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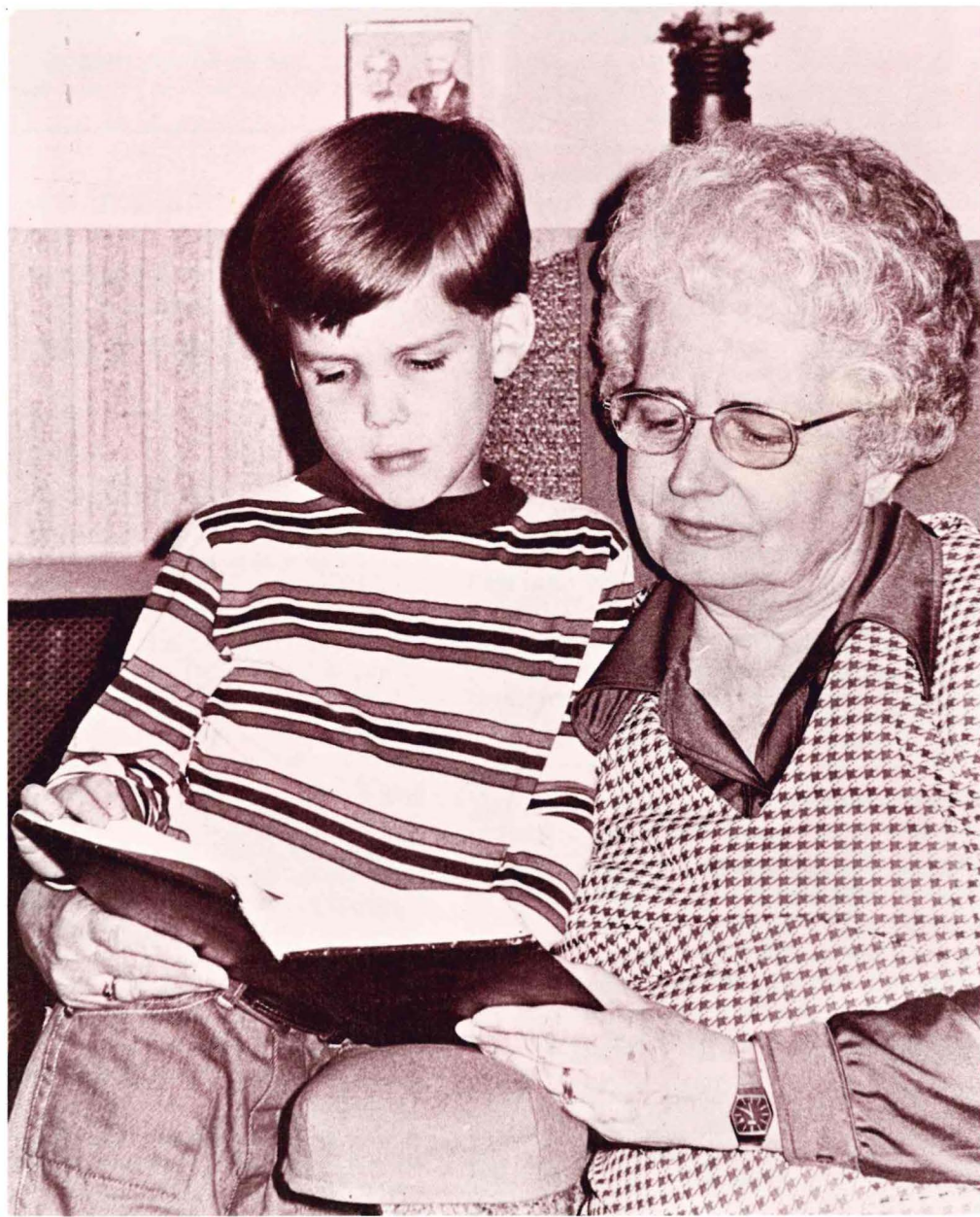
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"Teach us to number our days."

Old is beautiful



BY MAY WALLACE

Just a few years ago it seemed to be fashionable with a lot of people to have new things. To have new furniture, or a new car, or a new house was the "in" thing. You well know the rage today is to have the original, which may be at least 50 or 75 or 100 or more years old—the antique. You can see people rummaging through the secondhand stores, or the swap shops, or going to garage sales looking for that item from the past. And many of the new, modern things are taking on the look of the antique. Old is beautiful!

Aging Is Inevitable

Our society has been geared to believe that to be young is beautiful, and we are ever seeking to prolong life even if we have to fib about our age. I once heard the story of a couple celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The husband was heard to say, "My wife is just as beautiful as the day I married her. It only takes her a little longer to get that way." The cosmetic world is designed to help people stay young.

Being young is *not* to be more praised than being older. Yet we celebrate youth without valuing the fruits of maturity in any way. As I have worked with what has been termed the "Third Generation," I have been more than surprised to learn that many do not admit they are getting older. The

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reality of Jack Benny's 39 years is a very real outlet. Yet it seems to me that we need to face the facts. There is virtually a population explosion of people surviving into advanced age. Between 1970 and 1976 the 40 to 64 age group increased by just under 2 percent, those 65 and older by nearly 15 percent, and those 75 and older by 16 percent, and persons 85 and older by nearly 40 percent. By the year 2000 there will be 30 million 65 and older.

Someone has said that our life span has been lengthened and machines keep us overtime. Aging is more a process than a final period of life. Doctors tell us that the aging process begins with birth. The church of Jesus Christ believes in a living soul that is timeless and continues to grow from the time of Pabulum to Geritol and beyond. Many of us move from youth to old age with little consciousness of the passing of time. Surely when Solomon said, "Teach us to number our days," he didn't mean for us to start counting at age 65. We begin to count our days from birth. Aging is normal and it is universal. If you are breathing, you are aging.

Dr. Philip Clapp says, "Age is a relative thing. Everyone is already too old for some things." The five-year-old is too old to travel by crawling. The adolescent is too old to go around sucking on a pacifier. The adult is too old to ride in a stroller. Aging is the natural on-going condition, of all adults, not just those of advanced years.

If we read the Scriptures carefully, we will discover that God has been trying to prepare us for some of the inevitables of life. They tell us that there will be the dimming of the eyesight. I have been more conscious of this in this past year than ever before in my life. I have met many, many people who have very poor eyesight or who cannot see at all.

Then the Scriptures tell us there will be the diminishing of physical strength. Have you heard anyone say, "I just can't do what I used to do any more?" It is a very normal thing. The Scriptures also tell us there will be the inability to bear children and that there will be wrinkles and graying hair. I liked what I heard on TV this week. A man said, "I am still young, it's my hair that's old."

The Scriptures tell us about those who recognize old age. Samuel and Joshua both said, "I am old and advanced in

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years." It is really a terrific thing to be able to acknowledge that as true. And then in the Scriptures they assigned responsibilities to others. "I can no longer do this, but I would like to see you do it." Not that we simply sit back in our rocking chair and let everybody else do it, but rather there is something else that we take on.

I read not too long ago an article on recycling. Did you know that people are recycled? And recycling is simply taking something that has been used for one purpose and putting it into another. We may have served our purpose in one area of life, but then we are recycled. We are put into another area of service and ministry.

In the Scriptures there was the distribution of inheritance and blessings. I thought how many family quarrels this might take care of if these things were done ahead of time. We are housing our spirit in a cracked vessel. At some point in time the vessel will break. That should not be a great shock to us if we have tried to prepare for it.

Aging Can Be Beautiful

Every age should celebrate where they are. Enjoy being the age you are. But that isn't the way our society is often-times geared. The four-year-old wants to hurry up and be old enough to go to school. The teenager wants to be old enough to get his driving permit and license. The adult wants to hurry up and reach retirement so that he can do some of the things he has always wanted to do, or travel and go to the places he wants to go.

There is really no need to spend our time wishing we were a different age. My mother used to tell me, "What you are going to be you are now becoming." Former Dean of George Fox College, George Moore, in a class on aging, said, "What you want to be at 60, 70, and 80, you had bet-

ter be becoming at 20, 30, and 40. The only difference is that at 60, 70, and 80, it will be exaggerated." And I could verify that many times over.

Charles Crowe has written a book entitled *Getting Ready for Tomorrow*. It's a book about the art of growing older. "Growing older is a process that accompanies us most of our life here on earth, a process that is welcome in the eyes of those who claim to know something of God's plan and creation's meaning. Old age may be a time of great beauty, of personality, and richness of living. If in youth and middle age interests of high type have been developed, in the later years new insights and new capacities will emerge. The inner world may continue to expand, and with each year the older person may acquire an increasing sense of immortality."

The strengths of ripe age are many: perspective, prudent confidence and judgment, experience, compassion, a trained piety, self-control, a practiced use of physical abilities, understanding, and seasoned humor. We achieve these virtues by aging, by living life fully and wisely. They are not the result of being over 65, conferred on us as a birthday gift. Rather, the virtues of full maturity are built and tested throughout our adult lives. To pretend all our lives that we aren't aging, to avoid high recognition of maturity's virtues, is inescapably to invite a traumatic, defeating effect when retirement time comes.

Both youth and old age had better learn that getting through this life is no picnic. In it we shall have tribulations. Things go wrong physically, financially, emotionally, many other ways. The word *loss* is a constant in living. Usually we think of loss as unfortunate, but sometimes it is good. We lose our way and we discover new and beautiful scenery.

As life moves along, we develop many skills for adjusting to the common experiences of deprivation. Adults' ability to adapt to loss—single, double, multiple—is perhaps the key that determines whether we experience a satisfying old age, an unhappy one, or a totally dependent one.

Aging Is a Challenge

Hannah Whitall Smith, author of *The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life*, wrote, "I am convinced it is a great art to know how to grow old gracefully, and I am determined to practice it. I always thought that I should love to grow old and I find it even more delightful than I thought." There is a motto going around today that says, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." But I wonder if we shouldn't live today as though it were the last day of our life.

As Christians, what difference does it make, the way we face and prepare for growing old? The last chapter of life can be the best. We need to prepare wisely to live all of life fully. The seasons of life are a continuum of opportunity for learning, sharing, accomplishing, and loving. As we grow older our inner needs do not change; they develop and

mature. What we are inside covers the wrinkles and the gray hair and all the other physical factors.

I have thought about this many times watching married couples when one of them may have had a stroke and there are all kinds of physical problems involved. When I see that there seems to be a lack of love, I have wondered what happened. The problem didn't happen then. Love does cover. Our hope and faith will make us a delight to be around because of our joy in the Lord. Our greatest experience is not some spectacular trip to third heaven, but when we learn that God's grace is sufficient.

Dr. Vance Havner writes, "The older generation has a vital place in the economy of God. We need youth to keep things from going too slow, and age to keep things from going too fast. Sometimes maturity and experience are sacrificed in favor of youth and novelties. Novelty shops are interesting, but quality is found in the antique shops. Maintaining the spiritual 'glow' when we have lost our 'go' is a major problem."

One does not plant a tree and a year later expect to pick mature fruit. The fruit of the Spirit produces "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control," but this fruit is produced best by culture, nurture, and a lifetime of living. What a joy to be

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around people whose lives are saturated with the love of God even though their bodies may be suffering with pain!

A friend told me about a dear lady in a nursing home suffering from a stroke. When some of the family members came to see her, she could say only a couple of words and then it seemed like nothing more would come. But before the family members left, she reached out and took hold of a hand and started singing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," and she sang it all the way through.

How important it is to build into our lives *now* positive attitudes and habits that will become full grown as the years go by. We could all name people we know who are beautiful examples of this very thing. I could also tell about a lady who has been at Lambert House who is the very opposite. She can hardly see, and it seems as if she is in a depressed state a lot of times and she simply despairs, "I can't do anything."

One day I sat down beside her and was trying to lift and encourage her. She knew some songs by Fanny Crosby and I said, "Do you remember Fanny Crosby was blind and yet she wrote thousands of songs?" And she said, "That is too many." And then there was another fellow sitting there,

and I guess he was trying to help me out in this situation, and he said, "Yes, and there was Helen Keller; she was both blind and deaf." And she said, "And she is dead." There are not very many positive attitudes and habits built into that kind of a life.

It is important to accept the realities of getting older and to prepare all through life. I am not writing just to older people. Children should regard the participation in the growing-old phase of their parents' lives as preparation for their own older years. Adjustments form a large part of our lives and especially so with each passing year. I have hurt so many times as I have seen people who really ought to be having an easy time in their later years, and yet they were faced with so many adjustments that hurt.

Life is filled with adjustments. What we do with them along the way helps us, when we get to that older age, to deal with them more adequately. Those adjustments include such things as family, friends, living situations, finances, physical limitations, to mention a few.

Contentment also is important—learning to be satisfied with whatever situation we are in. I have been around people like that. It was perfectly all right where they were and what was happening to them. They were content. They seemed to be flexible to the situation. We need to learn to enjoy life a day at a time. Someone has put it like this: "To smell the daisies, to see the beauty, and love the people." Seemingly not enough of us ever plan like that.

Then there is one thing that is a little bit more mundane and practical, but I can see more and more of its value. Seemingly not enough of us have planned for the time when we will be ill. We always expect to be well, but that isn't what the Scriptures say. How do we want to be taken care of if we are ill? Have we ever talked to anybody about it? Where do we want to live, either while we are able to take care of ourselves or when we are not?

Do we have a will that is up to date? Not having a will is trying to hide from reality, it seems to me. Have we done any planning for the final arrangements at the time of our death? Mundane and practical? To me, I think it is a part of our stewardship of life.

Scriptures say that there are many ways in which God works in our lives. Each of us is a part of the one body of Christ, but the Holy Spirit has fitted us all together into one body. All of us together, children, youth, middle age, older adults are the one body of Christ and each of us is a separate and necessary part. True maturity helps us to realize that it is as blessed to receive from our elders as it is to give to them.

The Scriptures also say, "You shall give due honor and respect to the elderly in the fear of God. They shall bring forth fruit in old age." The Scripture doesn't say they will sit in a rocking chair. We can receive from our elders. We ought to be proud of our age, whatever it is. God has given us this year to live, and we ought to live it to the very fullest.

Old is beautiful!

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"Ho! Ho! Ho! What does thee want for Christmas?"

COVER

Whether a grandparent or grandchild, aging is inevitable. It is how we react to its various phases that's important, and May Wallace believes "Old Is Beautiful." (Photo of Irene Haisch and her grandson, Craig, taken by Keith Haisch.)

ANTECEDENTS

The "inexorable course of time" that brings old age, another Christmas season, a New Year, also brings life-changing events to our lives—some unexpected. May I focus on just one?

Barclay Press and the *Evangelical Friend* have been blessed with competent, dedicated people and very little "turnover." As a small close-knit working family, we may have presumed no one would ever leave!

