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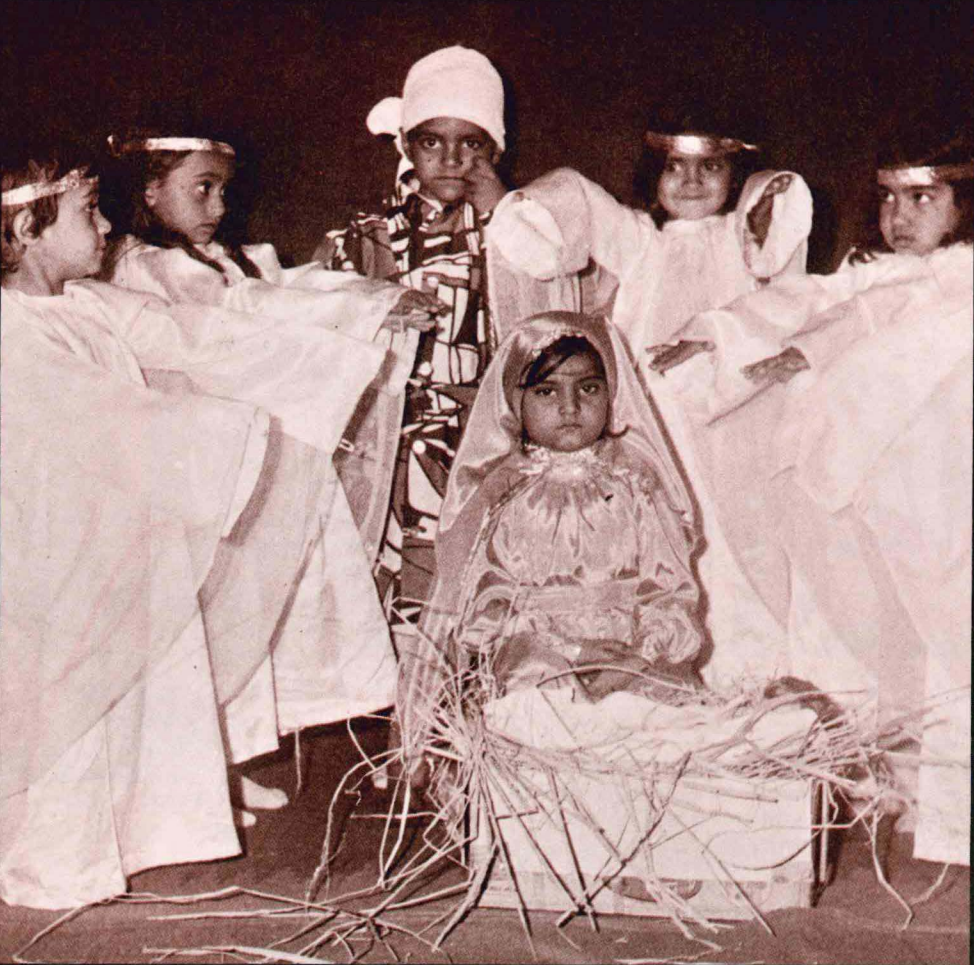
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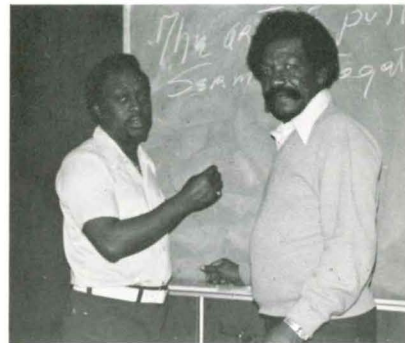




URBAN MINISTRIES: FOCUSING ON LEADERSHIP NEEDS IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

By DON WORDEN

Don Worden is Director of Development for the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region.



"We Friends are too 'lily white.' We need some color! For too long we have confined our outreach to other cultures from which we were safely separated by large bodies of water and thousands of miles." General Superintendent Russell Myers admits participation in the Urban Ministries Program has been "frustrating, exasperating . . . baffling" but also rewarding and an "eye-opening experience." PHOTOS (clockwise beginning upper left): Friends Youth of Eastern Region on a work project in 1975 clean and paint a Black church in Canton ghetto. Urban Ministries director George Primes in tutoring session. Ashley Primes, George's wife, is secretary to the director. Rev. Mr. Washington, pastor of St. Mark's Baptist Church in Canton. George and Ashley Primes, partners in life and Urban Ministries. Members of Urban Ministries leadership training class have a picnic enroute to a weekend retreat at the Friends Center in Columbus, Ohio. Walter Moss (left) and Kirby Freeman during a leadership training class in the Urban Ministries office.

MY GREATEST satisfaction comes from knowing the support I receive from the Friends Church is sincere," said George Primes, director of the Urban Ministries Program of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region. "This support, coupled with the response we are receiving in the black community, is gratifying. As this response enhances the manner in which the Friends Church is perceived in the black community, our program gives me a sense of personal fulfillment."

George Primes, born in Akron, Ohio, and the son of a sharecropper, has spent his lifetime seeking equality and full recognition as a person. George first sought equal opportunities to earn a living, eventually participating in the early struggles against unequal work conditions at Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. Beginning in the late forties,

George and other black employees sought such rights as a place to sit down to eat, cafeteria privileges, shower facilities, and advancement to better jobs.

During his years at Firestone, George Primes was raising a family; consequently, he sought additional sources of income. "With several growing children," explained George, "there's never enough money." At Firestone, George sought better economic conditions for his family, eventually owning his own asphalt and paving business.

Married to the former Ashley Gibson in 1942, they now have five grown children. However, during the years of heavy financial load to support his family, George worked long, hard hours. Always interested in athletics, George and a few buddies often drove all over the eastern United States on weekends, seeking to make a little extra money in the sporadic, low budget black golf tournaments of the day. This often meant long, late drives to and from these tours so as not to disrupt their work schedule at Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

George Primes has thrown himself into his role with the Urban Ministries Program of EFC—ER with the same gusto he pursued golf, building tires, and running his own asphalt business. When asked why he was willing to step out into this new venture with its pitfalls, unforeseen problems, and possibilities George responded, "It was because of my calling. In learning to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, I learned to walk through open doors. I also realized that God is able to reveal himself to me through His Word and to use my background and experience in His work." But this is getting ahead of the story.

In 1966 George Primes had a deep spiritual experience that profoundly altered the course of his life. George went back to school, finishing his high school education at night. He came to Malone College in Canton while still employed by Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, graduating in 1972.

As a student at Malone, George became uneasy, feeling God's call to return to the inner city—"the ghetto." As George said, "I had spent all my life trying to get out of the ghetto. I had lived in the ghetto. What could I possibly do that would be worthwhile?"

George and Ashley talked over this possibility, and gradually the realization that George's own experiences and struggle for equality, for economic independence, for survival, might be utilized for the kingdom of God. While George was honestly seeking God's will in these matters, his own pastor preached for two Sundays from Luke 5:4-6 "Let down your nets [where you are]" His questions were answered.

As George neared the end of his college work at Malone, he investigated possible financial assistance at Ashland Theological Seminary. No such assistance was available. At the same time George contemplated quitting his job with Firestone because of the distance from the seminary. As George describes it: "It was a nightmare, thinking about quitting my job, where I had thirty-two

years of service. All of the security I had planned for my wife and myself was at stake! I had given up my asphalt business when I entered high school, but Firestone, with its good insurance plan and other benefits, was my main source of livelihood. It was back to the old argument. I asked God, what did He want? I had given up my way of life, my friends had fallen by the wayside, and now the decision of whether or not to quit my job was facing me! How could I go on? I thought of every possible escape. I was rather reluctant to discuss the matter with anyone else. Finally, I talked it over with my wife and we prayed together about it. The answer came that I must continue on!"

As George was negotiating with Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, he was introduced to Russell Myers, general superintendent of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region and Joseph Roher, pastor of the First Friends Church in Canton, Ohio. They asked George if he would be willing to work with Joseph Roher as associate pastor. This arrangement allowed George to pursue his education at Ashland Seminary.

While associate pastor at Canton Friends, George Primes was asked to become a liaison between the E. P. & E. (Evangelistic, Pastoral and Extension) Board of Eastern Region and the black community. This role provided a basis for attempting to build bridges between the black and white cultures on a larger scale than the Canton Friends Church.

The Urban Ministries Program, as the project has come to be known, has evolved into an effective program designed to assist with leadership development in the black community. Its influence has reached into black churches in Alliance and Akron, Ohio, as well as the Greater Canton community.

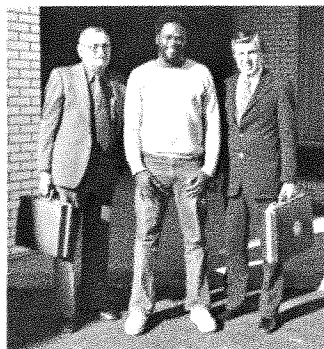
"This is, in reality, a pilot project," explained George Primes. "We are seeking answers to difficult questions. The present programs may serve as models, which we can duplicate wherever proper leadership can be identified."

"Our real concern for the black community is for developing new leadership and assisting existing leadership," continued George. "The one institution which we were allowed to keep during segregation was our churches. This meant that our pastors were influential, important members of the community power structure. Unfortunately, many of these so-called leaders had a very limited education. I know men holding pastorates of sizeable congregations who could be called illiterate. We're trying to help some of these men learn to read and write!"

"Probably my greatest frustration is the lack of qualified leadership in the black community," confessed George; "because of their limited education many of the black pastors with whom we tried to work were threatened by our efforts. They misunderstood us, thinking we were infringing on their territory."

When George Primes expressed these frustrations to Russell Myers, Russell reminded George of his training in

Herbert Coons (left), Walter Moss, youth director of Urban Ministries, and Bruce Burch (right), pastor of Bellefontaine Friends, in front of 1201 Building, location of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region's office in Canton, Ohio. At right is a youth Bible study in session at the Canton office.



Stow Home Bible study methods. Russell suggested that this might be a way to help black Christians.

"I never knew my people were so spiritually hungry," said George, "until I began setting up Bible studies in the different homes and churches. It was then I realized the need for trained black leaders. I also set up Leadership Training classes to enable others to teach Bible, Sunday school classes, and other areas of Christian Education."

Walter Moss, an early participant in these Bible studies and a 1977 graduate of Ohio University, has become youth director of the Urban Ministries. Walter Moss is employed in the Canton City Planning Office and taking classes at Ashland Theological Seminary, in addition to spending evenings and weekends working with young people in the Urban Ministries Program.

As students from the Bible studies and leadership classes returned to their own churches and assumed roles they could not fill previously, black pastors began to ask questions. Slowly, they are beginning to realize that their pastorates are not in jeopardy and are beginning to inquire about programs for their churches, utilizing the Urban Ministries.

As these pastors sought out George Primes and the Urban Ministries Program, George began tutoring some of these men. "For some, it meant learning to read!" exclaimed George. "In other cases, this gave an opportunity to assist with Christian education programs and to help these men begin to plan their sermon schedule."

"Part of my frustrations arise from the very thing we are attempting to accomplish," said George. "One of our objectives is to bridge cultural barriers. This means blacks and whites learning to listen to each other."

Exasperation, frustrations, disappointments come to all of us, especially where more than one culture is involved. "When I'm traveling across the Eastern Region and sharing what we are doing in the inner city, then my black brothers wonder where I am. Men looking for tutorial help can't find me in the office."

"But when I stay involved with the Bible studies and leadership classes," explained George, "then some members of the Friends churches begin to ask: 'Where's George? What's he doing?'"

General Superintendent Russell Myers agrees with George Primes on this point. "Trying to overcome cultural differences is frustrating and at times exasperating, sometimes very baffling."

"We Friends are too nearly all 'lily white.' We need some color! For too long we have confined our outreach to other cultures from which we were safely separated by large bodies of water and thousands of miles," Myers admits.

"The Urban Ministries Program has been a rewarding and eye-opening experience. We've grown to deeply appreciate George and Ashley Primes and the work they are doing. We can never be the same again."

"What are my personal goals?" reflects George. "To move each day closer to God and to become more proficient in my calling to help my people. I must continue studying." (George Primes is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry program at Ashland Theological Seminary.)

"As a Christian, I want to learn to interpret the traditions of Christianity for our day, and to be as near to the truth as I can be."

"For the churches," concluded George, "I want to move the white churches and the black churches to a place where, although they may retain their individual identities, they begin to become aware of the problems, the needs of those close by. As they realize and respond to needs close to home, then they can truly become aware of the needs around the world!"

George Primes' dream includes finding support for the Urban Ministries Program beyond the current circle that he now depends on. Several other denominations have given limited support to the program. "But if we hope to expand and draw components into the program, then we must incorporate support from church and community groups in the areas where our programs are set up.

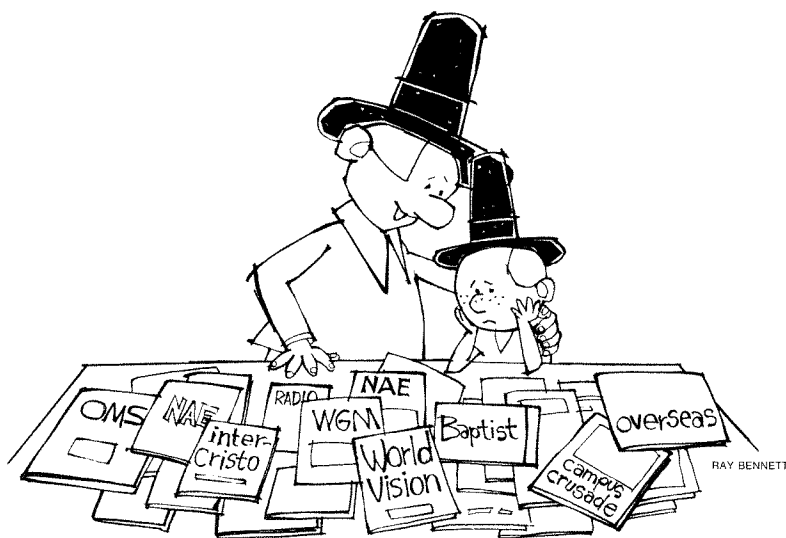
"We are hoping to meet other needs for leadership training in the black community," George states. "In addition to Bible teaching and Christian education, we need to train leadership for all other areas of the community."

"I believe now is the day for the Christian Black Community. It is a time of preparation for the positive position God would have us take in the new day!"

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"Yes son, the Quakers are still needed."

