did approve the formation of a committee to rewrite a doctrinal statement for the Eastern Region to be completed hopefully by 1980. In the interim the Evangelical Friends Alliance statement of faith will be used.

In other action the new proposed Evangelical Friends Mission as modified by the EFA Coordinating Council last January was approved by the delegates. Also, the yearly meeting will employ a full-time administrative assistant whose responsibility will be largely in the area of youth ministries. The meeting agreed on specific plans to implement the move of its headquarters from Damascus to Canton, Ohio. A suitable plot of land in Canton is to be purchased and a new building constructed.

The mood of change was continued when delegates approved an entirely new schedule for yearly meeting sessions next year. Major boards will meet on Friday and Saturday. Business sessions will begin on Monday and conclude on Thursday. One reason for the change is to accommodate earlier school openings.

An innovation of this yearly meeting that seemed to appeal to a large group of people was the beginning of each day's activities with an hour of worship before the business was conducted rather than afterward, reversing the previous practice of having an expository hour following the morning business sessions.

Don Green of Columbus, Ohio, and Mike Grogan of Poland, Ohio, were recorded as ministers of the Gospel. Ministerial credentials were transferred and received for Neil Orchard of North Olmsted, Ohio; Jaime Prieto of Newport News, Virginia; Byrd Puffenbarger of New Point, Virginia; and Robert Dye of Rollin, Michigan. ☐



Sisters— Adopted Daughters of the King

BY LOUISE GEORGE

We stood side by side that day in a little adobe church on the windy altiplano. We shared a hymnal and I closed my eyes as she sang. I heard her high nasal soprano turning those multi-syllable Aymara words into music. What those strange-sounding words meant, I didn't know. But I sensed they were words of praise offered from her heart to her Father. I echoed those words of praise to her Father—and mine. We are sisters, you see.

I had seen her earlier standing in the breakfast line. She wore no shoes, though the morning was cold and ice still covered the pond behind the church. Briefly I had stood in line too, layered in warm clothes and shoes. Then someone came and ushered us to a room where we were seated at a table. Hot, sweet, black coffee and rolls were brought to us. When I saw her again she was seated on the ground outside, cradling a

hot cup in her cold, stiff fingers. I wondered at the strange way that man chooses some to be first and others to be last.

I opened my eyes and saw her rough, brown hand and my smooth, white one. I noticed her two or three shawls pinned tightly about her shoulders and compared it with my warm ski jacket. She wore several full skirts, but beneath her skirts her brown legs and feet must have been cold.

The conference was over, and we went home to hot showers and warm beds. I lay awake for a long time under the warmth of the electric blanket and wondered where she was sleeping. I wondered if she was warm. Did she even know what it meant to be warm? I knew instinctively that God wasn't impressed with my warm bed or clean fingernails. I knew that He wasn't more pleased to be my Father just because I lived in a warm, comfortable house.

The next day I read why. "Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us [my Aymara sister too] to be his very own [not through what we could do for Him but] through what Christ would do for us; he decided then to make us holy in his eyes [that's why He wasn't impressed with my clean fingernails or the hot water shower], without a single fault—we who stand before him covered with his love. [He didn't notice my warm ski jacket or her inadequate shawls.] His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family [and it doesn't matter that we're from different races] by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because he wanted to. . . . Moreover, because of what Christ has done we have become gifts to God that he delights in [not because we are so clever or because we try to do so much for him]. . . . I want you to realize that God has been made rich because we who are Christ's have been given to him!" (Ephesians 1:4, 5, 11, 18 LB)

David, the psalmist, says we are but guests passing through this earth. And while I wonder at the vast difference in the accommodations that we are allotted here on this earth, I know that one day "when the time is ripe he will gather us all together from wherever we are—in heaven or on earth—to be with him in Christ, forever." (v. 10)

We are sisters, she and I—adopted daughters of the King. ☐

Louise George and her husband Gilbert and two boys are first term missionaries in Bolivia under Northwest Yearly Meeting. This story first appeared in NWYM's Aymaragram.



BY JACK L. WILL CUTS

God's Finished Products

A fascinating description of God's influence in our lives is suggested by Paul's comment to the Ephesians, "For we are his workmanship . . ." (2:10) This being true, one would assume that God's handiwork in a dedicated Christian would begin to show up better and brighter every year until when old age comes along we should begin to look like God's finished products. And we all know a few of these. It makes old age more attractive. Focusing this month, as we are in this issue, on the Christian elderly, such an idea of Christian maturity is significant.

There is quite a parade of people throughout the Bible who prove this—not just those cited in Hebrews eleven—but a close look at some of them gives insight as to what God has in mind for spiritual retirees. They should be blossoming exhibits of the fruits of the Spirit.

Timothy was urged not to despise his youth; a sequel to that truth is that neither should we despise our old age. While not known for his piety, George B. Shaw cleverly pointed out that "youth is a wonderful thing, it is too bad to waste it on the children." The elderly are needed and useful, and this chain of evidence runs consistently through Scripture as well as our own observation.

Eli taught Samuel; Samuel anointed a young king; Mordecai helped Esther to understand her role in coming "to the kingdom for such a time as this." Elijah taught Elisha, and Elisha taught a whole class of young prophets. Moses prepared Joshua. So, a person who walks with God for half a century or more has something to offer, always. Abraham didn't die until his son Isaac was well married and ready to assume his responsibilities.

Isaac was spared until Jacob matured clear through his Peniel experience, and he was granted a blessing of his elderly father. Does any youth from a Christian home have a "Peniel" that is not shared by concerned parents? It was no accident, then, that Jacob was spared until Joseph became the ruler of Egypt.

Moses must surely be the older person's model. Pushing vigorously past the 100th year, Moses' natural force was unabated, his eye not dim. And his last known function was climbing a mountain, at 120, and there he was given a view of Canaan and the whole world in all directions. That mountain is now known to be 2,644 feet high, and it may be the 90th Psalm was written on one of those practice runs

Moses did up the mountain before God marched him right on into heaven.

Is there a better way to leave here? One might imagine Moses wistfully looked at Mt. Hermon in the distance and remarked, "I'd like to hike that sometime!" Well, he did, or at least Peter, James, and John saw him and Elijah on that mountain in the transfiguration incident. Maybe they met up there just because that was a favorite spot to rendezvous for Moses and Elijah—on mountaintops!

And Paul. Like any older person, he spends a little time reminiscing about the past. "As for me, the hour has come for me to be sacrificed; the time is here for me to leave this life. I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith. And now there is waiting for me the prize of victory awarded for a righteous life . . . and not only to me, but to all those who wait with love for him to appear." (2 Timothy 4:6-8 *Good News Bible*)

In between these comments he could have recalled a lot of things—prisons, shipwrecks, debates, dangers, some happy times and some tough ones. But the total impression is one of tenderness, gratitude, and hope. Paul was not a bitter, sad old man. He always saw a "henceforth," never was he a "has-been." Oh, he needed a few things, like a warmer coat and some writing materials, suggesting he had trouble keeping comfortable and busy, a constant worry for those in advanced years.

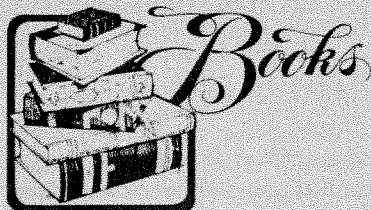
This is quite a contrast to something taken from Mark Twain's notebook diary shortly before his death: "Millions of people die who scoff at life in their hearts. Scoff at the pitiful world, the useless universe and the violent, contemptible human race, the whole paltry scheme of human success." Paul saw things differently.

Somewhere I read of another entry in Longfellow's diary made on his 80th birthday, which happened to be a Sunday. "John Ware, of Cambridge, preached a fair sermon today." Then these remarkable words, "I applied it to myself." This confirms a delightful truth we may all ponder: "One does not grow old, one grows old by not growing." ☐

Roosters in Retirement

Friendsview Manor residents were excited about a special chicken dinner announced for the evening meal, "better than Colonel Sanders . . ." As all were seated, grace given, and napkins ready for the Kentucky fried fowl, everyone was startled to hear a rooster crow right in the dining room. loud, clear, again and again! A murmur of surprise and some witticism about really fresh poultry went over the dining room while the rooster crowed on.

It seems one retired pastor, Nathan Pierson, who had enjoyed his share of fried chicken across the years, had made a tape recording a few days before of a vocal rooster in the neighborhood. The tape recording put the crowing in perfect stereo, in perfect timing for the evening. Wonder why Colonel Sanders never thought of that? ☐



Ed Wheat, M.D., and Gaye Wheat, **Intended for Pleasure**, Sex Technique and Sexual Fulfillment in Christian Marriage, Fleming H. Revell Co., 223 pages, \$7.95. To quote the authors, "This book has been written for every married or soon-to-be married person who is searching for a medically accurate presentation of sex in marriage within the framework of the Bible's teachings."

Fifteen years of marital counseling has provided the Wheats with specific Christian answers to sexual difficulties so commonly experienced: impotency, frigidity, and others. Balancing the physiological medical facts with the spiritual and emotional implications of those facts, the Wheats seek to give answers in attitude and actions to couples that want all that God has intended for Christian marriage. The book seems to be equally sensitive to both the male and female vantage point and is written in a straightforward, yet tender manner. The Wheats apply what the Bible has to say about sex to everyday living in a meaningful way. After all God himself invented sex—for procreation and for our delight. It was His gift to us, intended for pleasure.

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This book should be a standard reference volume for sex education in the home and for premarital and marital counseling in the pastor's study.

—Ron Allen

A Guide to True Peace, Harper and Brothers, 1946, compiled from the writings of Fénelon, Guyon, and Molinos. Americans are spending millions of dollars annually trying to find peace, trying to quiet that tense, inward uneasiness that plagues them constantly. The local bookstores are jammed with books that claim to provide that peace through fads such as diets, exercises, meditation, fasting, even self-hypnosis. Unfortunately, many Christians have abandoned their prayer closets in favor of one of these fads, believing that they can find peace through their own efforts. They remain restless, searching.

A Guide to True Peace is exactly what its title connotes, a book that guides the reader to peace through the reality of inward prayer. Compiled (in 1813) by two Quakers from the writings of three seventeenth century "quietists," this book's message is outrageously simple, yet so poignant that it brings the reader humbly to his knees before God.

For those Christians who never seem to be able to find the key to knowing God, hearing His voice, being victorious over trials and temptations, this book is a must. It points out that "all progress in prayer is a progress in simplicity, and so the highest form of prayer is not a mental act nor an upsurge of feeling but the direct perception of the Divine Presence." It is in this presence that we find true peace and begin really to commune with the living God.

Copies of this book may be hard to find, but they are well worth the search.

—Stan Thornburg

Ernest Taylor, **The Valiant Sixty**, The Bannisdale Press, London, 1951.

It's amazing, but tucked away in the nooks and crannies of church libraries is a wealth of useful and inspirational reading. The covers are not so flashy as new titles, and in some cases moths may have been getting most of the enjoyment of these tomes, but give them a second glance and pick one up to read. Try some books by Edward Mott on the authority of Scripture, or by Dougan Clark on holiness and sanctification, or

perhaps the above title by Taylor, *The Valiant Sixty*.

While written for other times, there is a timelessness to the message of these Quaker authors. *The Valiant Sixty* is a story guaranteed to light a fire in your bones. The fervor and vision of those distant contemporaries still sounds loud and clear today. Do yourself a favor: pick up one of these oft-neglected books and then read and dream and pray that God will do it again. —R. D. Allen



Some religious influences in big-time sports events sound suspiciously like using faith as a winning technique. This story, adapted from a piece written by Wichita's University Friends Church pastor, Jack Kirk, gives an intimate view of faith at work . . . in football.

