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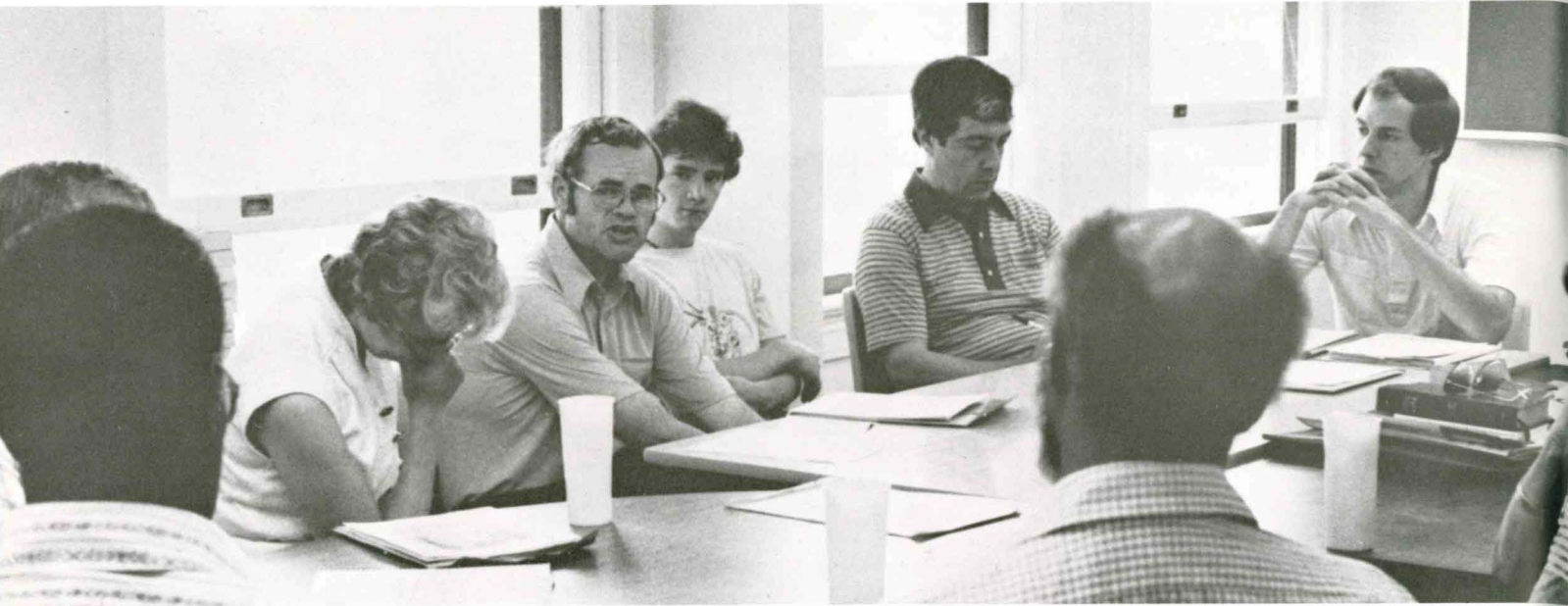
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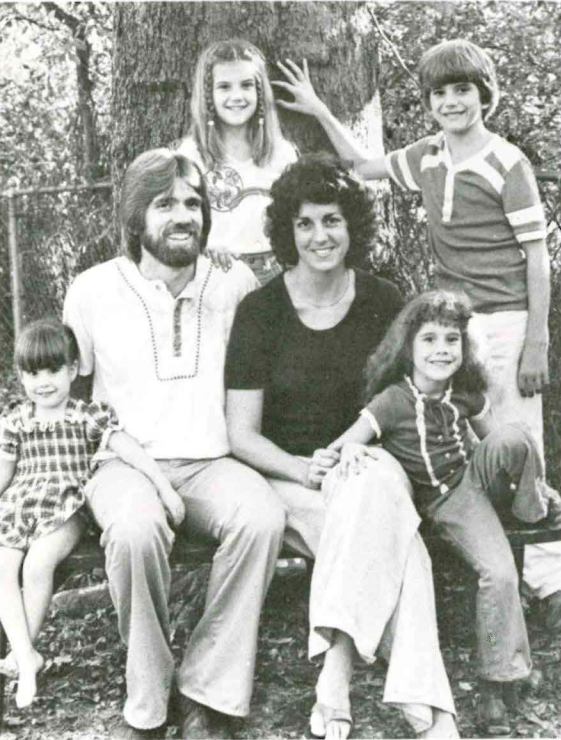
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Pictured are Northwest Yearly Meeting's contributions to Voice of Calvary: Steve and Diane Eichenberger (below), now returning to the Northwest after two years of establishing a print shop and working in the VOC office; Joy Treharne (center), a George Fox College graduate; Dave and Cathy Sherman (right), the first graduates of the 12-month program at the John M. Perkins International Study Center, who are now ministering in inner-city Portland; Dan and Jan McCracken (lower left). Dan is director of communications and a member of the management team; their children attend a 95-percent-black public school. Also pictured are John Perkins (left); the study center advisory board (above), including Ralph Beebe; Thomazine Weathersby (lower right), a George Fox College sophomore from VOC in Mendenhall. Thomazine, who is president of the Minority student Union, had never been to a school with any whites before coming to GFC, and her first time at the Newberg Friends Church was her first in a white church from which she wasn't asked to leave.



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Has the sound of a Friend

BY RALPH BEEBE

"I THINK it is because of the Quaker influence!" John Perkins, founder and president of Voice of Calvary Ministries, was speaking about several of his staff who are also members of Northwest Yearly Meeting. He continued:

"Quakers have put a lot of emphasis on the God-given value of all human beings, on combating slavery, and on peacemaking. I think this influence shows up in the lives of Quakers here at VOC. It shows up in how they relate to each other, how they communicate with their children, and how they depend upon the Lord.

"I like to think VOC is a lot like the Quakers."

As one gets to know Voice of Calvary, its similarities to the Quaker ideal become apparent. Friends began in 17th century England when the time was right for a major spiritual protest against political and religious institutions that condoned and promoted economic injustice.

Voice of Calvary is arising in 20th century United States when a major protest is in order against those institutions that have enslaved and degraded millions of human beings. Like George Fox, John Perkins is attempting to apply the spiritual force of lives changed by Jesus Christ to problems left unsolved by secular reformers.

Perkins grew up in a Mississippi still plagued by centuries-old attitudes that thrived on injustice. It was a segregated society—separate and grossly unequal. Four hundred years of colonialism by western European powers, along with three hundred years of white supremacy in the United States, had brought to John Perkins a legacy of hopelessness and despair.

But this was an exceptional young man. Even as a child he saw that economic oppression must be conquered by economic justice. Yet after his brother was killed by a white sheriff, after John moved to California and "made it" economically, after he found Jesus Christ—after these major turning points, he began to realize that economics was not enough. The solution must come from changed lives.

So, John and Vera Perkins answered God's call in 1960 and moved their family to Mississippi. There he gained fur-

ther insight and learned the secret of what is now the Voice of Calvary message: Neither spiritual nor economic solutions alone are adequate. The biblical message is to the *whole* person, bringing freedom from both spiritual and economic oppression.

In Mississippi Perkins became an influence disruptive to the established way of life. In trying to promote progress for blacks he challenged the paternalistic, control-oriented institutions of the white community. He eagerly assisted in federal voter registration drives and engaged in economic boycotts. His children were the first to desegregate the Mendenhall schools.

John Perkins's challenge to white supremacy was not left unanswered. His life was threatened, he was jailed, and once almost beaten to death.

But he could not hate the white oppressor. He refused to be bitter. God worked a miracle in his life.

"I saw how my bitterness could destroy me," Perkins recalls in his second book, *A Quiet Revolution*. "The Spirit of God had hold of me and wouldn't let me sidestep His justice. And His justice said that I was just as sinful as those who beat me. But I knew that God's justice is seasoned with forgiveness. Forgiveness is what makes His justice redemptive. Forgiveness! That was the key. And somehow, God's forgiveness of me was tied up in my forgiveness of those who hurt me . . .

"We were right. In all our demands, in all our demonstrations, in our programs we were right. But now God was saying, 'Being right is not enough. You must also be forgiving.' In order for our witness for justice to be redemptive, it had to be seasoned with forgiveness."

VOICE OF CALVARY gradually grew out of John Perkins's ministry. It now has two churches around which are numerous satellite programs, responding first to needs as people feel them—mostly economic—and using this as an avenue to their real inner needs—mostly spiritual.

The older church is in Mendenhall, Mississippi. In addition to regular worship and Sunday school services, the church administers a kindergarten, adult education in a largely illiterate black community, a thrift store, a health center, and a youth center.

Mendenhall is a town of about 2,800, 40 miles south of Jackson, divided by the railroad tracks into white and black sections. The businesses are on the white, uphill side; blacks live in run-down housing on the other side of the tracks, many of them employees of the white businessmen.

Ralph Beebe, professor of history at George Fox College and regional editor for the Northwest of the EVANGELICAL FRIEND, also serves on the advisory board of Voice of Calvary Ministries in Jackson, Mississippi. His grasp of United States history, his deep Quaker faith, and intense interest in social justice have uniquely qualified him for involvement in solving America's racial problem.

VOC has spawned some remarkable changes in Mendenhall's social and economic patterns. For example, the thrift store—really a nonprofit variety store selling new and used items at good prices—is located in the black section of town but sells to many white people. In fact, it is estimated that over half its business is from white people who can't resist a bargain, even though traditionally they never would have shopped in a black-owned store.

Even more remarkable is the history of the health center. It began in 1973 with a white doctor ministering to blacks in the black section of town. The next year VOC bought a doctor's office uptown, a building with segregated waiting rooms where blacks were admitted only after the doctor had seen the last white patient.

It was a beautifully symbolic day when VOC took over that office: down came the wall of partition separating the waiting rooms. Patients would be seen on a first-come, first-serve basis, regardless of race.

Then about three years ago a black doctor joined the staff. A year later the white doctor left. Unbelievably, the clinic had so developed that many of the white patients continued to come. Today about 30 percent of the black doctor's patients are white—an astounding fact in a region where people have been socialized to believe blacks must always be incompetent.

Voice of Calvary Fellowship, the church in Jackson, maintains similar programs. In addition, Jackson is Voice of Calvary's administrative headquarters, which houses offices and the magazine *A Quiet Revolution*, a print shop, Thriftco (a warehouse and outlet for thrift stores), and the John M. Perkins International Study Center. The latter trains Christian leaders who will return for ministry among the poor in their home communities.

Voice of Calvary is not a denomination. John Perkins is interested in extending its philosophy, not its organizational structure. He dreams of training thousands of dedicated workers who will identify with, and bring Christ's message to, the poor. He dreams of churches of many denominations that will become lighthouses to those in economic and spiritual darkness.

Perkins speaks with conviction of his "3 R's of Quiet Revolution": relocation, reconciliation, and redistribution.

1 RELOCATION—"First, we must relocate the Body of Christ among the poor and in the area of need . . . I'm talking about some of us people voluntarily and decisively relocating ourselves and our families for worship and for living within the poor community itself . . . If we are going to be the Body of Christ, shouldn't we be like He was when He came in history? He didn't commute daily from heaven to earth to minister to us poor sinners. He didn't set up His own nice mission compound. No, the Bible says that 'The Word became flesh and *dwelt* among us . . . full of grace and truth.' (John 1:14) That's how we were able to behold His glory, because He dwelt among us . . ."

"Relocating myself makes me accountable to the real needs of the people because they become my needs."

2 RECONCILIATION—"The whole idea of the love of God was to draw people together in one body—reconciled to God. That's supposed to be the glory of the church! But today we aren't manifesting the love of God that can really move across social and cultural barriers. What we do is to go on preaching the Gospel within the limits of our own culture and tradition . . ."

"To reconcile people across racial lines, black people, white people, all people, is to stage a showdown between the power of God and the depth of the damage in us as human beings. It's been my experience that the power of God wins, and the result is a dynamic witness for Jesus Christ that brings others to confront Him in their lives."

3 REDISTRIBUTION—"If the blood of injustice is economic, we as Christians must seek justice by coming up with means of redistributing goods and wealth to those in need . . . Without an economic base there will never be a launching pad for ministry. A ministry in the poor community that has no plans to create economic support systems in the community is no better than the federal government's programs that last only as long as outside funds are budgeted. The long-term goal must be to develop a sense of self-determination and responsibility within the neighborhood itself . . ."

"What we need is a change created by Jesus Christ in our institutional behavior equal to the change that can occur in the life of an individual. And as we commit ourselves to just redistribution in terms of creating a new economics in broken communities, we can see how Jesus, through us, offers himself. The Body of Christ becomes the corporate model through which we can live out creative alternatives that can break the cycles of wealth and poverty that oppress people."

John Perkins's prophetic ministry points to new life in the church, a beautiful new revival as the affluent and poor, black and white, reconcile themselves at the foot of Christ's cross.

"If we take principles like these three 'R's' and share them with our churches and reorient our bodies' objectives around them, I believe something wonderful would happen. I believe that the church and hopeful movements within the church will be turned face to face with the victims in our midst. I believe it would mean new life for the church."

Hearing John Perkins and reading his thoughts in his book *A Quiet Revolution*, one who loves the Quaker understanding of Jesus Christ is deeply moved. Perhaps this prophet is another George Fox, once again crying "woe, woe, woe, to the oppressors of the earth, who grind the faces of the poor, who stretch out their rents."

Voice of Calvary's ministry makes a Quaker enthusiastic about his own heritage. It brings anticipation of an effective 20th century proclamation of the best that is in the Friends message.

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"According to our survey, only 8.7% of U.S. Quakers quaked in meeting last First Day!"

COVER

Joining the hands of two races is Voice of Calvary's symbol of reconciliation as they minister in Mississippi and share their concepts with others across our country.

ANTECEDENTS

A year ago this month we said our good-byes to the Dan McCracken family as they began a journey to Mississippi and their new work with Voice of Calvary Ministries. It was, in fact, Thanksgiving morning! I'll never forget the prayer circle in the McCracken's empty living room as we shared in a prayerful, tearful farewell. Awaiting were the U-Haul truck, their VW van, icy roads, Midwest blizzards—and God's presence.

Joining in that circle were four or five families who had been closely associated with the McCrackens through their years of development that had brought them to this momentous decision. Included was Ralph Beebe, author of our lead article.

The changes of this past year in some of our lives have been both unexpected and unparalleled. But such are probably nothing compared to those experienced by the McCrackens. Few of us realize the "culture shock" it is possible to experience within the boundaries of our own nation. Imagine, if you will, being the only white child in your community, your schoolroom, your sports team. This was the experience of the McCracken children in Jackson. The unwritten story of their adaptation and uncanny insights, far beyond their years, is a poignant testimony to God's working even in young children.

No less shocking is being the only *black* in a community, a schoolroom, a sports team; or experiencing any kind of association with *whites* for the first time in your life. Such is the case of Thomazine Weathersby of Mendenhall, Mississippi, who came to George Fox College last year—one of the first from the VOC group to attend one of our Quaker colleges.

Let us pray that the bridge of reconciliation now being built by both races through VOC's growing influence will widen until the shock is no longer there. I'm thankful for the part Friends are playing.
—H.T.A.

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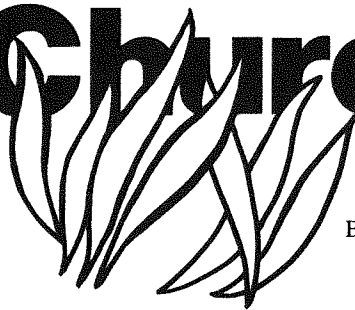
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The Church on Fire



BY BILLY M. BRITT

"The church was born in the midst of a spiritual fire . . ."

Scripture: Acts 2:1-13

Let us for a few moments imagine what might happen if our church should catch fire. First, someone would notice that the church was on fire. His immediate reaction might be to undertake to snuff out the blaze himself if it had not already spread too far. Failing in that, he would probably race as fast as he could travel to the nearest fire alarm box or telephone. He might even cry out a warning as he ran, "Fire, help, fire! The church is on fire."