Responding to a strong call of God on his heart over the past several months, however, Dan McCracken with his wife Jan and four beautiful children launched on a new adventure in life as they left Newberg Thanksgiving Day for Jackson, Mississippi, and service with John Perkins and the Voice of Calvary Ministries among the deprived blacks of that area.

Dan has been a strong building block in the success of Barclay Press. His technical skills, judgment, and wisdom have been highly valued by me and all his colleagues for these past 11 years. His new assignment includes the development of a new national magazine for black Christians.

Thank you, Dan, for your untiring service to Friends. We miss you. But God has opened a new door of service and you know you have our support. We pray for you and your family in your adjustment to a new life. Most of all we pray for new depths of spiritual insight, new heights of fruitful ministry—to the Glory of God. —H.T.A.

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THERE IS a mood of despair in our world today. For some the despair is quiet, because they have lost a sense of the meaning of life while grasping their possessions in fear. For others it is restless, because they are angry and frustrated that they continue to suffer injustice and indignity in a world of plenty and of pious platitudes.

There are those who take their despair into their own hands and challenge to death the oppression and callousness around them. There are those, too, who are trapped in the systems under which they live and see no way out—some react by clinging nostalgically to the past; some retreat into themselves in transcendental religious meditation of various kinds; others rebel

come in Christ as the New Man, making incarnate His plan and promise. A modern writer has well said: "The flesh of God is the hope of man."


God did not accept the status quo of our human existence. He came in Christ to show us a new and living way forward into a full life of peace, justice, and integrity. In Christ He manifested again that human beings are in the making, that they are an experiment with all its risks and dangers as they become conformed to His image.

Christ took the risks and dangers upon himself as He assaulted the vivacious circle of people's selfish understanding of themselves and of their world, and the static acquiescence with disease, poverty, class, and religious divisions. His whole life and ministry were God's sign of hope in a despairing world. And even when on the cross He cried out mankind's sense of forsakenness and hopelessness, God answered the cry with the liberating life of the resurrection.

AT THIS Christmastide, the people of God, the body of Christ, are called to be signs of hope. Like their Lord, they refuse to accommodate themselves to the status quo in our societies and in human beings. They bring the adventurous life of faith and love to bear on all the intractable problems of our time. The flesh of Christ given for the life of the world becomes their flesh, which bodies for the hope of God to all. They give an account of the hope that is in them with the simplicity and respect of those who are the messengers of the kingdom of God and His justice. And they do so with the whole of themselves.

As our hope is founded in the incarnation, death, and resurrection of our Lord, so we become signs of hope as we offer ourselves afresh to be born anew in Christ, as we take up our cross daily and bear Him before our fellow human beings with every nerve of faith and love in all we are and say and do. The fifth assembly of the World Council of Churches expressed its convictions about this Jesus, the flesh of God, who frees and unites, in the prayer:

"God of Hope, whose Spirit gives light and power to Your people, empower us to witness to Your name in all the nations, to struggle for Your own justice against all the principalities and powers, and to persevere with faith and honor in the tasks that You have given to us. Without You we are powerless. Therefore, we cry together: Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus."

Let us therefore rejoice in hope this Christmastide and in the coming year. 



Christmas Message

BY PHILIP POTTER

This year has seen the further erosion of human rights through increasingly repressive regimes, backed by all the panoply of military power, of torture, and of cynical disregard for human life and dignity. The economy of the world limps along with the strong taking measures to bolster up themselves and the weak being left to fall and die. The homeless refugees multiply, and few there are to succor them.

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out of disgust, boredom, and hatred for their societies and for themselves; some hope wistfully for a better future.

CHRISTMAS reminds us once again that our faith is in a God of hope who brought a new future to birth in the Child of Bethlehem. The rabbis used to comment that God created all things with finality, but He created humanity in hope. The tragedy of the human story has been the ways in which hope in a life of good has again and again been dashed. The Prophet Jeremiah wrote to the exiles in Babylon: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (29:11) It is to us "prisoners of hope" that God has

SERVANTHOOD

BY FRANK L. COLE

GOING DEEPER

IN MARK 10:45 Jesus rebuked James and John by reminding them that "even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." (NIV) What did He mean? Webster defines the noun *servant* as "a person ardently devoted to another." But many servants are not ardently devoted. One reason is they do not know their master's business. As Friends, we take our name from the words of Jesus in John 15:14, "You are my friends if you do what I command." Webster defines the adjective *friendly* as "kindly, supporting, helping."

Jesus' command is that we "love each other as I have loved you" (v. 12), but He adds a new dimension to servanthood in verse 15—"I no longer call you servants because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything I learned from my Father I have made known to you." A servant is genuinely devoted to another when he knows the purpose of his efforts.

From George Fox's time to the present, Friends have emphasized the roles of ser-

vant and friend. William Penn wrote of George Fox, "Upon all occasions, like his blessed Master, he was a servant to all, holding and exercising his eldership in the invisible power that had gathered them." In the introduction to George Fox's autobiography, Rufus Jones said of him: "His estimate of the worth of man made him a reformer. In society as he found it men were often treated more as things than as persons . . ."

In the Declaration of Faith of the Richmond Conference in 1887, Friends spoke of Christ as servant and friend: "Though He was rich, yet, for our sakes, He became poor, veiling in the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7) the brightness of His glory, that, through Him, the kindness and love of God (Titus 3:4) toward man might appear in a manner every way suited to our wants and finite capacities. He went about doing good (Acts 10:38). . . ."

A present-day continuation of these voices of Friends is the Statement of Faith of the Evangelical Friends Alliance: "We believe that all Christians are called upon to witness by word and by deed within a sinful world, not returning evil for evil, but in Christlikeness demonstrating love, forgiveness, and the way of peace."

The Scriptures give us many practical applications of being servants and friends. In Romans 12 we read, "Be kindly affectioned one to another," "If thine enemy hunger, feed him," "As much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men," and "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." These apply to all situations of daily association with other persons. Perhaps two areas will illustrate—family life and public service.

From Ephesians 5:21-33 it is evident that both husband and wife are to live with the best interest of the other uppermost in their minds, each seeing the other as a person needing encouragement and support. Verse 21 sums up this relationship clearly—"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." (NIV)

I wonder if many Christian parents have thought of their roles as servants as well as friends to their children. To serve them is to love them, which includes discipline. Love is patient and is kind, so to love children is to look upon them as persons—needing encouragement and support.

I wonder if many children see their roles as servants and friends to their parents. In Ephesians 6:1-2, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord . . . Honor your father and mother." The key word is "honor." If

parents accept their responsibility to serve the best interests of their children, as divinely led, the response of the children should be to honor them.

Obedience should be a willing response to parental love and concern. As it develops, it is beautiful and rewarding. Helping may become a pleasure, not a chore. Children grow from being self-centered to being other-centered. So parents and children may find challenge in the scriptural admonition to serve.

Another area is public service. The Declaration of Independence states that all men


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are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights and, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. Recent Gallup polls show that the public does not trust officials governing them.

It is common for Christians to question whether a "good man" or a Christian could enter politics and still be good or keep his faith. Young persons are counseled to seek "safer" vocations. There is a higher concept that should challenge Christians. They should be willing to serve in politics and public service if that is where God calls them.

Think of the change in our confidence in public officials if they actually looked upon their roles as *servants and friends*—genuinely seeking the best interests of all. If people of every profession, trade, and calling would see themselves as servants, seeking the best interests of all, what permeating force of faith and good will would be released!

Perhaps the basic Scripture pertaining to servanthood is Matthew 16:25, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." George Fox felt compelled to commit his life so that he "might turn people from darkness to the light that they might receive Jesus Christ." It is no wonder that William Penn wrote of him, "so meek, contented, modest, easy, steady, tender, it was a pleasure to be in his company. He exercised no authority but over evil; but with love, compassion, and long-suffering."

To lose our lives in the service of others is our continuing challenge. 

The Editorial Board of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND in a recent meeting recommended the addition of a new section dealing with the fundamentals of our Quaker faith from a scriptural perspective. These will be brief, due to space limitations, but will touch on various aspects of our "faith and practice" as Friends. Hopefully these will be helpful to all readers, both those newer in the Friends Church and those who are lifelong Quakers. Frank Cole, former business manager of George Fox College and for many years chairman of the Friendsview Manor Board, now retired, shares the first in this series on the meaning of "Servanthood."

Northwest Fellowship

Worship in an "academic" setting? (Well, why not?)

BY DIANA STREET

WE ARE one year old now!

We have the same look every Sunday morning starting around 9:15 a.m. Sunday school teachers are scurrying around, setting up NuVu Boards and teaching pictures, preparing stars for little fingers to put in place. On the walls are brightly painted, bigger-than-life pictures of Welches Jelly, Campbell's Soup, an apple core, milk, a roasted turkey, corn on the cob, a hamburger sandwich, a menu with prices for weekly lunches. Room dividers are tables that are folded upright and are sitting on wheels.

In another part of the building, hymns start on a piano. Families gather on folding chairs joining in worship.

On one wall is a bigger-than-life painted mural of black and white tennis shoes, the laces untied. Other walls hold tumbling mats, basketball hoops, climbing equipment, volleyball nets, tires, very low drinking fountains, and other various gym necessities.

Odd setting for a worship service? Not for us, we've had a year to get used to it.

WE are the Northwest (Denver) Friends Fellowship. We meet in the lunchroom and gym of Hackberry Elementary School, 7300 W. 76th Ave., Arvada, Colorado.

About a year and a half ago, Tom Bousman, then a lay pastor in First Denver Friends, felt the call to become a "tent minister" in a new work. The Denver church at about the same time felt the need to start a new Friends church outside the city limits. In God's own time the Spiritual Life Committee and Bousman got together and started making plans to begin a mission point.

The Denver church was asked to pray for the new work and to pray also about what each individual's responsibility would be toward it. Out of this prayer four families plus Bousman's felt God wanted them to be a part of this new meeting. On the second Sunday of September 1977 we put our portable sign up and were on our way.

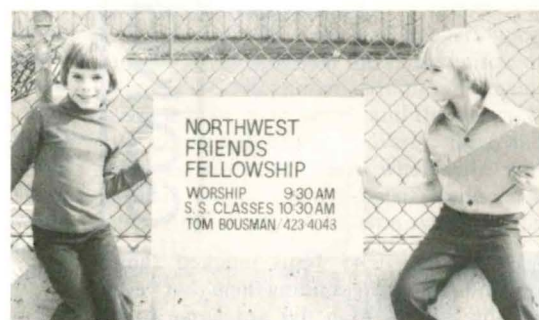
It has been an interesting year. The Lord has blessed our families with the adventure of having responsibility at church—from the oldest to the youngest.

Written by Diana Street, a long-time member of First Denver Friends Church, now attending Northwest Friends Fellowship with her family as one of the core families. Pictures by Carl Ruby, an attender at Northwest Friends Fellowship and media specialist for Jefferson County Schools.



Right away we realized what a luxury having one's own building is. It is amazing how much stuff needs to be carried back and forth to a rented place for a morning service and Sunday classes. Each person has his own part in setting up and taking down.

We have learned the value of one person. When a member is gone for some reason, we really miss him. By the same token, when someone is new we sure notice, and



we have learned to greet new people, because when you are as small as we are you can't leave it up to someone else—you're the greeter too!

Our original five-family core group has been reduced to four because of the transfer of one of our members, but God has given us 7 families to add to the core group, making us an 11-family fellowship.

We have learned lessons and also have been blessed. We know that the same Holy Spirit that works and guides large churches is in our small portable one, and we know we are as important to the Lord as the largest, fanciest church anywhere in the world.

So now, if you are in the Metro Denver area, you will have two churches to visit. Come to our Northwest Friends Fellowship and we will let you help put chairs away.

Below, pastor Tom Bousman leading worship.





PHOTOS BY STUART RICHEY

The Yungas trail to Santiago Chico with James Roberts in rear. Stuart Richey with his wife Violet spent three months as retirees helping in many ways on Northwest Yearly Meeting's mission fields in South America. They are members of Newberg Friends.

THINKING BACK, that day I could hardly realize that I was actually working at our mission base in La Paz, Bolivia. If I had not followed or obeyed God's call I would not have been there.

Bolivia is a very large country with varied climates, high plateaus (the altiplano), huge mountains (the Andes), and deep jungle canyons (the Yungas), and numerous hills.

Many, many years ago the Aymara Indians crossed the Andes making trails and creek crossings down into the jungle lowlands, the Yungas.

I was now having a rare opportunity to travel to the Yungas with our missionaries Ron Stansell and James Roberts, and Patricio Medrona, an Aymara national who is in charge of the Extension Bible School work in Bolivia.

We were up early packing the mission vehicle, a four-wheel drive jeep, with our sleeping bags and personal gear.

I unlocked the two large corrugated metal doors that open out onto a cobble-

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What future for Friends higher education?

BY T. CANBY JONES

Thirteen representatives of faculty and administration of 10 Quaker institutions of higher learning met November 3-5, 1978, at Fellowship Farm, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and established The Friends Committee on Higher Education.

This committee will be an affiliate of the Friends Council on Education located in Philadelphia, which to date has worked almost exclusively with the 65 Friends elementary and secondary schools.

Four educators from colleges representing Evangelical Friends Alliance played a significant role in the founding of this new committee. Everett Cattell, former president of Malone College, and Arthur Roberts, professor of philosophy at George Fox College, participated in last year's preparatory conference held at Quaker Hill, Rich-

mond, Indiana. Sharing in this year's gathering were Roger Wood, professor of education at Malone, and Howard Macy, assistant professor of religion and philosophy at Friends University, Wichita.

The first major project of the new Committee on Higher Education will be sponsorship of a national conference on Friends Higher Education on the theme: "What Future for Friends Higher Education?" It will meet for five days, June 1980, either at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, or at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. A working conference involving 100 to 200 delegates representing all the constituencies of the 16 Quaker higher educational institutions, it will focus on 20 workshops. Governance and authority, worship on campus, simplicity, Quaker testimonies applied to campus life, academic excellence versus Quaker concern, and finance are a few of the topics to be considered.

Another concern of this new committee is the establishment of a Friends Guild of Teachers for mutual encouragement, a place to air grievances, a fellowship of sup-

port for Friends teaching in non-Quaker institutions, and a pool for institutions to find Quaker teachers, who are currently very difficult to locate.

Foundation funding is being sought to hire a part-time executive secretary beginning September 1979, probably to work out of the Friends Council on Education office in Philadelphia. One of the secretary's first tasks, in addition to planning the national conference, will be the development of a brochure aimed at prospective students, picturing and describing all 16 of these Quaker institutions.

