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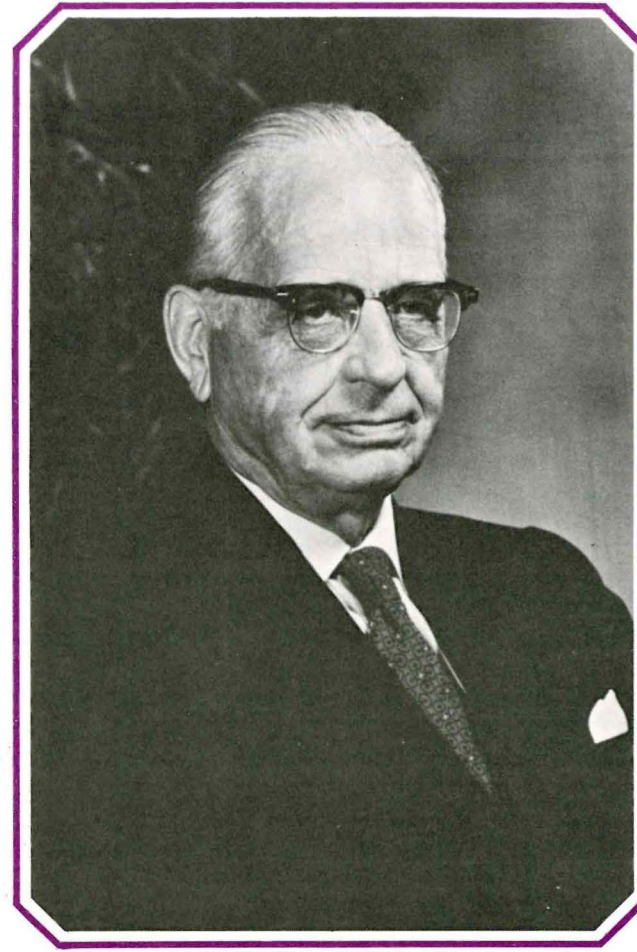
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D. ELTON TRUEBLOOD: MY VISION FOR THE EIGHTIES

From an address to the second National Conference on Pastoral Ministry

I am deeply moved as I look at everyone here, partly because I know so many and because I have such reason to hope in you. This morning I had breakfast with four young men, each about 25 years of age, and I thought, *what a future they may have!* One of the most striking things of the St. Louis gathering is the age level. Have you noticed that we are not all over 60 years of age? And so we are really seeing the leadership of the eighties into which we have now come.

You know, I have thought for a long time about what I would say today, and I have had plenty of time! And I want to say something that will be significant. Keith Sarver, two days ago, said, "We know where we are, but we

do not know where we are going." And immediately I thought of the epitaph on the gravestone in Scotland, where I was last summer, which said: "Consider friend as you pass by, as you are now so once was I. As I am now you soon shall be. Prepare, therefore, to follow me." And some wag had scratched underneath: "To follow you I'm not content, until I know which way you went."

I have given many speeches in my life—probably ten thousand. I shall be 80 years old in December, and I am trying very hard to bring my traveling ministry to an end, because I want my energy to last longer in other ways. I know that for 40 years I have given an average of 250 speeches a year, and it takes a lot of energy. And I want a

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number of you young people to be getting ready for this so that you can engage in the holy task of penetrating the whole of our culture.

You well know that many of the metaphors of Christ are the metaphors of penetration. You are the SALT of the earth. You are the LIGHT of the world. The purpose of salt is to penetrate the meat; the purpose of light is to penetrate the darkness. Above all you are the leaven, and the purpose of the leaven is to reach out into the world into every nook and cranny, that the dough may rise and there be bread that people can eat.

If you are to know the eighties, you've got to be a realist, not cover up with easy deceptions. We are, dear Friends, in a bad situation. Economically, all the signs are bad. Some of you are on fixed incomes. The continued inflation may make your life practically impossible. We have no idea how we are going to solve the problem in Iran, and the situation in the Holy Land is so frightening that anybody with any intelligence at all is really scared. Something could happen there any day that could affect the lives of all of us and all of the other people about whom we care.

Crime has vastly increased. I live in a place that ought to be relatively free from crime, namely, Wayne County, Indiana, but we have had a 40 percent increase in crime in one year. Where can we turn for hope? There was a time when we said education will be our panacea. But we all know better now. In all honesty there are colleges that make people worse instead of better. And some of our worst centers of immorality are our college campuses. It is not popular to say that, but I know it is true. In my total

career I have spoken in 350 colleges. I know a little of them firsthand. Many of them are centers of decay instead of centers of renewal.

I come to the conclusion that our best hope really lies in the Christian faith. I really think that. Notice I did not say *religion*, for religion can be anything. Part of the trouble in Iran is religious. The Ayatollah Khomeini is very religious—and very bitter and hateful and very vindictive. And he hates YOU, and everything in our country. And he claims to be doing it on religious grounds.

Now if we begin to get this narrowed down to what is required, we shall begin to see what our function is in the years that are allotted to you and me. Nearly all of us here, I am glad to say, are Quakers. We are not sectarian; far from it! We don't think we have a monopoly on anything. But if we are wise we shall realize that in our Quaker heritage we have something that is very, very precious. Not for our sakes, but for the world. And we are wicked and faithless if we do not make this available.

To take just one example, the relationships between women and men. Quakers were the first Christians after the Renaissance to give equal opportunity to women and to men in spiritual leadership. And when you think back to the 17th century, you cannot even imagine the Quaker movement without a woman like Margaret Fell. In this, Quakers were way out ahead of the world, believing from the beginning the marvelous words of Galatians, In Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (NIV)

The women here are just as much the carriers of a heavy responsibility as are the men. I still don't know, in my travels, any other Christian group that believes this as thoroughly and completely. I give you that as just one example of how Quakers may have something that the world greatly needs, and that the world does not have.

Now how are we going to change the world? The chief instrument is what we call "the ministry." Christ turned the world upside down when He invented the idea of the ministry. It is not really, in any full sense, in any who preceded Him. No doubt the most revolutionary sentence in all the world is that in which Christ said, "Even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister"—not to be served, but to serve. And I suppose that this is why at Thessalonica it was said of the little Christian group, "These be the people who have turned the world upside down." It is the idea of ministry that has this revolutionary effect.

In the religions preceding there were high priests, there were people of great nobility; the priests of ancient Egypt were always associated with the reigning Pharaohs. Julius Caesar, immoral though he was, was the chief priest of Rome, the Pontifus Maximus, grand, imposing, impressive, a person of prestige and power. And Jesus Christ said, "But it shall not be so among you." You are called to serve. This, you see, is what we mean in philosophy by a "transvaluation of values."

D. Elton Trueblood's closing address to the more than 600 Quakers attending the National Conference on Pastoral Ministry in St. Louis in April inspired and challenged the Friends gathered. Drawing on his wide experience and vision for the future, he gave the message from which this article is excerpted.

So the one thing that has brought every one of us into this great company here is the powerful concept of the ministry. And I don't know of any group in the world that has stressed it more than Friends have. Often it was assumed that everyone in the early Quaker movement of the 17th century was in the ministry. I remember seeing an old newspaper account at New Amsterdam, which is now New York, that said, "A boatload of Quaker ministers docked yesterday." It was assumed that they would all be that. And the theme of that ministry was the theme of this conference, namely, the kindling of other lives.

Look very carefully at any part of the Gospel in which Christ says, "I came." Whenever He says "I came," He is telling what His fundamental purpose is. "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly." And then above all, that tremendous one from Luke 12:49; "I came to cast fire upon the earth." This is the task of the ministers of Jesus Christ, whatever their location, and whatever their age may be.

We are not likely to build the right fire unless we are very clear where we stand. I am convinced that there are four ways in which we can clarify this to ourselves and to the world—a fourfold conception of the Gospel that comes as the heritage of Quakers, which if applied in the eighties will reach the great seething, searching, seeking, confused mass of people. There are a million ways to lean and fall. There is only one way to stand erect, and these four supports will help you to stay erect.

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What kind of faith can you represent in your words and in your deeds that will reach and help these seething masses? First, a Christ-centered faith. The way is narrow and few there be that find it. Our hope does not lie in religion in general, which is a very poor thing. But if your faith is *Christ-centered* you have something really solvent. You have a standard of reference by which all other things can be judged. If I were going to write a creed, I would say this: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, and that He is like Jesus Christ.* The Christlikeness of God is what makes all the difference. I mentioned the Ayatollah Khomeini. He supports the cutting off of people's hands. Here you are a million miles away from the witness and forgiveness of Christ who said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." You see, God could be, and not be like Christ. He could be vindictive, cruel, impersonal, a mere "it." And you cannot pray to an "it." Thank God for Christ's personal prayers: "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou has hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes."

So our Christ-centeredness is by no means an oddity. It is not something that we have drummed up. It is something

that is the very heart of the whole enterprise. Historically, Quakers have been the most Christ-centered of all Christians. Partly because George Fox, when he had his amazing experience known to everyone here, explained it in this way: "I heard an inner voice that said, there is one, even Christ Jesus, that can speak to thy condition. When I heard that, my heart did leap for joy." That is how Quakerism began. We have often diverted, we have had all kinds of oddities, idiosyncrasies, but this is the mainstream. And when you have a Christ-centered faith, you have something exceedingly solid.

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Number two is ecumenicity. William Penn, in his splendid introduction to the *Fox Journal*, gives his own interpretation of what happened in the summer of 1652 on Pendle Hill. He said Fox there had a dream of a life in which there would be one shepherd and one people. Fox spoke sometimes to Quakers. He spoke 10 times as often to non-Quakers. I have tried to make that my own pattern. On the 20th of January I spoke in Sun City, Arizona, to an ecumenical service in the Roman Catholic church with 2,000 people present, 100 of them sitting on the floor right in front of the podium. There were a few Quakers there, but I suppose not more than 10 or 15. I wasn't trying to reach merely those Quakers, I was trying to reach the people of the world.

The vision of Quakers that I am giving you now is not one in which we stew in our own little juice, but in which we go out from centers of vitality such as we have here in St. Louis in order to penetrate. Get into the teacher's meetings. Get into the meetings of the service clubs. Get into the great universities. They are mission fields par excellence. Now you know I have been doing this for years, and I am sure that I have spoken to non-Friends far more often than I have to Friends, not by accident, but by intention. And I want you people to be ready. I want you to live your lives in such a way that you are invited, that you have these opportunities. Welcome these opportunities. Cultivate these opportunities. And when you are given an invitation, thank God for it.

But you have to be ready. You cannot give to others what you do not have yourself. *And you need to be very, very clear about where you stand if you are to help anybody else.* I know of no group in the world that needs to share more than Quakers do.

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The third is the vision of wholeness, which is the supreme vision of the eighties. We all know that in the recent past

there have been terrible divisions in the church between what we call the pietists on the one hand and the activists on the other, often looking at each other with animosity, hatred, and distrust. The real divisions are not between denominations but among denominations and sometimes within congregations.

Now it is part of the genius of Quakers, with all our weakness and all our inadequacies, that we have never ceased to stress equally the inner life of devotion and the outer life of service. I talk to strangers and often they know about our work of service—child feeding at the end of the war, services to prisoners or the mentally ill. It's a great story and we have every reason to be happy about it, to be part of it ourself. I myself often go to prisons to visit the inmates, and I know that some of you do in the same way. A faith that centers on yourself is a very sick faith. But this outer life of service must never negate the inner life of devotion.

Many of you no doubt have planned courses in the Christian classics. I hope you will plan them if you haven't. It is one of the most exciting things that you can engage in. And you will soon find that practically any list of classics of Christian devotion includes more from Quakers than from any other group. I have never seen an important list of Christian classics of devotion that did not include the *Journal* of John Woolman. And this was not got up by Quakers, but by all kinds of people, both Protestant and Catholic.

I am so pleased that James Newby, who is here, has had the time and energy to bring out a little book called *Reflections from the Life of Christ*, which is an account of five of these Quaker classics of the inner life of devotion. *The Fruits of Solitude* by William Penn is number one; John Woolman's *Journal* is number two; *The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life* by Hannah Whitall Smith is number three (that's from the 19th century); *The Double Search* by Rufus Jones, and *The Testament of Devotion* by Thomas Kelly. These are acknowledged classics, these five. You must know them if you are to be worthy of your calling. You have the responsibility of bringing them to other people who will be helped by them.

I know one or two people here who are working on Joseph John Gurney; Don Green of Portland, Oregon, is doing the same. Most people have never even heard of Gurney, but his depth and brilliance would be very effective in their lives.

Now this illustrates what we mean by wholeness. The inner life of prayer, the outer life of service. The life of affection and the life of the mind. You are called upon to think. You are called upon to think with great toughness. For in the confusions of the world you will have to outthink all opposition. Our Lord has called you to love God with all your mind, and many of you know the brilliant expression of the Apostle Paul, "I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also." And is the holy conjunction,

not *or*. The life of wholeness to which you are called means that you must know how to play and how to pray, how to laugh and how to weep, how to live at home and how to live in the world. The Christian calling is one of tremendous magnitude.

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Number four is a shared ministry. And this brings the whole series to a genuine climax. There is no hope for a Christianity in which we do not expect every Christian to be a minister. We cannot win by people being only part of an audience, by being observers, by watching a performance that other people do. All have got to be in the act—all the women, all the men, all the young people, all the people in common life of every occupation that you could imagine.

I am glad that we have represented here not only people who are pastors and who are given the great liberation of being able to give their whole time to Christian work, but we have other people in this room who are occupied in economic tasks, and that's the way it ought to be. You who are in the supported ministry are very lucky people: that is, you are liberated to give your whole time to what you think is important. You are not paid to preach, you are liberated to serve. And these are two radically different ideas.

This afternoon as I fly from St. Louis to Toledo I will be watching for people on the plane who need me. I am not out of the ministry just because I am not in this gathering of saints! Wouldn't it be silly to bring this thing to an end just because you moved from one little place to another? You see, you are never off duty. You are never in a situation in which you might not be useful. This is what is meant by the universal ministry. And I want you to say to the people under your care, "If you are not a minister, you are not a Christian at all." It isn't a matter of some ceremony being performed over people; that is utterly external. It is a matter of being on Christ's team in the world, and the pastor is chiefly a recruiter.

