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## WILL FRIENDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE?— 'ARE WE ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTION?'

**"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us."**

**2 Corinthians 4:7**

BY ROY SKEETER

"Will Friends Make a Difference?" is a question I have been haunted by since I saw it in banner form as the theme of the Denver EFA Conference last summer. I'm not sure it is the right question to ask. We might better be asking a larger question, "Are real Christians going to make a difference in the 20th century?" Maybe more specifically, "What kind of difference?"

Perhaps that is what was really meant, but if so why didn't we just ask that in the beginning? Maybe we should

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not even be insinuating that committed Christians and Quakers may not be the same.

I feel very deeply about *why we do what we do* and *who we are*. What we call "Christian" is not always just that, I'm afraid, and what we call "church" or "ministry" or "the work" may in fact be a busyness that diverts our attention from the real action, with only a small amount of spiritual relevance.

I hear a call today to get back to "roots" as Friends. "Let's just get back to be like Friends used to be." "Let's make this a Friends church." And my question is, "Which Friends are you talking about?" Are you talking about the Friends of the thirties and camp meetings? Are you talking of Friends in the forties and revival services? Are you talking about Friends of the fifties and evangelistic evening ser-

vices? For others, getting back to roots means just getting back to old clichés so that they hear familiar words from the pulpit again—more emphasis on dress and louder prohibitions on alcohol and tobacco and various “obvious” sins. For some it means back to strong evangelism from the pulpit or the proclamation of “heart holiness” or “Wesleyan sanctification.”

Now please don’t get me wrong! I am in agreement with most of the effective methods of the past to get people saved and into a deeper walk with God, but it seems as if so often we have institutionalized the method. I really don’t believe God is enamored with any one method nor that He is tied to specific approaches. Seven-thirty Thursday evening may be just as sacred, in time, to God as 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning and the “holy worship hour!”

I have great respect for history. I do not lightly regard it. I believe it is a great teacher. But one of the things it seems to teach us is that we make the same mistakes over and over again. We are not very astute students of history. I believe great Christian biographies teach us living interpretations of Christian life-styles, but my burden is “whom do we follow?” Whose identity is important for us to model?

George Fox was outstanding and profound (although eccentric) in his quest for a relationship to God that was real and life-changing. He showed us again that God could be reached only through His Son Jesus Christ as revealed in His living/written Word and without high liturgy in the church.

John Woolman brought personal convictions (regarding social concerns) that were so strong that he deprived himself of personal amenities to avoid the patronization of slave labor—albeit perhaps smelling like his horse after sleeping in the woods by the old steed overnight, because to have stayed in a host’s home would have involved him in being a partaker of slave labor! I love that kind of consistency.

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Elizabeth Fry is certainly to be respected for a love for Christ that had social responsibility as well as “personal piety.” However, it cost her time, money, and risk of disease in the prison cesspools of England’s mid-1600s.

I have the warmest of affection for these persons and praise God for their witness; in fact I love to read about them! But I believe they did what they did, not because they were members of a certain society, but because they were disciples of the lowly Nazarene and His life in them was so real that it exploded in action and life-style that God’s Spirit dictated specifically for them!

Making reference to these Quaker stalwarts is not intended as “hero worship” but is a new clarion call to holy,

holistic living that does not necessarily have denominational tags. I see more and more people who are looking for a warm fellowship of Christians with biblical foundation. So, if making a difference involves getting back to our roots, I have these various concerns.

I would like to see a call to new awareness of sin as brokenness (alienation) from God. All my early years in the church, sin was identified with certain acts and these acts would keep a person out of heaven. However, there were certain acts that were so much worse than others. These were pounced upon, preached at, speared through. But, as I remember thinking about those childhood days, I saw relatively few of these *certain* sins in my home church and subsequently the churches I have pastored. But I have seen lots of things called by more benign names—human erring, righteous indignation, “my humanity,” “my personality.” While they were called those kinds of things, they often seemed more sinister to me; they affected the local Body of believers in extremely adverse ways and many times caused polarizations—the fractured lines of division could almost be seen in the floor of the church building. These unnamed sins were as offensive to God and as damaging to the Body as some of the visible sins so often flagellated.

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righteousness. This will make a difference.’**

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Of course, God sees the act! His heart is broken again and again by sin. But I long for fellow believers as well as 20th century pagans to understand that God is not nearly so interested in identifying an act as He is in our awareness that all sin is missing the mark; our relationship with Him is broken and so much pain is caused when sin breaks the Christian community. This lets us exist at spiritual sub-standard levels when we ought to be reaching for the skies.

I had an overwhelming look at myself and my own hypocrisy one day when I was reacting very pharisaically to some believers who had hurt me in some very deep ways. They had caused me so much pain in this double standard behavior, covering it with such provincial, legalistic convictions. But as I sat in my office in my large swivel chair thinking of them, I was suddenly awestruck with my own patronizing, outwardly pharisaical response to them, smugly considering it as my very “broad, progressive, tolerant attitude.” And I realized, as God pulled back the drapes of my own soul for just a few moments, that my pious, patronizing attitude toward them was just as obnoxious to God as their offenses to the Body! What a revelation! I wept. And I told God that I really couldn’t stand to see any more of my ugliness for a while—to close the drapes of my soul until I could stand to see more!

Please, let’s call sin *sin* wherever it is found, whether it’s sin in our lives as church members or in the pagans



down the street, and understand that both of us stand in judgment before God for the same sins. Our only possibility of hope is in His robe of righteousness, which we can't earn and which we cannot buy with any kind of pious performance. This will make a difference.

I'd like to hear a call to a renewed biblical theology of the Holy Spirit that doesn't deny our personhood or human nature but confronts it in terms of change that involve cleansing, yielding, and obedience.

May we be cautious in preaching "one holy experience" with "one sacred route to get there"—that ends up with pat answers and simple clichés but not necessarily Christlikeness. Let us preach a Gospel where gifts may be used collectively and supportively by the local Body for its edification, maturing, and building up without brandishing badges of spiritual excellence—where power is felt at the wheel, not just puffs of steam at the whistle.

I would like to hear a clarion call back to a holistic balance of God's entire Word and its interpretation, not just a few proof texts that support our own doctrinal bandwagon.

I have been so thankful for the discovery in my own walk with God of the possibility for great balance I find in God's Word when we look at it in its entirety. It is reassuring to see how the strictness of Paul's specific instructions in regard to specific problems is put into softer tones, yet penetrating force, within the overall principles of Jesus as taught in the Gospels.

I am so glad for the book of James that gives the "flip side" of the coin to the book of Romans, as so often the Old Testament is the key to understanding the New.

There are a lot of claims of biblical authenticity these days. It is unfortunate they are not all coming out with the same meaning. Not all Sunday school classes really study the Bible just because open Bibles are in the laps of students. Sometimes they only store opinions and mutual biases.

### **'Have we missed the call to simplicity? Do we have to spend all we receive or make?'**

Early Friends have had what the original New Testament community had—balance of the written Word with the immediate inspiration and confirmation of the Holy Spirit bringing spiritual control to the Christian community. That seems to be a pretty important balance.

For instance, I wish we could stop spiritualizing a lot of passages that were never meant to be spiritualized—especially in the instructions about dealing with the poor. In Howard Snyder's book *New Wineskins* he confronted me again with what the Bible has to say in relationship to our responsibility to the poor and this practical application of holiness. We seem always to want to qualify who is poor and whether or not their need is justified in our eyes. Too often I have heard those passages simply spiritualized, "but

I have always heard that that meant poor in Spirit." So off we go, not sensing our responsibility, justifying our more affluent life-style, while some middle-class family loses their home or goes without groceries for several weeks while the husband is between jobs. This is but one example of a current distortion of truth that Quakers have historically clearly held.

That leads me to say I wish we could see and hear and feel a clear call back to a life-style, a "church style," of simple life that might well be decidedly different—for Jesus' sake. And this cuts straight across conformity to the culture "of this present world."

Have we missed the call to simplicity? Richard Foster's book *Celebration of Discipline* speaks so eloquently to this. Do we really have to spend all we receive or make? John Wesley's dictum was "*earn all you can, so you can save all you can, so you can give all you can.*" It may affect what kind of car we drive and what kind of house we live in. This is another way Friends can make a different kind of witness.

### **Do we just 'oil the machinery' of a finely tuned religious institution?**

Also, churches need to look closely at how we use our buildings. Can we justify sumptuous sanctuary space at up to \$50 per square foot when we really use it a maximum of 2½ hours per week? How much is the rest of our plant really used during the week? Maybe David Main's Circle Church in Chicago was not all bad—when they rented a Teamsters Hall for Sunday celebration and the church (for the rest of the week) was found in homes, offices, and places of business throughout the city. I'm not saying lovely buildings, well-planned and well-used, may not be necessary, but neither do I hear the world clamoring to "look at the lovely cathedral on 39th and Vine—how it impacts the community and heals my life." The only way it may impact the community may be to shut them out!

These are troubling thoughts for our consciences; these are the concerns that keep me awake at night, especially when I have to look at my day and ask how I have effectively shared a redemptive Christ to meet a personal need. Have I just "oiled the machinery" of a finely tuned religious institution?

I long for my own life to look like Jesus—to put my money and energies where my mouth is, to know God's peace in extreme stress, to be in a church organized to let the organism grow, not to strangle it, to have a watching world say again, "Behold how they love one another" and care about *me*.

And I believe when that kind of Christian life-style is exhibited under the power of the Spirit, it will make a difference in 20th century America as in 17th century England. If the people who call themselves Christians also happen to be Friends, praise God for that too.



# Whatever happened to



BY G. ROGER SCHOENHALS

**REMEMBER** hearing a sermon on hell. I was a child, and it so frightened me I wanted to be a Christian just to escape going to that awful place. That was 30 years ago.

Things have changed today. A sermon on hell is about as rare as a wild buffalo whistling "Dixie." We hear about God's love, discipleship, spiritual gifts, social ministries, moral development. But the wrath of God? Zilch.

One reason is the pendulum. In our reaction to the excesses and distortions of the past, we have swung over to the other side where we feel comfortable only with positive themes like love and spiritual fulfill-

ment. The "good life" brand of Christianity has little room for God's holiness, the wretchedness of sin, everlasting judgment, sorrow, repentance, and righteous living.

Another reason may be our desire to make converts. Dangle the goodies in front of them and tell them the stuff about hell later.

And then there's the contemporary emphasis on determinism—you really can't help being the way you are. B. F. Skinner has done much to relieve us of guilt. He has taught us that we are only social animals acting in conditioned ways. There's no such thing as personal sin, accountability, judgment, or hell.

One of the strongest influences leading us away from a serious view of hell is the philosophy of humanism. Man is good. At his best, he would never let a fellow human being suffer. And since God is better than man, He would certainly not allow any of His creatures to suffer eternally in hell.

This line of reasoning presented itself recently in a TV news special on being "born again." Bill Moyers zeroed in on the question of hell with a Christian teenager. "I know people who are moral and good and who do not claim to be born again. How could a good God allow them to go to hell?"

The young man shrugged his shoulders and answered, "That's what the Bible says."

Ah, now we come to the basic issue. The Bible. Do we believe it? Is it the Word of God?

The pendulum, easy believism, determinism, humanism—these are all peripheral. The core is a breakdown of biblical authority. The less authority we ascribe to the Scriptures, the less seriously we take the teachings on hell.

We can play our games with the Bible, sidestepping and distorting passages that conflict with contemporary thought. We can try to tunnel under, go over, or steer around references that offend our human sensitivities. We can ignore, pretend, and even cast aside. But does that change anything? The Word of God remains. Forever!

The church's calling is not to judge the Word; it is to believe it and to declare it to a crooked and perverse generation. The entire Word. Even the parts about hell.

Jesus believed in hell. Get a Bible and look up the references. He didn't mince words. Some say He talked more about hell than about heaven.

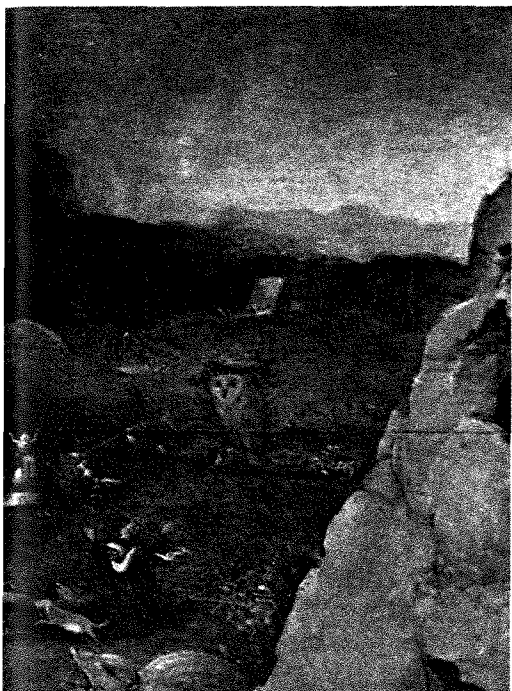
Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels. It was never intended for man. And God will never send a person there. We send ourselves. Our choice.

Hell is horrible. The way we throw the word around today only dilutes our understanding of the actual conditions. Even the analogies of Scripture (lake of fire, bottomless pit, gnashing teeth, and so forth)

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# hell?



"CHRIST'S DESCENT INTO HELL" FROM SCHOOL OF BOSCH, GERMANY, 16th CENTURY

fail to do justice to the reality of being totally cut off from all that is good and true.

Hell is eternal. The teaching of a temporary punishment is a perversion of the truth. Jesus clearly declared that hell is final and forever.

I'm not calling for a return to the old days when preachers like Jonathan Edwards dangled their listeners over the fiery lake of hell. And I'm not urging a reduction of our teaching and preaching on God's love; I'm pleading for a balance. For the whole picture.

What happens when the church takes seriously the biblical teaching of hell? A soberness fills our thinking and praying. A sense of urgency grips us. We proclaim salvation earnestly.

Recognizing the holy and just nature of God we show greater concern for righteous living. We flee from evil and from all that is impure. We desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

And, most important, we gain a clearer understanding of the love of God. It's only as we see the awfulness of sin and how much God hates it that we fall more deeply in love with the pure Son of God who took upon himself the sins of the whole world that we might be saved from guilt and delivered from the just wrath of a holy God. God's love is hollow without hell.

Let's bring hell out of the closet.



## Creation and the Scripture



BY DONALD E. CHITTICK

Creation is one of the most important and exciting doctrines in all of Scripture. It is foundational and one on which many other important doctrines are based.

First, creation tells us who God is. The Bible begins with the statement "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." God is not just an idea or a set of moral principles, God is the Creator of all that exists. The universe and all that is in it

is not the product of chance operating over vast amounts of time. According to the Bible the universe is the product of design by an intelligent Creator who spoke it into being (Psalm 33: 6-9).