Charles Browning, professor of sociology at Whittier College, Whittier, California, and T. Canby Jones, professor of religion and philosophy at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, were named coclerks of the new Friends Committee on Higher Education. Howard Macy of Friends University was named convener of its subcommittee on a Friends Guild of Teachers. Roger Wood of Malone College was named a member of the planning committee for the 1980 national conference.

"Stop the erosion of Quakers and Christian atmosphere in our Quaker colleges!" That's the concern of this new committee as expressed by T. Canby Jones who submitted this report.

stone street and Ron pulled out while I got Princess, their German shepherd dog, inside and locked both doors up tight.

We headed down the rough street across town to the National Friends headquarters at Max Paredes, where we picked up Patricio and several boxes of supplies, then headed out for the Yungas. The road started to climb even before we got out of town and soon we were at our first check station, where we always had to check in and out as we left La Paz.

As we followed the Yungas trail I could see places alongside and across the deep canyon where the old original donkey and

bags down, we crawled in for the night. (It wasn't the first time some of us had slept in church!)

The next morning we started early for the village of Arapata, 6 miles as the crow flies but 30 miles by road.

The National Friends have a very nice church there. They have a full-time pastor, Leonardo Tola. He is married and has a cute little baby boy. His wife's name is Virginia and they were originally from the La Paz area.

While Patricio was talking to the students who had been studying the extension booklets, I noticed a handsome young boy

trail. We saw flocks of bright green parrots and heard a wild jungle fowl that really sassed us for disturbing him in his wild domain. We arrived at the little church about 10 o'clock and were given a real welcome. We just had to go in and have hot tea and biscuits.

This was on a Sunday morning and people were arriving on trails from all over the hills and canyons. Soon it was time for church, so Ron brought the message, speaking in Spanish, then Patricio talked to five Bible school students and presented them with their diplomas. It was a simple and beautiful service. Do pray for these



Santiago Chico Extension Bible School students. Luciano is second from left.

llama trail had been. I could clearly see in my mind the long donkey trains lathered and covered with dust as they slowly trudged across the 15,000-foot pass loaded heavily with oranges, bananas, and other jungle fruits.

Now we had reached the pass high in the Andes mountains and started down the hairpin curves. I came back to my senses as we met trucks loaded heavily with produce. On top of it all Aymara men and women hung on for dear life as they careened around the curves.

As we dropped steadily we started seeing more vegetation and soon there were orange trees in small clumps along the road.

We arrived at the little village of Coripata nestled in a saddle on top of a ridge.

The Friends have a nice church with a grade school underneath it. The pastor and teacher, Simon Ticona, invited us in for fresh fruit and bottled pop.

Patricio displayed his Bible extension booklets and signed up as many students as he could.

After a hearty dinner of soup, rice, meat, and potatoes we finished the meal with cream soda and cooked bananas.

Pulling two church benches together, then laying our foam pads and sleeping



Patricio Medrona, national in charge of Extension Bible School work in Bolivia, and his family.

listening to everything the pastor and Patricio had to say. James and I were attracted to this young man, as he was so polite and attentive. James started talking to him in Spanish and found out his name is Abraham Sassa and he is 15 years old. Abraham wanted to take us on a tour and show us around, so we took quite a walk while the folks at the church were having a business meeting. I found out that he wanted to learn some words in English, so I pointed to different objects and pronounced the word in English, then James would pronounce the word in Spanish. We were both taken by this young man's politeness, intelligence, and interest in the Bible. Please hold him up before the Lord that he might be led into full-time pastoral work among his people. I found out later that he has a brother 17 years old who is already studying the Bible extension booklets.

After the meeting we left for Santiago Chico. To arrive at this church we drove to the end of a very rough and narrow road, parked the jeep, and hiked three quarters of a mile on a narrow path. We were now literally on a Yungas jungle trail; banana, orange, and grapefruit trees had been planted wherever there was suitable soil. Coffee bushes were loaded with green and ripe coffee beans on the lower side of the



Fifteen-year-old Abraham Sassa (center) of Arapata with Bolivian Yungas valley in the background.

five young men that they may be able to attend seminary and go on into full-time service. Especially pray for Luciano, who is married and has two little children. His little boy's name is Johnny. This young man is very talented and did well with his studies.

As we made the long trip back to La Paz, Patricio started asking Ron about me, where I was from, and what I was doing down there. As we talked back and forth, Ron interpreting to each of us, I began to love this man and see what an important mission he is doing for his heavenly Father and for his people. Patricio asked me if I would ask you folks to pray for him and his family, as he is away a lot of the time. Please read Patricio's testimony in the March 1978 issue of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND.

Arriving back in the busy city of La Paz I was almost sad to leave these people in the lowlands. Such a peaceful and simple life with the love of Christ filling their hearts and souls! Those of you who feel a little tug in your heart when you read this article, please cut out the pictures and put them on your prayer list.

I can now say I have traveled the Yungas trail and our heavenly Father was with us all the way.



BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

'The Power of the Lord Over All'

A January inventory of what remains on the Quaker shelves for 1979 may be appropriate. Comparing stock and supplies with spiritual values may give a *feel* for the future as accurately as an audit fact sheet. Words, philosophies, opinions, and notions come easily, even this new year, to Quakers, but mere off-the-cuff concerns will not do. This is surely a time for "waiting on the Lord" after the manner of Friends.

Knowing who we are and what our beliefs mean in both content and expression gives a better base for planning. We can borrow ideas, adapt methods, and innovate with greater confidence if we have a clear, Christian self-awareness and identity. Put another way, these values and spiritual realities should grip us rather than our merely holding them. Friends history, exciting as it is, is as stale as yesterday's manna; we need a fresh supply for our future. Paul was thinking along this line when he looked both ways and said to Timothy (2 Timothy 1:14 NIV), "Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us."

But even preoccupation with Quaker qualities can quickly become a cop-out for quantitative growth and impact. It produces dwarfism. This has happened. Here's an incredulous example: "We can hardly imagine that state of mind that would lead a Monthly Meeting to disown a highminded Friend who owned a piano. It is difficult to believe the fact that 100,000 Friends were dropped from membership for marrying out of meeting." (From *Rufus Jones Speaks to our Times*, 1951) Fortunately, some inventory has been discontinued.


Witnessing unexpected successes may hardly be a changeless Quaker quality, and if it is, it is one difficult to catalog and preserve. But this spiritually spontaneous springing up of unanticipated ministries is a beautiful thing. Most Friends foreign missions have come about, not by committee "strategizing" so much as acting upon a concern, a vision, a call that was supported by prayer and money. This is true whether in Burundi, Bolivia, India, or Mexico City. The same could be said of Friends academies and retirement homes, of inner-city ministries and most extension churches—someone came with a concern and other Friends surrounded this vision with cooperative efforts. So, who can predict what this year will bring about in the area of the unexpected? The best preparation for this leadership of the Spirit is the old Quaker custom of "waiting on the Lord."

Another value: I am one who believes the local Friends meeting can yet be a living, growing entity, adapting to change, yet

rooted to the principles that aren't subject to change. There are still ways of giving meaning to hopes, and to dreams, of expressing concerns, new discoveries of God, and learning to really care for one another within the meeting and beyond it. When this happens it will probably be because the local pastors and presiding clerks were found once again to be the most important people in the whole Christian enterprise. Not the Christian superstars but the faithful, consistent men and women pastoring, preaching, eldering, caring, serving—this is what will make the next year different, yet, happily too, like all other years.


One noticeable characteristic in what we are as a Friends Church is simply the composite of the beautiful characteristics of people who allow God to use them. And these qualities are not created by strategy but blended fellowship, love, trust, and Christian unity. This is not a time to be pushing toward the top with political maneuvering, but through obedience to the Spirit and cooperation with the Body of Christ. The spirit of adventure for the future is attractive when coupled with openness, unselfishness, honesty, and vision. If we can keep these gifts active in our Friends society, the concept of ministry, worship, holiness, missions, peace, and genuine caring that penetrates our "life-style" will bring inner tranquility of spirit and creative energy for evangelism—direct and indirect.

These are qualities that our heritage brings and our destiny permits; these are to be built into each new generation of Quaker youth and Quaker newcomers.

From George Fox to our day we hold a great respect for the "Power of the Lord over all," a reassuring refrain with both a practical and a glorious triumph in Christ. This brings a vision of serving the Lord with joy, spiritual hunger, and fulfillment, not out of religious coercion or denominational loyalties but a deep longing and commitment for holy adventure. This is a matter not of statistics but of a state of mind, a temper of will, a quality of imagination, a predominance of courage over timidity. 

Standing on the Promises

The Holy Spirit often comes to us through words of Scripture. Sometimes these take us by surprise, the words shouted out at us from the Word. Sometimes the truth seeps into our souls soundlessly, like an echo from yesterday's quiet time. Sometimes it comes from a searching, even a frantic, furious pawing through the Bible for something to hold us up. Of course the Holy Spirit comes directly to us through the impulses of the mind, experiences, and the "still small voice." His ways are as varied as His creation.

One of my most recent clear-cut promises came to me via a casual comment by a friend who quoted it (inaccurately but close enough to send me back to the Psalms to check it out), and it was just what I need now. Let me share it. (And this is a wonderful part of promises, they are both personal and something to share with everybody.) Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you." (RSV) The next verse talks about not being like a horse or mule "curbed with bit and bridle." I want the dignity and joy of God's teaching, not just being reined in like a stubborn mule. 



WHEN TROUBLE COMES

By G. ROGER SCHOENHALS

Trouble comes to all of us. Sometimes we can see it approaching a mile away. And sometimes it swoops down swiftly and without warning.

Trouble comes in different sizes and shapes. There are the traumatic and life-shattering crises; there are the smaller varieties. Some troubles hang around for years; others hit and run.

Sometimes we get ourselves into trouble. We ask and we receive. But many times we are innocent victims. Things just happen.

The important thing about trouble, though, is not that it comes to us. What matters is how we respond.

Some people get mad when things go wrong. They lash out at anybody and everybody related to their problem. They shake a fist at God. They blame and seek revenge.

Related to these volatile reactionaries are those who turn sour because of trouble. They live in the valley of defeat, seeing everything through mud-spattered glasses. They are the complainers.

Many persons respond to trouble by denying it. They seek to escape the reality of their situation by losing themselves in something else. Alcohol, drugs, the hound-dog pursuit of pleasure—these are some of the well-traveled escape routes. More socially acceptable ones include overeating, overwork, religious fanaticism, and excessive television viewing. Actually, to avoid facing reality we can hide behind almost anything.

Another response to trouble is to reach down, grab hold of our bootstraps, and pull up. It's the self-help school, trusting in the human spirit as the greatest resource for handling the cave-ins of life. Try hard, think positively, and you can lift yourself out of the hole.

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The Christian Way

All these ways of handling trouble—and many others that could be mentioned—fall short of the distinctly Christian response God expects of His children. God's way is for you and me to face our troubles in the spirit and power of the risen Christ, using them as opportunities to reveal His grace and glory.

The life of the Apostle Paul vividly illustrates the Christian approach to trouble. Take, for example, his letter to the Philippians. At what should be the most productive time in his life he is bound by a chain to a Roman soldier. He's no longer free to travel from city to city preaching the Gospel, establishing churches. He's far from home with few friends to talk and pray with. He hears reports that many are using his imprisonment to say things like, "I told you so." Some are acting toward him with envy and rivalry. To top it off, possible execution awaits him.

Really, when you add up the list, Paul could easily get cynical about life. He might even be tempted to throw in the towel. But Paul doesn't stumble over his trouble. Rather, through Christ's transforming power, he uses his difficult situation as a steppingstone to advance the kingdom of God. He is able to say to his friends at Philippi "I want you to know, brethren, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel." (1:12 RSV)

Look to God

There are four steps to the Christian approach to trouble. First, look beyond your difficulty to God. Lift up your eyes to the one who is greater than your trouble, to the one who holds the world and your life in His hand, to the all-knowing, all-loving, all-sufficient, everlasting Lord God Almighty. Rivet your faith on Him as the one—the only one—who is able to turn your trouble

into triumph. Turn your gaze from your trouble to your God.

Give It to God

Second, commit your way to the Lord. 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." The Greek term for *cast* is used only one other place in the New Testament—at the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem when the disciples *cast* their garments on the colt. Literally, the term means to toss, to fling. The idea is to turn our troubles over completely to God.

Inherent in this transfer of trouble is the willingness to allow God His way at working things out. He is able to dissolve your trouble as He did for Mary and Martha when He raised Lazarus from the dead. He is able also to deliver you from your trouble as He did when He freed the children of Israel at the Red Sea. And He is able to provide you victory in the midst of trouble as He did for Paul with his thorn in the flesh.

How God chooses to help you is His business. It may be one way one time and another way another time. But one thing is sure—He will always act toward you in light of His perfect love and wisdom. He will always do what is best for you.

Being confident of His sovereign power and His steadfast love and faithfulness, offer to God your trouble. Give it to Him as an arena in which He can demonstrate to you and to the world how great and wonderful He is.

Claim God's Power

Third, claim the resurrection power of Christ. Armed with fresh faith in the bigness of God and with the assurance that you have surrendered all to His will, walk up to your trouble with holy optimism, and, in the spirit and power of the living Christ, begin changing those things that should and can be changed, and begin joyfully accepting those things that cannot be changed, reminding yourself often that "all things work together for good to them that love God." (Romans 8:28)

Whether a Red Sea crossing . . . a cross . . . a thorn in the flesh . . . it doesn't matter. Victory is yours through Christ. You can do all things through Him!

Give God the Glory

The final step in the Christian response to trouble is to give glory to God. Praise Him continually through prayer. Thank Him for standing with you in your time of need. Bless Him for His steadfast love and faith-

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MY PRAYER

*Strength to walk as He would walk
If He were in my place.*

*Confidence to talk as He
Would talk to those I face.*

*My life to radiate the
Love He has given me.
Those with whom I meet this day
His perfect love to see.*

*This my plea, to be what He
Would have me be . . . today.*

—R. A. Armstrong, 1976

First Day News

QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

FRIENDS YOUTH of First Friends Church, Canton, Ohio, collected over six tons of newspapers in a recent paper drive in their church. According to the report the proceeds may have gone to assist in a Family Life Commission project called "All Saints Gathering." If so, this is a great idea for all other saints to start gathering.

Friends of JOHN and DOROTHY SINTON, beloved Irish Friends evangelists who have traveled widely in the United States, report that both have been ill in recent months and would welcome letters and cards from Friends in America. Dorothy Sinton was ill around a year ago and has made a good recovery; John has lost his hearing, is somewhat depressed, and is having other illnesses for which he is receiving chemotherapy. They send their warm regards to everyone in the U.S. who has been under their ministry in past years. Their address: John and Dorothy Sinton, Whittier, Tammamore, Tandragee, County Armaugh, North Ireland.