I hope you remember these four things that I have said. I have not said them lightly, I have not done this off the top of my mind. I hope that they will sink so deeply into your mind that they will guide your own ministry, and through you guide the ministry of thousands upon thousands more. Think what we could accomplish with more than 600 people if all were on fire. Think of the fire they could start! We are not in Operation Addition, we are in Operation Multiplication, and you, dear friend, you are the multiplier.

Support us, dear Lord, all the day long, till the shadows lengthen and the fever of life is over and the evening comes and our work is done. Then grant us safe lodging and a holy rest, then peace at last through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The brief space we allot for a writer's biography permits little more than a person's current position. In the case of D. Elton Trueblood, who will celebrate his 80th birthday on December 12, that brief space is all too limiting. Permit me, then, to elaborate here on this remarkable man:

Elton Trueblood was born in Iowa, an eighth-generation Quaker in a direct line. He earned his degrees from William Penn (A.B.), Harvard (S.T.B.), and Johns Hopkins (Ph.D.). Honorary doctorates have been granted by 12 institutions in nine states. He has written nearly 35 books, hundreds of articles, and has delivered some 10,000 major addresses in his long career. He has held professorships at Guilford, Haverford, Harvard, Stanford, and Earlham. His honors and lectureships include the Churchman of the Year Award in 1961 and the Staley Lectureships and Willson Lectureships in America 1960-1973.

His current position as founder/president of Yokefellows International, with headquarters in Richmond, Indiana, has perhaps the widest outreach of any of his ministries.

May God grant Elton Trueblood more years of ministry to Friends and the world. May He also raise up others who will eventually pick up his unique mantle. —H.T.A.

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THE MUSLIM CULTURE: DEVELOPING FRIENDSHIP THROUGH UNDERSTANDING

BY ROBERT HESS

Robert Hess, professor at Malone College, Canton, Ohio, who has just completed a term as the first executive director of the Evangelical Friends Mission, draws from his years of world missionary experience and formal training to bring this historic perspective of the Muslim culture, relating it to the present day crises in the relationship of Islamic nations with other world communities. The article is adapted from one appearing in one of Cleveland, Ohio's daily papers.

WE AMERICANS miscalculated the deeper feeling of one Islamic people in the spring 1979 revolution in Iran. This was a costly mistake leading to serious reassessment. The subsequent change in American attitude was summarized in the recent State of the Union Message when the President said "U.S. is the friend of every Islamic nation." In an attempt to develop friendship we do well to seek understanding of the Muslim culture.

Islam means submission, that is to the will of God, Allah. As a historical movement it had its origins in the western part of Arabia, in the city of Mecca, a busy trading city in A.D. 600. Muslims (or Moslems), the people of Islam, believe however that the roots of their faith go clear back to Abraham, who with his son Ishmael founded the Kaaba. The Kaaba is the cube-shaped sanctuary in Mecca that houses the sacred black stone. This stone, probably a meteorite, was worshiped by pre-Islamic Arabs. In fact, this stone was the central object with other deities that were honored by Arabian tribesmen who periodically visited Mecca.

Located at the juncture of north-south and east-west trade routes, the city of Mecca was famous in the sixth and seventh centuries A.D. as a religious and trading center. Arab tribes in the area of western Arabia interrupted their frequent warfare during the four sacred months in fall and spring out of deference to the gods of Mecca.

Mohammed was born into one of the socially less influential families of this city in A.D. 570. Soon he became an orphan and was brought up by an uncle. He learned the caravan trade, later becoming the business agent for a wealthy widow, Khadija, and then her husband. Her wealth provided him with time to reflect and to meditate. Out of this meditation, or in the middle of it, he sensed that God (Allah) was commissioning him to proclaim divine unity and judgment on idolatry to his fellow Meccans.

Some of his teachings reflect a partial awareness of Jewish and Christian principles and history, some of it the style and content of Arabian oracles. He considered himself the last of 28 divinely commissioned prophets, including several from the Old Testament and three from the New Testament. Jesus was one of them.

The devout Muslim believes that his teaching came as a direct revelation from God through the angel Gabriel. These revelations were written at first on bits and pieces of leaves, leather, parchment, stones, camels' shoulder blades and ribs. Later, they were incorporated into an authoritative text, considered by Muslims as the direct revelation of God, the Koran.

Mohammed's deep conviction led him to condemn both idolatry and social injustice in Mecca much in the tradition of the Hebrew prophets. Opposition to him began with ridicule and extended to physi-

cal persecution. The hostility of the ruling merchants of Mecca was based not so much on his doctrines as their fear that if this teaching spread it would adversely affect their religious sanctuaries. They knew that economic as well as political changes would follow their acceptance.

Mohammed and his small group of followers tried different plans, but finally decided to accept the invitation to arbitrate between rival Arab tribes in the city of Medina, two hundred miles north. The departure from Mecca occurred in A.D. 622 and marks the beginning of the Islamic calendar. It is called the Hijira.

Other parts of the Koran were revealed in Medina, and there began the real development of the Islamic community. This new community led by Mohammed sought first of all to consolidate its own position, turning theory into practical administration. Secondly Mohammed determined to use the

he took stringent action against the Jewish tribes in Arabia and was planning attacks against the Byzantine Empire to the north before his death in 632.

The immediate disarray that followed his death was corrected by the appointment of an early disciple Abu Bakr as the first caliph or successor to the Prophet.

Then began the series of military campaigns that confirmed to the Muslims that God was with them and currently confused the leaders of the Byzantine and Persian empires. In the brief compass of 20 years fast-moving Muslim troops conquered Palestine, Syria, and thrust into the heart of Persia. Soon afterward they pressed into Egypt and on into central Asia. Within one hundred years after the death of their prophet they had entered southern France.

Historians speak of the inherent weakness of the once mighty Byzantine and Persian empires who had been battling each

Mohammed in his meditation. He felt that his people, the Arabs, needed a book to prepare them for it, like those possessed by Jews and Christians. Throughout the Koran the emphasis is on God's omnipotence and man's creaturehood. Believers are to be characterized by a deep fear of God.

This reverence will be manifested in the five "pillars" of Islam. First is the creed, or witness, proclaiming the unity of God and Mohammed as his prophet. Then the Muslim is enjoined to pray five times daily facing Mecca. He will give alms, a certain amount of his income for the poor and needy. Fasting can occur as needs arise, but it is particularly observed in the month of Ramadan from dawn to sunset. Once during his lifetime the devout Muslim will seek to keep the pilgrimage to Mecca. Formerly it was by foot or by camel; now by ship, bus, and jet airliner.

The political center of Islam moved with military conquest to Damascus in Syria about A.D. 750 and lasted there for almost one hundred years. Tension over the selection of Caliph in 656 led a party to appoint Ali, a son-in-law of Mohammed, arguing from lineal descent. An opposing and more powerful leader was of the dominant Ummayyad family in Damascus. Ali was murdered by some of his disappointed followers because he seemed so weak. The leader in Damascus then became Caliph.

At the same time the two sons of Ali, the only living male heirs of Mohammed, were the leaders of the party (Shiah) of Ali. One of them was nominated to Caliph but resigned for a pension and soon died. The other, Husain, fought the Ummayyads (680) at Karbala in Iraq and was killed along with his little son. Considered a martyr by the followers of the Shiah group his death is remembered with great emotion each year. Shiites of Islam are not as preponderant as the Summi or Orthodox Party, but they are widely scattered.

Of contemporary significance is the fact that the Shiites comprise almost the whole population of Iran. There are several subdivisions of the Shiah. Each of these calls its leader the Imam. Most predominant in Iran are the "Twelvers" who believe that the twelfth leader did not die in 878, but "disappeared." In the fullness of time he will return as the Mahdi, divinely guided one. In his absence there are selected representatives on earth to lead his followers; these are the ayatollahs.

The most brilliant period of Islamic civilization was in the Abbassid period from A.D. 750 until the coming of the Turks from



weapons against Mecca that they had used on him.

His men successfully attacked Meccan caravans and repulsed their counterattacks. At the same time, he incorporated other Bedouin tribes into his community. Due largely to his leadership skill, Mohammed was able to bring Mecca, too, into his fellowship as a willing partner after seven years. Thus he could and did reenter as the leader of a new movement in 630.

The next two years prior to his death were most significant, for in these Mohammed sought to prepare the Islamic movement as a unified concentration of Arabian feelings. Now his troops were ranging more widely. He concentrated on instilling into former Meccan opponents the zeal and devotion of his earlier followers. The verses or suras of the Koran written in Medina are different from those of Mecca in their political and social teachings. Some see a much more expedient and realistic political person here.

Whatever the estimate of the man, it remains true that he demonstrated remarkable leadership ability, magnanimity, and sympathy for the weak. At the same time

other for almost three hundred years. There was a lot of political dissatisfaction in Egypt and Palestine with Byzantine control from far-off Constantinople. Other factors doubtless contributed, but the enthusiasm of warriors with a newfound faith grew apace from one campaign to another. They were promised four fifths of the booty if they survived the battle, and if they died in such a *jihad* (holy war) they would proceed directly to paradise.

The new empire used "people of the Book," Jews and Christians, to continue administration largely as they had been doing. With the payment of a head tax they could keep their religion. Others were either forcibly, or by their own consent, converted to Islam. The story of the governing of the vast empire, the use of newfound wealth, and the adaptation of Koranic teaching to new cultures is an interesting and complicated one.

The essential teachings of Islam are a clear-cut monotheism; idolatry is condemned in all its forms. No Islamic architecture would have pictures of people or animals carved within it. The doctrine of the Last Judgment was a motif that had early led

Central Asia in the 11th century. During this time there were distinguished mathematicians, geographers, chemists, surgeons, and poets. Divisions of opinion in theology and philosophy were paralleled by political separation among Muslims.

The European crusaders sought to regain pilgrimage centers from about 1100 to 1300. Their success was shortlived but much of their unchristian behavior is still vividly remembered by modern Muslims. Most devastating of all the attacks on Islam was the Mongol tribes from eastern Asia. Baghdad was destroyed in 1258 and likewise much of the whole Islamic civilization. Some believe that only in our century are these countries returning to something of the dignity of the earlier period.

The impetus that assisted far more in the spread of Islam than military conquest was that called *Sufi*. Literally this means "one who wears wool." This may have begun as a protest against the luxury of Islamic leaders in Syria in the eighth century. Or it may relate to the common man's quest for an understanding and enjoyment of his faith in contrast to the arid speculations of the theologians and philosophers. Adopting elements of teaching from Christianity and Platonism as well as Islam, the Sufi emphasized mystic union with God. Since their teaching was frequently unorthodox, they were often condemned by the traditional scholars.

It was the leadership of al Ghazali (1058-1111), a Persian scholar, that brought Sufism into a place of intellectual respect. A well-educated student of Islamic law and theology, he lectured in the famous Nizamiyah University in Baghdad. Later, his dissatisfaction with scholasticism led him to scepticism, then to Sufism. Like Thomas Aquinas, in the European environment, he sought to bring a synthesis between scholarship and devotion. He is considered now as the greatest of Muslim scholars and revered as a saint.

Muslim leaders in our century have been challenged by other faiths, by secularism, and by Western political control. Attempts to resist these and to emerge revitalized have been a large part of their modern history. The discovery of major oil reserves in their lands and the increasing dependence of modern nations on that vital supply of energy bring them into major prominence. The next 20 years may comprise one of the most significant chapters in their history.

For Christians to minister to Muslims, we must seek to understand their deepest desires as well as their opposition to the

Christian faith as they interpret it. Among factors causing hostility is the behavior of Christians against Muslims and fellow Christians during the Crusades. Modern Muslims often equate present support of Israel with the spirit of the Crusades. In fact, they believe that the Crusades are recurring in our century.

Doubtless there are good reasons for Christians to believe in a homeland for Israel, but to tacitly agree with all that takes place in the name of Zionism is clearly unbiblical and subchristian. Israeli politicians, settlers, and soldiers who oppress others and appropriate their property are as wrong as any other person who does the same thing. Prophetic strictures against injustice are as valid in 1980 as they were in the eighth century B.C. Christians must not get spiritual or political leadership from unbelievers who seem to be fulfilling prophecy.

The subject of separating the Gospel from our own culture is a thorny, but important, one. Opposition to the U.S.A. in Iran may be largely based upon our secularization and the attempt to mould them into our economic and cultural pattern. Christ cannot be forced into any one cultural pattern. He can travel in an oxcart or an Oldsmobile. Angels do not need helicopters to perform their tasks.

No doubt there is antagonism to the preaching of the cross in Iran, but Christians there overcame opposition in earlier centuries. Thus Christians were suspect in the fourth century because they "seemed" to identify with the Romans, who were enemies of Persia. The true Gospel has great "wearing" power and must win through in Iran and in the Middle East.

It may well be that Christians and Muslims can together learn to see what the Koran and New Testament say about Jesus Christ. There is a profound difference between the two, but most Muslims will never know it unless an understanding, loving dialogue is initiated. Use of radio, Bible correspondence courses, friendly discussion with Muslim students, ministries of mercy as needed, will give us anew the right to be heard by people who have been conditioned by hostility.

Our own government may one day realize that workable units converting saltwater to fresh may do far more good for Middle Eastern relations than squadrons of F-15s. Serious study of Arabic and Farsi, the languages of the Middle East, will be a pledge of our faith in a future ministry in the area.



Having just participated in a seminar with Ralph Winter, I felt an obligation to ask myself some pressing questions. I think that these questions also apply to those of our yearly meetings, and my generation in particular. Do we, as evangelical Friends, know what the mission of the church is? Do we know the true mandates of the Bible to us as a people? If we then say that we do know these mandates, what form of action is this taking in our Yearly Meeting? Are we satisfied to live in the mediocrity of the nominal Christian life, or is there hope that we as Friends, and especially young Friends, may be able to catch a true vision?