The Bible not only tells us that God is our Creator, but also tells us something about His being—that God our Creator is good. "God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31) Evidences of a beautifully designed creation are all around us. An example is the balance and working together of all living things in nature.

Other evidences are apparent from reading some of the details of the original creation in Genesis, chapter 2. The Garden of Eden was specially prepared for man and was a very beautiful place. Every tree pleasant to the sight and good for food was present. Not only that, but man was given dominion over the animals. Animals are delightful creatures both to look at and in their ways and behaviors. One can imagine

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the joy Adam must have experienced at naming the animals God had created to be with him in the garden.

The doctrine of creation not only tells us who *God* is, but it also tells us who *man* is. We are persons, created in the image of our Creator. Man is not the product of happenstance, not simply a collection of atoms and molecules randomly collected through a chance process of vast eons of time.

As a person created in the image of the Creator, man can love and experience love. Man can also appreciate beauty. The Bible tells us that the beauty of the natural world around us is meant to be appreciated and to reflect the glory and love of the Creator.

Being created in the personality image of the Creator, man was indued with a creative urge. Creativity is one of the basic drives found in all human beings. In fulfilling this creative urge, man not only reflects his Creator's image, but produces many delightful and useful products as well.

The Creator also made man as a communicating being. We can communicate with others of our own kind and with the Creator. The doctrine of creation, then, not only tells us who *God* is, but also tells us who *man* is, and why he can love, can appreciate beauty, has a creative urge, and can communicate with his fellow beings.

Creation also forms the basis for presenting the Gospel. Man, created in the image of God, was disobedient to the Creator and became a sinful being. Because man is fallen, he needs a Savior. The Gospel begins in Genesis. Without creation and the fall, we are giving people an answer to a question they haven't yet asked when we tell them they need to be saved. Because God is our Creator, all the universe is in reference to Him. This forms the basis for moral absolutes, the definition of sin, and the need for salvation.

Creation also provides the basis for belief in divine providence. If God is Creator of all the universe, He can sustain that universe. Even though man fell and all nature was affected because of that fall, God is still in control, not only of the universe, but of the situations that arise in our lives. When things go wrong, we can confidently go to the Bible to learn how to remedy the situation. When a machine malfunctions, one can look at the factory manual to learn corrective action. The Bible is the believer's factory manual. We can go to our factory manual, as it were, to learn how to take remedial action. The Bible tells us how we operate and how to operate so as to avoid difficulties. It tells us

how to live so as to have a very full and enriching life. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

Creation also emphasizes that man is a steward of God's created resources. This means we can find biblical guidelines that apply to current problems in our world today—guidelines for questions such as pollution, the energy crisis, and world tensions.

Some of the most exciting promises in all the Bible take on more meaning when seen in the light of creation. God loved His creatures so much that He gave us His Son to be our Savior. When one accepts Jesus as Savior and returns to fellowship with God, the way is open for him to receive some of God's most exciting promises.

Returning to fellowship with the One who created us not only opens up a richer, fuller life on this earth, but also opens God's promise of a future in heaven. Jesus stated that He was leaving this earth to prepare a place for us to be with Him forever. Some appreciation of how beautiful that prepared place must be can be gained by realizing how beautiful was the original creation. The One who promised to prepare a place for us is the One who created the whole vast universe, the earth, and the incomparable Garden of Eden as the special place for man. Realizing how beautifully perfect was the Garden of Eden can help us to appreciate the unimaginable beauty yet to be revealed to those who love God.

First Corinthians 15:49 tells us that just as surely as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall bear the image of the heavenly. We will have a new body to appreciate the new creation that God is preparing for us. We don't know exactly what that body will be like, but we know that it will be like His glorious body; "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2)

The new creation will not only be a beautiful place, but it will be filled with loving fellowship. We will be in the presence of our Creator and the presence of those who love Him. We will be with our loved ones. If we believe that God created the original creation, we can have confidence in our faith that He is preparing a new creation for His creatures to enjoy. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)



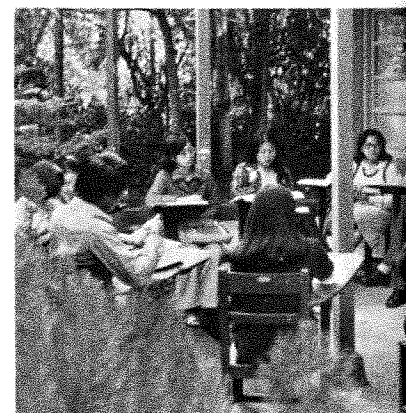
# Second Meeting Friends

BY LORNA C. CHAO

**Lorna Chao, recording secretary of the new Taiwan Yearly Meeting, writes from her perspective about that group's second meeting.**



Mrs. Liu of West Gate, Chiayi, the evening speaker.



Small groups met in discussion workshops.

# Annual of Taiwan Church

**I**T WAS REALLY a happy and unforgettable experience to attend the second annual meeting of the Friends Church in Taiwan October 28-31, 1978, in Chiayi. I remember the first day was rainy, cold, and wet.

Two busses took us from Taipei to Chiayi. After six hours on the highway we arrived at the conference ground—a camp

on a small mountain. Everybody arrived tired, hungry, and cold. After the first meal more and more brothers and sisters of the Friends Church in southern Taiwan came. We greeted each other happily, like a family reunion.

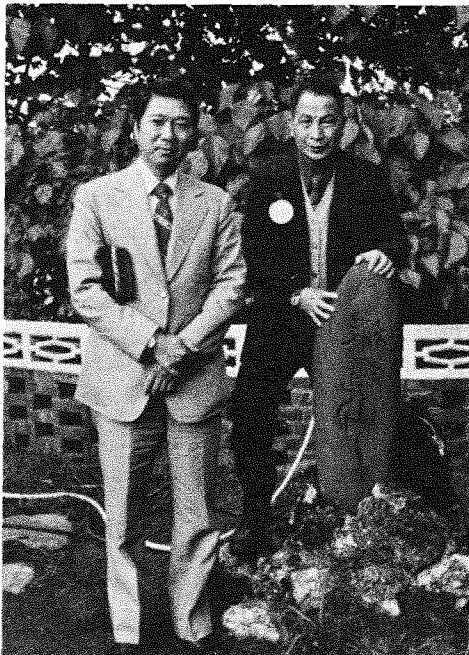
The opening meeting was led by Pastor Chow, the chairman of the first annual meeting in Taiwan. Almost 200 people attended the service. Dr. Charles De Vol preached on the importance of the church's unity.

The next day was Sunday. We were all assigned to several different Friends churches in the neighborhood. So were the young people. We had a choir that sang during the service. We were surprised that almost every young person in the southern churches could sing well. Some were only

13 or 14 years old. They seemed to have a special gift in singing. That afternoon everybody got together again. We were able to hear many chairmen of different groups of the Yearly Meeting report on their work during the year. They answered questions as well.

We had a good speaker at every evening service. She was Mrs. Liu, a faithful and strong-minded lady. Her topic was "The qualifications of a good church." It was a big challenge to Christians today. She led us to feel that we in God's family ought to have more love and pray more. Otherwise our church can never be strong enough to fight against sins and witness for Jesus.

When I woke up on Monday morning the beautiful sunshine came in, filling my heart with joy and thankfulness. It became as warm as a tropical southern climate. We spent three hours discussing the affairs of the Yearly Meeting that morning. I was impressed that people show so much concern for their church affairs. It is important for



*Pastor Chow of Northside and Pastor Peter Teng of Big Forest, leaders of the Yearly Meeting.*

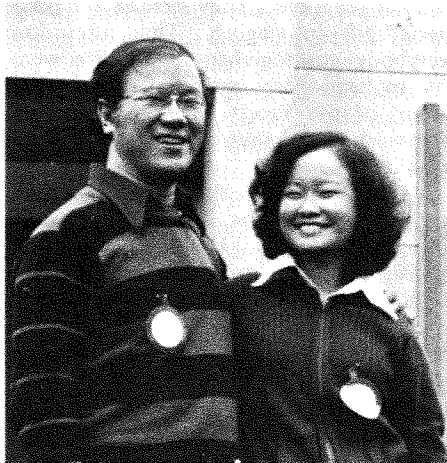


*Missionary Ella Ruth Hutson places Ohio on map.*



*Northern youth singing at West Gate, Chiayi.*





*Samuel and Lorna Chao, teachers at Chungli Christian Engineering College. She is recording secretary of the Yearly Meeting and author of this article.*

us Chinese Christians to solve problems by ourselves, then the church can grow more and more. I thank God for training His servants to be more responsible for our own church.

Meanwhile the women had their own meeting down the mountain. Mrs. Liu, Ella Ruth Hutson, and Barbara Brantingham were the speakers. Then recreation time came. We took two busses to do some sight-seeing that afternoon. It was my first visit to those places. The rice fields, river, little villages under the warm sunshine were so charming, so different from the urban city where I live.

The message that evening given by Mrs. Liu was a powerful one. Her theme was on how to be a good member in a church. It

gave us a lot of help. As it was the last evening of the conference, many people had long talks and prayers after the evening service. I had a chance to pray and had fellowship with some girls who shared the dorm with us.

The 31st of October was the last day of this conference. We had two hours of discussions, then one hour of testimony. Many people, especially the youth, stood up to say how God spoke to their hearts in this particular meeting. That afternoon we reluctantly bid farewell to each other.

Though we come from different areas and different Friends churches, we belong to one true church of Christ and one true God. On our way home I prayed that God will give more wisdom and faith to the Chinese church so that we can grow and unite, as the theme of this annual meeting suggested.

## THE THREE M'S

BY ROBERT HESS  
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With apologies to the company by the same name, I would like to comment on the three M's of Missions—Message, Messengers, and Methods. The first has not changed for 2,000 years. The other two change, of necessity, in each generation. While it is often true that the messenger is the message, especially with people who have never before heard or understood much of Jesus Christ, still it is the message that informs, controls, and directs the messenger and the methods.

One of the great mistakes in Christian history was the Crusades, which occurred from about 1100 to 1300 A.D. These were a classic and tragic illustration of the use of un-Christlike methods to establish the kingdom of God. Always our means of achieving the Christian goal must be controlled by the Christian message of love and redemption.

The Gospel, or Christian message in a nutshell, is found in 2 Corinthians 5:19, "In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation." (RSV) In brief compass, this verse teaches the doctrine of

God, incarnation, reconciliation, forgiveness, and the church.

Central to the message is the divine Messenger and His cross. One child said that Jesus was the best photo God ever had taken. He taught as no other teacher. He lived and died and rose again, illustrating the teaching. Best of all, He is *living*! His message is a vibrant invitation to test, try, and experience. To a world filled with weary, disoriented, burdened people, He says "Come unto me." What a wonderful message! How well is it sung, "Jesus! the name that charms our fears, / That bids our sorrows cease, / 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, / 'Tis life and health and peace"!

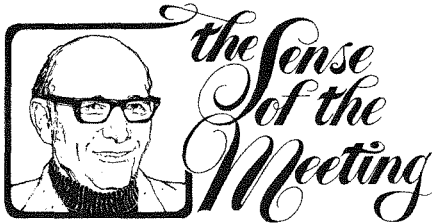
A Christian is a messenger. We are, as Paul said, "living letters" written with the Spirit of God, to be known and read of all men. Aymara Christians are being read today in Bolivia and in Peru. Christians in Burundi, Mexico City, Taiwan, India, Manila, Hong Kong, are hour by hour communicating a message. Early Christians in China, about 650 A.D., were called "A-lopen"—those who are the source of the knowledge of God. Such a description is beautiful biography.

It may be significant, with the popularity of the English language around the world,

that each of us had an "M" engraved in the middle of the palm of each hand. Does it not remind us of the Master to whom we belong and whose will we seek? Thus the messenger prays, "Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love."

Methods of communicating the Christian message can vary even more than the faces of the messengers. Vary they must in order to reach individuals in diverse cultures. General Booth's brass bands antagonized dignified people at St. Paul's Cathedral, but they attracted winos and prostitutes in eastern London. Aymara Friends visiting Oregon were intrigued with potluck suppers . . . they had never fished with that equipment!

If ever creativity was needed, it is in this area of methods of communication. Will Christians of EFA be active in developing the dramatic and photographic skills to produce TV cassettes for the next generation? When will we see many capable Christians in deep dialogue as mediators in the world's troubled areas? Shall we still hear preachers stir audiences to repentance, faith, and holiness as Fox, Wesley, and Booth did? Is the mould that makes such persons broken beyond repair? Is Elizabeth Fry only a memory?



BY JACK L. WILL CUTS

## Duck Down, Cow Bells, And Foreign Aid

As I write this, German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt is in the U.S., and I am in West Germany. This coincidence has no parallel in history (in its lack of significance), and while he moves in the high councils of Washington, I am touring the villages and countryside of Bavaria, the Rhein River Valley, the Black Forest, and the alpine roads that have taken us across Germany into Austria, Switzerland, the northern boot top of Italy, parts of France, and the miniland of Liechtenstein.

Some city names have a haunting familiarity. Munich! I remember headlines of the peace treaty signed there by Hitler and Chamberlain—a deceptive document that has become synonymous with duplicity and compromise. Just north is Dachau—a grim, incredible reminder of what radical racism can do, not in the grimy, city ghetto, but amidst surroundings like mid-America, green, flowering, lush farms and forests. How could it happen?

Oberammergau, where the *Passion Play* has been done for decades by a tiny community nestled in one of Europe's most beautiful mountain retreat areas, with its geranium-windowed houses and ancient churches, was preserved from war's destruction, almost. Yet, it was here the Nazi deadly Messerschmitt fighter planes were secretly built in factory caves of these sacred mountains for successful cover.

Hamburg, Dusseldorf, and Frankfurt—in 1945 they were reduced to jagged piles of debris. Now? New, busy, prosperous cities! Frankfurt (our home this month while visiting a daughter and family) has blended new homes and high-rise banks and businesses with the residual architecture surviving two wars. How has *this* happened? Mostly because in 1948 the U.S. embarked on a system of economic aid, \$12 billion worth poured in the first four years. This rescue program, perhaps the most costly humanitarian effort in history, fueled the industrial revival now seen and made America highly respected.

West Germany's 61 million people and the industrious Dutch, Austrians, and Swiss have busily created the most stable society in Western Europe. The paved roads (we've been following random side trips off the many modern "autobahns," which are fuller and faster with cars, semis, and r.v.'s than U.S. cross-country asphalt freeways) are lined with flourishing fields of hay, grains, orchards, sugarbeets, and other familiar crops.


Somehow, I had naively expected antiquated, primitive, or war-ridden scenes. I suppose tour groups see them too, but we enjoy rural pensions and village hotels and eating places catering mostly to local residents. The food is delightful, cleanliness a

preoccupation (although I feel a trifle foolish on a duck down mattress and ironed sheets).