COVER

Beautiful, cherubic faces of children in the English school at Chhatarpur, India, take part in Christmas pageant. (See page 8.)

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From the time our families gather at Thanksgiving tables until well after the Christmas tree is dried up and cast out, we are literally deluged with cleverly worded fund appeals couched in seasonal greetings from worthy and unworthy organizations urging us to respond liberally with our "tax deductible gifts." Taking advantage of this season and its free-spending spirit may not be a bad idea. It must pay off, for the letters keep pouring in.

Setting priorities is our problem. And perhaps this is where the real message of this month's cartoon (left) comes in. In our bewilderment let's not forget we as Quakers *do* have as thrilling opportunities, ministries, and programs worthy of our support as others who are somehow able (perhaps with *our* money) to present their plea with more drama and urgency.

The idea for this cartoon came several months ago. It was only coincidental that it was published in an edition when, because of serious economic reasons, we have combined two issues of the *Evangelical Friend*. But we did feel clear to deal with this serious problem editorially in "Listening In on an Editorial Huddle" (page 11).

Appeals from worthy agencies deserve our attention. But let us first give prayerful thought to our priorities as Friends—to *our* outreach opportunities and needs for which only we are responsible!

—H.T.A.

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GOD IN THE FLESH

BY PAUL S. REES

If we want the simplicity and naturalness of the Advent story we go to the synoptics—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. If, however, we want the mystery, the majesty, and the ineffable wonder of Christmas we go to the fourth Gospel.

In the 14th verse of the first chapter of John it is said, "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." The tremendous meaning of this statement can be glimpsed only against the background of those opening verses, 1 and 2, which, if hurriedly read, are sure to escape us.

Consider two or three peaks in that background. "The Word was God." Thus are we shown the Christ of essential deity. He did not have to be *made* God. He was that.

Take another. "The Word was with God." By this fine turn of language we are shown the Christ of the *trinity*, co-equal with God and yet differentiated from Him in that mysterious distinguishment that belongs to Father, Son and



Holy Spirit in the unity of the triune Godhead.

Then consider this: "In the beginning was the Word." Here we have the Christ of *eternity*. Christ of deity! Christ of the trinity! Christ of eternity! That Being was never made at all. His divinity did not evolve. Nobody elected Him to His place in the Godhead. He had neither birthday nor birthplace.

"In the beginning"—write that across His deity! Write it across His sonship. Write it across the unwritten page of the unrecorded past, back there before the centuries moved out in chronicled order or the millenniums began their measured march.

And now emerges the marvel. He who was God, uncreated, underived, unbegun, was made flesh. Flesh! That is the word. Flesh like yours and mine—eyes, ears, hands, feet! Such is the teaching of Scripture. Such is the faith of the Church. The eternal has invaded the temporal. The Creator has assumed creaturehood. The Christ of eternity has become the Jesus of history. The everlasting Son of God has united His own divine nature with a true human nature in the unity of a single personality.

If this is the fact of the incarnation, what light does the New Testament throw upon the fact, its method, and its meaning? Two apostolic utterances are of special significance in this connection. Paul is on record as saying that He was "made of a woman" (Galatians 4:4), and the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews declares that He was "made like

unto his brethren." (Hebrews 2:17) Both passages, it will be seen, have to do with His being made flesh.

The Galatian word points to the medium of our Lord's entry into the order of human life and the stream of human history. He came by way of human motherhood. And that ministry fell to a virgin. It was said of her that she was "blessed . . . among women." It was said concerning her maiden-motherhood that holy thing that was born of her was the Son of God. Respecting her it had been said prophetically:

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name *Jesus*. . . . Then said Mary unto the angel, How

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shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:30, 31, 34, 35)

Admit a real incarnation, accept the fact that Jesus is very God of very God, and the appearance of the supernatural in connection with His earth-advent will harmonize perfectly with the character of the occurrence. The revelation of the miraculous will stumble no one who believes that the infinite God has actually stooped to such voluntary limiting of himself as is necessary to life in human form.

"Made of a woman!" If this describes the *origin* of His life in the flesh, the statement that He was "made like unto his brethren" suggests the *development* of that life. God would find a basis for helping and redeeming humankind by entering, within limits, into a community of experience with us. He does not stoop to our sins; He does stoop to the level of the life in which our sins make their appearance and there He reveals His perfect manhood. In Christ He would seek

Dr. Paul Rees has been a friend of Friends for many years, with a Quaker heritage in his own spiritual roots. He has prepared this "concern" exclusively for the EVANGELICAL FRIEND, and with it he sends "greetings to all my friends" in the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

comradeship with us—"that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest."

He comes where we are in our hungers and thirsts and pains, our temptations and struggles and sorrows, our labors and losses and limitations. If Albert of Belgium, king though he was, could not stay away from the front when his soldiers were daring death to save the nation in World War I, if something noble within him made him share the grim life of his embattled, shell-torn armies, some of us dare to believe that the God whom we worship could not remain out of the human struggle. Love impelled Him to make contact with us and to thrust himself into the battle, which He did and, all honor to His name, has become forevermore the deciding factor in the conflict.

So we have Him—"made flesh," "made of a woman," "made like unto his brethren." Not God *and* man, nor God *in* man, but the one and only God-man: so human that He got thirsty, so divine that He could say, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink" . . . so human that He got hungry; so divine that He took five loaves and two fishes and spread a banquet for five thousand men and their famished families . . . so human that He grew weary and dropped down on a well curb; so divine He could say, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" . . . so human He must have sleep; so divine He rose from that sleep to turn back with a word the fury of a tempest and to spread a perfect peace on the face of a raging sea . . . so human He found it needful to have seasons of prayer; so divine that never once was He under necessity to make confession of sin . . . so human He yearned for the sympathy of friends and felt the pangs of loneliness; so divine He declared twelve legions of angels waited to take wing to His side . . . so human He grew "in wisdom and stature"; so divine that in Him dwelt "all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

"So quick to worship him as Child,
So slow to follow him as Man—
My split will is unreconciled to God's
One purpose in his plan;
That Bethlehem and Calvary—
Two focus points six miles apart—
Should overrule geography
And intersect within my heart.
The manger Babe, no less adored,
Is now the Master to obey.
With words, I name him as my Lord,
With feet, take a disciple's way." ☐



The harvest is plenty

BY DAVID ANDERSON

Each morning we rise with prayer for our children's safety as they travel by bus for over an hour through Mexico City's worst traffic. Life for them here is very different; they have to get up at 5:00 a.m. so they can catch their bus for school. They always seem tired to me. I also think a lot of our families back home (especially this time of year), and I begin to wonder why I am here. The answer is always the same, I love Jesus and He has sent me here to "make disciples." I see Him every day: in the beggar who comes by for a piece of bread, in the new believers as they begin to display their spiritual gifts, in a ninety-seven-year-old woman who comes to know Him for the first time in her life. He is in our church leaders as they take the burden of ministry in the local church. Yes, Jesus is here in Mexico also. HE is raising HIS church for HIS glory in this city of fourteen million people.

As we and the Martenses look to the future of our work here, we will have to search out new areas of service, for we, like Paul, aspire "to preach the gospel, not where Christ was [already] named." (Romans 15:20) It will be difficult to pull away from the "established church," but we know that for them to grow and mature we need to let go. We have seen a tremendous amount of wisdom and ability in our pastor, Manuel Guzman. He has surpassed us with his wisdom and insight as pastor. We feel very com-

fortable going to him for advice and counsel. The Holy Spirit is evident in this man's life. Also our young people are beginning to see their place as future leaders in the church. They put on a puppet show for our Sunday school and also for a new church we have started about thirty miles from Mexico City.

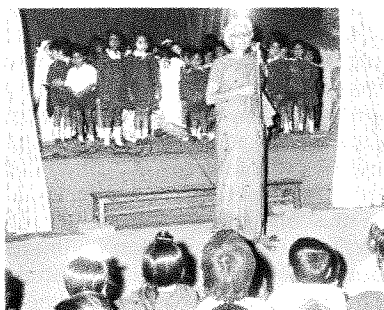
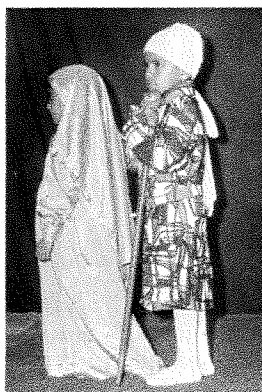
As you can see, we are working ourselves out of a job at the main church. The time will come when we will serve in new congregations. We pray that God will open new areas of service for us here in Mexico.

Each day brings us new encounters with people who are hungry to hear the Gospel. One day I came home from a prayer group I attend in the morning and found my daughter's cat dead in the street, hit by a car. So I had the job of burying it in a lot across the street. While I was burying it, a young fellow came by and asked what I was doing. We began talking and he began to show an interest in the Gospel. Yesterday I visited his home and he showed a real interest in studying the Bible; he has gone to the University and has many doubts but is very open. We hope to start a Bible study in his home real soon. No matter where we go we find people who are interested in hearing about what Jesus means to us. I talk to people on the bus, in the subway, and on the street who are lonely and want what Christ can offer. The opportunities are unlimited. "THE HARVEST IS PLENTY."

We have been here two months now and are assured that this is where God wants us. Pray for us and our church here in Mexico that HIS name will be glorified in all we do. ☐

David and Kathy Anderson, our newest missionaries to Mexico City, see a bright future for Friends' ministry in this fast-growing community.

BLESSED ARE THE LITTLE CHILDREN



In 1976 Norma Freer did not look forward to leaving India and years of ministry, so she prayed for new opportunities and the Lord opened the door to start an English school in Chhatarpur. This is her report of the growth of this new school and how the school uses Christmas (see photos above and on cover) to "share some of what we are learning with parents and Friends." About 350 people (above) viewed the Christmas story in 1976 with beautiful Indian children participating—opening doors of witness in many homes.

BY NORMA FREER

In January 1976 my work as business manager of the Christian Hospital, Chhatarpur, was turned over to an Indian national. After living in Chhatarpur for thirty-one years, it is *home* and it wasn't easy to face going to the U.S.A. to stay! I prayed that the Lord would lead and, if it was His will, open another door for me in India.

When Robert Hess visited Chhatarpur the church requested the board to allow me to stay and start an English school. The request was granted, so in July 1976 the school opened. It is situated about a half mile from the hospital at a place we have always called the Old Bungalow. At this site there was one house, a line of smaller quarters, and a nice large yard and garden. We fixed the smaller quarters into classrooms and quarters for the teachers, and one room in the bungalow for a classroom. This gave us three classrooms.

Chhatarpur has a population of 35,000 and had no English school. Our enrollment in July 1976 was eighty children, ages 3½ to 6 years, which we divided into three classes: Nursery, K.G. 1, and K.G. 2. We found we had good cooperation from the parents, and if we had had classrooms we could have gone up to 150 or more. For about three months I had to turn people away.

This year our enrollment has gone to 136. We added Class 1, though we had

no money to add any buildings. So I borrowed a tent, and our first class is using it. I put a permanent floor in it and have ordered desks for the children, so it is really the nicest classroom we have. When it rains the desks have to be moved around to where it does not leak! This year we also added one more teacher, and since we have about fifty nursery children we have two sessions for them. Our teachers are all Christians and about 12 of the 136 children are from Christian homes. They come from doctors', lawyers', professors', medium caste, and low caste homes. They all play, eat, and learn together.


Most of the parents, at admission time, mention that they want their child to learn manners. On the admission sheet we have a statement for parents to sign stating they are not against the child being taught from the Bible. No one has refused to sign. We teach them Christian songs, stories, and Bible verses. They love to sing. We have them bring a snack so we can teach them to wash their hands before eating and to pray. Many have gone home and told their parents they should pray before they eat!

We taught them the song, "He sees all you do, He hears all you say." One little fellow, at his home, put his bread under his pillow. He evidently didn't feel like eating it right then. Their servant checked him. His answer was, "You don't need to check me, God is watching me!"

Our transportation for the children is by rickshaw, a cart that seats twelve children comfortably and is drawn by a man on a bicycle. We had four last year, but thanks to folks at home, we have been able to purchase three more this year. Some of them have to make two trips in order to get all the children here.

Our school motto is *Learning and Growing Together* and our uniforms are brown and gold. As far as monthly expenses are concerned, we are self-supporting. However, this does not include funds for building, more desks, and more outdoor equipment.

We would appreciate your prayers. We feel that through the children we have real witness in many homes. We do believe that even "a little child shall lead them."

We use Christmas time as an opportunity to share some of what we are learning with parents and friends. 



A RECURRING IMPRESSION

BY RETA STUART

Excitement about seeing God at work in various ways and places all over the world was the recurring impression expressed by Friends who reported to the EFA Missions Commission that met October 20-21 in Indianapolis.

Russell Myers, general superintendent of EFC—ER, who visited the Far East recently, told how new workers are being called by God into His harvest, not only overseas but also here at home. He stated that God is working through His people and referred to the movement of the Holy Spirit he had witnessed in young people in Chinese churches of Taiwan.


Fred Littlefield, EFA Missions Commission chairman, shared highlights of his week's visit (October 6-13) to Mexico City. While there he met with Friends in a new home as well as in a major Sunday evening service attended by seventy to eighty people, where eleven responded for special prayer. He sensed the Holy Spirit working among this group, which is now considering how much they can do toward building a much-needed church for which some outside aid will be needed later.

In Latin America, Gerald Dillon, president of Northwest Yearly Meeting Department of Missions, reported that a present thrust of their mission is with Theological Education by Extension to assist in the training of new church leaders. Then he told of their effort to follow

Aymara people into new city areas such as Santa Cruz, where they are sending Roscoe and Tina Knight. He also spoke of the growing work of NWYM among Koreans in north Portland.

John Robinson, Kansas Yearly Meeting general superintendent, who visited their field in Burundi, Africa, with Outreach Board Chairman Roscoe Townsend in July, mentioned that two new out-schools have been opened there. Reta Stuart, missionary on furlough, told of the request of Burundi Friends for interim Yearly Meeting status, and encouraging aspects of their church, such as numerous enthusiastic youth groups and the development of new leaders replacing some lost in 1972, as well as concerns for prayer.

Olen Ellis, Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting general superintendent, and Harvey Hutson, Mission Board chairman, related that in their Navajo mission at Rough Rock they are finding a new way to serve their people and witness by the use of a bulldozer to help build and straighten their roads. Their new method of evening family VBS this year was a real step forward. They recognize the need for a new program for youth whom they're beginning to reach.