PORTRAIT OF A WINNER

The Friends University football team won the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference in 1976. They were undefeated in league play. In a preseason poll they had been picked to finish seventh. Now the players are wearing championship rings, and the team ended up ranked 8th in the nation in the NAIA Division 2 poll. So, the coach probably gave a lot of good half-time pep talks and got the team psyched up, right? Let's just give a couple of cheers and write it off as another small college success story. Why are we telling about it in a religious magazine? Because there is much more to the story, that's why. It is the story of the spiritual pilgrimage of a group of outstanding young men.

Eldon Alexander, a sturdy guy from Satanta, Kansas, who is now a rancher-wheat farmer, could have graduated from Friends University in the spring of 1976. Instead he chose to come back and play out the one remaining year of college girdiron eligibility that he had left. He believed that the '75 team had not fulfilled its destiny. He played tight end on the Falcons' offense during the season.

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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

ROGER WOOD, a professor at Malone College (Ohio) and his wife LOIS left in August to teach at the Morrison Academy in Taiwan, a missionary children's school.

JANE HUFF HARPER, a former Friends missionary on the Indian reservations in Arizona, died May 29 of cancer. Her ministry and missionary service included a number of churches in Rocky Mountain, Kansas, and Eastern Region yearly meetings.

DR. LAUREN A. KING was honored by Malone College, being awarded the Faculty Forum prize for 1977 spring term. He and Mrs. King were honored guests of the Division of Language and Literature. Dr. King is now in "active" retirement after 46 years of college teaching and is a frequent contributor to the Evangelical Friend.

A "JOYCE HEUSEL Memorial Education Fund" has been established in Friends United Meeting to help provide for the future education needs of the six Heusel children. Joyce was killed in a car accident following the Wichita Conference of Friends in the Americas. Her husband LORTON is general secretary of FUM.

GUY AND VERSA HARVEY celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary July 24 in Wichita, Kansas, where they make their home. Both are recorded ministers and have pastored and taught in various Friends meetings and schools across the U.S.

Featured speaker for the yearly meeting banquet of Eastern Region Friends was ELIZABETH ELLIOTT LEITCH, widow of one of the missionaries martyred by Auca Indians, and famous author. WALTER ALBRITTON, JR., lay witness specialist from Demopolis, Alabama, was the guest speaker for the yearly meeting sessions.

ROBERT HESS of Ohio was the guest speaker at both California and Northwest yearly meetings during July.

DR. STEVEN WILHITE, director of Friends medical services in Kenya, has returned to Portland, Oregon, to complete a surgery residency at the University of Oregon Medical Center. Several months prior to returning for this prolonged furlough, he sustained an injury during a lion hunt, but full recovery is expected in the near future.

RETA STUART, veteran missionary to Burundi under Kansas Yearly Meeting, arrived home July 13 to begin a year of furlough and to assume her responsibilities for the Evangelical Friends Alliance missions program. Less than two weeks after her return, her father, of Beloit, Kansas, passed away following surgery.

World Vision, International, has named STUART WILLCUTS director of relief and development for a new World Vision office in Guatemala City. It will be the center for the Central America and Caribbean region. Willcuts formerly worked with the World Relief Commission in South Vietnam as field director before the evacuation. He is a member of Northwest Yearly Meeting.

FRIENDS FOCUS

NORTHWEST ACCEPTS 'UMBRELLA PLAN'

Northwest Yearly Meeting approved full participation in the Evangelical Friends Alliance "Evangelical Foreign Missions" program (formerly called the "Umbrella Plan") during the July Yearly Meeting sessions. The last of the four EFA yearly

meetings to approve the proposal three years in the making by a special task force committee and the Coordinating Council of EFA, which has made several revisions to conform to the desires of each yearly meeting, Northwest Yearly Meeting accepted its percentage quota of the budget. This acceptance will allow Robert Hess to become the first executive director of EFM and Reta Stuart the secretary. Individual yearly meetings may delegate as much or as little of their foreign missions administration to the EFM as they wish. (Further information in Yearly Meeting reports).

'THE GREAT QUAKER BOWL CONTEST'

University Friends Meeting sponsored the "Great Quaker Bowl Contest" Sunday, July 24. Sunday school classes sent members to participate in a panel to see who knows the most about our Quaker heritage and history. For instance, do you know what year George Fox climbed Pendle Hill and saw the vision of a great people to be gathered? The questioner was pastor Jack Kirk; timekeeper was Bill Bowles, Jr.; and Mike Bowles was the official scorer.

The winners get to keep the Quaker Bowl (made by Vinene Mevey) for a year.

ATTENDANCE AT BUSINESS MEETINGS

Getting Friends to the business meeting of the local church seems to be a challenge across U.S. Quakerdom. University Friends of Wichita have announced Sunday evenings as the appointed time for monthly meeting as an experiment to encourage larger participation. Trinity Friends (Ohio) announce "instead of having a shortened prayer meeting at 7:30 with a business meeting at 8:15, the business meeting will start at 7:30." Reedwood Friends have gone to Sunday morning during the Fellowship Hour at 11:15, which follows Sunday school at 10:30 and morning worship at 9:30.

GO FAST FOR BETTER LIGHT

John Brantingham, Friends missionary in Taiwan, writes of a problem common to us all. "My understanding of problems is like the light on my motor scooter. When the road is full of chuckholes, I must go slower, and then the light gets dimmer until I can't see where I'm going. My light works best when I least need it." Then he draws the lesson that our spiritual light works just the opposite.

John also reports, "We are happy for the continued growth of Friends here. We have been having a 15 percent increase in membership each year for several years. At present we have 27 congregations and a total of just over 3,000 members."

WHY SOME CHURCHES GROW

Donald McGavran, who began the present church growth movement has said: "Those who believe church growth is God's will, grow; those who don't, don't. Those who pray for growth, grow. Those who don't pray, don't grow. It's not enough to pray in general; we must pray for specific people. Churches who know much about church growth, grow. Those who don't, don't." --Taken from Quentin Nordyke's "Comments"

FRIENDS OF PHOENIX JOIN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

The Friends Church of Phoenix, Arizona, recently joined several churches locally as a cooperating congregation for Glencroft, a Christian retirement community in Glendale, Arizona, sponsored by Mennonites. Three Friends families are already living in Glencroft.

Described as an independent living plan for senior citizens in "assisted living," the program when completed will have six buildings, with a total of 100 one-bedroom apartments. A swimming pool, three elevators . . . and eventually a

meetinghouse will be among the accommodations. Sixty residents are now in Glencroft. Information about this unusual Christian community can be secured by writing 8611 North 67 Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85302.

FRIENDS PARSONAGE BURNS

Pastor June Worden of the Spring Grove Friends Church (Kansas) was out calling late in June when the parsonage caught fire and burned to the ground. Nothing was saved. The community and church held a shower for her. Her address is Route 2, Box 95, Osawatomie, Kansas 66064.

KAIMOSI EDUCATOR TO VISIT

David Hunter, principal of Friends College, Kaimosi, Kenya, will begin a tour of the U.S. in early November. He will be speaking to Friends meetings and calling on corporations to elicit support for the development of the school. Friends may learn of his itinerary by writing the North American Committee for Friends College, 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, Indiana 47374.

ON MEETING NEW FRIENDS

Newberg Friends Church (Oregon) urged members to "get two families (or individuals or couples) into your home [during July] who have never been there before. Get beyond your normal circle of friends; ask the Lord whom to invite!"

T. WISTAR BROWN FELLOWSHIP

The T. Wistar Brown Fellowship is offered each year at Haverford College. Fellows spend a minimum of nine months at the college doing research in the Quaker Collection of the library and in nearby scholarly collections. The fellowship is usually awarded to those who already have their doctorates and carries a stipend of \$7,000.

Letters of inquiry regarding applications, which are now being received, may be sent to the Office of the Provost, Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania 19041.

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FOCUS ON JUSTICE

In the last six months a team of evangelical Christians has been conducting a series of "Discipleship Workshops on Justice" in churches and colleges across the country. Committed to the full authority of Scripture, the team attempts to present a thoroughly biblical approach to the desperate contemporary problems of world hunger, poverty, and injustice.

The team has conducted workshops at LaSalle Street Church in Chicago; Broadway Presbyterian Church in New York City; Prospect Park Christian Reformed Church in Patterson, New Jersey; Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Massachusetts; and George Fox College in Newberg, Oregon. In the college workshops team members speak in chapel, lecture in classes, show films, lead "Justice Camp-Meetings" each evening, and talk informally with students.

The Discipleship Workshops help Christians fit together the command to make disciples, the summons to seek justice, and the growing contemporary yearning for deeper Christian fellowship. They include Bible Studies, presentations, films, discussion in small groups, prayer and worship, singing. The focus of the current workshops is on the structural causes of world hunger.

An early statement on the Discipleship Workshops states the team's belief that "nothing significant will happen unless the Holy Spirit is present convicting

people of sin, transforming values and life-styles, and infusing repentant personalities with a new dynamic to live a life of radical discipleship."

WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER, THE SAINTS WILL BE CIRCULATING

Saints are circulating. That's what Victor Parachin says in commenting on Religion in Canadian Society (Steward Crysdale and Les Wheatcroft, Macmillan, 1976) for the Christian Century, April 27, 1977.

Parachin says that many evangelicals have been smugly reveling in their church growth figures. Their attitude has been in effect, "Although we do not have a sophisticated theology, we are more adept at presenting the Gospel."

But they shouldn't get too haughty. Sociologists Reginald Bibby and Merlin Brinkerhoff have studied growth patterns in evangelical congregations, and their study is included in the book by Macmillan.

The sociologists took a sample of 20 evangelical congregations in a midwestern Canadian city, population, 500,000. They studied the membership additions of these churches for a five-year period. Total membership in these churches increased 1,532 during this time, but 1,104 (72%) came through "reaffiliation," 284 (18%) through birth, and only 132 (9%) were "converts" from outside the church.

Bibby and Brinkerhoff concluded that conservative churches add new members primarily through a "circulation process" whereby evangelicals simply transfer from one evangelical church to another."

Parachin concludes his thoughts by saying that churches may want to review their records to determine how new members came into the church and "may need to adapt new strategies for reaching unchurched people who stand outside the framework of traditional evangelicalism."

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WILL YOU JOIN M.E. IN THE U.S.?

Marriage Encounter, which quietly slipped into this country from Spain about 20 years ago, was expecting about 20,000 "Encountered" people at its international convention in Los Angeles, June 24-26. These strange happy people call themselves "Lovers." True grit and true gush. Mainly true.

Every weekend, hundreds of couples all over the U.S. are attending local Marriage Encounter crash courses in Christian loving. In trendy Orange County alone, about 200 couples are "Encountered" every month. The total in Southern California is about 30,000 couples so far. Protestants (Roman Catholics set aside well over a tithe of their space for non-Catholics) wait three months to a year after official registration for their weekend retreats. Catholics founded M.E., but they also encourage authorized Protestant offshoots of the program, and there are a few--Lutheran, Episcopalian, Church of Christ, [Quakers].

Watch out for phoney imitations; some smart operator has spotted the action in M.E. and is spawning a fake Marriage Encounter. The real thing costs only a \$10 deposit in advance and a freewill donation at the end. There is no paid staff! The whole huge movement runs on love. It's real bad news for divorce lawyers, who don't get much bad news anymore.

They say a marriage can never be too good, and no marriage is too good to profit from a Marriage Encounter weekend--44 comfortable hours with your spouse, practically pickled in prayers and good wishes from unknown friends. No invasion of privacy. Every couple comes out with a good sound technique for being in love (warts and all), and many come out with a vital new commitment to Christ, the church, and the world, as well. Stories of large and small miracles abound.

Lives get changed at all levels. And honest cynicism (or fear) is no hindrance to good results. After all, anyone the slightest bit intelligent would doubt news this good. Some couples keep on doubting until the last few hours.

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He also served as president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes on campus and was a member of the Singing Quakers.

Eldon started holding devotions right after the pregame meals. Lots of players and all the coaches, including Head Coach Don Daer, came. Eldon would read portions of Scripture and take points from the Scripture and relate them to the team. He dealt with subjects like giving God the glory for what the team accomplished rather than seeking personal glory, not comparing yourself with others but endeavoring to reach toward your full stature in Christ, and encouraging one another. It gave the team a shared vision and welded them into a caring fellowship.