To be sure, in one village the family milk cows were *under* a neighbor's house, which created an earthy atmosphere. Maybe it's my farm upbringing, but I'll take the trade-off of the aroma of friendly cows in the basement with the eye-stinging haze of industrial smog, or a potato processing plant, paper mill, or local stockyards within smelling distance. Don't get me wrong, our only brush with Brown Swiss below the bedroom was near Innsbruck, on the Switzerland side of the breathtakingly beautiful Tyrolean Alps. Even then it was the melodious cow bells, not the agricultural aroma that kept us awake.

While not posing as a European 30-day specialist, I cannot help but be impressed with what has happened in my lifetime here. No small part of it has been the rearmament limitations set, thus freeing a creative people to develop their resources in rebuilding and beautifying with their taxes and energies.


It is of more than passing interest that Robert McNamara, now head of the World Bank but formerly an architect of the Vietnam war as Secretary of Defense, was quoted recently in *Time* as wondering if the best possible defense of our country, rather than more bombs and weaponry, is not new, creative Marshall Plan types of aid and relief to nations who are suffering, broken, and destroyed. While neither George Marshall nor McNamara may have been motivated from a Christian conviction, "all truth is God's truth," and sowing the seeds of compassion and caring on a national and international scale is a workable form of peacemaking.

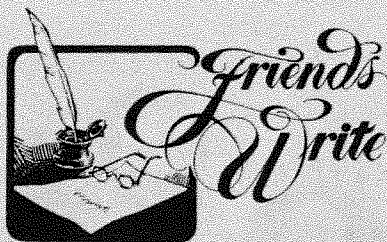
It is good to see firsthand the results of aid rather than retaliation and revenge. If it could have happened earlier there might never have been a Hitler or Stalin or a Kaiser Wilhelm. 

## On Spending All Night in Daylight

Alaskans are used to it (and so are a lot of other people who live north of the Arctic Circle), but we flew all night in June from Canada's west coast to Europe, hugging the North Pole. Not setting my watch until it was nine hours behind, we tried to feel sleepy at ten in the evening, and at eleven, and at midnight, but there was the sun out there bright as ever.

Watching others trying to beat the light was funny too (one fellow with a jacket over his head—some wear specially made blinders); one's awokeness is tied less to the clock than the light. Then, next day the weakness called "jet lag" sets in.

It's a lot like getting mixed up in the world around us. It seems okay at the time, for awhile, even though no one is entirely comfortable competing with God's laws in any situation. I know some jet lag Christians who have mistaken the daylight of opportunity for rest in the Lord, and their spiritual judgment is jaded, their tiredness is man-made. 



### On 'Splitting Wood and Atoms'

■ Yesterday 273 lives were snuffed out in a fiery crash just off O'Hare Field near Chicago. If I am to follow the logic of Bruce Allen, neither he nor I should ever ride in a plane again.

This is Memorial Day weekend. Hundreds will die or be maimed for life in traffic accidents. As a steward of God's creation, I should do everything possible to halt this needless waste of life. As a demonstration of this commitment I should never again ride in an automobile, and I should protest the manufacture of any more of those instruments of death or the building of any more highways for them.

You see, the manufacture of both passenger planes and giant bombers is an enterprise of the same great corporation. When I support the passenger airplane I also contribute in a measure to the manufacture of weapons of destruction. My automobile, too, was built by the same corporation famous for the manufacture of tanks. The technology of one operation is carried over to the other.

Yes, his logic will take us to splitting wood to heat our huts in the forest. We shall eke out our living from a tiny plot of land or else exist from roots and berries. We shall renounce totally our way of life if we follow Allen's reasoning to its conclusion.

I am for simplicity. With or without nuclear power plants we will be forced to a simpler life in the future, I believe, as all of our sources of energy dwindle. But while we seek for viable alternatives to oil, I find evidence that nuclear energy can potentially fill some of the gap with a level of safety far greater than many other common elements of modern life.

As a steward of God's creation, I find no significant difference between the use of fire, electricity, or any other chemical process and the use of the energy God has stored for us in the atom.

Bruce Allen is thought-provoking, but "prophetic" he is not. I greatly regret seeing the prophetic label put on him by the EVANGELICAL FRIEND.

ROGER WOOD

Canton, Ohio

### Thank God the 'Bubble' Shrank

■ Usually when I receive my copy of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND I start with the back of the magazine and read the statistical items first, since we have been gone from Northwest Yearly Meeting for over 10 years now, and this helps me get caught up on the "news." So it took me quite awhile to get to the front article, "Should Christians Split Wood Instead of Atoms?" in the April issue.

You can better realize my interest in this view of nuclear energy when you notice my address and see that I live within the 10-mile radius of Three Mile Island, so we were a very definite part of the emergency situation here. My husband was in Saudi Arabia at the time and my oldest daughter was in college out West, but my younger three children and I "Survived TMI," as their T-shirts say.

Whether this type of technology is for or against God's plan, I am not qualified to say, but the part that bothers me now as I look back on the incident is the lack of glory to God that has been given to the shrinkage of the "bubble" and the recognition that He was the one who held the power to control the situation. To those who may have been praying for the TMI problem, I want to say "thank you" on behalf of all the thousands who live in this area. But mostly, I want to give public recognition and praise to the great God who controls all the universe.

(MRS.) IVERNA LAIR

Hershey, Pennsylvania

### Response to 'A Racial Slur'

■ I would like to thank Mr. Edward Bell ["Friends Write" April 1979] for calling attention to "an incredible racial slur" in my article, "'As in Heaven, So in Earth'—Really?"

"The Jews murdered" is a rather strong and carelessly worded statement, I must admit. It really was not my intention to cast the blame for Jesus' crucifixion on the entire Jewish race. Rather, I was thinking of those respected and recognized Jewish leaders of long ago who brought Christ before a reluctant Pontius Pilate and cried, "His blood be on us, and on our children." (Matthew 27:25) There is good evidence in the Word of God to indicate that this same group of Jewish leaders stoned Stephen.

I am truly sorry for my error. It was not intentional and I hope that Mr. Bell and others will accept my retraction. Also, I would like to retract another serious error in my article. Christ will not "destroy

Satan eventually." Rather, He will eventually relieve him of his power and punish him for eternity.

JAMES ROBERTS

La Paz, Bolivia

### Was Justice Done in Florida?

■ I am one of many who wonder just how many potential killers in the state of Florida, or any other state, will think about their actions now that John Spekelink has been put to death "legally." Since May 25 until the time that I am writing this (four day later), I have read of three murders committed already in the Plains states alone. Was the state of Florida's taking a life worth the "point" that was never really made?

We as Friends hold that it is wrong to take any human life, no matter what the case. Many maintain this quite well when considering personal assault or situations of war, but why does there seem to be such a silence when a state takes "privilege" and inflicts what is called justice in a manner that is perhaps as cruel as what the victim of the original violent crime suffered.

Not only is it unbiblical; it is simply uncivilized to take a human life, whether in a flash of rage, well-planned strategy, a fit of passion, or in a legally approved state execution.

I am as concerned about the effects of violent crime as anyone, but this type of action never leaves an answer, only more questions and more pain. A life need never be taken to make such a contradictory "point" about murder.

In thinking of this we arrive at yet other questions. What will we as Friends do about situations such as this recent execution? How can we be heard? What things should we do to help prevent this chain reaction system of murder and maintain our position of publishing the Truth?

MICHAEL NIXON

Mulvane, Kansas

### Conference on Pastoral Ministry

■ On behalf of the National Conference on Pastoral Ministry I wish to thank you for placing the National Conference announcement in such a prominent place in the April issue of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND. This is greatly appreciated. Your support and interest is cherished.

WAYNE ALLMAN

Associate Secretary

Meeting Ministries Commission  
Friends United Meeting



# First Day News

## QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, announces the appointment of DR. RICHARD FELIX as its 11th president beginning July 1, 1979, succeeding DR. HAROLD COPE. Richard Felix comes from the University of Florida at Gainesville, where he has been associate vice-president serving in the administration of their foundation. Prior to that he was vice-president for development at Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville. Dr. Felix was awarded a post-doctorate certificate from the Harvard University Institute for Educational Management and holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Notre Dame, an M.S. in Education/Administration from George Williams College, and a B.A. from Olivet Nazarene College. Richard and his wife VIVIAN have three elementary-age children.

Two former superintendents of EFA yearly meetings and their wives celebrate 50th wedding anniversaries this summer: CHESTER G. STANLEY, former superintendent of Ohio Yearly Meeting (Eastern Region) and his wife EVANGELINE observed their 50th anniversary on June 24 at Damascus, Ohio, Friends Church. On Sunday afternoon, September 9, at La Junta Friends Church in Colorado, MERLE and RUTH ROE will celebrate their 50th anniversary. Merle Roe served as superintendent of both Kansas (Mid-America) and Rocky Mountain Yearly Meetings.

DAVID HUNTER officially retired April 30 after five years as principal of Friends College in Kenya. David accepted the position in 1974 after the college had opened under temporary administrative arrangements. The North American Committee for Friends College has provided David's financial support and introduced him to American Friends on a tour during the formative years of the African school.

Two lay couples from Greenleaf Friends Church in Idaho, CECIL and LOIS BINFORD and DELMAR and DORIS CLOUD, made themselves available to God for service beyond the local church and left May 14 for Suriname. The two men will spend most of the summer constructing additional hangar and storage space for Missionary Aviation's airport in Paramaribo, Suriname.

Named as the new executive director of the Christian Holiness Association at its convention in late April was DARIUS SALTER, pastor of First Friends Church in Canton, Ohio, and a graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary. He took up his new post July 1, replacing THOMAS H. HERMIZ, who has accepted the presidency of World Gospel Mission at Marion, Indiana.

Tragedy has struck the home of RODNEY and BARBARA ROUTON, Iowa Yearly Meeting missionary appointees to the EFA Mexico Mission, scheduled to begin language study this fall. Their five-year-old daughter TAMMY was accidentally killed on June 16. They have a three-year-old son KENNETH who survives his sister. Pray for this family.

PAUL and WINIFRED ENYART have resigned from California Yearly Meeting's Central American mission field after 14 years of service to accept a call to become pastors of South Marion Friends Church in Indiana. Paul served nearly 10 years as administrative field secretary for the entire field, with headquarters in Chiquimula, Guatemala. RAYMOND CANFIELD has been named the field secretary on an interim basis.

The last of the pioneer teachers who served Pacific (George Fox) College is gone. OLIVER WEESNER, who began a 43-year teaching career at the college in 1909, died April 22 in Newberg at the age of 95. He was also an active leader in Newberg



Friends Church and Northwest Yearly Meeting during his nearly 70 years in Newberg. He was a 1909 engineering graduate of Earlham College and retired from George Fox in 1952. As Newberg city engineer, beginning in 1917, he was responsible for the laying out of much of Newberg's residential area.

## FRIENDS FOCUS

### FCNL PLANS REGIONAL MEETING IN KANSAS

Quaker Haven, the conference grounds of Mid-America (Kansas) Yearly Meeting near Arkansas City, Kansas, will be the site for a regional meeting of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, September 21-23, 1979. This meeting will afford "an opportunity to wrestle with the hard issues of our day and rest in the fellowship of shared concerns," according to FCNL spokesmen. More information on the meeting can be secured from Helen Bliss, FCNL, 245 Second Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

### ABC NEWS ANCHORMAN SPEAKS FOR QUAKERDALE DEDICATION

Steve Bell, news anchorman for the ABC Good Morning America TV program, was main speaker at the dedication service for two new cottages at Quakerdale Home, New Providence, Iowa, on July 8. Quakerdale's new cottages were occupied in May and June. The home is supported by many Friends in Iowa Yearly Meeting. Steve Bell graduated from Oskaloosa High School and Central College in Iowa. He has been with Good Morning America since its beginning in 1975 following a distinguished news career at ABC since 1967, including a stint as combat correspondent in Vietnam. Steve is married to the former Joyce Dillavou, daughter of Wade and Luella Dillavou, pastors of the Motor and Ackworth Friends churches in Iowa.

### GFC/NWYM COMBINE FUND RAISING EFFORTS FOR NEW CHAPEL AUDITORIUM

A campaign among churches of Northwest Yearly Meeting to raise funds for a new chapel/auditorium for George Fox College in Newberg, Oregon, has reached 43 percent of the goal after the first six weeks. A goal of \$400,000 toward the total \$2.5 million project has been set by the churches and by June 27 had reached over \$175,000, with 27 of the 49 participating churches reporting. Five churches were at the 100 percent level or beyond.

The "grass roots level" United Chapel Appeal effort involves local leaders in each church, who serve with area coordinators. They work in conjunction with the college's development staff and Don Pinson and Associates, a Portland organization helping to coordinate the overall campaign. In many churches the fund raising to help support the chapel for the college is tied with a local church project. So far the churches have set total goals of nearly \$1.5 million. Overall, the chapel/auditorium plan calls for construction to take place in 1980 with the opening of the new 23,500-square-foot facility in 1981, the college's 90th anniversary year.

### FRIENDS FAMILY WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

Family meals, short talks, films, filmstrips, family projects, private family discussions, family games--all for the purpose of strengthening and encouraging the family--constitute the "Friends Family Weekend Experience" scheduled for Osborne Hall at Malone College in Canton, Ohio, from Friday through Sunday, August 3-5. Any family consisting of at least three people who live together and comprise the basic family unit, e.g., two children and a single parent, Mom, Dad, and one child, etc., are being urged by Eastern Region Friends to participate (children must be at least five years old). A nominal fee is being charged. One of the highlights of the



weekend comes on the Saturday night, when visiting families share a dinner at the home of a host family.

#### "BE PREPARED" POPULAR IN TEXAS

While many Friends across the nation are participating in relief programs after natural disasters, Friendswood, Texas, Friends opened their meetinghouse to the community for a "Hurricane Preparedness" session on June 19. Designed to "prepare the community and create an awareness of the resources available during the time of a hurricane, including evacuation routes," the session featured the Galveston County Marine agent as speaker, films, and a question-and-answer session. In addition to the preparedness session, Friendswood also has their own disaster relief group called A.I.D. (Action in Distress) meeting regularly to learn to use skills to help in disaster relief.

#### BEWARE OF A NEW CHAIN LETTER

There is a chain letter going around among the churches these days in which no cost is involved. You just send a copy of the letter to six other churches that are tired of their ministers. Then you bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the bottom of the list. In one week you will receive 16,436 ministers and one of them should be a dandy! But beware--one church broke the chain and got their old minister back.  
-from "Quaker Quill," Tigard, Oregon

#### FRIENDS TRAVELERS DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

Friends who can find enough gas (and money) to travel by auto this summer and into the coming year will welcome the 1979 Travellers Directory put out by Friends General Conference in Philadelphia. This listing of Friends who offer home hospitality and/or camping space to traveling Friends contains those listed in the 1978 edition plus several hundred new names, places of Quaker interest--past and present--and offers of emergency professional help. The books are available for \$4 (plus 75¢ postage and handling) from Friends General Conference, 1520B Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102.