During their two-day meeting, the EFA Missions Commission made further plans for the implementation of the new Evangelical Friends Mission program that was approved by all four yearly meetings this past summer. Reta Stuart is to begin working in January, with Executive Director Robert Hess starting part time in February, when he assumes administration of the mission in Mexico City. 

Reta Stuart, veteran missionary to Burundi under Kansas Yearly Meeting, begins work in January with the newly approved Evangelical Friends Mission, the cooperative missionary program of the Evangelical Friends Alliance.



BURUNDI PHOTO REPORT

friends provide fun!

BY IRENE GETTING

This brief photo article on Kansas Yearly Meeting Friends Youth's contribution of money for playground equipment at Windy Hill School in Africa is presented by Irene Getting, KYM missionary in Burundi. Photos above show David Getting in front of new backstop; new playground equipment with old truck used for settin' and studyin'; and installing the equipment.



During the 1976-77 school year, Friends of Kansas Yearly Meeting sent a donation to Burundi to be used for playground equipment at the SMC (better known as Windy Hill) Dorm and School. The committee in charge of both school and dormitory accepted the money with many thanks, for they knew the real lack of play equipment and the lack of funds for such at Mweya. Dean Getting, dorm father, began to gather the metal, fencing, wood, and other materials needed to begin the project as soon as the school year was over.

By the first of July, one unit with two swings and a glider was constructed. Within the next two weeks, he had finished the next unit of "monkey bars" and a slide. These two sections were then set up on the playground and attached to the existing unit. As Dean went on to the next project of a metal backstop and permanent bases on the softball and soccer field, the rest of the family brought in the brushes and paint

to finish the job. The old truck body that the students use for "settin' and studyin'" was also given a new coat of red. Many students at the missionary school have already been by for a visit; they give their wholehearted approval and appreciation for these new additions for their fun.

Not all the money was used in this first project. Some has been allotted for the widening and improvement of the present volleyball and tennis court, which was made from pounded anthills several years ago. Plans are now under way and it is hoped it will be finished in the near future.

Those of us who have worked with the dorm and school send our gratitude to you who have made more fun possible for our kids. Learning to play together is an important part of growing up in any country or culture. And knowing that somebody cared about this area of their lives fills a real need.



BY JACK L. WILL CUTS

Listening In on an Editorial Huddle

Scene: The editor, managing editor, and art editor of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND sipping after-breakfast coffee in a regular planning meeting.

Subject: How to keep this magazine going with inflation and related pressures upon us.

M. Ed. (sighing): "Some changes have to be made immediately!"

Ed. (thoughtfully): "That is fairly soon. In what way?"

M. Ed. (firmly): "Well, we have not even kept up with inflation. Over the past three-year period, the EVANGELICAL FRIEND publishing contract with the Evangelical Friends Alliance yearly meetings has increased by less than 3 percent per year—less than half the inflation rate. This compounds our current problem. For instance, where a few years ago we were paying some \$800 for paper each issue, we are now paying nearly \$1,100."

Ed. (shocked): "Really? Our readers must get this news quickly, directly, forthrightly."

M. Ed. (relieved): "Glad you see it correctly. You see our circulation is up 500 copies to 11,700 in the last 18 months. Since we are tied each year to an inflexible contract, the publisher is having to absorb these large and yet unpredictable inflated costs without ever being reimbursed. Postal rates over the last two years have also increased over \$100 a month and this also has had to be absorbed."

Ed. (pensively): "I wonder what other religious magazines the size of ours cost?"

M. Ed. (pouncing): "About \$8 to \$12 a yearly subscription, while ours is still only \$5! And what's more, those so-called "exclusive newsletters," typewritten, and only four to eight pages cost anywhere from \$10 to \$30 per subscription for a year. So that route is no savings!"

Art Ed. (frowning): "Maybe we will have to cut out the cartoons to save . . ."

Ed. (fiercely): "Never!"

M. Ed. (as fiercely): "Never! But the editorials might be . . ."

Ed. (leaping up): "Never! Instead we'll tighten up on some copy and maybe some illustrations. And what about a less expensive paper, say, like fifty-pound stock . . ."

M. Ed. (quietly): "That is not only a possibility, it's a necessity. A lot of big magazines are doing it. Time for instance. And remember, our magazine is put out without benefit of one paid magazine staff member, no pay to any writers; at the same time Barclay Press is faced with

increased material, machine, and overhead costs—and increased salaries, Social Security, and related employee benefit expenses."

Ed. (in tears): "This magazine is given to the Lord as a service to the local church, the family, and the denomination as a means of inspiration, encouragement, and of tying us together as a Family of Friends. Do you think the EFA could long survive without this interyearly meeting ministry?"

M. Ed. (offering handkerchief): "You mention EFA. You see, one of our big problems is the practice of having to make our publishing contracts cover a period ending eighteen months later. This does not allow for any changes in paper, printing, publishing costs . . . not to mention the unpredictable circulation increases."

Ed. (now sobbing softly): "And the way we are structured, the yearly meeting superintendents and clerks are obliged to convey this problem back to their yearly meeting finance people and local meetings, and the magazine then becomes just another expense piled on to other cost increases for church operation."

M. Ed. (smiling through tears): "Yes. They have a hard job. I'm so glad you thought of getting these facts directly to the grassroots Quakers out there who surely see the need for increased, regular, sacrificial, dedicated giving, and personal . . ."

Ed. (interrupting): "We must remember to write with fewer words, it's an example of simple living. A good Quaker concept."

Art Ed. "We could cut out some of the color and graphics perhaps, and maybe just print a blank page or two to represent a silent meeting . . ."

M. Ed. (bluntly): "Never!"

Ed. (nodding): "Never!"

M. Ed. (poking at his calculator): "At Denver in January when the EFA leaders meet we shall have to carry this bad news that we will require a 10 to 15 percent increase effective in July 1978, both in receipts from yearly meetings and the publishing contract. Our only recourse is to do this and to also anticipate some large gifts to cover deficits."

Ed. (brightly): "What about that new computerized photo composition system you've just installed? What did it cost and what will it do?"

M. Ed. (with professional pride): "A lot—\$25,000 to be exact—and that's only a fraction of what we could have spent in this technological revolution. But it is very ample and will allow a much greater volume of work to be assumed."

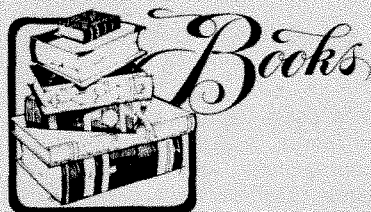
Ed. (picking up all the tabs): "Well, this is a pressing problem and the people must be alerted and called to prayer."

M. Ed. (fumbling for his check): "Sorry, we can't pay for the breakfasts anymore. An economy move, you know. The simple life."

Art Ed. (pen in hand): "I believe there may be material for a cartoon in that remark."

Ed. (snatching the bill back again): "Right. Mr. Quaker is saying, 'Thee must now be ready to preach, pray, and pay.'"

M. Ed. (grimacing): "Maybe we can cut out the cartoons after all." ☐



Calvin Miller, **The Song**, Inter-Varsity Press, 1977, 168 pages.

In this sequel to his earlier book, *The Singer* (1975, IVP), Calvin Miller again presents his story in poetic narrative and in a style reminiscent of C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien. Having described the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ in *The Singer*, Miller moves on in history to the early Church and the story of Everyman, Anthem, and other Singerians who go from the Great Walled City to Urbis. It is in Urbis where Singerians are later martyred for their faith. The World Hater is present (as he always is) to torment those who would follow the Singer and sing the Ancient Star-Song.

The book roughly follows along the lines of the Book of Acts. While reading the reader is tempted to identify certain characters by name, such as Peter or Paul. While the story seems to be placed in the first and second centuries and to identify Urbis as Rome, there is a story that places us in the middle of our modern day and its philosophies.

The World Hater takes on the appearance of a bronzed, well-muscled youth by the name of Sarkon. In his philosophy of freedom and faith only in himself, Sarkon becomes the humanist philosophy that has been prevalent during the last centuries and has even crept into our own Christian philosophy today. It is the belief that man's successes are brought about by his own doing, sometimes ignoring any of God's power and direction.

As in *The Singer* Miller uses prose poetry very effectively and creatively. At some points of the book one finds very good verse. Miller's book is a good example of good literature that is Christian as well. There is a great need for good Christian fiction and poetry, and Calvin Miller is one of the growing number of fine Christian writers.

Miller is an author of other books of poetry such as *The Singer*, *That Elusive Thing Called Joy*, and *Transcendental*

Hesitation. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and is currently a minister in Omaha, Nebraska.

—Curt Ankeny

Waldo J. Werning, **Vision and Strategy for Church Growth**, Moody Press, 1977, 125 pages, paperback \$2.95.

Working out of models established by Donald McGavran and the School of World Mission, Waldo Werning "breaks new ground" in developing ways the church growth principles can be applied directly to American churches, according to C. Peter Wagner in the Foreword. This I found to be *true* as the author presented old material with a refreshingly new approach, *and* much new material in a most practical way. No pastor can thoughtfully read this book without gaining new appreciation for church growth as a biblical and spiritual ministry, and any pastor will undoubtedly gain some new insights into how one can do a better job.

The author, a member of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, with a background of pastoral, administrative, and professorial leadership, writes in a most simple but authoritative style. His high view of the Word, the church of Jesus Christ, and her ministry combine to make a biblical theology of church growth that combines theory with practice, and doctrine with life. "The process begins with the acceptance of the nature and purpose of the church," says Werning. "The overarching objective of the church is to bring all people into a vital and saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ." In this manner the author interweaves the theological with the practical at the point of church growth.

Some of the most practical and helpful sections include a schedule for church growth planning process in the context of the local church; a timely and refreshingly new chapter on reclaiming inactive members; and an appendix of over thirty pages of helpful charts, forms, programs, for the local church that wants to grow.

Here is a book that, if carefully read and faithfully followed, would help create a positive climate for church growth and assist in a major way toward producing an enlargement of His church.

I recommend the book highly to the pastors who long to "see it happen here."

—Gerald W. Dillon



THE BILL OF SALE

(A real life story)

By BETTY HOCKETT

The young Quaker, John Woolman, busied himself about his regular duties as store clerk. Hearing someone come in, he glanced up. When he saw that it was the young negro woman who was a slave in his employer's household, he went quickly back to work. He was used to seeing her as she went inconspicuously about her household tasks.

In this year, 1742, it was customary for many people to own slaves. Even many upright members of the Society of Friends kept them. John Woolman had been taught from a very early age the importance of being kind to all living creatures, animals as well as people. Because of his training he thought of his employer's slave woman entirely as a human being. Since she did not seem to resent her position he scarcely noticed her.

With no warning, this situation changed! One day John looked up from his work to see his employer and a man whom he immediately recognized as another Quaker enter the store. The Negro slave followed behind.

"Good morning, John," spoke the employer. "I have sold our slave woman to my friend here. I want you to make out the bill of sale while he waits."

As John heard the words, "sold our slave woman," he was speechless! Sold? This woman? It seemed impossible. He looked from the men to the face of the dark woman. "But she's a human being," he thought to himself. "Not a pig or a cow or a sack of grain to be bought and sold any time one wishes!"

No one else in the room seemed to feel that this was a matter worth being disturbed about. The buyer and seller both accepted this as the normal thing. The slave herself showed no emotion. Only John Woolman felt the shock and the

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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

WALTER MOSS, a recent graduate of Ohio University, has taken the position of Youth Director for the Urban Ministries and Inner-Cities Outreach in Canton, Ohio, under the Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region. (See story on page 2.) He is involved with Bible study groups, developing seminars and retreats, and in leadership training. He is also currently a student at Ashland Theological Seminary.

SADA STANLEY, long-time Friends missionary to Jamaica, died November 1 at the age of 101. She served in Jamaica from 1900 to 1946. Funeral services were held in the Friends meetinghouse in Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

RICHARD AND MARY ANN MARTENS, EFA missionaries in Mexico, write that their son BARRY fell while running in their backyard and hit his head against a cement post and two front teeth were broken loose. A neighborhood dentist didn't believe the teeth could be reset in the sockets, but they decided to try the Medical Clinic, where a dentist on duty put the teeth back. Barry now has had a root canal done on both teeth and the expectation of a successful surgery.

The MARTENSES and the ANDERSONS share the prayer requests that the church will continue to grow and that the government will continue to allow freedom of worship in their local situation and other church extension efforts.

The Gifts of the Spirit for a Rising Quaker Movement was the title of a conference scheduled November 29-December 1 at Quaker Hill Conference Center, Richmond, Indiana. MAHLON MACY, GARY WRIGHT, and JAMES KIRKPATRICK were the leaders.

BRYAN TEAGUE was recently named chaplain of the well-known White's Institute sponsored by Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends. He and his wife NANCY are graduates of Malone College and have been Friends pastors in Ohio the past twenty-five years. Bryan and Gerald Teague, assistant general superintendent of Kansas Yearly Meeting, are brothers.

Veteran Friends pastor in Northwest Yearly Meeting and missionary for fifteen years in Burundi under Kansas Yearly Meeting and World Gospel Mission, CLYDE THOMAS, died November 17, 1977, in Newberg, Oregon, at the age of 82. Roy Clark and Paul Cammack conducted the funeral.

Medford, Oregon, Friends Church, pastored by CLYNTON CRISMAN, announces an "Old-fashioned Sunday School Contest." "Everybody bring somebody new next week. Let's go over our goal of 200 average the first Sunday." They did, with 207. Contests were in, then out, and now in again.

Speaking of "Old-fashioned," members of the once-famous Four Flats Quartet are still singing. They appeared at the Portland Hilton Hotel in early December as the featured program for the annual George Fox College Dinners. They traveled internationally as the World Vision Quartet. NORVAL HADLEY, general superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting; DICK CADD, an Overseas Crusade missionary to the Philippines; HARLOW ANKENY, manager of Barclay Press, and RON CRECELIUS, chaplain at George Fox College . . . like the late Bing Crosby, get better with age. (They also play golf.)

"Project Strawberry" under the sponsorship of Ohio Friends in Florida and directed by BILL WAGNER has moved into Sarasota, Florida. Bill Wagner will work the area from Naples to Tampa. The following goals are established to be realized by

July 1, 1978: twenty home Bible studies; two jail ministries; a beach ministry; a coffee house ministry; a "house church" started, and a singles ministry. The Florida work "will be carefully evaluated" at the close of this period.