Ron Crain transferred to Friends from a secular school. He is a junior from Alva, Oklahoma, who is a defensive back. He says that it was pretty tough to get "enthused" about football in a situation where the coaches were interested only in what you could do for them

and would condone just about anything so long as it made a few stars happy, but this past season was personally satisfying as he saw how God could mould a group of men together. He thinks the liberal arts education that gives him a chance to take some Bible courses and get into New Testament Greek is a plus.


Stan Leach's dad has been pastor of Friends Memorial Church in Seattle. When Stan was a senior at Roosevelt High School, the Friends coach contacted him, and he made a visit to the campus. He is currently a junior at Friends and played linebacker on the rugged defensive unit. He is convinced that the pregame devotionals helped to overcome some hard feelings between the offensive and defensive units that existed on the '75 team. This year the defense came to the offense's rescue time and again, but it was great because you were helping out a bunch of brothers. Stan believes that the effective Christian is a well-rounded person.

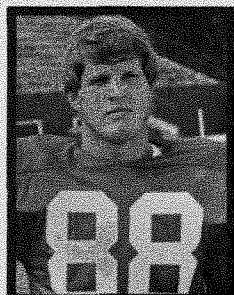
Kent Criser is a graduate of Wichita North High School, which has a student body about two and a half times the size of Friends University. He chose Friends partly because of the size of the school and the individual attention he saw the students getting from everyone, from faculty members clear on up to the president.

Kent had two back operations last year. He didn't think he would be playing football during the '76 season, but the change in attitude he saw in the team made him want to be a part of things. He observed a real shift from ego-centeredness to fellowship. The spirit of the core of Christians on the squad was contagious, and he wanted to get in on it. He says that there was a personal shift in values for him too. For the first time he was playing so people would know him as one of a vital group of Christians and not as a super football star. So, in his junior year at Friends Kent played beside Stan as a linebacker on the Falcons' stingy defensive unit.

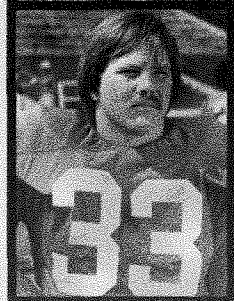
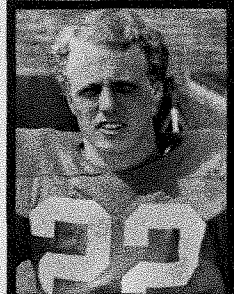
Larry Selby is another graduate of Roosevelt High School in Seattle. As a sophomore at Friends he played in the offensive tackle position. At times there were one or two guys ahead of him. He told me that Eldon Alexander's unselfishness made him a model for the whole team. Larry worked hard at his position to keep the players ahead of him working hard. He wanted them to be a

success. He feels that he has finally learned to be a team member after participating in football, baseball, and wrestling in high school. He says that the sense of fellowship on the team made spring practice a joy.

The spirit of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes meetings and pregame devotions set the atmosphere for the team. Friends players played hard football, but they didn't take "cheap shots" at their opponents. The Falcons were literally an encouraging fellowship, working to enable each other to play up to his potential. Eldon says that the real test for him came when he was injured early in the next-to-last game of the season and watched from the sidelines, praying for, and taking joy in, the man behind him. *The 1976 Friends football team chalked up an impressive record, but for them it was more than a winning season; it was an adventure in the Spirit.* In fact, Kent Criser says, "If football ceased to be a spiritual experience, it would cease to be fun." 



*Friends U.
1976 football
players Eldon
Alexander (88),
Ron Crain (22),
Kent Criser (61),
Stan Leach (33),
Larry Selby (70).*



KEEPING FIT

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Years ago when the British were still in India, we were introduced to a whole new regimen for "keeping fit." After *teffin* (lunch to us), there was the inevitable period for rest. The whole compound rested; in fact, most of India was taking a nap.

Store-keepers lay asleep across their money boxes. The rickshaw man sat in his own rickshaw and dozed. The streets were quiet, with only a few mangy dogs and wandering cows to be seen at midday, and they might well be sleeping, too. It was necessary to avoid being out in the sun, and the British rested, too, under huge cloth fans.

After the siesta came tea time for most of us, along with the British, who set the regimen. There was usually a "little something" with the tea, but always conversation, often stimulating. As the heat of the sun gave way to evening coolness,

there was tennis, badminton, or volleyball—mostly tennis for the British and upper-class Indian men.

For us, it was the best time of the day for work. Not having hard work and very little exercise for the gentle folk, tennis took the place of what hard work used to do for keeping fit. Western women played also, and tennis became a very important part of the daily routine for those who had leisure and who were affluent. Walking to the villages did it for me. I bicycled too, over rough rutted roads, and I felt little need for other forms of exercise.

In America it always seemed to me there was work to do, beds to make, washing to do over the old washboard, gardening, and work enough to provide exercise needed to "keep fit." However, now that housework is reduced to pushing buttons, and even that on a one-floor plan, the world has turned once more to exercise—jogging, tennis, bicycling, and all kinds of new apparatus to pull muscles into shape. Furthermore, once the regimen is started it must be kept up to develop not only the body, but also the skills involved. One *has* to win!

Sometimes I wonder, but I wouldn't dare express it out loud, what if all this energy, regular practice, and fitness were used to accomplish something? A very lonely idea—unpopular to say the least. But what would happen if jogging took us to some purposeful service, or bicycling took us somewhere instead of around the block? I realize that keeping fit is reason enough in itself, only so very much that is so important never gets done.

I am thinking of exercise for the soul, the one part of us that lasts on forever. Must it be crippled, stunted, undeveloped, and weak because there is no time to do more than exercise the body?

The soul has hunger; does it get fed regularly, adequately? The soul needs stretching to the heights and depths to make us strong. Areas never thought of need to be developed, trained, disciplined, and put to use. Recently, I have come across a hymn I used to know, "Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve." How can we get our souls awake enough to stretch even one nerve?

Paul said, "I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men." (Acts 24:16) Again to Timothy, he says, "Exercise thyself unto godliness." (1

Timothy 4:7) And in Hebrews 5:14, "... exercised to discern both good and evil." Prayer needs exercising—"O what peace we often forfeit!" Love needs both discipline and exercise.

There is so much growth that is stunted because we cannot seem to awake the soul to exercise and gain the potential and the power, and remember, we *must* win!

Hebrews 12:1: "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so *easily* beset us, and let us run with patience the race."

See you at the finish line!



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WRC Funds to Johnstown

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA—World Relief Commission has sent funds to help survivors of the Johnstown flood.

It is customary for WRC to supply funds to someone at the grass roots level, where it can be of immediate help. These funds were sent to Mr. C. Kennard Spiker, social concern layman of The Evangelical Congregational Church of Evansburg. He disbursed the money to pastors in the area whose members needed emergency money for the necessities of life. —E.P.

New Gluttony Craves Experiences, Not Material Things

That new religious groups go to extremes to market themselves to the American public should not surprise us, writes Harvey Cox in *Psychology Today* (July).

Today, only the old-fashioned glutton still stuffs his mouth with too many entrees. The new glutton craves experience: in quantity and variety, increasingly exotic, and even spiritual.

"Today's money does not lust after houses, cars, and clothes, but travel, drugs, unusual sights and sounds, exotic tastes, therapies, and new emotional

states. If disgrace haunts the affluent, it is not apt to be for failing to *have* something, but rather for failing to have *tried* something. The very thought that out there lurks an experience one has not had sends the affluent into panic."

—*Evangelical Newsletter*

Seminary Construction Begun

TAIPEI, TAIWAN—Construction work on the new campus of the China Evangelical Seminary here has begun, according to the school's May-June News Bulletin.

The Wen Hsin Construction Company estimates one year will be needed for completion of the work, making it possible for the 1978 school year to begin at the new campus. —M.N.S.

Former White House Correspondent Criticizes Carter's Young Staff

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA—Will Carter's Christian faith help make him a better president than others? This question will probably never be settled, but Forrest Boyd, communications director of the Billy Graham organization and former White House correspondent, fears Carter's young, untested staff might be his undoing. Boyd thinks Carter's closest aides and advisors are too young and seem to be completely out of step with his own ideals. Boyd notes the young can easily be dazzled and bowled over by the power and glory of the White House; he believes no one should serve unless he is forty years old and has suffered one major disappointment in life. —E.N.

Herman Kahn Predicts Bright Future for Planet Earth

"In 200 years man will be almost everywhere numerous, rich, and in control of the forces of nature, although it won't be the kind of world our present elite would like," claims Herman Kahn, chief officer of the Hudson Institute and the world's weightiest futurologist, in *To the Point International* (May 2).

Kahn's prediction sounds similar to the Club of Rome's recent *Beyond the Age of Waste*. "There is no technological or economic problem in providing people with enough food if we are flexible about what is acceptable. There is more than enough fossil fuel to last until permanent fuel like solar, fusion, and geothermal are available in full scale by the early 21st century," he says.

However, Kahn believes there will be a sharp decline in economic growth rates

in the West in about ten years because the upper middle class doesn't want growth and will try to stop it. —E.N.

Pastor Foresees Chinese Clergymen Leading Missions in Third World

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA — Missionaries of Chinese ancestry may represent the wave of the future in spreading the Gospel in the Third World.

That's the opinion of Rev. Augustus Chao, pastor of the 600-member Vancouver Alliance Church. He estimates that by the year 2000 one of every two persons in the world will be Chinese.

"Chinese missionaries are more acceptable in Africa than whites," Mr. Chao says. "They adjust to culture easier and talk the language better."

The minister notes that originally the Gospel was preached by Jews. The missionary enterprise spread to Europeans and North Americans, and now, he feels, the time of the Chinese is coming. —E.P.



THE 'DO-SOMETHING-NICE-FOR-SOMEBODY-ELSE' PARTY

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

"Now that school has started again," said Mrs. Barber to her Junior Friends Youth group, "I think it would be nice if we had a party. It has been several weeks since our last one."

"Hey! Neat idea!"

"Yeah, let's!"

"Oh, boy!"

Everyone agreed with Mrs. Barber. "What kind of a party will we have?" asked Judy.

"Let's don't go swimming," reminded Tim. "We did that all summer."

"We can't go roller skating because the rink will be closed for remodeling all of this month," said Eddie.

"Well, then what *can* we do?" Everyone was asking the same question.

Mrs. Barber suddenly had an idea. "Why not have a 'do-something-nice-for-somebody-else' party?"

"A what???" they all asked at once.

"A 'do-something-nice-for-somebody-else' party!"

Tim wrinkled up his nose. "What's that?"

Mrs. Barber explained. "I was just thinking that since we always do things that we like, maybe for this time it would be pleasing to the Lord if we planned something that would bring real happiness to others."

"Hey, I know!" suggested Eddie. "You mean like mowing Mr. Hager's lawn? He's the crippled man who lives in the block past the church!"

"Yes, that's one good idea. I was thinking, too, of the people who live at the Hills View Nursing Home. Remember last year when we went with Pastor Johnson to help in a special service there? You know how much the people enjoyed hearing you sing."

Carolyn had not said much yet about party plans. Suddenly she came to life.

"Mrs. Barber, my Grandma Norman lives at Hills View Home now. Do you know what she told us once? She said that there are some people there who don't have anybody to come and visit them. Nobody to come at Christmas or Easter or anytime. And they don't even get any birthday presents. Wouldn't that be awful?"

"I think we should do something for those people," said Judy firmly. The thought of people not receiving gifts on their birthday nearly brought tears to her eyes.

"Me, too," agreed Tim.

Everyone began talking at once, suggesting things they might do to bring cheer to the nursing home residents. "Just a minute," Mrs. Barber said. "Before we get too far in our planning, let's ask the Lord to show us just what He wants us to do. After all, we don't want to do this by ourselves; we want to make sure that it will bring honor to God. Eddie, would you please lead in prayer?"