Just before He went back to heaven, Jesus told His disciples to wait in the upper room for the coming of the Holy Spirit. One hundred and twenty of His followers waited and prayed until the Day of Pentecost. Luke tells us that when the day of the Pentecost was fully come, they were all together, in one word, in one plan; then suddenly there came a sound from heaven of a mighty rushing wind, and there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire that sat upon each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-6).

Immediately the Christians began to praise God, and the people in Jerusalem

asked, "What is the meaning of this?" Some said, "They are drunk on wine." Simon Peter said that this was impossible as it was only nine o'clock in the morning. He then told them this was the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel, "In the latter days, I will pour out my spirit on all flesh."

The church was born in the midst of a spiritual fire and had a tremendous impact on people. People took note when the church was on fire and they still do.

1

What happens when a Friends Church catches on fire for God?

A An effective program of outreach and evangelism

"In 1652," Penn says of Fox, "he had a vision of the great work of God in the earth, and of the way that he was to go forth to begin it. He saw people as thick as motes in the sun, that should in time be brought home to the Lord, that there might be one shepherd and one sheepfold in all the earth." In accordance with this conception, every Friend was a missionary and a preacher, insofar as the vision was appreciated. The Valiant Sixty were only

striking examples of a general rule. Friends of three hundred years ago existed, not primarily for the sake of a little separate society, but to reach the world by every valid method available.

Elton Trueblood said, "Judged by this standard, contemporary Quakerism is guilty of treason to a great dream. Thousands of modern Friends not only do not think of themselves as missionaries but are a bit uncomfortable when the word is mentioned. Does it not sound a little pompous, they ask, as though we had a superior message to give? We make a virtue out of dullness and boast discreetly of our policy of spiritual aloofness."

Thousands of those who call themselves Quakers not only never quake themselves, but never shake anyone else. The very idea seems somehow undignified or lacking in respectable reserve. We might be a bit ashamed of Edward Burroughs if he were here today.

Now this we must say as clearly as possible: The modern tendency to avoid evangelization or to feel condescension toward those who engage in it is a *heresy*. It is a sign, not of Christian humility, but rather of cowardice, of snobbishness, and of spiritual decay. We know a great deal about the religious mentality of our generation when we realize that this word of our Lord is highly unpalatable to many. Frankly, it almost seems to be in bad taste! But

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nevertheless, it is the Lord's word and if we are restive under it, we should examine ourselves to see where the trouble lies.

Our generation supposedly avoids overpushing, but what this masks is really fear of dedication. It is part of the cleverness of sin that it wears so easily the mask of virtue.

Jack Kirk wrote: "As I read Quaker history, George Fox seems to have for the most part been striking sparks in the dark until he convinced the Westmorland Seekers who already had a strong supportive fellowship to become Friends en masse. It was out of the warm, caring fellowship that they brought that the spiritual energy was generated that resulted in the 'Quaker Explosion.' Soon a group of around sixty young men and women came forth who were only slightly less gifted preachers than Fox himself. The 'Valiant Sixty' proclaimed the truth of Christ as understood by Friends throughout England and to most of the parts of the known world at that time."

Our times cry out for another "Valiant Sixty." I can think of no higher calling in which to encourage our most promising young people than that of proclaiming effectively divine Truth.

I am convinced that in this present hour God is giving Friends another chance. Around 1700 we began to withdraw into ourselves and ceased to share living bread with hungry souls. Now the challenge comes to us to be publishers of His Truth again. He is calling a holistic Quaker movement into being.

Doors are open to us that are open to no other Christian group. We could be in the beginning of another great Quaker Explosion. The best days for Friends could still be ahead of us. They are—if we allow the Spirit to create once again a holistic Quaker movement and respond to the call to publish Truth.

B Christ-centered Social Programs

There has been a good deal of ambivalence about our service in the world. Sometimes we were deeply involved—at other times, we withdrew. The bifurcation of services and missions has been worst of all. But the times are changing. It is pretty clear that the great secular schemes for remaking society have floundered on the rocks of realism about human nature. There is a growing uneasiness about an evangelism that does not save souls profoundly enough to make them actively sensitive to the evil and injustice around them.

The field is wide open. The world is in

despair about its own inherent corruption, which includes its public servants. Friends should be sending persons into the social and political arenas with the uncontaminated integrity of true Quakers whose word was as good as their bond. This is the one ray of hope remaining for our government. Friends can be involved by seeking political office.

The important observation to make is that personal and social Christianity are two sides of one whole, each side requiring the other. A merely personal religion, centered upon saving one's soul, represents the roots without the fruits and is, therefore, fundamentally unproductive. On the other hand, a gospel that speaks of social action, apart from personal commitment to Christ, frequently loses its vitality or becomes harsh and judgmental. The power lies always in the combination of parts that dare not be divided.

One of the best developments in the last quarter of the 20th century, itself a sign of hope, is that there is an increasing recognition that the personal gospel and the social gospel must go together, in order for either one to be genuinely Christian.

2

How does the church get on fire?

A Totally committed individuals who give themselves incessantly to prayer for God to rekindle the fire in His church.

B Enthusiasm—Friends in the summer of 1652, actually believing Christ had come again to be their teacher, evidently lived day by day in a triumphant and infectious mood similar to that described in the book of Acts. They rode on the top of a mighty wave. Our present meetings, of whatever type, are a poor substitute for what was going on at Swarthmore three centuries ago. They sang, they laughed, they suffered gladly, they loved mightily.

In the eyes of the world, Quakers are a mild, harmless people, but how shocked many would be to read the works of that young man, Edward Burrough, whom his contemporaries called "a son of thunder and consolation."

What we cannot deny is that spiritual life arose, in the latter half of the 17th century, with a vigor approaching that of the apostolic days. Because we are committed to

restoring the apostolic faith, we are willing to engage in a critical effort of reflection to determine what were the objective conditions that were restored to the faith to make it vital once again.

The only reason for failure is our failure to meet the conditions.

The Quaker movement must change, and it must change because today it is not good enough! We must change as individuals and we must change as a religious society.

Let us be done forever with the notion that Friends are a satisfied little body, highly self-regarding, and secretly proud that we are small. Could we make our witness that we believe in the veracity and the adequacy of the central message, which by a process of history has been placed in our charge? We want it to prevail!

The movement that now starts on a new decade must become much stronger or soon it will be far weaker. There is one thing we cannot do, and that is *stand still*.

The spiritual destiny of untold numbers of human souls, each one infinitely precious in the sight of God, depends upon our faithfulness. We have the opportunity, the time, the ability, and the resources. Furthermore, we have the avenues and agencies for ministering to people around the world. What more could we want? Let us pray God to take the dimness from our eyes and the dullness from our hearts, so that we may catch a new vision of the glory and the significance of our calling, and thus develop new measures of enthusiasm.

We are living in the most crucial and exciting period in human history, and who knows but that in the will of God our greatest service and achievements lie just ahead. Now indeed is the time for us to intensify our efforts for the kingdom of God and to press forward courageously. Someone has said, "The Lord has yet more life and power to break forth from Friends."

As one observes Friends he gets the impression that everyone is waiting. We are waiting for God to do some marvelous, miraculous thing for us; God is waiting for us to commit ourselves to the message and mission that He has set before us. In the meanwhile, time is running out. The world is nearing the brink of suicidal destruction. How long shall we continue in this pattern? How long will God's mercy and patience strive with our procrastination? Let us move forward with commitment and courage such as Friends experienced in the first generation of their existence.

As for me, I want to be a Christian Quaker who is on fire for God!

IN GOD WE TRUST— OR DO WE?

BY LON FENDALL



THE FAMILIAR PHRASE on our coins has irritated some atheists who object to government-sponsored expressions of faith in God. Others have felt uncomfortable with the phrase for quite different reasons, seeing it as an expression of "civil religion," the false belief that a nation can claim God's favor because of its religious heritage.

Actually, the phrase could be removed from the coins without damaging God's work in our country. Be that as it may, the motto provides a positive statement of faith and a foundation for our attitudes as believers in dealing with political issues.

Sometimes we limit the concept of trust to our personal, day-to-day relationship with the Lord. We often turn to such verses as Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." A companion verse is Psalm 37:5, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

These are excellent verses and many others can be found to remind us that our trust in the Lord is the very essence of our relationship with Him. Without it we have nothing. Removing our dependency from the relationship lowers God to the human level and we are left with no God at all. That is getting down to very basic theology, but this must be the point of beginning in examining our political attitudes.

Lon Fendall returned last year from several years in Washington, D.C., where he served on the staff of Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon. Lon and his wife, Raelene, and family now reside near Newberg, Oregon, where he continues to serve the senator in his Salem and Portland offices. Lon is a former professor at George Fox College and youth leader in the EFA.

The most common defection of God's people during the Old Testament times was to idolatry, the worship of something other than God. The people of Israel began to worship a statue made of gold while Moses was receiving the Ten Commandments. Even after hearing the Commandments, the people failed to grasp their central message, that we must let God be God. He must be Lord of our lives. We have to trust Him without reservation or we don't trust Him at all.

The essence of idolatry is not a lack of trust, but rather misplaced trust, or at least the dilution of our trust in God by clinging to or relying upon other sources of security. Let us consider four idols in the political arena that might weaken or displace our trust in God.

1 IDOLIZING POLITICAL LEADERS

Much of the activity of politics centers around the selection of leaders who serve as legislators, administrators, or judges. Virtually every political system has some type of leadership and a method for their selection and accountability.

If one were to list all the biblical references to political themes, many of these would deal with attitudes toward leaders and the standards by which these leaders are to live and rule. Numerous verses in the

book of Proverbs describe the contrast between just and unjust rulers. The prophetic literature of the Old Testament has a great deal to say about political leadership, for the prophets delivered many of their messages directly to the rulers.

The notable thing about the New Testament references to political leaders is the deliberate balance achieved between unthinking obedience on the one hand and total rejection on the other. Those who fall down before the idol of political leadership have read the passages calling for respect and honor for the leaders. Romans 13 is a notable example, and 1 Peter 2 is another. We are directed to pray for, to obey, and to honor those in power. God has expressed a preference for political order over disorder. It would be difficult to reconcile a belief in anarchy with these passages.

To stop there would be to ignore the other half of the truth and would lead to enthroning the idol of political leadership. Acts 5 is one of the passages that provides us a precedent for defying a ruler whose orders conflict with God's instructions. Peter and the other apostles put it very plainly: "We must obey God, not men." (Acts 5:29)

The Apostle Paul also resolved similar dilemmas with what amounted to civil disobedience. Obedience to the civil rulers would have meant ignoring God's instructions and failing to perform an essential ministry for Him. Old Testament cases of civil disobedience followed a similar pattern. Daniel's refusal to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's golden idol was not a publicity stunt, but obedience to a solemn duty, pursued after careful thought and prayer. Richard Nixon would have benefited from the disobedience of a "Daniel" on his staff.

Patriotism in the abstract is not bad. In fact, the loyalty felt by citizens serves as

civic glue, holding together the factions and fragments of the state. Among the notable causes of disunity and violent upheaval in many countries have been tribal and religious hostilities, unbalanced by a sufficiently strong sense of national identity.

Prayers for political leaders are frequently offered in public worship services. This practice is very much in keeping with the teachings of Scripture and need not contribute to idolatry as long as the objects of the prayer are held in accountability before God's standards of justice and righteousness. Even if we feel a leader has drastically departed from these standards, we can still pray for that individual. We can continue to respect the office, if not the officeholder, as King David did with King Saul.

We may feel the need to pray for the rulers' repentance, or that they will benefit from someone pointing to their errors in a forceful and constructive way. I think it would have been possible to continue to pray for and love Richard Nixon while challenging his errors or taking steps to assure that he would be removed from office.

2 THE ANTI- GOVERNMENT IDOL

For every American who clings to blind patriotism there is at least one who has overreacted and has lost all faith in government. He assumes the worst about political leaders and finds his point of view bolstered by reports of corruption, abuses of power, and arbitrary decisions.

The sacred writing of this form of idolatry is the supermarket tabloid, which contains a generous selection of articles on government waste and corruption, some of which are accurate and some quite distorted. The tabloids' stock in trade also includes leering accounts of the latest wickedness of entertainers and athletes, politicians and aristocrats. These accounts have uniform results: vicarious enjoyment of the misdeeds of the well-placed, exaggerated emphasis on the peripheral, and neglect of social reform.

One of the expressions of the antigovernment point of view is a fixation on the evils of big government. The recent taxpayers' rebellion has been directed against too many bureaucrats and agencies and too many dollars being spent. Some social reformers will agree with rock-hard conservatives that big government provides few answers. The infatuation with Rooseveltian models has waned, at least for the moment. In many ways this trend toward "small is beautiful" in political preferences is healthy. Decentralization is an important step toward accountability, only occasionally crossing over into an unproductive anti-government sentiment.

A recent expression of antigovernment bias has been found in the teachings of John Todd about the sinister forces in government and business, symbolized by "The Illuminati." An article in *Christianity Today* (February 2, 1979, pp. 38-42), deals effectively with the flaws in Todd's teachings and personal morality. There seems to be an element in our corporate psyche that makes us want to believe conspiracy theories like Todd's. It may be that we are seeking a scapegoat for our national ills. Rather than trying to deal with inflation or the energy crisis, we blame the problems on "them"—the bankers, the politicians, the Mafia, the Illuminati, or the Jews.

3 THE IDOL OF MILITARY STRENGTH

One of my more interesting and difficult assignments for Senator Hatfield was to knock on the doors of Oregonians who had written some of the most negative letters about his stand in support of the Panama Canal treaties. I wasn't expected to change their mind and probably couldn't have, in any case. I was there mostly to listen to the reasons for their deep concern and to assure them that the Senator had considered many of their arguments and facts before making up his mind.

One of the enduring impressions of these conversations was that many of the people

felt the Canal was important for our defense and ratifying the treaties would further weaken our military capability. These people frequently said that our country was habitually walking away from our commitments and the opportunities to demonstrate our strength. We were showing ourselves to be weaklings in a world that respects only the tough and the strong.

Pacifists have perhaps been misled by the popular consensus that the Vietnam war was a mistake. We may have thought that those who felt that this particular war was wrong would go on to agree that all war is wrong. Undeniably, Vietnam forced many people to examine their assumptions about the military, and some of these people would now oppose any war and support disarmament. But Philip Yancey's article, "Concentration Camps: Part II" in *Christianity Today* (May 25, 1979, pp. 26-30) expresses the point beyond which some war resisters will not go. They fear the possible recurrence of Hitlerism or something similar, against which they might support war as the lesser of two evils.

It is at this point that biblical pacifists must speak clearly to their brothers and sisters in Christ. The humanist non-Christians among the historical peace churches have little to offer in this dialogue, for it most appropriately begins with a common respect for God's revelation in Scripture. Many of the most militaristic evangelicals are also the most committed to a high view of the inspiration of Scripture. They believe in the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, which in turn are basic to the position of biblical pacifists. Of course, John Howard Yoder and others have presented the case for biblical pacifism very well, but their thoughts need to be shared with those who don't read books and articles on theology and philosophy.

Additionally, we must not shy away from the tough problems of war in the Old Testament. Our study could begin with such incidents as the one in 2 Kings 6, in which God answered Elisha's prayer by temporarily blinding the Syrian armies. Elisha was able to lead them away to Samaria, where their eyes were opened. Further examples of God's preferred methods of dealing with enemies of His people can be found in William Keeney's *Lordship as Servanthood* (Newton, Kansas: Faith and Life Press, 1975).

Considerable thought has been given to nonviolent methods of defense. These

methods are not just theoretical, but draw upon the experience of people such as Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. Trusting God does not require a completely defined plan for defense. It may be enough to believe in God's goodness and sufficiency. Or if nothing less, one can simply begin by acknowledging that our present system of nuclear defense is no defense at all.