#### "WHOLISTIC CENTER" BEING STUDIED IN WICHITA

Pastor Dave Kingrey of University Friends in Wichita, Kansas, reports that a 12-person executive council "to explore the possibility of developing a wholistic center" was named at a recent monthly meeting. "A Wholistic Center would serve many functions, among which would be the coordination of professionals in fields of medicine, religion, counseling, and social service," according to Pastor Kingrey. "We need a wholistic ministry if we are to mature with the perfection (wholeness) that Christ desires. 'Be ye perfect even as your heavenly Father is perfect,' might be interpreted 'Be ye whole,'" adds Kingrey.

#### SUNDAY NIGHT "SISTER CHURCH" UNION SERVICES

Derby and Rose Hill Friends churches in Kansas (Mid-America Yearly Meeting) with Lowell Rasmussen and Tom Decker as pastors, have launched a sister-church enterprise. They began April 1 (with 41 present) to alternately visit each other for a monthly Sunday night "Union Service." The guests provide the service and the hosts the after-service refreshments. That is creative (or is it similar to the old quarterly meeting?)! Other Friends meetings might try interchurch travel and visitation as a means of building a loving fellowship among the churches--especially in these lazy days of summer.



NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING IN 319th YEAR!

New England Yearly Meeting, in its 319th year, will hold its Yearly Meeting August 13-18 on the campus of Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts. Among a number of visiting resource people will be Kara Cole, new administrative secretary of Friends United Meeting, who has been invited to lead the "Bible Half Hour" each morning.

WORLD PEACE TAX FUND REINTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

Legislation to create a World Peace Tax Fund (WPTF) has been reintroduced in Congress. The principal aims of the WPTF are to give people opposed to war a legal alternative to paying taxes for the military and to build a fund of several billion dollars annually to promote peaceful, constructive programs.

The Senate version of the WPTF is S 880 introduced on April 4 by Senators Mark Hatfield (Oregon) and Mike Gravel (Alaska). The House version was to be introduced sometime in June by Rep. Ronald Dellums (California) and was expected to have the same number as last year (HR 4897). Write your Representatives and Senators urging them to cosponsor the WPTF legislation. --from FCNL Washington Newsletter

QUAKERS AND JEWS

To give a broader understanding of the Jewish Passover during Holy Week, Friendswood, Texas, Friends had Bob Naigus share from his Jewish background the observance of the Passover and its importance to Christians. There was a devotional time to share samples of the Passover meal and Scriptures showing how the meal unfolds to show the story of bondage to sin and the salvation we have through our Lord. Brea-Olinda Friends Church (California) observed a Passover Feast with Robert Miller of American Board of Missions to the Jews explaining the symbolism of the food.

In another interfaith venture, Shalom Oregon (with a publication by the same name) has taken root in the Portland area to "create better understanding between Jews and Christians." Invited to write for Volume 1, Number 1, of the publication was Jack L. Willcuts, then a pastor at Reedwood Friends Church and editor of the Evangelical Friend. His article was entitled "Easter: A Death and Life Matter," an adaption of which appears in the March issue of Evangelical Friend.

ENTIRE 1929 CLASS BACK FOR REUNION

How's this for a school reunion? There were 11 members in the 1929 graduating class of the Friends Academy of North Branch, Jewell County, Kansas. All 11 members are still living and gathered for a 50th reunion June 2 and 3. There was a dinner party the night of June 2 in Mankato, the county seat, and a basket dinner, following morning worship, in the North Branch Friends Church on Sunday, June 3. Members of the class who attended were Raymond Balty, Mankato, Kansas; Fred P. Campbell, Tequesta, Florida; Everett Craighead, Kansas City, Missouri; Ira L. Craven, Caldwell, Idaho; Harold Hadley, Yellow Springs, Ohio; Estelle Craven Hall, Ingram, Texas; Gail C. Hudiburgh and Ellen McNichols Hudiburgh, both of Superior, Nebraska; Delmar Jeffery, Kent, Washington; Mary Armstrong Lambert, Hillsboro, Oregon, and Clare Willcuts, Meridian, Idaho. The school, started in 1889, operated for over 50 years.

AN OUTREACH MINISTRY THROUGH CLOWNING

Cindy Bashaw of Alliance Friends Church (Ohio) will join her friend Sue Clark in traveling over 10,000 miles to outreach churches in the eastern United States this summer in their "clowning ministry" that includes concerts, DVBS, backyard carnivals, etc. They will be going to Iowa, Virginia, Florida, and Ohio to minister in this unique role.





## QUAKER LADY

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Not long ago a friend of mine sent me a card. On it was a picture of a little flower called *bluet*. On the back was a personal note that said, "This flower is often called Quaker Lady." That interested me and I wondered as I studied the picture why such a little flower of four flat petals should be called Quaker Lady.

The flower was greyish in color with bluish tinge, and it had a heart of gold, beautiful in its simplicity and completely open, with a quiet dignity of its own. I began to be intrigued, so I called my friend and asked her what else she knew about the Quaker Lady. This is what she told me:

It thrives on sterile ground, growing among rocks, and flourishes in groups. It seeds itself, multiplies "like mad," and blooms early in the spring when it is still cold.

Obviously it demands little of life, even little of the sun. The little lady just blooms where she is, seen or not observed, quietly making the best of the situation. She is not easily discouraged, though she is completely open to all the threats of unfriendly weather and rough situations. She just keeps on expanding her patch of little bluish-grey flowers, bursting with life.

Don't you wonder who first thought of calling little Miss Bluet a Quaker Lady? I do, and why? Well, I do remember that Quaker ladies I have known have a way of doing well in difficult places and on "sterile ground." Through the years they have preferred living in groups or communities called Quakertown or Quakerdom—or Friendsville.

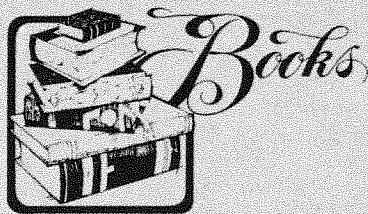
There was a time when they spread rapidly with irrepressible life, and it was during periods of great trial and persecution that this was true. Also, they were openhearted and straightforward, simple in modes of attire and in life-style. They *did* wear grey!

What I am wondering is this: Would anyone think to equate a Quaker lady today with a little open-faced bluet? How are we doing when we are between a rock and a hard place? How fast are we growing and spreading over the "sterile" ground. And,

are we as simple in life-style, or as open-hearted? And—who wears grey?

I really like the little Quaker Lady. I must grow some in my yard. There is plenty of sterile ground around! This wee flower reminds me now, since I have thought about it, of strengths and fortitude and abundant LIFE that once characterized Friends, and yes, of quiet acceptance.

Is there some way we as Quaker ladies could bring the charming and sturdy traits of the little bluet a bit more up-to-date in our lives and outreach? Or are we just too comfortable as we are?



Louis T. Talbot, *Christ in the Tabernacle*, Moody Press, 287 pages.

This book, a reprint of Talbot's earlier revision of radio talks on the subject, is a highly detailed study of the typology of the tabernacle. Its thesis is that almost every feature of the Tabernacle and its service speaks of Christ. After a preliminary bird's-eye view the exposition proceeds with an extensive examination of the typology in chapters like "The High Priest and His Sons," "The Court and the Gate," "The Offerings on the Brazen Altar," "The Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat." Included also is

frequent exhortation to both Christians and non-Christians.

Dr. Talbot's love of the Scriptures and of Christ and of men is everywhere evident, and he gives a thorough presentation of his subject and thesis—perhaps too thorough: he may occasionally reach too far to find typological significance in each small detail. The book's thoroughness makes it a good guide for extended study, but perhaps too dense for lengthy continued reading. This is not a book for skimming.

The radio-talk background shows in two aspects: (1) the frequent exhortations and (2) the plain, easily followed style—no long, difficult sentences and no unexplained technical words.

I have one reservation about Dr. Talbot's exposition: how much does his theology influence his interpretation of the types? For instance, in chapter 7 his eternal-security theology is found to be supported by the typology. I wonder whether the theology is not imposed upon the typology.

But overall, the book is a thorough, loving study of an important subject.

—Lauren King

Wallace E. Fisher, *All the Good Gifts*, Augsburg Publishing House, 1979, 111 pages, paperback \$2.95.

Wallace E. Fisher, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, challenges Christians to full stewardship of everything God has given us. This, of course, includes all our lives—our money, our time, and our talents. But, also implied in this book, is the concept of stewardship in relation to proclaiming God's word to the world—speaking out on the issues of the day that confront both Christian and non-Christian people in our nation and world.

The most helpful and challenging chapter in the book, "Some Implications of Biblical Stewardship," deals directly with the consequences of practicing true biblical stewardship. How much, the author questions, could the church's role in the world be changed if it practiced true stewardship? This is the challenge, and this, Mr. Fisher believes, is the church's "primary service to God and the world."

Written primarily for study groups or committees vitally concerned about this matter in their churches, the book could also be useful in challenging whole congregations to commit themselves to true biblical stewardship. Helpful and often disturbing questions for discussion follow each chapter.

—Robin T. Ankeny

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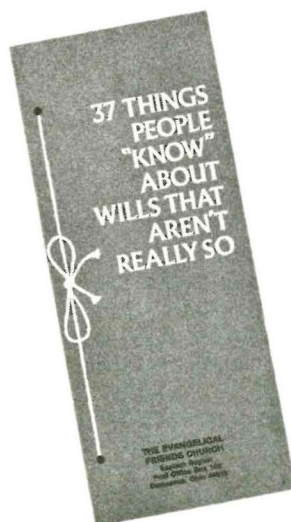
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## Muslim Evangelization Institute Launched

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA—A center devoted to worldwide evangelization of Muslims has been opened here. The Samuel Zwemer Institute, named after a veteran American Presbyterian missionary to the Muslim world, is associated with the U.S. Center for World Mission, recently opened in this California city.

Dr. Akbar Abdul-Haqq of India, son of a former Muslim priest and now an associate evangelist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, delivered the inaugural address at the official opening. He has preached frequently to Muslim and Hindu audiences in India and elsewhere and hailed opening of the new institute as a significant event in contemporary evangelistic strategy. —E.P.

## Simple Life-style Conference Planned for London in 1980

PHILADELPHIA—An international Consultation on Simple Life-style is being planned for London in March 1980. Preceding it was a United States consultation held in Ventnor, New Jersey, April 25-29. The meetings are an outgrowth of the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization, which states that "those of us who live in affluent circumstances accept our duty to develop a simple life-style in order to contribute generously to both relief and evangelism." For details write Box 12236, Philadelphia, PA 19144.

—The Church Around the World

## Britain No Longer Christian, Evangelical Leader Declares

LONDON—Britain "is no longer a Christian country and millions are dying without Christ," according to a leading evangelical here.

And Dr. Clifford Hill, the Evangelical Alliance's Secretary for Evangelism and Church Growth, added grimly: "Our na-

tion is experiencing the death traumas of a decadent post-Christian era. The time is short. The need is great. We have to take urgent steps to bring Christ to a sick society. The Evangelical Alliance believes the time for talking about evangelism has gone. The time for action in evangelism has come."

Dr. Hill was writing in IDEA, the quarterly news journal of the Evangelical Alliance, which embraces more than 700 churches, societies, and fellowships throughout Britain, about the Alliance's plans for a decade of evangelism starting next year. —E.P.

## African Musical Team Tours North America

WHEATON, ILLINOIS—An African musical team called "Liberation" is touring North America under the auspices of Youth for Christ International. They represent an Africa in which young people are finding personal peace and stability through a meaningful relationship with Christ.

Made up of youths from five African nations, "Liberation" brings a "unique blend of smooth gospel music with an African touch," according to Youth for Christ spokesmen. "Liberation" is the 50th in a long line of Youth for Christ music teams. Nearly all of the previous groups have gone from North America to third-world countries, but "Liberation" is the third in a reverse flow of traveling talent. —M.N.S.

## Liquor Manufacturer, Kentucky Fried Are Roasted by NFD

TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI—The National Federation for Decency has called for a boycott of Heublein, Inc. and its subsidiaries, including Kentucky Fried Chicken. Heublein is one of the largest liquor manufacturers in America. The call for the boycott was made in the citizens' group's June Newsletter, which went to more than 45,000 churches, groups, and individuals.

The NFD said it called for the boycott of Kentucky Fried Chicken and all Heublein products because of Heublein's sponsorship of violence, vulgarity, immorality, and profanity on television.

"Heublein is one of the filthiest advertisers on television," said Donald E. Wildmon, executive director of the NFD. Wildmon cited some of the programs that Heublein helped sponsor as being *Anatomy of a Seduction*, *Once Is Not Enough*, *Carrie*, *A Guide for the Married Woman*, *Three's Company*, *Starsky and Hutch*,



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*Charlie's Angels, and Mother, Jugs, and Speed.*

"It is ironic that Kentucky Fried Chicken provides our children with wholesome food while filling their minds with garbage," Wildmon concluded. —E.P.

## Population Growth and Church Growth

WHEATON, ILLINOIS—The world's population is increasing by 76 million each year, and will double in the next 35 years to 8 billion. The most rapid growth is in Africa, where 37 countries have annual growth rates of 2 percent or more. The most populous nations are China, with 852 million people; India, 610 million; the Soviet Union, 258 million, and the United States, 215 million.

Christian church growth is slower than the general population growth in most countries.

—*The Church Around the World*

## Missionary Outreach Is Planned for China Mainland

NYACK, NEW YORK—Dr. Louis L. King, president of The Christian and Missionary Alliance headquartered here, announced today that this evangelical denomination is establishing a China office in Hong Kong. This new missions center, an extension of Alliance ministries in Hong Kong, will make Bibles and evangelistic tracts available to lay Christians who enter the

the Alliance to evangelize China. The Hong Kong China Office is our first step towards this goal." —E.P.

## Canadian Evangelicals Focus On 'Responsibility'

TORONTO—The Christian Leadership Conference of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) held at York University, Toronto, in mid-May brought several hundred delegates and visitors from the Atlantic provinces to British Columbia and three foreign countries.

Dr. Charles Seidenspinner, of St. Catharines, Ontario, the former president of the EFC, underscored one of the objectives of the conference in emphasizing that "the responsibility of Christians in the western world is the teaching of the Lord concerning our life-style, priorities, and concerns."

Main conference speakers were Dr. Kenneth Kantzer, editor of *Christianity Today*; Dr. D. James Kennedy, pastor of the

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People's Republic of China as tourists. It will also provide information on employment opportunities for those who desire to work in mainland China.

Dr. King said, "By the way Christians conduct themselves and quietly bear witness will the Chinese come to know Christ. China now has a population of one billion persons who have been cut off from the Gospel for 30 years. Never have we had such an enormous task to be carried out by our lay people! We believe God is calling

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9,000-member Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Dr. Ron Sider, author of the book *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*. —E.P.

### Census Bureau Reveals Fewer Children, More Elderly

WASHINGTON—According to the Census Bureau, the United States had a population of 219,874,966 as of January 1. The increase was only 0.8 percent over the past year.