After prayer and more planning, the junior group decided that on the next Saturday they would make a party out of mowing their crippled neighbor's lawn. Their second idea was to ask Pastor Johnson to go with them to the Hills View Nursing Home soon.

"I think it would be nice if we could make something for the people who never have visitors on their birthdays. Carolyn, do you think that your grand-

ma would be glad to give our gifts to those who have no family or others to visit them?"

"Oh, yes, Mrs. Barber. I know she would."

The plans grew. After awhile Mrs. Barber said, "I'll get the bright colored ribbon. Oh, yes, and the stickers, too. Then when we get together after our lawn-mowing party we can fix the bookmarks—very nice little gifts."

"I have another idea," said Judy. "I remember once my mother made cute little turkeys out of apples. Maybe we could make those to put on their dinner trays for Thanksgiving day."

"We could make fudge and wrap each piece separately in pretty cellophane for Christmas," someone else mentioned.

Before the hour was up, they had—with God's guidance—thought of many good ways to bring pleasure to others.

The next Saturday their lawn-mowing venture was highly successful. Later, they had great fun putting together the colorful ribbon bookmarks.

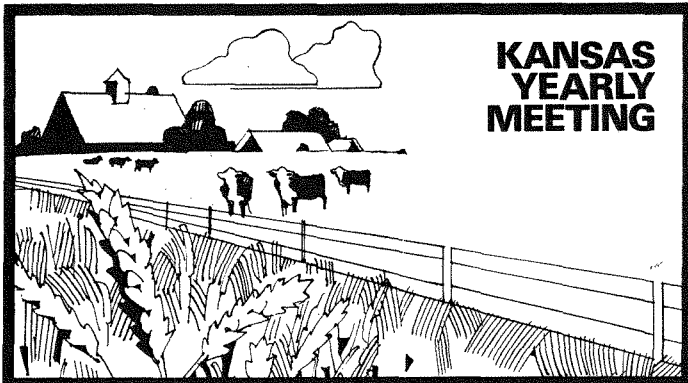
Grandma Norman was very happy to distribute the birthday remembrances the juniors had made. "My goodness," she said. "What an ambitious group you are! You remind me of the verse in Proverbs that says, 'A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.' When you young people come to see us older ones and you sing so good and smile so nice, it perks us up like a good stiff dose of medicine. You just can't imagine all of the joy that you have brought to us here at Hills View."

Mrs. Barber and her group of juniors looked at each other and smiled. They were happy because of the happiness they had given to someone else.

"Boy, Mrs. Barber, your 'do-something-nice-for-somebody-else' party sure was a neat idea," Tim said. Then, making sure no one else was watching, he leaned down and whispered to Grandma Norman, "May I push you a ways in your wheel chair?"

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Has your Friends Youth group or Sunday school class had a "do-something-nice-for-somebody-else" party? Why not suggest it to your teacher or sponsor? Perhaps you could bring cheer to residents of a local nursing home, or do something special for your pastor and his family, or help someone who is ill. Think of several things that your group might do to bring happiness to someone else.



Wing Dedicated To Wreck Victims

The Homestead Friends Church has built an educational wing as a memorial to eight members whose deaths a year ago plunged the church and community into grief.

Financed partly by memorial funds, the 3,800-square-foot addition more than doubles the size of the building. It provides extra room for the sanctuary and space for classroom instruction.

Eldon Cox, the church's pastor, said it would be difficult to describe how the community feels now about the deaths. His son was one of those who died.

It was July 24, 1976, when the first tragedy occurred. A young couple from the church, Paul and Jeri Mercer, died in a car-truck



Homestead's new Memorial Addition during construction around original building. Beautiful plaque memorializes lives of eight accident victims.



wreck 10 miles north of Homestead on U.S. 50.

Fifteen days later, six more members died on a Sunday afternoon as they drove to the municipal swimming pool at Cedar Point. As their car turned off the same highway and began to cross a railroad track just outside Cedar Point, a freight train struck it broadside at 55 miles an hour.

Killed were Kevin Cox, 16; Kim Stahl, 14; and four children of Larry and Becky Edwards—Brenda, 14; Rick, 13; Brad, 11; and Renee, 7.

News of the deaths brought sympathy from Friends churches across the country. The matter drew added attention because the grandfather of the Edwards children, John Robinson of Wichita, is superintendent of Kansas Yearly Meeting.

Cox said friends and relatives contributed \$13,000 to memorial funds after the two accidents. That amount served as a down payment for the addition, which cost \$58,000.

The church's average Sunday attendance is 90. July 31, 1977, about 300 persons arrived to dedicate the addition. John Robinson and Luster Key, both grandfathers of some of the children, had a part in the dedication service.

Despite sadness over the deaths, Eldon Cox said, "It has brought the community together and, I think, the church together—closer. All of these young people were members and attenders of the church, and very loyal to the church."

It is the desire of the Homestead church to dedicate the use of this building to the glory of God and for the further training and education of our young people.

Friends concerns

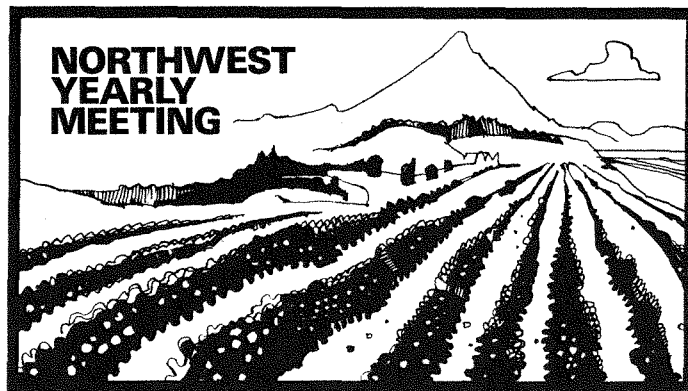
Friends University

Dr. Verlin Hinshaw, professor of Bible and religion, served as Bible lecturer at North Carolina Yearly Meeting, August 11-14. Sessions were held at Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina. Theme for the Yearly Meeting was "We Have Gathered to Make a Difference." Dr. Hinshaw's lectures were titled "We Shall Make a Difference If: (1) The Presence Is in the Midst; (2) We Get Our Roles Straight; (3) We Follow the Right Pattern; and (4) We Keep Our Conduits Open."

Deadline for joining the January trip to England is December 1. The trip is coordinated by Dr. Isabel Rankin of Friends' Language and Literature Division and Dr. Leroy

Brightup of Friends' Religion and Philosophy Division. Registration by November 1 will result in a reduction of \$74 from the trip cost. Focus of the January 2-16 tour will be on our religious and literary heritage.

Several head of cattle and numerous collectible, antique, and handmade items have been promised for the All-School Auction and Parents' Day at Friends University, Saturday, October 15. Included in the livestock is a registered Angus bull. Additional livestock and collectible goods are being solicited for this new fund-raising venture. Tax credit for donations to a nonprofit institution will be given. Following special activities for parents, FU's football team will host Tabor College.



Superintendent's Corner

I have for some time been interested in the visions and dreams of Joel's sermon (Acts 2). If these are God speaking to us and through us to show us what He wants us to do for Him, then we should all be interested.

Kent Hutcheson, chairman of international curriculum committee for Campus Crusade, wrote in the August issue of Campus Crusade's *Worldwide Challenge* on dreams. My friend, Armin Gesswein, inspired me to read this because he felt it was one of the most significant articles to be written recently. Hutcheson says, "There is a great difference between the characters of men and women with dreams and of those without them. A person who has dreams is filled with expectation, and no obstacle seems insurmountable. He has a positive attitude, is excited and is never bored.

"A person without dreams is characterized by a sense of duty and obligation. He does things because 'I have to do this or I will get into trouble . . . ' rather than doing things from a sense of inner motivation. This person is characterized by boredom and possibly by laziness . . . He doesn't enjoy work and avoids it whenever he can.

"One of the greatest character symptoms of a man without dreams is a sense of drifting . . . He is dominated by a negative spirit." Hutcheson points out that to discover God's dream (as distinct from our dreams) one must begin with a spirit of brokenness. He suggests extended time for prayer and fasting. This begins with (1) the right mindset. "You should see your job as Christ would see it. Ask yourself, 'If Jesus Christ were the one with my job description, what would He be planning in

the power of the Holy Spirit?" (2) You must pray, "Lord Jesus, if You were I, what would You do?" Write down what God seems to be saying to you. (3) As you begin to see God's dream for your life mentally, lay it on the altar and give it back to Him. If you own it, you are responsible. If it's His, it takes the pressure off of us if the dream doesn't work out.

After you have discovered the dream there are several ways to kill it: (1) The first is timidity or unbelief. (2) The second is a sense of inadequacy. You must understand that once God has revealed His dream, He is sufficient for whatever He requires you to do. (3) The third is fear of failure or of disappointing others and yourself. "He who does not attempt a task because of the possibility of failure has failed already." (4) The next way to kill a dream is to play it too safe—never to attempt adventure because of the risk involved. (5) And finally, a dream may be killed by pursuing your own dreams instead of God's. God is looking for people to work through and if you are busy pursuing your own dreams, He will just find someone else.

These can be life-changing principles for us as individuals and for us in our work for the Lord. Young men, see visions; old men, dream dreams. This is part of the ministry the Holy Spirit has for us in this age.

—Norval Hadley

Tacoma First Friends Begins Services at New Property

Sunday, August 7, 1977, was the opening day for the Friends church in the Greater Tacoma area with the congregation of Tacoma First Friends Church moving to the campus of the Marymount Military Academy and Convent, where negotiations have been completed for the purchase of the Marymount Academy Fieldhouse and 20 acres of land.

The name, "Parkview Friends Church and Family Life Center," has been chosen for the name of the new family center located at Spanaway, Washington, eight miles from the former church. The auditorium will be converted to a sanctuary, using volunteer labor from the congregation. A swimming pool,

large fireplace room, ceramic room, rifle room, woodworking shop area, a massive partially-enclosed play area, classrooms, and offices will make it possible for the church to establish a family-centered program offering facilities for sports and music, as well as a place to worship.

The Sunday morning message was given by Senior Pastor Paul C. Baker, and the evening message by Associate Pastor Frederick B. Baker. Associate Pastor Bill Frisell, a new member of the church staff, also participated in the Sunday services.

Northwest Friends Pastors and Wives Attend The Dalles Training Sessions

Thirty-five Northwest Yearly Meeting Friends pastors and seven wives attended the pastoral training sessions under the yearly meeting "Focus" project. The three-day sessions were held at the Portage Inn, The Dalles, Oregon, and the second phase will be held there October 3-6.

These training sessions are provided by the Department of Evangelism in an effort to provide help for every existing church in the yearly meeting as well as to spearhead the planting of new churches. The in-depth training is under the direction of John Wimber, who is assisted by Ted Cummins. The pastoral training sessions are one part of the department's program entitled "Focus on Outreach and Nurture," which will give direction over several years to promote local church direction and encouragement as well as community outreach.

George Fox College

With three new buildings being completed this summer, George Fox College President David LeShana has announced plans for two more, with construction on both to start this fall. The college's Board of Trustees has authorized preliminary plans for a new residence hall; the first step toward construction of a new \$1.2 million Fine Arts Center is underway with the demolition of the interior of Hester Gym. A second phase involving a \$1.5 million chapel/auditorium is to follow as total funding is available. The Fine Arts project will be named the Milo C. Ross Fine Arts

Center after the former president who served from 1954 to 1969, and who is now executive director of the George Fox College Foundation. Designer of both new buildings is Vancouver architect, Donald Lindgren.

