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The family . . .

HISTORIC VALUES FOR THE QUAKER FAMILY

BY DAVID LEACH

One of the greatest concerns we have today within our Friends meetings is the changing life-style of the family. The traditions that have so long been the foundation of the church and community are gradually shifting into a whole new set of values. Marriage as an institution is in question by our society as never before. Broken homes are being accepted as a way of life. Multiple marriages no longer suffer a stigma; "experimental marriage" is offering a way out without serious commitment to one's partner.

Friends have in the past spoken to sacred issues with conviction. The time has come again for Friends to present with clarity the positive values of a Christian life-style wherein we can redeem a society that is crumbling at its foundation. Quakers are not the only ones concerned with the crisis in marriage and family. A few months ago the *Seattle Times* spoke to the issue, explaining, "The disintegration of the family may do more to harm a society than running out of its favorite energy." The *New York Times* recently printed on page one a four-part series on "The Family in Transition," focusing on the upheaval that is reshaping American society. In *The Futurist*, Schwartz, Teige, and Harmon published an article stating: "During the past decade the U.S. has seen a drastic increase in the divorce rate and in the number of single-parent families. Traditionally we have expected the products of broken families to exhibit undesirable social behavior. If true, society can expect increased delinquency, alienation, and mental illness. Perhaps as significant is a growing acceptance of the nonpermanent marriage and nonrelated family groups, which undercut older expectations of permanence and family stability." According to the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C., the divorce rate has doubled in the last decade: the number of children under 18 years living in a single-parent home has almost doubled since 1950; more than one in four parents under age 25 who are heads of a family are without a spouse.

No wonder Francis Schaeffer in his book *How Should We Then Live?* said, "The choices we make in the next

decade will mold irrevocably the direction of our culture . . . and the lives of our children."

There is every indication that at this point in history, even though we are living in an era of affluence, family life is being shaken to its very roots; a surge toward bigger houses, recreational vehicles, boats, vacations, travel, and spectator sports seems to be the bandage wrapped around family life to hold it from fragmenting. With all of this, members of families continue to search for intimate relationship and depth of experience. With seemingly no answer they turn to their "toys" in silent desperation.

Primitive Quakerism has a word to say to the dilemma facing marriage and family in our time. The reason is not because we have come up with newly defined solutions, but it is quite possible that historic values need to be reintroduced to speak to the needs of the meetings and to be a gift to our surrounding communities.

As one reads the journals, books, and manuscripts of early Friends it does not take long for us to realize that the intrinsic Quaker life-style is focused on consistency in matching our daily life with the teachings of Christ. This was not always easy, even for Quakers, but the desire to respond from a life immersed in Christ set the values much higher than the norm of the times. The unwritten values of historic Friends far exceed what could be compiled in a theological statement. Let us begin with seven as they relate to the Quaker Family Life-style.



I. PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE

There was a premium on personal preparation for marriage. In 1690 London Yearly Meeting exhorted, "We earnestly advise and exhort Friends that, in the first place all seriously wait upon the Lord for Counsel and clearness in this weighty concern before they make any procedure

David and Marcile Leach, former Friends pastors now involved full time in marriage enrichment seminars and related workshops, believe there is a uniqueness about the Quaker family. This practical and provocative historical view strengthens our roots in faith and practice.

with any, in order to marriage . . . that they may not be led by any forward, brittle, or uncertain affections in this weighty concern, to their own hurt, with grief of their friends, and the dishonour of Truth." Early Friends were encouraged to make sure that they were making a life's decision in marriage. Quaker preparation for marriage was not just falling in love, seeking out a pastor, planning a ceremony and reception, and setting the date. When a young couple had found divine love to be the attraction, they sought parental counsel and approval of the local meeting. In those early days a "clearness committee" was appointed to counsel with the couple and to provide a recommendation for the local meeting's consideration. If there was not a "clearness" before either the committee or the monthly meeting, the matter was often tabled until there was security that the will of God had been discerned. When our society is accustomed to instant potatoes, automatic door openers, and high-speed elevators, it might do the meeting well to encourage a slowing of the pace in courtship and marriage. It just may be that the youth of our own time would respond with gratitude for the caring and the interest of the meeting.



II. MARRIAGE WAS A COMMITMENT

The value of a person's integrity was no less important to the early Quakers in the marriage relationship than in the business and community relationship. Love was generated in these commitments because of the truth, and it grew between husband and wife because the Christ whom they believed had united them together was the source of their continuing commitment. This does not mean that all Quaker marriages were "made in heaven," but there was a commitment to work through the adversities as they arose.

III. FAMILY WAS THE LIFE-STYLE

In contrast to our affluent mobile society, much of life centered around family conversation and recreation. The local meeting experienced a "familyness," too. There was a neighborliness that helped those in need, and a cooperative work force where families worked together for the good of the whole community. Large families added to the enjoyment of close friendships, while in our time we struggle to catch a few moments of conversation between appointments. Meals also were a social time where the conversation was an exchange of ideas, ideals, and open communication. We may not want to go back to the good old

days, nor live in a mentality of nostalgia; but we must face the fact that two cars in the driveway, a fast-food restaurant, and diversified activities for each member of the family have not made it any easier to solidify family life with open communication.



IV. THE QUAKER HOME WAS A SCHOOLROOM

To experience was to learn! Quakers were extremely concerned about quality Christian education. These concerns started in the home and overflowed into private education all the way from primary level through college. The Friends believed there was a close relationship between the spiritual and the intellectual life. The reading of Scripture and quality literature became very important to the spiritual development of the home. Respect, integrity, honesty, and witness were so integrated into this way of life that it touched the children with profound depth. This does not mean that all children followed in the light, but the consistency with which most Quaker homes functioned left little doubt that the values by which Christ lived were relevant to their day.

Preparation for life was not left to a public school system or to chance. Opportunities for work and ministry were taught and caught primarily through family experiences.

V. THE QUAKER HOME FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY

One of the quality experiences of many Quaker homes was a support system of concern. There was a close surveillance of the spiritual life of the children. It was a regular part of the Friends life-style to worship on the Lord's Day and also midweek, even if it meant giving up half a day's work to be in the meeting. Bible reading, a silent time, and family sharing seemed to be the order of every day. It was not uncommon for a father or mother to speak to their children with concern regarding their activities, their spiritual devotion, or their associations with others. The family was a community because of concern. Each time the family gathered for meals or conversation a little "meeting" was in session. No wonder the power of God fell as Friends gathered at the meetinghouse! Community had been experienced in the home.

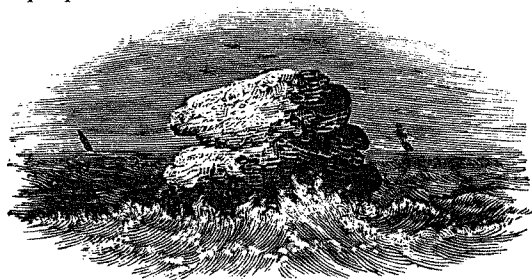
VI. THE QUAKER HOME WAS A SANCTUARY

The home was a holy place. It was more than a place for shelter from the weather—it was a retreat from the bat-

tle of life. It was more than a place to sleep—it was also a place to rest and reflect, drawing quietness and strength. It was more than just a place to get a bite to eat—it was a place to take nourishment for the soul. It was not only a place for the family to live, but was also open to traveling Friends who shared with the family freely from their lives. This hospitality had a profound influence on the Quaker life-style. Rufus Jones, in his book, *Finding the Trail of Life*, states:

Once a dear, saintly man, who was as graceful and courtly as though he had been a knight of Arthur's Round Table, and whose kindly face has been a benediction to thousands, came to visit us. He brought with him a young man who had run away from the Southern Army because he could not fight, and who afterwards became a Friend. They were both most unusual men, and I had hardly stirred while I was listening to their words, which fascinated me. I was then ten years old. He put his hands on my head and slowly announced his prophecy about me. What he said would ordinarily have made little impression. But I fully believed that he knew what he was saying, and the words remained with me as an inspiration long after the man himself had forgotten that he spoke them. They have since been fulfilled in every respect.

I am not now concerned with the influence of these itinerant ministers in the public meeting which they attended. That must wait for a later chapter. I am speaking only of the personal influence in the homes that they visited. They told us of life and work in far-off lands. They interested us with their narratives, and in our narrow life they performed somewhat the service of the wandering minstrel in the days of the old castles. They gave us new experiences, a touch of wider life and farther-reaching associations, and for me, at least, they made the connection with God more real. I got from them a clearer sense of what I might be, and it was largely because I believed that men and women had been sent from remote lands to visit us that I was so sure that we were a "chosen people."



VII. THE QUAKER HOME PRACTICED SACRAMENT

To Friends, sacrament was more than ritual; it was a way of life. As they followed the teachings of Jesus they presented their lives as a sacrifice, holy and acceptable for His service. Faith and life were so intertwined that the children saw the miracle-working power of God transforming the daily events of their parents' lives so that there was no need for creeds or church law. This freedom of life allowed for the Spirit to flow freely as daily living became sacramental. This sacramental life took form in the love of Christ as He transformed the mundane to miraculous, the secular to sacred, and the common to uncommon.

The influence of the sacramental life is vividly depicted

in the story of the "Children of Reading Meeting," in the book *Quaker Saints*, by L. V. Hodgkins. After the parents had been jailed for speaking the truth in meeting, the older children gently cared for the younger. On First Day the children arrived at the usual Friends meeting place to find it locked and strongly guarded. They went on, undismayed, to eventually find a place to worship in an old granary . . . quietly the meeting began. Immediately they were interrupted by the Justice of the Peace and the children were punished for carrying on worship as their parents would have done. The story was concluded in these touching words:

It was certainly neither a comfortable thing nor a pleasant thing to be a Quaker child in those stormy days.

Nevertheless, pleasant or unpleasant, comfortable or uncomfortable made no difference. It was thanks to the courage of this handful of boys and girls that, in spite of the worst that Mr. Justice Armorer could do, in spite of the dread of him and his constables, in spite of his angry face, of his scented wit and loaded cane, in spite of all these things, still Sunday after Sunday, through many a long anxious month, God was worshipped in freedom and simplicity in the town by Silver Thames. Reading Meeting was held.

Meantime, throughout these same long months, within the prison walls the fathers and mothers prayed for their absent children. Although apart from one another, the two companies were not really separated; for both were listening to the same Shepherd's voice. Until, at last, the happy day came when the jail doors were opened and the prisoners released. Then, oh the kissing and the hugging! The crying and the blessing! As the parents heard of all the children had undergone in order to keep faithful and true! That was indeed the most joyful meeting of all!

Thankfulness and joy last freshly through the centuries, as an old letter, written at that time by one of the fathers to George Fox still proves to us today: "Our little children kept the meetings up, when we were all in prison, notwithstanding that wicked Justice when he came and found them there, with a staff that had a spear in it would pull them out of the Meeting, and punch them in the back till some of them were black in the face . . . His fellow is not, I believe, to be found in all England a Justice of the Peace.

"For they might as well think to hinder the Sun from shining, or the tide from flowing, as to think to hinder the Lord's people from meeting to wait upon Him."

If we as Friends can impact our children with this kind of spiritual integrity, the future of our families is very bright!



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"We may not want to go back to the good old days, nor live in a mentality of nostalgia," says David Leach in our lead article. But he does suggest seven values of historic Friends that could bring spiritual integrity and a bright future to our Quaker families. (Photo courtesy Oregon Historical Society.)

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That the institution of marriage and the family is a crumbling foundation of our secular society is accepted by all as a fact of life. That the same foundation is being shaken in our Christian society is no less a fact, but much more difficult to accept.

Fortunately—if not too late—there are voices and movements across Christendom that are beginning to shore up those foundations with building blocks of Christ-centered teaching and counseling. Church-related family and marriage counseling centers, "encounter" weekends, and various fellowship groups for all ages and problems are flourishing. The Christian book market has more than its share of volumes on marriage and the family.

Many Quakers, such as David and Marcile Leach, are involved as leaders in these areas of concern. In "Historic Values for the Quaker Family" (page 2), David believes that "Primitive Quakerism has a word to say to the dilemma facing marriage and family in our time." His seven "historic values" are worth pondering and practicing by all of us whether or not our foundations are presently shaken.

—H.T.A.

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A Remarriage May Succeed

By a member of Friends



When there are marriage problems, seek counseling and don't be embarrassed about it. People would rather see two people working on their problems than two people pretending all is well when most of their friends know it isn't. This witness is candidly shared by a couple who found returning to God made it possible to return to each other. By choice, the writer remains anonymous. —Editors

Two people who have shared a number of years together sometimes begin to realize that they have let their priorities drift. What was once a good marriage and/or what *seemed* a good marriage begins to come apart at the seams. Possibly it is because they never really bothered to sit down at the beginning of their marriage and share their expectations, hopes, and dreams with each other. I guess young people are so much in love and so eager to go forward in life that taking time to point out priorities just gets left behind.

As the years pass and children come life gets very busy, very pushed, with a lot of growing pressures. There seems never to be enough time or energy anymore. One day it seems there are several people living in the same house functioning as a family but in spirit they really are no longer a family unit with family priorities as God intended.

My husband and I were married for ten years; during that time we had children, worked hard, were active in church and the community, and had a lot of fun in life. We took each other for granted—so did all those around us.

In the eleventh year of our marriage at my suggestion he began taking our divorced neighbor's children to a father-son activity. She was lonely and wandering through life seeking a purpose. Her life had been one of an alcoholic mother and of several marriages and divorces. She needed a strong, reliable father-husband image. Subtly my husband became more and more involved with this woman over the next two years. I knew as time passed what was going on, and yet didn't know how to deal with it.

At Christmas the situation came to a head. For the first time my husband saw me express in anguish how I felt about the loss of the special place in his heart.

I felt betrayed after I had loved him so long and so deeply—to have been rejected and replaced. What agony! For six months we went in circles trying to get straightened out rather than separate and hurt our children, family, and friends. We became people we had never been before. We were disgusting, especially to ourselves.

At last I did what I, as a Christian, should already have been doing, began having daily devotions—no formal prayers, just a sincere plea for help. I knew God (1) loved me; (2) wanted only the best for me; (3) would honor the fact that I gave my heart to Him through Jesus Christ; and (4) would honor my complete trust. I prayed that God would straighten me out, watch

over our children, and work in my husband's heart.

I went home to mother two or three times and each time my husband came to get me promising a change. He said he needed my help to change, yet he continued to date the other woman and I was torn by conflicting promises.

I had to contend with vengeful hate toward them both. Things got worse, and by Thanksgiving I told him I'd been to the lawyer and he'd be getting dissolution papers in the mail soon. He then began fighting what I was doing by playing a radio loud to keep me up all night, embarrassing me in front of the neighbors, stalling in separation and dissolution agreements. His harassment brought me to the point that I couldn't get away from him quickly enough.