Several specific issues provide an opportunity to begin dethroning the idol of military strength. There is an effort underway in Congress to restore the draft, or at least reactivate some form of registration or classification. The proponents of resuming registration would actually like to reactivate the draft and would probably push in that direction as soon as the first step had been taken. The case for restoring the draft simply has not been made. It is unnecessary, too costly, and perhaps un-American.

Those who want to have the draft restored are concerned about the need for a quick response to a national threat. Of course, that's what these same people have said our nuclear arsenal was supposed to provide. The one who trusts fully in God does not pretend that evil is not prevalent in the earth, but is unwilling to adopt an evil means of buying fragile protection.

Another relevant subject of debate in 1979 is ratification of the SALT II treaties. Superficially, a complete trust in God might suggest support for the treaties, since their purpose is to place a limit on nuclear weapons deployment. As we might expect, some opponents of the treaty base their opposition on these very grounds. They see nuclear competition as a game, in which there must be no half time and no final gun. They want to be able to keep adding nuclear weapons indefinitely, since the opponents presumably follow the same logic.

While affirming the need for arms limitation, it needs to be said that the SALT II treaty provides little hope of restraining arms production. The experience of SALT I was that arms were built very rapidly up to the limits and new types of weapons were developed to bypass the restrictions in the treaty. In other words, if SALT I did not restrain the nuclear arms race, what likelihood is there that SALT II will? If ratification of the treaty lulls us into a false sense of assurance, then it may be worse than nothing. Or if the Administration agrees to expand the production of conventional weapons to satisfy conservative treaty opponents, then SALT II will have proven to be a poor bargain.

One of the steps toward dethroning the idol of military strength is to divert some effort and resources from military research and production to assist in finding nonviolent means of dealing with conflict among nations. This will not happen easily, but first steps must be taken. Senator Hatfield has supported actively two such measures. The "World Peace Tax Fund" legislation would allow conscientious objectors to redirect their income taxes from military purposes to a fund that would support research and action toward nonviolent conflict resolution. Money is not the only answer to the problem, but we need to release people to find alternatives to mutual annihilation.

Another proposal along the same lines is the "national peace academy" concept. It would simply provide public funds for graduate research and training in the methods of nonviolent conflict resolution among nations. Establishing the peace academy will require several remaining legislative steps, but at least a commission has been created and funded to sort through the many proposals for such an institution. Friends would do well to take a close look at the concept and provide input to the commission.

4 THE IDOL OF THE STATUS QUO

Recently I was talking with someone who was concerned about the possible adverse effects of the Equal Rights Amendment. Some of these concerns may be well founded, but I expressed the feeling that the amendment would have little effect, either positive or negative. It would be a significant affirmation of the personhood of women and might favorably influence court decisions, but would not immediately affect our social fabric. I went away from the conversation feeling that my friend was fearful of change itself, not just the possible threats to the Constitution. We would rather risk the continuation of known in-

justices than deal with the uncertainties of a changed situation.

The Christian theology is based on change. We come to Christ and become new persons. In so doing we receive the call to be agents of change—by presenting Christ to others and by applying God's love to the needs around us. Moreover, we live with the certainty of drastic change when Christ returns and sets in motion a series of events leading to Christ's reign over a new heaven and earth. We will serve Him with changed bodies and personalities.

With all of these changes and upheavals built into our expectations, it should not be difficult for us to be adventuresome in dealing with social change. I'm not prepared to say dogmatically that the ERA, for example, is part of God's plan for recognizing and protecting His image among women. But as long as there is a compatibility between the amendment and the teachings of Scripture, I suggest we set aside our "worst case" thinking and exercise a little more trust in the amendment's advocates than in the people who have come up with the lists of ill effects.

Other idols could be added to this list. In each case the antidote to idolatry is trust in God, an enlightened and responsible trust, not a naive or blind obedience. Our faith gives us a basis for discernment, sound judgment, political wisdom, and social responsibility. We do well to ask ourselves where we place our ultimate trust—in missiles or in Christ's conquering power.

The prophet Isaiah presented the Lord's message on trust, contrasting the worship of idols with a genuine dependence on Him. The following selection from Chapter 30 provides an appropriate conclusion to these thoughts:

The Sovereign Lord, the holy One of Israel, says to the people, "Come back and quietly trust in me. Then you will be strong and secure." But you refuse to do it. Instead, you plan to escape from your enemies by riding fast horses. And you are right—escape is what you will have to do! You think your horses are fast enough, but those who pursue you will be faster! A thousand of you will run away when you see one enemy soldier, and five soldiers will be enough to make you all run away. Nothing will be left of your army except a lonely flagpole on the top of a hill. And yet the Lord is waiting to be merciful to you. He is ready to take pity on you because he always does what is right. Happy are those who put their trust in the Lord. (Isaiah 30:15-18 TEV)



SUMMER MINISTRIES... HOME AND FOREIGN

BY BRUCE BURCH

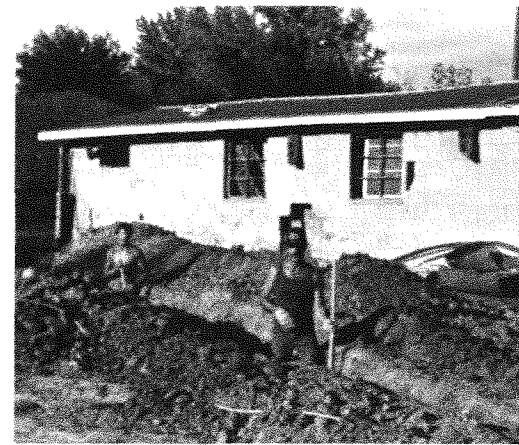
The youth of EFC-ER have come alive! A new sense of urgency and concern for people in God's world has come into the lives of scores of Christ-committed teens as they have participated in the Summer Ministries Program. Begun three years ago, this program is designed to provide meaningful and positive opportunity for Christian witness and service among young Friends of Eastern Region. It has also proved to be a time of spiritual growth and commitment for the young people, with church leaders and parents testifying to the remarkable changes that have taken place in the lives of many youth involved. Many have returned to their home church with new vision and concern for those about them on the local level as well as for those further away.

This past summer of 1979, 140 young people were active in this program. A puppet team traveled to Iowa to spend two weeks in directing and teaching in a vacation Bible school for a small church. The team attracted many unchurched kids by performing in a park near the town swimming pool on a hot day. A Bible school planned for 35 children had over 110, which meant much improvising of material.

The sound of vibrant Christian music was heard all over the Eastern Region. The "Young Believers" (a senior high group) traveled through parts of Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, while the "Children of Light" (mostly youth from the South) sang their way through Ohio, Mich-



Summer ministries team to Arizona's Navajo Missions, Inc. helped to clean 80 chickens for freezer.



Group visiting Navajo mission helped to dig ditch and lay water line as part of their summer service.

igan, and Canada. The "King's Kids" (junior high group) provided their excellent ministry in Virginia, Washington, D.C., New York, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania. Reports indicate a high mark of musical excellence and spiritual impact as they sang the praises of Jesus in churches, shopping malls, nursing homes, a military base, and even on the beaches of Florida.

Quite a different exposure of talent in creative Christian music came from our first youth orchestra. This exceptional group used their abilities to become a treat and a blessing to churches throughout Ohio and Michigan. Everywhere they went it was to make a joyful sound unto the Lord.

Two discipling teams provided an outlet of a different kind for young people needing a learning experience. The Backpacking Team covered over 100 miles while walking a part of the Appalachian Trail through the Shenandoah Mountains of Virginia. This provided an opportunity for spiritual growth through the daily Bible study as well as learning to grow through fellowship and relationships.

The Canoe Team went to Wisconsin, where they traveled 114 miles down the Kickapoo River to the Mississippi River. Camping overnight provided for them, too, a time for enriching Bible study and prayer opportunity.

One team completed three weeks in Arizona at the Navajo Missions, Inc. This

home mission field afforded them new growing experiences through witnessing and sharing with the Indians. Manual labor was also part of their effort—such as digging a ditch and laying a water line—combined with new projects, including the killing of 80 chickens and preparing them for the freezer in two days. Now that was some experience, they say!

Eleven young people traveled to Taiwan and gave six weeks of time, learning and serving. They attended Chinese youth conferences on a local and district level, participated in many Taiwanese churches, testified, sang, and ministered with puppets and a smile to make friends and share the love of Christ.

The final team of 13 persons found their ministry in Haiti. While there they planted trees as part of a reforestation program, visited orphanages, shared their testimonies in churches and with Haitians outside their church. They were overwhelmed by the terrible poverty and made to be more thankful for all they have in America.

Yes, Summer Ministries has become an important part of summer activities for the youth of EFC-ER. Plans for 1980 call for teams to Peru and Bolivia, plus a continuation of the musical and home mission teams. A drama team will also be added. We look forward to a continued strong interest as Christ-committed teens serve the Lord.

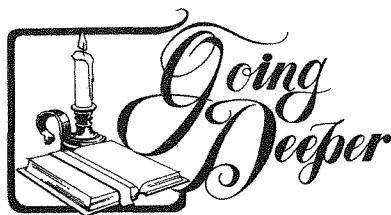
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Bruce Burch, youth leader for Eastern Region of Friends, reports on the variety of summer ministries performed by young people from his yearly meeting.

The team (left) from Eastern Friends that visited Haiti.

Leaders of the team in Haiti that guided the group in their work.





Prayer Treasures

BY ANNA NIXON

The title of this column indicates that articles appearing under it are meant to do more than explain. They should incite action. To go deeper means to start digging. Digging means that nuggets of a worthwhile spiritual life are not readily attainable on the surface but are hidden under the hard crust of ancient customs, pervasive cultures, and stubborn habits. Only through purposeful, concentrated, discerning, and persistent effort can we find them.

When gold is the object, each stroke of the pickax against hard packed rock takes all the miner's strength of the moment. God's rewards, more precious than gold, are dug out by prayer. An article on the subject will hardly help if the resistant soil of the spirit doesn't start flying with immediate digging.

Magazines, including Christian ones, are full of articles and book reviews concerning man's need of and right to deeper interpersonal relationships. Though explicit information on the techniques and meaning of sex in and out of marriage is now available everywhere, almost ad nauseam, the divorce rate has reached an unprecedented peak.

The stark tragedy of the explosion of psychological knowledge unaccompanied by the hard digging required to apply its truth is in the evidence on every side. The disappointment surrounding this is so bitter precisely because one knows intuitively that marriage is meant to be deeply significant, beautiful, and unifying. In western society the desire to capture this has almost, if not

altogether, reached the proportion of worship, and vital though it be, it is nevertheless a false god.

Deeper than the precious interpersonal relationship in marriage, and foundational to it, is another one, the relationship of a person to his God. True worship is the deepest experience of which a human being is capable. The very essence of true worship is prayer. The mystery and wonder of it makes it difficult to talk about. The experience transcends all human language but is an experience that to be complete must be shared, not with God alone, but also with a community of believers.

Now Satan has devised many perversions. With unflagging zeal he schemes to perpetuate and magnify the disruption in man's relationship with God and his fellowmen caused by sin. Had Jesus not pitted His full strength against these "wiles of the devil," sin would have destroyed completely any possibility of prayer.

But Jesus, in dying on the cross, turned everything around. With the tremendous force of divine moral and spiritual strength, He grasped the hand of a loving God on one side, and on the other stretched out a hand of welcome to sinful man. His whole life, death, resurrection, and now His intercession is a plea to us: "Be reconciled to God!" Through Christ the possibility of complete, unconditional forgiveness, union, and communion with the eternal God is ours! Taking hold of the outstretched hand of Christ brings such wonderful joy that Jesus, in talking to Nicodemus, compared it to being born again.

Though one by one persons are born, and one by one they die, the rich, meaningful experiences of life come through the privilege of sharing with others. In friendship, family, and community we find the treasures of prayer that exceed silver, gold, and precious jewels. Prayer indeed begins

with the first response of a person to the touch of God. But it leads immediately to a deep fellowship with the people of God, for Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it.

After a person has been born again, he has to go through stages of development. It is quite normal for his first experience of prayer to be just a cry to God. A baby has no other way to inform his parents of inexpressible needs. God, however, knows the needs we have even before we cry. Yet, for some mysterious reason we cannot fathom, our cries delight His loving heart.

The time soon comes, though, as a Christian matures when he begins to understand prayer to be far more than crying to God or asking for needs to be met. Prayer becomes a time of worship and fellowship with one deeply loved. The better we come to know God, the greater we understand why Jesus taught His disciples to say, "Our Father." The Lord's Prayer begins with the word *OUR*, and *our* begins with the letter *O*. What does that *O* remind you of? Don't you see that God is concerned with the whole, unending universe?* His redeeming love is for all, and true prayer is understanding and entering into that love.

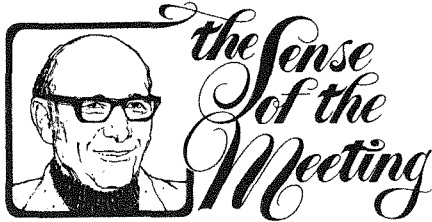
As we continue to grow in His presence, in the family likeness of our Father, we begin to desire the things He desires, to see things from His point of view, and to commit ourselves completely to His purposes. The passion of our lives becomes the desire to see His will come to pass in us and in those around us. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane cried out in all His aching humanity, "My Father, if this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done." (Matthew 26:42 TEV) This was not a prayer of resignation to the inevitable. Rather, it was the affirmation of complete commitment. Jesus surrendered himself to the worst physical, mental, and emotional agony a human being could endure in order to bring the will of God on earth. To voice this kind of prayer one has to be deeply aware of and concerned about the heavenly Father's will. This takes time and maturity.

In early May 1973, I received what I believe was the last letter ever written by a ninety-three-old saint resident in Friendsview Manor, Newberg, Oregon. Ethol George had made it a lifetime habit to get

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In this continuing series of articles on "Going Deeper" dealing with the fundamentals of our Quaker Christian faith, Anna Nixon speaks from experience and insight on the treasure of prayer. Anna Nixon is a longtime missionary to India under Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region.

*Dr. Saphir Athyal, Principal of Union Biblical Seminary on April 15, 1978 in a lecture at First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

What's Wrong With being Big?

There is a great fascination with bigness. It comes at us in big ways from every direction—"the bigger the better."

"Giant-economy-sized" tubes and boxes of this and that. Superstars get big money. Big farming, big machinery, big business, big credit, big homes, big goals, big prestige—we're all hooked in a big way. So, of course, big churches are better too.


Bigness brings its problems sometimes. It tends to drive us into look-alike living. Hamburger places and menus, gas stations, jets, highways, Penney's, Xerox copiers, newspapers . . . and, churches? Prefabrication and computers make bigness possible in a big way.

Bernie Wiebe, in a recent *Mennonite* magazine, got me to thinking about the spiritual values in smallness—the "grain-of-mustard-seed" sized faith (Matthew 17:20). This sort of faith is traced in various forms: A student, before getting any diploma, must first think small enough to get up and go to classes on time; to study, and even take some courses not liked. Teachers—with bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees—must again begin with teaching basics. Farmers—with four-wheel drive tractors and trucks—must again learn to appreciate the soil as God gave it to us.

And all Christians—with sophisticated buildings, programs, and denominations—must once more look at the essentials for faith in Jesus Christ. Friends have been far too preoccupied with smallness; neither bigness nor smallness are ends in themselves but neither one should dominate the other in our balance of values. And God is ready to help us at this point too. He is prepared to take our "mustard-seed" faith and multiply it to move mountains.


If you, whoever and wherever you are, long to see new evidence of spiritual vitality for yourself and for your meeting, begin with small ideas and concerns. One genuine prayer, simple and broken as can be, will do more than many fine words spoken almost by rote. One cup of water, in the name of Christ, will be recognized for eternity. And the witness and work of one small church is just as worthwhile as that of a bigger church. Having a thousand in church doesn't guarantee effective Christian faith any more than having 50. Having 50 doesn't produce righteousness or spirituality any more than having a thousand.

Big ideas are not bad in themselves, but too many lack foundation. All big things began from small things. Jesus himself came as a baby.