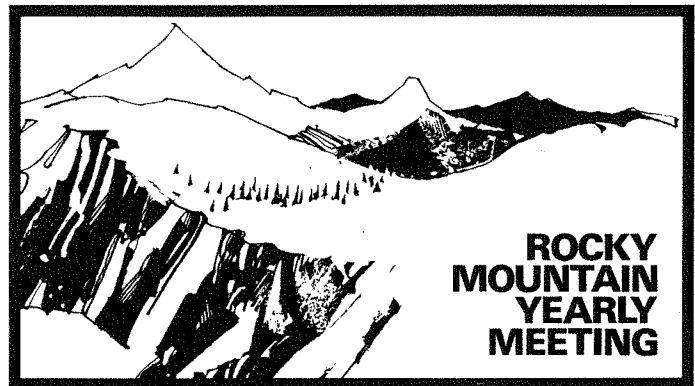
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Five new faculty members join the college teaching staff for the coming school year. D. Douglas McKenna, who completed a doctorate in differential psychology in August, is to become an assistant professor of psychology. Added to the English faculty will be Elizabeth Ritzmann as an instructor of English and speech. She holds a master's degree in English and literature from Stanford University. Paul Chamberlain has been named instructor of chemistry to replace Hector Munn, who is the new college registrar. Chamberlain has a doctorate in organic chemistry from the University of Nevada, where

he has been an assistant professor. Named instructor of physics and math is Scott Chambers who received a doctorate in physical chemistry from Oregon State University, where he has been a teaching assistant. Joining the faculty on a one-year exchange plan is Joseph Sheldon, who becomes visiting professor of biology. He replaces Elver Voth, who will fill Sheldon's position in biology at Eastern College in St. David, Pennsylvania.

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Students from low income families attending George Fox College will share in an \$88,683 federal grant awarded to the college from the Title IV Student Assistance program. The grant is 21 percent larger than last year. Eligible to receive the help will be students with a need so great that a college education would not be possible without financial assistance.



Comments from Camps

Three youth camps were held in July at Quaker Ridge Camp for young people in the RMYM. The camps were well-attended. From the Denver church alone 50 kids attended the junior, junior high and high school camps. Below are some comments by three young people who attended these camps: Lee Davis, Dale Helmstead, and Terri Pierce.

—Regional Editor

JUNIOR CAMP

The past few years that I have gone to church camp have really been good.

The meals that the cooks have prepared have been tops. All of the counselors were super. Some of the classes were new to me, but they were all exciting.

The one thing that stood out in my mind was the old-fashioned Quaker meeting. It was different, but neat, and I really felt the Holy Spirit within me. I will be sure to go to camp as long as possible.

—Lee Davis, Denver

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP

Camp was really great this year. I had lots of fun. I came a lot closer to the Lord. I think a lot of others did too.

We had an old-time Quaker meeting. That was the best part. We also

went horseback riding and swimming.

I met a lot of new friends, good Christian people. The staff did a great job. I got close to them. I can't wait till next year!

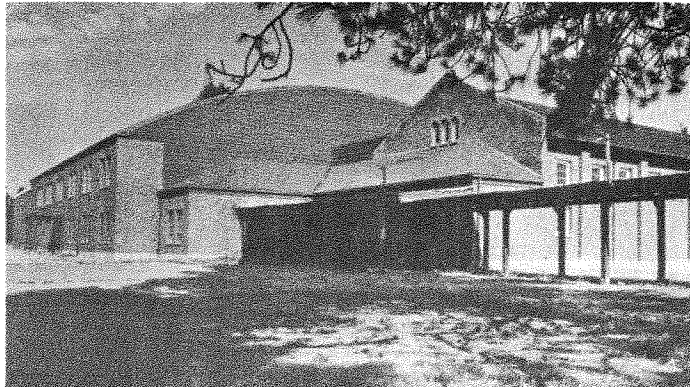
—Dale Helmstead

A TIME TO GROW—SENIOR HIGH CAMP

"Praise the Lord." I say that because He has really worked in my life the past few weeks.

I went to camp this year as I always do, but it was really different this year. We had a counselor who taught us intercessory prayer, which we did daily before breakfast. What it is, is you clear your heart and mind from everything except the Lord. Then you sit and wait for the Lord to give you something to pray about. It's really neat because you wait for the Lord to tell you something, and you really have to be obedient.

We also had some really neat classes and rap sessions too. The one that helped me the most was "Obedience Is the Key." It said you really had to be obedient and seek God's Word. That hit me hard. I had been a Christian for three years (July 16, 1974) and had never given my whole life over to Him. Thanks to this class and some of my friends,



Tacoma Friends now meet in this newly-purchased Marymount Academy complex located on 20-acre site.

I asked the Holy Spirit to completely fill me. Now I know that I can take my problems, big or small, to Him and then just have faith that He will answer.

Faith—what is faith? That's what we learned all the times we went to the chapel. To me faith is believing that God is there and answering all my prayers, even if I don't see them answered right away.

In closing, my prayer for you is if you haven't given your whole life over to God, do it right now! God is willing to take your whole life if you're willing to give it. It's so neat because God will take care of everything if you will give it to Him. Let the Lord work through your life; He's working through mine right this very minute. Remember, ask and you shall receive.

Love to all of you in Jesus Christ,
—Terri Pierce, Denver

It's Worth It

The following are the reflections by the chairman of the RMYM Quaker Ridge Committee. —Editor

"It's worth it all," I kept saying to myself as I reflected on the testimonies I had just heard. These testimonies came from the young people of First Denver Friends Church who had just experienced the physical and spiritual mountaintop experiences of youth camps at Quaker Ridge.

Being a member of the Quaker Ridge committee for several years, I often get the feeling that everything goes wrong. About the time the electrical wiring in the kitchen is up to date, the roof leaks, or the sewer system overflows. There is a constant juggling of finances so that bills can be paid and still have enough money to meet those unexpected emergencies that always crop up when least expected. These things go on and on until all we can see when thinking about the camp is problems and endless work.

But wait! Didn't God give us Quaker Ridge Camp to be one of His many avenues of spreading the Good News? Isn't our purpose as committee members to provide a place where souls can be brought to a saving knowledge of Christ? I thank the Lord for giving us the opportunity to replace the wiring, repair the sewer, and fix the roof so that His kingdom will be increased.

Any News?

Does your church have something interesting going on, or has something outstanding happened in your church? Or are you sick and tired of not ever seeing your church and its ministry mentioned in the *Evangelical Friend*? Well, send any information that applies to the above to RMYM regional editor Mike Henley at: 1117 City Park Ave. J-4, Fort Collins, CO 80521. Also, any pictures are much appreciated, and can be returned at a later date.

It is my constant prayer that God will supply our needs through camp rentals, faith promise giving, and concerned individuals who are sensitive and generous in helping to fill these needs. But above all I thank God for each and everyone who is praying that Quaker Ridge Camp will continue to be the place where souls are saved.

Yes, it is worth it all!

—Ray Krieger

Rough Rock Praise and Prayer

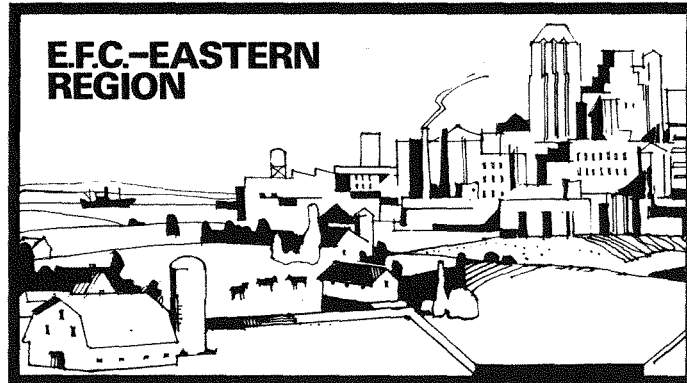
Praise

God's blessings during recent camp meetings.

The ministry of God's Word in Bible schools on the mountain.

A new convert.

The ministry of God's Word during Bible camps at the mission, and for the assistance of those who came to teach, cook, and help in the care of the students.



FDS to Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Throughout the spring and summer months members of the Friends Disaster Service have been active in large and small projects in the states of the Eastern Region. They have helped a widow move as well as cleaned up after tornadoes. Their work remains the single most obvious cooperative effort of our laymen to reach out with the Gospel in word and deed.

The major effort of the summer has been in the Johnstown, Pennsylvania, area where major flooding occurred in July. Friends Disaster Service volunteers have completed 1,400 labor hours on that project and are still working at this writing. Eight counties of Pennsylvania were damaged by floodwaters that in many areas filled the first story of homes and businesses.

Because many Mennonite and Brethren churches are located in the flood area and because of the well-organized relief efforts of those groups, it was at first thought that no Friends would be needed. However, word was soon received that Indiana County, second in dollar amount of destruction, was without organized relief efforts. The Friends Disaster Service was assigned re-

Prayer

God's dealing with our youth as they return home from Bible camps.

Adult Bible School at the mission in September.

Our weekly Bible classes with our youth beginning as school starts.

A group of young married people interested in Bible study.

Keeping grace for those who gained victories in camp meetings.

"Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full." (John 16:24)

New Monthly Meeting

The Fort Collins Friends Church recently became a monthly meeting. In celebration of their new status, members from other RMYM churches are invited to a special Sunday (September 12), which includes a covered-dish dinner and an afternoon service of celebration.

view Heights, Sebring, Barberton, Westpark, Damascus, Salem, Bellefontaine, Mt. Gilead, Howland, and Willoughby Hills in Ohio.

Besides general cleaning, much work has gone into stripping to the studding interior walls of homes. This was necessary because of damage to interior walls, but also to assure that homes would properly dry out. In some cases workers found several inches of mud *inside* the walls. One FDS crew is now putting up new interior walls in those homes where cleanup has been finished.

As in previous times, FDS volunteers came back with reports of how they were able to witness to the love of Christ in the midst of destruction. Many of the families helped in the Johnstown area are Roman Catholics and have deeply appreciated tangible help from Christians of a different geographical area and a different denomination. Victims of the flood were not the only ones ministered to. Workers reported that as they gathered at the end of the day and shared with each other concerning the trials and triumphs of the day it was like a "mini" revival.

New Pastoral Arrangements

Alum Creek—Walt Morton
Short Creek—Norman Anderson
Rollin—Robert Dye
Tecumseh—Allen Richardson, Associate
Alliance—James Kilpatrick
Beloit—John Morris
Damascus—Joseph Kirby
Salem First—Mike Wilson, Minister of Youth
Salem Southeast—Lynn Shreve
Sebring—L. Edwin Mosher
North Olmsted—Neil Orchard
Clinton Corners—Jon Heyman
Hughesville—Ernest Lauffenburger
Newport, R.I.—Jim Brantingham
Hunter Hills—William Atchison
Putnam—Gene Wright
Pleasant View—D. L. Hussey
Fulton Creek—Kenneth Nelson
McKees Creek—Gordon Hayes
North Lewisburg—Mark Moody
Springfield—Dale Hammond

sponsibility with the Red Cross to organize efforts in that county.

While the Red Cross provided food and lodging necessary for workers, the FDS provided the volunteers for the hard work to be done in the several small towns of the county. Men and women came from Friends churches in Ypsilanti, Michigan, from Boston Heights, Broad-

Heisman Trophy Winner Archie Griffin Visits East Richland



Archie Griffin, running back for the Cincinnati Bengals and the only two-time winner of the Heisman Trophy, spoke to high school graduates of the East Richland Friends Church in St. Clairsville, Ohio. Pictured with Archie are ten of the graduates.



ALLIANCE, Ohio

A "This Is Your Life" banquet for our graduating seniors was held under the direction of Gary Macy. The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for this very special event, and Tom and Jean Dragomir were in charge of the meal.

For vacation Bible school this year the boys raced the girls to see who could bring in the most offerings for the week. They raised \$125 together, and this was given toward transportation for Susie and Sam Rea as they head for Taiwan this summer with their parents.

The Lord has been blessing in people finding help around the altar, especially in Sunday morning services.

ALUM CREEK, Marengo, Ohio

Bible school was held July 18-22 with Mary Staley as coordinator. The worship services each evening were varied and thus of special interest to the children. Larry and Sue Bemiller used puppets in the worship service on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. Mary Catherine Boots presented the missionary service Tuesday evening. "Pastor Walt" Morton had the Thursday service. The children had set a goal of \$65.00 for the hospital in India; they raised \$98.88. Department leaders were Sue Morton, preschool; Bertha Luikart, primary; Patty Lynn, juniors; and Garrie and Kathy Nolting, junior high. There was an enrollment of 130.