The kids, a lot of furniture, and I moved out at Christmas.

My husband doubled our lawyer fee by stalling and balking, and all he accomplished was getting me as angry as I had ever been. However, all the time I prayed that God would work miracles in both our hearts.

One night my husband was home alone. His girlfriend had run up staggering bills on his charge plates. He was terribly lonesome for his children (who didn't want to be around him). That night he finally gave the whole mess to God. With all his bills, he wrote a check to the church that was 10 percent of his paycheck. He began having daily devotions and returned to church on a regular basis. God began to mold and shape a new life for him and us.

To make a long story shorter we are now remarried, and to this point much happier than before. That is because we agonized through our gripes, frustrations, expectations, hopes, and dreams together toward a much deeper understanding of each other. We seldom miss daily devotions; God has established our priorities; we just simply follow His pointing finger—not at us but toward the way for us to go.

From my experience I want to share some thoughts with other men and women in the midst of marital strife. If you know in your hearts that in spirit you are not *one* as God wants you to be, then however painful it may seem, quit looking at *each other*, and go to the mirror for a long searching look at *yourself*.

Seek counseling and don't be embarrassed about it. People would rather see two people working on their problems than two people pretending all is well when most of

their friends know it isn't. When you are in the presence of the counselor get out all the frustrations with each other that you can think of. Be verbally brutal if you must, but get them out—the tooth has to be pulled. *Both* of you should sincerely invite God's presence before you begin.

If unfaithfulness is being considered, or already has occurred, then immediately stop! Ask God's help and at all costs make yourself stay away from the temptation. No matter how bad home life is there is never justification for unfaithfulness. Do you really have any idea what this does to your children?

If you have been cheated against, *forgive!* If you can't, ask God's help.

Go to God and get your priorities where they should be—(1) God, (2) husband or wife, (3) children. Tithe 10 percent no matter how much of a financial mess you're in. Have daily devotions no matter how busy you are. If you're in a devotional rut, then

“We took each other for granted—so did all those around us.”

just sit there with your eyes open and tell God how you feel and what you're thinking. Ask Him for His advice and an open mind on your part to see His solutions when they come.

Ask God to humble you, discipline you, forgive you, and to give you the wisdom, love, strength, and courage to be used by Him—to be His voice, arms, and legs on earth. He will honor that if you mean it. Your life will be blessed. I am not a pastor or counselor, and this may seem “backwoodsie.” All I know is that you can trust God if you're willing to go it His way.

Wives: your husband is the head of your house. He is responsible for the welfare of you and your children. Trust his judgment in all things.

Support him at all times, express your feelings to him whether in anger, hope, joy, sorrow, frustration, hurt—whatever they are. Never put him down; be honest with him at all times in a loving way. If you don't understand him, say so. Put his activities above yours, help him if you can when he asks.

Pray for him in his presence. Put yourself out for him. Always have a relationship of respect for him so that the children will think of him only as one to be loved, obeyed, respected, and admired.

Flirt with him, adore him, comfort him,

admire him—be a lover, confidante, companion, business partner, good housekeeper, cook, and morale builder.

Husbands: love your wife as much as you do yourself. A woman will do nearly anything for her man if he openly shows how he adores her. All women need to be coddled and tenderly loved.

Give her an opportunity to express her thoughts, feelings, and emotions; and listen when she speaks. It is important to her—she needs to know that you hear. Explain to her why you do what you do—include her in your decisions. If she disagrees, listen seriously to her and explain why you are making the decision.

Praise her on her housekeeping and cooking, her background management that helps keep you going. She needs your praise. If she has an ability such as in music or a head for accounting or writing or sewing, recognize that ability and give her room and support to practice it. No woman has a right to fuss at a husband who wants to go fishing or golfing for the day if he has extended himself to recognize and support his wife's interest. Neither partner has the right to monopolize family time with his own interest.

Tell your wife how beautiful or cute she is, or how prettily she is dressed. Never put her down anywhere or anytime. If you are upset with her tell her privately and in love. Adore her.

Both of you, put God first in all things. Many people don't realize that God created sex. Don't put sex on the left and God on the right—they are together, God first, love second.

If these things are done in a marriage then the spirit of the marriage is what God intended. Your children will notice this and a relationship between them and you will become something very beautiful. God will clear your vision in their relationships because you honor Him highly and are trying your best to do His will daily.

Be yourselves—the same self at home, at work, at church—always wear the same face.

Above all, remember—you began life together by leaving your parents and becoming one. You begat children who will always be a part of you. God wants you both to recognize Him individually and together. Be patient. Try for at least two years to bring yourselves back together. Be willing to bare your soul to God—this is vital. Make every attempt to obey God's will by opening your mind and heart to Him. [E]



TAIWAN FRIENDS churches have grown remarkably these past decades through the efforts of many dedicated people. Pastor Frank Wu of the Kaohsiung Church is one of these.

Pastor Wu is now 38 years old, and with his wife, Mary, they are parents of three children. His first association with the Friends was 23 years ago when, at 15 years of age, he began to attend the Southgate Friends Church in Chaiyi. It was through his involvement in the Sunday school, youth fellowship, and the life of the church that he met Jesus as his personal Savior. As Frank matured in his personal spiritual life, he received a call from the Lord to prepare for the pastoral ministry.

After completion of his high school studies, Frank entered the Central Taiwan Theological College. He studied one year before he was obligated to fulfill his three-year term of compulsory military service in the Taiwan armed forces as an electrical serviceman. When finished with his military service, Frank returned to theological college, graduating at 21 years of age. During his college years, Frank participated in

many activities, including the Glee Club, with which he toured the United States.

Frank was then ready to assume his first pastorate. He went to preach in the small country village of Lower Lake not far from Chaiyi. To be a Christian pastor in the traditional Buddhist village was no easy task. The villagers daily scrutinized his Christian life.

The work in this Taiwanese village was painstakingly slow. Even at times Frank's fellow pastors would encourage him to change churches, lest he become discouraged and leave the pastorate. But for 12 long, hard years Frank persisted in the work, giving the people his very best service. When asked why he didn't go elsewhere, his reply was that God wanted him there and he would be content wherever God was pleased to have him.

One of the social trends today in Taiwan is the shift in population. With increasing industrialization in Taiwan, the people are moving from the country villages to the cities for factory jobs. Lower Lake is no exception to this trend. Pastor Wu watched as several of his much-sought-after members moved to Taiwan's second largest city of Kaohsiung with a population of over a million people. Then God gave Pastor Wu a vision of moving to Kaohsiung to gather a church there where Friends had no congregation.

March 1976 was the time when the Kaohsiung congregation first met. They began with 12 charter members and received some financial support from the mission. During

Jack Rea with his wife Celeste and family joined the mission staff in Taiwan in the summer of 1977 under the Board of Missions of Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region. Prior to that he was pastor of Southeast Friends Church, Salem, Ohio.

Church Planting . . . Taiwanese Style

BY JACK REA

A layman presides (left) and the Sunday morning congregation at Kaohsiung. Pastor Frank Wu and family (right) are looking forward to the completion of their new church home on two floors of a new building.



the next year a miraculous event occurred. In March 1977 the new congregation had received 12 additional adult members and were now fully self-supporting. This is a great testimony to God's power and working in our midst when others struggle for a much longer time to plant new churches.

Pastor Wu, with his persistence and great leadership ability, has not gone unnoticed by his colleagues and others in Taiwan. During the August 1977 organization of the newly formed Taiwan Yearly Meeting of Friends, Pastor Wu was elected to the second highest office—assistant presiding clerk. This is unusual for such a young man to be elected to a post of such stature in a culture where elders are honored with these leadership roles. But because of 12 years of persistent ministry at Lower Lake in difficult living conditions and this instantaneous success in the Kaohsiung church, he was held in the highest esteem by his fellow pastors. In all of these events, Pastor Wu remains humble and thanks God for His goodness and help.

After the initial growth, the Kaohsiung Church is not standing still. They have outgrown their present rented building and have decided to buy rooms on two floors of a large, jointly owned building. The total project will cost \$1,600,000 N.T. (\$1 U.S. = \$35.95 N.T.). These building plans were finalized by October 1977 and they were scheduled to move into the new building August 1978. The young congregation has raised \$600,000 N.T. of the construction cost and is financing the \$1,000,000

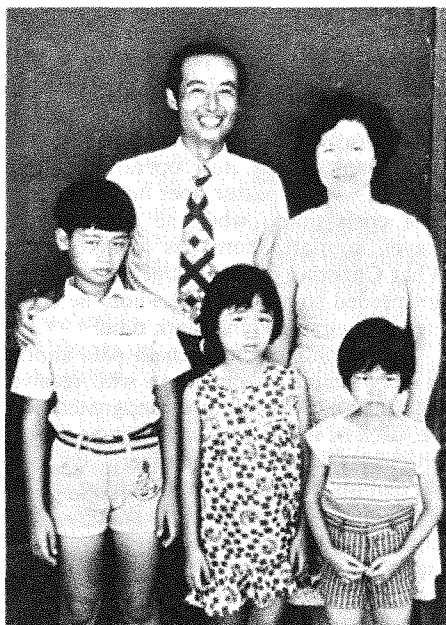
N.T. on an eight-year loan, but at their growth rate they will soon have the total paid off.

The church had set the goal of 12 new members before March 1978, bringing the total adult membership to 36. They presently have a small Sunday school of 20 children in their crowded one-room facility. About 50 people attend the worship service week after week. The evening service held in members' homes or the church building is somewhat smaller, averaging about 20. The youth group meets on Saturday evening for fellowship and worship. The meeting for prayer and Bible study is Wednesday evening. There are now plans for a ladies meeting. Mary Wu expects to begin these as soon as they are located in the new building.

Our first Friends church in the growing industrial city of Kaohsiung started in March 1976. The second is scheduled to begin August 1978. When the congregation moves from the old location to the new building, a few of the members will find it more convenient to worship at the old location. Therefore, Pastor Wu has planned to keep a nucleus there to form a second congregation. They will gather in homes for Bible studies and worship until there is a need for a separate building.

It is truly a joy to work with Pastor Wu and the growing congregation in Kaohsiung. We are expecting to see continual growth in this place and in many other churches as God blesses the work in Taiwan.

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Chain Power

BY RUTH CORBIN

Chains are power. They may be fearful instruments of torture and punishment; they may be efficient instruments of rescue, aid, and protection.

The enemy has his chains of torture and bondage that keep people imprisoned in sin, desperation, and hopelessness. There is no breaking of these chains by human power. Only the power of Christ can deliver from the ball and chain of his slavery.

God's chains are strong towing chains that pull us up out of the morass of sin, fear, doubt, trouble; that tow the dead motor to a place of repair; that bind the huge logs of Satan's destructive designs to protect those who pass by.

There are human chains—water bucket chains to put out fires, sand bag chains to contain the floods, rescue chains to carry people to safety.

It is the life-saving human chains made up of Spirit-filled praying Christians that I want to consider for a few moments. These are the rugged, strong, golden chains of rescue—love chains—towing chains—with need on one end and Jesus on the other. These chains are *power*—God's power within the fellowship, His body. By these chains the fetters of darkness can be broken, people can be rescued, set free, encouraged, healed! Every church needs these chains operating within her borders. Every earnest Christian that means business in serving the Lord should be a link in these

chains. These chains can make the difference between a discouraged pastoral team bogged down with endless details and demands and a team that is moving ahead with faith, vision, and the power of His Spirit. These chains can transform a cold, sluggish church into a vibrant, warm fellowship that meets the needs of hurting people.

The church that gives priority to prayer and the preaching of the Word is as the New Testament church (Acts 6:4). The apostles, after appointing the seven men to administer aid to the widows, said, "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." Their priorities put prayer first, preaching second, then social service—all so essential. Every church must be built on prayer and must be propelled in a forward direction by prayer. The chains of prayer must be forged and wielded in a forceful manner. Prayer is to be taught, practiced, encouraged in every way—private prayer, small group prayer, corporate prayer, prayer conferences, prayer workshops, prayer classes.


One technic of prayer that is being structured in various ways in many churches today is the telephone prayer chain. This procedure is especially functional when sudden and crisis situations arise that require prayer support immediately. The chain can be put into operation within minutes. What pastor does not experience such crisis times, when he cries out for prayer support from his congregation! What Christian at some time or other has not needed some group to whom he could turn, to help through a dark time!

The telephone prayer chain plan should be very simple—a chairman who receives the calls and will call three designated people, each of those three calling three others, who in turn will call three others. Or, people sign up to be on a list. Each list should not be more than eight or ten people. There can be as many lists as there are people willing to commit themselves to this ministry. The chairman receives the request, then calls the first name on each list and they

pray together on the phone. These in turn call the next person on the list, praying together very briefly, and the chain is set in motion, and God begins to act immediately. The praying is done then and there, carefully wording the request just as it was given by the director—no dictating to God, no gossiping. The need should continue to be prayed for individually as needed, and (in our church) the need is also brought to the intercessory prayer group that meets during the Sunday school hour on Sunday morning.

This latter plan has been functioning in Reedwood Friends Church, Portland, Oregon, for the last 18 months, with growing interest and increased sense of excitement. Many beautiful things have come as a result of the prayer chain—the most recent being the deliverance of one of our young mothers from a diabolical attack of Satan that had threatened her very sanity. Also, little three-year-old Shelley, diagnosed as having a rare bone disease that likely would leave her a cripple, was sent home after ten days in the hospital. The symptoms had disappeared! Requests have ranged from people in serious accidents to surgery, heart attacks, economic crises, serious illness, and comfort in death of loved ones. I believe the greatest thing we can do for people in trouble is to pray for them. Over and over they report, "I felt the support of your prayers. Thank you for praying!"

Each Christian is a potential link in this rescue prayer chain. What is needed is the purposeful interlocking of these links in a structured way that will get results, that will present a solid front against the enemy's opposing forces. "May he fulfill by his power all your desire for goodness and complete your work of faith. In this way the name of our Lord Jesus will receive glory from you, and you from him." (2 Thessalonians 1:11, 12 GN)

If more information is desired as to how to set up prayer chains in your church, write to me and I shall be glad to share the plan in more detail. (Ruth Corbin, 6026 N. Campbell Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97217) 

With all the energy, strategy, and effort involved in Christian work in church life—the simple, yet demanding work of prayer is most important. Ruth Corbin, who holds prayer "workshops" and leads intercessory prayer meetings, describes a prayer plan suited to every Friends meeting regardless of size or geography.