Interestingly, estimates on 1977 data indicate that there were 5.5 million fewer children under 17 than in 1970, while the total population grew by about 13 million. The segment of persons 65 and older was up 17.6 percent in the same period. Approximately 1.2 million legal abortions were performed in 1976, a ratio of 361 per 1,000 live births. Fifteen percent of those live births were to unmarried women. —N.A.E.



### THE GOLDEN THIMBLE A story based on fact

BY BETTY HOCKETT

Louisa glanced at the bleak, gray walls of the English prison. It was always an uninviting place in those early 1800s, but on that day it seemed more so than ever. Drops of water had leaked through the ceiling, then made trails down the wall toward the floor. The dampness caused a chill over the room. Louisa shivered and moved away from the cluster of women prisoners.

"At least the floor is mostly dry," she thought as she sat down, leaning against the wall. She unfolded a piece of bright colored material and began to sew. She noticed that many of the other prisoners were doing the same. Those who were not busy were sitting quietly talking among themselves in soft tones as they waited.

Even though most of the women were eager to see and hear Elizabeth Fry, the Quaker lady from London who often visited the prison, Louisa did not share their feelings. Each time they assembled together she stayed at the back of the crowd. She felt hesitant to receive Mrs. Fry's Chris-

tian kindness and graciousness. Besides, the Bible reading Mrs. Fry did each time made her feel uneasy.

While she continued to hand-stitch the seam, she admitted to herself that life in Newgate prison was much different now than in the days before the Quaker began her visitations. She shuddered as she remembered former days—worse living conditions, fights, yelling, screaming, gambling.

"Nothing to do, except the mischief we made up," she thought. "But now it's better with everyone having something good to do." Even though she always felt uncomfortable in the presence of Mrs. Fry, Louisa could not help but be glad for the sewing and reading groups that had been organized. The idea that this training would be helpful when she was released from prison brought a bright light of hope.

Soon the tall, fair-haired Elizabeth Fry entered the dim room. Immediately there was perfect silence.

As the visitor began to read the Bible and talk, Louisa kept her eyes upon the floor. As usual, she did not want to hear the sweet, even voice. She counted to herself to keep her mind busy. However, she heard more than she intended.

Finally the speaker finished and was about to leave. Much to Louisa's surprise Mrs. Fry came to her. Putting her hand on the woman prisoner's shoulder and looking straight in her eye, the Quaker lady said firmly, "Let not thine eyes covet!" Then she quickly turned and went out through the heavy doors.

Louisa felt frozen to the spot. "I . . . I . . ." She gulped, trying to think of something to say. She blinked her eyes rapidly and gulped again. She felt self-conscious and embarrassed. She did not understand this experience at all. The feeling of uneasiness grew.

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The days became weeks and the weeks passed into months, with Louisa eventually being one of the prisoners selected to be allowed to work in someone's home. This last step to complete freedom was most welcome.

She was content with her household work. Liking her kind mistress, she did her best to please. The memory of Elizabeth Fry speaking her concern was no longer fresh in Louisa's thinking. When it did come to mind the same feelings of uncertainty and puzzlement returned.

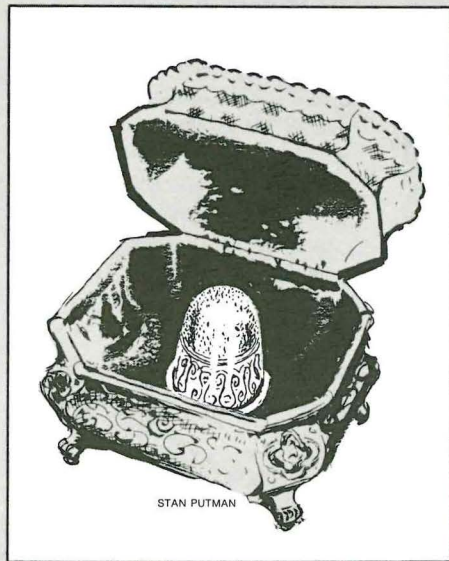
One day, while dusting, she noticed a fancy box belonging to her mistress. "It

won't do any harm to peep in," she decided. Lifting the lid she quickly saw a beautiful golden thimble. In an instant it was on her finger. The thimble seemed light and comfortable, fitting perfectly. She gazed longingly at the delicate engraving on the shining, glowing metal.

"Fit for a queen, that's what it is!" she whispered. Then she shut the lid of the box carefully.

Suddenly she felt a hand grip her shoulder. She heard a sweet, even voice speaking firmly but kindly, "Let not thine eyes covet!"

She turned completely around, looking to see who was speaking. No one was there; she was still alone. By this time she



was trembling with fear. Hastily reopening the box, she threw back the thimble.

It was some minutes before Louisa realized that it was her own memory respeaking the almost forgotten advice Elizabeth Fry had given—under God's direction—so long before.

Forgetting about work for the time being, the very frightened young woman sat down. She sighed with relief that no other person was around. The old feeling of uneasiness and uncertainty came over her again. For some reason she began to think about things she had tried so often not to hear Mrs. Fry say.

After a long while of thinking and trying to understand, she felt calmer. Then, for the first time, Louisa was actually thankful for this unusual experience. Now she knew that it was Elizabeth Fry's God-inspired words that had kept her from further troubles.



# THE CHURCH BUILDER



The Evangelism Commission of the Evangelical Friends Alliance is using this means of encouraging church growth across the EFA—sharing ideas, information, concepts, and suggestions to assist in fulfilling the great commission. “The Church Builder,” edited by Pastor Mike Grogan, Poland, Ohio, is designed for this purpose and will appear occasionally in the *Evangelical Friend*. Grogan is on the EFA Publication Commission, working with the Evangelism Commission in this project.

## Church Building: A definition

Former missionary to India Donald McGavran has made popular the term *church growth*. Looking over the church at large, he saw ripened evangelistic harvests being neglected in “maintenance” duties. His vision, now captured by many around the world, does not simply mean a “decision” to follow Christ, but “discipleship” as a way of life. “All that is involved in bringing men and women who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ into fellowship with Him and into responsible church membership.”\*

Within this definition, “The Church Builder” offers resources and some of the research materials church growth studies now provide in the biblical strategy to “make disciples of all nations.”

## The Church-Building Pastor

What are some key factors and characteristics of the pastor of a growing congregation?

1. A commitment to evangelism. This must be a “passion, not a pastime.” Not only must this commitment be reflected in the budgeting of time and money, but the pastor must provide the model by his own evangelistic efforts, by training others, and by a sustained evangelistic initiative.

2. A willingness to (a) Work hard. A 40-hour week will not be enough, nor will mere activity be adequate. The pastor must “work

smart,” that is, toward Spirit-revealed objectives and goals.

- (b) Shared leadership with staff, lay leaders who are recruited and trained, is an important task.

- (c) Discern and release those in the congregation with a pastoral gift. Perhaps up to 5 percent of the members in any church have the spiritual gift of pastoring (eldering), and these must be encouraged and released to function.

- (d) The church-building pastor will use every opportunity to train himself in the principles of church growth.

3. A vision for growth is essential; the effective pastor must first see this as God’s priority. Linked with this is an acquired ability to stimulate others to follow this vision and his own leadership in ministering to its fulfillment. This will happen only when the pastor has the conviction that God wants the church to grow in every way.

4. Yet another characteristic of a church-building pastor is *dedication*, dedication to stay with a church long enough to permit growth to happen. (Lyle Schaller says a pastor’s most productive period is between years five and seven in his pastorate.) Too frequent pastoral changes can be a barrier to church building.

## Church Growth Books Available

The books on the following list are among the best recent ones on this subject, although new ones are being added regularly. Every pastor should secure or find access to as many of these as possible. Most are available in local Christian bookstores, or may be ordered from the Church Growth Book Club, 1705 Sierra Bonita Ave., Pasadena, CA 91104. You may subscribe to the “Church Growth Bulletin” for \$3 a year, \$8 for three years.

1. Paul R. Orjala, *Get Ready to Grow*, Kansas City, Beacon Hill Press, 1978. Written by a Nazarene leader, this is an excellent introduction to church growth concepts from a Wesleyan perspective.

2. Robert H. Schuller, *Your Church Has Real Possibilities*, Glendale, Regal Books, 1975. The popular writer and originator of “Possibility Thinking.”

\*C. Peter Wagner, *Your Church Can Grow*, Regal, 1976.

3. C. Peter Wagner, *Your Church Can Grow*, Glendale, Regal Books, 1976. Reviews characteristics common to growing churches all over the country.
4. Dan Baumann, *All Originality Makes a Dull Church*, Santa Anna, Vision House, 1976. Growing churches, like people, have different personalities. Baumann studies several church personalities.
5. Dean M. Kelley, *Why Conservative Churches Are Growing*, New York, Harper & Row, Revised edition, 1977. Helpful insights from a sociologist.
6. Donald McGavran and Win C. Arn, *How to Grow a Church*, Glendale, Regal Books, 1973. Introduction to church growth thinking by the originator of church growth theory.
7. Donald McGavran and Win C. Arn, *Ten Steps for Church Growth*. Recommends 10 practical steps toward true church growth.
8. Charles Chaney and Ron Lewis, *Design for Church Growth*, Nashville, Broadman, 1977. A rather tedious but helpful book written by two Southern Baptists.
9. Paul Benjamin, *The Growing Congregation*, Lincoln, Illinois, Lincoln Christian College, 1972. This book has introduced thousands to church growth thinking. Also suggests "Care-Promise" idea. (Workbook study guide available)
10. Ezra Earl Jones, *Strategies for New Churches*, New York, Harper & Row, 1974

It is important to remember that strategies and principles do not cause church growth; God causes church growth! But church growth *thinking* prepares the way for Him to work and helps to remove obstacles that prevent God's power from working through His people.

## Glossary of Church Growth Terms

**Church Growth**—An application of biblical knowledge as well as knowledge from many

areas of human endeavor to the local church in its task of seeking to influence individuals to become disciples of Jesus Christ and responsible, reproducing members of Christian congregations.

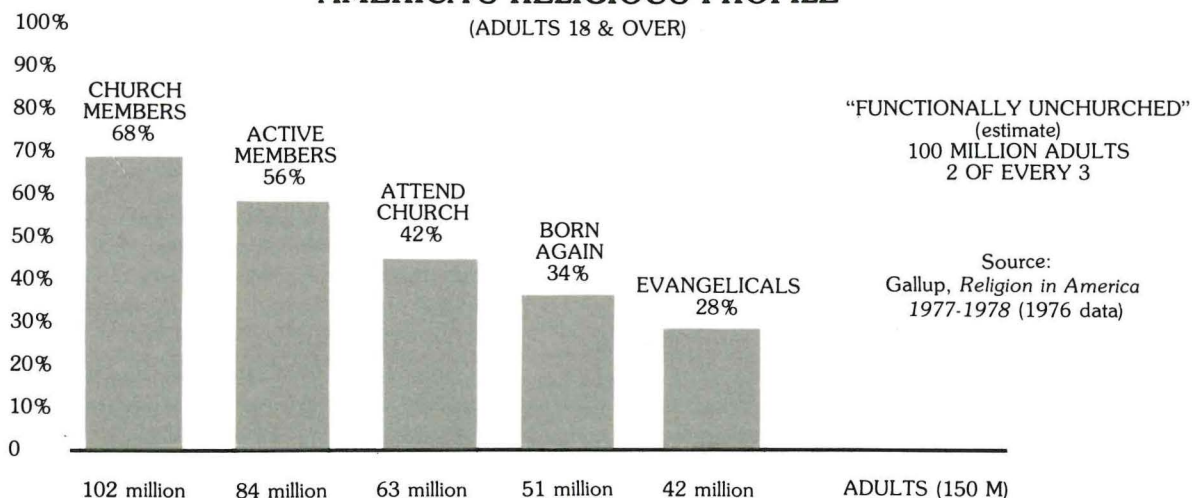
**Church Growth Conscience**—A deeply held conviction that church growth is God's will. ("Congregations who believe that Church Growth is God's will grow; those who don't, don't."—Donald McGavran)

**Church Growth Eyes**—Eyes that are being trained to see things related to church growth that the untrained eye does not see. ("The more you see, the more you know. The more you know, the more you see.")

"Church Growth Eyes" see that the "fields are white unto harvest." Two strong myths that must be eliminated from our thinking are (1) "*The world is not interested in spiritual things.*" Interest in eastern religions, the occult and the cults, the religion of self-improvement, and other trends strongly indicate otherwise. (2) "*Everybody goes to church already.*" As illustrated in the chart (below) *that just isn't true*. In fact, in most communities a majority of the population does not attend church regularly. Even more need to be won to Jesus Christ. (For an excellent map of unchurched in America write: U.S. Catholic Conference, 1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.)

## AMERICA'S RELIGIOUS PROFILE

(ADULTS 18 & OVER)

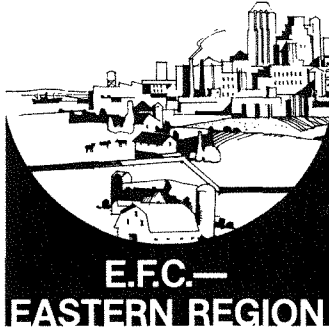


Gallup's Questions:

A. *Born again*: "Would you say that you have been 'born again' or have had a 'born again' experience—that is, a turning point in your life when you committed yourself to Christ?" B. *Evangelical*: Based on those who: (1) accept

the Bible as the actual Word of God, to be interpreted literally, word for word; (2) have had a 'born again' experience; and (3) have tried to encourage someone else to accept Jesus Christ as his or her Savior.

# FRIENDS CONCERNS



## Focus on Malone

Malone College, in conjunction with Ashland College, is initiating a graduate program in education beginning this summer. Through the new program, an individual may attend Malone and receive a Master of Education degree from Ashland College. Courses will be taught at Malone by Ashland faculty members, Malone faculty members, and outstanding area educators.

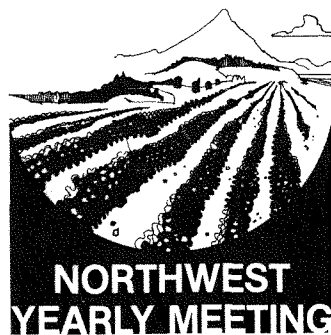
Two Malone seniors, Craig Hersberger and George Glasser, have been selected by Sports Ambassadors, a Christian athletic outreach organization affiliated with Overseas Crusades, to travel this summer as members of their sports outreach teams. Glasser will travel with the baseball team to Guam, Okinawa, the Philippines, and six Pacific islands. Hersberger will travel to Australia with the basketball team. Team members are selected on the basis of their Christian commitment and proven athletic ability. Each summer teams minister in Asia, Africa, and South America.