Let no one read this and relax into the cop-out zone of "little Friends." Let us just be dignified enough not to genuflect automatically at the mention of big churches. It is big ideas rooted in big faith in big doctrines that are needed now; big convictions, big commitments, big sacrifices. 

Sponsor a Family On Welfare

One of our Friends churches reports one of its goals this year is to assume the support and sponsorship of some family in the community living on welfare checks. That strikes me as being very Christian. Another Friends meeting has been doing this with singularly successful results. And they found in the process that seldom is any family on welfare by choice. This discovery was made, not by giving very much money, but rather by giving opportunity, counsel, and encouragement in finding job training and child care, and in helping to solve other problems that keep people on welfare. This, in spite of the usual cynicism and patronizing attitude that "they're on welfare because they are lazy." They are not. Most are there, sometimes for two or three generations, due to lack of Christian-like caring by those willing to get involved in their problems.


Senator Hatfield has said that if every church in America sponsored one welfare family, the U.S. government program could be abandoned. Imagine the spiritual as well as financial benefits coming from such a movement! 

Department of Redundancy Department

Have you ever noticed how often we say, "In other words"? Preachers, Sunday school teachers, testifiers in meeting, "special song" singers are too often given to repetition.

Why not try to say it well the first time and leave it that way? Such a practice might cut some sermons by about 30 percent and strengthen their impact by 70 percent.

In other words, repetition, saying the very same thing in another assortment of words, doesn't always help.

Let me put it another way, it's boring. 



■ I have been interested in the articles and letters in recent editions of EVANGELICAL FRIEND regarding the need for an emphasis on sin and hell. I understand what is being said and agree that we need a warning in this area. However, I would hope that we are not calling for a return to the hell-fire and damnation preaching that typified two or three decades ago. Isaiah was convicted of his sinfulness when he "saw the Lord high and lifted up." The conviction came as he saw himself in stark contrast to his holy God. Let us lift up our God, not Satan's power. Jesus ministered to people with a clear message of God's provision for them and, to my knowledge, did much more preaching of forgiveness than of condemnation. He condemned only those who purported to be religious leaders, but who were "false guides." Of course, repentance for sin is a part of that forgiveness, and we must remember "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive . . . and to cleanse us."

I would not promote an "easy believism" nor a careless and undisciplined Christian life-style, and I certainly believe the words *sin* and *hell* should be neither hidden nor forgotten, but I will guard and warn against the kind of social and religious "pendulumism" that has tended to characterize church history.

Let's keep both love and justice in perspective and preach and teach that "God so loved" that He sent Christ, who came to deliver mankind from sin and unto righteousness and obedience to the light.

STANLEY PERISHO

Denver, Colorado

For another slant on hell, be sure to read "Black Holes and Cosmic Fires" in December's EVANGELICAL FRIEND.—Editor

Y.O.C. for Christians

■ I have been more than a little disturbed by some of the goals that the radical groups are striving to achieve in the Year of the Child.

As my babies came along it seemed the whole world revolved around them: bot-

ties, diapers, toys, teething, birthday parties, and on into school activities. Every year was the Y.O.C.

As Christian parents we are deeply hurt and shocked to hear of battered and abandoned children. So many never find love, security, and acceptance in a warm loving atmosphere. Sad to say, the advocates of Y.O.C. are omitting the basic ingredients for those qualities. The answer is not to be found in giving the child more freedom and privileges but in the words of Christ. Little children were brought for Jesus to lay his hands on them and pray. But the disciples scolded those who brought them; "Don't bother him," they said. But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and don't prevent them. For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." And He put His hands on their heads and blessed them before He left. Knowing the characteristics of mothers and children this probably took place many times in many different places.

If parents will do two basic things Christ will be there to bless. 1. *Bring* the little ones to Him. 2. *Train* them in the Way.

As I was wondering what the Christian's attitude should be toward Y.O.C. I decided to use an additional letter and make it Y.O.C.A.—the Year of Child Apprecia-

tion. I am writing to each of our children by birth and to those who have come to us by marriage, and all of our grandchildren, to show my appreciation for who they are, what they are, and to encourage them to become their best in Christ.

VIOLET E. RICHEY

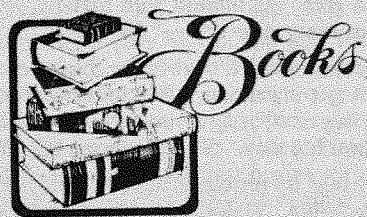
Newberg, Oregon

Blessings on the editor

■ The EVANGELICAL FRIEND is an inspiration, both in scope and depth. Blessings be yours in the foresight and insight that you show as editor.

ERROL T. ELLIOTT

Wichita, Kansas



Mildred and Luverne Tengbom, *Fill My Cup, Lord*, Augsburg Publishing House, 1979, 159 pages, paperback, \$3.95

This series of 33 "Meditations on Word Pictures in the New Testament" is designed to be used as group devotionals but is also good for private devotions. Each chapter is based on a Greek word and a study of its full meaning. What might be a dull exercise is made alive by the interesting illustrations and thoughtful application to life.

For instance, the author illustrates the Greek word *baros*, translated *burden* in Galatians 6:2—"Bear ye one another's burdens"—by a story from his life as a missionary. He was slogging wearily up a steep, rain-soaked Himalayan trail on an errand of mercy. He stopped at an inn to rest, and when he was ready to go on, one of the men at the inn said, "I will go with you the rest of the way and carry your case." The author then speaks of the One who bore our load of sin, and of our responsibility to bear the burdens of others.

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—Lela Morrill

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QUICK QUAKER COMMENTARY

CLAYTON BROWN, for many years a Friends missionary to Africa under Mid-America (then Kansas) Yearly Meeting, and a pastor, teacher, and Quaker leader, died in Newberg, Oregon, October 12, 1979, of cancer only a few weeks after the death of his wife LOUELLA.

RICHARD FOSTER, RON ALLEN, and SHERMAN BRANTINGHAM are leading the annual "Enabling Ministries Conference," November 27-29 at Quaker Hill Conference Center, Richmond, Indiana. Using the title of Foster's book, Celebration of Discipline, they will discuss the disciplines of the spiritual life.

EVERETT and ALDA CLARKSON arrived in October in Mexico City to begin their first term of service on the EFM field there. They will be joined by KENNETH and BARBARA ROUTON, now in language school, to complete the mission staff.

A mission tour to Bolivia and Peru is planned by Friends pastors DONALD and NANCY LAMM of Eugene Friends Church (Oregon) in June 1980. Any individuals interested in joining this tour are encouraged to write Quentin Nordyke, P. O. Box 190, Newberg, Oregon 97132.

Metolius Friends Church (Oregon) celebrated its 25th anniversary September 9, with 180 attending. DUANE and SHERRILL COMFORT, former missionaries to Peru under Friends, are the pastors.

FRIENDS FOCUS

FRIENDS CHURCH BECOMES HURRICANE SHELTER

The new Morningside Friends Church in Port St. Lucie, Florida, became a hurricane shelter during Hurricane David, which swept over the entire area. At least 75, some travelers, as well as area residents, spent most of two nights and a day in the church hosted by pastors Dan and Helen Frost and members of the meeting. Aside from tree branches strewn about and some damage to the back door, the property was not damaged.

Another project of this small congregation is the sponsorship of refugee families, largely the vision of Vic Klassen, a member who is a commercial cucumber grower. They envision building some homes on the 130-acre farm and there employ and allow refugee families to become established. This is taking place with the cooperation of the Friends Action Board and the refugee services of the World Relief Commission. Their local women's missionary union group of the Morningside Meeting (called the Morning Glories!) is heading a clothing drive. The entire effort has become a community program following the dream and concern of Friends.

NOT A TRICK BUT A TREAT

Youngsters of the Ontario Friends Church (Oregon) spent Halloween taking treats to all the homes of their church neighborhood and inviting other kids to meet at the church for a party, games, and food. It worked!

FRIENDS COLLEGES CONVENE CONFERENCE

Fourteen Friends schools of higher education have sent representatives to consider ways of maintaining and building "the Quaker nature to Friends colleges and starting support groups for all Friends who teach in higher education anywhere." The first meeting in June 1979 resulted in special studies and planning for another gathering June 22-27, 1980, on the campus of Wilmington College, Ohio, on the theme, "Building a Future for Friends in Higher Education." Charles Browning, Whittier College, and T. Canby Jones, Wilmington College, serve as coclerks of this fellowship. The desire to make a Quaker witness on a non-Quaker campus is also a part of the study program.

A WHOLE GOSPEL

East Richland Friends Church (Ohio) in one week featured the following wide-ranging concerns for the local congregation: 1. A Counseling Skills Workshop, preparing Christians to minister to the sick and injured; 2. "Operation Andrew," classes for training in evangelism and discipling of new Christians; 3. A 12-hour prayer vigil for "Spiritual Awakening" and the needs of our denomination.

FBC REPORTS RECORD ENROLLMENT

Director of Admissions Herbert Frazier of Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas, reports 136 full-time and 30 part-time students this year. George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, also reports its largest enrollment--734.

YAVATMAL SEMINARY TO RELOCATE

While the Union Biblical Seminary staff and students met in prayer September 6, the long-delayed official permission was granted in Bombay, India, for the securing of property preparatory to construction at a place called Pune. The site plan and building plans are ready, also the detailed specifications for the contractors for submitting of bids. Prayer is requested now for the right contractor so the work can begin.

OFFICE VISIBILITY

The Hilltop Community Friends Church, a mission church near Oregon City, Oregon, meets in a local school. The room is serviceable but not ideal, especially in allowing visible or accessible contact for the people and pastor to the community. So they are glad for the opportunity to secure office space for Pastor Bob Mardock (Evangelist Hubert Mardock's grandson) in a major shopping center nearby. It is used for evening classes as well, for counseling, and as an identity device for the new church in the neighborhood.

THE 'BOAT PEOPLE' ARE FINDING FRIENDS

Dozens of Friends churches are now sponsoring refugee families from Indochina. Reading the reports in many of our Friends church mailings indicates refugee sponsorship has brought about a new and enlarged sense of spiritual concern and renewal to the churches themselves. The process of caring, helping, and expressing love in the name of Jesus brings about a specific relevancy to our faith. This aspect of refugee sponsorship is not to be overlooked. "Give and it shall be given unto you"

Contact the Friends Action Board or your local yearly meeting office for advice on how to be a sponsor.

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share with the reader devotional thoughts the author has experienced. While we gain much insight vicariously by reading of other Christians' experiences, a much more vital link with God can be attained by having our own personal interactions with Him. The author of *The Hour That Changes the World* instructs the believer on how to acquire this deep personal relationship with God.

The author observed that praying is not natural for man, but it is a technique that must be learned. Jesus taught His disciples to pray. Later, Jesus asked His disciples only one question regarding prayer: "What, could ye not watch with me one hour?" The author used this statement for the basis of his hour that changes the world.

Mr. Eastman divided the hour into 12 five-minute sections and instructed the believer to use a different technique of praying in each section.

The use of his techniques has caused me to leave behind my haphazard, monotonous, repetitious, and powerless prayers. In their place I have developed a vital relationship with God. My highest priority is no longer placed on answers to my prayers, but rather on the worship of my Savior.

This book should be read by those who desire to change the focus of their prayers from self to God, thereby enlarging their concept of God and making their worship time truly devotional. —Phyllis Hand

Stanley A. Ellisen, *Divorce and Remarriage in the Church*, Zondervan Publications, Paperback \$2.95.

After citing statistics to emphasize the alarming increase in the number of divorces in our society as well as in our churches, the author declares that the church is responsible to give an answer to the problem. This answer, Ellisen says, must be biblically based, redemptive, and one that avoids the perils of culture on the one hand and legal callousness on the other.

Ellisen gives a lucid discussion of God's purpose and design for marriage, relating it to the high example of Christ and the Church. But marriages do fail. However, Ellisen says, God has a word for dealing with failures. This Word deals with principles of communication and reconciliation—with the answer as to what to do in case of sexual unfaithfulness and adultery—the biblical basis for divorce.

The discussion on guidelines for the believer's right to remarry and continue in Christian service is especially helpful.

The book is well written, one that should be helpful, not only to those who are facing marital problems, but also to pastors and marriage counselors who desire insights for helping them. —George H. Moore

Darlene McRoberts, *Second Marriage*, Augsburg Publishing House, 157 pages, paperback, \$3.50.

If you are considering remarriage or have entered into a new marriage, this book may speak to your condition.

The author's approach is within the Christian concept of marriage. It is not a rationale for a second marriage or a guarantee for a happy one.

The inner fears of parents, consideration for children, and the need for good Christian counseling are dealt with in a sensitive and mature manner. These have come out of the author's experiences, failures, and successes.

It is made quite clear that through the suffering and anguish of marital problems one must keep faith in Christ, who is willing and able to keep us from despair.

The author's discussion of secular and Christian psychologists in counseling therapy is helpful. She quotes from George McDonald, "To love and forgive are the luxury of the Christian. It is more than a duty, it is a high privilege."

The church today sometimes neglects to love and forgive the sinners among the membership. Her treatment of this neglect carries a sound message.

—Pauline E. Casado



HOW LONG IS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS?

BY BETTY HOCKETT

"Grandma, how long is 25 years?" asked Ned while he watched Grandma put the final touches on the chocolate cake she was frosting.

"Well, Neddy, 25 years is a long time for boys like you who are just now 7 years old. But for grandmas like me 25 years isn't so very long."

Ned kept on watching eagerly. He could tell that before long Grandma would hand him the red bowl and say, "Here, Ned, you finish it up." She always left a few tastes, just for him.

"I heard that our church is having a birthday party. It's 25 years old. I was just wondering how long that was," Ned explained.

"I well remember when our church first started," Grandma said. "Your dad was just five years old and your Aunt Patty was a tiny baby. The pastor asked me right off to teach the high school Sunday school class. I said no, I couldn't—I didn't know enough, and besides, I was too busy. And then, the first message the pastor preached was about Moses."

Grandma handed the red bowl to Ned. "Here, Ned, you finish it up," she said, just as Ned had known she would.

He slowly moved the spoon around the inside of the bowl. He would make the frosting last as long as possible. "I know about Moses. He was a baby in a basket."

"That's right. When he grew up, just like all boys do, God said to him one day, 'Moses, I have a job for you.' But Moses didn't think he could do it. He had all sorts of reasons for telling God 'No, I can't.' But God promised, 'Moses, I'll be with you. I'll help you.' So finally Moses did what God wanted him to do. Well, that's what our pastor preached about."

"But you teach Sunday school now," said Ned.

"Uh-huh. I sure do. And you know what, Ned? I started teaching way back just about 25 years ago."

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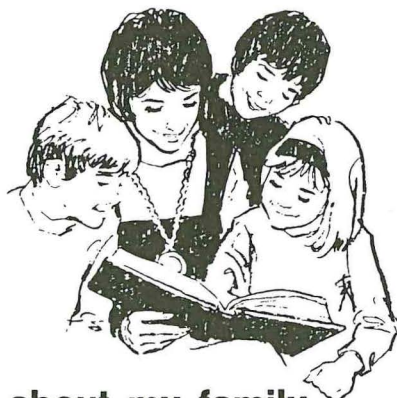
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"But I thought you said you told the pastor you couldn't teach."

Grandma began to wash her baking dishes as she continued talking. "That's what I said at first, all right. But when I heard the message about Moses arguing with God, and how God said He'd help Moses with the hard job, I felt God speaking to me, too. So I said, 'Okay, Lord, I'll teach if You will help me.'"

Ned carefully ran the spoon around the bowl for one last lick. He wanted to make sure that not a single taste was left. "Did God help you?"

"Oh yes, Neddy. He surely did. Lots of times I'd say to God, 'Those kids are too much for me now. They know more than I do. I can't teach them anymore.' And quicker than a snowflake melts on a hot stove, God would answer back, 'Don't forget, Mildred, I have promised to help you. I won't leave you by yourself.'"