GUY HARVEY, a revered Friends minister of Mid-America Yearly Meeting, died November 9. He had served as pastor, teacher, and in various other responsible leadership roles among Friends.

HAL COPE announced his resignation as president of Friends University, effective in July 1979. He will complete seven years as head of FU, coming from Earlham College. His plans have not been announced, but he and his wife ANN are expected to continue active in Quaker leadership.

The Executive Council of Northwest Yearly Meeting approved inviting JACK WILLCUTS to return as general superintendent, following the resignation of NORVAL HADLEY, effective June 30, 1979. Hadley has not announced his plans for the future. Willcuts served in this position five years preceding Norval Hadley's term. He will leave the chairmanship of the Reedwood Friends Church pastoral team in moving to Newberg, Oregon.

FRIENDS FOCUS

FRIENDS ACADEMY GROWING

Greenleaf Friends Academy, Greenleaf, Idaho, which now includes all grades from kindergarten through high school, presently has an enrollment of 318 (compared to 275 a year ago), according to Ken Smitherman, principal. Now in its 71st year of continuous operation, the academy has one of the most outstanding music and athletic programs of any school its size in the Pacific Northwest. The academy held its third annual "Christmas Dinner" in Portland, December 2, in the Reedwood Friends Church Friendship Center.

NEW ALCOHOL TEACHING TOOL AVAILABLE

Now ready for use is "8:30 Monday Morning," a brand-new concept in materials for teachers--school or church school--in teaching about alcohol. This is one of the only such units on the market that highlights abstinence as a viable option to the drinking culture. It is a teaching unit for use with young people in grades 7-12, 535 pages, in a colorful three-ring binder. There are three parts to the "8:30

Monday Morning" project: information, a brief, comprehensive background about alcohol presented in easy-to-understand, nontechnical language; activities, arranged under the six basic concepts of Life-Styles, Decisions, Values, Alternatives, Self-esteem, and Prevention; and visual aids, over 50 pages ready to make into transparencies for overhead projectors. It sells for \$29.95, available from American Business Men's Research Foundation, Suite 1208, Michigan National Tower, Lansing, Michigan 48933. Free brochures are available upon request.

FRESNO FRIENDS LOAN MONEY TO THEMSELVES

In response to an appeal by a church building committee on Sunday morning, November 12, thirty-five individuals (more later) offered to loan over \$130,000 to make a down payment on new property being purchased for a relocation plan for the Fresno Friends (California) Church. Orville Winters is the pastor.

SENATOR HATFIELD HOSTED BY WICHITA FRIENDS

Sen. Mark Hatfield was guest speaker for a special worship service arranged by Friends University in Wichita, Kansas. The meeting was held in the First Baptist Church to accommodate the crowd. Hatfield was recently elected to a third six-year term as the senior U.S. senator from Oregon and is author of several books discussing a Christian perspective of government and world affairs. Lon Fendall, a Friend formerly active in EFA leadership, and a staff member in Mr. Hatfield's Washington, D.C., office, has recently returned from the capital to the Senator's home office in Salem, Oregon.

FAITH PROMISE PLANS GO 'OVER THE TOP'

Medford (Oregon) Friends Church reports a "wonderful day" recently when Faith Promises totalled \$2,244 compared to the previous year's \$1,600 (their first participation in the Faith Promise plan). Robert Hess was the featured speaker with Friends missionaries to Bolivia, Ron and Carolyn Stansell, participating. Clynton and Marjorie Crisman are the pastors.

First Friends Church, Alliance, Ohio, set a goal of \$17,500 in Faith Promises last year. Before the year was over it had reached \$20,752 in money received, according to Missionary Committee Chairman Glenn Aufrance. He added that "one third of the cards were marked 'first timer' Faith Promises."

FBC SPONSORS MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Robert Hess, executive secretary of the Evangelical Friends Mission of EFA, was the featured speaker at a missions conference on the campus of Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, in November. Other mission speakers included Friends David and Mae Kellum and David Riley from Burundi, Africa, and representatives from Young Life, Campus Crusade, World Gospel Mission, and OMS International.

OLYMPICS FACILITY TO BECOME A PRISON?

Friends of Virginia, in a conference held at Camp Tapawingo near Manassas, Virginia, in September, expressed concern upon learning of the intended conversion of the new Olympic Facilities of Lake Placid, New York, to be used as a federal prison for first offenders, following the 1980 Winter Olympics. "It is always distressing when money and energy which might be directed toward rehabilitation or a response to the sources of crime . . . are put into building yet another prison. In this instance it is particularly distressing that buildings which are built for the participants in a festival of peace, friendship, and the aspiration to the greatest of human

potential will ultimately become a place of bitterness, vengeance, and a crushing of the human spirit."

TWENTY-FIVE FRIENDS FAMILIES REQUESTED IN HOUSTON

Jerry West, administrator of a program to begin a new Friends church in northwest Houston, Texas, is appealing for 25 families to join in this effort to establish a new Friends meeting. "As a missionary family your main commitment would involve your driving to another area of Houston. Other than this, there should be no more than you should be doing in your home area . . . we feel each church will be blessed by sending out these missionary families."

In a seven-point commitment expected from each family, such as faithful attendance, giving, establishing new relationships, are two specific ones: "Participation in a visitation program," and "A personal goal of bringing at least two new families into the fellowship." Anyone interested in learning more about this ministry and "missionary" opportunity may contact the Central Office of Texas Friends Churches, 16811 El Camino Real, Houston, Texas 77058.

'THIS OLD HOUSE'

Friends at Medford, Oregon, now rent the parsonage, since both the pastor and assistant own their own homes. With some renovation and fixing up needed to make it more rentable, different couples in the congregation undertook the preparation of one room each. One couple developed a master plan so the painting and papering combinations would be coordinated. It worked beautifully. It is not a new idea, but a good one.

FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR NEEDED

Quaker Hill Conference Center, Richmond, Indiana, is searching for a food services director/cook. This year-round retreat center brings Friends together from across the U.S. for workshops, special studies, worship, and spiritual fellowship. Eldon Harzman, a former pastor of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, is the new Quaker Hill Conference Center director. Those interested should contact him at 10 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, Indiana 47374.

FRIENDS IN MISSIONS

George Fox College hosted a "Missions in the Heritage of Friends" conference for pastors of the area, students, and others interested, when the beginnings of Friends missionary efforts were featured. Robert Hess spoke on our "Heritage of 300 Years," Arthur Roberts on "Friends in Alaska," Paul and Phyllis Cammack on "Friends in Mexico," John and Laura Trachsel on "Friends in Independent Missions," and Quentin Nordyke and Ron Stansell on "Friends in South America."

KIDS GO TO NURSING HOMES

Piedmont Friends, an inner-city ministry in Portland, Oregon, has an active program going for several years in the largely black communities of the city. "Friends for Kids" has been most active, reaching hundreds of young people. Most recently, under the leadership of Wes and Marilyn Voth, they have developed a service ministry of their own. The "Friends Kids" are making monthly visits to local nursing homes. Residents, nursing staff, and family visitors say they do "a fantastic job." The plan also allows helpful discussion regarding family responsibility and the importance of caring.

EASTERN REGION YOUTH SING AND TRAVEL

Bruce Burch, administrative assistant in the area of youth work in the Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region (Ohio based) reports 18 youth 10th through 12th grade form a musical team called "Young Believers." They traveled "thousands of miles along the East Coast and Midwest" last summer. "Kings Kids" is another singing group getting started involving 19 teens and 4 adults. "The Boyd Sisters Trio," Beth, Anna, and Lisa Boyd, traveled to Colorado after three weeks of ministry in the EFC--ER. Yet another team is called "Caravan," consisting of from 14 to 24 teens and adult leaders. They have gone for two summers to state parks of Colorado and New York. By offering to assist campers in baby-sitting, lead campfire services, and other types of helping out, they report a fruitful ministry.

Another team of 17 went to the Navajo Mission at Rough Rock, Arizona, to work and assist in the Friends Mission there.

Next summer they have even more ambitious plans for teams going to South America, another canoeing in Wisconsin, backpacking through Virginia, a bike hike through Ohio, an athletic team (fashioned after Athletes in Action), and "a very special team preparing to serve several weeks in Taiwan."

KENYA'S NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT 'A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN'

Kenya's constitution provides that in the case of the death or incapacity of the President, the Vice-president automatically takes over for a period of 90 days. Before the 90 days are over, an election must be held to choose a new President, reports the Friends bulletin from the Wider Ministries of Friends United Meeting. "Daniel arap Moi, formerly Vice-president under Kenyatta, and recently elected President of Kenya, is well-known as a devout Christian."

THE HUNTING SEASON TEST

October is the month to watch in Oregon--that's when the woods fill with deer hunters and the pews at meeting are noticeably empty. Well, Talent Friends Church in southern Oregon reports a breakthrough. October was the highest attendance ever for worship attendance, a whopping 36 percent increase over last year. This small meeting found 93 for worship the average in October. This gives genuine impetus to their plan for a new building to care for 260. That is faith and good marksmanship.

FRENCH FRIENDS STUDY WOOLMAN

The 1978 sessions of France Yearly Meeting followed the theme, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" pointing to the relevance of John Woolman's insights. In commenting on the sessions, one attender wrote, "This Yearly Meeting is so small that everyone seems to know everyone else, which of course, makes for general friendliness all around. . . ." They raised over frs. 1,500 for something called the "Bring and Buy Stall."

HOW TO BE A 'FRIEND' AT A FRIENDS CHURCH

Clackamas Park Friends (Portland, Oregon) offer a list of queries to ask themselves about ways to "better show our love to those who visit us in worship." 1. Do you look for visitors at church and talk with them? 2. Do you introduce them to others? 3. Do you invite the new person or family to drop by for coffee or a friendly visit? 4. Do you call on the newcomer during the week to let him know you enjoyed his visit and offer to go with him to a Bible study or Sunday school class? 5. Do you encourage your children or other young people to meet the children of the visiting family and invite them to youth activities?

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fulness. Speak and sing to Him words of adoration and approbation.

But don't keep the good news all to yourself. Share with others the transforming power of God—how He turned your dead-end ordeal into a glorious opportunity to witness miracle upon miracle.

I'm sure I catch a bit of excitement in Paul's voice as he dictates that 12th verse in the opening chapter of Philippians. Beyond the printed words I hear him saying, "It works! It works! The mysterious, transforming power of the Gospel works even here with this chain around my wrist. It works even in the face of possible execution. Be encouraged. Be strong in your faith. The Gospel of Jesus Christ works!"

What does Paul mean when he refers to the advancement of the Gospel? To put it another way, how does the kingdom of God go forward when we face our troubles with the spirit and power of Christ?

The World Takes Notice

To begin with, the world comes to know God. Paul was thrilled because through his imprisonment he was able to spread the Gospel among the entire praetorian guard—that elite group of one thousand soldiers who served in the royal palace. Apparently, a number of them took turns standing guard over Paul. Imagine what it must have been like to be chained to a man like Paul. Think of the soldier who was with him when he dictated the Philippian letter. How could he help but be drawn to Paul's Christ? How could he help but spread the word of Paul's faith among the others? No wonder the Gospel advanced.

The same thing happens today when the Christian sees his trouble as a stepping-stone instead of a stumbling block. The on-looking unbeliever is impressed. The power of the Gospel is revealed. The message of Christianity is validated.

Rather than look upon trouble as an enemy to be avoided, the Christian sees it as a golden opportunity to bear witness to the transforming power of Christ. Trouble provides the dark sky against which the bright star of faith can be seen.

The Church Is Strengthened

Facing trouble like a Christian does more than advance the Gospel in the world. It also builds up the body of Christ. Notice Paul's words in Philippians 1:14, "And most of the brethren have been made confident in the Lord because of my imprisonment, and are much more bold to speak the word of God without fear." (RSV) Paul's

positive attitude affected the believers near him. They came alive. And think what effect his letter must have had on the Philippians. And consider the impact of Paul's witness down through the centuries upon the worldwide church. The Gospel advances in the church any time a Christian experiences the transforming power of God in the midst of trouble and articulates this good news to others.

The Believer Grows

The third place the Gospel advances is in the heart of the believer who responds with faith when trouble comes. In the final chapter of his letter, Paul speaks of what he has learned—things like how to abound, how to be abased, how he can do anything through Christ. These lessons came with time. The truth advanced in his heart as he applied the Gospel to various situations.

Of course, the same is true today. Christian growth comes to the believer through times of trouble.

The advancement of the Gospel is really what life is all about—in the world, in the church, in your life. And maybe that's what trouble is all about. Not that God sends it, but that He permits it, using it to reveal His love, wisdom, and power.

Are you in the midst of trouble right now? Look beyond your difficulty to God. Commit your way to Him. Claim the resurrection power of Christ. Give the glory to God.

Follow these steps and you will say with Paul, "I want you to know, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel—in the world, in the church, and in my own heart." CP



PREPARATIONS

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Greetings!

The excitement of this time of year is upon us again. For weeks now the stores have been advertising Christmas. Food stores have put out on display the cranberries, mincemeat, fruitcake, and all the cookie paraphernalia. There is such a lot of work making preparation for special

seasons and occasions: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, weddings, and even missionary banquets! So much of it has to do with decorating, food, and programs.

We all seem to be involved to some degree, especially now that winter is on the way. Some people are making preparation for another hard one. Some are storing wood to burn "just in case." Alternative sources for light are handy for the same reason, and coal oil stoves for cooking.

Well, it is not such a bad idea considering recent winters! Even the squirrels are doing it, storing a winter supply somewhere high in the trees. It is certainly a commendable thing to be ready and well supplied for emergencies. I've done a few things myself. No one wants to be caught wanting when the crisis strikes or when the storm hits.

A missionary friend said to me once when a sudden accident devastated her, "I am utterly unprepared for this. I can't cope." She had everything outwardly, but within she was empty.

I've been thinking about unlimited supplies available for all kinds of situations, big and little—stores of which we seldom avail ourselves. Do we tap our resources on a daily basis?

Why is it perfectly understandable, not to say respectable, to run out of grace or patience or strength to cope with even minor upsets?

After all the effort and excitement in the preparation for enjoyment and celebration, there may not be enough peace of mind to enjoy the occasion, or to recuperate afterward.

Is there some way we can store up treasures of the mind, perhaps by habits of thinking like Paul said, "If there be any virtue, any praise, etc." think on these things? Or by reading inspiring devotional books? How do we restore our hearts with courage? By restful, trustful attitudes. A quiet heart surely helps when a crisis is on, but it can only be so when we practice quietness and confidence in daily matters.