Friends students Deborah Masters of Canfield, Ohio, and Denise Niver of Navarre, Ohio, were recently honored at a special senior appreciation dinner sponsored by the Alumni Association as the outstanding seniors in their academic divisions. Deborah is a sociology and business administration major, and Denise is a music major. They were selected from all other seniors on the basis of their superior scholastic achievement, outstanding citizenship, and potential for success.

Twenty-seven Friends students from the graduating class of 152 Malone seniors received their diplomas at Malone's 87th commencement ceremony on May 26. Mary Midika Moga from Nairobi, Kenya, a member of Kenya Friends, received a B.A. degree in business administration. Other graduating Friends students are as follows: Mark Benedict of Malvern, Ohio; Sue Ann Clark of Adrian, Michigan; Christa Collins of Canton, Ohio; Phyllis Cook of Adrian, Michigan; Chalona Fensler of Mansfield, Ohio;

Jack Frizzell of Massillon, Ohio; Douglas Henry of Fredericktown, Ohio; Joyce Huffman of Canton; Deborah Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio; David Luellen of Yadkinville, North Carolina; James McClure of Springfield, Virginia; Richard Monk of Newport, Rhode Island; Linda Moore of Taichung, Taiwan; Kevin Morgan of St. Clairsville, Ohio; Paul Morris of Sebring, Ohio; Susanne Ralston of Canton; James Stimpert of Poland, Ohio; James Van Valkenburg of Tecumseh, Michigan; Jean Aufrance of Homeworth, Ohio; Carolyn Collins of Canton; Elizabeth Johnson of Alliance, Ohio; Renee Mosher of Westerville, Ohio; Jennifer Nichols of Adrian, Michigan; Denise Niver of Navarre, Ohio; Charlann Robinson of Mount Gilead, Ohio; Deborah Masters of Canfield, Ohio; and Robert Rusnak of North Royalton, Ohio. Linda Moore, Susanne Ralston, James Van Valkenburg, and Denise Niver graduated *summa cum laude*, with highest honors. Christa Collins, Chalona Fensler, Deborah Masters and Robert Rusnak earned *magna cum laude*, and Douglas Henry, James Stimpert, Jean Aufrance, Carolyn Collins, and Jennifer Nichols graduated *cum laude*.

Raymond P. Targgart, 1921 graduate of Cleveland Bible College and former pastor of the Clark Avenue Church, which is now West Park Friends Church in Cleveland, Ohio, was recently honored by being selected as the 1979 Alumnus of the Year. Tim Ewing, 1971 graduate and member of Canton First Friends Church, was presented a certificate of merit at the ceremony, held on commencement day, for his outstanding service to Malone and the community.



## Northwest Yearly Meeting Sessions Begin July 28

The annual Yearly Meeting sessions of Northwest Yearly Meeting will be held July 28-August 3 on the George Fox College campus in Newberg, Oregon. Inspirational speaker for the sessions is Billy Britt, superintendent of North Carolina Yearly Meeting and a former pastor in Friends churches.

Several changes will be noted by attenders this year, such as the newly remodeled and enlarged Heacock Commons dining facilities, the Student Lounge, and the television production studio completed this spring. Sessions begin on a Saturday with the women's and men's banquets, both to be held in Newberg this year. Sunday services, including the afternoon missionary rally, begin the regular sessions rather than close Yearly Meeting.

Saturday highlights include the seating of the Representatives in the afternoon, Executive Council meetings, board and department meetings, the women's banquet in Heacock Commons featuring missionaries-on-furlough Nancy Thomas and Louise George, and the men's dinner at the Newberg Free Methodist Church with a special program showing the Stanley Tam film *God Owns My Business* and special music by the George Fox College summer touring group, "Dayspring."

Billy Britt, speaker for the week, will bring the messages on Sunday morning, both services, at Newberg Friends Church, and the afternoon missionary rally in Coleman Wheeler Sports Center will feature missionaries Gil George and Harold Thomas. The Sunday evening service will include a state of the church report by Norval Hadley and highlights of the work of the Department of Evangelism, followed by a reception honoring Norval and Mary Hadley. Hadley was NWYM superintendent for eight years and left June 1 this year to accept a position with World Vision International.

Jack Willcuts, superintendent, will deliver the keynote address Monday morning, and the beginning business sessions follow with workshops, special meetings, and reports continuing through Friday noon. Walter Lee, Bible expositor, will speak in the daily morning devotional hour throughout the week.

Friends Youth has an active program designed for junior high and high school ages for the week, highlighted by the banquet/barbecue Sunday evening, which includes an outdoor concert on the campus.

There will be adequate dormitory rooms and spaces for campers and motor homes. Attenders are encouraged to visit the newer college buildings such as Hoover Academic Building, Coleman Wheeler Sports Center, the video center, the enlarged Heacock Commons and Student Lounge, and the new Ross Fine Arts Center.

## Around George Fox College

Robert G. Monroe, president of Smith, Monroe and Gray Engineers of Portland, has been elected chairman of the George Fox College Board of Trustees. He has been a board member since 1973 and is a member of Tigard Friends Church. Also elected are Dorothy Barratt as

secretary, and C.W. "Bill" Field, Jr., as vice-president.

Jeb Magruder, former White House aide to President Richard Nixon, was speaker for the 87th George Fox commencement ceremonies, addressing a graduating class of 122 and an audience of 1,800 persons. Magruder, who became a Christian after his governmental career, is studying for a master's degree at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Norval Hadley, outgoing superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting, was baccalaureate speaker and told the graduates that "the most important thing in all the world is what God is doing in the church." Hadley has accepted a position with World Vision.

A \$500 pledge from the 1978 graduating class has resulted in \$12,500 to be used for the purchase of library books for the college. The class challenged the student body to match the pledge on a 3-1 basis, which they did and then doubled the contribution and in turn challenged the college administration to contribute. The resulting total could add up to 1,000 more books to the library.

Lee K. Gerig, former dean of admissions at Seattle Pacific University, has been named the new dean of students at George Fox. He has been at Seattle Pacific for 10 years, serving one year as assistant to the president and nine as admissions head. Since 1975 he also has served as a marketing and admissions consultant in higher education. Gerig begins duties in July.

Lewis M. Hoskins, a 1938 graduate, has been named George Fox College's 1979 Alumnus of the Year. Hoskins, a Newberg resident before he attended the college, currently is at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, where he is a professor of history, director of international programs, and assistant to the president. He received a degree in history from George Fox and later received a doctorate from the University of Michigan. He was on the George Fox staff for two years, served with the Friends Ambulance Unit in China during the war, and worked with the American Friends Service Committee before joining the Earlham faculty. Hoskins was cited by Alumni Director Gene Hockett for "significant service to others for four decades, especially in education and international relations and because of his continued support to George Fox College . . ."

Cheryl Pickett, a Springfield, Oregon sophomore, is the new student director for the student member section of the statewide Oregon Home Economics Association.

Carol Jaquith, director of Career Planning and Placement at George



Fox, will be listed in the 1979 edition of *Outstanding Young Women of America*. A 1973 GFC graduate, Carol majored in physical education and health, and received a master's degree in 1978 from Oregon State University.

### Missionaries on the Move

**RETURN TO BOLIVIA**—Ron and Carolyn Stansell and children Sara, Debbie, and Anita returned recently to La Paz, Bolivia, to begin another missionary term in the rapidly growing Bolivian Yearly Meeting. The Stansells have lived in Newberg during their furlough year while visiting Friends churches throughout Northwest Yearly Meeting.

**RETURN TO PERU**—Randy and Mary Morse and children Susanna, Jesse, and Sarah, have returned to Peru to begin their second term working with the Peruvian Friends churches. The Morse family lived in Portland their furlough year, where Randy also attended Western Evangelical Seminary. During the year the family visited Friends churches in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

**HIBBSES TO SERVE IN PERU**—Leland and Iverna Hibbs, former missionaries to Bolivia, have been placed under appointment to serve in Peru under Northwest Yearly Meeting Department of Missions. Plans call for the Hibbses to live in Arequipa, Peru, and divide their time between the coastal churches and the work on the plains around Lake Titicaca. The short-term appointment is for six months to a year.

**JEAN CLARK TO TEACH**—Jean Clark is under appointment for a three-year assignment under Northwest Yearly Meeting Department of Missions to serve as a teacher for missionary children in Peru. Jean has taught a previous term in Juli, Peru, and will live in Puno, Peru, setting up a school beginning this fall.

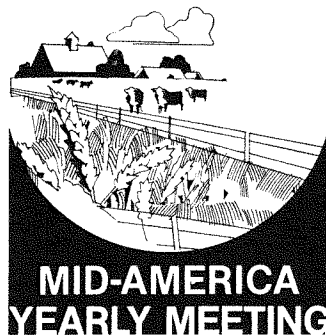
**FROM BOLIVA TO OREGON**—Harold and Nancy Thomas and children David and Kristin returned to Newberg, Oregon, this month to begin their second furlough. Harold and Nancy will speak during Yearly Meeting sessions July 28- August 3 on the George Fox College campus.

**FIVE HOMES IN FOUR YEARS**—Gil and Louise George, former pastors at Entiat Friends Church in Washington, moved from the parsonage to language school in Costa Rica, then served two years in LaPaz, Bolivia, then an additional year in Puno, Peru. Georges, with their boys Jeff and Kevin, are now in Newberg for their first furlough; they will participate in Yearly Meeting sessions, then begin deputation.

**SANDOZ FAMILY FROM KOREA**—Jerry and Barbara Sandoz and child-

ren Joshua and Deborah Ann are now on furlough and will be traveling extensively throughout the States for OMS International. Jerry is mission business manager and treasurer. The Sandoz family are members at Newberg Friends Church.

**HAMPTON SPENDS SUMMER IN AYMARALAND**—Dick Hampton, who graduated from George Fox College in June, is spending the summer as a short-term missionary observing the work of Northwest Yearly Meeting among the Aymara people. Hampton will live with various Friends missionaries and help in maintenance and repair of mission vehicles, houses, and equipment.



### 'He Is the Christ of Every Crisis'

"Thanks to each one of you for your prayers and concerns expressed to us in our hour of crisis." "From the far west to the south, the north and east..." the cards came, showing love and concern. "Little did [we] realize [our] family in the Lord was so large."

Such are the words of appreciation from the Kenneth Routon family, MAYM pastor in Pratt, Kansas, for the outpouring of consolation that came to them from across Quakerdom upon the accidental death of their granddaughter, Tammy Routon, 5 years old, who was fatally injured on June 16, when the family car backed over her at the home of her parents, Rod and Barbara Routon, Iowa Yearly Meeting pastors at Kilpeck Friends, Muscatine, Iowa. Rod and Barbara are under appointment as missionaries to Mexico City under EFA.

### 'Building Godly Families'—Yearly Meeting Theme

"Let us rise up and build," so said the people (Nehemiah 2:17 Berkeley Version) and so provides the biblical basis for the theme of Mid-America Yearly Meeting, August 6-10, 1979, "Building Godly Families."

A host of speakers and contributors to the program have been arranged for through the assistance and resources of Dr. Sheldon Louthan, Director of Friends Center



Sheldon Louthan

on Family Living at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas.

When the hundreds of Mid-America Yearly Meeting people make their way to the campus of Friends University in Wichita in August they will find:

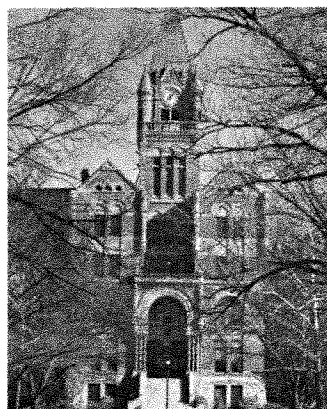
—not only the great fellowship that always characterizes yearly meetings everywhere...

—nor only the major matters for deliberation, which are ever on the agenda of a vital conference...

—for, in addition to the expected excellent music—the "FBC Singers," the FU group, "Harvest," as well as "Farrell & Farrell" in concert, Karen and Brad Reed at the keyboard and console, and C.J. Riney, Royce Frazier and Charles Nutt directing congregations and choirs...

They will find a corps of significant and committed Christian leaders in the field of education, theology, counseling, sociology, marriage enrichment, childhood education, youth ministry, evangelism, world missions, and pastoral care.

A few of the major contributors from the platform of our Yearly Meeting will include BILL THREKELD as the "Kickoff Banquet" speaker from The Navigators organization in Colorado Springs; VERLIN HINSHAW, Friends University professor for 20 years; JIM SETTLE, of George Fox College, will minister to the Youth; RICHARD FOSTER, recently of the Newberg Church, will lead the "open worship" hour each morning; DAVID LEACH, of Marriage Encounter, will bring a major message concerning the nuclear family Thursday night. DR. WARREN WEB-



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STER, general director of overseas work involving 500 missionaries in 20 areas of the world, will minister in the final service of the week, the World Ministries Hour, on Friday night.

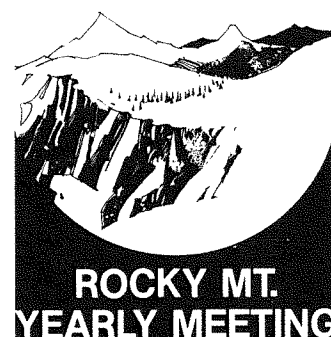
Remembering that "The Family" is the emphasis, none of the generations have been overlooked in the preparation of the program.

**YOUTH YEARLY MEETING**, under the direction of Larry Mendenhall (with MAYM's newly appointed Superintendent of Youth Activities, Royce Frazier, helping), will hear Jim Settle, of George Fox College staff, a much sought-after youth speaker.

**JUNIOR HIGH YEARLY MEETING**, directed by Darlene Brown, will present separate and special programs each day.

As always, provision is made for **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS** and **INFANT CARE** by Dalene Hutson and Charlene Littlefield.

"Building Godly Families" is more than a theme for our conference. It is a cause, a mission, an objective to which we are committed. Thus, with the expert and concerned counsel of Sheldon Louthan, we have prepared a feast—a veritable "gourmet banquet" for heart and mind—of contributors for your "building" and growth.



### RYM Briefs:

**WESSINGTON SPRINGS, South Dakota**—A special meeting was conducted on May 4 by Olen Ellis and Dr. Robert Hess of the EFM. Ellis told about the past winter's work and activities at the Rough Rock Mission in Arizona. Hess gave a talk on the work of the EFM in different countries, emphasizing how important missionary support money is for church growth. Harmony Friends members sent several boxes of clothing to the Rough Rock Mission.

**WOODLAND PARK, Colorado**—The 23rd Annual Assembly of the Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting was held at Quaker Ridge Camp June 13 to 17. The guest speaker throughout the sessions was Gerald Dillon, a professor at Western Evangelical Seminary in Portland, Oregon. More information about the sessions will be printed in the next issue of *Evangelical Friend*.

## Roes to Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Fifty years ago on September 12, Ruth Overman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Overman, became the bride of Merle A. Roe, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Roe, in the home of the bride's parents, Burr Oak, Kansas.