FRIENDS FOCUS

TILIKUM RECEIVES GIFT FOR MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING

Camp Tilikum, a ninety-two-acre retreat center near Newberg, Oregon, now owned by George Fox College through a donation by former owner Russell Baker, is the recent recipient of a \$20,000 gift to be used toward the construction of a multipurpose building. More than 600 children were served at Camp Tilikum during the year in the "1977 Tom Sawyer Day Camps," according to Director Gary Fawver. It is also a popular adult retreat center accommodating comfortably up to forty campers.

GEORGE FOX AND MALONE REPORT 'LARGEST' ENROLLMENTS

Malone and George Fox colleges enjoy larger enrollments this year; Malone has 948 registered, the largest in seven years. George Fox has 704, the largest enrollment in its history. President Lon D. Randall of Malone attributes the surge in new students to "a new adult education-for-credit program, the conservative Christian philosophy of the College, and a strong effort by the school's admissions staff."

SOUTH TEXAS FRIENDS STUDY 'PREPARATIVE YEARLY MEETING' STATUS

Friends of the Friendswood Area in south Texas have named a committee to study the possibility of forming a Preparative Yearly Meeting. They are now members of Kansas Yearly Meeting but are more than 1,200 miles from the headquarters in Wichita.

NEW FRIENDS RETIREMENT HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Friends of Idaho are constructing Retirement Village, a home for retirees, in Greenleaf. I will provide two-bedroom apartments. Glen Koch of Caldwell (Idaho) Friends Church is chairman of the Retirement Village Board.

'RAP'--A SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY IN CANTON

First Friends in Canton (Ohio) is involved in an "enjoyable and rewarding" ministry with mentally retarded adults called RAP (Retarded Adults Program). About fifteen come to the meetings, where lots of interesting things are planned. They meet Wednesday evenings from 7:30 until 9:30, and the sessions are open to all churches.

FRESNO FRIENDS HOST AN IRS EVENING

Fresno (California) Friends Church, pastored by Orville Winters, announces a panel to answer questions "you may have concerning your taxes for 1977." Expert advice is given by a CPA and a tax attorney invited for the meeting. "You don't have to be rich to benefit from this evening. If we have a choice, most of us would rather give to the church than to the IRS. We (often) do have a choice and we will explore these possibilities," says their midweek mailing.

HOME MISSIONS WITH FOUR CHILDREN AND A JERSEY COW

Fifty years ago Evert Tuning graduated from Greenleaf (Idaho) Friends Academy. Thirty-five years ago Evert and Virena (Rinard) Tuning took their four small children with a Jersey cow in a trailer and moved to the Indian reservation in southern

Oregon at Sprague River to start a Friends meeting. "We had no salary promised--but God told us to go, and we never lacked anything."

Ten years ago God sent them on to Klamath Falls, Oregon, where a number of Klamath Indians live along with other Friends, to start another Friends meeting. Again, no job, but within five months he found work and now they have a strong meeting. Sprague River Friends Community Church is now pastored by George Thomas, former missionary to Africa under Kansas Yearly Meeting, and the Klamath Falls Friends Church is pastored by Nick and Alice Maurer, former missionaries to Peru under Northwest Yearly Meeting. The Tunings: They are home missionaries emeritus in fairly active status. (adapted from the midweek mailing of Greenleaf Friends Church)

TO INCREASE FELLOWSHIP . . . 'FRIENDS FOR DINNER'

University Friends Church (Wichita, Kansas) designated two Sundays recently for families to get together. Participants were urged to sign up to be hosts or guests. The hosts and guests were reversed a few Sundays later. An effort was made to match up families who were not well-acquainted with each other. This was sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee.

PASTORS PRAY ALPHABETICALLY

Clynton Crisman and Dick Edmundson, pastors of the Medford (Oregon) Friends Church, announced they would be praying at the altar of the church each morning for a week from 8:00 until 9:00, going through all the families of the church alphabetically and praying for each individual. Here is their schedule: Monday--A,B; Tuesday--C,D,E; Wednesday--F,G,H,I,J; Thursday, K,L,M; Friday--N,O,P,Q,R,S; Saturday--T,U,V,W,X,Y,Z. They also prayed for the work of the church committees: Monday--Spiritual Life; Tuesday--Stewards; Wednesday--Outreach; Thursday--Education; Friday--Administrative; Saturday--Sunday school. This was a part of the Yearly Meeting-wide Intercessory Prayer Week.

TEEN MIDWINTER EVENTS

Friends from Eastern Region held their Midwinter Retreat at Camp Neosa, December 27-30, with Mel Johnson, writer of "Tips for Teens," as guest speaker. "God . . . Unlimited" was the theme.

Northwest Yearly Meeting teens were at Twin Rocks Conference for their Midwinter Convention, December 27-31, with Don Green, Friends pastor in Columbus, Ohio, as speaker. Don was a popular leader at Youth-Quake in California in 1975, at the Dallas Pastors Conference, and at the Conference of the Americas in Wichita. "Turning the World Upside Down" was the theme.

Friends youth of Kansas and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meetings held a joint Midwinter Conference at Quaker Ridge Camp in Colorado, December 27-31. The theme for the conference was "Love, Joy, Peace, and Patience," and the speaker was Mike Messerli, pastor of the Tulsa Friends Church, Oklahoma.

MID-AMERICA CONFERENCE OF THE NEW CALL TO PEACEMAKING

Friends, Mennonites, and Church of the Brethren met on the campus of McPherson College (Church of the Brethren) in October with sixty-three delegates. Dale Brown from Bethany Theological Seminary in Oak Brook, Illinois (Church of the Brethren), and David Habegger, pastor of the Mennonite Church of the Servant, Wichita, Kansas, were conference leaders.

"These times could be the last days of our planet," said Brown. "They could be the last days for our civilization as we know it." He sees no hope for change unless there is a "radical repentance," and there aren't many such signs around. The

U.S. has come through the Vietnam era but seems in no mood to change its attitudes. Though some feel it was a mistake, there is no majority support for an aid program for Vietnam. "I don't see signs of repentance--more an effort to forget it," said Brown.

Out of the nine small groups came the affirmation that "the centrality of Christ was the reason we are believing in peace" and that "the Christian faith is the prime mover in peace."

SIX FRIENDS CHURCHES OF OHIO'S CENTRAL DISTRICT SPONSOR REVIVAL

Dr. Theodore Williams, a Methodist leader from India, was the evangelist for a week of revival crusade meetings held in November in the Orange Road Friends Church, Westerville, Ohio, pastored by Rendel L. Cosand. Alum Creek, Calvary, Gilead, Mansfield, and Westgate Friends churches joined for the united meetings. Dr. Williams is devoting six weeks of ministry to the Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region. Tapes of the messages are being made available to all churches or groups desiring them.

HOME OWNERSHIP FOR PASTORS PREFERRED

David Roudabush did an Ohio survey among nineteen pastors. There was a well-balanced distribution in age, experience, and church size among the pastors responding, and eighteen of the nineteen preferred ownership of a home with rental allowance rather than a parsonage. The reasons? (1) It builds equity for retirement; (2) tax saving advantages; (3) in case of the pastor's death, the family has a home; (4) it allows for more individuality and freedom; (5) nonchurch ownership frees the church to invest in church buildings; (6) the pastor and family have a place to call their own--"church would enable pastor to be his own man"; (7) freedom to repair and add to their home.

FAITH PROMISE RESPONSES

Twelve churches of the Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region report Faith Promise commitments totaling \$149,049 as compared with \$120,147 for the same twelve churches last year. This represents an increase of 24.06 percent, according to Superintendent Russell Myers. (There are 86 churches in the Yearly Meeting.)

The largest church, Salem (Ohio) Friends, made a commitment of \$30,000 for the Missionary Outreach Budget for 1977 (\$2,500 per month). By October 23 they had gone over the top with \$31,737! They are urging members to continue giving largely to help other meetings that are behind in their giving.

'AS WE SEE IT'

"When asked to share our feelings about Faith Promise, a lot of things went through our minds. First, we believe much prayer and direction should be asked as to what God would have us to do and to give. It should be more than an emotional feeling, of seeing large sums of money on a chart.

"Second, we should give out of love and concern for perishing, needy people: those here at home and abroad. And here again, it should be direction from God and not because we are told to do this.

"Third, where has our Faith Promise money come from? From God entirely--through channels of work, an unexpected account (once half of our Faith Promise came through an overdue bill that we didn't think would ever be paid); some of it has come from just paying it from our income. It wasn't always as easy as it sounds written on paper, but we can testify to the fact that our God supplies all our needs according to His riches in glory." (Vern and Janet Boyle of Trinity Friends, Lisbon, Ohio)

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awfulness of the whole situation down deep within his heart.

He took up his pen. Very slowly he got it ready. "This does not seem right," he thought. "I cannot write a bill of sale for another human being!" He felt depressed and suddenly burdened. He knew that he was bound to do as his employer asked. He also knew that his ability to write a bill of sale was important to the business. Nonetheless, he wished with all of his heart that he could be excused from this dreadful task. He felt as though God's voice was speaking to him, reminding him of the necessity to treat all creatures with kindness and respect. Selling another human seemed repulsive to the sensitive young man. He knew at that moment that it was wrong.

The two men stood waiting as John carefully prepared his pen and the paper. Reluctantly he began to write the bill of sale. After a moment he put down the pen and looked straight at the other men. He spoke very seriously and plainly. "I believe that slave-keeping is inconsistent with the Christian religion." Having spoken this simple statement, his mind felt somewhat eased and he continued with the writing.

This incident weighed upon John Woolman's mind for a long time. He was never able to completely dismiss it from

his thinking. Afterwards he thought he should have asked to be excused from the writing, regardless of what the results might have been. This was a turning point in his life for it was from then on that he spoke out often of the evils of keeping slaves. During the rest of his life he was instrumental—through the leading of God—in helping many Friends see the importance and the value of freedom for all people. He did much traveling, visiting Friends' meetings. He preached as he felt led by God. With a spirit of love and concern he was careful to remind people to put God first in their lives, and not to seek after much wealth and possessions.

The name of John Woolman, Friend from Mount Holly, New Jersey, will long be remembered as one who lived very close to the Lord, being continually a living example of righteousness.

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John Woolman died in 1772. If he had been living on January 1, 1863, he would no doubt have been very pleased that President wrote and signed the Emancipation Proclamation which gave freedom to Negro slaves in many states. Work the puzzle below to discover the letters that will spell this President's name:

The first is in *little*, but not in *big*.
The next is in *tiny*, and always in *pig*.

The third is in *land*, but not in *sea*.

The fourth begins *cradle*, but doesn't help me!

O will come next (I gave you that hint!)

The second to last can be found in *lint*.

The very same letter starts *never* and *none*.

When you choose that one, your word will be done!

Children's puzzle solution: Lincoln



GOOD AND PERFECT GIFTS

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

This year has been such a good year! I am sorry to let it slip into history. It has been special in so many ways. It has been an anniversary year also in many ways!

Twenty years ago we left India with all the trauma that attended that period.

Twenty years ago we came to America with a drastic change in life-style, and with the joys and frustrations of finding our way in this new assignment.

Twenty years ago we lost our son and family when they moved from earth to heaven.

Fifty years ago we graduated from college.

Fifty years ago we were married.

Fifty years ago we entered public ministry.

The year 1977 may not have been so special to you. In fact, I know of some who consider this the worst ever. There have been disasters and terrifying experiences.

Looking back it seems to me that we were really better able to take the blows, the hard places and storms. The overwhelming kind seem to drive us in desperation to lay hold on God and find in doing so an amazing grace and strength to cope.

The little frustrations are the ones that get to one. We think we can manage them alone.

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For one thing, in a real storm we are more aware of our need and our helplessness, so we look for help.

It is of you for whom the past year has brought tragedy and great loss that I am thinking; 1957 was that kind of year for us, but that year led us to a turn in the road that has been so rich and unbelievably rewarding. This past year has topped them all.

Why is it that we sometimes question the joyful surprises, the miracles of divine intervention and refreshing? Is it that we know deep down that we really do not deserve these "over-and-above-all-we-can-ask-or-think" surprises?

Did we deserve the disasters? Or, is God perfecting that which concerns us—building in us and through us His kingdom, making us strong through experiences of all kinds? Our Father loves to give good gifts to His children. His resources are vast enough that He can afford some really spectacular arrangements, provisions, and answers!

He also provides spectacular help when the bad times come.

Truthfully, I do not understand the mind of God, or His reasons for the trials nor for the bounty. I just have decided to *thank Him* for the needed help, and also for the unexpected blessings. Every good and perfect gift comes from the Father. When they come along, why not just say, "Thank you!"

He does care for each of us—for you and me. He does have our best interest at heart, but my friend, He is also doing something far bigger. He shares the struggle and the victory, the pain and the joy, with us.

This would be a good time to say "Thank you" to God for this wonderful year just past. He has taken us to George Fox College in Oregon on New Year's Day to spend a term there. We have been to Kansas Yearly Meeting, and again this fall to Stanwood. We are just back from Denver, Colorado, with First Friends for their Faith Promise. Did they have faith—they more than doubled their goal! We have been home in Ohio also, of course. How is that for a celebration year? All of it sheer delight—a gift straight from the Father. No, we didn't deserve it. We are just thankful. His gifts are very special, and they are meant to be shared and used to His glory.



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Harold Hughes: 'No Just War'

CHAPPAQUA, NEW YORK—Former U.S. Senator Harold Hughes says in an interview published by *Christian Herald* magazine that there is no such thing as a just war.

"It's a commitment of absolute failure," he said. "It's also no solution that Christ has given."

Hughes, the Iowan who left the Senate to take up full-time Christian work, acknowledged that Christians sometimes hold divergent views on political issues but that doesn't lessen their basic mutual commitment.

"God has instructed me to love my brothers," he said. —E.P.

Foundation Grants to Religion Found to Be Only 2 Percent

NEW YORK—Foundations in the U.S. are making grants totaling some \$2.1 billion a year—of which religion receives the smallest share, 2 percent or \$38.9 million.

Education receives the largest share, 28 percent of the total or \$591.9 million, annually, according to the new foundation directory published here by The Foundation Center.

Following education are health (21 percent, \$42.1 million), science (15 percent, \$317.6 million), welfare (14 percent, \$292.9 million), humanities (10 percent, \$224.2 million), and international activities (10 percent, \$226.6 million).

"Religion has always been the least favored field in foundation giving but receives about half of all philanthropic dollars through contributions from individuals," the 1977 directory said. The publication did not give possible reasons for the low foundation grants to religion.

—E.P.