And what about "restoring my soul" as David expressed it?

*Be still, my soul,
The Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently thy cross
Of grief and pain.*

A touch from God to our souls is the most enabling, restoring thing there is, and that too is available—in and out of crises—and wonderful preparation for whatever life brings in the days ahead.

There is enough grace, enough strength,

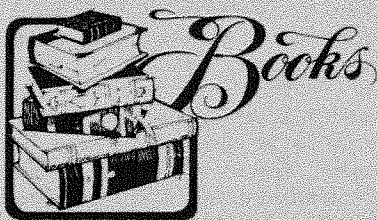
enough for all our need—undiminished power is available.

Do put in a request to the Supply Depot as I will, too.

Please don't be tired out and exhausted from preparations or from the lack of necessities for the soul at the start of the New Year.

Have a happy *every day!*

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A. W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God* (Special Edition), Tyndale House Publishers, 1978. Originally published by Christian Publications, Inc., 1948, paperback \$2.00, 128 pages.

"Within the human heart 'things' have taken over It covets things with a deep and fierce passion. The pronouns 'my' and 'mine' look innocent enough in print, but their constant and universal use is significant. They express the real nature of the old Adamic man better than a thousand columns of theology could do. They are the verbal symptoms of our deep disease."

So contemporary are these words that it is astonishing to realize they were written nearly 30 years ago at a time directly before unlimited growth and affluence became the hallmarks of the American life. Indeed this whole volume speaks to our time.

Tozer, considered by some to be *the* great Christian mystic of the 20th century deals in *The Pursuit of God* with that search to find the root of joy in the life of Christ. Tozer encourages not only salvation but a continuing thirst after the things of God. Like the mystics of old he rejects the notion of worldly wealth, seeking only the higher calling of God as being of worth. He emphasizes consecration and dedication to this pursuit, for God will never reject the honest seeker.

The Pursuit of God reads quickly but lingers long in the mind. It is very devotional in nature, with prayers of dedication at the end of each of its 10 short chapters. Most helpful to me were "The Blessedness of Possessing Nothing" and "The Universal Presence," both of which I am far from fulfilling in practice. They call for a renewed interest in the nature of God—ridding

ourselves of those things that hinder us individually and corporately in our pursuit of God.

He states in "The Universal Presence" that "we have been trying to apply machine methods to our relations with God. We read our chapter, have our short devotions, and rush away, hoping to make up for our deep inward bankruptcy by attending another gospel meeting or listening to another thrilling story told by a religious adventurer lately returned from afar." This is a calling to a deeper life.

With so much extraneous rubbish coming off Christian presses, it is good to discover, or rediscover, long-acknowledged writers such as A. W. Tozer. —Robin T. Ankeny

Tim LaHaye, *The Unhappy Gays*, Tyndale House Publishers, 1978, 207 pages, paperback \$4.95

There are presently at least 10 million practicing homosexuals in the United States. The leaders of the Gay movement in this country would have us believe that there are twice that number. Whatever the number, the problem is with us and is not likely to pass away.

Tim LaHaye gives Christians a needed handbook for the understanding of this growing phenomenon. In the same manner as in his other recent books, LaHaye gives practical advice to the average lay Christian. How do we as Christians approach homosexuality? What should be our response to the individual caught in the

chains of this sin? And what causes homosexuality? These are only three of many questions he attempts to deal with in this book.

LaHaye tends to be a prolific writer on various subjects and one could easily dismiss him as an opportunist in the growing market for Christian literature in this country. But perhaps that would be unfair to him. As a pastor for 28 years and a counselor for another 15, he speaks with a knowledge gained from experience.

Subtitled "What Everyone Should Know about Homosexuality," *The Unhappy Gays* reveals just that fact—gay people are indeed unhappy, lonely, self-centered, but still people. He throws a wrench in the works of the Gay Revolution by stating quite emphatically that "homosexuals are made, not born! They are made by thinking positively toward homosexual practices . . . until the individual's sexual thoughts and expressions are exclusively homosexual."

LaHaye also reminds us that "the church of Jesus Christ should always show compassion, even when it is obliged to oppose sin and sinners. But we must get over the idea that extending compassion to a homosexual is an indication of compromise. Homosexuality is a blight on humanity, but homosexuals are sinners who desperately need Jesus Christ" He calls us to a change in heart if we are to be effective witnesses.

There is much information in this book, especially for the majority of us who have

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infrequent or nonexistent encounters with the homosexual life-style. LaHaye presents his case with a certain amount of necessary frankness. When reading this book, as in reading *The Act of Marriage*, one must be aware that here is a subject that by its nature requires openness. For the person looking for a concise account of the problem of homosexuality in our society and the Christian response to this problem this book is recommended. —Robin T. Ankeny



THE PARAGRAPHS

(another Perry and Patsy story)

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

When you tried superhard to witness to somebody, it seemed like it just didn't work. But when you kept on praying about it, sometimes it happened without your really figuring on it. At least that's what Perry and Patsy decided. This discovery came just *before* Christmas, and just *after* they each had to write a paragraph. Here's how it was.

Perry and Patsy Masters, along with all 27 others in their class, listened carefully while Mrs. Hansen gave the English assignment. "Now that we have been talking about sentences and paragraphs, I'm going to give you a chance to put in practice what we've learned. For tomorrow's class, I want you to write a paragraph about Christmas. Tell me what you think about Christmas. As you write, be careful of your sentence construction. Remember the rules that you know."

"Ugh!" thought Perry to himself.

"Oh dear," Patsy muttered. Neither one of them was very excited about that assignment. Writing wasn't what they liked best to do.

There was no time during school hours to write the paragraphs. The twins grumbled about it on the way home that afternoon. "I wish we didn't have homework tonight," Perry said flatly.

"Me, too," replied Patsy with a sigh. "I wanted to help Mother fix the plates of cookies to take over to the nursing home.

Tomorrow's when she goes and she said I could help her arrange the cookies. But now I'll have to write that dumb old paragraph all night instead."

Perry kicked at a small stick beside the sidewalk. "I'd lots rather go with Mother tomorrow to help give out cookies at the nursing home. We could sing Christmas songs to the people and tell about Jesus being born in Bethlehem and everything."

"That'd be neat. At least then we would be witnessing to somebody. We've tried to figure how we could tell Mrs. Hansen about God. But it never seems to work out to invite her to church or anything."

"I'm sure," said Perry very knowingly, "that she isn't a Christian. In fact, I don't know if she even believes in God at all."

Patsy nodded. "I know. Well, let's keep on praying about it and maybe we'll have a chance to invite her to church before long. We'd better get busy as soon as we get home, though, and get that stuff written and copied onto the good paper."

Whether they wanted to or not, the twins soon settled down to the assignment. They thought and thought. What does Christmas mean? Perry started his paragraph by writing, "Christmas is Jesus' birthday."

a rebirth

*the stable within
myself—
rough timbers,
dirty straw, and
cold, gray stone—
seems an unlikely birthplace.
swaddled in
the coarseness
of the covering
of my mortality,
a light shines, breaking
forth into the pitch
black night world.
beckoning across field
and time.
breaking down the
battered, stone walls
of my city.
allowing to flow
from the manger
of my existence—
love, in starbursts
of light and life.*

—Scott Ankeny



Patsy wrote her first sentence. "A very long time ago Jesus was born in Bethlehem." Quietly they thought and wrote and thought and wrote.

Finally Patsy was ready for her last sentences. "When I see our Christmas tree with gifts all around it, I think about God loving me so much. He sent Jesus as a gift to me so that I can have my sins forgiven." There, her paragraph was all done.

Perry finished his, too. It hadn't been as hard as they thought it would be. After all, it wasn't really difficult to tell about Jesus' coming to earth being the reason that we have Christmas.

The next day, Perry and Patsy turned their paragraphs in to Mrs. Hansen. Now everyone really began to have a feeling that Christmas was near. Once again, though, there was no chance for the twins to talk to Mrs. Hansen about coming to church.

It was quite late that night when the phone rang. Mr. Masters answered. Perry and Patsy were still up, helping to finish decorating the tall, bushy evergreen tree sitting by the living room window. They couldn't hear the phone conversation, so it wasn't until their father finished that they knew it had anything to do with them.

"Well, kids," he said. "Guess what! That was your teacher, Mrs. Hansen. She was telling me about the paragraphs."

The twins looked at each other. Mrs. Hansen calling their father about the paragraphs? Oh no! What was the matter?

"Hey, you look worried. Don't be alarmed. It's not bad news," Mr. Masters encouraged. "Actually, it is very good news. She said she couldn't wait to let us know that when she read what you two wrote about Christmas she had a very strange feeling. She said it made her think of things she hadn't thought of for years; things like God's love and the fact that He does care, things that she had learned a long time ago as a child, but through the years since had not been thinking about at all."

Perry and Patsy couldn't believe their ears! Their father continued. "Now this is

the part that will really surprise you. Mrs. Hansen asked if she could come over very soon and talk with us about God. Then she said, 'I've been watching your twins and I have noticed that they are happier than many of the children. They are kinder to the others, and they always do what is asked of them by the teachers. Now I know why. They evidently pray. It seems like they must have God's help every day.' She was almost in tears, I could tell, as she ended up by saying, 'I want that kind of help, too, Mr. Masters.'"

"What did you say, Dad?" asked Perry quickly.

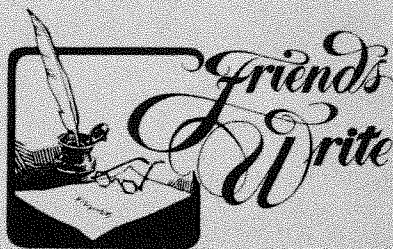
"Did you say she could come?" Patsy inquired, almost breathlessly.

"Of course. She's coming tomorrow evening. In the meantime, we'll want to pray that we will be able to help Mrs. Hansen find a new closeness with the Lord."

Perry plopped down on the floor by the Christmas tree. "Well, what do you know. Our paragraphs!"

"They helped us witness to Mrs. Hansen. We hadn't even thought about that. We were just writing what she said to write. Must be that God helped us. He answered our prayers when we didn't even know it." Patsy plunked down beside her twin.

They still couldn't believe it all. Mrs. Hansen coming to their house to talk about God—imagine that! And all because of the paragraphs, a simple assignment for English. This was something far better than they had ever dreamed.



They 'Eat Cookies and Draw Pictures'

■ Not long ago I heard of a mother complaining that her little daughter was not being taught in Sunday school. She thought she was old enough to learn Bible stories and verses; she did at home. But she said at Sunday school all they did was "eat cookies and draw pictures."

I remember very well the first Sunday school teacher I ever had. Maybe I was four or five, and I still remember the patient lady and the Bible stories even after more than 80 years. They linger in my mind. I am afraid few really realize the importance of the Sunday school to the future of the church.

Several years ago a young man was organizing a Sunday school for the American Sunday School Union in a place where there was no church. They were short on teachers, so a lady said, "How about using Uncle Mulligan. Course he can't read, but he can 'splain' things up wonderful." Needless to say Uncle Mulligan was passed up. And in talking about it the woman in charge said that absolutely no new Christian or an untrained one who was not "mature" should try to teach in Sunday school. And needless to say, the Sunday school went down fast.

May the Lord use these few remarks to His glory and honor and may His blessing be upon them to people that read them.

CLYDE W. PICKERING

St. Clairsville, Ohio

News of Friends and Relatives

■ We enjoy the magazine and use it to see how friends and relatives are doing, as well as how our Christian brothers and sisters are growing and learning.

Thank you.

—PHILIP AND BARBARA THORNBURG
Samuels, Idaho

On Divorce

■ Just a quick note here to thank you for the article on divorce in the EVANGELICAL FRIEND. It was very helpful to me, and I

copied it and sent it to a friend. Her parents were just divorced.

Our ultimate command is to *love*. Hallelujah!

Thank you for shedding light on this touchy subject.

MARSHA OCKER

Kotzebue, Alaska

From Taiwan

■ We appreciate your sending the EVANGELICAL FRIEND and usually read it through the day it comes. Thanks.

The second Taiwan Friends Yearly Meeting was held in Chaiyi toward the south end of the island. . . . Taiwan is one seventh the size of Oregon with about six times the population—nearly 17 million, and only about 2 percent are Christian. Pray for us as we witness. (Two thirds of the land is too steep for anyone to live on.)

BENNIE AND WINNIE PUCKETT

Taipei, Taiwan



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

Correspondent Critical of Press Coverage of Carter's Religious Side

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA—A wire service correspondent who covers the White House has criticized the press for looking only at the political side of President Carter while largely ignoring Mr. Carter's religious life and the fact that he is "a Christian of depth and understanding."

Wesley Pippert of United Press International, who has been covering Mr. Carter since his presidential campaign days, said, "The only way to truly understand Carter is by his Christian faith. If this is true, you would think the press would do something about it, but this is clearly not the case. To the press, Carter's faith seems irrelevant."

Addressing an audience made up largely of members of the Duke University Chris-

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tian Fellowship, he said President Carter has a "true understanding of the Bible."

"He understands redemption, forgiveness, justification, sin, death, and the second coming," Mr. Pippert said. "He has tried to integrate what he says and what he believes." The newsman said Mr. Carter's stance on human rights and the Middle East and his "understanding of power" were examples of his drive to practice what he believes. —E.P.

Prime Minister of India Opens CE Meeting

NEW DELHI—The 18th meeting of the international evangelical youth movement "World's Christian Endeavor (CE) Union" was opened here with an opening address by Indian evangelist Prakash Yesudian. The motto selected, "Jesus Christ—the Truth," was endorsed by Prime Minister of India, Morarji Desai, who called Jesus a "prophet of truth, love, tolerance, and renunciation of violence," whom he had honored since his student times.

About 2,500 delegates from nearly 20 countries took part in the Quadrennial CE World Union meeting. The largest delegation, with 120 members, came from the West German CE Union. —E.P.

New Navajo Scriptures Available from ABS

NEW YORK—Highlights from the Gospel account of the life of Jesus have recently been published in the Navajo language by the American Bible Society. The booklet, "Jesus Be'ina' Baa Hane" (The Life of Jesus) consists of 20 passages selected from the four Gospels, and is illustrated with striking line drawings.

This Scripture is part of the Bible Society's "Good News for New Readers" program, which makes Scriptures available in

nearly 300 languages to those who are just learning to read. The program introduces readers to the Word of God, beginning at a simplified reading level and gradually becoming more advanced. —E.P.

Another 'Born-Again' Directory Is Target of Criticism

MEMPHIS—The Memphis edition of Christian Yellow Pages, a business directory for "born-again Christians," received a new blast of criticism this week.