Sunday, September 9, they invite all their friends, neighbors, and relatives to join with them in sharing the happy celebration of their anniversary. The La Junta Friends Church, La Junta, Colorado, will be the scene for open house from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will be a short program at 3:00 p.m. in honor of the celebrants.

Hosting the occasion will be their two children and their spouses: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dooley, Lanseng,



Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Roe, Paonia, Colorado.

Merle and Ruth Roe have been engaged in the gospel ministry for 48 years. They now reside at 509 Cimarron, La Junta, Colorado 81050.

The couple requests no gifts, please. The children are providing a money tree.

# FRIENDS GATHER

## ALLIANCE, Ohio

Eleven 9th and 10th graders visited, as well as participated in, a Sunday morning service at a church in the black community.

Pastor James Kilpatrick is conducting a series of classes before the Sunday evening services called "Witnessing Made Easy."

## ALVA, Oklahoma

Parsonage dedication was held Sunday, June 24, 1979, at Alva Friends Church. Pastor Francis McKinney presided, Evelyn Hock presented "Parsonages of Alva Friends," and Superintendent John Robinson brought the dedication message. Wiley Schwerdtfeger prayed the benediction.

We are glad we were able to provide a three-bedroom, ranch-style home, complete with carpeting and a pastor's study. In grateful appreciation for the institution of the home, and to provide a residence and home for the servant of the Lord called to minister to our flock, we dedicated this property to the Lord.

We owe a debt of thanks to the Parsonage Committee and others who worked so hard to see this accomplished. Thanks also for the gift of a new office chair and a recliner lounge chair, given as a memorial to I.V. Martin.

## BARBERTON, Ohio

"The Greatest Mom," selected honoring Mother's Day, was Martha Jamison, with Marg Mognet voted as runner-up.

Kim Knowles, very active musician—both vocal and instrumental—will be missed by the church as she moves to North Carolina for further specialized training in hospital work.

## BELOIT, Ohio

Earl and Catherine Smith held four days of evangelistic services recently, using puppets for the children's messages.

Ten young people attended the youth retreat at Quaker Canyon.

Special recognition and a love gift were given to music directors Alan and Nancy Howenstein for their splendid contribution to the church.

## BOISE, Idaho

Our annual Missions Conference was held May 4-6. We had a covered-dish dinner Friday evening with a guest speaker from Peru. A woman from Bolivia spoke to a Mother-Daughter luncheon group on Saturday, and speakers from Bolivia and Peru spoke Sunday morning and Sunday evening. Faith Promise cards amounting to \$32,049.26 were turned in. This is up from a total of \$14,221.00 a year ago, and is 60 percent over our goal of \$20,000, for which we praise the Lord.

On Mother's Day our Cradle Roll was featured during the morning worship service. About 30 children under two years of age, accompanied by their parents, gathered at the front of the church for special recognition. We pray the young parents will teach these children entrusted to them about the love of Jesus and His saving and keeping power.

Our Monthly Meeting approved calling Dave Wilhite to work with us toward starting the new church in Southeast Boise. Dave, working under Campus Crusade for Christ, will become our trainer and equiper for workers in the church.

## BYHALIA, Ohio

Byhalia Friends Church hosted a district youth rally featuring the

"Promised Land Band" from Malone College, with fellowship and refreshments following the concert.

The Byhalia church also participated in a Community Witness Crusade with Rev. Gary Case as evangelist and Nigle Standley in charge of the music.

## CANTON, Ohio

The First Friends Mother-Daughter "First Picnic of Spring" banquet was held under the leadership of Jayne Gurley. A program of music was presented by Diane Herris and Patty Gerig, with Catherine Cattell speaking. Her message stressed teaching our children the value and importance of a good spiritual root system that will support them through the storms of life.

Anil Solanki from West India spoke recently. He attends Ohio State University.

Four Malone College students from Kenya shared and showed slides at an International Dinner recently.

Special projects to raise money for youth summer ministries and endeavors for Christ included a flea market, a chili supper, and a "Rent-a-kid" program to help people with spring chores for \$2 an hour.

## COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado

Singing groups from Friends Bible College, Friends University, and George Fox College sang at First Friends church in July. Vacation Bible school's theme was "Life Choices and the Bible," and was held from July 23 to 27. Men in the church have a slow-pitch softball team that has won three out of four games. The team is one method of outreach the men are using.

## COUNCIL HOUSE, Wyandotte, Oklahoma

Phil Herr, new pastor writes: "Well, we're finally here! We arrived about midnight and found all the good folks here were keeping a hot meal for us in the kitchen at the meeting-house. While we ate, someone spread the word of our arrival and a group appeared to unload the trucks and trailers. By 4:00 a.m. everything was unloaded!

"If we had any doubts that the Lord would meet our needs, they were quickly dissolved. A local man gave us a rooster and six hens. One of the members had a beef cow that had lost her calf, and he loaned her to us for milk. The same man later gave us three "slow" pigs. One promptly died, but the others are doing well.

"We've been busy learning who people are and what is to be done. We are looking forward to serving the Lord here at Council House."

## DANVILLE, Virginia

Seventeen guys and gals and four adults from the Ferry Road Church enjoyed a fun-packed weekend April

20-22. The weekend consisted of a "Lock-In" at the YMCA, a "Fall-Out" at the church, breakfast at Shoneys, a progressive dinner, and a film on Saturday night. The young people took part in both services on Sunday.

## DEERFIELD, Ohio

The teens recently presented the play *I Have Seen the Lord*.

The Deerfield Church has recently purchased a new Conn organ with a gift of money received.

## FIRST DENVER, Colorado

First Denver Friends and the Northwest Fellowship held separate vacation Bible schools this summer for the first time. Several teachers doubled and worked both schools, which were held on different weeks.

## FULTON CREEK, Ohio

The Ed Dotson family of Marion ministered in music at one of the evening services recently.

Wayne Evans, assistant pastor, terminated his service the last Sunday in May, to move into a new area of ministry. An appreciation service was held in his honor.

## HUGHESVILLE, Pennsylvania

The "Agape Players" recently presented an evening of music and drama.

## MT. PLEASANT, Ohio

On May 9 the "Agape Players" presented a Christian drama to honor the community high school graduates. A dinner and program were held at the Presbyterian Church.

## OLYMPIC VIEW FRIENDS, Tacoma, Washington

The sun worked hard on Saturday, May 19, to help make the garage sale the success it proved to be. There was a feeling of satisfaction and a "job well done" when the result was announced—\$499! The sale was held to raise funds for the "Friends Building for the Future" program.

The boys and girls are working hard each Saturday helping in the church and around the grounds to earn credits to help defray the cost of camp, to which they are looking forward eagerly.

The Mother-Daughter Luncheon on May 12 was very well attended; 75 people were there to enjoy our guest speaker Dena Mellott, who brought along dollhouses and miniatures from her collection. The children entertained us with recitations and music. Fathers had their day on June 16, when we were invited to a family picnic followed by a baseball game.

The ladies' Bible study group has ceased activities for the summer. Instead they will have a ladies' breakfast every other week to alternate with the men's breakfast, and so enjoy the fellowship and sharing they would otherwise miss.

May 30 was the annual parents' tea and children's graduation ceremony for the Day Care.

### MORNINGSIDE, Port St. Lucie, Florida

Musical programs for recent fellowship suppers included Rev. and Mrs. Dan Frost as well as John Enyart and Archie Coons, faculty members of Hobe Sound Bible College.

The film *Pilgrim's Progress* was shown with an excellent attendance. The first Mother-Daughter Banquet of the church was held this spring using the theme "Recipe for Life." Miss N. Pauline Guyer, retired pastor, missionary, and college professor had the devotions.

Dana Arnold won third place in a high school speech contest with a patriotic speech "Why Do I Love America?" She shared the speech with the Morningside church as part of its Memorial Day Sunday service.

### REEDWOOD, Portland, Oregon

The Reedwood Fellowship looks forward with much eagerness to the arrival of the Don Green family. Don will be starting as resident pastor of Reedwood on August 1.

We thank God for His sustaining strength and grace as we just passed through a difficult time. Our loss is the Yearly Meeting's gain as we said good-bye to Jack and Geraldine Willcuts.

Fred Gregory and family are moving to Seattle, where he will be based as a staff member for World Concern, Inc.

Eldon and Virginia Helm are home again after a year in Arizona. He assumes the position of financial secretary for the Yearly Meeting in July.

The youth group under the leadership of Paul Bock is reaching out in caring for each other and others outside their circle. They are working from Bible passages in caring and applying it to real life situations.

### ROSE VALLEY Kelso, Washington

One of our outstanding activities recently was the preparation and presenting of our first youth musical, "The Music Machine." Under the able leadership of Shannon Herndon, Ardy and Shannon Riddle, the young people from preschool age through high school and young adults presented their message of joyful Christian living in song and dialogue. Besides the evening concert at the church and selections for the morning worship, they also shared the experience at two retirement homes in our area.

Under the able and dedicated work and leadership of the building committee chairman Roy Jabusch, a beautiful new parsonage has been built and finished in time for the new pastors, Roger and Louise Sargent, to move in.

A reception for George and Elenita Bales was held after the June 3

morning worship. Many church and community friends attended to wish them well. The occasion marked the conclusion of their 20 years in the pastorate at Rose Valley, and also their 35th wedding anniversary. The Bales will live in Kalama this coming year while George is involved in construction, and Elenita will continue as a counselor at Kelso High School.

### SALEM, Ohio

The "Visiting Friend" of First Friends Church, which has been a monthly publication, has now become a weekly newsletter. It will be a source of news and information, announcements, and related church activities.

May included a Mother-Daughter Banquet that featured a display of dolls and handcrafts. Demonstrations of old-time crafts were also given.

### SMITHFIELD, Ohio

The Smithfield church is participating in the Community Bible School.

A dinner was held for the eight high school graduates, with a special program in their honor held during a Sunday morning service.

Former missionary Mrs. Wayne Naylor received the annual "Mother of the Year" award.

Senior Citizens Week was observed with a Sunday evening service for the senior citizens of the village. The pastor's sermon was "The Old and the New," followed by a time of fellowship.

### SPOKANE, Washington

The Bible study program initiated by Marlene Watson in March based upon Tim LaHaye's *How to Study the Bible for Yourself* continues to bless participants.

The WMU-sponsored Mother-Daughter Tea held May 17 was a great success and featured a cake-decorating demonstration, humorous "commercials" enacted by the Junior Girls Club, and a fashion show by the younger girls.

The men's weekly Saturday morning breakfast begun in April continues to challenge and inspire as the men listen to Ralph Palmen's tapes "Principles, Planning, and Prosperity," and share in a time of discussion and fellowship.

A lasagna dinner was held for the youth group at the Earl Thompson's home, honoring 8th grade graduates Dillon Crosby and Steve Hathaway, and high school graduates Tracie Thompson and Rick Watson.

Receiving recognition as college graduates were Ann Becker (Eastern) and Sheryl Puckett (George Fox).

June 24 our church was the festive setting for the 25th wedding anniversary of Glenn and Clararose Childs.

The messages brought by guest speaker David Hathaway continue to encourage and instruct, and we feel fortunate that Dave, a worker with the Union Gospel Mission, has been available to us.

### SPRINGDALE Leavenworth, Kansas

We are happy to announce that 24 new members have been added to our congregation. We are also thankful for the new carpet purchased and installed in the vestibule by the Richard Parker family.

Fiftieth wedding anniversary congratulations were extended in April to Floyd and Edna Lawrence. Their son Gene and his children Cheryl, Kevin, and Keith were hosts.

Following the pastor's message on Mother's Day, a drawing was held and redwood jewelry boxes were presented to Edna Lawrence, Maxine Vassar and Marie Knapp. These gifts were made by pastor Ray Fitch, who also made walnut pins with the word Mother on them, presented to each mother as they arrived for service.

### SPRING GROVE Osawatomie, Kansas

Dedication services were held for the Spring Grove parsonage Sunday, June 3.

Marking 121 years of service to God and the community, Friends gathered to hear John Robinson, who brought the morning message and the afternoon dedication address. Betty Robinson assisted with music in the morning service, while Chuck and Beth Nutt, pastors at Gardner Friends, brought music in the afternoon.

Spring Grove Friends are justly proud of the lovely split-level, three-bedroom home built on church



grounds overlooking the rolling countryside. Much sacrifice and lots of hard work went into replacing the parsonage that burned to the ground in the summer of 1977.

### STAR, Idaho

The Easter service included the "Singing Friends," the Adult Ensemble, and audience participation, followed by a timely message.

Also in April the Star Friends WMU ladies sponsored a rummage sale to finance redecorating in the church. Some of the Sunday school rooms, the nursery, kitchen, and Fellowship Hall have new wallpaper, paneling, and drapes. A huge thank-you goes to the young women who did all of the work and to those who baby-sat for them. Wonderful!

On May 20 the "Singing Friends" presented "Hey, God, Listen"—a children's talk to God musical. The theme was to REJOICE because: "God Loves You Just Like Your Are." This was their year-end program, enthusiastically and well done.

On May 27, 1979, at 2:30 p.m. the church sanctuary was the setting for a lovely wedding uniting Leva Jahn and Dorwin Smith in marriage. Their families participated in the ceremony by singing several songs and standing with them of the platform. The ladies of the church served the reception.

### ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio

This Easter East Richland Church was blessed with an all-time record attendance, 688 total in the two services. Average attendance in Sunday school has been running over 400.

Jeff Steinberg presented an excellent concert recently. Jeff, a "completed Jew," has been handicapped since birth. God has given him rich musical talents that he is using to spread the Good News.

### TECUMSEH, Michigan

The theme for the Mother-Daughter Banquet was "A Bridal Review of Precious Memories." Men of the church served a ham dinner to 175 ladies and girls with a yellow and white wedding cake for dessert. Twenty-one wedding gowns were modeled; some of the ladies shared humorous sidelights of their wedding day; wedding picture albums were on display as were additional wedding gowns, the oldest being worn in 1890. Slides of past weddings at Tecumseh Friends dating back to 1961 were shown.

### TIMBER CREEK Atlanta, Kansas

Improvements have come to Timber Creek in several ways. Rural water has reached the community and is greatly appreciated in our parsonage. The exterior of the church has a new coat of paint, and new front doors and church hymnals were dedicated in a recent morning worship. These were given as a memorial for Albert Whiteman.

### TOPEKA, Kansas

Special services presided over by pastor Donovan Crist were held May 19 to celebrate the burning of the mortgage assumed by our meeting April 2, 1963.

Topeka Friends was established in 1953 and began a new building in 1963. Less than two years after the dedication of the new church plant, the devastating tornado of June 1966 hit Topeka and did extensive damage to the church. The deep sorrow felt by the membership was soon replaced with renewed determination and vision to see it rebuilt and refurbished. Insurance covered all the repairs, and early in 1967 the congregation again met in the sanctuary.