Ned felt impressed. "Wow," he said softly. "I think it's neat the way God helped you. Maybe God will have some hard job for me to do when I'm big. Don'tcha think, Grandma, that God'll help me like He did you?"

"Of course He will, dear. But you don't have to wait until you are all grown up with a hard job. God helps seven-year-old boys who have hard things to do."

Ned's tongue slowly circled the outside of his mouth. The last bit of chocolate flavor disappeared. "You mean even like when it's hard to tell the truth about something? Or when the teacher wants me to do something I don't want to do?"

"Yes," Grandma replied, finishing the dishwashing. "God is still saying to all of us, 'I'll never leave you. I will help you with everything.' That goes for the easy things as well as the hard things."


"I like knowing that God will help," Ned replied.

"It's great to begin letting God help you while you are young. Then, as you grow up, God will show you all kinds of things He wants you to do. And you will already be knowing that He is always there to help. And, Neddy, before you know it, 25 more years will have passed."

He couldn't imagine how long that would be, or how old he'd be in that faraway time. "Maybe you'll be my high school Sunday school teacher some day, if I ever get that old," Ned said.

"Maybe I will be," Grandma answered with a smile. "And I'm sure that God will still be helping me. In the meantime we'll

keep on asking Him for help every day, won't we?"

"We sure will," Ned answered firmly. This had been a good visit with Grandma. And chocolate frosting besides! 



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Second New Call to Peacemaking Conference

PLAINFIELD, INDIANA—A Second National New Call to Peacemaking Conference will be held at Green Lake, Wisconsin, October 2-5, 1980. Three themes have been selected for special emphasis: nuclear energy and nuclear weapons, war taxes, and conscription. In preparation for this event, regional conferences are proposed for the fall of 1979 and the spring of 1980. A noted Quaker, Elise Boulding, has agreed to be one of the speakers at the Green Lake conference, and a full program following the model of the first Green Lake conference is being planned. In addition to delegations of 100 persons from each of the peace churches, 100 delegates will be invited from other churches and peace groups.

—N.C.P.

West Berlin Bishop Advises Christians to Refuse Service in Event of Conflict

BERLIN—The time has come when Christians and other persons dedicated to peace should refuse to join in the use of modern weapons of destruction, a retired Protestant bishop who was a leader of the church's resistance to Hitler, declared here.

Bishop D. Kurt Scharf used the 40th anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War to tell a broadly-based assembly in West Berlin that he has concluded that further participation in war cannot be justified.

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Bishop Scharf said, adding, "But we did not dare to call for a refusal to serve in the military and cooperate with the war."

He said that after the Second World War, the various church synods did not speak out against the participation in all military service as a principle. "I am of the opinion that the hour has come to adopt the education for peace as a goal and in the case of a military conflict in one of the crisis points of the world—I count our city as one of those points—to refuse military service with the modern weapons of destruction," Bishop Scharf asserted.

—E.F.

Canadian Religious Picture Seen as 'Radically Altered'

TORONTO—Over one half of Canada's population has no vital connection with any church, according to Dr. Dennis Oliver, retiring director of Canadian Church Growth Centre. He predicted that "increasing numbers of Canadians will become European-style secularists, for whom theis-

tically oriented beliefs and behavior have become irrelevant."

Oliver pointed out that "heterodox sects," such as Mormons or Jehovah's Witnesses, probably have a total national weekly attendance of 386,500 (1.6 percent of the population). The Jehovah's Witnesses alone, he added, had a total weekly attendance that exceeded that of Canadian Lutherans, Reformed churches (Presbyterian and Christian Reformed), Mennonites, or non-Pentecostal holiness bodies. The

more practical, in-depth style—magazine for pastors late this fall.

To be called *Leadership*, A Practical Journal for Church Leaders, the new quarterly journal will focus on "practical how-to management themes" that affect the everyday life of local parish leadership, according to publisher Harold L. Myra. Nearly two years of study and preparation went into developing the periodical concept, and newly appointed editor Paul Robbins said that he plans for the first issue to be dated January 1980.

—E.P.

Ali Meets Graham in Search for Spiritual Truth

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA—Mohammad Ali—"the greatest"—looked up to another man and liked what he saw. The three-time world heavyweight boxing champion flew here recently and spent several hours with Billy Graham.

Sitting on the porch of Mr. Graham's home, Ali looked at Mr. Graham with ad-

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Jehovah's Witnesses' average weekly attendance figure, he contended, was 93 percent of the reported Anglican weekly attendance. The Anglican church is the second largest Protestant denomination in Canada.

—E.P.

Leadership: New Church Magazine

WHEATON, ILLINOIS—*Christianity Today*, just named "most widely read" religious periodical in a spring George Gallup study, has unveiled its plans to start a second—

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miring eyes and said, "He comes before me. I'm just a boxer—famous and all that—but he leads people to God. I look up to him." Ali said his visit to Mr. Graham was one of "looking and searching" in an effort to "learn more about other people."

"I feel a spiritual pull," the ex-champion said. "I want to do something with people. I've always admired Mr. Graham. I'm a Muslim and he's Christian, but there is so much truth in the messages he gives, Americanism, repentance, things about government and country—and truth. I always said, if I was a Christian, I'd want to be a Christian like him! I think all religions are basically good, and I had a lot of questions I've been wanting to ask about Christianity. I asked them today. He gave me answers. I cannot go into them beyond that."

"There are areas we could not agree on," Graham said, "that Christ was the Son of the living God, for example—but whether we like it or not, we've got to live in the same world with the terrible arms race, so we've got to live together or blow up together. We as Christians have not only got to be for peace, we've got to work for it. So have the Muslims, the Jews, and everybody else."

—E.P.

Church President Hild: Accept More Vietnam Refugees!

BONN GERMANY—All over the world there are 13 million refugees today, 4 million of them living in Africa alone. This was underlined recently by the vice-chairman of the council of the Protestant Church in Germany (EKD) and president of the Protestant Church in Hessen and Nassau, D. Helmut Hild, Darmstadt, during a joint press conference in Bonn with the chairman of the German Bishop's Conference, Archbishop Joseph Cardinal Hoffner, Cologne.

Both churches have launched a joint action under the name *Our new neighbours—a refugee family*, which is to encourage the support and the integration of Vietnam refugees in the Federal Republic of Germany. Hild called upon federal and regional governments as well as cities and communities to accept a larger number of Vietnam refugees than the projected number of 13,000.

—E.F.

And Finally . . .

SAN DIEGO—The *Wittenburg Door*, evangelical publishing's noted humor-satire magazine famous for its Green Weenie Award, faces the prospect of eating the illustrious dog itself.

According to *Door* spokesmen, the publi-

cation is being sued for \$2 million in a libel and defamation suit brought by Dr. Howard Watrous and Living Dynamics International of Los Angeles. The suit stems from an article focusing on Dr. Watrous and his organization in the *Door's* February–March 1979 issue on Christian counseling.

The article, written by *Door* contributing editor Kay Lindscoog featured a caricature of Dr. Watrous with money coming out his ears and discussed his total operation, including counseling techniques, fee schedules, and reported results within Christian families.

According to Youth Specialties President Mike Yaconelli, this is the first time the *Door* has been sued. He said Dr. Watrous had asked last spring for a retraction, which the *Door* ignored. "Naw, we've never been sued," Mr. Yaconelli said, "so this is kind of a kick."

"And \$2 million is no big deal to us," he laughed. "We'd just sell a few of our holdings. Besides, we're not worried. What we printed is the truth. This Watrous is something else."

—E.P.



UNENCUMBERED

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Hello! Please just come and sit with me a moment, quietly, and relax while we chat over a "cup of tea" together.

I have been thinking about the difference in people I know. Some of my friends who carry very heavy responsibilities, who are always busy, are often those who give the impression of being at leisure and having time for people.

There are other friends who are constantly rushed, dashing from one thing to another, burdened with all kinds of problems and usually exhausted, but always able to recite the activities in which they are involved—in other words "encumbered." Weariness comes not only from actual work but also from attitudes about it or people involved. I won't tell you how I know!

I wonder sometimes how we ever managed to cope with the problems and confusions related to travel in India. There were

always enormous piles of luggage—ours and mission things—that had to be carried piece by piece on and off trains.

Sometimes it was an order for galvanized tin bathtubs for new missions, or an organ to be fixed in the city, or two bicycles for the evangelists. The worst of all was traveling with two dogs, which were held in one hand on separate leashes, and my baby held by the other hand. The dogs just insisted on tangling their leashes around the legs of other travelers. What an exhausting series of comedies and errors to get in and out of!

It seems to me that being tangled in our relationship with other people is the most difficult of all, and the most exhausting.

What a relief when everything is finally safely put in its place and the dogs are back home free in the backyard! What a release to be *free* myself and unencumbered!

Since those days I have had to do some releasing again, taking my hands off. Nowadays the problem is more likely to be pressures, attitudes, barriers that weigh me down.

Do you know what I mean? Things happen about which one can do nothing, and yet there is a troubled and uncomfortable feeling of pressure, especially if something has been unintentionally tangled around someone else's feelings.

Well, I tried the same releasing, one thing after another—putting it down and taking my hands off. After a bit that wonderful sense of freedom returns and I am unencumbered once again.

It is not that I have no further concern. It is only that everything is put, one by one, into the hands of One who can not only manage it, but can work out the right answers and straighten out the tangles.

"Able to keep that which I commit."

It is a great privilege to have a quiet mind and heart and to be "at leisure from ourselves." Unencumbered!

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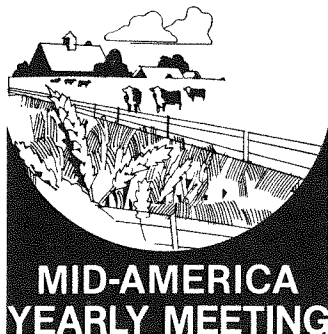
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FRIENDLY FLASHES

THE MID-AMERICA CONFERENCE ON PEACEMAKING met November 17 in Hesston, Kansas. MAYM's Social Action chairman, Galen Hinshaw, reported the speakers were Fr. Richard McSorley, S.J., and T. Canby Jones, of Wilmington, Ohio. The Friday evening and Saturday sessions concluded Saturday evening with a plenary session and worship service led by Hesston College students.

FRIENDS BIBLE COLLEGE, Haviland, Kansas, set a new record in October at its 48th annual Women's Auxiliary Auction, with sales totaling \$34,317.70. The sale lasted over nine hours and featured handcrafted wood articles, ceramics, afghans, and other items. Quilts always bring a high price, and the top this year was \$2,000 paid by Ervin Hancock, of Hugoton, who bought the quilt back for its maker, Mrs. Vera Patterson, of Haviland.

New hymnals for the chapel were dedicated in the memory of Enoses Akotto, an outstanding Kenyan student, who passed away during the last school year.

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY, Wichita, Kansas, featured livestock, antique autos, furniture, handcrafts, collectibles, and home-baked foods at their fall auction. It was a great success, and money raised was designated for student scholarships.

MILTON REAM, of Cherokee, Oklahoma, Friends has accepted the position of librarian/bibliographer of the Quaker Collection at Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

RON and JANICE WOOD, at the Kickapoo Friends Mission, McLoud, Oklahoma, send advance thanks to all who are working to make Christmas a happy time for the Indian people at Kickapoo. A suggestion as to needs was mailed with their recent newsletter, with the note that while they had plenty of baby comforts, they need undershirts, gowns, and diapers, to fill layettes for new babies. Their address is Box 570, McLoud, OK 74851.

LOWELL and JOSEPHINE THORNBURG, Ramona pastors, shared highlights of their Burundi trip at the Tri-State Area Rally held at Bolton Friends in October. Sheldon Tucker had youth activities and the "Gospel

Lights" brought music and testimonies.

CRAIG AND WINIFRED PETERSON, Alton, Kansas, are again serving in a volunteer missionary capacity in the Southwest Indian School, near Peoria, Arizona.

MAYM was saddened to learn of the recent passing of both Clayton and Louella Brown, of Northwest Yearly Meeting. The Browns served for 19 years on our Burundi Mission field and are parents of Randall Brown, who also is one of our missionary alumni. Memorial gifts to Louella have been designated for Burundi and the Mweya Bible School and Seminary, which the Browns helped to build. Memorials to Clayton are designated for the Twin Rocks Camp, where he often worked, in Oregon.

THE QUAKER BONNET (an MAYM/WMU publication) reports that MAYM ladies filled an order for 3,000 Wordless Books for this year's Burundi vacation Bible school. The WMU youth and junior project was for new wheels for the mission "Red" pickup in Burundi. Total received was \$1,176.69—with the largest contribution of \$430 coming from Rose Hill Friends/United Methodist VBS.

Myrtle Kinser, Haviland, resigned from the office of WMU treasurer after serving for eight years. She will be missed. Gay Clarkson, also from Haviland, is the new treasurer.

JAMES AND DORIS MORRIS have been scheduled for missionary conferences in the Friendswood Area, Haviland, the Northwest Area (Gardner, Lawrence, and Willow Creek) and at Miami (Oklahoma). They spent the month of October visiting Eastern Region Friends.

ARE YOU USING THE DAILY PRAYER GUIDE for Evangelical Friends, prepared by John Grafton, EFA Evangelism Commission chairman? In his call to prayer in the closing moments of the seventies, John reminds us, "It's God's will. Let's all get involved and be used of God as He builds His kingdom."

Also for use in your daily devotions is the **Missionary Prayer Directory**, compiled by Reta Stuart of the EFM Office in Canton.

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Nor has the Home Ministries Division of the Outreach Board (MAYM-ese for the "extension committee" or "church planting task force") used such methods in its recent concentrated effort to extend the boundaries of MAYM by establishing new places of Friends worship.

Since Yearly Meeting sessions in August, seven of the Home Minis-

tries members have journeyed to Salina, Kansas (population 49,000), to spend the day visiting the Chamber of Commerce, a leader of the Christian community, and a major realtor as well as to tour the city.

A subsequent meeting held in Wichita considered facts from a similar survey of five other communities ranging in population from 156,000 to 17,000 located in three of the states of MAYM territory. More importantly, they took action to choose two locations in which to begin a Friends church.

Of course, more meetings will be held and much more work is to be done before these meetings become a reality. But the goal has been established and is approaching quickly: "to launch these new meetings in the spring of 1980."

You'll be hearing more about this—and it won't be EENIE, MEENIE, MINEY, MOE!

"Looking Over My Shoulder"

by Royce Frazier

MAYM Superintendent of Youth

Between the miles on the road, the committee meetings, writing letters, keeping books, recording and answering the retreat registrations that come across my desk, I allow myself the occasional luxury of "looking over my shoulder" to evaluate what has happened.

After my first three months on the job as the superintendent of youth for Mid-America Yearly Meeting, the look reveals more than the color of shirt I am wearing or the wall behind me. It reveals a trend of involvement by our youth that (as they would say) "blows me away."

Our high school Midwinter Retreat, which is to take place on December 21-24, is an exciting example of that. Initially I expected 75 young people, but as I write this I'm waiting for about 10 registrations to add to the 116 that now sit on the corner of my desk. The response by our high school young people has really amazed me. It speaks well of the support I'm receiving from the youth workers in our churches, but it also says something about the desire of the youth to involve themselves together as a group, seeking the fellowship and growth of the body of believers. This is a mark that I appreciate in our young people.

Another mark of vision in our youth is their proposed budget for



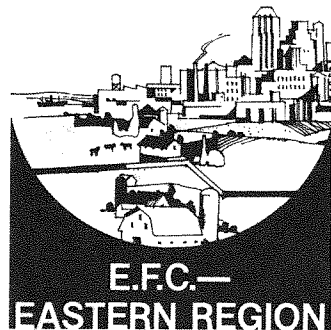
Royce Frazier (left) with Brad Harvey, president, MAYM Friends Youth.

the next year. At our recent Yearly Meeting sessions, the young people raised their commitment from \$7,700 (1978-79) to a whopping \$11,500 for the 1979-80 year, and are they excited about that!

Last week I met with our youth executive council to plot our strategy for the coming year. They were all there, I expected that; and everyone participated, I praise the Lord for that! It was helpful to me in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of our programs and in trying to plot a course that would help us grow in the Lord.