BY JACK L. WILL CUTS

The Problem of Staying Put

One of our problems is restlessness. Mine anyway. And everywhere I go the same urgent appeal comes from Christians: We want our lives to count. One of our greatest fears is ineffectiveness, ineptness, emptiness. There is impatience with religion-as-usual or dull churchmanship. Younger people intuitively know that life is meant to be more than getting an education, finding a job, marrying the right person, raising a family, gathering the usual security symbols, and settling down. "Isn't God up to something more exciting in the world than this?"

Many in the middle years know the same disquiet. A group of Friends I know have decided they've made all the money they need (and want!) before they're 50 and are praying together about what to do next. (Don't write for their names . . .)

A man just moved into his delightfully comfortable, fourth floor retirement complex, gazed out at the delightfully comfortable view, leaned forward and sighed, "Jack, now I have all the time in the world. And I don't know what in the world to do with it."

It isn't good form to talk much about this. It doesn't go with the "I found It" bumper stickers too well. We do our best not to admit it, especially during those times we are really on top—the successful days, when we are convincing ourselves and others of our self-assurance and competence. But then it comes again; those unsettled days keep cropping up. And we keep beating down the something-wrong stirring, because we are almost always told that normal faith leaves one feeling adequate and successful. But I know people miles up ahead of me who now and then let it slip that they feel—inadequate. Even some famous figures of history admit it too. Ralph Waldo Emerson, mid-course in a successful writing and lecturing career, declared his insecurity in an essay called *Experience*.

"Every ship is a romantic object, except that we sail in. Embark, and the romance quits our vessel and hangs on every other sail on the horizon. Our life looks trivial and we shun to record it."

And then there was the Apostle Paul: "You must, of course, continue faithful on a firm and sure foundation, and must not allow yourselves to be shaken from the hope you gained when you heard the gospel." (Colossians 1:23 *Good News Bible*) And Peter: "But the God of all grace . . . stablish, strengthen, *settle* you," (1 Peter 5:10) The italics in the King James is on the word "you," but to make my point it needs to be on the word "settle."

Perhaps it is not so much our "hope," or faith, that is shaken as how we are handling it. Such uneasiness may become a good thing if handled wisely and prayerfully. For one thing, most adventures in missions, church planting, and new yearly meetings came about because some creative Quaker became restless with the status quo. For whatever reasons, unsettled questions need our best attention. Our Yearly Meeting Department of Ministry is getting together for a few days of uninterruptedness to sort out a question that won't keep settled, "What Is a Quaker Minister—Today?" This is good, honest, courageous thinking and matches what every sensible pastor does almost every Monday. Every local church faces the shifting society syndrome, so that those who sign the mortgage loan for a new building seldom stay around long enough to pay it off. That means that someone else has to stay settled long enough to do it. When we leave our homes, we sell them (nowadays for a nice inflationary gain)—but the unpaid-for church? We just leave the mortgage for the newly arrived or settled Christians to clean up.

Getting our inner-direction act together is an urgent problem. This may be tearing our homes, our hearts, our churches, our other institutions apart more than all the sins that surround us. For me, the answer comes in deep, deep dependence daily on the continued infilling of the Holy Spirit—not as a neat theological formula, but a merged identity with God's presence, love, and power. He keeps the tantalizing, way-out ideas from scattering in the soul like religious cancer cells; He channels them into creative living that often results in contentedly staying put. "And I am not saying this because I feel neglected; for I have learned to be satisfied with what I have." Paul said this in Philippians 4:11; it came to his mind right after he had exclaimed about the great joy he had in his life in the Lord (v. 10). ☐

Can Quakers Preach Directly?

It is reported a hundred years ago Quaker preachers in Indiana did so well the crowds at yearly meeting stayed around extra days to hear more! One observer now insists preaching has become "a branch of the [college] speech department instead of a branch of the drama department." So, does pulpit performance always have to be modulated?

I recall a camp meeting evangelist when I was a boy who told of "blood and brains dripping through his hands as a drunken, wayward son lost his life on his way to hell . . ." He spoke directly: not, "People are going to hell if they don't repent," but, "*You* are going to hell if you don't repent."

I repented. And I remember it. But I haven't heard that kind of preaching for a while. Crudity may shock cultered hearers, but some rhetorical features are needed to slam home the sin of sin. ☐



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

VOC Needs Doctor

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI—John Perkins, founder and director of the Voice of Calvary Ministries now centered here, has sent out a national appeal for a Christian dentist and a medical doctor to serve in a health center being added to the VOC ministries. "We need a doctor. We need a permanent doctor, but know the difficulty in this. If we could find a doctor who will commit himself for two years, or even one year, this would allow us to open the health center [in New Hebron, Mississippi]." For information phone Mr. H. P. Spees, (601) 353-1635, or write John Perkins, 1655 St. Charles St., Jackson, Mississippi 39209.

Evangelism and Missions to Keynote 1979 Convention

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world's unreached will be the focus of the 37th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, to be held March 6-8, 1979, at the Sheraton Twin Towers in Orlando, Florida.

Featured speakers will include Dr. Warren Webster, general director of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society; Rev. Bruce Dunn, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Peoria, Illinois, and keynote speaker Dr. Adrian Rogers of the Southern Baptist Convention. —M.N.S.

New Churches in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA—The Assemblies of God churches report "startling growth" here since the 1976 earthquake. More than 100 new churches have sprung up, and there has been an increase of 2,500 in membership with over 40,000 attending Sunday school each week. —Global Report

Chinese Students to Study Abroad

PEKING, CHINA—China will be sending thousands of students abroad as part of its

crash programme to recover lost educational time. One thousand to two thousand students a year will go to Britain to study science and technology. Waldron Scott, general secretary of the World Evangelical Fellowship, noted that evangelicals must be alert to opportunities that China's new student exchange policies may open for the Gospel. —Global Report

Ruth Stapleton in Egypt

CAIRO, EGYPT—Ruth Carter Stapleton, evangelist sister of President Jimmy Carter, met earlier this month with Pope Shenuda III, spiritual leader of Egypt's six million-strong Coptic Christian minority, and called for "concentrated prayer" to help achieve a Mideast settlement. Mrs. Stapleton, who arrived here after visiting Israel and Jordan, said she began her religious "mission" to the Middle East at the president's urging. —E.P.

More than 'Pious Words' Needed to End Arms Race, Legislator Says

WASHINGTON, D.C.—"Well-meaning church leaders" concerned about the arms race should follow up their "pious words" with some specific actions, a congressman suggested here.

"Resolutions are good, but not enough," said Rep. Paul Simon (D.—Ill.). Mr. Simon, whose brother, Arthur Simon, a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod clergyman who heads Bread for the World, proposed a formula for more effective religious leadership.

Religious statements must recognize that the United States "will not—and should not—drastically reduce its arms spending unless the Soviets do the same. One nation can lead, but one nation cannot reduce armaments alone," Mr. Simon maintained.

He said it was the responsibility of churches and synagogues to "help change public opinion" to make appeals for disarmament politically credible. —E.P.

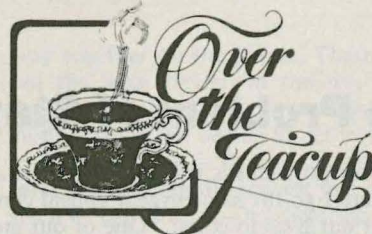
Study to Explore Forming Peace Academy Approved by Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A measure to form a commission to study the feasibility of establishing an "Academy of Peace and Conflict" has been adopted by Senate and House conferees and is waiting President Carter's signature.

The measure was an amendment introduced by Sen. Mark Hatfield (R.—Ore.) to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1978, which had earlier been approved by both chambers of Congress and on

which conferees acted the last week of September. It authorizes \$500,000 for a year-long feasibility study which would begin after the president signs the legislation and members are selected.

The peace academy would "undertake study and training in the arts and skills of non-violent conflict resolution," the measure states. —C.C.N.S.



OCTOBER GLOW

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Welcome to October! To me it is the month of months, and I like to think that somewhere in heaven an angel tipped over a chest of jewels, casting them recklessly down to earth, all over the landscape, shining, glittering, and glowing in the autumn sunshine. It makes me think of the glory that is so easily hidden or tarnished by the pressure of daily life.

We need to be reminded of the glory side of living now and then and October does its best to give us the message. All too soon its beauty falls to the ground, and we wait shivering in the cold for warmth, and color, and the glory to return.

The sudden burst of sunshine on autumn leaves is just one kind of glory—a very seasonal variety, but it speaks to us of many other kinds. Springtime glory is the bursting forth of new life, maturing into summer glory that is fruitfulness and fulfillment. Winter glory is the enveloping kind coming from without, making a fairyland of ice and snow. But in every season, most of the days are ordinary days—rainy, misty, cloudy, sultry, or windy, or just plain weather. Even when the weather is fine, most of us are too preoccupied to notice.

Once in India I pointed out the glorious monsoon sunset to an Indian woman who had been gathering cowdung all day long, following the cattle as they grazed. She was looking down on the filth of the road. It was such a glorious evening and the sunset so unusually beautiful. The heavens were on fire, burning down to a dull glow on the horizon.

"Look," I said, "look at the sky! It is
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First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

WESLEY and MARILYN VOTH are full-time workers in the interracial Friends Church in the Piedmont area of Portland, Oregon. His parents and grandparents grew up in the old Piedmont Friends Church before it became a largely black community. Wes is a graduate of George Fox College and Gordon-Conwell Seminary; Marilyn is the daughter of Norval Hadley, Northwest Yearly Meeting Superintendent.

DAVE and CATHY SHERMAN of Caldwell, Idaho, are working in the Voice of Calvary ministry in Mendenhall, Mississippi, in a special intern training program for interracial ministries. DAN and JAN McCRACKEN and family of Newberg, Oregon, will join the VOC program full time in November, when he will assist in developing a magazine and other publishing programs. He is currently on the staff at Barclay Press.

ARMIN GESSWEIN, following his leadership at the sessions of Northwest Yearly Meeting in July, has been nearly full time in Prayer Training seminars among various Friends churches of the Northwest: Lynwood, Medford, Eugene, North Valley, and others.

RICHARD SARTWELL, copastor of the Salem Friends Church (Ohio), was elected president of the Executive Board of the Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region during the annual meetings in August. He is the youngest pastor to hold this position. He has served as regional editor of the Evangelical Friend for several years.

ARNOLD OWEN, well-known Friends leader, member of the Berkeley Friends Church (California) recently residing at Friendsview Manor, Newberg, Oregon, and a member of the George Fox College Board, died suddenly August 22.

REBECCA COLEMAN, former missionary to India, whose husband MILTON is now pastoring in Ohio, is the new president of the Evangelical Friends Alliance Women's Missionary Union. She follows AGNES TISH, who has served in this position the past seven years. Agnes Tish, of Greenleaf, Idaho, will now serve as treasurer.

ROBERT HESS and RETA STUART, executive director and administrative assistant for the Evangelical Friends Mission, now have offices at 1201 Building, 1201 - 30th Street N.W., Canton, Ohio 44709. Telephone: (216) 492-1577.

DUANE MOON has resigned after 15 years as president of William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa. His resignation will be effective July 1, 1979.

MAX HUFFMAN, of Indiana Yearly Meeting, experienced Friends pastor and church extension specialist, is now conducting "Holy Life and Bible Study Conferences" in local churches. He may be contacted at 1403 Briar Road, Muncie, Indiana 47304.

HERBERT HANDY, veteran Friends minister and pastor of the Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region, died August 15 at his home in Alliance, Ohio. The Friendship Class of the First Friends Church of Alliance gave \$1,000 in a memorial fund started in his honor.

FRED LITTLEFIELD, former pastor of Fowler Friends Church (Kansas) and Newberg Friends (Oregon), and former superintendent of Kansas (now Mid-America) Yearly Meeting, is named to serve at Friends University as foreign student advisor, and also will assist as director of student housing, spiritual life development, and other duties.

FRIENDS FOCUS

FRIENDS PASTORS MEET IN VIRGINIA

Eugene Collins, professor of Bible at Malone College, and Miriam Burke, of Earlham School of Religion, were the resource leaders for the fall Pastors' Conference of the EFC--Eastern Region October 2-5 at Massanetta Springs, Virginia. The program features included "The Pastor as Administrator," "The Pastor as Counselor," and "The Pastor as a Parent."

A NEW A-V QUAKER HISTORY AVAILABLE

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"Quaker Beginnings--A Heritage of Vitality" is the title of a newly developed set of colored slides, accompanied by a cassette tape, that presents a vivid story of the early years of Quakerism in Northwest England. Elfrida Vipont Foulds, a member of London Yearly Meeting, is the Quaker lecturer and author who has prepared both the slides and tape. The set is useful for church membership classes or other occasions and may be ordered from P. O. Box 235, Plainfield, Indiana 46168, regional office of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, American Section.

FRIENDS WOMEN HOLD CONFERENCES

The women of the EFC--Eastern Region will hold a retreat October 13-15 at Camp Neosa near Carrollton, Ohio, with Jan Kiemal (twin sister of Ann Kiemal) as speaker.

Rachel Bailey, of the Garden Grove Community Church in California, will be the speaker for the Northwest Yearly Meeting women's conference, October 19-22, at Twin Rocks Conference grounds on the Oregon coast.

Mid-America Yearly Meeting (formerly Kansas) Friends women meet at Hilton Inn Northwest, Oklahoma City, in October with Ruth Ann Polston the featured speaker.

OPENINGS FOR FRIENDS TEACHERS IN BOLIVIA

The American School in the Bolivian capital city of La Paz, with grades kindergarten through high school and an enrollment around 700, welcomes teacher applications from Quakers qualified for position openings. Interviews are conducted in California in the month of November.

Two possible categories for involvement are possible if hired, one particularly benefiting the Friends missionary staff in Bolivia that allows the teacher to live on a salary scale commensurate with the missionary staff, thereby permitting scholarships to missionary children of Friends families. This allows a significant budget saving for the mission program. The second category is simply to receive the regular salary offered by the American School. In either case, the Quaker teacher hired by the school could be involved with the Friends Missionary Council in the capital area. For additional information write P. O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132, or phone (503) 538-9419.

WATCH OUT FOR ZAPOTEC 'FRIENDS'

Barbara Morse and Donna Marks, Friends missionaries working with Wycliffe Bible Translators among the Zapotec Indians of Mexico, find the development of this language into written form a challenging task. After nearly a year, they found the importance of being careful with the word friend. Many words sound alike; the word meaning for "money" and "friend" is distinguished only by slightly raising the tone of voice. It seems that by shouting the word for friend it becomes money, a fact that has long been known to occur too in English during a heated monthly meeting for business.