Presbyterian Church Launches Drive to Aid the Hungry

CLEVELAND — A United Presbyterian church in Bay Village has raised \$6,500 in two weeks to help feed the hungry in Greater Cleveland and hopes to raise the total to at least \$8,000.

An anonymous donor, meanwhile, has pledged to match the funds raised by the congregation.

Bay Presbyterian Church, a mostly middle-class white congregation, has promoted hunger causes before but not on such a large scale, according to Rev. Robert E. Burkhardt, associate pastor.

He said the 1,580-member congregation "decided to do something more than fill a barrel with food each month. We wanted to make a major contribution to the poor who live elsewhere." Bay Village is about fifteen miles east of Cleveland. —E.P.

Eleven Inmates at Two-week Prison Fellowship Seminar

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Seven prison institutions in as many states sent eleven inmates to a two-week seminar at the capital sponsored by Prison Fellowship, which was begun two and a half years ago by Charles Colson.

More than 100 inmates from various prisons have enjoyed the seminars since they were begun, studying the Bible, visiting private homes, sharing their personal development in local prisons and detention centers.

The fellowship's goal for 1978 includes five more two-week seminars in Washington and fifty one-week seminars in major institutions for inmates whose severity of sentence prevents them from coming to the capital. —E.P.

New Oberammergau Passion Play Blames Crucifixion on Mankind

OBERAMMERGAU, WEST GERMANY—Oberammergau's residents were given a preview of a new version of the village's traditional—and controversial—Passion Play.

The new text blames the crucifixion of Jesus on the sins of mankind rather than specifically on the Jews—the basis of widespread charges of anti-Semitism leveled at the text that had been used since 1860.

The new production was scheduled to have five dress rehearsals to test local

reaction, after which the town council will make a final decision whether to keep the revised version for the scheduled 1980 season or revert to the 1860 script. —E.P.

Problem of Sexist Language in Bible Cause for Concern but Not Agreement

NEW YORK—That the Bible contains "masculine-biased language" was not disputed—but what to do about it was, at a discussion at National Council of Churches headquarters here.

Members of the NCC Revised Standard Version Bible Committee and the Unit Committee (policy-making body) of the NCC Division of Education and Ministry discussed Bible language considered sexist.

A statement calls for the elimination of "masculine expressions that are not in the original but have been introduced by translators," and the retention of "passages that reflect a historical situation of ancient patriarchal and masculine-oriented society," for example, discussions of the inheritance prerogatives of eldest males in ancient Israel. —E.P.

St. Louis Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA—The 1978 Christian Holiness Association Convention will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel, April 18-20. The theme will be "Holiness and the Moral Crises of Our Times."

Some of the participants will be Dr. David McKenna, the keynote speaker; Dr. Timothy Smith and Dr. Dennis Kinlaw, evening speakers; Dr. Alec Deasley of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, the Bible Hour speaker; Dr. Melvin Snyder, the Presidential Luncheon speaker; Dr. Win Arn, Stanley Tam, and Lt. Colonel Edith Maclachlan, a few of the seminar participants; and Tom Ryan, the convention soloist. —C.H.A.

Senator Hatfield's Theme: 'Isolated Human Family'

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The "isolated human family is a modern, computer age aberration," Senator Mark O. Hatfield writes in his *Current Concerns in Congress*, a regular newsletter directed to "Christians who have requested periodic data about issues before Congress."

Hatfield noted that "as the Lord indicated in giving the Ten Command-

ments, His first concern in the horizontal instructions was related to the family

"It has been humbling to me to realize that even with a great deal of effort I and my family, and you and yours, only have a part of the truth. It is a lesson in humility and respect for others to realize that each of us in the body of Christ has only a pinhole of light—a piece of the truth, not a corner on it"

Senator Hatfield noted that there are "signs of survival and even moderate success as we discern what wholeness means. Through the incarnate love of God in Christ we can know what wholeness in family is all about." —E.P.

Ground Rules for Execution

TALLAHASSEE — Because Gov. Reubin Askew is expected to sign a death warrant before the end of the year, Florida's penal officials are establishing ground rules for attendance at executions.

Six men in the state have been condemned to the electric chair. An execution, under law, must be carried out within a week of the day the governor signs the warrant.

The ground rules: Ten reporters, carrying only pads and pencils, will be permitted to watch. No newspaper cameras or television coverage will be permitted. Twelve members of the public, plus a few penal officials, will attend each execution. Relatives of the condemned may attend if they wish. —E.P.



A MIGRANT WITH HOPE

BY ELIZABETH LOZA NEWBY

Until I was fourteen years old, I was never conscious of sleeping anywhere except in the back of a truck. My father, unable to keep a steady job due to lack of education and comprehension of the English language, decided to take the advice of a close friend and join the migrant circuit in the spring of 1948, when I was sixteen months old. He invested all his money in a 1942 army surplus truck, which was to become our home for the next thirteen years. He cleaned and repaired the bed of the truck to make it suitable for living. Orange crates were used for stands and cupboards and baby beds (my first bed was an orange crate). An old-fashioned metal tub filled with coal was our stove, providing heat in cold weather.

As I outgrew my orange crate, my bed was transferred to the floor, where three or four hand-sewn quilts from Mexico provided me with a mattress. Since there were no partitions separating my parents from my brothers and me, we had to learn to get along together. Over the top of the truck my father fastened a tarpaulin, constructed to resemble the roof of a house in order to give us protection from the weather. Occasionally the tarpaulin would rip, and my father would have to repair it, using needle and thread. Along the side of the truck we carried two fifteen-gallon containers of water, since the places where we camped often had no fresh water supply. I can remember the sound of this water splashing from one side of the container to the other as our truck rocked us back and forth, transporting

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us from field to field in the slow-moving migrant caravan.

All in all, our truck served us well during those thirteen years on the road. Compared with the migrant housing provided by many of the farmers for whom we worked, our home was luxurious. As I grew older, I helped my mother keep the truck spotlessly clean; and, by camping away from the rest of the migrants, we escaped the epidemics of tuberculosis, influenza, measles, and other contagious diseases. For a young girl this kind of life was an adventure. Many of my school friends often crowded around me at lunchtime, wide-eyed and anxious, eager to listen to stories of our travels. I remember telling about the "wild animals" that would gather around our campfire at night and about how we went swimming in the irrigation ditches that surrounded the fields where we worked. Of course I exaggerated many of these stories as my friends listened with excitement, feeling that my unique style of living had brought me acceptance from my schoolmates.

I discovered later, however, that my uniqueness did not really bring me acceptance, but only disappointment and hurt. Though for a while my classmates enjoyed my stories of our travels, these soon became boring. At each new school that I attended (I went to twenty-two different elementary schools), it wasn't long before I found myself alone—except for my family.

At the end of my sophomore year in high school my father decided that any education should be terminated. He thought that school filled me with too many foolish ideas, such as going to college; and besides, school was too worldly. My mother, on the other hand, always encouraged me to continue my education and was happy that I had stayed, but she hardly ever opposed Dad's wishes. He was the ruler of the home, and he made sure that we knew that. He did not see the need for me to continue my education: he had arranged a marriage for me when I was a child, and schooling was not necessary for me to be a wife and mother. I had known of this arrangement for a long time, for my parents had talked of it incessantly after my fifteenth birthday. Of course, this marriage arrangement custom was and is very old and is hardly ever practiced anymore. But since my father was

very "old country," he saw nothing wrong with this ancient custom.

The young man whose wife I was supposed to become was about twenty-eight years old. He came from a very old French and Spanish family of our native home in Mexico. The first time I saw him was on a rainy spring afternoon when I arrived home from school. As I opened the door to our home, I was greeted by five smiling brown faces. I wanted to turn and run away, for somehow I could sense what was going to happen. The five people in the room were my mother and father, Pablo Rodriguez (the man I was to marry), and his mother and father. The Rodriguezes had traveled all the way from Mexico City to meet me and to take me back with them so that I could marry Pablo.

Pablo was a lawyer and looked forward to a bright career. He was about five feet, eight inches tall, with brown hair and eyes. He had a small, stout build and wore a thin mustache. He was very courteous to me when I entered the room, standing and saying, "Mucho gusto en conocerla, senorita" (which meant "It is my pleasure to meet you, young lady"). I could tell that the arranged marriage seemed pleasing to him and his parents, but I did not share their opinion.

I was almost sixteen years old. I had had enough education and had developed enough determination to oppose my parents' wishes. After I was introduced and following the exchange of greetings, I immediately let my negative feelings concerning this arranged marriage be known to all in the room. I reminded them that this was not Old Mexico and that I should be allowed to have some judgment of my own concerning the choice of a marriage partner. I was determined not to be forced into a marriage I did not desire just for the sake of tradition. Consequently, I objected and refused to marry the chosen young man.

This action brought shame and disgrace to my father, and it was not to be forgotten. He tried to apologize to the Rodriguezes, but it was too late. They left as quickly as they had arrived, and my parents never heard from them again. My mother accepted my decision not to marry this man and assured me that Dad would overcome his feelings; but to this day, he has never forgiven me for refusing to follow his command in this matter.

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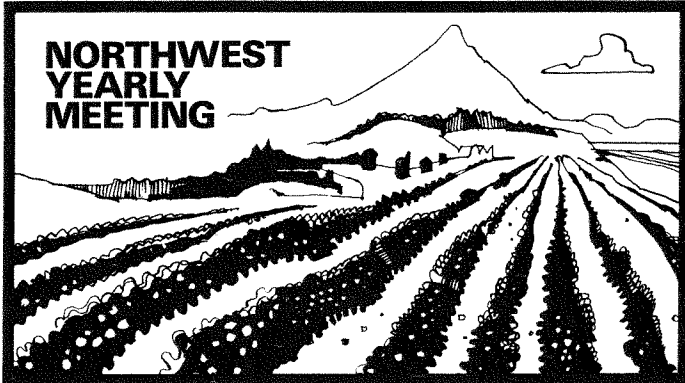
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Superintendent's Corner

Week of Intercession

I think the Week of Intercession was good for all who participated. I don't pretend to know everything that happened, and much that God did is recorded only in heaven, I am sure, but I have had some very encouraging reports. The exercise of relating to another church as a prayer partner was a positive one according to all to whom I've talked. It was good, for instance, for the Piedmont church to feel that the Clackamas Park church cared about their needs and problems and challenges. Howard Harmon came over to Piedmont to get better acquainted, and Glenn Leppert from Piedmont staff went to Clackamas Park.

I participated in the prayer meeting at the Reedwood Friends Church when they were praying for Boise, and the following Sunday (the end of the Week of Intercession) I was in Boise and heard them pray for Reedwood. It was a good exchange of loving concern as well as sharing of prayer burdens. Harold Antrim at Boise preached when I was there on "Praying Hands and Praying Feet." He said he never saw a picture of praying feet but he knew the feet we put to our prayers would be beautiful. The Greenleaf church felt that the Week of Intercession was valuable to them. Pastor Goins preached one Sunday on the six principles of intercession and another Sunday on the three general prayer requests we had in the Week of Intercession folder.

The pastors at the Medford church divided their congregation up alphabetically by last names and prayed for a certain group each day. Many testified to special help from the Lord on the day the pastors were praying for them.

At the Tigard church there was very encouraging strong participation by the young people. George Fox College, without my suggesting it, decided to become prayer partners with Greenleaf Friends Academy, and they were in touch with each other almost every day by telephone. People at Hillsboro expressed amazement that they could spend that much time meaningfully in prayer. West Chehalem was their prayer partner and they had a prayer

chain with West Chehalem taking six hours and Hillsboro taking six, etc.

One member at the new Post Falls church had little other time he could give so he spent his noon hours in his pickup in prayer and fasting. Out of that experience the Lord impressed upon him anew the importance of his role in the local church. Somebody at the Sherwood church asked the pastor if he had a personal prayer request. He confessed that he and his wife needed a car. Before the week was over someone gave him a 1971 Chevrolet.

I heard one or two share about their God-given dream, but I would like to have heard a lot more about this. When I asked God for an assignment He surprised me by asking me to give more. I guess I shouldn't have been surprised. We were praying that God would help us to act out the Scriptures. Paul said about giving in 2 Corinthians 8:11b, "Let your enthusiastic idea at the start be equalled by your realistic action now." (LB)

We were meeting with the Department of Evangelism in retreat the week after the Week of Intercession, and I appreciated what Clynton Crisman suggested, "This should be a Week of Thanksgiving." I think many felt, as I do, that they were sorry to see the week end. In fact, we don't feel it has ended. Probably it is just the beginning. —Norval Hadley

Roberts Baby Dies In San Jose, Costa Rica

Families and acquaintances of James and Gail Roberts have been saddened by the sudden passing away of their daughter, Leslie Ann.

Leslie was born on May 30, 1976, while James was completing his studies at Western Evangelical Seminary and the family was actively engaged in the work of Highland Avenue Friends Church in Salem, Oregon. She accompanied her parents to San José, Costa Rica, when they were placed under missionary appointment by Northwest Yearly Meeting and enrolled in the Spanish Language Institute. Following a short illness during which she contracted meningitis and encephalitis,

Friends concerns

Leslie Ann passed away on Monday, December 5, 1977, and the body was laid to rest in a San José cemetery vault.

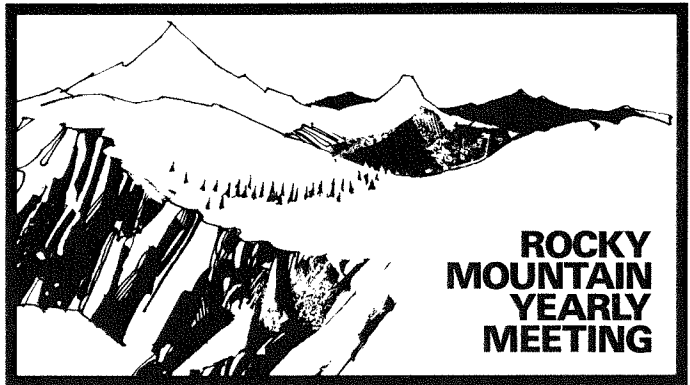
A Leslie Ann Roberts Memorial Fund has been established to assist in providing playground equipment for the Spanish Language Institute in San José. Your *clearly designated* contributions for this memorial fund may be sent to Beatrice Goldsmith, Northwest Yearly Meeting Treasurer, P.O. Box 190, Newberg, OR 97132.