With my upbringing in the church and on the mission field and with my education, even to the seminary level, I thought I knew the mission of the church. Yet with Dr. Winter's insight I have come to realize I truly do not have a complete picture of the mission of which I must be a part. His cry is that we as Christians must not be satisfied with the blessings that God has showered upon our lives, but we must be willing to be a blessing to those around us as well.

The Old Testament example of Abraham, in the 12th chapter of Genesis, brings out the fact that God gave the blessing to Abram not only for his benefit but that he would also be a blessing to the other peoples around him and throughout all times. We too cannot be satisfied to accept the blessing without being a blessing as well.

How is this accomplished? How did the Lord tell Abraham to accomplish it? In

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A Cry For Mission

BY WAYNE CHAPMAN

Genesis 12:1 the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you." The Lord goes on to say that when Abraham is willing to do this, He will make him a great nation. Abraham then went to a land he did not know, and we know that the people of Abraham are great and blessed throughout the centuries.

Where does that leave me? Must I too GO in order to receive the blessings God can give to me? Must I GO and be a blessing to others instead of seeking the comfortable, secure "plans" I have set for my life? Am I willing, as Abraham was, to leave the things that I have worked so hard for and the loved ones that mean so much to me? I must also continue to ask these questions of those of my generation. What are we as members of Friends doing to be a blessing to others?

This brings me to another question I must ask. Where then must I GO? Dr. Winter's answer would be *to those that have not heard the Gospel*. God said that Abraham had to go to a land "which I will show you." For him this meant that he had to travel a great distance. This may mean the same thing for us as well, and I do feel that we as Friends need to examine and see if the Lord is leading in this direction. The call for overseas ministry is great! But more importantly I must be willing to GO to the neighbor next door. Can I leave the security of my "world," no matter how "right" that world may be, to become involved in the world of others and be a blessing to them?

Are we GO-ing to the "land which I will show you" or are we staying in the land of Ur?

SOLID ROCK

BY BRENT BILL

I don't know about you, but I am one of those people who has the radio on from morning to midnight. Just as some folks seem to be TV addicts, I am a radio freak. Music, especially contemporary music, is a part of my life, helping me to hear what's happening in the lives of people. To be sure, not all music on the radio is worth listening to, just as many television shows leave a lot to be desired. In spite of this fact radio listening is on the rise.

It's my guess that you, like me, listen to the radio. As followers of Jesus Christ we need to pay attention to the messages that come out of the speakers and be able to react to them in a Christlike manner. Even if it means (gasp!) switching the stations or (oh no! anything but that!) shutting the radio off.

Rock music is essentially a music of a people—in this case the younger generation. That's you. And the songs convey thoughts and cries that we need to hear. Society is looking for answers. We who are Christians say that we have the answer, the person called Jesus, who is alive and can be known. If you doubt that the world is looking for meaning and hope just flip on FM-96 or Q-102 or whatever station is

around you (if it isn't on already). Now listen to the words. Rock is very rarely a music of joy, it's often a music of sadness and confusion.

Charlie Doors' "Pilot of the Airwaves" is one of those sad songs, even though the rhythm is very upbeat. She is singing to the all-night deejay at the local station, the one we've all heard one time or another playing requests. She never signs her name to her requests, yet she is wanting him to pay attention to her.

Pilot of the airwaves

Here is my request.

You don't have to play it

But I hope you'll do your best.

I've been listening to your show on the radio

And you seem like a friend to me.

Charlie, like so many others, wants friendship, even if it is a long-distance, impersonal friendship.

Perhaps "Pilot of the Airwaves" will bring to mind lonely people that you know. Maybe they're not involved in an FM friendship but need friends just the same. As a Christian you have the opportunity and responsibility to reach out in God's love. The only "Good News" that some people will ever know is you. Through you a person might come to know that there is a friend who will never leave nor forsake them—Jesus. And by sharing this you will also be sharing one of God's greatest gifts—the gift of love.



John Brent Bill, pastor of the Jericho Friends Meeting in Winchester, Indiana, expresses this concern relevant to Friends youth and their parents on the present state of radio music.

THE FRIENDLY WAY OF DOING BUSINESS

BY ALLEN BOWMAN

Friends have affirmed that in the meeting for business everyone has a right to be heard and has a part in the decision-making

Allen Bowman writes from years of background as a Quaker leader. This article first appeared in the Iowa Friend.

process. What is right or wrong with this process?

Some Iowa Friends who were gathered recently for such a discussion suggested the following advantages: (1) Every member has responsibilities and privileges. (2) There is a focus toward unity. (3) There is openness of communication for all. (4) Business becomes an extension of worship. (5) This

Friendly way seeks the leading of the Holy Spirit. (6) There is a built-in protection for the minority. (7) This "way" may avoid a residue of bitterness on the part of the minority.

The disadvantages suggested by this gathered group included: (1) This method of doing business puts the clerk in a tough spot. (2) The process is very time consuming. (3) The procedure is open to a "minority rule." (4) Nonvocal persons are apt to be overlooked. (5) Necessary action may be delayed beyond the appropriate and necessary moment for decision. (6) It is so easy to get off the subject.

terpreter of the principles of democracy. He affirmed that for democracy to work there had to be a belief in God whose will, purpose, and action provide order, meaning, and right direction in society.

Second, Lincoln held that a democracy calls for a belief in "the people." "The people" here means something more than all the individuals and/or groups in a nation. "The people," past, present, and future, are intended to be the bearers of the will and purpose of God in society.

Third, the will of God can be known in the will of the people if all channels of communication are kept open.

vidual differences in wisdom and spiritual maturity. In addition, the communication of insights, observations, and leadings must be kept open. This does not mean that the spirit of the proceedings must be the cut and thrust of debate, but each vocal contribution will be something added to the material in the mind of the assembled Friends.

We also suggest that group guidance may rise above that of individuals. While individual opinions should always be respected, the individual has the responsibility to yield to the leading and wisdom of the group. The "sense of the meeting" is not a vote but a unity without uniformity arrived at by respect for differences, agreement, and/or consent to the clear consensus of the worshipping group.

In summary, the crucial matter for us as Friends today is to recapture and genuinely internalize a conviction that our work together is really a piece of the action, God's action in the world. Our decisions are real and significant efforts to find and share in His intentions for our place and time. The human process of interaction with all of its trivialities, misconceptions, and weaknesses, is the arena within which we are most apt to find divine guidance. We are called to be faithful to the best we know and understand as the "right." However, we recognize that our perception of God's will may be partial and tentative. Bringing these affirmations to the Friendly way of doing business will help us to see beyond the surface proceedings toward a profound involvement with God's action in His world.

"The basic equality of all persons should be respected and their right and responsibility to participate should be encouraged."

Anyone who has been involved in Quaker business meetings will recognize the validity of both of these lists. However, if the basic principles of the Quaker meeting for worship where business is conducted are sufficiently internalized and then acted upon, the Friendly process of decision making is unique, efficient, and ultimately productive. It is the method most apt to make use of the full human potential in reaching a decision that reflects the divine will.

Within the boundaries of the local meeting, the Friendly way of doing business is democracy in action. The monthly meeting may be a microcosm of the democratic nation. Abraham Lincoln was an excellent in-

Fourth, Lincoln was sure that "truth" emerges out of the conflict of opinions sincerely expressed. In fact, in order for "truth" to emerge at all, in the way of democracy, conflict of opinions is essential. Each person is responsible to contend for the "truth" as he/she sees it.

There is a remarkable correlation between these principles of a functioning democracy and the Quaker business procedure. As Friends, we affirm that the will of God should be sought as the basis for decision making. The basic equality of all persons should be respected and their right and responsibility to participate should be encouraged. However, we recognize indi-

Let's Be Friends

The nonsense of the meeting

BY HOWARD MACY

"Let's Be Friends" is a regular feature starting this month in the EVANGELICAL FRIEND. Written by Howard Macy, professor at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, the column also appears regularly in Quaker Life magazine. A variety of Friends distinctives will be considered including this one on Friends business meetings known as the Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business, but observed by Friend Macy in a special perspective . . . "The Nonsense of the Meeting."

METHODISTS AND BAPTISTS find Quaker business procedure quaint and intriguing, if not impractical. Their skepticism enhances my (self-righteous?) delight in describing to them the "sense of the meeting" and seeking the mind of Christ together as a way of doing church business. How much better to follow God's leading together than to depend on the raw power of majority rule! It is so creative, practical, and unifying. To soften the appearance of blind idealism I do add that this Friends practice is not perfect. Like any other method it can be abused.

The conscience nags just a bit if I fail to

confess that too often the sense of the meeting is overcome by the nonsense of the meeting.

The nonsense of the meeting wears many disguises, but behind any mask it will frustrate God's purposes. If Friends are to progress faithfully, they must expose nonsense for what it is and reject it.

One type of nonsense is religious dirty politics. At a recent Quaker gathering, for example, a novice accidentally overheard (at length) several "weighty Friends" planning a series of speeches they intended to give in a pending business meeting. They

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BY JACK L. WILLCUTS

A Quaker Word About Women

Is it all right with God if women do everything they are able to do? And called ("chosen," John 15:16) to do?

It seems strange to ask, but there is a discouraging, unbiblical teaching coming out of a radical wing of the evangelical church that insists God doesn't really want them to. It almost sounds like a former college classmate who exclaimed in a discussion, "I do too love niggers, I just want them in their place!"

Maybe Aristotle is to blame. "We should look upon the female state as being as it were a deformity, though one which occurs in the ordinary course of nature."¹ Or church father Thomas Aquinas, "... woman is defective and misbegotten."² Women-haters? No, no more than Bill Gothard, but just mixed up on a crucial truth.

The King James translation of "help meet," or helpmate, for Adam has twisted truth some. The expression actually means "corresponding to," "fit for," or the idea that Eve was an appropriate, fitting *partner* for Adam. That Eve was second-class, and worse, the cause of the Fall (from Tertullian on down), is so grossly unfair. That Eve was weak and Adam was noble misses the problem. The sin was disobedience. Adam and Eve both disobeyed. It is not so important which child takes the first cookie, nor does it matter how imaginative their excuses. Disobedience is disobedience. They both knew; they were created equal; they both sinned.

Jesus never treated women as inferiors. He went against the customs of His time and culture and shocked His disciples with His unconventional caring, peer-level conversation with women. This needs to be noted as we listen to sermons and teaching that woman was the original factory reject. If order of creation has any significance, it would mean Eve was superior because she was last.

Woman is a coheir to salvation. "There are no segregated drinking fountains at the Water of Life." Woman is coreceiver of spiritual gifts. The greatest gift of all is the Holy Spirit, and at Pentecost all received the Holy Spirit, men and women alike. The lists of spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4 make no sex restrictions as to who may receive them.

Another issue raised is that a woman is to be a wife and mother, not a doctor, a pastor, etc. Of course, but these words refer to *relationships*, not occupations. The male counterparts are husband and father. No one says, "God wants men to be husbands and fathers, not doctors, accountants, farmers, and pastors," because everyone recognizes that a man can be a perfectly good husband and father and still farm or preach.

"Let the women keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, . . . if they desire to learn anything, let them

ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in church." (1 Corinthians 14:34, 35) "I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man." (1 Timothy 2:12 NASB) These are lifted-out texts to bar women from any equal function in the church, especially the ministry.

Taken like that, these texts are inconsistent with Paul's known practices—he did allow women to speak in church. He has just told them in chapter 11 that *when they speak* they should wear their head coverings. It must relate to a specific custom and culture. He wanted to quiet the noisy, disruptive meetings for worship in Corinth and do things "properly and in an orderly manner." A little research into the background of that congregation explains a lot.

What about "headship"? The relationship between husbands and wives for Paul presupposes that both have first given themselves to each other in *mutual* submission as brothers and sisters in the Lord (Ephesians 5:21). "Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord" and "the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church" (Ephesians 5:22, 23) brings us to the truth that Christ came to give himself and to serve (foot washing in "remembrance of me"), this means that *headship is servanthood*. Hierarchy and lines of authority in the Christian home are revalued by love; each partner in marriage has equal rights and equal opportunities. Christ brings a new identity to women. Paul, the theologian, stands, not as an obstruction, but as a herald and vigorous proponent of that identity.

The Gospel of Christ has created and reaffirmed this truth as God's eternal plan. The Friends Church along with other Christians today must embody it. Beyond this are more than three centuries of Quaker history. I personally know or have known at least 20 women who have been called and blessed of God in public ministry, anointed to serve as pastors, evangelists, missionaries, Bible school and seminary teachers, church leaders and administrators. This is a rich heritage.

God's call to those whom He chooses is clear; we dare not stand as human judges against those whom He chooses as His ministering servants. The question for Quakers is not whether we know this. We do. The question is whether we will do it! Unless we remain clear on this crucial truth of Scripture, and church history, confirmed again and again by the Spirit's approval, we will be caught up in the myopic, spiritual legalism of the day that is starting to sweep across the evangelical church. This is another form of modernism as pernicious as the denial of the deity of Christ. I pray and plead that Friends will keep clear and committed to the Spirit who reveals Truth, rather than following self-appointed Bible specialists who sit in judgment on any person, especially women, who dares to differ.

Nor let us be confused regarding the feminist movement today. Those who are repelled by radical feminism and such emphases as abortion on demand must look at conscience and the Scriptures for their moorings on this time-established truth. The Christian who chooses to work for equal opportunities for women need not fear being automatically aligned with the wild, extremist, anti-everything groups. We must remember that early feminists in America were Christian women whose work in the abolition of slavery, the right to vote, and other issues found their rallying point was not "*The Feminine Mystique*," "*Total Woman*," "*Fulfilled Woman*" or any other kind of lopsided woman, but rather in being God's woman.

What can women do? Femaleness does not determine that. God does. ☐

¹Patricia Gundry, *Woman, Be Free*, Zondervan, 1977, p. 18.

²*Ibid.*, p. 20.



WHAT ABOUT THE INSIDE?

BY CATHERINE CATTILL

Have you ever thanked God for peelings? I have! In so many parts of the world fruit and vegetables are grown amid filth and fertilized by filth, with the result that it is not safe to eat anything grown without an outer skin protection. Bananas, oranges, pomegranates, mangoes, watermelons, and papayas are lifesavers, and refreshingly delicious, plus safe! (That is, of course, if carefully handled.) Bananas are the best for travel. I used to love to break one and peel down just enough for a bite or two, and peel a bit more. Even in cholera season, bananas were a friendly fruit—safe.