OHIO FRIENDS DISASTER SERVICE HOLDS FIRST AUCTION

The Friends Action Board of EFC--Eastern Region, under Dean Johnson's direction, has been working many months preparing for an auction as part of the fall fair at Talmadge, Ohio, in September. Many churches, youth, and women's groups participated in preparing items for sale plus many stores and businesses. The net result was well worth the effort--\$13,700 was raised for the Friends Disaster Service ministry, with many "exciting" personal "happenings" taking place as a result of this team effort. (A detailed story on this happening appears on page 21).

FLORIDA 'FIRST FRUIT' DEDICATED

The Morningside Friends Church of Port St. Lucie, in Florida, was dedicated on September 17. This is a new work developed under the leadership of William and Dorothy Wagner in "Operation Strawberry," a church extension venture of Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region.

DENVER FRIENDS HOST DINNERS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

At least 16 International Friendship Dinners are planned for the fall and winter in the Denver community with members of the First Denver Friends Church participating, arranged by Dotty Davis. An average of 70 persons come with as many as 120 on one occasion last year. This is proving to be a "nonthreatening" way of inviting overseas students to church, teaching the Bible, and giving a Christian witness. Many of these are influential young people and future leaders in their own countries as they return.

WHAT DO THE ELDERLY WANT?

Harold Tollefson, editor of Creative Aging, a paper published by Friends United Meeting, sent a questionnaire to 500 Friends meetings to discover how the elderly people themselves feel about ministries provided for them. Here are their responses in the order of importance reported:

1. An overwhelming need for personal contact--companionship, visitation, friendship.
2. The need for self-esteem, or worth--some church assignment, meaningful task.
3. The need for special services--help with Medicare, Social Security, etc.
4. Transportation--to the doctor, for shopping, to worship, etc.
5. Financial problems--meager savings, inflation costs, fixed incomes--counsel and assistance are needed.
6. Adequate meals, proper diet--this is a common problem when cooking is a difficult task, food purchases a problem.

The local church wishing to have an effective ministry among its elderly may be helped by this insight.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FEATURING FRIENDS

Missionaries from Ecuador, Africa, India, Taiwan, and leaders of the new Evangelical Friends Mission, Reta Stuart and Robert Hess, are speaking in a missionary conference at First Friends, Alliance, Ohio, in October. Pastor James Kilpatrick carries regular printed reports of Friends working in the Philippines, as well as other fields of the EFA, in the church's "Mid-week Memo." Attendance on Sunday morning is averaging slightly less than 400 and around 100 on Wednesday night prayer meetings, with a strong focus on missions.

FRIENDS-SPONSORED REFUGEES HEAR FROM VIETNAM

After a silence of three years, the Anh Van To family, sponsored by the Friends churches in southern Oregon (Medford and Talent), have had letters from their relatives in Vietnam. A brother and sister left behind report they are holding Bible studies in their church three nights each week. There are now three churches in the city where formerly there was only one. Twenty pastors, however, are in prison, and one of their own brothers was recently released from jail after a two-year confinement. There seems to be still great danger of imprisonment, but "We are not afraid." This family is one of many brought to Northwest Yearly Meeting by the Friends Action Board for sponsor care by various local Friends churches.

NO CHEATING

Svensen Friends Church (Oregon) church bulletin carries this account. After examining his son's report card, the father announced, "Well, with this report card, you couldn't possibly be cheating!"

FRIENDS PASTOR CHANGES HIS PRAYER

Following a severe back injury suffered in August, Jack Kirk, copastor of the University Friends Church (Wichita), reported to the congregation: "During the four weeks in the hospital, I did quite a bit of praying . . . asking God to heal me, and I told Him exactly how I wanted it done. I gave Him the details of the process step by step, naming doctors and exercises and everything. Then, one day when the whole business seemed to be going nowhere, I gave way to discouragement. Only then did I recall a line from the Scandinavian classic Prayer by Ole Hallesby that many of us waste most of our prayer time by giving God blueprints for the way we expect Him to act. We are still in charge, and our wills are preventing Him from taking over.

"I stopped including a set of instructions for God . . . I just told Him how dismal the situation was and asked Him to do something. Now, I am not running races or playing tennis as I was in May . . . but I am not in the hospital, and that is definitely a step in the right direction."

Jack Kirk is to assume the associate directorship of the Friends United Meeting in a few weeks and will certainly need to be in the best of health for this large assignment. Prayer is requested for his continued recovery.

LOVE LOAVES BEING DISTRIBUTED

In recent years, various Christian relief agencies have developed useful and attractive ways to encourage children and others to share with those who are hungry and hurting in today's world. One of these is the small savings bank designed in the shape of a loaf of bread, made of plastic to be easily broken open when filled. World Vision, Inc., provides these without cost to any church or group wishing them with the proviso that at least 40 percent of the offerings saved be used in their overseas relief ministries. Many Friends churches are using this plan again this year, with several giving these out early in the fall in order to have them returned by Thanksgiving or Christmas as part of a special local church relief Sunday.

The World Relief Commission, overseas arm of the National Association of Evangelicals, is encouraging a special Thanksgiving offering for relief among all our churches. The Evangelical Friends Alliance is a member of NAE and has given thousands of dollars to this impressive work in recent years. By contacting your own yearly meeting office, you can secure materials, posters, and other helps in promoting and receiving relief offerings. Many churches in this program are encouraging participation by suggesting each member of every church family give a minimum of \$1, less than the cost of a hamburger and milkshake!

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too beautiful. I can almost see into heaven."

She looked up a second as though she could scarcely spare the time. "It's just a sunset!" she said. That was all it was really, but I was so sorry for her to miss the glory of it when it was right there surrounding her. I have often thought of the dear little woman so busy with picking up cowdung that she failed to see or feel what ecstasy enveloped her and what beauty, what radiance, what glory was in the sky above her!

Years ago in India I heard a sermon on the glory of the Lord. I wish someone would preach about it again. I can never forget the hunger that was created in me for the awareness of His glory, and even more to share it, for Christ said He had given His followers the glory that had been given to Him (John 17:22). Do we have it, or even see it? The sermon left me with a longing for both.

Radiance is not a new idea. Isaiah was aware of it. In the first few verses of Isaiah 60 came these earth-shaking words to my own heart, "The glory of the Lord . . . shall be seen upon thee!" Unbelievable! And yet He meant every word of it. It was there for those who have time to look up and see; it is there still for those who are interested in radiance.

Glory has come to have other meanings—not so admirable nor desirable—but the shining, glowing, radiant soul still has its own attraction.

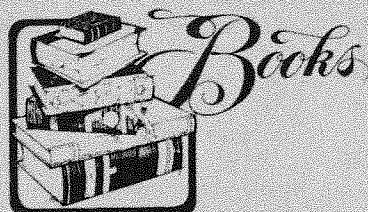
There is very little a person can do about this shining quality. It cannot be applied like cosmetics. It cannot be assumed like mannerisms, nor acted out as a part in a play. It is in the chemistry of the soul, touched by the glory of God and reflecting it to others.

It is within one as a new life. It is fruitfulness as well. Sometimes it envelops one coming from above like snow covering the nakedness of barren trees, but autumn speaks of the glory of relinquishment. It takes the frosts and chill to show the real beauty of the inner life.

We see this shining quality in a few, but there is an overabundance of preoccupation that neither sees nor longs to share the glory.

We are to be changed from glory to glory, but it must start, and this can only be as we grasp personally that which God has offered, and what he expects to see in us.

Remember, His glory shall be seen upon thee!



Richard J. Foster, **Celebration of Discipline**, Harper and Row, 1978, 179 pages, \$7.95.

Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster is the most exciting and challenging book I have read in a number of years. I was first introduced to spiritual discipline through the works of Thomas Kelly, Douglas Steere, Thomas a Kempis, and the host of Quaker journalists who recorded for us the adventures of their inward journeys. I believe that Foster's book will rank as another classic in this tradition.

Foster believes the spiritual disciplines of the ages (meditation, prayer, fasting, study, simplicity, solitude, submission, service, confession, worship, guidance, and celebration) to be the door to liberation. "Deep calls to deep" (Psalm 42:7) becomes the challenge that he places before the reader. His introductory chapter alone is worth the price of the book. In it he maintains that two difficulties face all today who seek to explore the inner world. One is the philosophic materialism of our time. "Usually," he writes, "people will tolerate a brief dabbling in the 'inward journey,' but

then it is time to get on with the *real* business in the *real* world." Throughout the book, Foster approaches his subjects from the standpoint that the spiritual world is as real as the page at which you are looking and is the seat of power for daily living.

The second difficulty facing most modern seekers is as practical as not knowing how to begin. Most of us have gotten lost in the clutter of our own existence. The noise of our world so fills our ears and our ignorance of the subject is so vast that the call to a disciplined life only breeds frustration. Richard Foster is to be commended for the manner in which he clearly and simply nudges his readers into taking the steps. Although there is a deep theological mind behind this work, no serious seeker will face the hopeless task of unraveling the meaning of obscure vocabulary.

This is a thoroughly Christian and thoroughly biblical exposition of the spiritual disciplines. I would like to have seen a more careful study of Jesus' example of a disciplined life. The foundation for it is there but appears to be used as a "Jesus lived this way, too" rather than a "Jesus was the master example of our next topic." I know that the book would have become prodigious, perhaps, had this latter approach been used.

I am thrilled by the impact this book may have in opening up evangelical Friends especially to the inward journey. I am using the book as a foundation for a seven-week series on spiritual discipline during

PRESIDENCY OF WILLIAM PENN COLLEGE

The Presidential Search Committee of William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa, invites applications and nominations for the position of President.

Desired qualifications include:

1. Membership in the Society of Friends.
2. An earned doctorate.
3. Ability to articulate purposes and goals.
4. Knowledgeable and sensitive to the operations of a Quaker academic institution; and capable of providing leadership in development and implementation of the educational program.
5. Highly developed administrative management and fund-raising skills.
6. Ability to listen, as well as communicate, with each of the constituencies of the college.
7. Strong initiative, coupled with flexibility.

Closing date of December 1, 1978, for applications to the office of President, effective July 1, 1979.

For application packet please write to:

Presidential Search Committee
William Penn College
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evening worship. I have great expectations for the effectiveness of this series.

Foster points out: "A farmer is helpless to grow grain; all he can do is to provide the right conditions for the growing of grain. He puts the seed in the ground where the natural forces take over and up comes the grain. That is the way with the Spiritual Disciplines—they are a way of sowing to the Spirit. The Disciplines are God's way of getting us into the ground; they put us where He can work within us and transform us. By themselves the Spiritual Disciplines can do nothing; they can only get us to the place where something can be done."

—Don Green

Wayne Rice, Denny Rydberg, and Mike Yaconelli, **Fun-N-Games**, Zondervan Publishing House, 1977, 246 pages plus index, paperback, \$4.95.

Subtitled "A Sourcebook of Games for the Whole Family," *Fun-N-Games* with its listing of over 400 games is a joy to either read or browse. Not only is it a good source of gaming ideas from the practical to the nearly absurd, but it is written in a style easily understood and amusing.

Although especially helpful for those who are involved in youth activities, it is not limited to any age group. *Fun-N-Games* is divided into eight categories that attempt to include all situations in which games could be played. Included are chapters on team games, relays, elimination games, even quiet games. In spite of its extensive listing, the first 20 pages are devoted to Creative Game Making, Creative Game Planning, The Game Event, and Creative Game Playing—"There is no international cartel with a monopoly on new games."

For people like myself who tire quickly of such games as volleyball, touch football, and throwing Frisbees, it is good to see so many alternatives presented. Every church library should have one or two of these.

—Robin T. Ankeny

Jeb Stuart Magruder, **From Power to Peace**, Word Books, 1978, 224 pages, \$7.95.

From Power to Peace is the story of one man's journey through the entanglements of Watergate to a personal relationship with Christ. Jeb Stuart Magruder was special assistant to the President during Richard Nixon's first term and was the director for the Committee to Reelect the President in 1972. As a key member of the White House staff during Watergate and the ensu-

ing cover-up and subsequent trial, he is well aware of the effects of power and his personal fall from it—a fall that took him to prison.

But, more than a retelling of the Watergate incident (with which it thankfully deals very little) *From Power to Peace* is the story of a continuing pilgrimage. Mr. Magruder admits to going to church most of his life but being affected little by the experience. It was not until meeting Dr. Louis Evans, then pastor of National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., and watching Dr. Evans's life that he realized Christ could be a living reality. Shortly before going to prison to serve his sentence, Jeb Stuart Magruder made a decision that has affected his life ever since.

Magruder hesitates, though, to continue to retell his conversion experience as such (it is only briefly mentioned), but he emphasizes that his is a story of growth, and that, after all, is what Christianity is all about. He is very much aware of the "Christian Celebrity" status afforded well-known people who become Christians, and this he is working to avoid. "I don't intend to disappear. I'm simply stepping out of the spotlight because I can't see very well in the glare of it," he states.

He speaks throughout the book with compassion and honesty about his prison experience, his relationships with various people including his family and Chuck Colson, and his frustrations of trying to live on top of the circumstances of his life. Perhaps the overriding feeling of the book is its

openness—the author's willingness to tell us how he honestly feels, how he wants to serve the Lord, and about the mistakes he has made along the way.

Jeb Magruder is the author of another book, *An American Life*, so he is an experienced writer. That fact helps a great deal in this book. For light but interesting devotional reading it is good.

—Robin T. Ankeny



■ I would like to congratulate you on the quality and scope of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND. Though I receive many such journals I really take time to read most of the material in your publication.

In the issue with the article by Dr. Earl P. Barker, "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism" [June 1978], I like both the emphasis and doctrinal development of the subject of sanctification. It is refreshing to see some clear and biblical writing upon this subject that is so often neglected in such journals.

Thank you for your good work and may God continue to bless you.

LEO M. THORNTON
President

Western Evangelical Seminary

■ I am grateful for the tender consideration that was shown to me in your July/August edition. I was quite surprised to see not only a paragraph comment on my spiritual sharing from the conference in Denver, but also two pictures!

I have a very warm feeling for Evangelical Friends. They made me feel totally at home. In fact, when I announced from the podium that I would welcome honorary membership in EFA, the applause was so spontaneous that I must admit that I interpreted the response as a proclamation affirming that membership.

Again, I would like to thank you all for being friends. By the way, you will notice that my name has been changed to indicate the fact that I was married two weeks following Denver.

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AN EXPENSIVE LESSON

Part 2

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

SO FAR: Perry and Patsy worked on their Sunday school assignment, which was to write about a good deed done by someone that week. After much looking, they were not able to find any such experience. Later on that Saturday morning, the twins and their mother started to a new shopping center several miles from their home. On the way they had car trouble.