As I look toward the future, I'm grateful to the Lord for directing Carolyn and me to this place in His work—at this time. The desire of our young people to grow and be able to minister to the world they live in, coupled with the visions and concerns of the youth workers in our churches, is a formula that equals a very bright future for us here.

The catalyst that makes it all happen, though, is the Holy Spirit—and I'm thankful for that! "But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:37 NASB)



Disaster Benefit Auction

"Hurricane Fredrick on the rampage!" This was the news from the weather forecaster that Dean Johnson, coordinator for Friends Disaster Service, and his co-workers faced as they prepared for the second annual benefit auction held Saturday, September 15. The morning before the appointed time, approximately six inches of rain had fallen on the Summit County Fairgrounds near Akron, Ohio, and the turbulent skies and steady downpour did not promise any relief. However, by early afternoon, Fredrick was passing out of the area, and with the expertise of professional disaster workers, the crew set to work cleaning the flood waters out of the buildings and preparing for the big day.

Over 1,500 people attended the all-day auction, which began at 7:00 a.m. with devotions for the volunteer help, then serving a pancake and sausage breakfast.

The four spacious buildings used housed a flea market, crafts, plants

and produce and the auction items. The contents of these buildings were indeed a tangible exhibit of the love and concern that Friends carry in their hearts for others. They represented hours of tedious labor—actually time in which treasures were being laid up in heaven. Only eternity will reveal the sacrifice of time spent in the quilt making, crocheting, knitting, wood carving, clock making, painting, baking, and other talents by those who carry a concern for disaster work.

What a sense of accomplishment and praise to God was experienced when it was revealed that the second annual auction brought over \$15,000 into the disaster treasury! In the auction itself, a little over \$10,000 worth of purchases were made. Other amounts collected were \$780 from the pancake and sausage breakfast, including extra bulk sausage sold, \$1,310 from the barbecued chicken dinner, \$2,343 from the craft building, \$686 from plants and produce, and \$469 from the flea market. Other smaller amounts were collected from popcorn, trees

and shrubs, Dr. Ezra DeVol's shelves, Blood Pressure and First Aid booth, and a painting and drawing booth sponsored by youth.

The auction itself could not have been a success had it not been for the services of our very capable auctioneers David Jones and Tom Foner; the clerk, Grace Jones, and the bookkeepers Ray and Betty Johnson and Glenn Lipely. Along with them were scores of other people who served as cooks, servers, cashiers, display builders, cleaners, pricers, parking attendants, van and truck drivers, and errand runners.

Monies raised from the auction will help to finance the volunteer teams from over 80 Evangelical Friends churches as they seek to aid victims of tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, and other disasters. Immediately following the auction, the disaster van purchased with proceeds from last year's auction, filled with men, left for Grinnell, Iowa, for a church renovation project. Also, teams are currently working in the flooded areas of Barberton and other locations in Summit County, Ohio.

Only our heavenly Father knows what the future holds for the Friends Disaster Service. Presently, He is using it as a tool to help suffering humanity regain hope and learn about His love through concerned Friends. And we know that as long as Friends remain concerned, necessary funds and equipment will be made available. The 1979 benefit auction has proven that!

Tournament Weekend

"Play ball!" This was the cry heard over and over as 30 softball teams, representing many Friends churches from across EFC—ER, converged at Canton, Ohio, for the annual Friends Softball Tournament. Each year over the Labor Day weekend this activity of fun and fellowship takes place and continues to provide a special experience for those involved.

First Friends Church of Canton served as the host, with team members being housed at Malone College. Enough ball fields were reserved to care for the large number of games needed to care for this double elimination tourney. Larry Westler of Canton provided the leadership, the schedules, and much enthusiasm.

Twenty-one men's teams and nine women's teams participated in the 1979 tourney. They played 45 games on Saturday, September 1, and 12 on Monday, September 3, before the champions were determined. Lisbon Trinity won the women's division, while Columbus Westgate defeated Providence (Virginia Beach, Va.) two out of three for the men's title.

Among the women Raisin Valley (Michigan) was runner-up and Columbus Westgate came in third. In the men's competition Providence was second; Lisbon Trinity, third, and Winona (last year's winner), fourth. Other men's teams included Salem First, Alliance, East Richland (two teams), Barberton, Damascus, Beloit, Deerfield, Columbus Westgate (two), Canton (four), Tecumseh, Raisin Valley, Raisin Center, and Martinsville Trinity.

Women's teams included Barberton, Damascus, Beloit, Canton (two), and Tecumseh in addition to those mentioned above.

Sunday was a day of spiritual refreshment for all visiting teams. Breakfast was served at Canton Friends Church, where all enjoyed the early worship service and were introduced to the congregation. An afternoon picnic at the Camp Farm site was followed by a worship service featuring the "Friends of Jesus" in concert. A good weekend for all!

Focus on Malone

"Quality of Life" is the theme for this year's December Term 100. Students will choose as their main course Modern Translations of the Bible, Psychological Adjustment, Politics, or Technology and the Good Life. They may elect a number of cluster courses on topics including the proper use of leisure time, prac-

tical business principles to make life easier, the quality of life in developing countries, and medicine in America—today and tomorrow. Several students will be traveling to Florida and others to Colorado for special off-campus field study courses.

Youth Conference '79, held the last weekend in October, brought to campus more than 150 senior high teens from Ohio and surrounding states for a weekend of spiritual renewal and growth. This year's conference featured the teaching of evangelist Pat Hurley and the music ministry of Mark Christian, Micki and Becki Moore, and Pete Carlson.

President Randall has just returned to campus following a five-month sabbatical leave. The highlight of his study in Asia this summer was the June ceremony at National Taiwan University, where he presented Dr. Charles DeVol with an honorary doctorate from Malone College.

Tom Key's *The Pilgrim*, a religious drama based on Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, is the fall college drama production. The play, just recently released in the United States, ran November 8, 9, and 10.

Dr. Bill Pannell, professor of evangelism at Fuller Theological Seminary, was guest speaker for Christian Life Week this fall on campus. Dr. Pannell, the author of *My Friend the Enemy*, served on the staff of Youth for Christ International four years before joining Tom Skinner Associates as evangelist and director of campus ministries. He has conducted crusades across the nation and visited scores of college campuses in his efforts to revitalize the black church.



Pastor John Morris ministering to the volunteer workers during breakfast. Cy Nezbeda (center) purchased the 1979 auction commemorative plate for \$145 and presented it to Dean Johnson, coordinator. Pastor John Morris looks on.



A grandfather clock—one of the contributions to the auction—being sold.



A Philosophy of Ministry

There is the constant need for a clear philosophy of ministry for our pastors—an agreed-upon expectation by pastors and people that will allow the Spirit to move a meeting. Energy should not be wasted struggling with mixed expectations and the loss of harmony and strength such struggles bring. Morale suffers

when a pastor is frustrated and the people are bruised and discouraged. My occasional association with other denominations leads to the opinion these problems in our Yearly Meeting are not any worse than others; in fact, the love and trust found in most pastoral relationships is a beautiful channel of blessing. Nevertheless, some observations need to be attempted.

God's call to women is as sacred and spiritual as God's call to men, and doors of ministry will remain open in our Yearly Meeting for pastoring and preaching for both under the Spirit's leading. The notion keeps creeping back into the church at large that God somehow favors masculinity in the ministry; we understand the Gospel removes all such differences between male and female. One's usefulness in the kingdom is based on faithfulness, not one's sex. This is merely a reminder of who we are, and that it is one of our deepest convictions.

A pastor of a thriving church must wear an assortment of hats—biblical scholar, spiritual leader, theologian, counselor, educator, administrator, and communicator. The community of believers feels that a pastor should be free from self-serving attitudes, sensitive to the varied needs of the flock, and able to handle crises calmly. Yet, in the final analysis, a pastor may find his or her effectiveness is not based on piety so much as on personality.

Complicating this may be a passive dependency pattern created by many pastors because their training, compensation, and evaluation are controlled by others. This colors a pastor's self-image. Someone has put it: "The community now sees ministers as well-meaning lightweights, and they see themselves that way."

Without a clear understanding of what is expected, or how accountability works, some confusion and

hurts result. Several successful business and professional people have complained that our pastors are not well-organized, don't work hard enough. If they made more gospel sales, the church would grow faster; it is always a tendency for those who have never pastored to measure spiritual work largely by business standards and production charts. Perhaps more of this is needed at times. My own experience and observation is that pastors usually work too hard, but sometimes at the wrong things. To expect a pastor to speak three times or more a week will result in overexposure and underpreparation. Counseling often forces itself into a pastor's priorities and creates its own set of problems.

The recent "Focus on the '80's" conference, attended by more than 80 pastors and spouses, was most helpful in seeing these priorities and possibilities for us all.

—Jack L. Willcuts

Olympic View Observes Tenth Anniversary



Dan and Judi Nolte have pastored at Olympic View since the church has occupied the present sanctuary. Dan spoke at the afternoon anniversary hour, with former pastors Fred Baker, Howard Harmon, and Jack Willcuts participating.



Friends have been worshipping in the Tacoma area much longer, but recently observed their 10th anniversary in the present sanctuary pictured above. Several additions have been made including one now under construction. Located in a fast-growing housing district that includes a new city library across the street, Olympic View Friends are optimistic about continuing as an effective, vital, growing church in this community. Jack Willcuts, superin-

tendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting, spoke in the morning worship hour of the anniversary day.

Charlotte Macy Memorial Chapel Dedicated

Friends and relatives of Charlotte Macy gathered in September to dedicate one of Charlotte's long-time dreams—a prayer chapel at Twin Rocks Conference Center.

Mahlon Macy, brother of Charlotte and superintendent of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends, gave the message and family response. Special music was given by David and Becky LeShana and Linda Ostrin, harpist and great-niece of Charlotte.

The prayer chapel will be used primarily for worship and prayer by individuals and groups. Pastors, families, churches, and other groups are invited to come to Twin Rocks to spend special times of prayer in the chapel in the beautiful setting along the Oregon Coast. Special arrangements can be made by writing Harlow Ankeny, the executive director, 18705 Highway 101 N, Rockaway, Oregon 97136.

Central Washington Friends Hold Successful Children's Camp

Making use of a well-equipped and well-managed Boy Scout Camp near Wenatchee, Washington, Friends of Entiat, Quincy, and East Wenatchee Friends churches held a most successful boys and girls camp this year under the direction of Violet Baker of Entiat. Camp Friendship was the name chosen, and the theme was "Happiness Is the Lord" for the first sessions with Wayne Piersall as speaker.

More than 50 youngsters of junior age were involved in the camp located in a 197-acre wooded area

with streams, open fields for games and activities, and an abundance of nature trails for hikes and exploring. Leadership came from each of the three churches participating, as well as the Newberg area.

A camp board is in the process of formation to provide future cooperative ventures during the year for youth and, of course, another children's camp next year.

Around George Fox College

George Fox College has started an extended evening program for area residents with 32 classes offered during the current school year. Courses are offered from each of the college's six divisions each term and may be taken for full college credit or for continuing education credit at half the normal rate. Senior citizens 62 and over attend without tuition charge.

A program to produce athletic trainers for public schools and to provide individuals the foundation for receipt of certification by the National Athletic Trainers Association has been started by George Fox College. The new program is being offered to meet the increasing demand for athletic trainers in grade and high schools and because of the popularity of the field. Heading the new program is Frank Kyte, who is in his eighth year as George Fox trainer, and is a Certified Athletic Trainer.

Coming Events

27-31 Midwinter for high schoolers, Twin Rocks Conference Center

Help Wanted: Caretakers at Twin Lakes Camp

Dick and Sandi Wild have served as custodians at Twin Lakes Camp for the past year. Now the Lord has called them to attend college at George Fox in preparation for full-time ministry. Twin Lakes is now in need of caretakers for the camp. Perhaps some retired or semi-retired couple would like to live at this camp as caretakers and serve the Lord in this way. Anyone interested in more information may call John Teagarden, chairman of the Twin Lakes Friends Camp, at (208) 772-5261 or write him at Route 1, Box 96, Hayden Lake, Idaho 83835.

Cherry Grove Friends Church Dedicated

Donald and Judy Moore invited all former pastors of the Cherry Grove Friends Church to the dedication of their new \$450,000 building designed to serve a growing congregation. David Leach of Seattle gave the dedicatory message, with former pastors Herbert Sargent and Lloyd Melhorn speaking briefly. Jack Willcuts led in the prayer of dedication.

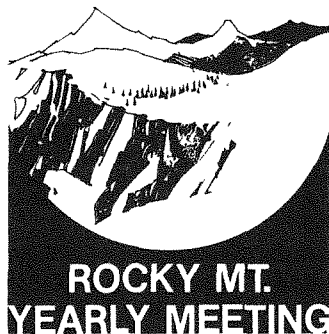
The unique, appealing, and prac-

tical architectural design of the church situated on an ideal crossroads corner actually sits in a cherry grove. But the growth potential is challenging, for Cherry Grove is the geographical center of Clark County, one of the fastest-growing counties in the state. A Christian education wing is in future planning.

The Yearly Meeting is pleased with this new ministry and growth and is encouraging all to participate in the Cherry Grove Share Call.



The new Cherry Grove Friends Church.



Northwest Friends Is RMYM's Newest Meeting

Northwest Friends is the newest church in Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting.

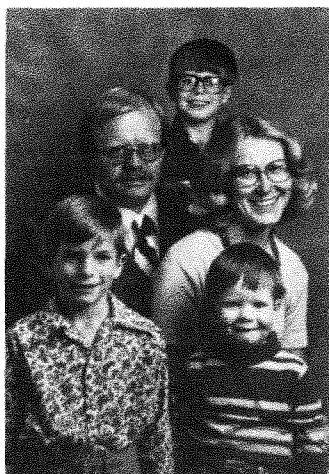
The meeting is a two-year old mission church begun by five First Denver Friends families commissioned as missionaries.

Here are those five original families and roles they have played in beginning the church.

The John Brawner family—Brawner, an insurance salesman, is church stewardship and financial chairman. He also shares responsibility for teaching the adult class. His wife Sue plays piano for the worship service and teaches the junior class. Together they lead a Navigator study program. They have two children, Shawn and Jenny.

The Keith Hinshaw family—Hinshaw, a letter carrier, is the chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee and has been active in visitation. He also leads a home Bible study and the congregational singing. He occasionally teaches the adult class. Hinshaw's wife Vi teaches the primary class. Their two sons Duane and Dean are in college this fall.

Jim Linhart family—They were part of the original group for one year, but have now moved to the Center Friends Church.



The Tom Bousman Family, pastors of Northwest Friends.

Wayne Street family—Street, a school teacher, is on the Spiritual Life Committee. He regularly opens worship services and often teaches the adult class. His wife Diana is chairman of the Christian Education Committee and teaches in the children's classes. Together they lead the senior high youth group. Their daughter Janette is the assistant teacher for the beginner class. They have two more children, Jerry and Steve.

Tom Bousman family—Bousman has the preaching and pastoral responsibilities for the fellowship. He works full time in the shoe business and relies on the team effort by the core group. Bousman was a lay minister in the Denver church for two years before the Northwest Fellowship began. His wife Lynette teaches the beginner class. They have three sons, Tyler, Zachary, and Joshua.

The Northwest Friends Church meets in a small church building the group recently bought in Arvada, Colorado.

South Dakotans Win Prizes in Parade

Empire Friends Church members entered four floats in a parade celebrating the 100th anniversary of

Vale, South Dakota.

Parade entries included all ages of the church membership. One float entered by the adults, "Jesus Is the Same—Yesterday, Today and Forever," won first prize in its category. Other float entries were youth—"The Harvest Is Ripe," children—"Old Woman in Shoe," members—a humorous dairy float.



Empire Friends pastor Lloyd Hinshaw and wife Doris ride a parade float with several members. Members included Lin and Dorothy Dunn, who portrayed early Quakers, and Bob and Pam Pawley, and Andrea Williamson portrayed modern Quakers. It won first prize.