Kashmir in northern India produces the most beautiful cherries and strawberries I have ever seen anywhere. What a temptation to throw caution to the winds and just eat them raw! Why not? Of course they can be cooked, but raw is what one wants, and raw is an invitation to any of several serious diseases. The filth in which they are grown, that touches them while being picked, or to which they are exposed in the market makes something beautiful, mouth wateringly tempting, but totally unsafe.

I have been wondering about these plants as they grow, filtering out all the harmful germs and filth, and then sealing in the pure disease-free fruit with a protective skin making them safe, wholesome, healthful, and delicious too. How is all the filth kept out of the heart of the fruit? I don't know. Do you? I just thank God for fruit one can trust to be pure and for the protection that surrounds it. I wish people everywhere could safely enjoy lettuce, celery, and strawberries and the like—raw!

Somewhere there is in this a secret that must apply to the human heart as well, don't you think? There are people who live in the most evil situations, surrounded and fed by a constant flow of filth, and yet are never infected deep in the soul. There must be a protective covering; I am sure there is!

The Lord has also offered to us the ability to draw only the good and pure from life and reject all the evil that would poison our

souls and then to give us protection from the evil influences of our day.

For the world of fruit and vegetables the process is natural. For us—well, it is more complicated. We must *want* to be pure on the inside. Thank God, there is one who has promised to preserve us from all evil and present us faultless. Thank God for the covering!



Jane Winters, an outstanding leader in Mid-America Yearly Meeting, relates this personal confrontation with one of society's—and especially a Christian's—most difficult crises.

GOD'S CARE IN A COURT TRIAL

BY JANE WINTERS

Meeting Life's Crises! I have always read this column in previous issues of EVANGELICAL FRIEND with interest. Generally, the crisis experiences have been serious illness of oneself or of a family member, death of someone close, rebellion of a teenager, etc. However, crises of life come in many varied forms. An experience recently intruded into our lives that disturbed our peace and serenity, somewhat like a speeding freight train disturbs a quiet countryside. This event proved to be an opportunity to test God's faithfulness and love for us.

My husband works for a company that sells floor finishes. Part of his job is to install these finishes in small areas of large buildings to demonstrate and eventually sell his products. He did such a demonstration in a large metropolitan church three and a half years ago. Subsequently, a lady fell on the floor and eventually sued the church and my husband's company for an extremely large amount of money. Joe firmly believed that he was not negligent, that he had taken every precaution, and that the floor was totally dry when he left it; therefore, he felt her claims were unjustified.

As the time for trial approached, we both had a sense of dread and apprehension. What a loving Father we have! I ran into the shelter of His arms just as a frightened child would run into his father's outstretched arms. He reminded me of 2 Timothy

1:7—"God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." This helped us to recognize that the fear did not come from God but from the devil and that we could claim victory over it in the name of Jesus.

Other verses came to mind: "My grace is sufficient" and "All things work together for good." (I realized anew the importance of memorizing Bible verses so the Holy Spirit could bring them to mind when I needed them.)

We brought our needs to the Lord in prayer because we believed that He cared and we could trust Him to work it all out for His glory and for our good. We prayed specifically for several things: first, that the right jury would be chosen. We did not pray that they would rule in our favor, rather that they would be fair, unbiased, and not base their decision on prejudice or sympathy. We also prayed for Joe when He would be called to testify, that he would be calm, not get upset or rattled, and be able to project that he was a man of integrity.

About noon of the first day, the judge ruled a mistrial because of a remark made by the plaintiff attorney. The jury was dismissed, and the whole process started over. My first reaction was frustration because the morning was wasted. Then I remembered we had prayed that the right people be selected, so this had to be an answer to prayer. It is a harrowing and frustrating experience to have four attorneys throw questions at you for over two and a half hours; however, in answer to our prayers, Joe did remain calm, spoke quietly, but forcefully presented his case.

Each night when we went home, we were physically and emotionally exhausted, but the Lord renewed us and we were able to go the next day with joy and peace inside that was beyond human understanding. How we praise the Lord for so many beautiful people who were praying for us! We had asked for prayer from our church family, my prayer group, and others who knew of the situation.

We had opportunities all during the week to witness to our attorneys, the pastor of the church being sued, and others. We told them that we believed in the power of prayer, that we knew God was in control, and that we could trust Him regardless of the outcome.

The verdict came in at 6:00 p.m. of the fifth day. The jury ruled that there had not been any negligence on the part of the church or Joe as a representative of his

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First Day News

FRIENDS FOCUS

TWO YOUNG FRIENDS SERVE THE SUMMER IN TAIWAN

Tamara Fansler and Julie Romine, students at Malone College, and members of Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region, spent 10 weeks on the Friends mission field in Taiwan in the EFC-ER Summer Ministries Program.

Tammi has a special ministry with puppet presentations using a newly created Chinese puppet. The novel teaching method fascinated the Chinese church.

NORVAL HADLEY ONE OF A FRIENDS DELEGATION TO AMERICAN AND SOVIET LEADERS

A seven-member team of Friends met June 13-17 in Washington, D.C., to express their concerns for resolving the communication breakdown between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Norval Hadley, former superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting and past president of the Evangelical Friends Alliance, now director of church relations for World Vision International, was a member of this group. They had audiences with Zbigniew Brzezinski of the National Security Council and later with Ambassador Vldillen Vasev of the Soviet Embassy. They presented a letter to President Carter and were given a lengthy hearing in the White House by a member of his staff. They also met with Director Ralph Earle of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Marshal Shulman of the Department of State, Rep. Lee Hamilton (Ind.), and other members of Congress.

A full report of his impressions and the concerns expressed in this peacemaking effort may be secured from Norval Hadley by writing your Yearly Meeting office.

EFM OFFICE NOW IN DENVER

James and Doris Morris, executive director of the Evangelical Friends Mission, and Reta Stuart, administrative assistant, moved their offices from Canton, Ohio, to Denver, Colorado, in July. Their phone is (303)421-8100.

James Morris visited the Mexico City Friends work May 27 to June 3, spending time with Everett and Alda Clarkson and also in Guadalajara with Rodney and Barbara Routon. While there he and Everett experienced a serious auto accident that ruined the mission vehicle, but neither was seriously injured.

A MORTGAGE BURNING

East Richland Friends (Ohio) celebrated a special event on Sunday, July 6, when the final payment on their church construction loan was made. The mortgage was burned in the morning worship service (actually in both morning services; presumably enough of the original document was preserved for the 11:00 o'clock meeting). Wayne Ickes is the pastor.

CHILDREN'S YEARLY MEETING

Margi Astleford Macy is in charge of a children's Yearly Meeting program for Mid-America at Wichita. A complete schedule of reports, decision making, and worship characterizes this enlarged dimension of Yearly Meeting. Margi is on the pastoral team of University Friends Church.

KNIGHTS HONORED AT FRIENDS BIBLE COLLEGE

Roscoe and Tina Knight were selected for the Alumnus of the Year Award at the 1980 FBC Alumni Banquet. This is the first time the honor has been given to a couple. Both graduates of the academy and college, the Knights have served as missionaries in Bolivia, Peru, and Mexico with Friends.

Dr. Norman Bridges, president of Friends Bible College, reports at least 20 percent of the attenders at the recent National Friends Pastors' Conference in St. Louis are former students at FBC.

NORTHWEST LOSES VETERAN PASTOR

Richard Cossel died June 7, 1980, after a year's struggle with cancer. He had pastored 28 years in Northwest Yearly Meeting, having just completed 12 years at Quincy, Washington, Friends Church. Gerald Dillon conducted the funeral.

EFC-ER WOMEN TO HEAR FAYE PRUITT

Faye Clark Pruitt from Portland, Oregon, a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair since 1968, is the guest speaker for the annual Women's Missionary Union Banquet of the Evangelical Friends Church--Eastern Region. Her skills include music and ventriloquism. She is the daughter of Roy Clark, a pastor in Northwest Yearly Meeting, who led the music for the St. Louis Pastors' Conference.

ONE THOUSAND EXPECTED AT YOUTHQUAKE

Youthquake '80 Chairman Billy Lewis of California Yearly Meeting reports the momentum of interest across the U.S. among Friends indicated at least one thousand teenagers may attend the midwinter conference next December 26-31. It will be held in San Bernardino in the Campus Crusade buildings. Some of the leaders include Ralph Fry, YFC leader from Seattle; Earnest Alexander, a Christian artist from Wichita; Doug Goins of Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto (Paul Goins's son); Don Green of Reedwood Friends, Portland, Oregon; Tom Mullen a teacher at Earlham School of Religion; Kara Cole, administrative secretary of Friends United Meeting, Richard Foster, author of Celebration of Discipline, and others.

To register for Youthquake '80 send a \$25 deposit to your local Yearly Meeting office. Total cost, if registered before October 15, is \$150.

FRIENDS HONORED

Dorothy Craven was honored by Friends University at the spring commencement with a Doctor of Literature degree. She retired this year after 33 years on the FU faculty and staff.

Alvin Roberts, M.D., of Medford, Oregon, Friends Church was given an honorary degree by George Fox College. His leadership in his local church and the Yearly Meeting was cited by the college. He still continues in his medical practice part time in Central Point, Oregon.

YEARLY MEETING SESSIONS

Charles Mylander of Rose Drive Friends Church was the guest speaker at Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting this year; Ron Allen of Friendswood Meeting in Friendswood, Texas, spoke at California Yearly Meeting; David Le Shana, president of George Fox College, at Iowa Yearly Meeting; and Donald Green of Reedwood Friends Church at Northwest Yearly Meeting.

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company; therefore, the plaintiffs did not receive anything.

We rejoiced because our prayers had been answered and truth had triumphed.

Just one more thing that must be mentioned. What about our attitude toward the people who had brought the suit? I must say, we struggled with that for a while. The Lord has enabled us to forgive and to have compassion for them.

How we praise the Lord—He turned a bad experience into a growing and profitable one!

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THE PUDDLE

By BETTY M. HOCKETT

If it hadn't been for George stepping right smack into the middle of the puddle, Jennifer would never have gotten into trouble after school on Friday.

The final bell had rung in the first grade room as usual. Everyone had rushed around, also as usual, trying to make sure everything was neat and orderly for the weekend. (Mrs. Ratchet always insisted on that.) Jennifer had done her part and as far as she could tell George had, too.

When everything was done, Jennifer had gathered up her Mickey Mouse lunch pail (with the big ugly scratch across one side), stuffed her arms into her pink sweater (with two buttons missing up the front), and was on her way home.

Once outside, she took a deep breath. A breeze fluffed her hair. "Just think, George," she exclaimed happily, "we have clear 'til Monday to do fun things." Not that school wasn't fun. It was just that there were lots of outside things to do now that were fun, too.

Jennifer skipped and bounced along, chatting all the while. "Dad fixed the swing, George, so we can pretend it's an airplane like we did before it broke. And maybe we can have Kim over for a party tomorrow afternoon." Then she frowned and slowed to a walk. "Oh, I forgot! You don't like it when Kim comes over. You always hide when she's there. Okay! We won't invite her after all."

Around the corner from the school, and two houses past the brown wood fence where the dog always peeked over and barked, Jennifer found the wide puddle. It was where the sidewalk was funny, making sort of a valley with two hills on each side—a just-right place to hold any leftover rain water. "Look, George," she giggled. "Here's a lovely, splashy puddle." Jennifer turned toward George and frowned. "But George!" (Jennifer could sometimes speak quite crossly to George.) "Don't get your good school pants wet. We'll just dip the very tips of our shoes in and make little teeny splashes. Mother doesn't like it when we splash great big. Okay?"

Jennifer's right foot made a teeny splash. Then her left one made a teeny splash. She laughed. "I love puddles. And you do, too, George!" The puddle was deeper at the other end so she made splashes there, too. Only the very ends of her brown school shoes were wet. They'd dry easily before she got home.

But then, before Jennifer knew it, George had stepped plumb in the middle of the puddle. His feet were wet all over, clear down to his socks inside. Next, Jennifer tried to grab him out and before she knew it, she herself had stepped plumb in the middle of the puddle. Her shoes were wet all over, clear down to her socks inside! This time, she was *very* cross with George. "You've gone and done it for sure! Mother'll bawl me out good. And all on account of you, George. You're a bad boy!"

Jennifer stepped way big to get out of the

puddle. The water squished inside her shoes. It made funny little gurgling sounds! She felt cross at George. She felt cross at herself. She hadn't meant to step into that puddle at all! Mother was always scoldy when Jennifer came home with soaking wet feet. The last time it had happened she had said, "Even if there is only *one* puddle in town, you find it and manage to step right in."

It wasn't really right to disobey one's mother, Jennifer knew. She'd had that Bible verse plenty of times in Sunday school. "Children, obey your parents." She thought now about the gold star that was on the chart in their room at church because she had said the verse just right. Why couldn't she remember to *do* it? To obey, that is!

She turned around and made a great sweeping motion with her arm to remind George to hurry. He was always inclined to lag behind and she didn't want to get scolded for being late, too. That had already happened plenty of times before.

Jennifer took a deep breath as she squished up the back porch steps. She thought about hiding her wet shoes and socks, but quickly gave that idea up. She'd just let George sit out here and she'd go in so Mother could see the situation right off. Better to get it over with. Mother didn't understand about George anyway. She always said, whenever his name was mentioned, "But Jennifer, George isn't real! He's just in your imagination. He couldn't make you do wrong because he isn't there at all." Then Jennifer would sigh and quit trying to explain. George was too real! It was just that no one else could see him. So, this time she wouldn't even try to say that it was all his fault!

It happened just like Jennifer had figured. Mother said, "Hello, how was your day, and here's some fresh cookies," and then, almost without taking a breath in between, "Oh my . . . wet feet . . . and clear through!"