"Fair-minded Christians will not endorse this enterprise," according to a statement issued by Harry E. Moore, Jr., state regional director for the National Conference of Christians and Jews Inc. "There is nothing Christian about it," Moore said. "In fact, it is an appeal to prejudice—born-again Christians are better than other people. I find the Christian Yellow Pages offensive precisely because I am a born-again Christian." —E.P.

Former WRC Executive with WEF

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA—Everett Graffam, executive vice-president of the World Relief Commission for more than 11 years, will serve as director of development of the World Evangelical Fellowship. WEF serves fellowships of evangelical nationals in 55 countries from its Center for International Ministries based in Colorado Springs.

Average Protestant Church Attendance Small

CANTON, OHIO—Three fourths of all Protestant churches in the U.S. have fewer than 145 in average attendance. One fourth are between 35 and 40. Nine out of 10 Protestant churches have fewer than 260 in regular worship on a typical Sunday, according to Lyle Schaller, Methodist Church secretary of evangelism.

NAE and CHA Conventions Next March and April

"Jesus Christ/Now More than Ever" will be the theme for the 1979 annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), March 5-8, at the Sheraton Twin Towers in Orlando, Florida.

The Christian Holiness Association program announces the 1979 Convention theme will be "Holy Living—a Universal Language." It will be next April on the campus of Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois. —E.F.A.

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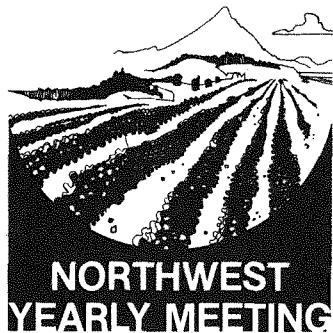
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Superintendent's Corner

I was recently in a retreat with Armin Gesswein and about 18 key leaders of the church in Southern California. J. Edwin Orr, Chuck Smith of Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, and Sherwood Wirt, former editor of *Decision* magazine, as well as others were there. The outstanding message of the retreat, especially articulated by Chuck Smith, whose church is starting at least one new church each week, was that it all depends on the vertical. We try to balance out horizontal relationships, but unless the vertical relationships are taken care of first the horizontal just doesn't work.

This is beautifully illustrated many times in the Bible. The greatest act of horizontal ministry in history was Jesus' death on the cross, and before He could perform that act He had to take care of the vertical in the garden. Many times before that in His earthly ministry He retired to relate to God before He related to men (Luke 6:12-13). He told the apostles before they could go out to share the message of His resurrection that they should wait in Jerusalem and take care of the vertical. Before the missionaries went out, as related in Acts 13, they were ministering to the Lord and fasting and worshipping.

Armin Gesswein used John 17 to illustrate this point. Look at all the things that Jesus referred to on the vertical plane before He extended them on the horizontal: power and authority, v. 2; the work God had given Him to do, v. 4; the men, v. 6; all things, v. 7; the words, v. 8; the unity, v. 11; His joy, v. 13; sanctification, v. 17; the commission to go, v. 18; His glory, v. 22; perfection in unity, v. 23; and His love, v. 26.

I'm especially impressed that the disciples felt their highest priority (Acts 6) was prayer and the ministry of the Word. Granted, they had to take care of the Grecian widows—cover the bases administratively—before they could give themselves to the vertical priorities, but they found a way to give themselves to those priorities, "and the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly..." (v. 7)

We are always under the pressure to react to stimuli from all sources. I've been greatly helped by the little tract you probably have read also, "The Tyranny of the Urgent." Urgent things are not necessarily important and important things are usually not urgent. I think it would surely be wonderful if we could have unhurried times of devotion each day, probably with special emphasis on just listening to God. Can you imagine us going to visit an expert on any subject and doing all the talking? Probably all we would say would comprise some careful questions. Probably the waiting and listening times are the most important part of our prayer. Probably also the praise—the ministering to the Lord, the blessing the Lord with all our soul—is an important part of our vertical relationship.

I would like to suggest that we resist the unreasonable pressures that tend to distract us from unhurried quiet times and from necessary family times. I'm a firm believer that God made us to need a day off every week. I prefer a whole day and evening. If God indeed did make us that way, how can we function as efficient stewards of our bodies and gifts without obeying the Scripture about the day of rest? I've seen three of four fairly close friends have moral crackups because they didn't take time for rest and diversion. The diversion should be something creative that you thoroughly enjoy doing but that is entirely different from your work.

Let's be sure our vertical relationship is right, then see what God does through us horizontally.

—Norval Hadley

Aymaraland Tour In the Making

Tentative plans are being made for another Aymaraland Tour for late spring or early summer of 1979 sponsored by the Department of Missions of Northwest Yearly Meeting and George Fox College Alumni Association. The two-week tour will include the Bolivian and Peruvian Friends mission fields and also Cuzco, Peru, and the ancient lost city of the Incas,

Macchu Pichu. The group will stay with Friends missionaries when possible and travel with them to visit Aymara churches.

Those interested in the Aymaraland Tour are urged to contact Quentin Nordyke, P.O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132, phone 503-538-9419, or Gene Hockett, Alumni Office, George Fox College, Newberg, phone 503-538-8383, as soon as possible. The development of definite tour planning will depend on the response of interested people.

Around George Fox College...

"Missions in the Heritage of Friends" was the theme of a three-day conference held recently on the George Fox campus. Seven Friends missionaries were featured in the sessions sponsored by the college's religion department and church relations office. Robert Hess, executive director of the Evangelical Friends Mission, gave the opening address, "The Heritage over 300 Years"; he also spoke in evening sessions.

Visiting Artist István Nádas, known internationally as one of the world's outstanding pianists, has given two on-campus concerts. Nádas, a native of Hungary who studied with the giants of 20th century music, is artist-in-residence this year at the college. His next performance will be January 26.

George Fox recently hosted the Oregon College and University Music Administrators' fall conference. The organization is composed of fine arts chairpersons and deans of schools of music.

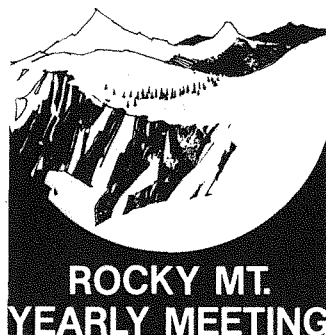
George Fox President David LeShana is one of two men named by Taylor University to its "Chamber of Achievement" for 1978. LeShana, a 1953 graduate of the university, was named in an awards banquet on the Upland, Indiana, campus. Earlier this year LeShana was named the 1978 Outstanding Alumnus from Ball State Teachers College, where he received a master's degree.

Claudine Kratzberg, associate professor of home economics at George Fox, coordinated a recent conference on campus for high school and college students. About 100 persons attended the sessions, which featured six home economics career fields. Professional home economists spoke in small group sessions designed to acquaint attendees with aspects of the home economics fields.

A 10-acre site is being developed northeast of the George Fox campus that will give the college a new baseball field, hockey field, two softball diamonds, and an archery range. The construction timetable calls for

grading and site preparation this winter with seeding of fields in the spring and playing to begin next fall.

George Fox students set a new school record for giving blood as they donated 178 pints in the fall-term drive. Student Health Service Director Carolyn Staples reports that GFC students have been honored twice by the Red Cross for having the highest percentage of blood donors on a Northwest campus.



Rocky Mt. Yearly Meeting

RMYM Briefs:
Below is a compilation of interesting news items from around the Yearly Meeting. I would like to make this a regular, ongoing part of our Friends Concerns section, but I need co-operation from everyone in the RMYM to do so. Send any item you feel is of interest to: Mike Henley, 1660 So. Shoshone, Denver, Colorado 80223. The following are especially appropriate: new ministries, pastoral or staff changes, church needs, prayer needs, unusual events, or other newsworthy items.

—Regional Editor

VALE, South Dakota—Ralph and Esther Choate, retired missionaries from Burundi, Africa, recently spoke at Empire Friends. The Choates presented slides and actual artifacts and clothing to help the congregation better understand African culture.

PLAINVIEW, Nebraska—On November 5 Springbank Area Rally was held.

DENVER, Colorado—On February 16-18, 1979, another Marriage Encounter weekend will be held for RMYM couples.

DENVER, Colorado—Friends in Action, headed by Sam Baldizan, recently began holding meetings in a small church building in north Denver.

Arkansas Valley Holds Meeting

The ministers and their families from the Arkansas Valley Area met together for a church growth workshop

COMING EVENTS

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| January | |
| 8-15 | GFC Hawaii Tour |
| 13 | Southern Oregon Area Rally |
| 15-18 | EFA Coordinating Council, Center of Christian Renewal, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma |
| 21 | Portland Area Rally |
| 21-25 | GFC Missions Conference, Bud Shaeffer of Overseas Crusades and 15 missionaries |
| 26-27 | Midyear Board Meetings, Northwest Yearly Meeting, in Newberg |
| 27 | GFC Homecoming |

on October 29-30 at Las Animas Friends Church. Present were Toxie and Marcia Miller, Ron and Amy Manring, Merle and Debbie Clowe, Dave Mercer, Jerry and Vicki Mercer, and Michael and Jan Haley.

Workshops were presented by Olen Ellis, Martha Ellis, and Ken Kinser.

Workshop titles included "The Role of the Pastor," "Intro to Church Growth," "Leadership Styles," "Pastor Self-Evaluation," and "Goal Setting."

Some of the following questions must be considered when looking at church growth: How many people in your community are unchurched? Who are these people? Are they receptive to us as Christians? What do we have going for us to help us reach them?

Church growth goals must be attainable, and there must be unity when working toward those goals.

A good phrase to remember: "If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up going nowhere."

—Jan Haley

Adult Bible School Teaches Word

Below is an account about an adult Bible school recently held at Rough Rock. One aspect of the Bible school is teaching students how to read.

—Regional Editor

Adult Bible school is a time for students to lay down a foundation in Jesus Christ. The first activity is joining together in several songs of praise. Even here, the beginners may have a songbook, they may hear familiar tunes and words, but the printed page is foreign to them.

Following the singing, a Bible class is taught. In this class, the students represent various stages of reading ability and scriptural knowledge.

Some may have attended many Bible classes in the past; others may be present for the first time. Due to such a mix, we pray for those who assist us in interpreting the Bible into Navajo.

The next class instructs them in reading Navajo. Beginners must be

drilled on sounds and syllables before reading words and sentences. Advanced classes use God's Word and other books for their reading.

Before noon, another Bible class is taught by our pastor, Amos Redhair. He doesn't know English, but has learned to read the Bible fluently in Navajo. It is marvelous how the Holy Spirit has taught him methods of presenting God's Word to his people.

As we return for classes after lunch, all participate in a half hour of singing. Then they study their own language in another session, which also involves writing.

Advanced classes answer questions in Bible lessons prepared by Rough Rock staff in Navajo.

At the end of the day another Bible class is taught. Altogether this means students attend two Navajo language classes and three Bible classes. A craft class was also added this year.

We were assisted this year by Albert and Ruth Cammack. Albert helped Vern Ellis with welding and maintenance, while Ruth taught classes.

—Mary Gafford

Marriage Encounter: A Time to Rebuild

We learned about the encounter weekend through an insert in the church bulletin and thought it would be worth a try. We realized something was missing in our marriage but didn't know how to find it. We had no idea what the weekend would involve, and at the last minute I almost backed out.

Backing out would have been easy when I thought of all the things I had to do at home and the inconvenience to which others were going just so we could attend. Besides, I felt funny packing suitcases just to go a few miles across town to check into a motel.

I don't know what I expected, but it turned out differently than I thought it would. In a very loving, honest way presentations were given by team couples and a minister couple. The



Presenting couples, who loved us enough to share their feelings and experiences. From left to right: Maurice and Peggy Roberts; Dave and Marcile Leach, Friends Marriage Encounter executive couple; Gordon and Trudy Saylor; and Terry and Sally Peiffer.



Meal time was also a time of sharing.

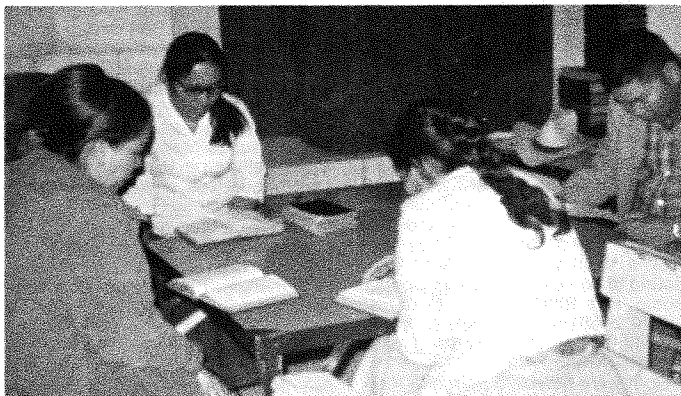
love shown for us by those presenting couples was one of the meaningful experiences of the weekend. I didn't realize that people I didn't know could love me enough to share their feelings openly for my benefit. The emphasis was on each couple focusing on each other, and learning to experience each other as we had never previously done.

The weekend was *not* a retreat, group discussion, counseling, or lectures. What it did offer was a new insight into myself and my relationship with my wife, plus our relationship and responsibilities to God and other people.

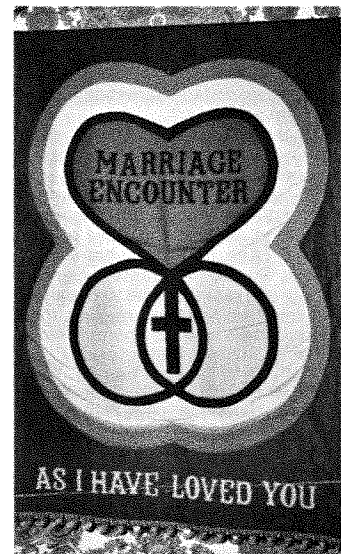
It gave us a new method of communicating with and understanding each other. The encounter provided us the tools and a foundation on which to build a new addition to our marriage.

As one couple put it, "We feel like carpenters who have been carrying around nails for ten years and who have finally been given a hammer to build with."

—Wayne Bryant



Students reading and studying their Bibles.





Early Thanksgiving At Winona

Thanksgiving in October? And in the wake of a tornado? How can that be?

It was October 12, and the time was 7:25 p.m. The evening news was over and the residents of Winona, Ohio, were settling down for a quiet evening with their families. Then it happened. Totally unexpected and without warning, the tornado ripped through the small village. Only a few minutes in duration, it left unbelievable destruction in its path.