Frances DeVol, as they were scheduled to be moving soon. During the evening the DeVols showed a movie of a hunting expedition in India and of their work in the hospital there.

BATTLE CREEK, Michigan

A new Toddlers Program has been started along with a new Middlers Department for 4th and 5th graders. This was necessary due to the size of the classes doubling in a two-month period.

Work is being done on the community center, the old church building, to make it more effective in ministry and service. A new lowered ceiling, painting, a new wall, and other work have been completed. Eager anticipation fills many, as a new outreach through this building is being planned.

BOISE, Idaho

The ladies of our church had a bon voyage party for Kathy Antrim, our pastor's daughter, prior to her leaving August 15 for Nagasaki, Japan. Kathy is teaching English to Japanese girls in a Christian school.

A special teacher training for toddlers 0-2 years old was held in our church August 15. Betty Hockett from Newberg, Oregon, was the leader. We began a Toddlers' Sunday school class September 9.

The Education Committee went to Quaker Hill Camp for a weekend retreat September 14-15. This was a time of planning, inspiration, and goal setting.

We had a dedication service for all Sunday school teachers and youth sponsors on Sunday morning, September 16. Also included were couples delegated as Prayer Partners for these people.

The Music Committee arranged an outstanding evening of music on Sunday, September 23. A special feature was the dedication of our new hymnals.

BOLTON, Kansas

The people at Bolton Friends Church have been busy putting the finishing touches on their church lately. Thanks to the efforts of Grady Miller, the rocking of the outside of the church is well underway. Workdays have been held for everyone to come and help do things around the church. The sidewalks have also been laid. Praise God for this beautiful church that many people thought would never get built.

The Give The World A Smile Puppet Company, based at the Bolton Friends Church, has been busy also. They performed recently at Riverside Park in Independence for a telethon that was televised. They will also perform two shows on Main Street as a major attraction during the annual Neewolh celebrations held in Independence. These performances will be held after the Kiddy Parade on Friday and after the big parade on Saturday. The Puppet Company is a great outreach for our church.

FRIENDS GATHER

ALBA, Missouri

We dedicated our new worship and education facilities October 14. Gerald Teague brought the message and special music.

ALLIANCE, Ohio

A new program called WEEP (Wednesday Evening Elective Program) has begun at Alliance First Friends Church. This plan will enable persons to have four choices for the Wednesday evening meeting. A "Spiritual Growth" class will be taught by Janet Wuske; the Scriptures will be the only book used. Another, "Making Your Work Your Place of Ministry," taught by Glenn Lipely, will feature Scripture lessons, listening to some who have succeeded, discussing, and possibly designing some personal goals for ministry on the job. The third class "Just for New Christians... Or Those Who Feel Like One" is in charge of Rick and Joyce Sams and will stress basics of what Christians believe. At least half the time will be spent sharing questions and concerns, then searching for Bible

answers. The fourth choice will be the regular prayer, praise, and healing, conducted by the pastor.

Cindy Aufrance spoke and showed slides of her recent trip to China when she met with the ladies' missionary circles. The ladies then presented her with a miscellaneous shower.

A few months ago an interests and talents survey was made of members and friends. Thanks to the efforts of Lois Galbreath, this information has been card cataloged for easy access. Common interests, ministries, callings, or talents may be readily found by stopping by the office and checking out this file.

The trophy won by our softball team this year was presented to Eleanor Fink in memory of her husband, Charles, who was a loyal fan and friend of the players. It was graciously returned to the team to be kept with their other trophies.

ALUM CREEK, Marengo, Ohio

The annual Family Night at the Alum Creek church was held the end of September honoring Dr. Ezra and

BREWSTER, Ohio

The Brewster Friends Church recently completed a remodeling project on their parsonage, including the installation of aluminum siding on the house. This was achieved, in part, through a loan from the EFC-ER Development Fund.

CANTON, Ohio

First Friends in Canton extends a big "thank you" to Larry Werstler for all the effort and time he put into making the EFC-ER Softball Tournament a success! In this packed weekend Larry included competition, fun, food, and worship to make time spent at the ballpark well worth while for everyone.

What a pleasure it was for us to honor faithful church members, Ray and Lois Everts, on their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a reception in the Fellowship Hall!

Under the leadership of Betty Mulvutch a Flea Market was held in the church gym. The proceeds, totaling \$523.43, were sent to help bolster the building fund of the church in Haiti.

In our "Getting to Know You" Sunday, the response to wearing name tags was so impressive we decided to continue using them. How great it is to learn for sure the name that belongs to which face!

**COUNCIL HOUSE
Wyandotte, Oklahoma**

Pastors Phil and Lee Herr happily announce the arrival of a "new" 1977 Plymouth van. It was purchased for our meeting by the people of Indiana Yearly Meeting. We may have to use both our old and our "new" van, as our Junior FY has outgrown a single van.

What's a day in the life of a retired preacher worth? At the annual church auction in July we found out. Larry Pickard (recent past-pastor) put himself on the block, complete with tools. He offered free use of his tools and talents for eight hours. His wife, Lucille, saw her chance and got him for the day for \$36. There's more than one way to get a job done!

DAMASCUS, Ohio

October was missionary emphasis month in Damascus Friends Church. Special speakers have been Ian Kemp from Union Biblical Seminary, Nancy and Harold Thomas from Peru, and James and Doris Morris from Burundi, Africa. The Barbara Brantingham-Rebecca Coleman Circle hosted Cindy Aufrance at their meeting, where she shared her experiences in Hong Kong.

The Administrative Council held a retreat at Quaker Canyon Camp for their planning of the year ahead.

EMPIRE, Vale, South Dakota

"Wheeling along God's Way" was the theme of the July 23 to 27 Vale Friends vacation Bible school.

A new feature of this year's school was a puppet troupe led by Alisa Williamson. The group performed

twice a day and led the singing. The puppets have become popular and have performed at other area church



services. The youth group is directed by John and Alisa Williamson, who devised the programs.

EMPORIA, Kansas

A special birthday party was held for all those 80 years of age and above. There are six in our congregation who are over 90.

We hosted the Northeast Area Rally, with John Robinson as speaker.

Nick Block, from Friends Committee on National Legislation in Washington D.C., was our speaker in October.

**FERRY ROAD
Danville, Virginia**

Following the evening worship service on Sunday, July 8, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carpenter celebrated their 25th anniversary. A reception was held in the basement of the church.

Congratulations and best wishes go to Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Mangrum, who just recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. A reception was given in their honor by their children and was attended by many friends.

Our Sunday School Picnic was held on August 25 at Dan River Mill's Elkhorn Lake Park. Horseshoes, boating, and a large picnic lunch were enjoyed by all.

Ferry Road's softball team slugged their way to the championship in Danville's City League (D) for churches. The team not only played GREAT ball but showed a beautiful spirit of team effort and true Christian fellowship.

FRIENDSWOOD, Texas

The fall Adult Continuing Education Program of Texas Friends churches has begun, and classes being offered are Introduction to New Testament Greek, by Dr. Little; Inductive Study of 12 Minor Prophets, by Delbert Vaughn; and Discoveries (Exploration of the Deeper Christian Life) by Paul Thornburg.

**FULTON CREEK
Prospect, Ohio**

Fulton Creek church had a baby dedication service in September, at which time Brett Michael Caudill was dedicated.

The Russell Zinn family, missionaries to Taiwan, were with us for a Wednesday evening service, and Esther spoke to the Women's Missionary Society the following Thursday.

The Young Friends class rented a booth for the Kris Kringle Kraft Bazaar with proceeds tabbed for the general fund and faith promise.

GREENSBORO, North Carolina

Our Wednesday night prayer meeting came alive this summer when the adults moved upstairs and turned the downstairs over to the children and their leaders. Bible stories, Bible drills and verses, recreation, and refreshments were enjoyed. The Wednesday night attendance doubled, and we reached children who do not regularly attend our church.

HAY SPRINGS, Nebraska

Our youth had an active summer.

Twenty pupils and six teachers participated in the June 4 to 8 vacation Bible school. During July, 12 children from the area attended youth camps at Quaker Ridge Camp in Woodland Park, Colorado. Here is an account of camp by Guylia Alcorn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alcorn:

"This year at camp I really enjoyed myself. There was always something going on. Something fun and different was done this year—we got to go to places away from camp. The seminars this year were on relationships, self-image, thought life, Quaker doctrine, and peace. They all were interesting. At camp you can get so close to God. It's a real neat and exciting place."

HESPER, Eudora, Kansas

The Lawrence and Hesper Friends Youth groups met recently for a bowling party and pizza. There were 18 young people and 6 adults in attendance.

The Richard Knabe family have been hosting an exchange student from Madrid, Spain, who recently returned to his homeland.

Our youth group sponsored a Sunday evening service with a program of special numbers, Bible reading, testimonies, devotions by the pastor, a Bible quiz, and refreshments.

HOPEWELL, Kansas

Our 90th Anniversary Celebration was held September 30 with Superintendent John Robinson bringing the messages in the morning and afternoon services. Special vocal music was by Betty Robinson and Anita Fitch. Instrumentalists were Eda Cook and Della McAhren. Pastors participating in the program were current pastor, Veryl Hinshaw, and former pastors, Marion Lyon, Galan Burnett, and Temple Lee.

Trellabelle Pike read letters of greeting, and Edna Hodson gave a review of the history of the Hopewell meeting. Poems and special music were brought by Edwin and Eda Cook and Leta Bennett.

LA JUNTA, Colorado

Crusader Larry Jones, of Oklahoma City, held a week-long crusade in La Junta from August 5 to 12.

Michael Haley, pastor of the La Junta Friends Church, served as music chairman for the evangelistic meeting. The meetings held at the La Junta Tigers football field had an average attendance of 800 each night.

LAS ANIMAS, Colorado

Two of our members, Fred and Phyllis Hickman, are the new pastors in Hallowell, Kansas.

The film *Where Eagles Fly* drew 140 from Las Animas Friends, plus the American and Southern Baptists and the local Nazarenes. On our Rally Day, Larry Glassco from Peyton, Colorado, came to the Sunday school and gave Bible lessons through magic.

Another church member, Willie Leland, will be attending LeTourneau School in Texas with his new wife, Peggy. They plan to work with missionaries after graduation.

LEAGUE CITY, Texas

League City hosted Northshore for a Sunday evening service. The Sergio Panceros provided music and Jim Jenkins brought the message. The following Sunday, Northwest Houston Friends were guests.

Nick Block, formerly a Friendswood resident, now with FCNL, was in our meeting in November.

MIAMI, Oklahoma

Clark McQuigg, Miami, graduated *cum laude* from the University of Houston, with a B.S. degree in Science and a Doctor of Optometry degree.

Clark and his wife Jane have moved back to Miami, where he has set up practice. Clark and Arbbara McQuigg are his parents.

Merrill A. Thomas was graduated from Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Tulsa, in June. He is the son of Mildred and Alvin Thomas of Miami and a brother of Dr. Roger Thomas, a practicing physician in Wichita, Kansas.

Floyd and Winifred Kissling are our new pastors, and we are happy to have them serve our congregation.

We are excited about our November Missions Conference, with James and Doris Morris as our speakers. As part of our missions interest, we have chosen a sister church in Burundi. We plan to assist the church bearing the name "Sure" by raising funds through Faith-Promise giving.

**MORNINGSIDE
Port St. Lucie, Florida**

Vic and Helen Klassen, faithful participants in the Morningside church, have launched a refugee resettlement program for people of Indochina, asking Dave and Martha VanCise, members of the church, to direct the project. It is anticipated that as many as 10 families may be

resettled in St. Lucie County, Florida. To date, two families have arrived, and considerable effort is being given to getting them oriented in America. One family is Chinese who had fled Red China into Cambodia, then had to flee that country as well. The second family is Cambodian. Both have come through refugee camps in Thailand. The project is being handled through the World Refugee Service of the World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals. Though this is not an official project of Morningside church, we commend these folk for their concern and are giving them our support.

While Hurricane David visited our area of Florida pretty heavily in early September, no severe damage resulted from the storm. Morningside church building was used as a hurricane shelter by the Civil Defense Unit, and we were glad to offer shelter to many residents and travelers caught in the storm.

NORTHBRANCH Burr Oak, Kansas

A potluck dinner and food pounding welcomed our new pastors, Lester and Mary Snyder and their daughter, Laura.

Lester soon put his carpentry skills to work. He paneled the living room, front bedroom, completely restored an old bathroom and put new carpet in a front bathroom, put a new door on the front and a divider in the living room, giving our parsonage a beautiful new look. Many thanks to Lester for this hard work!

In September, Lester and Mary and Laura hosted 78 people to an open house. Cookies and punch were served.

The Friends Youth group presented a play, "The Prodigal Son"—a modern version of Luke 15:11-32. This was given along with a "Make Your Own Sundae, Sunday," the last of October.

The church is now much in preparation for a week of revival in November with Bob Sander as speaker.

OLYMPIC VIEW Tacoma, Washington

Olympic View Friends Church celebrated their 10th year in the present building on September 9, 1979. (See pictures on page 23).

A breakthrough in Bible Study! Starting October 3, we can share the joyous experience of a program that can take us through the Bible book-by-book, opening new doors in Bible understanding, gaining greater blessings, and sharing a wonderful study with our families.

A new record for Sunday school attendance was set on September 9. It was a great day for us all. Esther White is teaching from the book of Daniel and Richard Hendricks is taking us through Hebrews. Thanks to them both!

"Friends Building for the Future" program is making headway be-

cause of the efforts of a dedicated few who give up their Saturdays to put in a hard day's work. The day care extension is already roofed, and it is exciting to watch the progress week by week. Soon the interior will be started. We thank the Lord that He is blessing our efforts.

PENIEL, Onemo, Virginia

Forty-one children and young people of the Peniel Friends Church gathered for a Bible study at the church recently, then left for the roller skating rink for an evening of fun.

Russell and Esther Zinn were present at the church for services September 26 and 30.

The church children are collecting pine cones to sell to the Forestry Department. The money will be used to have the church name put on the bus.

SEILING, Oklahoma

Our prayer meetings have been well-attended with around 60 in the three adult classes and one group of mostly teenagers led by Ramona Redinger. The smaller children are with Jane Hendershott and Maxine Sizelove.

Our Friends Youth recently organized (we have not had enough young people to have a meeting for some time). We appreciate this fine group, with Lyndon and Starly Bensch as sponsors and Ronnie and Linda Redinger as assistants. One Sunday evening this group had the entire worship service.

We just closed a week of special services with Marshal Cavit as evangelist. He showed slides before each evening service and had a very interesting Bible study each week-day morning.

SMITHFIELD, Ohio

A four-evening "Spiritual Awakening" with Stan Scott was held to begin the 175th anniversary of the building of the Smithfield church. The month-long anniversary commemoration climaxed with a homecoming dinner in mid-October.

Reta Stuart, former missionary to Burundi, Africa, and presently secretary at the cooperative missions office in Canton, was guest speaker and showed slides on Africa at a dinner meeting of the Norma Freer Missionary Society.

Pastor Norman Anderson was named chairman of the Health Fair for the community. This is sponsored by the local church council, and diagnostic health screenings are made free of charge to all age groups.

SPOKANE, Washington

Karen McConaughy will serve as commander for our new Awana group, with Sandy Fuller, Dwaine and Becky Williams, Pam Emery, and Rick Watson filling director/leader positions at the various age levels.

This year's vacation Bible school, under the direction of LaVeta

Thompson, saw a record 86 boys and girls involved, with an average daily attendance of between 50 and 60.

On August 26 our church officially welcomed Roy and Karen McConaughy as pastors, as well as their sons Shawn and Mike.

The women's weekly Bible study, prayer, and fellowship time began October 9. Already the group has split into a morning and afternoon session; and an evening session for women who work away from home is being considered. Marlene Watson is leading the groups on the topic of "Understanding Your Emotions."