Then they'd had a talk that included things about obeying and ruining good shoes . . . everything that Jennifer had heard before. After that, Jennifer promised to mind better and stay out of puddles and do her best to always be on time coming home from school and yes, she'd set her shoes out to dry and put other socks on. *Those* things she said outloud. Other things she said just to herself: she'd talk to George and they'd both try to obey . . . she'd talk to God about it and get His help, too . . . she and George weren't doing too

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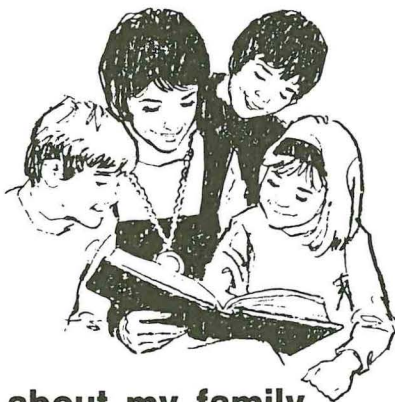
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good on the obeying part just by themselves.

She sat down on the back porch beside George and took off her squishy shoes and sloshy socks. "Sure enough, George, I got scolded. But I didn't even tell her that is was your fault. Mothers just don't seem to quite understand about friends they can't see. God probably does, though, George, so don't worry. God understands about everything!"



Charles W. Colson, *Life Sentence*, Chosen Books, hardback \$9.95, 306 pages.

Charles Colson, once special assistant to President Nixon and now president of Prison Fellowship, has once again written what should become a Christian bestseller.

In his previous book, *Born Again*, Colson related his experiences in the direct aftermath of Watergate—his Christian conversion, his decision to plead guilty to the charges brought against him, and his subsequent imprisonment. *Life Sentence* picks up Colson's story where *Born Again* ends.

Confused about his future when released from prison, Colson was faced with some hard choices. Realizing it was going to be very difficult to forget his prison experience and the friends he had made there, and feeling uneasy about remaining in the public eye and entering business, Colson decided, howbeit after a long struggle, to commit his life to a ministry to prisoners throughout the United States.

Life Sentence relates the process as well as the results of his decision. It relates the frustrations as well as the joys of Colson's new ministry—the joy of seeing answers to prayer in lives of people, the joy of listening to and following the Holy Spirit's leading, and the frustration of seeing the way blocked because of excessive pride and manipulation. But, more than anything else, it is the power of the Holy Spirit that permeates this volume—the power that can reach even the forgotten "dark holes" of American life.

Among the many inspiring moments of *Life Sentence*, perhaps the most touching is a meeting between a newly converted Eldridge Cleaver, former Black Panther leader, and a young inmate and former

member of the White Knights, the most violent group of the Ku Klux Klan, in Fellowship House in Washington, D.C. At any other time or place the two would have been enemies. But the power of the Holy Spirit was in evidence as old tensions melted and a new brotherhood was established.

Colson's writing still has its faults. The stories are sometimes disjointed and seemingly at random. Repetition is apparent, and if the book is supposed to be chronological, that order sometimes breaks down. This however is excusable; the message is clear and *Life Sentence* retains its power both to inspire and to challenge us as individuals to commit ourselves to a life sentence of serving the Lord.

—Robin T. Ankeny



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Lasting 'Born-Again' Experience Is Reported by Half U.S. Adults

IRVINE, CALIFORNIA—More than half of all adult Americans have had a lasting "born-again" Christian religious experience and identify with traditional spirituality and conservative morals, says a new Gallup Poll. Preliminary data from the first national comprehensive survey of the attitudes, interests, and opinions of Christians show that 53.4 percent of Americans 18 years and older claim to have made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that they still consider relevant. That would equate to 84 million persons.

Gallup surveys in 1976 and 1978 reported that about one third of American adults claimed to be born again, but questions asked in those polls were worded differently. Previously, the national total of born-again Christians has been estimated to be between 30 million and 55 million. The new survey, conducted by the Gallup Organization in cooperation with the American Research Corporation of Irvine, is a study of born-again Christians, their use of time, their spending habits, and giving patterns.

—E.P.

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Tobacco Is a Religious Issue, Says Carolina Church Journal

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA—Church leaders in North Carolina have been challenged to speak out against tobacco growing "as a religious issue." The challenge to the church to "stop burying its head in the sands" came in an article in "The Communicant," monthly publication of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. It was written by E. T. Malone, Jr., a member of the Chapel of the Cross at Chapel Hill and teacher of English at North Carolina Central University in Durham.

In the years when tobacco was not the major source of income for farmers in the state, Mr. Malone said, "the preachers were telling their flocks that smoking was sinful." But when tobacco replaced cotton as a major cash crop, he charges, "the sin of smoking floated away on a bright yellow nicotine cloud of expediency."

The writer asserted that "tobacco money is blood money," and that "what is good for

our state's pocketbook is cancerous to its soul." He asked, "Shouldn't those persons charged with responsibility for souls comment on this state of affairs?" —E.P.

'Confusion' Laid to Evangelicals Over Duties to God and to Caesar

ARDEN HILLS, MINNESOTA—Many evangelical Christians are confusing their loyalties to Caesar and their loyalties to God, Sen. Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon, an evangelical Christian, told the graduating class at

led us into the experience of the Crusades, where we had conversion by the sword, into the great inquisitions, where we had the purification of doctrine by the torture chamber, and into elements of puritanism in America."

Senator Hatfield said Christians need to be discerning of the issues confronting their nation. "For example," he suggested, "they should question the Carter Doctrine which would commit this nation to send our military forces to try to secure our raw material in the Persian Gulf." He also said they should question "why, out of 167 years of the Republic's history that we have depended upon a voluntary army, now in peace time we are called upon to start the first procedure back to the draft?"

Christians, he said, are called to be stewards of God's creation. He recalled the words of the late President Dwight Eisenhower, a five-star general, that "every gun that is made, every warship that is launched, every rocket fired, signifies, in the final

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Bethel College here. He said this confusion was reflected in the attitudes of some Christians that they must Christianize the government and elect only born-again Christians to public office.

The senator said Christians have been "laboring under the millstone of the Christianizing of Rome." He urged them to remember the Holy Roman Empire when Christians "could not delineate between the banner of Christianity and their commitment to Christ as a guide of their life, which

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end, a theft from the people who are hungry and are not fed, who are cold and are not clothed." That, the senator observed, is the Christian idea of stewardship. —E.P.

Carter's Religious Beliefs Shape Policy, Pippert Says

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—President Jimmy Carter's concept of his role as "first servant" instead of "first boss" may have been instrumental in the restraint he has exercised in the Iranian and Afghanistan crises, a White House correspondent said. Wesley Pippert, who covers the White House for United Press International, told RCC/80 that the influence of Carter's religious beliefs may also have taught the American people that there is a "wise and pragmatic alternative" to the "cops and robbers" response of the use of force.

Mr. Pippert said he felt that he and other Washington newsmen have failed to probe the implications of Carter's beliefs in terms of what they mean in his actions in the Oval Office. The 20-year UPI reporter said that late in the 1976 campaign for the presidency he asked news director Jody Powell how he felt that the press had treated Carter's religious background and beliefs, particularly his statement of being a "born-again" Christian. Mr. Powell's response was that he felt the American people were better prepared to understand Mr. Carter's religion than were the correspondents who were being called upon to report it. —E.P.

World Relief Undertakes Massive Distribution to Prevent Additional Starvation in Cambodia

WHEATON, ILLINOIS—"Something far more primitive—and far more effective—is happening on Cambodia's western border with Thailand," according to *Newsweek* magazine. The more effective route of distribution is a World Relief Corporation (WRC) administered and staffed program at the Thailand-Cambodia border, further described by *Newsweek*: "At various points along the frontier, relief workers are simply giving seed rice to farmers who have trekked from the interior by foot and oxcart."

Utilizing a human lifeline of 20,000 people who come to the Nong Chan landbridge in northwestern Cambodia, supplies are then carried by hand and oxcart as far into Cambodia as Pursat, Siem Reap, and the shores of the Tonle Sap.

The initial proposal by WRC to distribute 1,000 tons of seed rice at the border area expanded to a 7,000-ton project when six

private voluntary agencies and the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) pledged financial support to the WRC distribution efforts. The \$1.8 million seed rice program will distribute over 230,000 thirty-kilo bags of seed to as many farmers. —W.R.C.

Evangelical Social Group Calls For Repentance on Iran

PHILADELPHIA—Dr. Ronald J. Sider, president of Evangelicals for Social Action, has called upon President Jimmy Carter to reverse America's policy toward Iran. In a letter to the President, Dr. Sider stated that the Carter administration's escalation of sanctions against Iran is not only "fraught with danger," but also ignores the need for the United States to admit that we committed "a grave wrong" in supporting the Shah of Iran for over 15 years.

"The Lord of history will not hold us innocent of the fact that while we fettered the Shah and gave him every support," Dr. Sider said, "his police were torturing children in front of their parents." In addition to his presidency of Evangelicals for Social Action, Dr. Sider is author of the widely heralded book, *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*. —E.P.

Worshippers Pay \$4.5 Million to Witness Cathedral Opening

GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA—An audience of almost 3,000 people who had paid \$1,500 apiece for tickets flocked to Dr. Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral May 14 to hear a concert featuring soprano Beverly Sills inaugurating the \$16 million facility.

Completion of the Crystal Cathedral coincides with the 25th anniversary of the Garden Grove Community Church and the tenth year of Dr. Schuller's television ministry. —E.P.

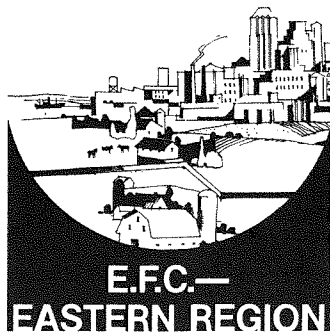
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Eastern Region Happenings

Pastoral Changes in EFC—ER beginning July 1 will include the following accepting calls to Friends churches: Alum Creek, *Dane Ruff*; Mt. Pleasant, *Richard Gessling*; Battle Creek, *John Grafton*; Rollin, *Wayne Evans*; Tecumseh, *Richard Bower*; Canton, *David Tebbs*, Assistant Pastor; Lisbon Trinity, *James Prieto*; Salem First, *Charles Nutt*, Youth; North Olmsted, *David B. Smith*, Associate; Willoughby Hills, *Dale Diggs* (began May 1); Newport News, *C. R. Creed*; Portsmouth, Virginia, *Norville White*.

Four pastoral couples will be retiring from the ministry this year: *Milton and Rebecca Coleman* of Mt. Pleasant; *Earl and Margaret Cosand* of Somersville, *Owen and Ethel Mae Glassburn* of Newport News; and *Waldo and Dorcas Seawell* of Brewster.

Mike Grogan will be moving to Ft. Myers, Florida, area to start a new Friends church, while *Russel Berry* has moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he will further his education.

Nine churches are in the process of finding pastoral leadership.

"Growing an Evangelistic Church" was the theme of the national convention of the Southern Baptist Churches held in Atlanta, Georgia, the third week of May. EFC-ER Superintendent *Russell Myers*, along with his assistant *Joe Roher*, attended the sessions.

Anil Solanki has been accepted into the doctoral program in education at Ohio State University. He is on leave from the faculty of Union Biblical Seminary (India) and lives with his family in Columbus, where they attend Westgate Friends Church.

Ella Ruth Hutson, having returned to the U.S. April 1 for a brief furlough, is busy in deputation visiting Eastern Region churches during May and June. She reports that Taiwan Yearly Meeting under the leadership of *Peter Peng* is progressing—slowly in some areas but very commendably in others. For example, there are many special prayer and fasting groups in local churches whose fervent praying produces results. She

will appreciate prayer support for the mission as she returns to Taipei on July 1.

Plan now to attend Yearly Meeting sessions for EFC-ER at Malone College in Canton, Ohio, August 16-21. The WMU Banquet is Saturday, August 16, and will feature *Faye Pruitt* of Beaverton, Oregon, as speaker, assisted by her husband *Bill* in special music. The *Pruitts* have had a unique ministry since a car accident in 1968 that left *Faye* a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair. They love to share how God has helped them through this experience, and as they sing together audiences are convinced that truly the Lord has enabled them to be victorious in spite of hardship. They have two children, and they have recorded albums entitled "Our Place" and "To the Family with Love."

Dr. Dennis Kinlaw of Wilmore, Kentucky, will be the speaker at Yearly Meeting morning and evening services. He is an inspiring Bible expositor and has addressed audiences of many denominations around the world. As president of Asbury College, he is very aware of problems of young people today and speaks clearly to issues of concern to all ages.

Arrangements for lodging will be coordinated by *Eugene Collins* at Malone College.

Outstanding Seniors at East Goshen

This year the East Goshen Friends Church is proud to be having two high school seniors graduating with honors.

Diane Williams is valedictorian of her graduating class of Western Reserve High School, having carried a perfect 4.0 GPA in her academic subjects. Among extracurricular activities were National Honor Society, Student Council, band, volleyball, track, basketball, cheerleading, Key Club, and Buckeye Girls' State. Besides school activities, she has also been very active in the Friends Youth



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program of her local church. *Diane* will attend Ohio State University this fall.

Jeanette Wallace graduated in the top ten of her class at West Branch High School. As well as graduating with honors, *Jeanette* has been named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. She was active in National Honor Society, the Yearbook Staff, Pep Club, American Friends Service, and Future Teach-

ers of America. Besides school, *Jeanette* is also active in the Friends Youth program of the East Goshen Church. She plans to attend Ohio Northern University this fall.

Focus on Malone

Jack Powell, 1978 graduate, has been named Director of Admissions for Malone College. Since graduation *Powell* has served on the Malone admissions staff, most recently as assistant director. *Powell* will be a guest speaker at Youthquake 80, the national Friends youth gathering planned for December in San Bernardino, California.

The Malone College Forum Lecture committee announces four speakers for the 1980-81 series. They are the following: *John Scali* on September 22, *David Frost* on October 13, *George Plimpton* on March 23, and *Shanna Alexander* on April 27. Season tickets may be purchased this summer by contacting the Office of Special Programs at Malone.

North Olmsted Church Dedicated

The formal dedication of the new North Olmsted Friends Church took place April 23, 1980, when a full day of activities signified the placing of this beautiful edifice into the hands of our Lord.