"Well, we've prayed, but so far nothing has happened," reminded Patsy after a few more minutes of sitting on the narrow exit road.

"See, we said nobody'd stop. Maybe in Jesus' day guys stopped to help others, but nowadays no one knows that the Bible says to help one another and be kind and all that stuff."

No sooner had Perry finished grumbling, than a new-looking blue and white station wagon stopped just ahead. A man got out and walked back to the Masters. "What's the problem?" he asked.

Mrs. Masters stuck her head out the window and replied, "We don't know. The car just stopped and it won't start again."

The man poked his head under the opened hood. "Everything looks okay," he said. "Let's try to start it again. I suppose you *do* have gas?"

By this time Perry was hanging over the front seat. "Sure," he said quickly. "We've got a whole tank of gas." He leaned back and said to Patsy, "I already knew *that* wasn't the problem."

Once again the motor whirred. Nothing happened. After a few more unsuccessful tries the man said, "I'm sure I don't know what to say to do. But there's a station just about a mile up on Albertson Road. Want me to go by there and ask them to send someone back to help?"

"That would be nice of you," said Mrs. Masters.

The man and his blue and white station wagon drove on. "Well, see kids, some-

body did stop. Even if he couldn't help. There are kind people left in the world."

"Yeah, I was surprised," admitted Perry.

"Look, Mom," said Patsy as she pointed to a car stopping behind them. "Someone else is stopping."

This time their mother got out of the car. A man and a young boy got out of their green car. "Looks like you have troubles," the man said.

"Yes, another gentleman just stopped and tried to help, but the car won't start at all. He's gone now to get a service station attendant to come."

"Well, you can't depend on anyone coming from a station. Let me see if I can get it started."

They tried the same procedure all over again. Still the motor refused to start. Just as he came out from under the hood and said, "I'm sorry . . ." a bright yellow wrecker pulled alongside, braking to a halt in front of the stalled car.

The twins both sighed and grinned at each other. Mrs. Masters said a quiet "Thank the Lord!"

The man and the boy stood around as the wrecker driver took his turn at looking under the hood. "Try to start it again," he called out. When he heard the motor, he said, "It sounds to me like the fuel pump has gone out. And without that working, lady, you won't get one inch further down the road."

"Oh dear," said Mrs. Masters. "I guess then the only thing to do is for you to pull



us to your station. Would you be able to put a new one on then?"

"Yes ma'am. We could have it ready for you by dinner time tonight."

With a wave of their hands, the man and his boy went on their way. The twins were all eyes, watching the process of getting their front bumper hooked to the long heavy chain on the back of the wrecker. As soon as that was done the driver attached big flashing lights to the back of the car.

"This is fun," giggled Patsy as the big wrecker pulled their car up off of its front wheels. "It's like we're riding uphill."

"Well, the Lord has helped us thus far," Mrs. Masters reminded during the short ride behind the wrecker. "That first nice man who stopped went to get someone who could help. And the other man certainly tried. Now just to figure out how we will get home so we won't have to wait around all day while they fix the car."

Patsy had an idea. "Call Mr. Mitchell. He could come. He'd help us, I know."

"Good idea! Mrs. Mitchell would ride along, too, I'm sure. I'll call as soon as we get to the service station. We can offer to take them out to lunch as pay for their time and gas."

"Hey, Perry! You know somethin'?" Patsy was suddenly very excited. "We'll have something to tell at Sunday school tomorrow after all."

Perry raised his eyebrows. "We will? Oh yeah! Hey, we will! I hadn't even thought about those guys being good Samaritans, but I guess they were. Modern-day good Samaritans! Oh boy, that's neat. Thanks, Mom, for coming out here. If we hadn't come, we wouldn't have had car trouble and then we wouldn't have anything to tell tomorrow. Oh boy!"

Mrs. Masters smiled at the twins. "Well, I guess you're welcome, kids. Must be the Lord had a lesson for us to learn—but it's bound to be an expensive lesson. Fuel pumps aren't cheap, you know!"

Conclusion

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PERSPECTIVE



Zeal and Knowledge

BY RUSSELL MYERS
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St. Paul spoke about these in Romans 10:2: "To their zeal for God I can testify; but it is an ill-informed zeal."

We recognize that zeal and knowledge are two important elements in the development of a strong, useful character. It must not be a question of *either/or*, for we need them both.

Zeal . . .

. . . Without knowledge is frenzy and folly.

. . . Without knowledge it is like haste to a person on the wrong road.

. . . It is like fire. It needs both feeding and watching. If it gets out of hand it is turned from blessing to blight.

. . . Is a good servant but a destructive master.

. . . Blind zeal has been the root of all persecutions. The careless and indifferent don't persecute. Persecutors are zealous people with a zeal not according to knowledge.

. . . To increase zeal it is necessary to increase our grasp on the truths that are meant to guide it, and our association with those who exemplify it. Zeal is contagious.

Knowledge . . .

. . . Without zeal results in inefficiency and stagnation.

. . . The increase of knowledge comes by reading, study, conversation, and observation, by experiment and experience, and by continually turning this knowledge over in our mind and heart.

. . . The individual who accumulates knowledge, who thinks carefully, steadily, and broadly is not likely to be one with a misdirected zeal.

. . . Knowledge is a Christian grace and an essential condition to many higher graces.

. . . Faith and knowledge should never be separated. The intellectual temperament tries to find knowledge without beginning with faith and builds up a cold, lifeless orthodoxy. The ignorant devotee has enough faith, but fails to perfect it in knowledge, and becomes the narrow zealot.

Martin Luther said: "To have zeal according to knowledge means to regard nothing else as greater than always to be ready with fear and trembling to be guided, led and instructed by God in all that is good, no matter how insignificant it may be."

May evangelical Friends be fired afresh with a zeal according to knowledge. It is indispensable. ☐



Thoughts on Continuity, Contingencies, and Chain Reaction

BY JOHN ROBINSON
SUPERINTENDENT
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YEARLY MEETING

Friends meetings that I know have a traditional mind-set that pastoral arrangements should be made on an annual basis. Those of us who are going to be involved in the exercise do so in "fruit basket upset" or "musical chairs" fashion. The assumption is that a pastor leaving one place has another awaiting him, because the person there may be coming to the vacancy he is leaving.

Gymnastics of this sort occur for one reason or another, but with less frequency than in the past. It has been reassuring to note there is now a wholesome trend toward longer pastorates. Consensus is that continuity of service develops better rapport in the community and among the church family. Teaming for ministry, pastors and people find that 4 years is a short time to work together and 10 years is not nearly as long as it once seemed to be, especially when there is harmony and evidence of the Lord's blessing.

However, a rather new wrinkle in this whole affair has developed with the adoption of a new *Faith and Practice* in Mid-America Yearly Meeting. Provision is now made for a 90-day

notice, thus making it feasible for ministry to be terminated at other times during the year. It is quite obvious that sometimes circumstances or contingencies do not allow for even the said 90-day notice.

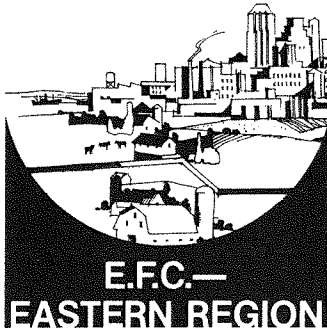
What is a meeting to do when a seemingly untimely death or misfortune removes one from a leadership role? What is expected of a meeting when a pastor resigns early or midway in the year to accept the challenge of an opening that seems providentially set before him or her? How are vacancies filled in the bounds of love, ethics, and good taste?

If people and places begin to look freely at 90-day options without regard to stated pastoral years, then why have a fixed time frame for pastoral terms of ministry? It is quite easy to see that a mild sort of chain reaction can be set in motion as moves to fill vacancies take place. Are we to assume that all is fair in love and war, and that meetings and ministers have bargaining rights all year long? Is it more ethical to say we will not be party to rocking the pastoral boat anytime between July 1 and June 30, 90-day provisions notwithstanding?

Or, are we going to allow ourselves to be vulnerable to the leading of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to be supportive to the best interests of the Body in the context of 1 Corinthians 12:12-31? How much do we really care about other members of the family as they wrestle with hurts and struggles for wholeness?

Actually, are we rigid conformists to continuity of set patterns of procedure, or do we make room for contingencies and subsequent chain reactions? Maybe I'm just trying to deal with a "looking-for-loopholes" syndrome. ☐

FRIENDS CONCERNS



Friends Disaster Auction

Saturday, September 16, dawned bleak and dismal with threatening thunderclouds outlining the early morning skies. Tired people began to stir—people whose overworked muscles cried out for rest, but whose minds could not respond to those cries. For wasn't this the day of the Friends' Disaster Auction—the first one ever—the day that dreams were to be fulfilled? And there was so much to do! This was the day that had taken months of work and planning by local churches and the Auction Committee headed by Dean Johnson. No time to quit now!

The day before had been spent with multitudinous tasks—setting up tables and hundreds of chairs, wallpapering booths and gaily decorating them, unpacking boxes of articles and artistically displaying them, and seemingly walking miles over the Summit County Fairgrounds near Akron, Ohio, to get things into the proper buildings. Potluck supper, a time of devotion and inspiration, then back to work. Lights over the grounds burned brightly into the wee hours of the morning. Gradually, one by one, weary bodies gave way to rest—some in trailers, some on tables in the display area, some on folding cots right by their work. But now, day was dawning. No more time to rest.

Busy fingers began the seemingly endless job of pricing the lovely handmade shawls, pillows, rugs, dolls, aprons, wall hangings, floral arrangements—articles too numer-



ous to mention and whose beauty defies the imagination.

Now the aroma of hot coffee, whole hog sausage (donated by one of the Friends farmers), pancakes and syrup wafted across the grounds. Duties were forgotten for a brief time to care for the delightful task of nourishing the body, along with a short period of devotions, giving the day to God, pleading for Him to control it.

About 7:30 a.m., with renewed strength, workers returned to their various duties. Cars began arriving. The kitchen crew, having fed the workers, now turned their attention to serving breakfast to the public. After all, why eat at home and miss this hearty breakfast with proceeds going into the auction treasury!

Fresh baked goods began arriving: chewy brownies, pumpkin bread, banana bread, yeast rolls, cookies of all sizes, shapes, and flavors, pies still warm from the oven, cakes—some plain and some decorated for the most festive occasion—and of course homemade, snowy-white, feather-light bread—everything fit for a king.

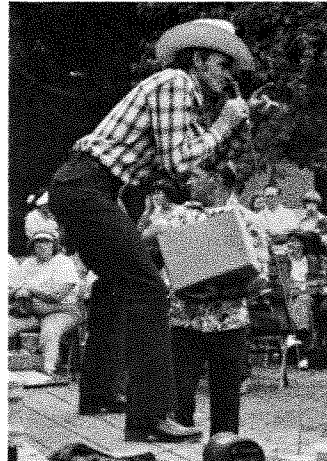
The 8:00 o'clock hour arrived. Each uniquely decorated booth was now open for business. Throughout the day, old-time friends greeted one another and chatted together as they inspected the merchandise and



Pastor John and Betty Graf-ton make a purchase.

made their purchases. The building housing the huge array of house plants, ranging from small green ivies to the deep hue of purple passion and flowering varieties such as the various shades of begonias, and delicate violets, likewise became alive with potential buyers—as did the "flea market" building.

Promptly at 10:00 a.m., the unique elocution of David Jones and Tom Fonner, professional auctioneers who donated their talents for the occasion, began resounding over the grounds. Grace Jones served as clerk. Foreboding rain clouds were now dissipating. He "who holds all things by the word of his power" stayed the rains, giving perfect weather for the day—not too hot, not too cold—just right. Apprehension filled the air. How would the auction go? Immediately the competition started—\$170—who'll make it \$180



David Jones, auctioneer

... \$180—who'll make it \$190? And so it went throughout the day with rich colored afghans, dazzling quilts with their tiny, intricate stitches and design, antiques, wood carvings, paintings, animals, and farm produce.

One highlight was the commemorative plate specially made for the occasion of the first FDS auction. Bidding fever ran high between Dean Johnson and Richard Sartwell, pastor of First Friends in Salem, with Richard finally winning out at the handsome price of \$100. However, after the purchase was made, the plate was graciously awarded to Dean as a token of love for the deep burden he carries for FDS and the outstanding leadership he gave to the auction.



Pastor Joe Miller at his pottery wheel.

The noontime hour brought a steady flow of hungry bidders to the pavilion, where they satisfied their appetites with barbecued chicken served with generous portions of cole slaw, apple sauce, and rolls. Or if a hamburger was desired, they were on the menu, juicy and tender from the beef donated by one of the beef farmers.

During the day the First Aid Station manned by two loyal nurses gave blood pressure tests with donations toward the auction. They also treated no less than 38 yellow jacket

stings, so the day was not without mishap.

As the supper hour drew near and the shadows began to lengthen, the auction drew to a close. A careful counting of the day's proceeds, then subtracting all costs, showed that a net profit of \$13,500 was realized. Now, much needed equipment can be purchased. Now, by the work of our hands and the sweat of our brow, it will be easier to show suffering humanity how much we really care. Together, there's so much we can do.

The fairgrounds are now quiet. The bidders have gone home to boast of their purchases. Chairs and tables have been returned to the churches who loaned them. The buildings are swept clean. The workers may rest—but only for a few days. Preparations must begin for next year's auction, and the next and the next and the next . . .

Morningside Church Celebrates

The congregation of Morningside Friends Church joyfully moved into its new building on June 4. The church is located at 2180 S.E. Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Florida.

J. Daniel and Wanda Frost arrived to be the first full-time pastors on July 1 and were warmly received by the church and community.



An open house-ribbon cutting service was held on July 16, with Port St. Lucie mayor, William McChesney, participating in the service. Mayor McChesney, Pastor Frost, and Fred Morgan, building supervisor, shared in cutting the ribbon in a short outdoor service that opened the celebration. Following the worship service, a fellowship time and tour of the building was held. Fifty-five persons attended the open house. That evening, the film *The Chuck Colson Story* was shown.

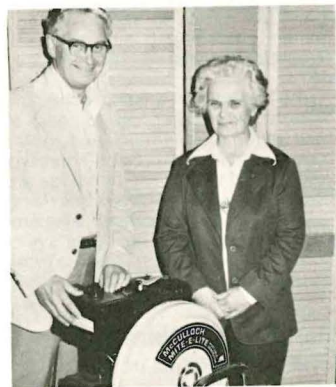
Following several seeks of organization and planning, the church has adopted the following schedule:

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

Evening services will follow a varied program of fellowship, vespers, films, inspiration, and guests. Florida visitors are more than welcome to attend services at the only Evangelical Friends Church on the east shore of Florida!