BEAVER PARK Penrose, Colorado

The Beaver Park Friends Church recently accepted 12 new members from four families. We thank God that our ministry has been able to expand through these people.

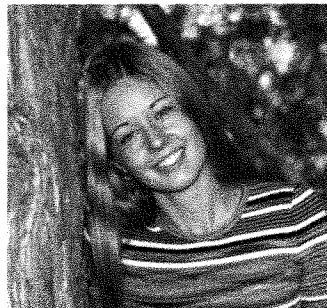
On July 1 our church got a new pastor, as David Mercer and his family recently assumed pastorship at Beaver Park. Several of our members were there to greet them when they arrived, and had a good time of fellowship in helping the Mercers move in.

Friends gather

BENKLEMAN, Nebraska

Vacation Bible school was well-attended, with 38 enrolled for five days of learning about God and His love for all people. In addition to the Bible teaching, the children also learned about cake decoration and leathercraft skills during recreation times.

Cindy Hansen, a young lady in our church, recently received the Benkleman High School Salutatorian



Award at her June graduation. She gives God the credit for helping her attain this honor. We're proud of Cindy because of this attitude.

Our college age kids recently have started a Monday night discipleship Bible study, and they are excited to be learning what *real* commitment to Jesus Christ means.

BOISE, Idaho

The week of June 12 seven of our youth went on a chartered bus trip to California. The trip was sponsored by World Opportunities. Sight-seeing events included a day at Disneyland, and a visit to the World Opportunities headquarters in Los Angeles.

The Zeller family singers, representing World Vision, presented a concert Wednesday evening, June 15. Also, a film, *Link of Love*, was shown. Arlene Zeller is the daughter of our former pastor, Paul Barnett.

The average daily attendance of our VBS (held June 20-24) was 101 children and 34 workers. The pro-

gram presented on June 24 used the theme, "Sing It Out—Jesus Loves You."

Enrique Tito, a Bolivian leader of the Aymara Friends Church, gave his personal testimony (through interpreter Mark Roberts) in our Sunday morning service on July 10.

Our church year ending June 30 showed morning worship up 8 percent, Sunday school up 10 percent, Sunday evening up 4 percent, Wednesday night up 18 percent, and a net gain in membership of 30.

CALVARY, Columbus, Ohio

Calvary Friends is now participating in a Church Growth Project. We have some faithful, Spirit-filled persons who have committed themselves for the next two years to this project. We completed the first Bible study in May and then presented our Task Force Workshop. It is hoped through this Task Force our people will see how our church can grow and how they can be motivated to help in this growth.

Calvary is experiencing a beautiful growth of spirit. Since our Lay Witness Mission, it seems that there is a closer, loving relationship in our church that is constantly growing. Our young couples are experiencing the Holy Spirit working in their lives, and the church is benefiting greatly from their earnest work.

CHEROKEE, Oklahoma

We are happy to have our pastors, Howard and Alta Sumner, return for their fourth year with us. The longer we can keep the same Friends minister, the greater his Christian influence benefits our entire community.

A basket dinner after Sunday morning services, June 26, was held to honor Allen and Nancy Smelser. As pastors-in-training with Howard and Alta Sumner the past two years, we have all benefited and enjoyed their ministry. A hanging lamp was presented to them from the congregation as they leave to further serve the Lord. Nancy and Allen were known for their Christian witness and many good works with all the youth of Cherokee and will be greatly missed. Our youth under Allen and Nancy's guidance earned the money for a film projector for a film ministry. The projector was dedicated at a recent Sunday service.

COLORADO SPRINGS Colorado

Greetings from Colorado Springs! We pray God has been as good to you as He has been to us! In recent months we've really seen God working through our church. Church attendance has been increasing lately, and we've accepted three new families into membership.

Dan Jamison, a former pastor at Grand Junction, recently became our new minister of Christian education, and is working with our Sunday school programs.

Two exciting ministries are taking place in our church. The first is a Police Chaplaincy Program organized by our pastor, Ken Kinser. This is a ministry where local pastors

ride in police cars to help counsel people in trouble.

A second ministry is led by Brian Cowan, a ministerial student at the local Nazarene Bible College. He conducts special services at Terrace Gardens Rest Home biweekly.

DAMASCUS, Ohio

Special guest speakers in our church were Howard and Mary Evelyn Moore in a missionary service.

The "Young Believers" held a week of rehearsals in our church, then presented a concert in the morning worship service on July 17, 1977. A very meaningful commissioning service was held for them during that time, when the Holy Spirit certainly moved among the congregation with many blessings.

EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

Norma Freer, our missionary to India, was the special speaker in a morning worship. She had slides to show along with her message. Five seniors were honored as graduates during that service.

"Lord Jesus, Teach Me" was the theme of Bible school, which saw an average of 139, including teachers and helpers. The Teen Outreach project consisted of planting a garden and baking cookies (making use of God's ground and their hands), visiting the Tobin Center, a detention home for juveniles, and visiting the elderly at Copeland Oaks.

ENTIAT, Washington

The Entiat Friends Youth and Entiat Federated Church Youth combined their two groups to form a new youth group now called simply, Entiat Christian Youth Group. They meet every Sunday evening at 6:00, alternating their meeting places between the two churches.

Debbie Petersen, an associate member of our church, recently returned from South America, where she stayed with our former pastors, Gil and Louise George and family, in La Paz, Bolivia. Debbie held a Bible school for the missionary children in La Paz during one week of her five-week stay. She said she had a great time learning about the Friends missionary work in Bolivia and Peru.

FIRST FRIENDS, Salem, Ohio

The Lord has been good to us. Vacation Bible school with the theme, "Lord, Teach Us," was held June 13-17 in the evenings for the entire family. The adult topics were "The Parables of Jesus" and "Making Our Family Christian." Thanks to God and those who helped, it was very successful with 259 attending.

In addition, God sent His blessings on a number of our young people while at camps Caesar and Quaker Canyon. One Sunday evening they conducted the services and told of their new commitments.

We welcomed Mike and Nancy Wilson by having a food pounding and fellowship time for them one

Sunday evening. Mike will be serving as minister of youth this coming year.

FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio

We extend the hand of fellowship to our new pastor, Kenneth Nelson and family from New York. We have had a week of Bible school, averaging about 60 children a day, but if one soul was won to the Lord, the angels are also singing and praising Him. You arrived in time to see Camp Wesley at Bellefontaine and learned why our young people enjoy attending there for a week. We hope you enjoyed the "pounding" for you at the church picnic. Now we hope and pray we do not disappoint you and that we will stand firmly on the promises of God. Be our shepherd and lead the sheep till the coming of the Good Shepherd. Welcome to Fulton Creek, Ken Nelson and family. And you who are reading this note, stop and pray for God's will this very moment.

GREENLEAF, Idaho

Randall and Norma Emry were hosts for the 50th wedding anniversary festivities at Greenleaf, Idaho, for her parents, Denzil and Ruth Davis, July 3, 1977.

Jan Hibbs, home on furlough from Paramaribo, Suriname, spoke to two WMU groups in Greenleaf and to the Caldwell WMU. She and her husband Terry serve under MAF.

Linda Fitch, daughter of Ray and Lavelle Fitch of Leavenworth, Kansas, and granddaughter of Cloyd Smith, served as Christian education intern at our church this summer under the guidance of the Education Board.

Fred and Janice Watts had charge of the Summer Activities Program. Six couples helped three nights of the week.

HILLSBORO, Oregon

The Hillsboro Friends Church is growing again. We hit a low in July of 1976, but our attendance records show encouragement. Our Sunday school attendance record for June of 1977 was double that of July 1976. Also our morning worship service attendance was almost doubled this June over July of 1976.

Ron Allen and Earl Perisho led us in a workshop on focus for six Sunday evenings in March and April. This was enthusiastically received and gave us direction and purpose in our outreach program.

We have been privileged to have several people from the Kotzebue Alaska Friends Church visit us. These people were affiliated with the church that Earl Perisho pastored for 15 years before coming to us. It is a joy to get acquainted with the people of other cultures.

Our teenage musical group is doing real good under the leadership of Janice Perisho. We enjoy them very much.

KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon

A very fine all-church retreat was held June 11. Thirty adults discussed our church's ministries, ex-

pressed concerns, and evaluated our current activities.

Riley and Sandy Rice, accompanied by Elaine Morse, helped in Intermediate Camp and ministered one Sunday evening. Rices are new missionaries to the Philippines with Far East Gospel Crusades.

Our pastors attended "FOCUS" in The Dalles the week of August 8. The Newberg Friends Youth Choir were with us August 13-14. They spent an evening with our young people and ministered Sunday morning as they presented their musical, "Come Together."

LA JUNTA, Colorado

Exciting things are going on at La Junta Friends. Aside from our regular church services, our church has been involved with some other local churches in providing services at the local nursing home. We've really been blessed to provide worship opportunities to these elderly folks who cannot attend regular church services.

Another special ministry our church had for one week was vacation Bible school, which we held June 6-10. It was a real blessing to see children learning about the Lord.

God has been blessing La Junta Friends in other ways too! Recently one couple donated a new Hammond organ and piano to the church. Another touch-up added to our sanctuary was a new pulpit given in the memory of Gene Campbell.

LIBERAL, Kansas

David and Jan Hickman are the new pastors for the Liberal Friends Church.

The Quaker Women's Fellowship and the Missionary Society held their annual Mother-Daughter Salad Supper the last of April. A group of young people from the Lone Star Church—rural Hugoton—presented a very clever puppet show with biblical and contemporary themes.

The first Sunday evening of June, the regular Chuppers evening, was the time chosen to honor fathers with a potluck supper and homemade ice cream and cake.

The vacation Bible school was each evening of June 13-17. The staff reports a very successful week, the children very sincere and interested in Bible study. On Sunday the young people and children of the church had charge of the morning worship service, with a local schoolteacher as an invited speaker.

McKEES CREEK, West Liberty, Ohio

God is surely faithful in supplying our needs, especially when we sincerely pray and ask His guidance and wait on Him! We at McKees Creek are so grateful for all the prayers that have gone to the throne for a pastor for our needs. We feel very well-satisfied with the pastor we have. Pastor Gordon Hayes and wife Linda come to us from North Lewisburg and are now making their home in our parsonage in West Liberty.

Starting July 25 at 7:30 p.m. we had Bible school for adults, with Brother Edgar Phelps teaching Leviticus. Betty Smith with her puppet "Andy" gave the message to all the children up to high school.

MERIDIAN, Idaho

The Lord has been good as He continues to bless us at Meridian Friends. We rejoice in the things that have been accomplished this past year.

Our budget was abundantly met; the building fund continues to grow; God is meeting Faith Promise pledges.

After our Vietnamese Important Persons moved, the old parsonage was made into a youth center. Friends Youth have elected officers, and a youth choir was organized.

New people and families have become involved and new members have been received into active membership.

A special graduate dinner was held in May to honor four high school graduates.

Vacation Bible school was held August 8-12.

NEWBERG, Oregon

Remodeling has been completed in the front of the sanctuary and in the church office.

We welcome Steve and Donna and Bradley Wood from Ohio. Steve is our Minister of Christian Education.

Our summer interns are Roselyn Wabuge, Carrie Lamm, Gene Hall, and Dorothy Thomas. Mari Eisenbruch is working in the area of music.

Our high school choir sang at Klamath Falls and Sprague River on August 14.

NORTH LEWISBURG, Ohio

On July 1, 1977, Mark Moody became our new pastor. He and his wife Phyllis came to us from the Church of God in Urbana, Ohio. We have really been blessed by their ministry thus far.

In honor of our former pastor, LeRoy Birt, who plans to go into evangelistic work, the church had a potluck supper and presented the family with a gift.