Winona, a quiet little town, boasts two Friends churches—one a Wilburite Meeting, and the other the Winona Evangelical Friends Church. Although neither church suffered heavy damage, the surrounding landscape of the Eastern Region church was devastated, with the pavilion among the once beautiful pines receiving extensive damage.

The Howard Baily family, members of the unprogrammed meeting, were in their three-year-old brick house when the disaster struck, completely destroying their home. Friends and neighbors worked feverishly to rescue them from the debris. All four members of the family were admitted to Salem Community Hospital.

Donovan Winn, who with his family is a member of the Damascus Friends Church, completely lost his dairy barn, including milking parlor, milk house, and the barn that housed his farm equipment.

At least six other homes were heavily damaged along with dozens of barns, garages, and other out-buildings. Adding to the distress were fallen power lines, telephone lines, and hundreds of trees strewn across fields, roads, and homes.

The Friends Disaster Service readily and rapidly came to the aid of the small community, making their headquarters at the Winona Friends Church. Other volunteers, firefighters, and police helped clear roads of trees and other debris, and also assisted residents in making repairs to their homes and buildings.

But where does Thanksgiving fit in? As Patty Rummel, the *Evangelical Friend* correspondent from Winona, expressed it: "Without a doubt we could see the amazing presence of our Lord in the midst of

this sudden disaster. Despite all the destruction, no one was killed or seriously injured. Little, if any, looting was reported. Several trees had fallen away from buildings instead of on them. Disaster victims were readily taken into nearby homes. Although the milking barn at Winns was demolished, all the cows except one survived and were transferred to a friend's barn in which milking equipment was only recently installed. Roofs and buildings were replaced within days, thanks to the help of volunteers. We at Winona Friends had an early Thanksgiving this year!"

Eastern Region Women's Retreat

The women of EFC—ER gathered for their third annual retreat at Camp Neosa October 13-15. Jan Ream, a Christian psychologist from Cleveland, Ohio, was the main speaker. We were delighted to find that her twin sister, Ann Kiemel, author of *I'm Out to Change My World* and other books, could be with us on Friday and Saturday. Ann shared many thoughts on saying "yes" to God and the many blessings that can result. Jan shared insights in our relationships with our husbands, children, and friends.

The theme for the retreat was "All of Me—Head, Hand, Heart, and Health." Seminar speakers shared such topics as Spirit-Controlled Temperament, Avoiding the Occult, Home Bible Studies, Prayer for Missions, Love in Action, Ministering in the Black Community, Feeding Your Family for Less, and Programs for the Handicapped. On the lighter side, workshops were held on emergency first aid, houseplants, and macrame.

In the beautiful surroundings of Camp Neosa many of our women felt a fresh touch from God and went home to serve with refreshed and revived spirits.

Focus on Malone

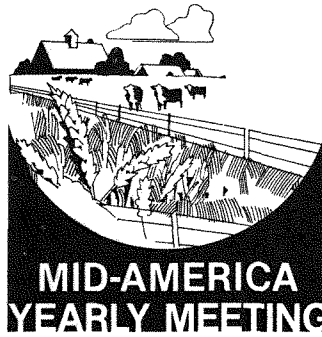
The Office of Special Programs is designed to administrate all adult educational programs of the college and to replace the office of Advance/Continuing Education, according to Dr. Daniel Church, dean of special programs. The new office will administrate all community educational programs for credit and noncredit, interinstitutional cooperative programs, professional development programs, seminars and workshops, special summer programs, and Forum Lecture Series.

The Malone College Board of Trustees elected its officers for the 1978-79 school year at the board's fall meeting. Dr. Edward R. Mitchell, an Alliance surgeon, was elected chairman. Other officers include Bruce Bixler, vice-chairman, Brooks R. Powell, treasurer, and Galen Weingart, secretary. Board members reelected for another term were

Raymond H. Bennett, Brooks R. Powell, and Clifton J. Robinson.

Kent Hummel is the new coordinator of campus ministries for the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region. His duties will include working with Friends students on campus and coordinating the Child Evangelism Team. Kent, a 1975 graduate of Malone, is now a senior at Ashland Theological Seminary.

This year's December Term features 25 different course offerings involving 31 faculty members. A field study course on desert ecology in Arizona is led by Arnold Fritz, and Jack Hazen is conducting a course on tropical aquatics in Florida. One new special interest course, "Theatre and New York," involves two weeks of preparatory study on campus and one week in New York.



People You Ought To Know Better

First in a series of personality profiles of those who serve among us.



Larry and Mileta Kinser began their full-time ministry in 1973 and have since ministered in several hundred churches across the central and mid-western United States. They present a well-rounded ministry consisting of some of the best in Gospel music and Bible-based messages, which challenge individuals to a commitment to Christ and a deeper Christian walk.

Both were born and reared in Kansas communities and have farming backgrounds. Larry is from Bethel

Friends, Hugoton, and his parents are Don and Ida Ruth Kinser. Mileta is from Haviland, the daughter of Milton and Wynona Ross. Larry and Mileta attended Friends Bible College and each studied music and Bible. They began their full-time traveling ministry shortly after graduation. Larry was recorded a minister in the 1975 sessions of Kansas (now Mid-America) Yearly Meeting.

The main thrust of their ministry is directed toward meeting what may be the goal of every pastor—to encourage Christian maturity in every member so that these in turn become better witnesses for Christ and the church through the dedication of their abilities and gifts to the Lord.

The Kinsers accompany their solos and duets with music created from a concert organ, electronic piano, trombone, and background tapes. They offer three types of services as may be suited to the needs of a given church or community: revival, special emphasis weekends, and one-night sacred concerts. They live in their travel trailer while in ministry and are supported through love offerings as they endeavor to encourage and uplift the Body of Christ. The Kinsers can be contacted by mail: Route 2, Haviland, KS 67059.

Peacemaking, A Call To Commitment

The Lord is calling us today. He is calling us to commitment in many areas, in both spiritual and physical things. Let us stop and hear His voice.

1. *He is calling us to be peacemakers.* But how shall we be peacemakers unless we have made complete peace with Him and have His peace abiding in us? Unless the Holy Spirit fills and controls our lives, we have no peace. And if we have no peace, we cannot make peace. We can only stir up strife and hatred.

2. *The Lord is calling us out of our preoccupation with the things of this world,* that we might faithfully fulfill our priestly duties of showing Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. Let us remember that He called us out of our sinfulness and disobedience; therefore, we can go with great rejoicing, spreading the news of God's salvation and coming kingdom.

3. *The Lord is calling, "Come out."* Live above this world! Live in the power of the Holy Spirit!

4. Finally, and possibly above all else, *Jesus is calling us to worship.* He is calling us to worship Him as Lord of our lives, as King of all kings and Lord of all.

So, let us stop and hear what the Lord is saying. Let us repent of our failure to live up to His expectations. And then, in the fullness and completeness of the Holy Spirit, let us be the instruments of making peace between God and man.

(Ellis Hein and Galen Hinshaw were MAYM's representatives to the National Conference of the New Call to Peacemaking in October.)

FRIENDS GATHER

ALLIANCE, Ohio

Our church has been blessed by the special speakers who have come our way for our Missions Conference and Circle meetings this month. Bruce and Mabel Callendar, OMS missionaries to Ecuador, told of the great need for teachers and workers there. Dr. and Mrs. Roger Wood shared experiences from their year in Taiwan and gave a comprehensive report on the Friends work there. Wilson Lang'at, a product of missions from Kenya and a student at Asbury Theological Seminary, brought the challenge to go with the Gospel.

We rejoice that a number of youth responded to the invitation to commit their lives to full-time Christian service. Among these was Sandy Weaver, who feels God has definitely called her to a mission field.

"Evenings for Parents" is a four-week program in which several of our couples are involved one night a week. It is coordinated by our Christian Education Commission and is designed to bring parents to a greater awareness of themselves and their children. It is a low-key, gentle approach to help parents reflect on their overall attitudes toward being parents. Presenting couples for these sessions are ones who have experienced Friends Marriage Encounter weekend.

We appreciated a group from Canton Friends Church who came to a recent evening meeting to lead us in singing songs from the Bible that have been set to music.

BEAVER-SHANNON, Beaver, Kansas

A recent Sunday was designated "Stewardship Sunday" with Dale Field of Friends Bible College speaking to us on stewardship, wills, and estate planning.

Special services included the showing of "Corrie: The Lives She Touched," in which Corrie is honored in a "This Is Your Life"-type program; and Gerald and Marjorie Teague shared in a Sunday morning service.

Our two women's groups have been busy gathering and making rugs, quilts, comforts, and other items for the FBC Sale. More recently we shipped over 40 pounds of gift items, including comforts, laprobes, and pillows, to the Kickapoo Friends Center for Christmas giving.

Our church family shared in a Thanksgiving supper, after which our pastors were surprised with a generous food shower.

CLACKAMAS PARK Milwaukie, Oregon

Members of our community gathered together in our church to participate in a service of Thanksgiving. A mass choir was formed from five participating churches, directed by Arlene Zeller. "Thank You, Lord," a song composed by Arlene, was sung as we gave tribute to our Creator.

The fall season was busy with newly formed Bible studies being held in various homes. The high school students formed a choir under the direction of Joanne Cook, and a children's choir combined with Bible study was led by Merry Penna.

A tangible reminder of those who still are hungry throughout the world was given by the distribution of "love loaves" to our congregation. These bread-shaped banks are kept in homes and filled with contributions during the autumn months. One hundred percent of all we give actually goes to supply food for those in need.

A highlight of the Christmas season is the presentation of the cantata "Specially for Shepherds." Dramatization, in addition to the singing, accentuates a fresh telling of the familiar story leading up to the birth of Christ.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado

Men from our congregation are meeting on Thursday mornings for a time of sharing Bible truths and prayer requests.

Church women meet on Thursday afternoons to study the book *What Happens When Women Pray*. Our pastor's wife, Nadyne Kinser, is leading the study.

Our high school class is now being sponsored by Brian and Teresa Cowan. They are working toward a program that includes both fun and serious activities.

DAMASCUS, Ohio

Joseph Roher held revival meetings in our church the first week of October with Kathy and Larry Willett presenting a ministry in music. They held a concert on Thursday following the meetings.

Junior high and senior high FY groups held separate retreats at the Eastern Region's new campgrounds. Besides inspirational and fun times, the group did some clean-up work on the area.

Watson Cosand, our new youth director, has been busy planning activities for the young people. One event is a volleyball tournament with area churches.

Sunday, October 29, was Senior Citizens Day, with church families being encouraged to invite these folks home for Sunday dinner. Also special emphasis was placed on them during the morning worship hour.

Our Disaster Service people had opportunity to be of service in our area recently when a tornado struck Winona and severely damaged the farm of one of our families.

DENVER, Colorado

Early this fall, we sent a work crew of seven people to Rough Rock mission for a four-day work trip. Participants included Phil Burgi, Eldon and Mary Jensen, Mark Kind, Larry and Karen McKim, and Alfred "Bud" Van Meter.



Working on the church roof.



Fixing the antenna.

Their main job was painting the badly weathered trim on five of the buildings. A paint sprayer was used to apply 20 gallons of paint.

The crew also helped restore the mission's two-way radio antenna, which a heavy storm had blown from atop its water tank perch.

After all the work was completed, Vern and Lois Ellis entertained the workers with a trip to Canyon DeChelly National Monument and an early evening picnic among towering sandstone formations.

EAST RICHLAND, St. Clairsville, Ohio

October was a most exciting month for the Friends at East Richland. We sensed the Holy Spirit working in our midst, creating renewed love and unity and setting before us an ever greater vision of our ministry. Our revival with Pastor Jim Kilpatrick of

Alliance Friends was a success. We appreciated his boldness commending us where we have done well and reproving us where we have failed.

Our new officers for 1979 were invited to a weekend retreat for the purpose of fostering a oneness of vision and direction. The results of this met our expectations, for we discovered a common conviction as to where East Richland Friends should go, and laid much of the groundwork to achieve this purpose.

EMPIRE, Vale, South Dakota

Empire Friends joined with other area churches in the Barry Moore Evangelistic Crusade at the Rushmore Civic Center Plaza in Rapid City recently.

Our church contributed time and money to the campaign, plus many carloads driving 100 miles each night.



Group from Denver worked on the church and spray painted trim at Rough Rock Friends Mission.

FRIENDSWOOD, Texas

"Harvest '78" was the theme of our mission conference, with the purpose being to inspire, educate, and involve each of us in worldwide mission. Dr. Robert Hess was featured speaker.

Our congregation is involved in a special "Call-to-Prayer," as we have set 2:00 p.m. every day as a time to pray for the extension work at Northwest Houston. A missions prayer time is at 8:30 each Monday a.m.

An Achievement Banquet was served to those who participated in the Area Adult Continuing Education Program. Jack Pierce of League City and Carol Cline, Friendswood, were on the committee.

Wilbert and Marie Boyle were honored in November on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio

October 1 Rally Day was held with Julia Hyar as a special guest sharing in song and word. Five new members were presented to the congregation. A fellowship dinner and afternoon program with Julia sharing in beautiful music completed the day.

October 7, "Older Youth Group" Day, ages 65 and over, shared their experiences and thoughts through the years. Wayne Evans spoke on "In the Gold Ole Days."

October 15, "Mainliners Day," ages 25-65, with Ed Johnson from WRFD and WBNS-TV, a Christian who formed an Agribusiness Radio Network. Ed spoke on "You Can't Buy Happiness."

October 22, All Kids Day, ages birth-13. The tiny tots gave the special music, with St. Clairsville Clowns giving skits and songs.

October 29, All Youth's Day, ages 13-25. Watson Cosand from Damascus spoke to the youth during Sunday school and then to the whole congregation during worship hour. The evening service was conducted by the FY, and Monique Dunbar presented the slides and talk about her 10-week tour with Teen Missions this summer.

KICKAPOO-McCLOUD, Oklahoma

In October Ron and Brad traveled to Springfield, Colorado, to share in the prayer meeting service. They then spent two days deer hunting in Southeastern Colorado where they were successful.

We planned a feast, with Bertha Green cooking deer in the old Indian way. After cooking it over an open fire, they stewed, fried, and made corn soup from the venison. A large crowd enjoyed a very delicious meal. It was an educational and delicious treat for all. Later Mattie Murdock gave Ron and me our Indian names. Ron's name is Ahnemeta and mine is Beettotha.

A group of church people from Seiling Friends Church came down in November to make a 10 x 12 extension.



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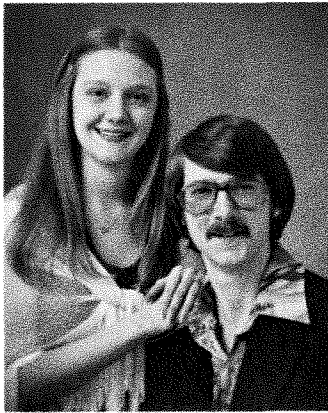
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sion of the current living room. Since Bible studies and other activities are conducted in our home, this extra space will be appreciated. A wood-burning stove has been put in for our new heating system.