Contribution to Friends Disaster Service

Jim Baer, Sr., of Cardington, Ohio, contributed several hours of assistance to the Friends Disaster Service following the Johnstown, Pennsylvania, flood. Having power tools to work with and no electric power prompted Jim and his wife Sybil to



donate to FDS this new McCullough 3300 watt generator. We appreciate Jim and Sybil for sparking our enthusiasm.

Herbert Handy

Herbert Handy, retired minister of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region, went to his reward August 15, 1978, at the age of 87 years.

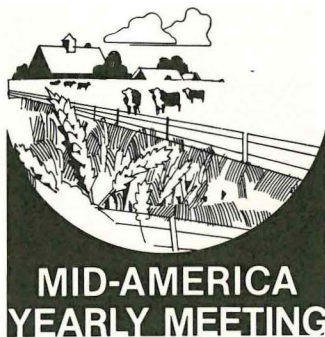
During his many years of faithful service, Herbert Handy pastored churches in Virginia, North Carolina, and Ohio. Mr. Handy also served for 30 years as quarterly meeting superintendent, was on the Evangelistic, Pastoral and Extension Board for 14 years, and also served as president of both Sebring and Wakefield camp meetings.

Retiring from the ministry after 56 years, Herbert Handy continued active in evangelism an additional four years, bringing his total years of ministry to 60. He was very familiar with the Word of God and could quote many passages from memory. He was a loved and respected man of God.

Surviving Mr. Handy are his wife, Ruth Lehman Handy, one daughter, Esther Williamson, four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Herbert Handy loved to express himself in poetry and wrote many poems during his lifetime. The last 12 lines of one of his later poems seems fitting.

The future holds no dread nor fear,
But calm and perfect trust
In Christ, who through the years has kept
The faithful and the just.
I know He'll hold in straits of life
When end time draweth near,
The time t'ward which saints have looked,
Throughout their trav'ling years.
The glory of the glowing Son,
Throughout life's day has shown,
And He will lighten all my path,
'Til I am safe at home.



A Report from Burundi

Greetings from Lowell and Josephine Thornburg in the heart of Africa. As to our being in Africa, we would like to thank all who helped us to decide, who helped us get ready, and who helped us financially, especially Hutchinson Friends. This is an experience that we never anticipated, but the Lord, through you, made it possible.

We had a swift trip, with stops in Toronto, Canada; Amsterdam, Holland; Zurich, Switzerland, and Nairobi, Kenya. Each of these places had its own personality.

When we arrived in Bujumbura we were a little fatigued, hot, and dazed. Everything looked strange, people carrying heavy loads on their heads and hearts. Everywhere a strange language, strange money, strange terrain, and, of course, strange ways. It was interesting to hear Willard barter for vegetables, cooking supplies, and hardware.

This part of the country is not unlike the Ozarks though higher in altitude. The mountains are steep and the valleys are beautiful with self-irrigated gardens. Some of the mountainsides are terraced with gardens and groves (coffee, tea, manioc, and bananas) all waiting for the rainy season. There are grass huts everywhere and people walking up and down the roads almost at any time of day or night. People here have very little money but their needs are few. The temperature ranges between 60° and 85° F here in the mountains. The days are always the same length, 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of night. This is because we are just south of the equator. The government is trying to help the people improve their homes. Some are building houses of sun-dried and kiln-dried brick, but many have thatched roofs and a few have corrugated steel or tile. They all cook over wood fires, either on the floor inside the house or just outside the door, depending on the weather.

The services that we have attended are packed. We were welcomed by special music, drummers, and dancers. The missionaries have a great responsibility and the people appreciate their work. It is difficult for the people to build suitable churches because of their low in-

come. The government gave land for Friends to build on in Bujumbura, the capital city. If it is not developed in two years, the lots will be given to some other organization. [School buildings, which may be used for church purposes, will go up first, according to the government requirements—editor's note.] Jim and Doris Morris live and work primarily in Bujumbura.

There is a revival spirit in some of the churches. Willard organized a Quaker Haven-type youth camp, meeting at Kwibuka. They put up a large tent for sleeping quarters for the boys, and the girls used other buildings there. A gospel team from Bujumbura furnished music and preaching. There are around 150 youth enrolled with about 150 additional attending part time. Many have been converted and sanctified.

We live at Kibimba, the site of the normal school. There are around 300 students attending here, living in dormitories, with housing for teachers. There is a large kitchen with wood-burning stoves and they eat in a large room with 26 tables. Kibimba is the burial site of Arthur and Edna Chilson, Eli Wheeler, and the Fuqua babies.

There is always something happening here. The hospital is very busy, though understaffed; it needs updating and enlarged facilities. Doris Ferguson and Gerry Custer both work here.

We have not visited all the stations yet, but we are convinced that the Friends work in Burundi is a worthy cause. There is much need for more money, more missionaries, and more prayer. Thanks again for granting us this privilege of visiting Burundi.

—Lowell and Josephine Thornburg

Yearly Meeting Fallout

Who hasn't heard the old adage, "There's no rest for the wicked . . . and the righteous don't need any!" Of course, *everyone* has heard it. And it just may be that everyone also feels that its logic is as elusive as its origin is obscure; and, more to the point, its comfort is nonexistent. So, don't come around the Yearly Meeting office with that "old saw," please!

The weeks that follow each Yearly Meeting session are like the aftermath of a storm; the digging out is worse than the deluge!

Minutes

Here it is the end of September already and we are just beginning to see the end of the "digging out." The 17 sets of minutes from all the boards, divisions, and the Executive Council are just now entering the final stages of being mimeographed and distributed—all of which has followed the recording, rewriting, proofing, and editing (via chairmen and presidents), then reediting, retyping and reproving again at the Wichita end.

More Minutes

It is already seven weeks after Yearly Meeting and the *Minutes* of the Sessions (the 18th set of minutes handled—if you're counting) which make up the "Minute Book"—along with the organizational directory, the alphabetical directory, and the statistical charts (102 typeset pages)—have been sent to the printer in Newberg, Oregon. Of course, in that time these several sections were composed, edited (by at least three people), corrected, correlated for consistency, checked and cross-checked for accuracy (especially the directories with their names, addresses, zip codes, and phone numbers), and then photocopied as insurance against loss—and finally, mailed!

Field Trips

During this time, a much-labored-over issue of the SCOPE has been composed, printed, and distributed—with another issue under development. Also, 32,000 brochures of Evangelical Friends Mission arm of EFA have been boxed and shipped to various points for remailing.

In addition, mission field correspondence and finances have been attended to as well as the debriefing and processing of returned missionaries (three families) and the preparing of outgoing missionaries (four families). Preflight preparation includes passports, visas, medical examinations and treatments, legal clearances, and flight schedules. We must not forget, too, the time-consuming process of shipping the "barrels and stuff" for all of these going to and coming from the field.

1978-79

Pastoral Changes

Chandler—Roy Hayes
Collinsville—Jim Evans,
Christian Education
Director
Community—Val Bridenstine
Cottonwood—John Crisp,
Youth Director
Fowler—Ron Ferguson
Friendswood—Paul Thorn-
burg, Associate Pastor
Karl Newmann, Minister
of Youth
Gate—Richard Buck
Lawrence—Dave Ellis
Norman—Jeff Janes
Northridge/Wichita—John
Penrose, Minister of Youth
Northshore—Jim Jenkins,
Associate Pastor
Northwest Houston—Tom
Harrison
Plains—Stan Thornburg,
Youth Pastor
Pratt—Kenneth Routon
Rose Hill—Tom Decker
Willow Creek—Greg Harris

In the meantime, of course, uncounted calls and visits from pastors and church representatives (who, incidentally, are going through similar post-yearly meeting fall-out routines) have been faithfully, patiently, and lovingly responded to.

Fun with Funds

While caring for these administrative needs there loomed large on the horizon the perennial burden (unique to this time of year) of juggling bucks. For, with three missionary families returning stateside (Dealys, Thornburgs, and Kellums) and the four families going abroad (Fergusons, Thornburgs*, Shaffers, and Morris) the Yearly Meeting treasurer, Agnes Hain, has already paid out \$20,000 for mission transportation and shipments (with more due soon) plus unusually heavy medical expenses for these 27 people . . . and doing so during the very weeks when budget money flows the slowest from the supporting churches.

*The Lowell Thornburgs' transportation will be paid by the Hutchinson Church, and their medical expenses were cared for personally.

Trips in the Field

Within those same seven weeks a camp conference (Family and Keenagers) has been attended and ministered to, while other imminent conferences (from Oklahoma City, to Green Lake, Wisconsin, to Portland, Oregon) have been prepared and planned for. In addition, ministering responsibilities have been fulfilled each weekend—including preaching and counseling sessions as well as funerals and weddings.

Incidentally, that short period just happens to have been a very busy time for "out of season" pastoral changes, with five pastoral resignations (Chandler, Fowler, Pratt, Hutchinson, and Washington) and one death (Charles Hout of Booker) requiring the consequent counseling, conferring, and pastoral supplies to be negotiated. Add to those, one meeting (San Antonio), which restructured to a house-church program.

Well, anyway, when I reflected on all that recent schedule filled with seemingly more important work, I decided I could not possibly compose an article for this edition of the *Evangelical Friend*—KYM (oops) MAYM section. So, please accept my regrets. Sorry!

—Gerald Teague

I Remember

By Lela Gordon Chance

Comparatively few persons will share the memories I hold of the Yearly Meeting sessions of 40 and 50 years ago. It warms my heart to recall so many dear and faithful friends. Perhaps it will strengthen the faith of you who are younger just to get a little glimpse of the love and loyalty of those who served so well,

most of whom are at home with the Lord today.

Almost 60 years ago I attended Yearly Meeting for the first time and was so thrilled and inspired by the spiritual atmosphere and the evident love of Friend for Friend. Beyond this was a great missionary zeal. Kansas Yearly Meeting was sending her sons and daughters afar with the Gospel into hard and difficult fields and holding them up with prayer and financial aid. There were Fred and Alta Hoyt, Arthur and Edna Chilson in Africa; Perry and Martha Hadley, Sylvester and Rachel Chance in Alaska; Lena Hadley and Iva Pickering in Cuba. The courage and zeal of the missionaries was equaled by the dedication of many Friends who kept the home fires burning.

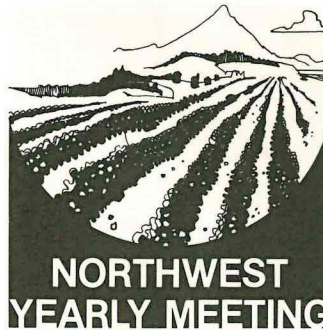
Sometime during every Yearly Meeting was a time for pledging to the missionary budget. One memorable year Wallace Kemp, our genial Yearly Meeting treasurer, asked for pledges, with a very effective mixture of good humor and serious concern. The pledges usually came readily and almost enthusiastically. That night there was a pause in the ready response as a dear little lady pastor, Iola Steen, arose and walked up on the platform and said to Wallace, "I can't give money, for I don't have it, but I have this little gold ring my mother gave me. I don't know how much it is worth, but I want to add it to the Lord's treasury tonight," and she placed it in Wallace's hand and returned to her seat. Silence fell over the audience. Wallace stood with the ring in his hand, looking at it and trying to get control of his emotions.

When he finally spoke he reminded us of the scene described in the Bible when Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. He saw a poor widow put in two copper coins, and He said, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." Then Wallace recalled the scriptural injunction—"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." He then asked who would pay cash for the ring and let him return it to Iola. I do not recall the amount that little gift brought in dollars and cents, but it was enough to buy several rings. There was no person present who was not deeply moved, and Wallace placed the ring in Iola's hands while the tears rolled down her cheeks and ours.

I pray that the Holy Spirit, who is still among His people, will speak to persons in our Yearly Meeting of every age and station, bringing ready response to divine guidance.

God bless us every one.

Lela Gordon Chance is a former pastor, serving in Kansas and Iowa yearly meetings.



Superintendent's Corner

As I write this, I have just returned from the Los Angeles area, where I was an honorary pallbearer at the funeral of Dr. Bob Pierce, founder and first president of World Vision International. He died of leukemia at the City of Hope September 6 at the age of 63. He had been under treatment for leukemia since mid-1975. The services were held at the beautiful Hall of Crucifixion, Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, California. While the news of his death reached many too late, friends were there from all over the world to pay tribute.

A timely article in the OMS magazine said that there are probably a hundred thousand Christians in the church in Korea now because

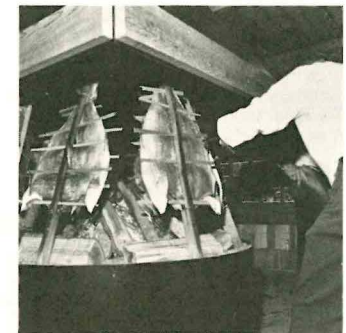
of the ministry of Dr. Bob Pierce and World Vision. He told the World Vision board just before he died that the size of World Vision now scared him; the work he started will channel \$38 million dollars overseas this year and cares for over 160,000 children across the world. No one could measure the impact today of the ministries of the lives of people he touched across the world.

I've often said in leadership seminars that one of the characteristics of a great leader is that there is a gap between him and the status quo. Dr. Pierce was an outstanding illustration of this. The book about him is well-titled, *Let My Heart Be Broken with the Things That Break the Heart of God*. He was personally motivated and able to motivate others because he was greatly disturbed about the plight of the suffering of others—the orphans and the widows.

He used to say, "Don't do nothing simply because you can't do everything." "Ninety percent of succeeding is lasting." "Why should so many who have so little give so much while we who have so much give so little?" "You don't choose whether or not you will suffer; you don't choose whether or not you will die, but you can choose what you will suffer for, what you will die for."

And he used to pray, "Lord, I don't pray so much that You'll bless what I do, but help me to do what You bless." This is why he started work among orphans and widows and the suffering and needy of the earth. In his funeral message, Dr. Jack Hayford of the Church on the Way in Van Nuys, California, used Isaiah 6, and suggested that in the year Bob Pierce died maybe many of us will receive a call of the Lord high and lifted up and will say, "Here am I; send me." —Norval Hadley

Tilikum Serves Potlatch



Caterer Bill Hewitt of Seattle checks the salmon served at the sixth annual Potlatch of Camp Tilikum held recently in the newly completed Multipurpose Building located on the edge of Lake Tilikum. Hewitt, who operates the famed Blake Island Tilikum Village in Seattle, prepared and baked the salmon in the open fire pits much as the Indians used to do.