Knights Return to Bolivia

Roscoe and Tina Knight are preparing to leave in January for Bolivia under Northwest Yearly Meeting to live in the Santa Cruz area. The Knights served four terms in Bolivia and Peru in church planting and two terms under EFA in Mexico City in

the establishment of new Friends groups. In recent years Aymara Friends have moved to the Santa Cruz area; they have been meeting in small groups and asking the Bolivian Yearly Meeting of Friends to help them establish churches. For one year Mark and Wilma Roberts, now on furlough, lived in Santa Cruz. Roscoe and Tina will minister to the congregations now established, besides developing new Friends groups in areas out from Santa Cruz.

They will also travel to Tacna, Peru, to help in the churches and small groups meeting along the Peruvian coast. This is also a newer Friends work where the Ed Cammacks live at present; they are scheduled for furlough in June 1978. Pray for the Knights as they minister to the needs in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, and Tacna, Peru.



Rough Rock Prayer Opportunities

PRAYER

1. Salvation for Rough Rock youth.
2. A couple examining Christianity.

"So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11 NASB)

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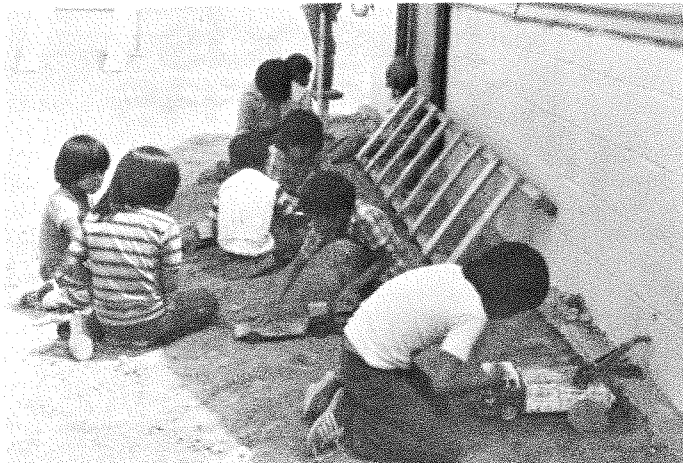
1. A couple now attending a Bible study.
2. Amos Redhair's developing ministry among youth.

"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Summer Bible Schools

The Bible schools held at Rough Rock mission last summer were successful in teaching mission youth about God's Word. The backgrounds of the youth varied, yet they learned many valuable lessons, among them the importance of discipline. Ages of those attending ranged from young children to late teens.

Because of their background, they often rebel against parental discipline, so at Bible school we teach with disciplinary techniques. In past years native Navajo adult Christians have hesitated to teach because the youth are rebellious; however this year the Holy Spirit showed several that God, not man, works such discipline. So instead of two Navajo Christian teachers, we were blessed with six.



We desire to teach discipline because the Christian life requires separation from the world. "Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If any one loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world." (1 John 2:15, 16)

By developing discipline these youth can begin living victorious Christian lives.

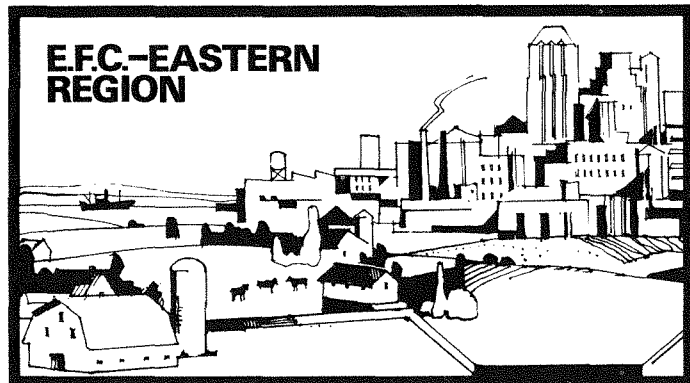
The Bible school sessions aren't designed just for studying the Bible, but also for giving a taste of the Christian life by showing that Christians have fun too. Fun times involve learning discipline also, and a play car made by Vern Ellis provides a good tool. During recreation times children enjoy playing with the car, but if they break any rules, then the car is locked up.

The final Bible school activity is a movie that presents the Gospel and the need to respond to God. The film was a climax to the evening's activi-



ties, and we trust the film's message spoke to all present.

Next summer is some months away, but future Bible school planning is underway so we can teach the kids here at Rough Rock about Jesus Christ and what He offers them. We appreciate all your prayers for God's guidance. —Mary Gafford



Summer Mission Projects for Teens

For the last two summers the Youth Board of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region has sponsored Mission Projects for the youth of our churches. The summer of 1978 will again include a number of

opportunities for teens to share Christ.

The Young Believers, singing group for ages 15 and up, will travel in Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana. A new singing group for junior high

age teens (13 or entering 8th grade) will travel in Ohio. A Campfire Ministry will go to the mountains of New York state.

One group of teens will go to the Navajo Mission in Farmington, New Mexico, for a work project. Another new group called FACT (Friends Athletics Christian Tour) will travel in several states competing with local softball and volleyball teams and helping in local youth fellowships.

Other opportunities include serving as a camp counselor as well as traveling to foreign countries to visit mission locations and participate in various projects. Detailed information on all these Summer Mission Projects will be made available this month at the Midwinter Youth Retreat, and local churches should have this information soon thereafter.

—Duane Rice

Hughesville Friends Dedicate New Building

On June 19, 1977, members and friends of the Hughesville, Pennsylvania, Friends Church dedicated their new church building, containing 12,065 square feet. Its layout and design are symbolic of the Body of Christ—the narthex and sanctuary being the head of the body; the two educational wings are meant to symbolize the outstretched arms of warm welcome. A 30-foot cross-topped steeple will speak to everyone of the Savior as the only way to heaven.

The sanctuary, beautifully accented with natural wood decor, will seat comfortably 325. The educational-fellowship wings are multipurpose in design, providing an atmosphere of warmth and openness with a fireplace, 14 classrooms, a nursery and toddlers care unit, 4 rest rooms, a youth activity center, library-secretary-counsel room, and the pastor's study. The cost of the new building was approximately \$290,000.

The history of the Hughesville church goes back to the beginning of this century. A revival began in 1900 among Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting at Pennsdale, Pennsylvania. Many young Friends and others were converted and began to witness to their new joy in the Lord. Among those so transformed was Sarah P. Ecroyd, whose unusual zeal for the Lord's work led her and her sisters into evangelistic work.

In the spring of 1904 they began holding meetings in a school about a mile west of Hughesville. Eventually a church was organized under the Manual of the Apostolic Holiness Union, and by 1906 a building was erected on East Water Street in Hughesville. Sarah Ecroyd served as first pastor of the congregation.

During the early years the church was practically independent. A sense of need of a mother church was increasingly felt, and in 1912 with the assistance of Edward Mott and John Pennington, leaders of Ohio Yearly Meeting, the church be-

came an official part of this Yearly Meeting. Since that time the association has always been close. The church has been served by 15 pastors.

Additions to the building were made in 1936 under the ministry of Chester Stanley. In 1950, under the leadership of Dane Ruff, the church basement was excavated and this gave new space for classrooms. Later the parsonage area was changed into Sunday school rooms, and David Brantingham, pastor at



that time, did much work on that project. Having reached the limits of the expansion possibilities at the old location, in July 1968, under Richard Gessling's pastorate, a new lot was purchased on South Third Street. With John Morris as pastor, ground breaking took place on April 25, 1976. Susan Ecroyd, the only surviving member of her family and the last charter member of the church, participated in this ceremony. Current pastor of the church is Ernest Lauffenberger.

Focus on Malone College

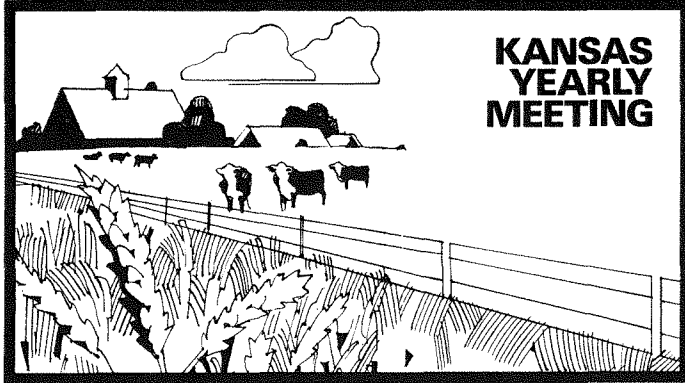
Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, noted psychiatrist dealing with the problems of the terminally ill, spoke recently on campus to a capacity crowd in Osborne Hall. The Malone College Forum Lecture Series Program sponsored Dr. Ross, as well as John Wooden on November 1. Others in the series will be Jean-Michael Cousteau on March 20 and Art Linkletter on April 1.

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David Burnham, pastor of the Chapel in University Park, Akron, Ohio, was guest speaker for Christian Life Week this fall. Guest speakers for the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program held recently were Dr. T. Canby Jones, professor of religion and philosophy at Wilmington College, and Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff, professor of philosophy at Calvin College.

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The 1977 December Term under the direction of Dr. Eugene Collins began November 28 with many innovative features. Students enrolled in December Term 100 choose 4 of 15 course offerings dealing with this year's topic, "Futurism." Other students are involved in field study courses and special interest courses, including trips to Guatemala, Florida, and Colorado.



New Call to Peacemaking Regional Conference Report

Excerpts from the report on the Mid-America Regional Conference of the New Call to Peacemaking held at McPherson, Kansas, September 30-October 1, 1977:

Brethren, Friends, and Mennonites met for a two-day dialogue in McPherson, Kansas, September 30-October 1, in the fall regional conference of the New Call to Peacemaking, renewing a tradition for the historic peace churches to meet together in times of crises.

David Habegger, pastor of the Mennonite Church of the Servant, Wichita, who presided at the conference, indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for members of the three traditions to get to know each other in a personal way, to clarify their understanding of the biblical basis for peacemaking, and to encourage dedication to peacemaking by forming strategies that would make for peace.

The delegates made no formal decisions as to future projects or programs, though there seemed to be a general agreement that in spite of some diversity, they had much in common and there needs to be a continuing dialogue, both on the general issue of peacemaking and on the specific concerns relating to theology and mission.

The groups spent some time coming to grips with the stereotypes that each has had of the others. So, there was a testing of generalities. Most groups were really struck by the similarities in all the groups: "What we have in common is Christ."

It was implied that the two papers presented by the New Call to Peacemaking task force needed refinement in order to make them more useful for the general public, yet all who read them at the conference found them provocative and felt they should have further exposure . . . a common expression is of the need for the peace churches to continue to work and act together.

Of the 12 names submitted by KYM to attend the conference, 9 attended, and some have submitted comments as follows:

"It was exciting and encouraging to find people, beyond my usual as-

sociation, with very similar ideas concerning the biblical position on the issue of war and the Christian's position as a maker of peace." —*Ellis Hein*

"People so often band together in time of trouble, it was very gratifying to be a part of the conference that came together to plan for Peace." —*Martha Leimkuhler*

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:18) Whether or not it is *always* possible to 'live at peace with everyone,' you can *reduce* the need for future wars to be fought over food and energy resources by using efficient patterns to consume food and energy. How can you say you even *dislike* war unless you *habitually* maintain a peace-making life-style which removes the occasion for war." —*Clark Pickett*

"I felt the fall conference was well attended by all three denominations and that it was time well spent. I did not feel that the New Call to Peacemaking had top priority, but rather if it was possible for the three denominations to come together in full agreement. I am looking forward to the next conference in Wichita in April." —*Lester Snyder*

"How good it was to explore 'The Biblical Basis of Peacemaking' with our Church of the Brethren and Mennonite friends in Christ! It reaffirmed for us just how much our traditional peace witness is an integral part of the Gospel. Our three churches — Friends, Brethren and Mennonite — face a major challenge in interpreting this to our Lord's total church." —*Jack Kirk*

The next conference for the Mid-America Region will be held April 14-15 at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas.

(Report prepared by Maynard Shelly, a free-lance writer, who is a Mennonite from Newton, Kansas. Edited by the KYM office staff.)

Adjusting to Mixed Emotions

Have you ever experienced the bittersweet of walking down the hospital corridor—where, in one room there is sadness over the physician's

report of what appears to be a terminal illness, and in the other room there is an almost hilarious joy over the birth of a healthy baby? Friends in the Oklahoma City environs have gone through something akin to that in recent weeks.

What once appeared to be glowing prospects for an outreach, church-growth ministry in the western edge of Oklahoma City was now defined by its few remaining members as a struggle in futility. Set off by First Friends several years ago, Overholser Friends enjoyed, for a time, the excitement and bursts of energy often identified with youth. However, in the ebb and flow of employment transitions, the core support group dwindled and it was difficult to recruit replacements. By common consent, remaining members decided that the decent thing to do was to "return home" to First Friends and then determine how to best exercise their stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

Simultaneously, while Overholser Friends were undergoing emotions of sadness, a new congregation in Norman was being formed. First Friends found themselves overwhelmed with the return of some members of the family who had been absent for several years and with the reception of a house church group as a Mission Point.

For some while, a group had been meeting in the Gary Cathey home in Norman for worship, fellowship, and study. This group was touched by Friends and became excited about identifying with the "People Called Quakers." Thus, November 1977 is another landmark time in the life of First Friends, Oklahoma City. Veteran pastors, Sheldon and Elda Ann Cox, and their congregation find themselves confronted with new dimensions of ministry and new resources of gifts within the church family. In this transition, as with any other that affects the human family, there have been mixed emotions, but there has been peace and many evidences of God's provision of leadership and blessing.

Members of KYM salute the leadership of the three meetings involved for bold and courageous steps that have been taken. We believe there are exciting days ahead as the Spirit continues to lead pastors and people.

Friends University

Six months ago Friends University's existence was being challenged. Today its future is bright. A long and difficult struggle to stabilize operations and reestablish confidence in the school has paid off. Friends University is now able to retire its indebtedness.

Friends is liquidating its \$2,125,145 indebtedness following a Friends Board of Trustees action to assume payment of the accumulated financial obligations of the school.

One hundred percent of the 29-member board made pledges toward that goal. Consequently, the sum committed is enough to retire borrowing of \$905,230 from the endowment fund and meet the amortized

payments on building indebtedness of \$1,219,915.

"Under the leadership of Dr. Harold C. Cope, president, budget control has been implemented, record systems improved, scholarship program overhauled, tuition systematically increased, and student recruitment strengthened," James R. Perkins, Board of Trustees chairman, said.

This recent board action for debt liquidation establishes a solid financial base for the school's future. We are now ready to move ahead, soliciting funds for needed student scholarships, endowed academic chairs, and extension of programs to meet the needs of progressive learning, Perkins continued.