Russell Myers, general superintendent, and *Joe Roher*, administrative assistant, were special speakers. *Bruce Clark*, presiding elder, accepted the congratulations of *Russell Myers*, and *John Anderson*, chairman of the Building Committee, accepted the keys from *Oscar Glover*, contractor.

A reception was held in the education wing for 225, including guests and friends from sister churches.

Just two weeks before this dedication service a call was given to *David Smith*, graduate of Asbury Seminary, who will be a full-time minister for personal evangelism and discipleship. His duties began June 1.

The North Olmsted Church is dedicated to becoming a lighthouse for the lost, a haven for the oppressed, and a gathering place for believers.



Judy Orchard, Pastor Neil Orchard, Bruce Clark and Russell Myers at the dedication of North Olmsted Friends Church.

Throughout the day of dedication, the theme of a church on the move was preeminent and the Spirit of God was ever present. Pastor *Neil Orchard*, in his dedication statement, described the three things that reveal the soul of the church: (1) There must be a firm belief in the inspired Word of God. (2) The living relationship of the congregation with Jesus Christ and each other must be clearly shown through love. (3) There must be a deep and visible concern for the lost.

The pastor's three points clearly describe the North Olmsted Friends congregation. Now, with a permanent base of operations, many new and exciting things will be taking place—to the glory of God.

—*Walter R. Sheffield*

Birthday Party at West Park

"Happiness is...praising the Lord at 80." This was the theme of the birthday celebration for *Mary Knab* of West Park Friends Church, Cleveland. Her 80th birthday was May 15.

Bus Parker, master of ceremonies, seated *Mrs. Knab* on a throne framed with silk flowers, as balloons filled with birthday messages from as far away as Hawaii were burst and the



messages read by *Robert Egler* and *Elwyn Herris*. She was presented with a basket of silk flowers that also contained spendable green stuff!

Wilma Herris gave a tribute to *Mrs. Knab*, highlighting some of her activities over the past 36 years at West Park. Outstanding work has been teaching an adult Sunday school class since 1944, conducting children's Bible clubs in her home, and for the past several years teaching an adult Bible class in her home.

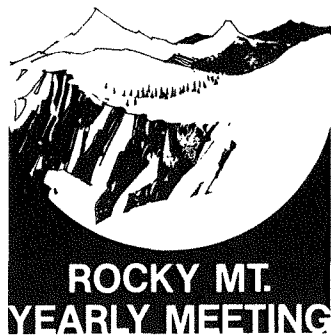
Mary is particularly interested in Bible prophecy and in recent months has spoken in several churches on this subject. Last fall she taught a class on prophecy at the Women's Retreat at Camp NEOSA.

Mrs. Knab has served as president of the Women's Society for several two-year terms, has been a member of Ministry and Oversight, and presently serves as a member of the Spiritual Life Commission.

As one of her birthday greetings read, this octogenarian is—

A bright little lady
So lively and quick,
When it comes to teaching—
She's sure on the stick.

—*Nannie Larkins*



RMYM briefs . . .

DENVER, Colorado—First Denver Friends are experimenting with a new Sunday church schedule through this summer. Regular evening services are canceled in favor of area outreaches. Church members are to meet at different locations through the city. One aim is to bring in nonchurch people. The plan will be evaluated in September.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colorado—Paul Moser, Yearly Meeting youth director, recently visited church youth to discuss church camp. Moser made similar presentations at other Yearly Meeting churches.

OMAHA, Nebraska—The Amor Pupeteers from Denver performed at Evangelical Friends July 17. It was one of several performances in the Yearly Meeting.

EFM Staff Relocates in Denver

The Evangelical Friends Mission (EFM) staff moved to Denver in June for a more central location.

Plans for the Colorado change appeared certain at presstime, but could be subject to change.

James Morris and his wife Doris bought a two-level house in Arvada. They will live in one part and locate the EFM office in another part.

Reta Stuart will live in a nearby apartment.

Long Distance Phone Call Brings Back Special Memories

(Editor's note: The following edited item is taken from a New Hope Friends newsletter that came originally from Empire Friends. It carries a message that has special application to every life.)

By Lloyd Hinshaw,
Empire Friends pastor.

The other evening I was in my study when the phone rang.

A man at the other end of the line inquired, "Is this Lloyd Hinshaw?" Then he said, "You probably don't remember me. I am Donald West."

I yelled to Doris, "It's Buck and Donnie." My thoughts flashed back to our first pastorate in Wichita, Kansas.

Our little church was the Orient Friends Chapel. Many years have passed, but never had we forgotten two little boys who had become very much a part of our lives.

It was so thrilling for the three of us to be talking after more than 35 years. As our voices carried across the hundreds of miles, we asked each other so many questions . . . but the joy and laughter were soon subdued.

In trying to catch up on all about little Buck and Donnie, "our boys," I asked, "Where is Buck?"

"Buck died when he was 21," Donnie answered.

Our voices choked and tears came. Buck, who was always smiling, died of cancer. Probing with some more questions, "Is your dad still alive?"

Donnie reported his dad died two years ago.

When we were only 24 these two little boys, seven and nine, became a part of our family for two years.

Never had we forgotten them, and when we said goodbye as we placed them on a bus, we wondered if we would ever see them again.

I thought, "Buck, it hurts very deeply that we won't see you again—at least here in this life. Now I wish I could have been with you in those last days of your life and have been of spiritual comfort. It relieves our saddened hearts to remember your faith in Christ . . . How I wish I could have been by your bedside as you took that great step into the life beyond—just as I stood by your saintly mother in her last moments of life . . . Never to be forgotten was a frail, sick mother facing death as a result of tuberculosis, but so brave. She wasn't able often to attend our little chapel—but when she did, two little boys were at her side. Knowing the end was soon coming as she faced hospitalization, this mother asked us to promise to take Buck and Donnie into our home."

It was a thrill and joyous responsibility to legally become their foster parents . . .

Eventually the time came for us to take our second pastorate at River-ton, Kansas. Buck and Donnie thought it was a lot of sport to make that 200-mile trip.

Our new home and their new school for the next year was quite a chapter in the lives of all of us.

The time came when their father was able to take them into his home. He was planning to remarry soon.

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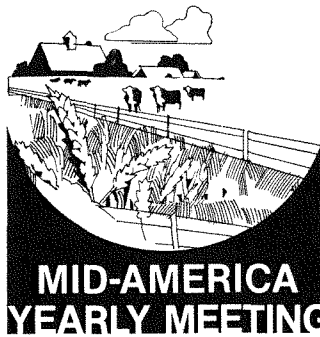
News items from the Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting are welcome. Any news should be sent to Mike Henley, regional editor, 1660 So. Shoshone, Denver, CO 80223. The deadline is the 25th of the month. There is at least a 30-day delay on all items received, so plan ahead.

The ties between the four of us went very deep. It was most tearfully we put Buck and Donnie on the bus. But we knew this was right and we must completely bow out of their lives as they were reunited with their father and new mother.

Through the years we have wondered about Buck and Donnie. A few pictures of two little boys was all we had, except the deep experience of love that could never be severed.

The other night Donnie said, "I could never forget your part in my life and some of it has rubbed off." Perhaps only eternity will reveal the full account of loving and caring for our boys—but as for now, the return in joy is almost overwhelming.

Queries Paul Moser asked his New Hope Friends congregation based on this story are—How many people are we affecting with our lives? What are we affecting them with? Is it for the Lord or is it just for some other cause or reason? Jesus can make the difference in a person's life. Jesus can give a person a reason to live, a foundation to base a life on, a hope for the future. So what are you sharing with people?



Turning Tragedy Into Triumph

In June 1977, what seemed at the time to be a tragedy struck the Spring Grove parsonage. Home and contents were burned to the ground. Pastor June Worden lost many prized possessions, and the people faced the need of providing new housing for their minister.

Church members and townspeople rallied to the occasion and by August 1 digging had begun for the basement of the new parsonage. The Social Action Division of MAYM supplied \$500 to assist in the project. Dedication service for the new three-bedroom home was held June 3, 1979, with Superintendent John Robinson and his wife Betty ministering in the service.

One hesitation in beginning the new structure was the concern of the members over the prospect of a lingering debt against the small congregation.

It was with great joy that the people gathered together Sunday, June

1, 1980, for a mortgage burning ceremony. Assistant Superintendent Gerald Teague, with his wife Marjorie, represented Mid-America Yearly Meeting and ministered to the service with music and message in the morning and participated in the mortgage burning in the afternoon.

Through the loss of a parsonage and the building of another, Spring Grove has witnessed a revival spirit among the people and new ones have been gathered in. At their February Area Rally in Topeka, Spring Grove brought 29 persons in a rented bus and had the most in attendance of any meeting except the host church.

Not an Agenda Item

By John Robinson

Circumstances and certain events have a way of invading our lives at unexpected intervals. Our days, we think, would go much better if we knew such were on the agenda of our lives. No doubt the Lord allows some things to come our way to stab us awake to a new level of trust and faith in Him and His providence, as we make adjustments in our plans to accommodate these "intrusions."

Some of our missionaries, recently, have had opportunity to be caught up in a kind of trauma of this sort. It was not on their agenda when Alda and Everett Clarkson, ministering in Mexico City, had their auto stolen, thereby making them dependent on others to do mission-oriented calling and errands. Neither was it on their agenda to be later involved in an accident with James Morris in their company—an accident that all but demolished their replacement auto, in their hands only a few weeks. We are grateful that the Lord spared them serious injury in that unexpected encounter.

Gerry Custer, R.N., veteran Burundi missionary, returned to the States in June on emergency medical leave upon the advice of doctors in Africa. At this writing, tests are negative on a possible aneurism on the aorta. Her trip home was not on the agenda for the medical ministry in which she was involved. Neither were the expenses of her travel part of this year's budgeting. Yet, it is beautiful to see how Christians behave under the tensions dictated by such occurrences. Adjustments are made, tensile strength is shown, faith is demonstrated, and God provides His divine enabling as we endeavor to cope. We even learn to praise the Lord, sometimes, for those events labeled, "Not on the Agenda."

Friends Bible College

Roscoe and Tina (Patterson) Knight were honored at the recent Alumni Banquet as they shared the Alumnus of the Year Award. The Knights have spent 35 years doing missionary work and church planting in Bolivia, Peru, and Mexico City. Roscoe and Tina both graduated from the Academy and the College.

Professor Jim Leininger, FBC science department, was also honored by the Alumni Association as Professor of the Year 1980. This award for service to the college and students includes a check for \$500.

Jack Holliday, dean of students, will complete his studies at Pensacola Christian College this summer and will graduate with a master's degree in Bible Exposition.

The 49th FBC Women's Auxiliary Sale is to be held Friday, October 10, 1980. The 1979 Sale featured handmade quilts and a sterling silver table service. The top quilt brought \$2,000.

Friends University Commencement

Approximately 160 Friends University students received degrees during the school's commencement, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 18.

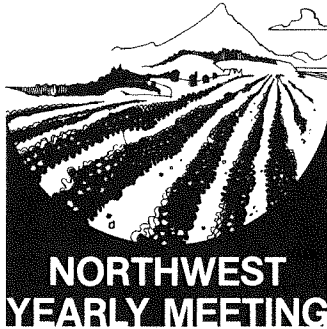
Dr. Richard Felix presented the degrees to his first graduating class since taking office last July as the university's 11th president.

Featured speakers during the program were graduates from the class of 1980. Rick Hays, a biology major from Lakewood, Colorado, and Patricia McDaniel, a religion and philosophy major from Ft. Scott, Kansas, were selected by audition for the right to represent the members of the graduating class.

In addition honoring the 1980 graduates, two honorary degrees were conferred by the Friends University Board of Trustees. Mrs. Gladys Wiedemann received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters and Dr. Dorothy Craven received an honorary Doctor of Literature. Mrs. Wiedemann was honored for her outstanding contributions to the cultural development of Wichita as well as her commitment to helping youth. Dr. Craven was honored for her many years of service to Friends University as dean and faculty member. She retires this year following 33 years of service to Friends.

Baccalaureate services were held Sunday afternoon. The speaker was Robert P. Dugan, director of the National Association of Evangelicals. His address was entitled "Giving Account of Ourselves."

Mid-America Yearly Meeting recognizes with pride those from our churches who have completed requirements for graduation. Special commendation goes to graduates receiving high honors (The Order of the Tower/a GPA of 3.5 or better): Danette Littlefield, Ed Roberts, Dawn Thompson, and David Wilson. Other graduates were Catherine Covert, Barry Farquhar, Judy Howell, Rebecca Ann Jeffery, Randall McKinney, Kathleen McNichols, Alan Pearce, Donna Singer, Karen Stands, Verna Terrell, and Cheri Thompson. Receiving a two-year associate degree were Daryl Hinshaw, Debra Kellum, Marcia Skinner, and Teresa Worden.



Superintendent's Corner: How to Handle Hurts

Volumes today are being written on the subject of conflict in human relationships. There is a space shortage in classrooms and special seminars that teach modern psychological principles that attempt to help with this problem. The quest for solutions to interpersonal conflict is found everywhere. Why do we have such difficulty?

Everyone of us, regardless of how beautiful, brilliant, or personable, is at some time affected by the disillusionment that comes when we discover the seeming impossibility of achieving a meaningful depth relationship with others. The divorce rate supports the reality that even marriage relationships suffer from disillusionment. And every pastor knows the pain of observing or experiencing the interpersonal conflicts within the church and the disillusionment this brings to newer Christians and members.

How Does Healing Come?

There is nothing in this life that can meet our depth need. Yet we still tend to look to human beings for the fulfillment of our innermost needs. When we place too great an expectation in the one from whom we seek friendship or closeness, we are bound to get hurt, since that one as a human can never perform according to the expectancy level of our need. We get frustrated and hurt and assume that such a person doesn't love us or isn't loyal, or that perhaps this church is not as good for us as we first thought. We feel deceived, let down. Now we have big problems!

So many of us never learn from this type of experience. We do not see that disillusionment, though painful, is necessary to teach us that only in Christ will we ever find our true needs met. It's interesting that even many Christians and those who have been in the church a long time still do not fully see that He alone can satisfy their need.