Coming Events

October

- 19-22 WMU Retreat, Twin Rocks Conference Center, Rachel Bailey, speaker.
- 20 GFC Fall Convocation, 9:30 a.m., speaker Dr. James M. Houston, principal, Regent College, Vancouver, B.C. Dedication of Milo C. Ross Center, 12:45 p.m. Piano concert by Istvan Nadas, GFC artist-in-residence.
- 23-27 Christian Emphasis Week, GFC, Dr. Robert Hess, speaker.

November

- 2-4 Missions Department Retreat
- 3-4 Education Board Retreat
- 7-10 Quaker Heritage Week, GFC, "Missions in the Heritage of Friends," speakers Dr. Robert Hess, Dr. Arthur O. Roberts, John and Laura Trachsel, Ron Stansell, Quentin Nurdyke, Paul and Phyllis Cammack. Concert, Istvan Nadas, pianist, GFC.
- 13-15 Department of Ministerial Training Retreat
- 13-15 Department of Evangelism Retreat
- 17-18 GFC Auxiliary Bazaar, GFC
- 18 GFC Band Pops Concert



About 300 diners enjoyed clam nectar by candlelight and the salmon dinner in an informal evening of singing, dedication of the Multipurpose Building, and history of the Willamette Valley and recollections of Russell Baker who envisioned the camp and donated his 92-acre farm in 1970 to become Camp Tilikum, now used extensively for outings, camps, and training programs.

McCrackens to Join VOC



Dan and Jan McCracken, along with Mel, Trina, Heidi, and Juliana, are making preparations for their move to Jackson, Mississippi, to join the Voice of Calvary staff. Voice of Calvary ministers to the black community, and Dan's responsibility will be the development of a magazine for black evangelicals. McCrackens are members at Newberg Friends Church. For the past 11 years Dan has been in the ministry of the printed word at The Barclay Press, Friends publishing house operated by Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends. John Perkins, founder and director of Voice of Calvary, was speaker at Northwest Yearly Meeting sessions in July.



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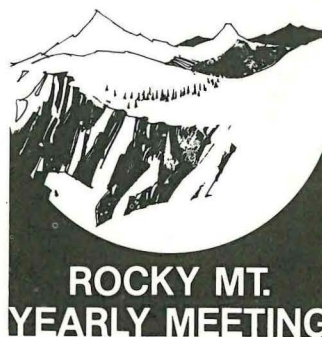
DID YOU KNOW? . . .

. . . that George Fox College has increased the teaching faculty of two divisions—language arts and natural science: Henry Helsabeck as associate professor of mathematics and Richard Engnell as assistant professor of communication arts. To fill temporary vacancies, Joseph Gilmore, professor of music, replaces Jerry Friesen, who is teaching for the Greater Europe Mission at the German Bible Institute, and David Votaw, director of instructional media, replaces Bob Gilmore, who is on a one-year sabbatical as a missionary under California Yearly Meeting of Friends, and living in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Two other new professors who are Friends are Dr. Robert Hess, executive director of the Evangelical Friends Mission, who will teach fall term, replacing Dr. Arthur O. Roberts on sabbatical, and Ron Stansell, GFC graduate '65 on furlough following completion of third term as a Friends missionary in Bolivia under Northwest Yearly Meeting, will teach first-year Spanish.

. . . that Mel Schroeder, director of media research for the Church of the Nazarene national organization, has been named to head GFC's new television project. The new video center, now under construction, is a pilot program to produce and market educational videotape cassettes for screening on home television sets.

. . . that Daisy Read, who attended Pacific Academy and Pacific College (now George Fox College), has written a booklet "My College: Memories of Long Ago," recalling the early history of the college, on sale through the Alumni office.

. . . that the chair used by the former first lady Lou Henry Hoover for her official White House portrait has been given to the college for display. It is in the Kershner Library in the new Herbert Hoover Academic Building.



Yearly Meeting Report

The 1978 RMYM sessions were held at Quaker Ridge Camp June 14-18. In trying to evaluate the sessions I keep coming back to the spirit of op-

timism that prevailed throughout the entire sessions. Much of this was due to the ministry of Roy Clark and family. Roy is pastor of the West Chehalis meeting, Newberg, Oregon. His ministry was enhanced by his experience of more than 30 years of teaching in Christian colleges, over 10 years with a nightly radio program, *The Preacher at the Piano*, plus several years of directing a college extension program among the Eskimos of northwest Alaska. Roy's wife Ruth and three daughters assisted him in the special music for the sessions. The inspiration of their music and Roy's messages with emphasis on the importance of the church created an atmosphere of optimism.



Vicki Hinshaw, Wayne Conant, and Edna Mathiesen (Springbank Area Meeting) in informal gathering.

The Stewardship Board report showing that 1977-78 had been one of the best years financially in several years also contributed to the general feeling of well-being.

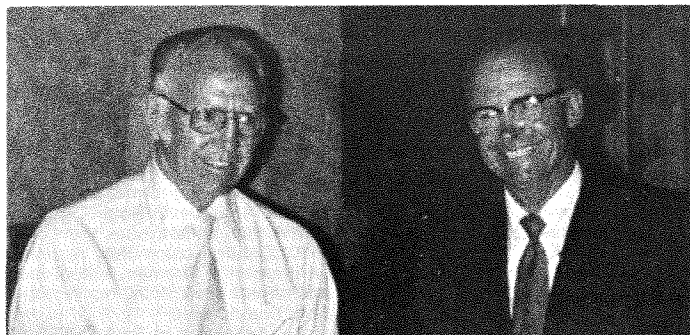
Only one pastor was recorded this year, yet it was noted that the pastoral leadership of the RMYM is the youngest on record.

Some exciting new work is being undertaken by the Outreach Board. Out of this we are not only expecting some new churches, but also some extended ministries by existing churches. Through the Outreach Board, the Yearly Meeting has pledged partial support of a ministry among Chicanos, an outreach of First Denver Friends. Sam Baldizan is already working in this ministry.



Dorothy Barratt, Evangelical Friends Alliance Christian Education Consultant, telling Colorado Springs pastor Ken Kinser how it is.

In the area of missions, the Outreach Board recommended and the Yearly Meeting approved including the RMYM's share of the financial support of the EFA mission as a part of their mission budget for the coming year. The Outreach



Brothers Olen Ellis (left), Superintendent of Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting, and Vern Ellis of Rough Rock Friends Mission.

Board budget is to continue to be raised by Faith Promise giving.

The Friends Women's Missionary Banquet was moved this year to the first evening of Yearly Meeting, yet it was well attended, so plans are to keep this schedule in the future. The banquet speaker was Margaret Nicholl Laird, a retired missionary who served for 40 years in Africa.

At the end of the sessions a standing vote of appreciation was given to the Quaker Ridge staff for their contribution in making the Yearly Meeting enjoyable and productive.

—Olen R. Ellis

Omahans in Singing Groups

Two young women from the Omaha Evangelical Friends meeting are involved, one with the Continental Singers and one with the FBC Singers.



Linda Boschult (left) sang with the Continental Singers during the summer of 1978. The group toured throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Kim Sachs (right), FBC Singers member, recently received from Friends Bible College both the Roy Clark Alumni Music Scholarship and the Faculty Music Award for her musical abilities.

Scripture Nugget

Jeremiah 29:11-14

"For I know the plans that I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans for

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welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. And I will be found by you' declares the Lord, 'and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the Lord, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'"

Personal Involvement

Approaching a home, Helen Descheeny and I saw the father cleaning a log in preparation for a new house. As we knocked at the door, we were greeted from inside, with the usual invitation to come in. The mother was busily weaving a beautiful rug.

A glance around the home showed transitional changes from an older type hogan to a modern home. The hogan still had one big room, but it had several windows (instead of a hole in the roof) and several beds replaced sheepskins, or folded mattresses or quilts. The stove and flooring also reflected changes.

The room was decorated by several large pictures. One portrayed horses, an important part of Navajo culture and history. Another made me wonder; it was a large picture of the Last Supper.

The home was located in a camp where they follow the Native American Church's peyote ceremonies (which consist of eating part of the cactus during the religious ceremonies). Hallucinations are experienced, similar to the effects of taking other drugs. Some Christian terms and songs used during the ceremony confuse our people from distinguishing it as a false cult, in comparison with orthodox Christianity.

The husband entered and questioned Helen about our visit, and the possibility of a service. She explained that the family could decide according to how busy they were.

So, even though they were busy, activity stopped for a lesson from God's Word. They were attentive

and appreciative for our visit, but didn't respond to the Gospel.

We are puzzled by such a response, but we receive similar responses in other unbelievers' homes. They may speak well of the service, and even appreciate our prayers for them, yet they fail to realize they must decide to personally accept Christ's claims on their

lives—not just assent, or express passive appreciation for the Gospel.

But this is Satan's way of preventing them from being confronted with their personal responsibility in the matter of salvation. We covet your prayers that the convicting of God's Holy Spirit will grip their hearts, so they will realize their need for God.

—Mary Gafford

FRIENDS GATHER

ALLIANCE, Ohio

Rick Sams, a seminary student, has become Administrative Assistant to the pastor on a part-time basis. Rick brought his first message to us recently. Other special speakers in recent weeks include Bruce Burch, Anna Nixon, and Don Worden.

One of our youth, Roy Jones, traveled with the "Young Believers" this summer, and Danny Mitchell toured with the "King's Kids." Both expressed their appreciation at being able to have this opportunity.

We thank God for His continued presence and blessing in our midst.

BETHANY, Wadsworth, Ohio

On June 25 we had a farewell picnic for pastor Paul Williams and his wife Lelah, and presented them with a farewell gift. The day ended with a baptismal and vesper service held at Hennigers Lake in which five of our people were baptized. The Holy Spirit's presence was very evident during this time of spiritual growth.

We were privileged to have the Child Evangelism Clown Team for Vacation Bible School and had an average attendance of 62 children. Part of the offering collected went to World Vision International for school kits.

We welcomed our new pastor, Walter Morton, his wife Suzanne, and daughter Rebecca to our church. Pastor Morton had the privilege of accompanying the Boyd Sisters on a tour of various churches in different states to share their love through song.

CLACKAMAS PARK Portland, Oregon

Upon becoming 13 years old in September, Clackamas Park is looking forward with anticipation to the teenage years ahead—years of maturing, growth, excitement, and a fresh awareness of spiritual values.

As our church grows, the task of meeting the needs of our fellowship becomes greater and greater. In order to be more effective, this great

task has been divided into many smaller ones—one being the "shepherding program." Our shepherding ministry is being renewed at the present time. The church family has been divided into several geographical units. Each unit has a shepherd. The shepherd is a representative of the church for the purpose of making personal contacts in his immediate area. Because of this personal contact, the church becomes a congregation of members caring for each other.

Following a summer of Sunday evening fellowship in individual homes, we are again meeting at the church with new variety in Sunday evening worship. Pastor Harmon continues to speak on the theme of the morning, followed by group discussion and fellowship. Singing, special music, and, sometimes, homemade ice cream add to refreshment of the evening.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado

Our church had a picnic on July 4 at the home of Gene and Beth Wright.

During July many of our children attended Quaker Ridge Camp, and several church members attended the Evangelical Friends Alliance meetings in Denver.

The FBC Singers from Haviland, Kansas, were with us on the evening of July 16 for a service. They brought a wonderful message of God's love in word and song.

We joined with a local meeting, Roswell Community Church, to listen to Trish Lenihan, a singer of inspirational country and western music. Trish works mostly with rodeos in presenting the fulfillment of Christ.

The theme for vacation Bible school this summer was "Come and Find God's Secret—Jesus in You." Seventeen children attended. During VBS they heard Bible stories, sang songs, did crafts, played games, and had refreshments.

On August 5 we were privileged to have the SOMA Choir from the Friends Church in Ventura, Califor-

nia. They sang and presented a gospel allegory in music-drama, called "The Visitor."

EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

Rev. Bruce Burch, administrative assistant to the general superintendent in the area of youth, was our guest minister August 6 in the morning service. The Senior FY was in charge of the evening service. Our service took place outside around the campfire, singing, testifying, and each of the youth participated by reading Scripture, presenting some little known facts about Jesus' disciples, showing how their principles can be applied to today's world. The youth enjoyed a weiner roast afterward. May God's blessing continue to be with Bruce Burch and the work he is doing, and on our youth who are willing to share in our services.

Miss Anna Nixon, missionary to India, was a guest speaker here while on furlough, sharing with us in a morning worship hour.

EAST RICHLAND St. Clairsville, Ohio

We are doing our best to respond to the call that Superintendent Russell Myers projected at yearly meeting to "go fishing" for Christ. Programs have begun to train youth for leadership and improve the effectiveness of our Sunday school teachers at all levels. Additionally, many of our people are contributing their time and talents to the John Wesley White Crusade (part of the Billy Graham Association) to take place in nearby Wheeling in November.

New hymnals and a new sound system were added to our worship this month. All 300 hymnals were financed by memorial contributions from our members.

A new feature of our Midweek Reminder is "On the Spot." This is a sketch of a different member each week, telling a bit about the person and their spiritual background. Jean Keyser is doing an excellent job with it!

We were very impressed by the "King's Kids" and the Clown Team from Malone and enjoyed their visits and programs. The idea of a clown team has caught on with several of our own youth and they have formed their own. In a presentation at a trailer park, they had 80 in the audience.

FULTON CREEK, Ohio

Church was dismissed several evenings this summer to attend Camp Union. Visiting speakers included Rev. Ron Ball, Lexington, Kentucky; Anna Nixon, missionary to India; Grigsby Family; Ron and Joyce Forrider and family from Northwest Indian School, Montana. All shared the Word of God in song, fellowship, and telling of their individual work.

The FY hired the Hi-Way Rollerena for skating parties. Sister churches

were invited to participate in the evenings' activities.

Many of our folk attended the yearly meeting sessions and were greatly blessed.

Union Manor senior citizens enjoyed the afternoon of witnessing and fellowship when we spent an afternoon with them recently.

Wayne Evans, associate pastor, will be returning to school but hopes to be with us each week-end. Wayne filled the pulpit for Pastor Williams in his absence.

Monique Dunbar returned from Teen Missions and related her experiences to the church.

GREENLEAF, Idaho

Dave and Cathy Sherman were commissioned by the church on August 5 to enter a one-year training period with John Perkins's Voice of Calvary Ministries in Jackson, Mississippi. They left for Mississippi in September. The Yearly Meeting Department of Social Concerns is helping to support them.

In a recent sermon Paul Goins observed, "Greenleaf church has been worshipping here for 72½ years. Once it had the largest Sunday school of rural America. Will it be a movement or a monument?"

Paul and Leona Thornburg spent a few days in Greenleaf in August before returning to Friendswood, Texas, where Paul is on the pastoral team. They are retiring from the Burundi mission field after serving there for 23 years.