To celebrate the mortgage being paid in full, special guests were invited to the ceremonies. Former pastors Wendell Barnett and Val Bridenstine participated, as did Leatha Hein, Yearly Meeting trustee, and Gerald Teague, associate super-

intendent. Gerald Miller was chairman of the Ceremonies Committee.

#### URBANA, Ohio

The Mother-Daughter banquet was a rich blessing to all as they gathered around the beautifully decorated tables. The program of music and poetry included a reading written by the oldest member of the church, who is now confined in her home, and a song by three members of the four generations in one family who were present.

Rev. Jason Sherwood, retired Friends minister, spoke recently, and his inspiring message on the Holy Spirit caused the congregation to search their hearts and to pray more earnestly for revival.

A group of the "Agape Players" from Florida presented a concert recently.

#### WESTERVILLE, Ohio

The youth of the Orange Road Friends Church have been active in conducting services at a rest home in Delaware, and recently were in charge of an evening gospel service that included songs, sharing, and a skit.

Rev. Tom Hermiz, executive secretary of the Christian Holiness Association, served as evangelist for a weekend meeting.

The church is showing a film once a month on Sunday evenings. Two recent films were *Pilgrim's Progress* and *Noah's Ark and the Genesis Flood*.

#### WILLOUGHBY HILLS, Ohio

There was an excellent attendance at the Mother-Daughter banquet of Willoughby Hills Friends Church when Alberta Hawse, author of *Vinegar Boy*, was the featured speaker.

A Memorial Day weekend family retreat was held at Grand Valley Ranch with approximately 100 in attendance. The Holy Spirit was present, with decisions being made for the Lord.

#### WILLOW CREEK Kansas City, Missouri

We called it "One Great Weekend in May," and that it was. What a great time we had together with Larry and Shirley Mendenhall! Heartfelt appreciation was expressed to the Spiritual Life Committee and others who helped with plans.

We just completed a series of Home Bible Studies in three areas of town.

A beautiful new Winter console piano was donated to the church for use in our sanctuary in memory of Cecil R. Havens by his wife, Sally.

Outreach is a big word to Willow Creek Friends. One continuing project is our Day Care Center, where the children and parents recently participated in an evening of Open House. Kathy Bennett, FBC student, will be working with the center this summer. Brenda Smith will be working part time.

Our location in the "big" city provides extra guests from time to time. The youth group from University Friends in Wichita had a weekend in Kansas City recently. They spent Saturday at Worlds of Fun, and after spending the night in our basement joined us for worship on Sunday morning.

Members in our congregation are participating in the volunteer program sponsored by the Missouri Division of Family Services, where volunteers help the old, the young, and the disabled.

The FBC Singers, including our own Joe Holt, were with us for a service in June.

#### WINONA, Ohio

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#### YPSILANTI, Michigan

The "King's Messengers" trio ministered in word and song and many blessings were received through their ministry.

Several ladies from the church have been involved in crafts in a local nursing home, and also in the making of lap robes for some of the shut-ins.

The high school graduates were honored with a special dinner and program.

To raise money for camp and mission work, the youth group recently held a 15-mile walk-a-thon.

## FRIENDS RECORD

### BIRTHS

CUTRIGHT—To David and Ann Cutright of Boise, Idaho, a daughter, Danielle Nichole, May 27, 1979.

DAVENPORT—To David and Pat Davenport, a son, Drew Nathan, May 10, 1979, Angleton, Texas.

DAVIDSON—To Paul and Nancy Davidson, a daughter, Lisa Jayne, May 10, 1979, Canton, Ohio.

GABRIEL—To Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Gabriel, a girl, Adrienne Danielle, April 24, 1979, Hesper Friends, Eudora, Kansas.

GODFREY—To Ron and Cheryl Godfrey, a daughter, Johanna May Appleby, April 19, 1979, Boise, Idaho.

HAIGHT—To Fred and Linda Haight, a son, Nicholas Alden, February 21, 1979, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

HARTMAN—To Glen and April Hartman, a daughter, Rachael Faith, May 23, 1979, Star Friends, Idaho.

HIGGINS—To Ron and Diane Higgins, a son, David Matthew, May 7, 1979, Deerfield, Ohio.

HULSE—To Rachel Hulse, a daughter, Tara Renee, May 12, 1979, Kansas City, Missouri.

HUNT—To Darrell and Letha Hunt, a daughter, Karla LeeAnna, April 10, 1979, Marion, Oregon.

JARRATT—To Neith and Ruth Jarratt, a son, Joshua Devaroe, May 21, 1979, Bayshore Texas.

KREBS—To George and Sue Krebs, a son, Todd Allen, May 12, 1979, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

MCDONALD—To Randy and Imogene McDonald, a son, Jason Everett, June 8, 1979, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

McKEAN—To Kurt and Nicki McKean, a daughter, Angie Lee, April 28, 1979, Boise, Idaho.

MILLER—To Walter and Macie Lynn Miller, a son, Justin Lynn, May 18, 1979, Bayshore, Texas.

MULKEY—To Ronald and Debbie Mulkey, a daughter, Jennifer Rose, April 30, 1979, Silverton, Oregon.

MURPHY—To Tim and Debbie Murphy, a son, Jason Timothy, May 18, 1979, Alliance, Ohio.

REES—To David and Juanita Rees, a daughter, Gwendolyn Ann, January 12, 1979, Cottonwood Friends, Emporia, Kansas.

RUFF—To John and Mary Ruff, a son, Jonathan Matthew, May 6, 1979, Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

SMITH—To Bruce and Kathy Smith, a daughter, Kathleen, May 6, 1979, Brook Park, Ohio.

SMITH—To Curtis and Judy Smith, a daughter, Jill Annette, May 11, 1979, Ferry Road Friends, Danville, Virginia.

SPAIN—To Mr. and Mrs. James E. Spain, a daughter, Krista Lynn, May 12, 1979, Zanesfield, Ohio.

WINN—To Gary and Marlene Winn, a daughter, April, April 8, 1979, Canton, Ohio.

WISNEWSKI—To Steve and Charlotte Wisnewski, a son, Eric Lee, June 10, 1979, Friendswood, Texas.

### MARRIAGES

ANTRIM-THOMPSON. Darlene Antrim and Dan Thompson, May 25, 1979, Boise Friends, Idaho.

BECHTHOLD-HUFF. Jane Bechthold and Richard Huff, June 2, 1979, Booker, Texas.

BEERS-CHENNAULT. Sharon L. Beers and John S. Chennault, June 2, 1979, Friendswood, Texas.

CAROTHERS-COX. Renee Carothers and Terry Cox, May 12, 1979, Zanesfield, Ohio.

CARR-LOFLAND. Janice Raylene Carr to Greg Lofland, June 13, 1979, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

CLADY-EVANS. Regina Clady and Wayne Evans, June 2, 1979, Radnor, Ohio.

DOWLING-MITCHELL. Janet Louise Dowling and Bryan Dale Mitchell, June 9, 1979, Canton, Ohio.

EASTMAN-MILLER. Cheryl Eastman and John Miller, April 20, 1979, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

EDINGTON-ELLETT. Jeryl Lynn Edington and George Ellett, April 21, 1979, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

HASKELL-WHITEMAN. Lori E. Haskell and Philip S. (Bud) Whiteman II, June 2, 1979, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

HESS-COX. Becky Hess and Delmar Dean Cox, Jr., March 31, 1979, Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

JAHN-SMITH. Leva Jahn and Dorwin Smith, May 27, 1979, Star Friends, Idaho.

JOHNSTON-KINSER. Esther Jo Johnston and Gaylen Kinser, June 2, 1979, at Camp Quaker Ridge, Woodland Park, Colorado.

MARTIN-MINTHORNE. Karla Martin and Dwight Minthorne, December 16, 1978, Sherwood Friends, Oregon.

PIERSOL-MEDLEY. Stephanie Piersol and Ed Medley, April 29, 1979, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

SAWYERS-WELLS. Shawn Sawyers and Chris Wells, March 17, 1979, Mingo, Ohio.

SELL-PHILLIPS. Shirley Sell and Michael Phillips, April 14, 1979, Winona, Ohio.

SHOEMAKER-GRIFFEN. Joyce Shoemaker and Glenn Griffen, April 7, 1979, Caldwell, Ohio.

STAPLES-BIRD. Linda Staples and Brian D. Bird, May 5, 1979, Tecumseh, Michigan.

STARKS-SCHLUP. Cathy Starks to Steve Schlup, June 16, 1979, Homestead Friends, Cedar Point, Kansas.

YOUNG-DUNSWORTH. Jan Deniese Young and Dale Ray Dunsworth, June 23, 1979, Enid, Oklahoma.

### DEATHS

BOLES—Ernest P. Boles, 79, May 10, 1979, Liberal, Kansas.

COPPOCK—Esther Coppock, May 30, 1979, Cherokee, Oklahoma.

ELLIOTT—Earl Elliott, 4 months, May 22, 1979, Haviland, Kansas.

HARTSELL—Clarence Hartsell, 67, June 18, 1979, Stafford, Kansas.

JOHNSON—Major Johnny Reid Johnson of Portsmouth, Virginia, in helicopter crash in Okinawa, February 26, 1979.

KASPAREK—Mary Kasperek, May 28, 1979, Alva, Oklahoma.

MALMSBERRY—Loran Malmsberry, May 26, 1979, Beloit, Ohio.

MEISEL—Ethel T. Meisel, age 82, June 14, 1979, Pratt, Kansas.

MORAN—Will Moran, 93, June 2, 1979, Beaver-Shannon Friends, Plainville, Kansas.

MORTON—Alfred W. Morton, May 2, 1979, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

MYERS—Calvin Myers, May 5, 1979, Hughesville, Pennsylvania.

NEWBY—Tom Newby, Boise, Idaho, May 14, 1979.

SMALLEY—Pat Smalley, 44, February 8, 1979, Friends Chapel, Coyle, Oklahoma.

TREVINO—Ramiro Trevino, 24, December 10, 1978, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

WILLARD—April Mae, infant daughter of Lee and Tami Willard, February 13, 1979, Ypsilanti, Michigan.



# ADVENTURE IN BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

BY LEROY BRIGHTUP

The rising gong was being hammered furiously. My watch said 4:00 a.m. We had just 15 minutes to dress and get to the dining hall for first breakfast. There K.P. draftees were already setting out baskets of bread, jam, and steaming pitchers of tea and coffee. Ready or not, the day's work began at 4:30 as teams of amateur and professional archaeologists pushed their wheelbarrows loaded with tools toward the dig areas. Assisted now by broad daylight, the adventure of discovery began again.

My long-awaited dream was unfolding daily as I participated in the 1976 Aphek Expedition. Aphek is mentioned in the Bible as the site at which the Philistines gathered for war against the Israelites (1 Samuel 4:1; 29:1). This same site is mentioned in the New Testament by the name of Antipatris. It was here St. Paul stayed overnight as he was being transported under custody from Jerusalem to Caesarea (Acts 23:31).

Working amid the remains of an ancient fortified city in Israel whets the imagination of what might lie below the surface. Visions of surging Philistine warriors danced in the mind as we glanced toward the broad plain at the foot of the hill. Brought back to reality by the supervisor's voice, instructions for continuing work in our particular square were given. Work must proceed with care lest some clue be overlooked or some valuable find be destroyed.

Biblical archaeology is not unlike any other kind, except that it is done in biblical lands. All available information regarding the site has been gleaned from the Bible, as well as other sources, before the work officially opens. As work progresses the scholarly world keeps alert to any light that might be shed on the Bible story by any evidence that is unearthed.

*Leroy Brightup, chairman of the Division of Religion and Philosophy at Friends University, gives us an insight into a summer day of archaeological excavation and its significance.*

Second breakfast comes at 8:00 a.m. and is a welcome break. The workday is half over, and a hundred hungry workers converge on the dining hall from the five separate excavation areas of the hill. Along with tea, coffee, bread, and jam are sliced tomatoes and cucumbers, olives, scrambled eggs, Swiss cheese, cream cheese, and five flavors of yogurt.

At 8:45 the workers return to their respective locations. By now the heat of the day is apparent, and the sun's penetrating rays continue to tan my back through my shirt. A transistor radio broadcasting the news in English says the high today will be around 90°. As work progresses we lift bucketful after bucketful of dirt to the top of the dirt wall left between our square and the one next to us. There one of our team members empties it into a wheelbarrow, wheels the debris to a chosen location, and returns to empty more buckets.

In our 15' x 15' square we continue to wield the pick, systematically attempting to loosen the soil two to three inches evenly across the floor. In spite of the excitement of discovery, the pick work is tiring and we trade off with one of the other three team members. Work stops momentarily as a cry of excitement is raised from a nearby square. Coming to light in their square is another buried earthenware jar. Yesterday they found a similar one that contained the bones of an infant. Is this also a burial?

Work slows considerably when working around such a find. It is fragile and must be dealt with meticulously. The pick is laid aside in favor of an ice pick and a fine-bristled paintbrush. A discovery cannot be simply pried out. Work must go on around it leaving it in position. Other related materials may emerge and the total situation may be self-explanatory if seen together. When the artifacts are sufficiently exposed, measurements are made to preserve exact records of depth and position. Then staff photographers must be summoned to secure pictures before the objects are removed and any other evidence is obliterated.

During the morning's work in our square we've been unearthing numerous pieces of broken pottery. This has all been collected in buckets carefully tagged as to location. The camels' teeth were discarded, but seashells and all bone fragments were kept in marked containers. We've been digging at a level previously identified as Late Middle Bronze Age. All of these items have come to light for the first time in 3,500 years. When the day's work is over at 12:00 noon we'll fill our buckets with water and let the pottery soak overnight to loosen the soil of the centuries. Tomorrow every fragment will be carefully scrubbed by the pottery washers and placed in a tray to dry and await examination.

Afternoons are used for visiting, resting, letter writing, bathing, and washing laundry by hand. From 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. classes on biblical history and archaeology are conducted for interested persons. At the same time the staff supervisors and pottery experts are sorting through two or three dozen trays of pottery looking for any with unusual shapes, designs, or decoration. Even the common pieces help tell the story, for pottery style is an unusually reliable indicator of date.

It is dark by 7:00 p.m. Our light dinner at 6:00 consists of hard boiled eggs, chunk tuna, sliced tomatoes and cucumbers, bread, jam, and coffee or tea. Although we found nothing of special value in our square today the memory of our discovery yesterday and the finds of another team today spark anticipation of what may emerge tomorrow.

What are the archaeologists trying to do? Why do hundreds of volunteers every summer spend their days clawing in the dirt? Undoubtedly from person to person there are varied motives. But behind it all is an effort to recover the tangible remains and to piece together the ancient story of life as it was. Archaeology has discovered ancient languages, documents, art objects, even recovered whole civilizations lost in antiquity. Although the greatest truths of the Bible cannot be proved by archaeology, recovery of the past has shed considerable light on the biblical story. Archaeologists must be honest with all the evidence, but at numerous points archaeology has verified the accuracy of the biblical account.

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