They came September 15 expecting to stay perhaps a week. Over a month later, October 17, they finally embarked on their homeward journey to Newberg, Oregon. As a result of their stay, our church has been immeasurably rewarded. Visible results are seven new storage cabinets, featuring drawers, shelves, a unit for each Sunday school classroom—a long-awaited replacement for cardboard boxes and orange crates!

In addition, there are bookshelves for the establishment of a new library center, and a beautiful new multimedia center storage unit. At the parsonage there is a new cabinet to hold a drop-in range and stove top. What unique couple is responsible for all this? It's Bob and Beatrice Benham, whose special ministry of travel to churches in need of carpentry work has so richly blessed our church—including also the important results of fellowship with these very special people and Bob's assistance in conducting a workshop for ushers. Bob and Beatrice—our thanks can never be adequately expressed.

STARK, Kansas

We observed our 95th Anniversary October 21. John Robinson and Alden Pitts were featured speakers. Betty Robinson brought special music.

TECUMSEH, Michigan

"Come Alive '79" evangelistic meetings were held with Stan Scott, former TV newscaster who turned from atheism to Jesus, as the speaker, and Ian Crawshaw, baritone soloist, providing special music.

Tecumseh Friends celebrated the 10th anniversary of their new church building with a homecoming picnic and service, with former pastor Paul Brantingham bringing the message. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Edward Escolme, a former pastor for 39 years, and Celeste Richardson. There was a lot of good special music. Slides of past church activities were shown.

Amos Wilson was honored on his 80th birthday with a celebration by his church family. Mr. Wilson was a mail carrier for 49 years, a dairy farmer, is active in Clinton Historical Society and the Friends Church. He and his wife Delia have been faithful attenders of the Yearly Meeting.

They are the parents of four children, and have eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

TULSA, Oklahoma

We are rejoicing in the goodness of our God. In response to earnest prayer, the Lord has brought Scott and Judy Salley to Tulsa Friends as



Scott and Judy Salley

youth ministers. Our youth group meets Sunday evenings, and their first activity was attending the gospel concert, "A Day in the Son." This concert was the result of a vision of one of our young men, Kerry Wollard, to bring many local Christian musicians together and give a free, open-air concert.

On Halloween an "All-Saints Day Carnival" was held. The youth held it on our parking lot and encouraged neighborhood youth to come and participate and receive a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ.

At our recent Monthly Meeting, a building fund for an educational wing was established. By God's help we have determined to build debt free. Two large donations have already been received.

We are rejoicing in four new families the Lord has given to us: Ieta Simmons, Larry and Veva Longstroth, Ken and Nancy Peacock, and Cooper Beaty. They and their children have added much to our spiritual life. Also adding to our joy in the Lord are the students from ORU, Rhema, and Victory Bible Training institutes who share worship with us.

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URBANA, Ohio

We have been blessed and challenged recently by the ministry of several Friends representing various mission fields. At the annual Family Night, Tammy Fansler of the Bellefontaine Friends Church showed interesting slides and told of her trip to Taiwan. Rev. Anil Solanki and family from India, now living in Columbus, Ohio, where he is attending Ohio State University, were guest speakers for a Sunday morning service. He told of the ministry of the Union Biblical Seminary, where he is a professor, and spoke very highly of the Friends missionaries, both formerly and currently serving in his country. David and Cindy Aufrance, teachers in Hong Kong, spoke at an evening service. Their message and slides gave us a vision of the vast and evergrowing population.

One Saturday afternoon the older children and early teenage youth met at the church, where they were privileged to enjoy singing, sharing, and praying with Tentmakers, Jim and Kay Cermak and children, and

Chris and Nancy Jackson, students at Malone College who served in two summer ministries. After eating supper together, they all visited in the homes of shut-ins and other families. The following morning Chris Jackson brought the message, and the "Free Spirits" from the Gilead Friends Church furnished special music.

WEST PARK, Cleveland, Ohio

Founder's Day/Homecoming was celebrated at the West Park Church early in September with Dr. Clifton Robinson as speaker for the day and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Herris in charge of the special music. Other special guests that participated in the afternoon service were Raymond P. Targart, Dr. Byron L. Osborne, and Lois Pankuch Miller.

Twenty-eight adults were enrolled in and attended the "Basic Youth Conflict Seminar" held in Cleveland, with Bill Gothard as the instructor. The seminar was held at the Public Auditorium in Cleveland.

PERKINS—To Clark and Kellie Perkins, a daughter, Amy Lynn, August 28, 1979, Baciuff, Texas.

PETERSON—To David and Linda Kerr Peterson, a daughter, Teresa Lynn, August 10, 1979.

RILEY—To Don and Kaylene Riley, a daughter, Magean Jean, July 17, 1979, Hay Springs, Nebraska.

ROBERTS—To Frank and Barbara Roberts, a daughter, Jocelyn Lee, September 15, 1979, Friends Memorial, Seattle, Washington.

SANDERS—To Arden and Joy Sanders of Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas, a son, Glenn Joshua, September 12, 1979, Papua, New Guinea.

SANTEE—To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Santee, a daughter, Jennifer Lynn, August 21, 1979, Damascus, Ohio.

THATCHER—To Bill and Anne Thatcher, a girl, Whitney Jan, September 22, 1979, Friends Memorial, Seattle, Washington.

TIPPIN—To Jon and Ruth Ann Tippin, a son, Matthew Brooke, January 15, 1979, Portland, Oregon.

TROYER—To Tony and Esther Troyer, a daughter, Janessa Louise, August 13, 1979, Hillsboro, Oregon.

TURPIN—To Michael and Marsha Turpin, a son, Ronnie Marshall, August 1, 1979, Ferry Road Friends, Danville, Virginia.

WAGONER—To Kim and Teresa Wagoner, a son, Todd Matthew, September 6, 1979, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

WALKER—To Michael and Linda Walker, a daughter, Kayla Jolene, May 27, 1979, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

WHITEMAN—To Daryl and Patricia Whiteman, a daughter, Crystal May, August 26, 1979, Timber Creek Friends, Atlanta, Kansas.

ZINK—To David and Kathy Zink, a son, Joshua David, August 17, 1979, Cottonwood Friends, Emporia, Kansas.

MARRIAGES

BOWER-SINSABAUGH. Debra Bower and Robert Sinsabaugh III, September 8, 1979, Hughesville, Pennsylvania.

BRIDGE-MENDENHALL. Morgan Bridge and Mark Mendenhall, July 28, 1979, United Methodist Church, Hay Springs, Nebraska.

BURROWS-BUETTNER. Carol Burrows and Lonnie Buettner, August 11, 1979, United Methodist Church, Hay Springs, Nebraska.

COX-LYON. Winifred Cox and Marion Lyon, October 11, 1979, Haviland, Kansas.

DRINNON-MUELLER. Connie Drinnon and Mark Mueller, August 11, 1979, First Denver Friends, Colorado.

EDWARDS-HIGHTOWER. Marguerite Edwards and James Hightower, August 18, 1979, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

GOGHENOUR-WINN. Sharon Goghenour and Philip Winn, September 1, 1979, Salem, Ohio.

HICKMAN-LELAND. Peggy Hickman and Willie Leland, August 11, 1979, Las Animas Friends, Colorado.

KENFIELD-CHAPIN. Nancy Kenfield and David Chapin, September 8, 1979, Battle Creek, Michigan.

KIMES-STANLEY. Trina Kimes and John Stanley, August 31, 1979, Damascus, Ohio.

LIEBOLD-KIBLER. Joyce Liebold and Pat Kibler, September 18, 1979, Fulton Creek, Ohio.

LINDSAY-BOLL. Phyllis Lindsay and Harlan Boll, August 9, 1979, First Denver Friends, Colorado.

MEYER-ZORTMAN. Kim Meyer and Tim Zortman, September 15, 1979, Fowler, Kansas.

MILLER-WINKLE. Diana Miller and Gail Winkle, September 29, 1979, Emporia, Kansas.

MOORE-JOHNSON. Linda Moore and Paul R. Johnson, August 25, 1979, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

PIERCE-MORROW. Sue Pierce and Lester Morrow, September 7, 1979, First Denver Friends, Colorado.

ROBERTS-MILLER. Kirsten Roberts and Gerald Duane Miller, August 25, 1979, Topeka Friends, Kansas.

STARK-BERRY. Lindsay Stark to David Berry, September 8, 1979, Grace United Methodist, Denver, Colorado.

SUTTON-RYAN. Delane Sutton and Bill Ryan, October 5, 1979, Emporia, Kansas.

TURNER-LARKEY. Esther Turner and Charles Larkey, October 3, 1979, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

WHITMOYER-BRAUNBECK. Joanne Whitmoyer and William Braunbeck, July 28, 1979, Hughesville, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAMS-AYALA. Patricia Gayle Williams and John Ray Ayala, September 22, 1979, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

WILSON-CASEY. Diane Wilson and Tedd Casey, August 25, 1979, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

DEATHS

ALLEN—Frank Ernest Allen, 86, September 17, 1979, Haviland, Kansas.

BLACK—Ida Black, September 15, 1979, Urbana, Ohio.

BUTTERFIELD—Willard Butterfield, 80, August 30, 1979, Denver, Colorado.

DUNBAR—G. Robert Dunbar, 49, August 28, Prospect, Ohio.

HAWLEY—George Hawley, 76, August 8, 1979, Vale, South Dakota.

HUMPHREY—Fred Humphrey, August 16, 1979, Urbana, Ohio.

MATERNE—Lucy Materne, September 28, 1979, Spokane, Washington.

OSBORNE—Gladys Osborne, September 17, 1979, Canton, Ohio.

PAULEY—William Pauley, 84, August 28, 1979, Vale, South Dakota.

ROSS—Milo C. Ross, 68, September 13, 1979, Medford, Oregon.

ROUTON—C. N. (Shorty) Routon, September 14, 1979, Fowler, Kansas.

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

SNOW—Keith Snow, September 10, 1979, Hillsboro, Oregon.

SNYDER—Vare M. Snyder, September 28, 1979, Barborton, Ohio.

THOMPSON—Harold Oscar (Tommy) Thompson, 57, September 11, 1979, Haviland, Kansas.

THOMPSON—Lewis Thompson, September 17, 1979, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

YOUNG—Mary Young, August 28, 1979, Fowler, Kansas.

FRIENDS RECORD**BIRTHS**

BAIRD—To Bill and Connie Baird, a daughter, Rebekah Kay, August 23, 1979, Battle Creek, Michigan.

BECKER—To Danny and Tammy Becker, a daughter, Tie Lynn, September 5, 1979, Spokane, Washington.

BOSCHULT—To Ron and Kim Boschult, a son, Laeton James, August 28, 1979, Springfield, Nebraska.

BRAWNER—To John and Sue Brawner of Northwest Friends, Arvada, Colorado, by adoption, a daughter Jennifer Elise, age 8, August 1978.

BRICKER—To Dave and Charlene Bricker of First Denver Friends by adoption, a daughter, Becky Kay, on February 16, 1979 (born January 24, 1979).

BUETTNER—To Oddie and Leena Buettner, a daughter Shae Lynn, November 10, 1978, Hay Springs, Nebraska.

CLUTE—To Jay and Linda Clute, a son, Alan Jay, July 26, 1979, Denver, Colorado.

COMFORT—To Robert and Carolyn Comfort, a son, Michael Aaron, September 31, 1979, Tecumseh, Michigan.

CRANDALL—To Ben and Lisa Crandall, a son, Caleb Patrick, October 4, 1979, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

CROSS—To Ray and Sue Cross, a son, Nathan Lee, July 13, 1979, Las Animas, Colorado.

DAVIS—To Dean and Annette Davis, a daughter, Mellissa, October 14, 1979, Friendswood, Texas.

DURAN—To Tony and Sheila Duran, a daughter, Jerika Leigh, August 2, 1979, Denver, Colorado.

FEIGHT—To Mike and Deborah Feight, a daughter, Elizabeth Marie, September 27, 1979, Tecumseh, Michigan.

FRAZIER—To Dan and Twila Frazier, a daughter, Betty Marie, September 6, 1979, Fowler, Kansas.

HESS—To Roy and Pat Hess, a son, Joel Robert, August 17, 1979, Tecumseh, Michigan.

HODGES—To Glenn and Betty Hodges, a daughter, Glenda Caroline, October 9, 1979, Friendswood, Texas.

HOWARD—To Michael and Linda Howard, a daughter, Melinda Marie, September 6, 1979, Battle Creek, Michigan.

JOHNSON—A daughter, Emily Anne, to Tim and Jane Johnson, August 20, 1979, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

JONES—To Don and E. J. Jones, a son, Carl Mitchell, August 28, 1979, Eugene, Oregon.

LILE—To Mike and Pat Lile, a son, Gabriel Cameron, June 6, 1979, Denver, Colorado.

LINDGREN—To Ray and Karole Lindgren, a son, Rockford (Rocky), August 28, 1979, Homestead Friends, Cedar Point, Kansas.

MACY—To Gary and Jean Macy, a daughter, Tauni Joy, May 28, 1979, Vancouver, Washington.

MEISTERHEIM—To Phil and Kathy Meisterheim, a son, Carl David, July 9, 1979, Battle Creek, Michigan.

MOTT—To John and Marge Mott, a son, Jesse, October 3, 1979, Emporia, Kansas.

NEUSTADT—A son, Benjamin Brett, to Bill and Debbie Neustadt, August 25, 1979, Willow Creek Friends, Kansas City, Missouri.

NICHOLS—To Jim and Sandy Nichols, a son, James Key, September 13, 1979, La Junta, Colorado.

OWEN—To Robert and Elaine Carner Owen, a son, Bradley Eric, August 14, 1979, Damascus, Ohio.



THE RECENT expulsion of a number of missionaries from the small Central African country of Burundi has raised a number of questions about what is actually happening and what the future holds for mission work there. The following brief report may help answer a few of these questions:

The expulsions took place at two different times. The first, which happened in mid-May involved a dozen or more Catholic priests. The national radio explained it was due to the church's involvement in politics and its strong criticism against certain government actions. The second expulsion order was issued on June 7 and included some 60 Catholics and 24 Protestant missionaries. The order was issued by the General Administrator of Security and Immigration. It contained no accusations but simply stated that they were no longer able to reside in Burundi because they were "undesirable." These expulsion orders were delivered directly to the individuals involved when they could be located, thus bypassing the accepted agreement of first notifying the embassies of wrong action by their citizens living in the country. The expellees were asked to sign the expulsion order and given 48 hours to leave the country. The Burundi government refused to produce evidence of the wrongdoing of those expelled and also to reconsider the case of those involved. Most expellees were treated courteously by the government officials who were involved in carrying out the expulsion orders.


Among the Protestants expelled, the Friends had only two, the World Gospel Mission had eight who were on the field and two who were on furlough, the Free Methodist Mission had six on the field and two on furlough, the Danish Baptists had two who were in Burundi, and the Anglicans two who were on furlough. The largest percentage of those expelled were among those who had served in the country for many years or who were serving as field superintendents of the various missions.

Rumor and speculation have produced many so-called reasons, but the actual truth behind the expulsions is unclear at this point. There were and are a number of things happening in the country that could have combined to bring about the sudden

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expelling of the missionaries. Developments in the near future may make clear which of these had the greatest influence and whether there may be more to follow.


At present, missionaries on furlough who were not on the list as well as new ones are going to Burundi. The government has made it clear that they will welcome such to serve in the country. This still leaves an open door, for which we can praise the Lord. While there are restrictions on meetings being held outside the church buildings, the revival and blessing still continues as those who have been saved or renewed share their testimony on a one-to-

one basis, as well as in church services. While the situation is not completely understood, God does know what is happening and it is His Gospel and His Church that has been planted and is growing in Burundi. 

GOING DEEPER

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up early every morning to pray for missionaries. "I pray for each one of you by name," she wrote. "I ask God to bind the forces of evil that would harm you. I pray for Him to give you liberty in doing His will . . . I have used up all the strength I have to write this letter to you, and so I must close here." On May 5 that year she died. The fruit of her prayers is still abundant in my life and also in others for whom she daily prayed.

Oh, let us take the pickax and break the rocks! Let us pray! 

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