In addition to bringing its finances under control, Friends enrollment is up 6.5 percent from last year, with the major increase in full-time students. A comprehensive long-range plan is scheduled for completion in mid-1978.

During its 80th year of operation, Friends is meeting contemporary needs by establishing a Center on Family Living, providing courses for business persons downtown, conducting continuing education courses and workshops, offering seminars for the mature woman, ministerial short courses, and trips abroad for interterm study.

Friends Bible College

Seven students at Friends Bible College have been selected for the 1977-78 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. The students, all seniors, are Miriam Thornburg Bock, Haviland, Kansas; Larry Conant, Norman, Oklahoma; Connie Edwards, Creighton, Nebraska; Arden Kinser, Haviland, Kansas; Frank Penna, Denver, Colorado; Janet Smith, League City, Texas; and Kathy Wall, South Houston, Texas. Selection of this honor is based on their academic achievement, service to the community, church, and college, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

The annual Fall Missions Conference was sponsored this year by Friends Bible College and the Haviland Friends Church. Classes were dismissed for one day so the students could be involved in listening to speakers, seeing pictures, and sharing in small groups. Dr. Clyde Taylor, international representative for World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals, and Don Luken from Wycliffe Bible Translators, were the featured speakers. Larry Guyer, a senior from West York, Illinois, who served a summer internship in Bolivia last summer, showed his pictures. Other fields of mission endeavor covered in the three-day conference were Burundi, Africa, presented by Willard and Doris Ferguson, Kansas Yearly Meeting missionaries on furlough, and Kenya, Africa, by Enoses Akotto, a pastor from East Africa Yearly Meeting and currently a student at Friends Bible College.



Friends gather

ALLIANCE, Ohio

Our ladies' missionary groups, Quaker Circle and the King's Daughters, recently had baby showers for Cindy Aufrance in Hong Kong. The prospective grandmothers, Lauretha Hershberger of Berlin, Ohio, and Lola Aufrance had the privilege of opening the many lovely gifts. These were later packed and sent on their way to Hong Kong.

Dr. Theodore Williams of India challenged Christians to a life of deeper commitment, as he spoke at our missions conference on the Spirit-filled and Spirit-empowered life.

Dan Barker, singer, pianist, and songwriter from California, recently presented a concert at our church. His wife, the former Carol Finetrock, grew to teenage in the Alliance church. Our youth will be presenting Dan's Christmas musical, "Mary Had a Little Lamb," in December.

BOISE, Idaho

A special guest October 23 was Esther Eastwood from Swisshome, Oregon. Esther's testimony and messages in song show a new life in Christ, from one who formerly dwelt upon the occult and forms of Eastern religions.

Week beginning November 6th was designated Intercessory Prayer Week. Our prayer partner church was Reedwood in Portland. We prayed for three specific things: (1) A real prophetic ministry for our pastors, teachers, and evangelists; (2) Holy Spirit-directed dreams and visions, to help fulfill the Great Commission; (3) Specific assignments, revealed by the Spirit, for us to carry out in obedience to the Lord and His Word.

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner was held November 20. Preceding the dinner, special guests, Dick and Helen Cadd (missionaries to the Philippines) spoke and sang. Helen Cadd is our pastor's sister.

CAMAS, Washington

In September we had an interesting three-day Church Growth Seminar led by Quentin Nurdyke with

good attendance. November 19-20 Norval Hadley came to us for a Church Leadership Seminar. We had a fellowship dinner after the morning service, and we are setting some goals we hope to attain with God's help.

Erroll Templer, who grew up in our church and has served in Italy for four years with Campus Crusade, had charge of the evening service November 13.

We have been combining our evening services for singspirations with other churches in Camas. We have had four new babies dedicated to Christ since July.

COTTONWOOD Emporia, Kansas

We were happy to have John Robinson, our Yearly Meeting superintendent, and his wife Betty here for an evening service early in November. John shared with us the purpose of the Yearly Meeting—doing together what no one church can do alone—and gave us a little more insight to where the money goes that we send in on our Yearly Meeting budget. Also, Ed Bruerd, pastor from Lawrence Friends, spoke to us on Faith and Faith Promise giving recently.

The addition to the parsonage has finally been completed. Thanks go to the Missionary Society, Lyle Shaffer, and Paul Snyder. The WMU gave money for carpeting for the family room, and this has become a very useful room where the high school Sunday school class meets as well as Junior Church. The new office is just what was badly needed and is in full use.

Pastor Paul and wife Linda planned an open house at the parsonage December 18 as a special way of saying "Thank You" and "Merry Christmas" to all.

COYLE, Oklahoma

In November the Adult Bible Class sponsored an all-church Thanksgiving dinner Sunday noon, the 13th.

The Union Thanksgiving Service was held at the Coyle First Baptist

Church with Friends pastor, Esther Figgins, bringing the message.

The Adult Bible Class is printing a church bulletin News Sheet once a month.

DAMASCUS, Ohio

Earl Smith and wife Catherine held revival meetings in our church with many seeing the moving of the Spirit. A special feature of the revival was the writing down of concerns, burdens, prayer requests, etc.; these slips were laid on the altar each night. During the day everyone was encouraged to come to the church to pray and to pick up one of these slips and pray for the concern found on it.

Our church has established a Malone College Student Fund to help our young people who are in full-time attendance at Malone.

Our church has received the beautiful plaque presented at Yearly Meeting in honor of Willard Pim, who for many years grew flowers and sold them in Salem. These funds were then used for missions. Mr. Pim's faithfulness and devotion to missions before his death has been an example to us all.

EAST RICHLAND, Ohio

Our Fall Revival this year was October 9-12. Pastor Bruce of the Bellefontaine Friends Church and president of our YM Youth Board was our guest speaker. We had a special Big Breakfast this year, which gave the men of our church extra time to share with Pastor Bruce.

HAVILAND, Kansas

Friends high school youth have been meeting for weekly prayer breakfasts in different homes. Led by Larry Mendenhall, director of youth and education, the young people spend the time in Bible study and prayer. Larry reports the prayer breakfasts have been a source of spiritual growth. About 20 have been attending, including sponsors.

At last report, faith promises taken at our Missions Conference totaled more than \$9,000 toward a goal of \$12,000, with more faith promise cards being received. The conference closed with increased missionary enthusiasm, both on campus and in the church community.

HUGHESVILLE, Pennsylvania

We celebrated Founder's Day on October 23, 1977, in honor of Susan Ecroyd's 96th birthday by having a record-breaking attendance of 265 for Sunday school. She is the only living sister of the Ecroyd sisters that founded this church.

James Montague, superintendent when the last record attendance was made in 1953, broke a record over the head of the present superintendent, Harry Whitmoyer. Clarence and Fayetta Sekerak were guests in charge of the Sunday school for the adults, and Earl and Catherine Smith shared in the ministry of music.

KLAMATH FALLS, Oregon

Nine of our young people are enrolled in various colleges and universities, two on the east coast.

Beginning in September, the Christian Education Committee and the education staff are meeting monthly for a year. During these evenings, Bill Hopper presents different facets on leadership.

We enjoyed one of our best Missions Conferences in October. The Duane Comfort family, Mark and Wilma Roberts, Jean Clark, and Norval Hadley were with us for a weekend. Dick and Helen Cadd ministered to us the following Wednesday evening. Many enjoyed the International Dinner.

We have a new kitchen! Lewis Lack spent one day removing all old cabinet work. Carl McLerran, Percy Pace, and Dan Arnold remodeled and installed new counters.

For the Week of Intercession we teamed with Talent Friends.

The church named a Study Commission for future expansion in the October business meeting.

LAS ANIMAS, Colorado

"Reach-out, Reach-in, Share Jesus Christ"—Las Animas Friends is striving for united church families through various family activities such as farm picnics, ice cream socials, and special events. We also are encouraging regular Sunday school attendance for spiritual growth.

On Thanksgiving our church hosted a Union service for all Las Animas churches that Pastor Warren Hendershott officiated over.

Our pastor Warren and wife Jane are conducting periodic services at our local nursing home and hospital on Sunday afternoons. They visit with patients after the services.

LENTS, Portland, Oregon

In answer to much prayer the Lord has provided us at Lents Friends with two ministers, Edwin Clarkson and Kenneth Williams. We needed a song leader and a pianist; now Kenneth ably leads the music as his wife plays the piano.

Interested persons in the area are working toward renewal of the Lents district. This will have some effect on our church, but we pray that our church can also be effective in the community.

McKEES CREEK West Liberty, Ohio

Blessings are still flowing from decisions made at yearly meeting sessions and obedience to the Holy Spirit and God's love.

Our family church Thanksgiving Supper was held on a prayer meeting night. It was a wonderful time of prayer, fun, thanks, and sharing.

Our Men in Missions entertained the folks at Green Hills Homes with an evening of fellowship and music. Refreshments of doughnuts, cider, and apples were enjoyed.

MT. PLEASANT, Ohio

The P.W.C. Missionary Society celebrated their 41st anniversary with a covered-dish dinner last month. An international dinner was held for the entire church on October 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Warner of Canton, Ohio, shared with us about Faith

Promise and the blessings we can have by participating in this program for our missionaries. Also, we were glad to have Joe Roher, assistant superintendent of our Eastern Region, bring us a message in the services.

NORTH LEWISBURG, Ohio

To introduce the new Sunday school emphasis the Christian education staff and families enjoyed a potluck supper followed by a skit. Raymond Burkhammer, as computer, and David Heizer, as questioner, did a good job.

Following the morning services on September 11 many remained after church and enjoyed a potluck dinner in the annex. After partaking of physical food and a time of fellowship many went to the nearby river and were spiritually fed as we thought of the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan and witnessed the baptism of 13 of our members and friends. Since that time several have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and two others have been baptised at the river.

We were privileged to have Rev. Homer Brooks with us for a revival. His Spirit-sent messages were quite soul-searching and many received spiritual help as a result. One man took his family home and had to return to the church to get the peace he needed. He accepted Christ into his heart in the parking lot. Praise the Lord for answered prayer.

NORTH VALLEY Newberg, Oregon

Every Thursday evening about 30 people from our congregation split up into two groups and hold services in two nursing homes in Newberg. The residents enjoy the services and the time of singing.

November 20, we received the World Relief Commission offering to help feed children in India and to help build houses in Guatemala. The total offering received was \$1,214.00.

The Annual WMU Bazaar was held December 2 and 3 in Newberg, with quilts, baby clothes, baked goods, plants, and many gift items for Christmas.

OMAHA, Nebraska

Hello from Omaha! We pray all our Christian friends are experiencing rich relationships with Jesus Christ. Beautiful music flowed in our church sanctuary when "New Hope" presented a gospel concert. They are a group who sang to 30,000 in communist Poland in 1975, and their musical message impressed us with the need this world has for Jesus Christ. Grace to you all!

PLAINS, Kansas

Our monthly Fellowship Suppers have presented interesting and informative programs. In October Todd Stanton showed slides from his European Tour with "America's Youth in Concert." Todd, a high school sophomore, plays trumpet.

In November Jack Dunham, high school arts and crafts instructor, displayed and described the many creative projects offered to students.

In December Friends Bible College choir presented their inspiring Christmas program.

Our youth are excited about the possibilities of their new puppet ministry.

PLAINVIEW, Nebraska

God is working in the hearts of men and women in Plainview, as recent decisions at a series of evangelistic-revival meetings held October 17-23 attest. Evangelist Bob Sanders conducted the meetings, which were attended by all ages, with an unusually large number of teenagers present.

Our community recently recognized Mrs. Warren Hill, a Plainview Friends member, for her help in restoring Plainview's railroad depot into a museum.

RAMONA, Oklahoma

Roman Ward, Jr., began his fifth year as pastor of Ramona Friends Church July 1. Ramona Monthly Meeting moved into their new church on Easter Sunday 1977. The old church had served them for over 70 years. On the first Sunday of May the old church was struck by lightning, and only by God's grace were both churches kept from burning. We finished tearing down the old church in October and now are working on the landscaping and parking.

Recently, Ralph Lemmons and Gerald Teague held weekend meetings that were very profitable spiritually for the meeting. Other evangelists we have had were C. K. Brown, Charles Lawson, Larry Kinser, Parker Craig, Temple Lee, and Thedus Bowline. All were led by God and good results came from their ministry in our meeting. We have seen over 20 new members come into membership and take active part in our meeting in the last four years.

REEDWOOD Portland, Oregon

Reedwood has been holding unprogrammed meetings for worship on Sunday evenings after the usual Sunday evening worship service. This has become a very meaningful time of worship to many. Wednesday evening time of prayer and Bible study has branched beyond the church to include several held in homes in different parts of the city.

November's activities included a series of sermons by Jack Willcuts from the book of Matthew, a Thanksgiving love feast worship hour led by Fred Gregory on November 20, and an all-church Thanksgiving dinner on November 22. Howard Macy's brother Mauri and wife Margaret Rose presented the program.

ROLLIN, Addison, Michigan

Rollin Friends Church, nestled in the lush farmlands near Addison, Michigan, has been the scene of much activity lately as the parsonage was readied for the arrival of the new pastor. When all was in order, 95 people shared a dinner of welcome for Robert Dye and his wife in the roomy ground-level dining

area, which is the result of our building project last year.

The pastors reciprocated by serving a delicious dinner for the "over 55" group, and entertaining the junior and senior FY groups in an afterglow meeting featuring a banana split-making session.

We have also found time to enjoy Dan and Ann Matter as they held nightly meetings for a week on Bible prophecy.

SALEM, Ohio

Together with a number of other Friends churches in the area, we sponsored a "Deeper Life Conference" October 12-16 conducted by Theodore Williams, considered to be one of the greatest preachers of India. Those who listened to him speak on the work of the Holy Spirit were quick to appreciate his preaching gift.

Saturday, October 29, we had an all-family dinner featuring food, fellowship, missions information, and special programs. Each adult and high school class was assigned a country in which evangelical Friends have workers. Each class prepared a brief capsule of information about their part of the world that included curios, pictures, skits, and brief presentations.

SEILING, Oklahoma

The Orville White Gospel Group ministered in music and song in our Sunday evening services throughout the month of August. The Chancelors, a gospel musical group from Bemidji, Minnesota, were with us for an evening service also in August.

The film, *Happiness Is the Lord*, was shown as part of our observance of Halloween. Refreshments were served afterwards. The Sunday before Thanksgiving our church was refreshed by a visit from Debbie Duncan, ventriloquist, and Russell, her "dummy," from Bethany, Oklahoma.