LA JUNTA, Colorado

Michael and Jan Haley recently became the new pastors in LaJunta, Colorado, replacing the Roes, who recently retired.



The Haleys have not finalized all the programs they would like to see in the church, but they are working toward continuing the ongoing nursing home ministry, plus getting active men's and women's prayer groups started.

They feel prayer is important because it is the *most* powerful tool God gave us. Your prayers for the church and its programs are requested. Ask God to work deeply in the spiritual lives of our members and to expand the ministry God has through the church in LaJunta.

MERIDIAN, Idaho

The church Sunday school staff held a potluck dinner and business meeting in September. New goals were set and discussed. Joyce Lamb will hold a Sunday school seminar this week. We will be hosting other area churches.

We have had several work days at the church this fall. Yard cleanup and a general cleaning inside were goals accomplished.

Jack and Kay Newell hosted a "Friends Can Have Fun" party in October. A good time of food, fun, and fellowship was shared by all.

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed by all once again this year.

Friends Youth have been in charge of Sunday night worship once a month. Adults are richly blessed as these youth lead the services. They also had a breakfast at the home of Connie Collins. They cooked, served, and ate, with a brief devotional following. The youth are planning a workday in December when they will be making crafts to sell at a craft and bake sale the following week.

MORNINGSIDE, Port St. Lucie, Florida

Much emphasis was given to the Missionary Outreach program of the EFC—ER. Our month's program included slides of the EFA mission in Mexico City, Sunday morning presentations on where the Missionary Outreach Dollar goes, a telephone conversation with retired missionary to India Dr. W. E. DeVol, a Men's Prayer Breakfast, a new missionary film, *Now That You're Here*, and the receipt of Faith Promises for 1979, which total over \$3,000. In addition, we participated in a Florida Friends Fellowship Dinner with our sister extension church in Sarasota. Thirty-one persons were present for the meal, missionary slides of Taiwan, and a musical ministry. We also enjoyed having Linus and Evelyn Vaughn, now Florida residents from Barberton, Ohio, share their Chris-

tian commitment and experiences with us in a Sunday evening service. Our largest attendance since moving into our new building in June (except for Dedication Day) also came in October, with 34 for Sunday school and 43 for morning worship.

ROSE HILL, Kansas

Our recent Centennial Celebration has been the latest in a series of wonderful happenings the Lord has blessed us with. We hosted the Mid-South Boys Quartet from Sheridan, Arkansas, in a Wednesday evening service and have heard presentations from missionaries on two occasions.

We recently dedicated a new organ, new sanctuary carpeting, a new sign in front of the meetinghouse, and new paint and textured ceilings throughout the building.

OMAHA, Nebraska

On Halloween a Minneapolis, Minnesota, musical group, the Chancellors, sang to our youth after their party.

The high school youth held their fall retreat at Fremont State Park and featured Hugh Giesbrecht from Youth for Christ as their speaker.



Floor (left to right): Rose Gustafson, Jay Gustafson, Shalene Conant and LuAnn Conant. Standing (left to right): Sue Brown and Becky Lyon. Sitting on Dummy's lap (left to right): Galen and Cason Conant.



Omaha high school youth fall retreat.

Our immediate project is the beginning of a building fund that will allow us to expand our fellowship hall and put new restrooms inside the meetinghouse. We are constantly reminded at Rose Hill that all that we have accomplished the Lord has done for us. We are looking forward to a great year in the Lord.

ROSE VALLEY, Kelso, Washington

Elenita Bales, delegate of Northwest Yearly Meeting, attended the New Call to Peacemaking national conference October 5-8 in Green Lake, Wisconsin. After a year of meeting in regional conferences, the national conference brought together the results of the concerns of the Menonites, Brethren, and Friends. Plans are now for statewide follow-up meetings.

The Area Rally was held October 8 at Reedwood Friends Church, Portland, Oregon. Several attended from our meeting and it was a fun time of getting better acquainted with our missionary families home on furlough.

An All-church Halloween party was held on October 28 in the gym. Many attended displaying interesting costumes. A drawing contest, apple dunking, and other games were enjoyed before disbursing the goodies.

Randy, Mary, Susanna, and Sarah Morse, missionary family home on furlough from Peru, visited on October 29. It was a time of wonderful fellowship as both Randy and Mary showed slides in the children and adult departments. They shared with us the concerns in Peru. This was followed with a brunch at Monticello Hotel—where "mysteriously" the fire alarm got turned on.

Volunteer crews are continuing work on the outside of the new parsonage and it is nearing completion. Finish-up work on the inside will be done as funds are available.

After 20 years of service at the Rose Valley Friends Church, George and Elenita Bales have submitted their resignation effective the end of the church year. At this writing, future plans are uncertain, but the Baleses feel the Lord has something ahead for them. Our love and prayers go with them.

SALEM FIRST, Ohio

Throughout the month we were challenged to get personally involved in home and foreign missions as we emphasized the Missionary Outreach program. A brief skit entitled "Nobody Wants to Hear" was presented by some of our youth. Also during the month we had "The Singing Nicholasons" from Greentown, Indiana. One Sunday we had a Missions Fair with many interesting and informative displays of several of our missionary fields. The film *Yes and Goodbye* was shown. The film revealed some of the hidden challenges of accepting God's call to be

a missionary. Missionary outreach effort was concluded by contacting Jack Rea directly in Taiwan, having a multimedia presentation entitled "Together There's So Much We Can Do," then presenting the Faith Promise cards.

SMITHFIELD, Ohio

A chili supper was held as an initial meeting to establish a men's fellowship group. Our pastor, Norman Anderson, organized the dinner meeting, and Rich Wilinski, area coach and Fellowship of Christian Athletes leader, was guest speaker.

The ladies' missionary group participated in a Fall Bazaar at an area shopping mall. They sold baked goods, quilts, afghans, and other handmade items.

Homecoming Sunday was reestablished, and families sat down to a fellowship dinner following the morning message. A singspiration followed.

A campaign to pass out leaflets announcing the John Wesley White Crusade in the Wheeling, West Virginia, area was conducted by members of our church. Our choir members will be participating in the Crusade Choir.

A ladies' study on "The Christian Family" is continuing, along with visits to a nearby nursing home.

UNIVERSITY FRIENDS Wichita, Kansas

Tom Harvey and Larry Holmes have been sharing in a witnessing and

counseling ministry in the Sedgwick County jail. Pastor Dave Kingrey has encouraged us in developing a greater prison ministry. Larry Bennett and Greg Smith are helping develop a program in the Wichita Half-Way House.

I. K. and Hazel Lygrisse celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary November 19, at Benton, Kansas.

URBANA, Ohio

This fall our Sunday school had a "fishing contest." Members were divided into two groups and a man from each group was given a long tie. Each Sunday the man whose group brought the most guests to Sunday school would cut a few inches off of the other's tie. On Rally Day the group with the longer tie was proclaimed winner. The "fisherman" who brought the most guests was given a Bible.

On Rally Day a unique and interesting program of recitations, Scripture readings, and special music was presented, with each class from the tiny tots to the senior citizens participating. Those leaving Junior Church to attend the adult services were given promotion certificates and have started a youth group called "The Terrific Teens."

One Sunday morning Dean Johnson from Friends Disaster Service was our guest speaker. As well as presenting challenging information about those involved in the disaster work, he encouraged us in Faith Promise giving.

McINTOSH—A daughter, Robin Erin, October 11, 1978, to Pete and Janis (Norton) McIntosh, Friendswood, Texas.

NEWLIN—A son, David Mark, to Dennis and Judi (Custer) Newlin, October 16, 1978, Booker, Texas.

OLSON—To Steve and Charlene Olson, of Boise, Idaho, a daughter, Kaycee LaWren, September 27, 1978.

OVERHOLT—A daughter, Amy Janelle, to John and Deanna (Johnson) Overholt, October 1, 1978, Northridge, Wichita, Kansas.

REESE—A son, Todd Alan, October 14, 1978, to David and Karen Reese, Alliance, Ohio.

SNODGRASS—A daughter, Jennifer Erin, September 25, 1978 to Richard and Amy Snodgrass, Amarillo, Texas. Members of Stanwood Friends, McLouth, Kansas.

ROBISON—A son, Allen Ray, September 9, 1978, to Ralph and Connie Robison, West Liberty, Ohio.

STANLEY—A daughter, Patricia Rayne, July 30, 1978, to Ray and Lynne Stanley, Earlham, Iowa.

SYRING—A daughter, Morgan Paige, to Roger and Nedra (Cramer) Syring, September 28, 1978, Wichita, Kansas.

THOMAS—A daughter, Kristy Nicole, October 27, 1978, to Roger and Jan Thomas, Northridge, Wichita, Kansas.

TULLIS—A son, Eric Peter, September 30, 1978, to Tim and Jane Tullis, Salem, Ohio.

WILLIAMSON—A daughter, Andrea Jay, August 30, 1978, to Marty and Judy Williamson, Vale, South Dakota.

WOODS—A son, Jeremy Cheyenne, to Kirk and Donna (Davis) Woods, October 24, 1978, Winfield, Kansas.

WOLFGANG—A son, Ryan Lynn, October 20, 1978, to Don and Jacquelyn Wolfgang, Salem, Ohio.

MARRIAGES

ADAMS-BURTON. Annette Adams and Vaughn Burton, November 3, 1978, Notus, Idaho.

BALES-DUNCAN. Catherine Bales and Craig A. Duncan, August 19, 1978, Valley Center, Kansas.

BINFORD-BOSLEY. Cynthia Binford and Don Bosley, October 14, 1978, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

BROWN-STOCKTON. Nancy Brown and Kevin Stockton, October 28, 1978, Coparas Cove, Texas.

CALLAND-WILKINS. Kimberly Calland and Max Wilkins, September 2, 1978, De-graff, Ohio.

CONANT-HARDING. Debbie Conant and Sheldon Harding, July 2, 1978, Quaker Ridge, Colorado.

CONANT-PORTER. Shella Conant and Randy Porter, October 13, 1978, Greenleaf, Idaho.

DRAPER-MOSS. Cheryl Draper and Larry Moss, September 23, 1978, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

FOLK-ECKROTH. Shauna Folk and Frank Eckroth, September 23, 1978, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

GOINS-AUDISS. Debbie Goins and Scott Audiss, September 30, 1978, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

KOONS-SMITH. Nancy Koons and Robert Smith, October 27, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

MARION-CLIFTON. Bunny Marion and Dave Clifton, September 9, 1978, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

NEWMAN-WOODS. Melinda Newman and Kevin Woods, October 14, 1978, Enid, Oklahoma.

NULPH-THOMPSON. Jonna Gaye Nulph and Michael Doyle Thompson, November 4, 1978, Wichita, Kansas.

POWELL-VERBA. Cheri Powell and Steve Verba, October 21, 1978, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

SCHIMMEL-FULTON. Rita Schimmel and Charles Fulton, October 1, 1978, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

SEYBOLD-SULZBACH. Terry Seybold to Gary Sulzbach, July 1, 1978, Benkelman, Nebraska.

SPACK-LANDWERT. Janet Spack and Mark Landwert, September 23, 1978, Salem, Ohio.

USSARY-ELLIS. Betty Jean Ussary to Robert Ellis, August 11, 1978, Stanwood Friends, McLouth, Kansas.

WEIGEL-CHENOWETH. Elizabeth Ann Weigel to David Rodney Chenoweth, November 18, 1978, Topeka, Kansas.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER—(Mrs.) Clara Alexander, 70, November 29, 1978, Tyler, Texas.

ANDERSON—Sarah Anderson, November 4, 1978, Friendswood, Texas.

ARNETT—Elva Arnett, 99, October 8, 1978, Caldwell, Idaho.

AVITTS—Flora (Brown) Avitts, 78, March 28, 1978, Houston, Texas.

BALES—Zue Bales, December 4, 1978, Friendswood, Texas.

CARTER—Berniece Carter, September 11, 1978, Wichita, Kansas.

CHANCE—Lela Elliott Gordon Chance, 90, a minister, December 4, 1978, Wichita, Kansas.

CLINE—Connie Cline, September 2, 1978, Friendswood, Texas.

COURTRIGHT—Eva Courtright, October 16, 1978, Smithfield, Ohio.

GREGORY—Burton Gregory, 76, November 14, 1978, Mt. Ayr, Kansas.

HARVEY—Guy W. Harvey, a minister, 90, November 9, 1978, Wichita, Kansas.

HAVENS—Homer Havens, 79, November 11, 1978, Vilas, Colorado.

JOHNSON—William Z. Johnson, October 30, 1978, Wichita, Kansas.

MOON—Silas Ray Moon, 86, June 27, 1978, Caldwell, Idaho.

PITTS—Mark Pitts, 21, October 28, 1978, Indianapolis, Indiana.

WEST, Homer L. West, 84, October 15, 1978, Greenleaf, Idaho.

FRIENDS RECORD

BIRTHS

BROWN—A daughter, Corynn Lynae, October 25, 1978, to Anthony and Debbi Brown, Springfield, Colorado.

BRUNT—A daughter, Rebecca Lynn, to Gary and Barbara Brunt, September 10, 1978, Alliance, Ohio.

CARSLEY—A son, Kyle Edward, to Ken and Kathleen Carsley, October 22, 1978, Newberg, Oregon.

CREMER—A son, Shane David, to Doug and Dennise Cremer, October 22, 1978, Greenleaf, Idaho.

CUSTER—A son, Lance Keith, March 28, 1978, to Keith and Paula Custer, Liberal, Kansas.

FRANKOVICH—To Dave and Linda Frankovich, a son, Joshua Seth, September 24, 1978, East Richland, Ohio.

HAWTHORN—A son, Beau Christian, to Johnny and Elizabeth Hawthorn, October 3, 1978, Friendswood, Texas.

HAYNES—A daughter, Melanie Kay, to Chuck and Debbie Howard Haynes, September 23, 1978, Wichita, Kansas.

HIBBS—A son, Darrin Michael, October 2, 1978, to Ken and Devonne Hibbs, Greenleaf, Idaho.

HOWDESHELL—A son, Justin Wayne, November 9, 1978, to Wayne and Sandra Howdeshell, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

JAMISON—A daughter, Sandra Beth, April 12, 1978, to Dan and Terry Jamison, Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 12, 1978.

JOHNSON—A daughter, Heather Marie, September 22, 1978, to Lee and Sue Johnson, Salem, Ohio.

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