Only a total commitment to Him will bring total contentment. This allows the flow of the infilling of the Holy Spirit. He heals hurts.

—Jack L. Willcuts

Second Umatilla Conference Planned for Pastors

A conference for Northwest Friends pastors is scheduled for September 23-25 at Umatilla, Oregon, on the subject of "Expository Preaching."

Ron Woodward, pastor of Newberg Friends, and David Roper of Boise, Idaho, will serve as resource leaders and speakers, with other classes and interaction sessions designed to help pastors improve their study and preaching skills.

Ron has served at Newberg for six years, coming from pastoral service in California Yearly Meeting. David Roper was on the staff of Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto, California, working with Ray Stedman. David has written several books on the subject of preaching and currently pastors the Cole Community Church in Boise.

Last fall most of the Yearly Meeting pastors and spouses enjoyed the seminar at Umatilla led by Charles Mylander and Quentin Nordyke on the subject of church growth. This second conference is planned to encourage and equip pastors and spouses in their ministries. The Department of Evangelism is again assisting in the expenses for this conference, making it possible for all to attend. The registration cost will be minimal. Each church is urged to encourage their pastors and spouses to attend this important two-and-one-half day meeting.

Piedmont Friends Enlarge Community Ministries

In the hopes of building on the momentum of goodwill and outreach in the Piedmont community through the ministries of "Friends for Kids" and other programs, a seven-member committee has been named to administer the enlarging efforts of Piedmont Friends Church in Portland, Oregon. The monthly meeting has been dissolved with membership held in various Friends meetings of the Portland area, and a special committee composed of three from the Yearly Meeting departments of Evangelism, Social Concerns, and Stewardship, two from the Piedmont congregation, and two members-at-large, will direct the decision making and guide the continuing ministry at Piedmont.

It is possible a black pastor will be added to the staff. If this occurs, Sheldon and Peggy Newkirk will relinquish pastoral leadership of the work, which Sheldon has given the past 10 years.

Northwest Yearly Meeting Mourns Death of Richard Cossel

Richard L. Cossel, 57, pastor of the Quincy Friends Church in Washington, went to be with the Lord June 7, 1980, after nearly a year of suffering with cancer. Richard and Esther

Cossel are greatly loved by the entire Yearly Meeting.

Cossels pastored at Quilcene, Caldwell, and Metolius Friends churches before moving 12 years ago to Quincy. Richard graduated from George Fox College and Western Evangelical Seminary and was a member of the Yearly Meeting Department of Missions at the time of his death. He served the Yearly Meeting through the years by membership on many other boards and committees.

New Pastors Introduced in Northwest Yearly Meeting

Starting the new pastoral year, eight congregations of our Yearly Meeting have new pastors.

Melba Friends (Idaho) have invited *Harley and Amy Adams* to return as their pastors. Harley has helped to start new churches at Cherry Grove and Quincy (Washington) and pastored at Nampa and Caldwell (Idaho) and Maplewood in Portland (Oregon), plus previously serving at Melba. He served as pulpit pastor at Hilltop Friends (Oregon). They will be moving back into a parsonage he built several years ago.

Whitney Friends Church in Boise (Idaho) welcomes *Ron and Elaine Rittenhouse* as their new pastors. Ron has just completed his seminary training at Fuller Theological Seminary in California, having graduated from George Fox College, also working for a time in the college admissions office. *Wynne and Margo Corbin* are leaving Whitney so that Wynne may enroll at Western Evangelical Seminary; he will also assist the Reedwood Friends pastoral team.

Harvey and Terri Bowen move from Homedale Friends (Idaho) to take the pastorate of the Kent Extension Church (Washington). The Bowsens came to the Northwest from California Yearly Meeting, where Terri served as the yearly meeting office secretary.

Marvin and Betti Hall have taken the pastoral leadership at Parkview Friends in Tacoma (Washington). Halls have pastored at Woodland (Idaho) and South Salem and assisted at West Chehalis (Oregon). They replace *Paul and Peggy Baker*, who are continuing on the staff at Twin Rocks Friends Camp.

Eric and Celia Mueller have accepted the call to the pastorate at Friends Memorial in Seattle (Washington), filling the vacancy left by the resignations of *John Braun* and *Jan Wood*, copastors. Muellers come to the Northwest after serving four years at the Berkeley Friends Church in California Yearly Meeting. Both are graduates of Princeton Theological Seminary, Eric with a doctorate and Celia with a Master's Degree in Christian education.

Bruce and Brenda Bray have resigned at Marion Friends (Oregon) to assume the pastorate of Maplewood Friends in Portland (Oregon). Bruce

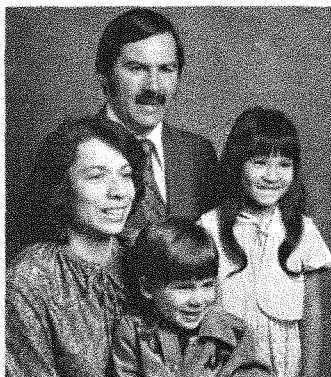
is a graduate of Friends University and plans to complete his work at Western Evangelical Seminary. Dean Griffith resigned the Maplewood pastorate to give full time to a ministry in the promotion of Creation Science in public and private education. He will also be the Portland Area superintendent this year.

As this is written, Marion Friends and Homedale Friends do not yet have pastors. We welcome those who are new to Northwest Yearly Meeting and assure all who are entering new pastoral responsibilities this year of our prayers and cooperation.

—Jack L. Willcuts



Aymaraland Tour group who visited our mission work in Bolivia, Peru and Mexico City.



Dwaine and Becky Williams, missionary appointees under Northwest Yearly Meeting Board of Missions.

Around George Fox College

The life of former George Fox College President Levi Pennington has been chronicled in the book *Portrait of a Quaker* by Donald McNichols. McNichols, professor of English at Seattle Pacific University, has been a George Fox board member since 1964 and is a former dean of the college. The book is published by The Barclay Press, Newberg.

The Chehalem Valley Lyceum Series has been established to bring a variety of cultural events to the community. Ten programs will present pianist Istvan Nadas, actor Victor Thorley, the Portland Chamber Orchestra, the Lyceum Trio, the Ecotopia Brass Ensemble, operatic tenor William Harness, and the Chehalem Symphony Orchestra. Family season memberships are \$45 for the

series, \$18 for adults, and \$10 for students.

George Fox College biology professor Elver Voth has identified bones of a mastodon recovered from the Willamette River near Newberg. Workmen for the Newberg Sand and Gravel firm dredged the bones of the extinct elephant-like animal.

George Fox College business professor Roger Crabbs has been hon-

ored in Washington, D.C., by President Jimmy Carter for directing the nation's Small Business Institute Outstanding Case of the Year. The national contest involved competition with 490 other colleges and universities in the United States. The Small Business Institute program now has been established at George Fox by Crabbs. The program uses seniors in business administration as consultants for local small businesses.

FRIENDS GATHER

BEAVER PARK Penrose, Colorado

Beaver Park Friends recognized Cliff Lampton for graduating from high school, and eighth grade graduates Troy Bowyer, Kevin McDermott, and Dylan Roberts.

Church youths sold "Friends Church" tee shirts to help finance a summer trip.

BOISE, Idaho

A "Focus on the Family" film seminar was held in our church April 18 and 19. The subjects were "The Strong-Willed Child," "Shaping the Will Without Breaking the Spirit," "Christian Fathering," "Preparing for Adolescence," and "What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew about Women."

Our Missions Conference was May 2-4. It began Friday evening with a covered-dish dinner followed by sharing of our missionaries from Bolivia. Saturday there was a Mother-Daughter luncheon, and Sunday was "Faith Promise" day, with the testimony of a consecrated man who represents Christ in the Bolivia-Peru area. Faith Promise cards received for May 1980 to May 1981 totaled \$23,387.

Our junior high group, the "Sonshine Singers," presented a musical, "Finders Keepers," covering the lost-and-found stories of Jesus, on Sunday evening, May 11.

Unforgettable illustrations from real life were seen in Dr. Clyde M. Narramore's film, *As the Twig Is Bent*, shown in our church Sunday evening, May 25.

Graduates were honored in our services Sunday morning, June 1. The youth minister brought an appropriate message entitled "Objective Obedience."

BYHALIA, Ohio

Recent special events have been a fellowship supper, followed by a shower of house gifts for a family who had recently had a fire in their home, the Billy Graham movie *No Longer Alone*, and special music for several services by Dan Burch and Jerry Smith of the Bellefontaine Friends Church.

CANTON, Ohio

The film *Born Again* depicting the story of Charles Colson's commitment to Christ was viewed by many during a recent Vespers Service.

The church-sponsored refugee family from Vietnam arrived at the Canton Airport with an excited First Friends WELCOMING Group to meet them. Following introductions a moving experience was had by all in singing the Doxology. Included in the Cam family are father, mother, two sons and two daughters ranging in age from 20 to 24. They have met and conversed with other Chinese families living in the Canton area at a Chinese potluck dinner held at the church.

This summer there are eight Sunday school electives adults can choose from. The topics include "Check Your Life-style," "Single in a Couples World," and "Love, Marriage, and Other Hazards."

Canton church has met their quota in donating to the blood program. This entitles those who participated to extended family coverage, which includes their family members and church members over age 65. Adelle Yost organized the project.

DENVER, Colorado

College and high school graduates from First Denver Friends and Northwest Fellowship are Rick Bornmann, Kris Miller-Townesley, Roger Brening, Chris Chambers, Susan Dugger, Ed Helmstead, Anthony Kind, Dan Marquardt, Bruce Perisho, Renee Pierce, Gail Founds, Becky Goodson, Julie Lile, and Janette Street.

EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

Ella Ruth Hutson, on furlough from Taiwan, spoke during an evening service. *Family Day* was celebrated during a morning service, when Bruce and Dorothy Riley shared their testimony and Allen and Nancy Howenstine shared their testimony through music. Pastor Bancroft gave a message on "The Christian Home."

Special for the Mother-Daughter Banquet were the Bell Ringers from

Louisville. Selections were shared by three different bell choirs and two solo bell ringers.

EMPORIA, Kansas

Friends from Twin Mound Meeting joined us at the country home of the Raymond Van Sickles for an outdoor sunrise service at Easter. Gale Hancock directed a vocal ensemble, and a "Thirty Pieces of Silver" offering was taken.

In March we observed Friends University Sunday with Marti Garlett as speaker, and in April a group of students from Friends Bible College conducted a worship service. Our pastors, Galen and Cordelia Hinchshaw, attended the National Pastors' Conference in St. Louis, Our Friends Youth Group, under the direction of Ed Rehwick, held a parking-lot sale.

In May we gave recognition to Charles and Ethel Jackson, former members and residents of Emporia, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, May 25, at Northshore Friends in Houston.

FORT COLLINS, Colorado

Fort Collins Friends Christian Education Committee recently treated the Sunday school children to a special weekend. Children participated in different activities. Highlights included Bible baseball, swimming, and a Sunday worship message titled "God's Way Versus My Way."

GILEAD, Mt. Gilead, Ohio

To celebrate the birthday of the Sunday school, 135 people gathered in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate their birthdays also. Tables for each month were lavishly decorated and a special "Cake of the Month" graced the center of each table. Each "month" presented a skit or special music. They were educational, hilarious, devotional, and interesting. A quiz concerning the history and founding of the Sunday school was conducted by the Sunday school superintendent.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colorado

Several Grand Junction Friends youths, 6 to 11, recently became "Quaker Crusaders" by memorizing the 23rd Psalm. The children received posters for their effort.

One youth, Mark Fritzlan, recently carried a flag in a parade in honor of area nursing home residents. He is a Cub Scout.

Pastor Dave Fendall is teaching on the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Sunday evening services.

HAVILAND, Kansas

"Positive Christian Singles"—a new organization? This one was brought into being to assist the singles of the community with their spiritual growth. The initial "get together" was a banquet sponsored by the Educational Department of the church. An invitation was mailed to

each of the singles in the area, regardless of any church affiliation. Pastor and Mrs. Dale Lewis came from Wichita, Kansas, bringing with them a dozen singles from the Positive Christian Singles they sponsor. They put on an inspirational program of music and testimonies. The Haviland local group has also been given the title of Positive Christian Singles and has appointed a governing council. Since the initial banquet, there has been a potluck supper and a picnic in a park following the Sunday morning church service. Some activities include the entire family, while some will be just for adults.

Recognizing the need of united prayer, the week of May 19-25 was designated as a special time of prayer and fasting. Each day had its special emphasis. People were encouraged to spend at least one half hour a day in prayer during the week. Saturday there was a 24-hour Prayer Vigil, with at least one person in prayer at the church each half hour. Prayer requests had been written out by the Sunday morning congregation and these requests were on the altar throughout the week. This made the prayer requests specific.

LEAGUE CITY, Texas

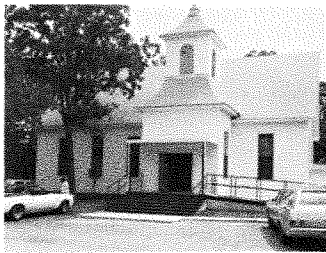
May was a terrific month, a busy month, a month of excitement and blessings. A baby dedication service was held on Mother's Day and certificates were presented to five babies and a three-year-old.

Homecoming Anniversary weekend was outstanding. Former pastor Phyllis Hickman spoke at the Mother-Daughter Banquet. Tom Harrison, of Nashville, Tennessee presented a sacred concert, and former Yearly Meeting superintendent, Merle Roe, ministered to us on Sunday morning. Fred Hickman, Ruth

Roe, Jerry and Sarah West were among our special guests for the events. In June our Faith Promise Missions Conference was a time of real personal and financial commitment to the Lord and to missions. Joe Rogers, president of WGC, was keynote speaker. Jack and Rowena Holliday, from FBC, brought devotionals and special music. A Victory Dinner was shared on Sunday to give praise for exceeding our \$15,000 goal by receiving pledges totaling \$18,600.