Loren and Myrtle Burton celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 2. All their family were home for the occasion.

Sam and Ruth Drinnon were in Greenleaf in mid-August. Sam is teaching at Salem Academy this year.

Shirley, Lowell, Rawlen, Gaylen, and Priscilla Smith were welcomed into active membership in August.

Greenleaf Academy has undergone some changes. The library has moved into the former Home Ec room, and two classrooms replace the old library, and the Art room has gone to a section of the shop. They also have both a day care and a preschool this year.

HAYDEN LAKE, Idaho

Believing in the Lord's bountiful supply—we broke ground for the first phase of our new building program. We are trusting the Lord for the additional \$60,000 needed to complete this phase.

Approximately two hundred people attended the ceremony in the evening, Sunday, September 24, praising, singing, and digging. Later everyone gathered at the church to enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

The present facility has been sold to the Yates Funeral Home of Coeur D'Alene. They have granted the congregation the use of the building until June of next year.

Randcraft Corporation of Seattle has been given the contract, with Jim Algren as general supervisor and Lee Carney as site supervisor. Contract coordinators are Claude Carey and Daryl Kyle.

The building committee, with chairman Jim Haley, and J. D. Baker, Carol Emerson, and George Richmond, has done a tremendous amount of work.

Scripture selected: Exodus 35:36, 1 Kings 8:36-61.

MERIDIAN, Idaho

Meridian Friends Youth participated in a Rock-a-Thon during June. Youth met at the home of Steve and Judi Magee for 24 hours and rocked in order to raise money for local Yearly Meeting projects.

"Sounds of Friends" presented the musical *Love* for our congregation. They have also performed for other churches during the summer.

The WMU held their second annual spring luncheon on June 10. Other area Friends women were invited.

There were several campouts during the summer. An all-church campout was held at Greyback Gulch. Friends Youth camped there, and Randy Kim took his Sunday school class camping. Various youth attended the camps at Quaker Hill throughout the summer.

George Fox College' musical group "Dayspring" presented a concert for us on July 20.

PARKVIEW Tacoma, Washington

A growing fellowship of believers in "The Greater Tacoma Area" celebrated their first anniversary on their large 20-acre campus as the month of August 1978 rolled around, looking back to the historic move on August 7, 1977. Highlights of the fellowship for an all-month period stand out as follows:

1. Signing of papers for the new facility and acreage from the "Sisters of St. Dominic" on May 25, 1978.

2. New people seen in the gatherings for worship and praise week after week.

3. Coming of the Leonard Tandberg family from George Fox College and North Valley Friends Church to become "ministers in training" as the new church year began July 1, 1978.

4. Four young men heading for the campus of George Fox College this fall: Jerry and Keith Nottage, Dale Bowerman, and Bob Pine. (The first three are members of the church, the fourth a fellow Christian athlete from Lacey, Washington.)

5. Hundreds of dedicated hours expended inside and outside the large facility, making it more conducive for worship and praise.

6. Inauguration of a "Shepherding Program" meeting in key centers over the greater Tacoma area every other midweek.

7. Deep satisfaction in seeing comparatively new Christians heading up most of the major committee work of the church.

8. A surge of youth to summer camps, coming back with enthusiastic testimonies of faith in Christ.

9. World Outreach emphasis headed up by a young former missionary to Malaysia. (David Holmes met his wife Jothie, a Malaysian, there.)

10. Exciting community response on the part of firemen, school men, and church men, using our facilities from time to time.

11. Relocation of Paul and Peggy Baker into the new parish by purchasing a lovely home close to the family center. Much credit goes to the pastors in their dedicated leadership.

12. Looking at what Dr. Ted Engstrom calls "the bottom line," namely the end result, men and women, boys and girls are coming to know the Lord Jesus Christ since Parkview Friends Family Life Center came into being.

PIEDMONT, Portland, Oregon

Highlight of the summer program for Friends for Kids was the all-day visit of John Perkins, Yearly Meeting speaker. He played ball, sang with the kids, and afterwards labeled the program as one of the bright spots in the Yearly Meeting.

Wesley Voth accepted the call as associate pastor after the resignation of Glenn Leppert. He arrived July 1 and was immediately involved. Three days a week the vans picked up an average of 35 kids and brought them to the church to eat lunch provided by USDA and the public schools, listen to a Bible lesson, sing, and have craft or games in the park. Wednesday night the junior highs met for Bible study and fellowship, and a camp-out was arranged for nine campers each Friday. The summer was climaxed by the Olympic Cookie Classic at Blue Lake for each of the three groups.

This fall, five young adults, Wes and Marilyn Voth, Roger and Debbie Hadley, and Marcia Hadley, are living in the parsonage and providing needed help. The kids arrive by van after school for the program. The junior highs have expanded their program to include visits to a nursing home. The high school boys' basketball program begins in October. Much of this ministry is carried on because of the gifts of money, peanut butter, and jelly from other churches.

Over 35 families in our area consider Piedmont their church, with some 75 different kids involved. On Sunday the kids are brought to the church for worship while the adults have Sunday school. There is an adult worship service at eleven and Bible study Sunday and Wednesday nights.

The Piedmont family was saddened by the death of David Haworth at age 84. He and Rachel would have

been married 62 years in October. We miss his gentle smile and reminiscing.

PLAINS, Kansas

Larry and Shirley Mendenhall ministered beautifully in weekend services in September. They began with our first "Fifth Quarter" party for the high school youth. "Fifth Quarter" is an after-homegame "experience" with a positive emphasis, sponsored by our pastors, education chairman, and others, as an uplifting fun time to round out an exciting evening.

Twenty-five in the 20-35 age group enjoyed a four-course Progressive Dinner. Ruth and Henry Novinger volunteered baby-sitting services, assisted by youth of the church.

We were treated to a fascinating "Show and Tell" after the first Fellowship Supper of the new season, as young people and sponsors shared their camping trip experiences.

Recent parsonage improvements include new carpeting in the kitchen and family room, and tile in the utility room.

Our minister of education, Stan Thornburg, ministers richly when the McConaughys are away in Family Encounter Seminars.

ROSE VALLEY Kelso, Washington

Copastors George and Elenita Bales traveled to Chicago, Illinois, and then to Louisville, Kentucky, the end of August for their son Dorlan's wedding to Donna Martin.

Building is underway for the new parsonage and progress is moving along well, with hopes of having it enclosed before the rains begin.

September 10 began our fall schedule with Sunday school teacher dedication and the beginning of various prayer groups and sharing groups.

We were thrilled to begin publication of our monthly newsletter "The Pathfinder," with the feeling that this will be a real outreach in our community.

Our gym program is well underway with many new programs. There is an exercise class meeting on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, a Family Gym night once a month, and a body building program.

The slide and cassette tape presentation of "Quaker Beginnings—a Heritage of Vitality" was shown on September 17. It was an interesting presentation of the early beginnings of Quakerism in the Northwest Country of England. The narration was done by Elfrida Vipont Foulds and made available through Friends World Committee for Consultation.

Home fellowship will be held the last Sunday evening of the month, and we kicked this off with a visitation to George and Elenita Bales's home.

SALEM FIRST, Salem, Ohio

Our church was fortunate to have the Andersons, missionaries to Mexico City, speak one Sunday morning. They used the example of one family to explain the blessings and difficulties of their service in Mexico City. The service was followed by a "bring-your-own-lunch get together" and slide presentation.

One Wednesday evening we were blessed by a Mickey and Becki Moore Concert. ABC-TV has described their ministry this way: "The husband-and-wife team of Mickey and Becki have made it from street singing to LPs while relating how Jesus smoothed the bumps on their personal road."

URBANA, Ohio

Our Sunday school and church picnic was held on July 4 at Ohio Caverns. A time of fellowship, relaxation, and recreation, including a baseball game, followed the bountiful noon dinner.

Annually the Elsie Matti Missionary Society sponsors a family night for the entire church. This year we were delighted to have Miss Anna Nixon, a missionary who teaches in the Union Biblical Seminary in India, with us. After a potluck supper she gave an informative and challenging talk, followed by the showing of slides.

SEILING, Oklahoma

Our new pastors, Warren and Jane Hendershott and their children, Philip and Mary, came to us from Las Animas, Colorado, July 1. The congregation had a picnic honoring our incoming and outgoing pastors. A gift was presented to Phil and Iris Smith and children, outgoing pastors, and the Hendershotts were given a "pounding."

An evening service in July was held at the football field with the churches of Seiling participating in a singspiration and service. This was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Attendance has been good during the summer even though some have been on vacation. Herschel and Mary Ellen Louthan were with us one Sunday evening, and Herschel brought the message. This was enjoyed by all. It was good to have them home. One family in our church has been presenting a puppet ministry by recording Bible stories and presenting them with puppets. This has proven quite interesting to all of us and is adding to our attendance in young people and neighborhood children.

SMITHFIELD, Ohio

Members of the church have been busy this summer attending the Quaker Pilgrimage, hosting a district meeting, attending yearly meeting, and attending special instruction classes for a crusade in a nearby town.

We recently had a welcome party for our new pastor and family, Rev.

and Mrs. Norman Anderson and their young son, Paul.

Rev. and Mrs. Mervin Kilmer paid us a visit one Sunday morning and sang a duet. Mervin Kilmer served as pastor from 1952 to 1958.

WINONA, Ohio

July and August marked a time of change for Winona Friends—a period through which everyone felt the Lord working in marvelous ways. Former pastor Jim Weeks shared how the Lord worked things out for his family in providing a home and quality schools for them close to his

new job. Jim is currently serving as chaplain of a retirement center in Oklahoma City. On August 2 the congregation bid farewell to the Weeks family during a time of fellowship after our devotional period. Several recalled special memories they had of their pastor, and the congregation presented them with gifts.

John and Maxine Leedy and daughters Christy and Kelly came to serve as our new pastoral family. We are all anticipating an exciting year of Christian ministry involving each one.

FRIENDS RECORD

BIRTHS

BLAKE—To David and Valerie Blake of Alliance, Ohio, a daughter, Tracy Renee, July 1978.

CUMMINGS—To David and Pat Cummings, a daughter, Melinda Elaine, August 15, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

DELONG—To Richard and Sally DeLong, a son, Todd Craig, August 19, 1978, North Lewisburg, Ohio.

FODGE—To Phil and Pat Fodge of Greenleaf, Idaho, a son, Andrew David, July 11, 1978, in Germany.

GLEDHILL—To Gary and Paulette Gledhill, a daughter, Brooke Nicole, May 26, 1978, Greenleaf, Idaho.

GOLLIHER—A son, Thomas Lee, to Alan and Linda Golliher, August 9, 1978, Dublin, Indiana.

HANDRYCH—To James and Sally Handrych, a daughter, Rachel Allison, July 28, 1978, Alliance, Ohio.

HARVEY—To Don and Judy Harvey, a son, Daniel Wayne, August 7, 1978, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

HEDRICK—To Mike and Susan Hedrick, a son, Clayton Michael, June 21, 1978, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

HENDERSHOTT—To Mike and JoAnn Hendershott, a son, Joshua Michael, June 23, 1978, Winona, Ohio.

KERCHE—To Harland and Jennifer Kercher, a daughter, Elizabeth Sue, May 12, 1978, Greenleaf, Idaho.

MAGEE—A son, Matthew Jason, to Steve and Judi Magee, July 27, 1978, Meridian, Idaho.

McCAMON—To David and Linda McCamon, a daughter, Kari Anne, July 25, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

MARTIG—To David and Dale Ann Martig, a daughter, Laura Lynn, August 4, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

STURGEON—To Jim and Nadine Sturgeon, a son, Douglas James, May 9, 1978, Winona, Ohio.

WACHLIN—To Alan and Christine Wachlin, a son, Mike Alan, June 30, 1978, Newberg, Oregon.

WAFLE—To Bill and Charlotte Wafle, a daughter, Cheryl Lynn, August 20, 1978, Alliance, Ohio.

ZEPPERINICK—To Richard and Gina Zeppernick, a son, Richard Jay, Jr., August 19, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

DEATHS

HANDY—Herbert Handy, a minister, 87, August 15, 1978, Alliance, Ohio.

HARTZELL—Raymond Hartzell, July 1978, Beloit, Ohio.

KIM—Peter Kim, May 30, 1978, Meridian, Idaho.

PRUITT—Edward David Pruitt, 60, September 21, 1978, member of Lynwood Friends, Portland, Oregon.

ROTH—Herman Roth, 73, August 27, 1978, Cleveland, Ohio.

SATTERTHWAITE—Margaret Elizabeth (Beth) Satterthwaite, 88, August 6, 1978, Tecumseh, Michigan.

WARNER—Helen Warner, 70, Colorado Springs, Colorado, August 5, 1978.

MARRIAGES

DUNN-MEYER. Terri Dunn and Dan Meyer, August 13, 1978, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

BOWERS-KERSHNER. Lenore Bowers and Howard E. Kershner, Los Angeles, California, September 10, 1978.

ELLYSON-KLEIN. Christine Ellyson and Tim Klein, July 22, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

JOHNSON-DRAGOMIR. Rhonda Johnson and Dale Dragomir, August 19, 1978, Alliance, Ohio.

MILLEN-CAMPBELL. Connie Millen and Fred Campbell, Jr., August 5, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

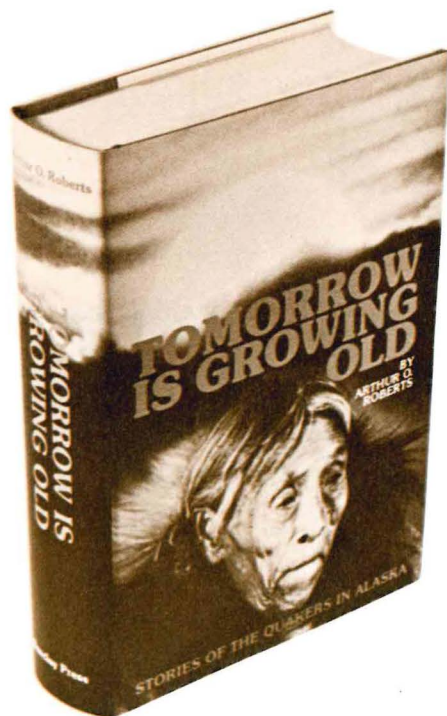
SOMERLOT-CARWELL. Dianne Somerlot and David Carwell, July 29, 1978, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

STROUP-BROWN. Debbie Stroup and Michael Brown, August 11, 1978, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

THAXTON-LEWIS. Patty Thaxton and Robert Lewis, August 5, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

TOWNE-WHISENHUNT. Linda Towne and Gary Whisenhunt, May 26, 1978, Moore, Oklahoma.

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