Under the direction of Betty Smith, ventriloquist and magician, our VBS had an average attendance of 73 this year. Her lessons were based on individuals like Gideon and the left-handed men from the Book of Judges.

Recently we enjoyed a fellowship supper with Mike and Cheryl Jewell from Cottonwood, Arizona. They shared with us in the evening service of their work at Montezuma Indian School there.

OMAHA, Nebraska

Hello from Omaha! Summer was a busy time in our church. The 21st annual Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting kicked things off, as eight of our members attended those meetings held June 15-19, 1977.

One week later we held our annual vacation Bible school, and we

really praise God for the 46 children who attended the five days. The kids raised \$76 to send to the Friends mission in Taiwan.

Our young people have been involved in ministering to the needs of youth in the Omaha county jail. They recently gave 27 pairs of tennis shoes to the jail youth.

On July 3 a slave auction was held by the youth to help defray costs for going to Quaker Ridge.

ORANGE ROAD, Westerville, Ohio

Our Friends Youth group and two adults (on motor bikes) participated in a 20-mile bike-a-thon. People of the church contributed approximately \$100 to the riders for a Faith Promise commitment.

Recently our Friends Youth conducted a Sunday evening service in the absence of our pastor. The program included interviews of adults about their conversion experience, devotions by Watson Cosand, and a skit, "The Hidden Treasures."

PORTSMOUTH, Virginia

It's been an active and musical summer here in Tidewater, Virginia. The Senior FYers went to Camp Caesar, West Virginia, and Camp Wakefield, Virginia. There was a Moody Adams Crusade that many attended. On July 3 we had a "Friends Day" with special music by "Joy of Life" from the Philippines and our own "Friendsmen Trio." The "Singing Americans" had a service on July 6, and "Naphtali" from Malone College sang for us on July 17. On August 7 the "Singing Nicholson's" sang at our morning worship service.

On June 5 we had a special day for the children. June 12 was for the high school and college graduates, and August 14 was Senior Citizens Day, with a dinner at the church for these honored guests. Our men had a softball team that won nine and lost three games.

REEDWOOD, Portland, Oregon

A picnic at Woodstock ended the successful week of Bible school at Reedwood under the able leadership of Linda Dulio.

Steve Cathers was welcomed by the Reedwood congregation as our Minister of Youth in June. He is already active planning activities and studies for the young people, including a seminar on dating.

We were happy to welcome Jack Willcuts back into active service again after his recent surgery and convalescence. We thank God for his healing and for the prayers of people that cared.

We were shocked and saddened to learn of the stroke that Walter Cook suffered. Walter and Gladys served as ministers in the nursing home program before moving to Friendsview Manor in Newberg.

On July 3 we were pleased to have a visiting Friend from Bolivia, Francisco Tintaya, bring us the morning message, thanks to interpretation by Jack Willcuts. Francisco is the new presiding clerk of Bolivia Yearly Meeting.

Our young adults are having a busy summer. They meet Sundays at the church from 4:00 p.m. on for softball and other activities, plus special devotional functions. In August a family back pack trip was enjoyed, with Wendell and Marlene Pitts conducting.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio

The "Young Believers" of our church gave a dinner, concert, swim party, and Pink Panther Cartoons to 50 youths.

Our youth made many exciting trips in the month of July. First, they had a King's Island Day, where 28 youths traveled to Cincinnati for a full day of fun. Second, the youths and adults had a White Water Adventure on the Yonghiogheny River. Finally, under the direction of Shelle Maroni and Brenda Turley, they went to the Belmont County Children's Home for a day to visit.

Our daily vacation Bible school was late in June this year.

SEILING, Oklahoma

The film *At Any Cost* was presented Sunday evening, June 19. This is a moving story of the underground church behind the Iron Curtain. A special offering was taken to help furnish Bibles for these people.

July 10 we were privileged to have Ralph and Esther Choate, former missionaries from our mission field in Burundi, Africa, for the services of the day. A basket dinner was enjoyed following the morning service. They presented slides in the evening service of the beginning of the work on the field in Africa with Arthur and Edna Chilson, bringing us up to date as the work progressed to what it is today. This is a very interesting presentation. A love offering was presented to them.

SMITHFIELD, Ohio

Daily vacation Bible school began with the theme, "God's Message—Received and Understood."

A program by Fellowship of Christian Athletes was presented. Our church is pleased to have Kara Bright, president of the FCA chapter in Jefferson County, in our attendance. He introduced Bill Mohn, Kent State athletic trainer; Jon Severs, Akron Kenmore football coach; Bob Lauver, Barberton sports director for a radio station, and others at a morning service.

July brought a "clean up, paint up, and fix up" time to the church. Isaac Boyd was in charge of the church improvement project.

The movie *His Land* was on view for members and guests at an evening service.

STAR, Idaho

In March Star Friends Church enjoyed a home talent fine arts festival. There were 50 entries done by young and old. No prizes were awarded, but our people were surprised that there is so much talent in our church.

June 12-17 Terrel and Jane Smith directed our first family night Bible



Members of the Arts Festival Committee at Star, Idaho, in March 1977.

school at Star. Comments in general were favorable for this plan.

June 19-26 Eldon Fuhrman, ECNA minister, conducted services for the Star Camp Meeting. Pastor Scotty Clark was camp president and music director. Financial support was excellent, and a number of people found help at the altar. The messages were a challenge for Christian living.

Bill and Faye Pruitt gave a combination musical-puppet concert at Star church that was evangelistic as well as entertaining. Faye is the sister of Scotty Clark.

Enrique Tito, of La Paz, Bolivia, visited Star Meeting, accompanied by Everett Clark as interpreter.

TALENT, Oregon

Friends at Talent joined together June 19 for a retirement dinner for our retiring pastors, Roy and Josephine Dunagan. They have been our pastors for 7 years and have completed 51 years in the ministry. We wish them God's best in their future retirement.

We welcome our new pastor, Mark Kelley, who recently graduated from George Fox College.

Backyard vacation Bible schools were held in six different homes in our community July 11-15. "Tuvalue the Clown" from Tigard, Oregon, was our special guest for the week.

TENNESSEE PRAIRIE Galena, Kansas

The past year brought several changes and exciting events to our church, including participation in a community youth crusade, remodeling of our sanctuary, and the appointment of a new minister after the resignation of our pastor of eight years, J. Parker Craig.

We celebrated our second "Annual Homecoming" July 17. It was a special day of music, worship and fellowship. Our new pastor, R. Dave Robinson, brought the message and held a dedication service for the new church furniture. A basket dinner was enjoyed following the services of the morning. In the afternoon, a Gospel Music Sing was fea-

tured. Several area gospel singing groups participated, including the one our pastors are part of, "The King's Kids."

TRINITY, Lisbon, Ohio

As the busy summer schedules have been upon us, our congregation has especially enjoyed many blessings brought to us through music. Our most recent guests were "The Master's Men," a group of gospel singers from Adrian, Michigan.

The senior Friends Youth group enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship as they hosted the "Young Believers" musical group of which our own Missy Jackson is a member.

To add a spark of interest to our Sunday school classes, each participant has had the opportunity of selecting the topic that he or she would like to study each quarter. The elective classes for the next quarter include How to Be a Christian Without Being Religious, On the Road to Glory, and the International Lesson.

URBANA, Ohio

The film, *Corrie—Behind the Scenes with the Hiding Place*, was shown at our church. Several from other area churches attended.

On Sunday evening, June 5, Kathryn Connor showed slides of the Holy Land, with very interesting recorded information about each slide.

James Connor, who is a young, active member of the church, received the God and Country Scout Award during our morning service on June 12. Jim will be entering Asbury College this fall.

VILAS, Colorado

A wonderful revival took place in Vilas Friends on June 12-19, 1977, during a series of meetings led by the Phil Hickman family.

The Holy Spirit's leadership was evident in each service. People sought the Lord at the altar, in their pews, after the service, and even after they had gone home they would call for someone to come and pray with them. This was a God-sent, Holy Spirit directed revival,

which many in our church have not witnessed. Some of our older members recall similar workings of the Holy Spirit 40 to 50 years ago in our church. A sweet spirit of love and victory was present in the meeting. We just want to exalt and glorify God for how He is working in Vilas Friends.

WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio

Five singles attended the Singles Retreat held in May at Camp Neosa. All were richly blessed by the classes, services, and fellowship. As a result of the retreat, a singles fellowship group has been formed. It meets every Thursday evening for Bible study, sharing, and prayer.

A Women's Retreat was held in June at the Friends Center. "The Inner Beauty Parlor" was the theme, with Catherine Cattell as "beauty operator." We discussed cleansing of the inner self, exercising our spirit to keep spiritually fit, and learning to rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him.

We rejoice to report that God worked among us. One young woman was born again; another, who had felt like an outsider in the church for years, made a firm commitment of her life to Christ and testified of a great peace within and a sense of "belonging." Others received spiritual help and guidance from the Lord. At the close of the last day, the Holy Spirit led one to suggest that we write down on a piece of paper any burdens we were carrying and commit them to the Lord. This we did, and then put them in a paper bag, took them outside and burned them, while we stood, looking on and singing praises to God.

WILLOUGHBY HILLS, Ohio

Our recent Minimismissions Conference was unique in that on two of the evenings the missionaries met with us in several homes, making for greater intimacy and interest.

Vacation Bible school was enthusiastically received this year. It was held in the evening so that both children and adults could attend. For the adults there was a message each evening from some well-known Christian personality, such as Madeline Jackson, Olympic Gold Medal winner, and Bob Welles (Hoolihan), TV personality, followed by crafts that included golfing tips from a professional golfer, horticulture, wreath and bow making, etc. The attendance grew from 175 the first night to 301 the last night.

WILLOWCREEK Kansas City, Missouri

We praise God for the growth in our church the past few months and for the many new activities into which He has directed us. Twelve of our members are involved in a Visitation Task Force. A total of 172 contacts was made in a three-month period by this task force. We have seen our number increase and souls saved as a result of this work.

Our men are involved in a summer church softball league. A group of members has been involved in a

Christian theology class led by our pastor on Sunday evenings.

On Wednesday evenings we are taking courses on church growth as a result of a Win Arn seminar and the influence of John Wimber.

A young adult group has been meeting on Friday evenings to study marriage—the relationship of husband, wife, and children. These classes have been a guide for our lives in these areas and a source of inspiration.

WYANDOTTE, Oklahoma

The past summer has been full and exciting with 12 teens going to Quaker Haven Camp in Indiana from Wyandotte and Council House, using our van; a rewarding VBS in June with 35 children attending, 10 good workers and Louise Moore di-

recting; Camp Quivering Arrow following soon with Clem Moore sharing in camp preparation and teaching a class of sixth graders. It proved to be a great time for all with campers reluctant to return home.

We are happy to announce that our need for a 16mm projector has been met! Joe Barnard, of our monthly meeting, felt the Lord laid it upon his heart to provide this for the work here. We were excited and thrilled the day he carried in a new Singer 16mm projector as his generous gift to Wyandotte Friends Center. As we close, we express our thanks and appreciation to all of you who have supported the work since we have been here—the many yearly meetings, ladies of WMU, and Friends far and near. May God bless you for caring and sharing.

Friends record

BIRTHS

ANDERSON—To David and Kathy Anderson, a son, Christian David, June 3, 1977, in Newberg, Oregon.

ANDREWS—To Nick and Brenda Andrews, a daughter, Angela Rae, June 4, 1977, Miami, Oklahoma.

ANKENY—To Bruce and Greta Ankeny, a daughter, Christi Jean, June 7, 1977, Greenleaf, Idaho.

BAUGHMAN—A daughter, Jessica Erin, June 12, 1977, to Wendall and Paula Baughman, West Liberty, Ohio.

BERRY—A daughter, Dawn Marie, May 5, 1977, to Russel and Cheri Berry, Columbus, Ohio.

BINFORD—To Chris and Bev Binford, a son, Jason Randall, June 7, 1977, Greenleaf, Idaho.