LOWELL Baxter Springs, Kansas

For the past four years or more, Lowell Friends have been proving themselves good stewards in the care of meetinghouse and parsonage facilities. The work began with refurbishing the pastor's home. Walls were paneled, carpet installed, and a chain-link fence placed around the yard. Next, moves were made to make the educational unit more functional through the installation of



partitions. The sanctuary interior received a new look by carpet installation and refinishing the pews, more paint, and limited carpentry. Recently the exterior of the meetinghouse was given a beautiful face-lift. A new porch and steps, along with a

"wheel-chair" approach, were poured and carpeted, and new vinyl siding was placed on the outside walls.

A day of celebration and dedication was held on May 25 with Superintendent John Robinson and wife Betty present for the event. New members are indicative of the wholesome ministries provided by pastor and people.

MIAMI, Oklahoma

A review of our year's activities include: Special services with Larry and Shirley Mendenhall. A knowledgeable presentation showing the horror of drug abuse presented by Douglas Newman of the Oklahoma United Dry Forces.

James and Doris Morris opened our fall three-day Missionary Conference. James told us about our Sister Church in Burundi, Africa. On Sunday, Gerald Teague spoke on Faith Promise giving and pledge cards were signed.

About 30 people, young and old, attended our New Year's Eve party. After a time of fun and fellowship, Pastor Floyd Kissling gave an appropriate message at the close of the old year—and as the new year came in, all were in prayer.

Ernest and Betty Foster led our spring revival. Betty interested the youngsters with spiritual messages using puppets. Ernest presented heartsearching messages for the up-building of the church.

Easter sunrise service was at the home of Louise Finke. During April six persons were received into membership.

Dr. A. Clark McQuigg, III, a local boy now trained as an optometrist, opened new offices in the city this year.

Our DVBS was the second week of June.

MORNINGSIDE Port St. Lucie, Florida

The newly elected Administrative Council met with the pastor for a miniretreat. Several hours were spent in brainstorming, devotions, and generally making plans for the continued enlargement of the church's ministry. The day concluded with a Share-in-Dinner at the home of Vic and Helen Klassen for all elders and their families.

NEW HOPE Hay Springs, Nebraska

Easter was special at New Hope Friends. Eighty attended sunrise services.

A group, Gospel Truth and Kerri, performed at New Hope Friends May 4. The singers, from Albion, Nebraska, are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Linafelter, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Ivarson, and Kerri Ivarson.

Kirby Bridge, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Bridge, won fourth place in an essay contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Julie Kudrna, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kudrna, will be installed as honor queen of Job's Daughters.

New Hope Friends graduates are Terry Bridge and Marvin Alcorn. Alcorn earned a Hay Springs Education Association scholarship.

NORTHRIDGE, Wichita, Kansas

Our Friends Youth held a car wash, and proceeds went to help one of our senior highers, Lisa Brightup, with her expenses as she travels with the Continentals Orchestra this summer. Our Kids Choir (junior age kids) presented a salute to all mothers by giving a musical titled "The Best You Can Be," directed by Danette Littlefield and Marsha Ball. Pastor Arch Marshall was guest soloist, and a re-

The Nonsense Of the Meeting

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went over in detail the content, sequence, and timing of these speeches so that during the meeting each Friend would appear to be speaking spontaneously under the Spirit's leading. In meeting they played out their charade.

Equally frustrating and damaging are persons who appear to agree with the decision of the monthly meeting but set out to undermine it almost immediately at the meeting's adjournment. Some of these folk should rejoice that the phone company charges a flat fee and not by the number of calls.

Experienced clerks could tell many stories of how Friends through dirty politics

have tried to force their will on others instead of seeking with others the will of God.

The nonsense of the meeting is not always politics. Sometimes it is apathy. To neglect coming to know and to do God's will hinders us just as decisively, though more subtly, as actively ignoring it.

Friends everywhere commonly complain that too few persons attend meetings for business. They are right, of course. In many meetings a relatively small percentage of the members makes most of the decisions. The majority's neglect of meeting for business robs the whole meeting of insight and energy it could have were they to participate.

Another evidence of the nonsense of apathy is when Friends don't care enough to wrestle with hard issues decisively and patiently. Some Friends, for example, choose to vote when the meeting is not clearly in agreement rather than to work hard to ar-

rive at a unified sense of the meeting. If they truly want to discern together God's leading, Friends know that times of sharp disagreement are the worst times to vote. True guidance requires working, waiting, and listening, not expediency or apathy.

Through politics, apathy, overdependence on human wisdom, and many other ways we can fail to know together God's will. The nonsense of the meeting can too easily supplant a community sense of genuine guidance.

Please don't show this column to any Methodists or Baptists. They might fail to understand that, when we are faithful to God and to one another, the Quaker way of doing meeting business is practical and powerful. Perhaps if we put aside the nonsense, the ideals would become reality. Then other Christians could see for themselves. And my conscience wouldn't nag.

Let's be Friends.

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ception honoring mothers and members of the Kids Choir followed the program.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma

Our WMU has been busy this spring. We sent 15 packages to Burundi in May, making a total of 47 sent this year. We held a rummage sale with proceeds of \$301.60. June 10 was a Ladies Tea, with installation of new officers and an offering for the Indian Mission work.

Other outreach activities of our meeting have been to collect food items for the City Rescue Mission, and the Kids Crusade offering for Kickapoo, which was \$85.96.

Pastors Sheldon and Elda Ann Cox and family had a June vacation where they attended a Thornburg Reunion near Pendleton, Oregon.

OMAHA, Nebraska

Evangelical Friends recently honored youths who graduated from high school, Bible college, college, or medical school. Graduates are Nancy Allen, Karen Boschult, Ray Mance, Carol Miers, Bob Powers, Kim Sachs, and Valerie Stratton.

Several church youths and youth sponsors participated in a citywide fastathon. The 24 hours were spent in various activities. It was held at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Six youths did a puppet performance at the First Presbyterian Church.

PLAINS, Kansas

Stan and Cathy Thornburg vacationed in Missouri enroute to the Pastors' Conference in St. Louis. Ed Hinders from the Liberal Gideon Camp spoke in the Sunday morning service.

FY activities have included campouts and the Southwest Kansas Clean-a-Thon along Hwy. 54. The Methodist youth shared in this project, which netted several hundred dollars.

Royce Frazier, the MAYM youth superintendent, spoke in a morning worship hour.

Eighth grade graduates Barbara Winfrey, Kathy Dufield, and John Nichols were honored with a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Summer Bible studies are being conducted in several homes about town each Wednesday evening based on the book of Exodus and "Here am I, Send Aaron."

RAISIN VALLEY Adrian, Michigan

Films that have challenged the congregation in recent evening services are *I'm Just a Layman*, *The Gift of Love*, and *Discover Your Gifts*.

Many individuals have spent hours cleaning up both the inside and outside of the church.

RAMONA, Oklahoma

Through the cooperation of members of the congregation, we have several improvements on our church grounds. We have a new bell tower and bell, and a utility barn, which is very useful. Roman Ward bought a set of Reading Circle books and presented them to the Missionary Society, and Walter and Alice Sears shared the lovely flowers from their 60th wedding anniversary for a morn-



WYANDOTTE, Oklahoma: Seneca Indian School Closes

Seneca Indian School closed June 16 of this year. This was a decision from Washington, D.C. (Bureau of Indian Affairs), and several of the local tribes have expressed interest in continuing the school. The Friends Associated Committee on Indian Affairs has also been investigating the possibility of reacquiring the school.

Wyandotte Friends will continue to minister to the Indians of the Wyandotte area. Several new Indian homes are under construction in the city, so there will be families involved in youth clubs and other mission-related activities.

ing worship service. About 50 persons attended our May Mother-Daughter Banquet.

SEILING, Oklahoma

Pastor Warren Hendershott has announced a building project at Seiling Friends. Using a considerable amount of volunteer labor, the estimated cost will be around \$75,000.

The sanctuary is being extended for greater seating capacity and a ramp constructed for access from the new building to the sanctuary. New steps have been made to enter the basement from the new building.

The new 50' x 60' steel structure will be connected to the present sanctuary and will have a brick facing on the north side. The interior will be paneled and carpeted and will include a social area, kitchen, rest rooms, and two classrooms. The present basement and sanctuary will undergo remodeling.

SMITHFIELD, Ohio

Four young people were graduated from high school. On graduation Sunday, Pastor Anderson entitled his sermon "Remain True." Bibles were presented to the graduates.

A church softball league has been formed. Players ranging from 12 through adult, both ladies and fellas, make up the team.

A new adult elective, "Operation Gift Discovery," began June 1.

SPRINGBANK, Allen, Nebraska

Tom and Karen Cobb and their daughters Kylie and Laura, of Merri-man, Nebraska, held weekend services at our church May 9-11.

The youth made Easter baskets and filled them with goodies for senior age groups in April.

TOPEKA, Kansas

Dave and Susan Hollenbeck have been given a two-year call to serve as our youth workers. We have allotted \$150 for the expenses of our Yearly Meeting representative, and

Pastor Clem Moore was selected to be the baccalaureate speaker for the last graduating class under the present school system. Students shown are: Girls 1-r—Sally Jim, Deloris Tallchief, Annie Snell, Cathy King, Doris Deroin, Linda Thomas, Paula Bird, and Deloris Rucker, sponsor. Boys 2nd row—Martin Tallchief, Tracy Cypress, Edgar Horsechief, David Birdcreek, Wiley Harjo, Jimmy Bowman, and Bill Hill, sponsor. 1st row—Jeff King, Sam Kingfisher, Raymond Lewis, Koonney James, Kenneth Johnson, and Cecil James, acting superintendent.

\$1,260 has been sent to the Yearly Meeting Office to help in the start of the new Friends church near Goddard. We have a program called "Doorstep grocery bag," where a bag is taken home and filled with groceries to be given to the needy in Topeka.

Our members approved giving 10 percent of our budget to various outreach ministries above our Yearly Meeting commitment. A "Let's Get Acquainted" potluck dinner was held in May. Seven new families attended the dinner and were introduced to our regular members.

We are filling in the north end of our parking lot in a project to accommodate new cars.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania

Daily Vacation Bible School plans are complete. The project is to help build a church in Mexico. Mrs. Ivar Johnson is director.

FINE—To Steve and Jana Fine, a daughter, Kari Lynn, December 31, 1979. Nampa, Idaho.

HUNT—A son, Joshua David, to Dr. David and Karen Hunt, April 19, Omaha, Nebraska.

JOHNSON—To Derry and Lori Johnson, a son, Nathaniel Wynn, May 24, 1980, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

MARTINDALE—A son, Christopher Lee, to Don and Ronda Martindale, April 26, 1980, Friendswood, Texas.

MICHALK—To Hank and Linda Michalk, a daughter, Jana Kay, May 18, 1980, Boise, Idaho.

MILLER—To Hal and Denise Miller, a daughter, Jessica Ann, June 3, 1980, First Friends, Topeka, Kansas.

MILLER—To Joe and Terri Miller, a son, Joshua Paul, May 24, 1980, Beloit, Ohio.

STEELE—To Scott and Susan Steele, a son, Scott David, May 18, 1980, Canton, Ohio.

WEAVER—To Thad Weaver III and Jane, a daughter, Megan Elizabeth, April 26, 1980, Friendswood Texas.

WILLCUTS—To Stuart and Kathie Willcuts, a daughter, Jennie Susan, May 4, 1980, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

MARRIAGES

CLINE-KIRKPATRICK. Karen Elizabeth Cline and Robert Dale Kirkpatrick, June 14, 1980, Friendswood Friends, Texas.

HAYS-SNEDEKER. Sherrill Ann Hays and Robert William Snedeker, May 17, 1980, Canton, Ohio.

HENDERSON-BOWLES. Gloria Gaye Henderson and Steven Michael Bowles, May 31, 1980, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

NUNNENKAMP-REGNIER. Sheri Nunnenkamp and Brad Regnier, May 24, 1980, Northridge Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

STANHOPE-ANKENY. Laurie Stanhope and Robin Ankeny of Hilltop Friends, Oregon City, Oregon, June 7, 1980, at Faith Evangelical, Billings, Montana.

STEELE-WINE. Ellen Sue Steele and John R. Wine, Jr., May 24, 1980, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

STUTZMAN-HATCH. Kimberly Sue Stutzman and Mark Wayne Hatch, May 24, 1980, Friendswood Friends, Texas.

WILSON-KITCH. Michelle Wilson and Robert Kitch, May 31, 1980, Riverton Friends, Kansas.

DEATHS

BOWDLE—Maggie Cecelia Bowdle, 93, Booker Friends, Texas.

CAMPBELL—Helen L. Campbell, May 27, 1980, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

CLIFFORD—Emory Clifford, April 17, 1980, Grand Junction, Colorado.

FREY—Wilma Frey, April 24, 1980, Enid Friends, Oklahoma.

HEDRICK—Beulah Hedrick, May 8, 1980, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

HOCKETT—Mabel E. Hockett, 80, May 19, 1980, Newberg Friends, Oregon.

LAMBORN—Sarah Abbie Lamborn, 90, February 19, 1980, Emporia Friends, Kansas.

MOTTER—C. Iverd Motter, March 25, 1980, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, member University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

ORRELL—Fern Orrell, March 22, 1980, University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

RARDEN—Bertha Rarden, April 24, 1980, Fowler Friends, Kansas.

WOLF—Rissle Wolf, September 19, 1979, Gate, Oklahoma.

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BIRTHS

BALLARD—A daughter, Melissa, April 28, 1980, to Kent and Janet Ballard, Friendswood, Texas.

BURNETT—To Galan and Mary Burnett, pastors, a son Micah Andrew, March 20, 1980, Springbank Friends, Allen, Nebraska.

CORDER—To Joe and Carole Corder, a son, Brian Matthew, April 19, 1980, Ramona, Oklahoma.

CURTS—To Stephen and Joanna Robinson Curts, a daughter, Sarah Emilene, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

DYCK—To Harold and Karen Dyck, a daughter, Amy Frances, May 3, 1980, West Lafayette, Indiana.

ELLIS—A son, Andrew Martin, to Jim and Joan Ellis, May 9, Denver, Colorado.