SMITHFIELD, Ohio

Earl Kelbaugh has appointed laymen of the church to deliver the Wednesday evening message.

A marriage enrichment class was conducted during Sunday school by our pastor.

A new youth group, The Whirlybirds, was organized for students from first through sixth grades.

The following lines by David Kelbaugh remind us how important it is to keep God the head of everything:

"One quiet day I was walking along a shady pathway, enjoying the feeling of life. Pink clouds flowed through the blue sky, as the rising sun started drying up the evening dew. In the distance I saw a pointed steeple rising in the sky. I came upon a glowing white church with bright red doors, the stained glass windows set in fancy trim. I walked up the steps and through the doors. All was quiet with the smell of the oak pews drifting in the air. I walked down the aisle, looked up, and felt God around me. Many days later I returned to the white church. It was filled with people now carrying on the business of the church. I left feeling bad, for I had not felt God."

SPRINGDALE Leavenworth, Kansas

The family and friends of Pastors Ray and LaVell Fitch met at Springdale Friends in September to honor their parents as they observed the anniversary of their 25th year in the ministry. Gerald and Marjorie Teague were special guests, with Gerald providing the morning message and both providing music. Following the morning "Celebration" service was a noon meal shared by the congregation.

Highlights of the program were the dedication of little Mark Fitch, one-month-old son of Gerald and Jean Fitch; songs by the Fitch children and their families; instrumental solos by nine-year-old Sandra Fitch, a trumpet solo by Brian Fitch, and a vocal number by Linda Fitch. Letters from Lillian Perry, Merle Roe, and John Robinson were read. The program closed with the family members gathering to sing "The Family of God." According to Pastor Fitch, "It was a wonderful day."

SPRINGFIELD, Colorado

July 1977 began a new chapter at Springfield Friends when Waylen Brown became our new pastor. This past summer we also began a remodeling project in our church facilities.

Our church is concerned with fulfilling Christ's commission of preaching the Gospel to all nations, so we are beginning at home by conducting evangelistic Sunday evening services. As a church congregation we are excited about being Christians, and looking forward to experiencing precious times of spiritual growth, in a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ.

TRINITY, Lisbon, Ohio

"The Time of the End" was the title of a Prophecy Conference that the members of our congregation had the privilege of participating in. The conference, brought to us by Willis Miller, consisted of five sessions, beginning with biblical prophecies that have been fulfilled and continuing with those yet to be fulfilled in the "end times."

Foods from America, India, Mexico, and Taiwan were featured at an International Dinner for the whole congregation. The foods were prepared by the senior high and adult Sunday school classes. Presentations were made to acquaint everyone with Friends missionaries and their work in these countries.

UNIVERSITY, Wichita, Kansas

Sylvester Chance, a long-time active member of University Friends Meeting, passed away September 20, 1977, at age 89. He was born in a sod house in western Kansas and moved to Wichita in 1907, where he graduated from Friends University in 1913.

He then served as principal of Friends Academy at Fowler, Kansas, and as principal of a Haviland, Kansas, elementary school.

In the summer of 1917 he and his family went to the Arctic and lived there for nine years, including two

years as missionaries to Eskimos for California Yearly Meeting. He also worked for the U.S. Interior Department in Alaska as a school superintendent and hospital supervisor.

He returned to Wichita in 1928 and began a full-time teaching career that lasted until 1957.

He was appointed to the Friends University Board in 1935 and served as its treasurer, secretary, and president, resigning in 1963 after 28 years of service.

He is survived by his widow Lela and two sons, Arthur and Ralph.

WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio

The fall Sunday school contest at Westgate was capped off by Rally Day October 16. Sunday school and church met in combined service. Pastor Don Green shared with us the history of Sunday school from its beginning and its need and relevance in our church today.

October 30 was missionary emphasis Sunday. The choir, under the direction of Selma Broadway, presented the cantata, "Go Tell Your World." The Holy Spirit brought the poignant words home to our hearts.

Decisions were made for Jesus Christ that morning at the altar, and others were led to a deeper commitment to our Lord. Following a potluck dinner, we had an afternoon program on missions entitled "Loaves and Fishes—A Miracle of Sharing." After a time of prayer and special music, we heard presentations on Missions, Friends Action, Youth Board, Malone College, E.P. & E. Board, and Tentmaking. The afternoon was concluded by a film, *Project Relocation—from Yavatmal to Poona*, the story of the need to relocate Union Biblical Seminary.

WYANDOTTE, Oklahoma

Wyandotte had a good time of spiritual renewal in November with Casey Davidson as our evangelist and the Nutting Family Singers to help out.

We felt the nearness of the Lord in every service and many new commitments to Christ were made as well as rededication for almost all present!

Thanksgiving saw us sharing dinner at the church with warm Christian fellowship and an abundance of many foods.

Friends record

BIRTHS

BAILEY—To Gary and Terri Bailey, a daughter, Jennifer Lynn, November 6, 1977, Fort Polk, Louisiana.

BARON—A daughter, Liana Kay, to Terry and Marleen Baron of Twin Rocks Friends Conference, Oregon, November 15, 1977.

BLACK—To Gary and Paula Black of Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon, a son, Jeremy Dean, September 15, 1977.

BOAZ—To Allan and Cheryl Boaz, a son, Jeremiah Alan, October 15, 1977, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

BOYLE—A son, Bryon Douglas, October 22, 1977, to Doug and Jill Boyle, Damascus, Ohio.

BURNS—A son, Terrance Matthew, to Bill and Kathy Burns, Nampa, Idaho, September 13, 1977.

CONANT—To Dr. and Mrs. Ray Conant, a daughter, Shalene Rae, June 6, 1977, Omaha, Nebraska. (This is a correction to a previous announcement run in the September issue.)

COOLEY—A daughter, Erica Lynne, September 22, 1977, to Don and Kathy Cooley of DeGraff, Ohio.

CRAIG—A son, Benjamin Ronald, to Ronald and Rebecca Craig, October 10, 1977, Salem, Ohio.

DILLON—A son, John Aaron, Sep-

tember 4, 1977, to John and Dianne Dillon, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

FRIESEN—To Charlie and Judy Friesen, a son, Joshua Charles, November 5, 1977, Vancouver, Washington.

GALLOWAY—To Fred and Sheila Galloway of North Valley Friends, Newberg, Oregon, a girl, Shannon Marie, October 26, 1977.

HAILEY—To Tom and Barbara Hailey of North Valley Friends, Newberg, Oregon, a son, Todd Jeffrey, October 14, 1977.

HALL—To Mr. and Mrs. Don Hall, a son, Adam Stuart, September 30, 1977, Plainview, Nebraska.

HARRIMAN—To David and Karol Harriman, a son, Paul Jonathan, September 7, 1977, Casilla Salta, Argentina.

HINSHAW—To Gail and Sheila Hinshaw, a daughter, Lisa LaDawn, November 2, 1977, Haviland, Kansas.

HODGSON—A daughter, Kristin Rea, to Robert and Marsha Hodgson, October 4, 1977, Dover, Ohio.

KELLUM—To Neil and Zana Kellum, a daughter, Patricia Anne, November 5, 1977, Friendswood, Texas.

LINGENFELTER—To Roy and Karen Lingenfelter of Highland Friends, Salem, Oregon, by adoption a son, Travis Lee, on October 21, 1977.

MACY—To Howard and Margi Macy of Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon, a girl, Hannah Jean, October 7, 1977.

SARGENT—To David and Nancy Sargent of Phoenix, Arizona, by adoption, Errin Rochelle, November 5, 1977.

SCHARBACK—To Jack and Regina (Corbin) Scharback, a son, Jacob Robert, September 27, 1977, Portland, Oregon.

SHAW—To Barry and Lori (Teague) Shaw, a daughter, April Lynnette, September 5, 1977, Wichita, Kansas.

SHEPHERDSON—A son, Justin David, September 30, 1977, to Mark and Sue Shepherdson, Boise, Idaho.

SMUCK—To Pastor Homer and Lois Smuck, a daughter, Jannea Aileen, October 13, 1977, Miami, Oklahoma.

SPINKS—To Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Spinks, a son, Randell Lee, October 28, 1977, Friendswood, Texas.

WALTER—A daughter, Brandy Leigh, to Donald and Tembra Walter, September 26, 1977, Salem, Ohio.

WOLLER—A daughter, Miranda Marie, October 18, 1977, to Bernie and Wendy Woller, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

MARRIAGES

EVERY-BROWN. Debbie Avery and Anthony Brown, October 14, 1977, at Asbury Methodist Church, Wichita, Kansas.

BAIN-HAMILTON. Anita Bain and David Hamilton, August 6, 1977, Lynwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

BARTO-SMITH. Kathy Barto and David Smith, July 16, 1977, Hughesville Friends, Pennsylvania.

BROWN-WEIRICH. Pamela Brown and Jerry Weirich, June 12, 1977, at Springfield Friends, Colorado.

BRUCE - WHITING. Beverly Bruce and Bryan Whiting, October 7, 1977, at Evangelical Friends Church, Omaha, Nebraska.

FARMER - HENDERSHOTT. Carol Farmer and Paul Hendershott, August 19, 1977, at Las Animas Friends, Colorado.

GRAY-ROOKER. Denise Gray and Dale Rooker, June 25, 1977, Hughesville Friends, Pennsylvania.

HADLOCK-KUBAT. Marcia Hadlock and Jerry Kubat, November 19, 1977, Lynwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

HOUT-ROSS. Tammi Hout and Gary Ross, November 5, 1977, Booker, Texas.

JOINER-JORDAN. Sharon Joiner and Glenn Jordan, October 8, 1977, Lynwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

KEEFER-THIEDE. Robin L. Keefer and Brian E. Thiede, August 12, 1977, Rollin Friends, Addison, Michigan.

KERR-PETERSON. Linda Kerr and David Peterson, October 22, 1977, Damascus Friends, Ohio.

MENDENHALL - EIFFLER. Barbara Mendenhall and Paul Eiffler, November 26, 1977, Hutchinson, Kansas.

PRAY-ROLLINS. Lela Pray and Alvin D. Rollins, April 16, 1977, at Las Animas Friends, Colorado.

REED-RICHARDS. Kathy Reed and Dennis Richards, September 24, 1977, Hughesville Friends, Pennsylvania.

ROSS-ROSS. Beverly Ross and Daniel Ross, October 15, 1977, Smithfield Evangelical Friends, Ohio.

RUTHRAUFF-HOOPES. Sheryl Ruthrauff and Jeffrey Hoopes, October 8, 1977, Salem, Ohio.

SELF-FOUST. Susan Self and Mike Foust, August 13, 1977, at Springfield Friends, Colorado.

SHIRES-ARNOLD. Tanny Shires and Kim Arnold, June 18, 1977, Hughesville Friends, Pennsylvania.

SMITH-BOYER. Lou Smith and Max Boyer, November 12, 1977, Wichita, Kansas.

STANLEY-GLENN. Rebecca Stanley and John Glenn, Jr., October 15, 1977, Salem, Ohio.

STINSON-LAETARI. Terri Renee Stinson and Mark Alan Laetari, October 15, 1977, Valley Center, Kansas.

TALLMAN-ARDREY. Carolyn Tallman and Don Ardrey, November 18, 1977, Boise, Idaho.

TEAGUE-PAVIO. Gwen Teague and Raymond Pavio, November 5, 1977, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

UNDERWOOD-SMITH. Michelle Underwood and Dan Smith, September 17, 1977, Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

WISEMAN-YATES. Dianne Wiseman and Mike Yates, November 12, 1977, Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

DEATHS

CANTRALL—Nancy Archer Cantrall, October 3, 1977, Seiling, Oklahoma.

HARRIS—Lydia Velma Harris, November 4, 1977, Caldwell, Idaho (mother of Leona Thornburg of Burundi, Africa).

HAWKINS—Hazel Hawkins, 73, Salem, Ohio, October 24, 1977.

LINK—Charles Henry Link, 87, November 26, 1977, Seiling, Oklahoma.

JONES—Blanche (Evans) Jones, 81, Salem, Oregon, November 22, 1977.

MAGEE—Jedediah Harmon Magee, 9 days (son of Kenneth and JoAnne Magee), August 24, 1977, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

OLIVER—John Oliver, 68, Colorado Springs, Colorado, October 26, 1977.

SMITH—Steven George Smith, 26, of Highland Avenue Friends Church, November 13, 1977.

WHITMOYER—Grover Whitmoyer, 87, Hughesville, Pennsylvania, July 9, 1977.

WRIGHT—Laura Wright, September 1, 1977, Nampa, Idaho.

Questions and Answers about Wills

Question: Who needs a will?

Answer: Every adult who owns anything at all and cares what happens to his/her property at death. Parents of minor children have the most important reason for writing wills, to name guardians for their children in case they should lose both parents. Anyone who is considering a gift to his church, a mission, a college, or any other worthy cause at death must have a will or some contractual agreement.

Question: When is the best time to write a will?

Answer: The sooner the better. One reason most people die without wills is that they put it off until they are older, or sick, or can afford it. The best time is now, while you are thinking about it and looking forward to a bright future.

Question: How much does it cost to have an attorney draft a will?

Answer: That depends on your location, how complicated your will is, and whether or not it will contain any trusts. Call an attorney in your area and ask what his/her fee is. He or she will

probably be glad to give you an estimate in advance. Most attorneys' fees are quite reasonable when you think what a will can save your family in time and expenses later.

A personal will can often save legal expenses and taxes. For example, last year the marital deduction for estate taxes was raised to \$250,000 or one half the adjusted gross estate, whichever is greater. Through your will, you can take full advantage of the marital deduction by leaving more property directly to your spouse.

Question: What if I write my will now, then my family's needs change, or I change my mind about certain provisions?

Answer: That is likely to happen over the years. Your will can and should be changed as your life changes. Everyone should review his/her will every few years or when a major occurrence such as a marriage, birth, or death in the family affects future plans.

Question: Where can I get additional information about writing or changing my will?

Answer: Friends in Eastern Region may write Don Worden, P.O. Box 102, Damascus, Ohio 44619. Northwest Friends should contact Walter Wilhite, director of Friends Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132. Kansas Friends may write their Yearly Meeting Office at 2018 Maple, Wichita, Kansas 67213; and Rocky Mountain Friends their Yearly Meeting office at 29 N. Garland, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909. ☐

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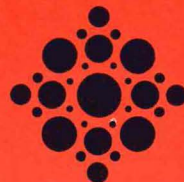
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