BUSIC—A son, Thomas James, June 30, 1977, to Tom and Myra Busic, Westerville, Ohio.

CANTWELL—To Gene and Marcia Cantwell, a son, Brad Alan, June 2, 1977, Miami, Oklahoma.

COBBS—A son, Joe Byron, June 19, 1977, to Ted and Kay Cobbs, East Sparta, Ohio.

CONANT—A daughter, Shalene Rae, June 6, 1977, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Conant, Omaha, Nebraska.

CORBIN—A daughter, Apricot Anne, to Dennis and Nancy Corbin, June 23, 1977, La Junta, Colorado.

COWAN—A girl, Angelia Marie, to Brian and Teresa Cowan, June 23, 1977, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

CRISS—A daughter, Michelle Renee, June 3, 1977, to Dennis and Pat Criss, Damascus, Ohio.

DAMES—To George and Leslie Dames of Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon, a daughter, June 28, 1977.

DAVIS—A daughter, Lori Lee, March 28, 1977, to Randy and Bev (Westbrook) Davis, Marengo, Ohio.

DISBROW—A son, Thomas Loren, to Glen and Edith Disbrow, June 2, 1977, Boise, Idaho.

FRASER—To Hugh and Dana Fraser, a daughter, Philippa Ruth, May 6, 1977, Portland, Oregon.

HODSON—To Nancy and Richard Hodson, a daughter, Rachel Annette, June 16, 1977, Greensburg, Kansas.

HOLTON—To Jim and Verla Holton, a daughter, Georganna, May 30, 1977, Greenleaf, Idaho.

JONES—A son, Jonathan David, June 9, 1977, to Ron and Carmen Jones, Alliance, Ohio.

KATHOL—To Keith and Kathi Kathol, a daughter, Kristiana Dawn, May 5, 1977, Talent, Oregon.

KENYON—To Russel and Louise Kenyon, a son, Joseph Russel, June 22, 1977, Hutchinson, Kansas.

MANRING—A boy, Nathan James, to Ron and Amy Manring, April 12, 1977, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

MARTIN—A daughter, Sara Lee Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Merrell Martin, June 1977, Benkleman, Nebraska.

MUHR—To Stan and LaVern Muhr, a daughter, Christina Joy, April 4, 1977, Hillsboro, Oregon.

MURPHY—A daughter, Jennifer Marie, June 14, 1977, to Tim and Debbie Murphy, Alliance, Ohio.

NEWBURN—To Larry and Beth Newburn, a daughter, Andrea Lee, June 2, 1977, Hutchinson, Kansas.

OSBORN—To Larry and Lucille Osborn, a son, Lon Howard, March 27, 1977, Talent, Oregon.

PEARL—A son, Richard Dwayne, to Dick and Pebble Pearl, May 2, 1977, La Junta, Colorado.

PERRY—A son, Glen Richard, May 27, 1977, to Richard and Shirley Perry, Ashley, Ohio.

SCOBEE—To Willis and Mary Scobee, a daughter, Alisa Elizabeth, June 30, 1977, Hutchinson, Kansas.

STRUDTHOFF—A daughter, Heather Marie, June 15, 1977, to John and Diane Strudthoff, Lisbon, Ohio.

THARAKAN—To Korah and Leela Tharakan, a son, Jolson Korah, May 27, 1977, Portland, Oregon.

WEBER—A daughter, Julie Lynn, June 18, 1977, to Larry and Kathy Weber, Lisbon, Ohio.

WILSON—A son, David, to Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wilson, June 1977, Benkleman, Nebraska.

WRIGHT—To Tilman and Cindi Wright of Greenleaf, Idaho, a daughter, Brenda Renee, June 13, 1977, in Friendswood, Texas.

MARRIAGES

BALOGH-ALLISON. Dianne Lynn Balogh and David R. Allison, June 25, 1977, Deerfield, Ohio.

BEATY - SANDERS. Rhonda Beaty and Eddie Sanders, June 11, 1977, Bayshore Friends, Bacliff, Texas.

BLIX-LEMEN. Marcia Joan Blix and Clifford Lemen, June 25, 1977, Hutchinson, Kansas.

BOGGS-LEMEN. Patty Boggs and David Lemen, June 28, 1977, Hutchinson, Kansas.

BOBER-ALPINO. Agnes Bober and John Alpino, October 2, 1976, La Junta Friends, Colorado.

CAMPBELL - OLDFIELD. Kathleen Campbell and Harold Oldfield, June 28, 1977, Wichita, Kansas.

CRAWFORD - BARTHA. Barbara Crawford and Frank Bartha, June 18, 1977, Salem, Ohio.

DAVIS-WOLFE. Rebecca Jane Davis and Terry Lee Wolfe, May 28, 1977, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

DOWNING-HELT. Debbie Downing and Jeff Helt, Jr., June 18, 1977, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

ENGLISH-BEEBE. Jenise English of Clarkston, Washington, and Dennis Beebe of Homedale, Idaho, June 17, 1977.

FREEMAN-SMITH. Beverly Freeman and Steven Smith, March 25, 1977, Highland Avenue Friends, Salem, Oregon.

GAINES-THOMAS. Sarah Gaines of Panama City, Florida, and James Thomas of Homedale, Idaho, June 17, 1977.

GARDNER-NOLTING. Cheri Lynne Gardner and David L. Nolting, June 25, 1977, Mt. Gilead Friends, Ohio.

HONEYFIELD-BENSCH. Trilla Honeyfield and Steven Bensch, May 27, 1977, Seiling, Oklahoma.

INGLEDUE-BOOKMAN. Sandra Ingledue and William Bookman, June 18, 1977, Trinity Friends, Lisbon, Ohio.

LOCKHART-LARKINS. Denise Lockhart and Dennis Larkins, June 4, 1977, Alliance, Ohio.

LOUCH-JACKSON. Shelby Louch and Robin James Jackson, June 24, 1977, Columbus, Ohio.

MARDOCK-HAEHLEN. Joyce Mardock and Matt Haehlen, June 11, 1977, Walnut Creek Friends, California.

MESMER-ZIEGLER. Ann Mesmer and Randy Ziegler, June 18, 1977, Leetonia, Ohio.

MOUNTZ-BARDO. Norma Mountz and Dan Bardo, June 11, 1977, Damascus, Ohio.

SMITH-NOLTING. Kathy Smith and Garrie Nolting, June 18, 1977, Alum Creek Friends, Marengo, Ohio.

SOMMERS-POWERS. Kathy Sommers and Robert Powers, June 4, 1977, Evangelical Friends Church, Omaha, Nebraska.

STIFFLER-COLE. Carla Stiffler and Robert Cole, December 4, 1976, La Junta Friends, Colorado.

WALTERS-POWELL. Cindy Walters and Ron Powell, June 11, 1977, Hutchinson, Kansas.

DEATHS

BEATTIE—Clarence H. Beattie, Willoughby Hills, Ohio, March 2, 1977.

COREL—Gene Corel, July 23, 1977, Lawrence, Kansas.

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

FRENCH—Mary French, Damascus, Ohio, July 25, 1977.

HANSON—Margaret Hanson of Star Friends, Idaho, February 22, 1977.

HAWORTH—Ralph Haworth of Star Friends, Idaho, December 12, 1976.

JOHNSTON—Frances Johnston, June 1, 1977, Omaha, Nebraska.

KERR—David Kerr, Damascus, Ohio, June 9, 1977.

KEER—Fred Keer, Columbus, Ohio, February 15, 1977.

McCARTY—Ethel Laura McCarty, 81, January 12, 1977, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

MILLS—Halcyon W. Mills, 86, July 19, 1977, of Newberg Friends, Oregon.

POLLOCK—Elmer "Ike" Pollock, 34, Damascus, Ohio, May 17, 1977.

RAWSON—Viola Mae Rawson, 36, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, June 29, 1977.

RYAN—Edward D. Ryan, June 28, 1977, Leavenworth, Kansas.

STUART—C. Irwin Stuart, July 29, 1977, Beloit, Kansas.

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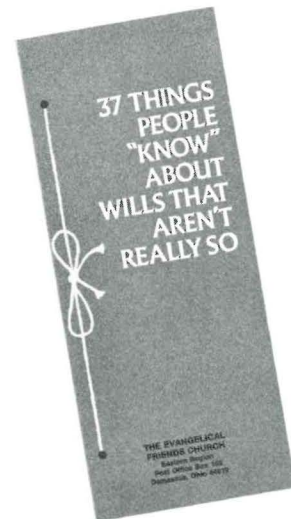
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LEARNING TO FACE THE LATER YEARS

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Perform well whatever you are doing

One of the greatest supports of the older person comes from pride of performance. Granted that the older person is less adept at striking out for perfection as age progresses, he still can do things well if he tries. Fortunately perfection is not what is asked of him.

What younger people do ask of the older person is that he try to look after himself, take responsibility for himself to the extent that he can, and do whatever tasks he performs so well that there is no occasion for criticism. Younger people are quick to criticize the older person if he resigns himself to a vegetative existence of just keeping alive.

In essence, then, there is no such thing as retiring. The older person eventually withdraws from his lifelong occupation, but he can't afford to put his hands in his lap, sit down in a rocking chair, and wait for death to come. Life is a constant beginning. Striving must continue.

The older person must remain active, creatively so, as long as his body and his mind and his heart permit him to do so. During his senior years the older person no longer has to rush as much to effect his business as he did when he was younger. He has the time now to do things more slowly, over a longer period of time.

But do them well he still must if he is to receive the acceptance of younger people around him. The moment he begins to sluff off whatever he is doing the younger people around him can't wait to push him aside. They believe they have evidence to do so when the older

person can no longer perform to standard.

Realize fully the richness of your experiences

The adolescent is impatiently waiting to accomplish; the senescent has a background of already rich accomplishments. For the older person time has come to relish his accomplishments in all of their munificence. The young person must depend almost entirely on the future to support his hopes and aspirations.

The older person not only has a workable future to augment himself in daily living, but also has a long, rich, creative past that he can use repeatedly in support of his present adjustments. The past opens up in all of its glory to our memories, and in a vicarious way we can reminisce and so make the past serve our present needs.

As senior citizens we have the time to enjoy our past accomplishments in minute detail as we rummage through our memory storehouse and pull out our successes to look at once more with pride and with thankfulness. Since the mind permits us to remember pleasant experiences of the past more keenly than unpleasant experiences, the richness of our past experiences becomes even more enthralling as we relive them and use them to support our present adjustments.

Recognize the need for help and be helpful

In the past we may have been relatively independent and self-sufficient, but as we get older we become children once



more, heavily dependent on others for assistance to carry on the days' activities. We must not resent this. We must recognize our need for additional assistance from others as we grow older, and must help them to perform this assistance with the least amount of trouble on our part.

We older people can become a nuisance to younger people who have to take care of us, as we struggle against the directions and advice that younger people offer in order to manage us in our old age. We can make the task of taking care of us much easier if we cooperate with our caretakers, whether they be our children or professional people.

To recognize reality for what it is, is not a weakness but a strength. The older person who recognizes his frailty and his relative helplessness, by so doing actually is in a better position to help himself than when he continually insists that he can still do things for himself, by himself, in his own way. Compromise is necessary for the older person in order to serve his best needs.

Say yes to life and believe in eternal life

Everyone of us earns immortality during his lifetime. Some of the immortality comes from the progeny that we leave behind—our children and our children's children. Some of the immortality comes by way of what we accomplish during our lifetime. It may come by way of building a house, painting a picture, composing a sonata, or serving others to help them realize their hopes in many different ways.

People who relate their own experiences of dying point out repeatedly that the primary thoughts, the all-pervading thoughts at the threshold of death are not thoughts of dying, but thoughts of living. A yes attitude to life does not mean that the older person should neglect to prepare for dying. What it does mean is that the older person must think of life in universal terms.

If we can accept the continuity of life, the fear of death and the separation from our loved ones becomes less threatening. Perhaps the greatest fulfillment that we can earn in life is to say yes to life constantly as we learn to become old. ☐

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